

ILLINOIS STATE

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Illinois State Redbirds (4-6, 2-3) at #5 Southern Illinois Salukis (8-1, 4-1)

The Redbirds have won the last two meetings against SIU and six of the last nine.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Carbondale, Ill.

Stadium (Capacity): McAndrew Stadium (17,324)

Surface: AstroPlay

Forecast: High: 60°; Low: 46°; Chance of rain: 0%

Radio: Redbird Radio Network

- > Dick Luedke, play-by-play
- > Ted Schmitz, color analyst
- > L.A. Decker, studio host

Television: None

Webcast: www.dawgwatch.tv

Series: SIU leads, 34-32-3

Denver Johnson vs. SIU: 5-5

Last Meeting: Illinois State 37, Southern Illinois 10
– Oct. 14, 2006, in Normal, Ill.

Southern Illinois (8-1, 4-1)

A30	Quincy	W, 59-14
S8	at Northern Illinois	W, 34-31
S15	at Southern Utah	W, 44-10
S22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 58-3
S29	at Indiana State*	W, 72-10
O6	#10 Youngstown State*	W, 24-17
O13	at Northern Iowa*	L, 24-30
O20	Missouri State*	W, 45-10
N3	at #19 Western Illinois*	W, 10-9
N10	Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N17	at Hampton	1 p.m.

Storylines

- > Illinois State is looking to avoid its second three-game losing streak of the season. The Redbirds dropped their home finale to Western Illinois (17-14) Oct. 27 and fell last week at No. 1 North Dakota State (54-28).
- > During the losing skid, the Redbird defense has been victimized by the opponent's running game. The ISU defense ranks No. 109 out of 116 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) teams in rushing defense with 227.2 rushing yards per game allowed. Overall, the Redbird defense ranks No. 102, surrendering 426.3 yards per game.
- > Southern Illinois enters the game with the No. 7 total offense in the FCS. The Salukis are averaging 456.67 yards of total offense per game, including 204.44 rushing yards, which ranks No. 25 nationally.
- > Senior quarterback **Luke Drone** needs two touchdown passes and 351 passing yards to become Illinois State's career record holder in both categories.
- > In the **Denver Johnson** era, ISU is 12-10 in the month of November and the Redbirds are 4-3 in regular-season finales under Johnson, including a 1-3 mark on the road.
- > This is the latest meeting between the two schools, since squaring off Nov. 23, 1974 in Carbondale, Ill. The Redbirds won that game, 31-16.
- > Illinois State owns a 2-4 record this season against ranked teams, and Southern Illinois is the seventh ranked opponent for the Redbirds this season.

The Coaches

> Illinois State

Denver Johnson is in his eighth season at Illinois State and owns a 45-45 (.500) overall record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Johnson was the head coach at Murray State, where he compiled a 21-12 mark. Johnson, 49, is a 1981 graduate of Tulsa and his 11-year head coaching record stands at 66-57 (.584).

> Southern Illinois

Jerry Kill (Southwestern '83) is in his seventh season at the helm of the Saluki football program. Kill owns a 51-31 (.622) mark at Southern Illinois and is 100-56 (.641) overall in his 14-year coaching career, which includes a five-year stop at Saginaw Valley State and two seasons at Emporia State. He was the 2004 Eddie Robinson I-AA National Coach of the Year and owns a 3-3 record against Illinois State.

Illinois State Season Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Result/Time	Notes
A30	DRAKE	Normal, Ill.	L, 24-27	Drake TD off a tipped pass with 23 seconds left in the game sunk Redbirds.
S8	MURRAY STATE	Normal, Ill.	W, 43-17	ISU posted 205 kickoff return yards and 238 rushing yards in rout.
S15	at #14 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	W, 24-21	EIU lost a fumble with 26 seconds left in the game on the Redbirds' 20-yard line.
S22	at #25 Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	L, 17-38	Missouri racked up 581 yards of total offense, including 341 through the air.
S29	#3 NORTHERN IOWA*	Normal, Ill.	L, 13-23	Redbirds outscored 10-0 in the final quarter, despite Blow's 167 yards rushing.
O6	at Missouri State*	Springfield, Mo.	L, 41-58	Missouri State scored touchdowns on its last six possessions for the win.
O13	INDIANA STATE*	Normal, Ill.	W, 69-17	Illinois State posted TDs on first 10 possessions; rushed for 438 yards.
O20	at #12 Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	W, 27-22	ISU converted 11-of-21 third downs, 4-for-4 on 97-yard fourth-quarter TD drive.
O27	#24 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	Normal, Ill.	L, 14-27	WIU's Donaldson rushed for 241 yards and two TDs; ISU 2-for-12 on third down.
N3	at #1 North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	L, 28-54	Bison rushed for 416 yards and six TDs; compiled 649 yards of total offense.
N10	at #5 Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	ISU has won the last two meetings by a combined score of 98-45.

* Gateway Football Conference game; All times Central.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

Postgame interviews following home contests are conducted in the team room (second floor) of the Kaufman Football Building. A golf cart is available to transport representatives from the visiting team to the interview area. TV lighting is also provided and there is wireless Internet access in the room.

After road games, representatives will be brought to a designated area. The locker room is closed at all times.

Weekly Gateway Conference Call

Teleconferences featuring the league's head coaches will be conducted each Wednesday during the season (Sept. 5 through Nov. 14). Those participating in the call should dial in five minutes prior to the scheduled start time (10 a.m. CST each Wednesday). Each call can also be accessed at www.gatewayfootball.org. The call-in number is 913/312-6696.

Gateway News/Notes	10:00 a.m.
Denver Johnson, Illinois State	10:05 a.m.
Dennis Raetz, Indiana State	10:10 a.m.
Terry Allen, Missouri State	10:15 a.m.
Mark Farley, Northern Iowa	10:20 a.m.
Jerry Kill, Southern Illinois	10:25 a.m.
Don Patterson, Western Illinois	10:30 a.m.
Jon Heacock, Youngstown State	10:35 a.m.

All times are Central

Weekly Media Luncheon

- ✓ Tuesday, Aug. 28 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 4 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 11 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 18 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 25 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Oct. 2 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Oct. 9 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Oct. 16 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Oct. 23 at noon
- ✓ Tuesday, Oct. 30 at noon
- Tuesday, Nov. 6 at noon

The Game Week Schedule

A quick look at Illinois State's media availability on game week. All appointments can be made through the athletics media relations office 309/438-3805.

Southern Illinois Week													
Sunday	4	Monday	5	Tuesday	6	Wednesday	7	Thursday	8	Friday	9	Saturday	10
Coach/Player Phone Interviews Available by appointment		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building – noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		GFC Teleconference Johnson – 10:05 a.m. Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) Denver Johnson Show Schooners 6-7 p.m.		Practice Closed No interviews		Illinois State at Southern Illinois 1:30 p.m.	

Weekly Media Luncheons

Each Tuesday during the season, Illinois State hosts a media luncheon in the team room of the Kaufman Football Building. The luncheon begins promptly at noon, with comments from two selected players representing both the offense and defense. Following the student-athletes, head coach **Denver Johnson** will address the media. Video from the press conference will be available on the Web at GoRedbirds.com before 5 p.m. Tuesday, while the audio file will be available immediately following the event on the ISU Athletics Media Relations ftp site (contact Todd Kober or John Sandberg for access information). If you would like to receive the quotes via e-mail, please contact the Illinois State Athletics Media Relations Office at gtkober@ilstu.edu prior to the press conference.

Requesting Credentials

Credentials (game and parking) can be obtained by contacting the Athletics Media Relations Office, Campus Box 7130, Normal, IL, 61790-7130. Requests must be received on official letterhead at least two days prior to the game. Passes that are not mailed will be available at the Will Call window (Gate 4) 90 minutes prior to kickoff.

Practice Procedures

Most practices are open to the media (approximately 3:30-6 p.m.), but only the first 15 minutes of Tuesday through Thursday practices are available to photographers. For all other media, it is recommended that an advance call be made to the media relations office to check on the status of practice for a particular day.

Interview Policies

- **Head Coach:** ISU's **Denver Johnson** will do general interviews following practice Tuesday-Thursday. All other requests for interviews must be submitted to the media relations office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled interview.
- **Assistant Coaches:** Arrangements should be made through the media relations office. Most interviews will be conducted after practice Tuesday-Thursday.
- **Players:** All interviews with players will take place at the media luncheon or after practice Tuesday and Wednesday. Media should request players at least 24 hours in advance. Players who attend the Tuesday luncheon will not be available following practice that day.
- **Postgame:** The Illinois State locker room is closed at all times. Head coach **Denver Johnson** and requested players will be brought to the designated interview area. At home, the postgame media conference will take place in the team room of the Kaufman Football Building, located in the northeast corner of Hancock Stadium. The media should enter through the west doors and travel up the two flights of stairs to the conference area.

Scouting the Southern Illinois Salukis

- Southern Illinois is located in Carbondale, Ill., and has an enrollment of 21,003. The Salukis are members of the Gateway Football Conference.
- The Salukis lead the Gateway in nine statistical categories, including passing offense and total offense.
- SIU averages 252.22 passing yards per game, which ranks No. 20 in the FCS. Senior quarterback Nick Hill also ranks No. 3 nationally in passing efficiency with a 171.68 rating. Hill is No. 21 in the FCS in total offense with 250 yards per game, while Southern Illinois ranks No. 7 as a team with 456.67 yards per contest.
- With an average of 41.11 points per game, SIU rank No. 2 nationally in scoring offense.
- Thanks to senior returner Craig Turner, the Saluki offense has been faced with great field position. Turner ranks No. 9 nationally in kickoff returns with 29.07 yards per kickoff and No. 13 in punt returns with 12.23 yards per return. As a result, SIU leads the Gateway as a team in both categories.

Saluki Similarities

- Two natives of Crystal Lake, Ill., will be squaring-off on the gridiron today. ISU's Kevin Brockway (Crystal Lake South) will be facing Southern Illinois long snapper Travis Bloomfield (Prairie Ridge).
- Naperville, Ill., will also be represented in today's game. Illinois State defensive lineman Dan Simnick attended North High School, while SIU's Phil Goforth prepped at Benet Academy.
- SIU teammates and brothers Andrew and Ryan Kernes are Bloomington, Ill., natives and Bloomington High School alumni.

Getting Grounded

Granted, Illinois State has faced two of the best running backs in all of the FCS in the last two weeks, but the Redbirds aren't used to giving up 200-plus yards to opposing running backs – especially in two-straight games. Prior to Western Illinois' Herb Donaldson rushing for 241 yards Oct. 27, the last 200-yard rusher the Illinois State defense allowed was six years ago, when Indiana State quarterback Julian Reese rushed for 207 yards Nov. 10, 2001. Last weekend, North Dakota State's Tyler Roehl amassed the highest individual rushing total against an Illinois State defense this season with 257 rushing yards.

Return to Sender

Junior Tom Nelson left last weekend's game at North Dakota State as the Redbirds' most prolific kickoff return man, as he set three new return milestones. Nelson now owns the career kickoff return record (54), the career kickoff return yardage mark (1,175), as well as the single-game mark for returns with eight.

Mordis Makes a Comeback

After suffering what appeared to be a season-ending injury during fall camp, senior Dave Mordis has persevered and appeared in each of the last four games for the Redbirds, starting the last three. The 2007 All-Gateway Preseason First-Team selection caught his first touchdown of the season last weekend at North Dakota State, grabbing a two-yard fade during the Redbirds' opening drive. For the season, Mordis has six catches for 29 yards, after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee Aug. 14.

Drone Approaches Another Milestone

After throwing for three touchdowns in last weekend's game at North Dakota State, quarterback Luke Drone approaches another milestone. With his 61 career touchdown passes, Drone needs only two more in his final game to pass former Redbird Kevin Glenn (62) for the school's career passing touchdown record.

Movin' On Up

With his reception during the first quarter of last week's game at North Dakota State, senior wide receiver Jason Horton moved into a tie for fourth place on Illinois State's all-time reception list. Horton, who now has 115 catches, is tied with former Redbird wide receiver Brian Brown, who starred from 1989-92.

Cementing His Legacy

Quarterback Luke Drone has made his case to go down as one of Illinois State's most successful signal callers, as the senior's season-high 25 completions during last weekend's game at North Dakota State solidified him on the school's completions list. Drone now has 588 completions, good for No. 2 all-time, while Kevin Glenn holds the record with 663.

Stewart Doubles Over

Linebacker Kye Stewart finished last weekend's game at North Dakota State with a game-high 14 tackles, which was his eighth double-digit tackling effort of this season and the 22nd of his career. Stewart's 370 total tackles ranks seventh all-time in the school annals.

The Tale of the Tape

	ILS	SIU
Record	4-6	7-1
Points	30.0	45.0
Points Allowed	30.4	15.6
First Downs	216	210
Rushing Yards	207.5	221.1
Rushing Defense	227.2	133.4
Passing Yards	201.5	252.5
Passing Defense	199.1	178.1
Total Offense	409.0	473.6
Total Defense	426.3	311.5
Interceptions	6-40	14-226
Punt Return Avg.	5.5	10.7
Kickoff Return Avg.	22.8	25.4
Fumbles Lost	4	6
Penalties	41-349	38-360
Time of Possession	30:36	31:04
3rd-Down Conversions	74/146 (50%)	51/98 (52%)
4th-Down Conversions	4/12 (33%)	8/18 (44%)
TDs Scored	41	49
Field Goals	6-8	7-10
PAT Attempts	36-41	43-47

Illinois State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
R. Rice	161	884	98.2	7	43
Blow	143	776	86.2	8	77
Fisher	38	192	38.4	1	49

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Drone	170-282-15	2000	18

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Horton	34	573	16.9	4
Mickle	28	343	12.2	2
Salem	27	418	15.5	4
Harcar	19	137	7.2	2

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Stewart	52	69	121
Hronec	29	61	90
Nelson	38	41	79
Caesar	26	43	69

Southern Illinois Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
Randle	107	569	81.3	9	47
Karim	66	370	46.2	8	44
Warner	67	329	47.0	4	58

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Hill	144-201-4	1902	17

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Allen	33	438	13.3	4
Turner	25	413	16.5	6
Kernes	16	176	11.0	3
Goforth	15	238	15.9	1

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Mixon	34	35	69
Jordan	25	27	52
Moe	19	27	46
Johnson	28	17	45

The Redbird Record Book

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	37
4. Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	24
Ron Bell (1970-72)	24
6. Rafael Rice (2005-)	19

ISU Career Pass Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	663
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	588

ISU Career Passing Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8251
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	7901

ISU Career Passing TDs

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	62
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	61

ISU Career Completion Percentage

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	.609
2. Danny Barnett (1992-94)	.590

ISU Career Passing Efficiency

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	142.3
2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001)	127.8

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	3007
2. Ricky Garrett (1996-99)	2719
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)	2498
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	2014
5. Jason Horton (2003-)	1714

ISU Career Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	192
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)	147
4. Jason Horton (2003-)	115

ISU Career TD Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	29
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	17
5. Jason Horton (2003-)	13

ISU Career Total Offense

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8892
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	8160

ISU Career TDs Responsible For

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	71
2. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	70

ISU Career Kick Return Yards

1. Tom Nelson (2005-)	1175
2. Dennis Butler (2001-02)	1145

ISU Career Kick Returns

1. Tom Nelson (2005-)	54
2. Dennis Butler (2001-02)	50

ISU Career Tackles

1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04)	580
4. Chris Stevens (1992-95)	443
5. Ryan Szokola (1997-00)	397
6. Cameron Siskowic (2003-06)	394
7. Kye Stewart (2003-)	370

Turnabout is Big Play

While Illinois State has benefited from the big plays at times this season, it has been an inability to stop the big plays that cost ISU during its last two games versus Western Illinois and North Dakota State. WIU recorded three plays over 20 yards, with all three finding the end zone, while NDSU was able to put together six plays of over 30 yards, with three going for touchdowns.

It's In His Sights

With 7,901 career passing yards, **Luke Drone** is in a chase to become the most prolific passer in Redbird history. Drone needs 351 yards through the air in ISU's final game to knock former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (8,251) from the top spot.

Moving the Chain Gang

After struggling to pick up a first down when going for it on third down versus Western Illinois, the Redbirds were able to move the chains with more regularity at North Dakota State. The Redbirds converted on 5-of-13 attempts during the game, which moved ISU into fourth place nationally in third-down efficiency. This season, Illinois State has a third-down conversion percentage of 50.3.

Looking for a Grand

Head coach **Denver Johnson** has had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of the last 10 seasons that he has been a head coach, both at Illinois State and Murray State. Senior **Rafael Rice** is the Redbirds' only legitimate chance to reach the 1,000-yard promise land this season. Rice, who has 884 rushing yards this season, needs 116 yards in the final game of the season to eclipse the 1,000-yard plateau.

Salem's Lot

The football has seemed to gravitate toward sophomore **Eyad Salem** in the past two games against Western Illinois and North Dakota State. During that span, Salem has recorded 16 catches for 273 yards, while finding the end zone three times. Salem is third on the team in receptions (27) and second in receptions yards (418).

Many Happy Returns

Through 10 games, the Redbirds are on pace to break or tie the school record for kickoff return average by a team in a season. ISU is currently averaging 22.8 yards per kickoff return this season, which is just percentage points away from the record of 22.96 yards per return, set in 1993.

What a Rush

After rushing for 181 yards last weekend at North Dakota State, the Redbirds are averaging 207.5 rushing yards per game this season. The 'Birds are moving the ball with each rushing attempt, as the team is averaging 4.79 yards per carry. If the season ended today, ISU's average yards per rush would rank as the second-best average in school history.

2000: A Rushing Odyssey

With 181 yards on the ground at North Dakota State, the Redbirds eclipsed the 2,000-rushing yard mark for the third-straight season. The feat has only occurred one other time in school history; the Redbirds amassed 2,000-plus rushing yards per season from 1998-2000. ISU has gained 2,075 rushing yards this season.

He Really is a Drone

In the bee world, drones are dubbed "worker bees" because of their consistent work ethic. In Redbird football, quarterback **Luke Drone** is of the same mold. The avid student of game film, Drone is by far the most efficient signal caller in school history. For his career, Drone has posted a passing efficiency rating of 142.3, which is nearly 15 points higher than the next highest ISU quarterback.

A Sixth Sense?

Since 2001, Illinois State has been home of the Gateway Football Conference's Defensive Player of the Year award. **Boomer Grigsby**, the league's only three-time winner, won the award in 2002, 2003 and 2004; while **Brent Hawkins** followed suit in 2005; and **Cameron Siskowic** claimed the honor in 2006. Redbird senior linebacker **Kye Stewart**, the top returning tackler in the GFC, is also on pace in 2007, leading the league with 121 tackles, which also ranks No. 5 nationally in the FCS. So, it's only sensible that Stewart would be considered the favorite for the award this season, which would give the Redbirds six straight.

The Four Horsemen

With **Cortes Rice's** 110 yards rushing in the victory over Indiana State, the Redbirds have had four different running backs reach 100 yards or more in at least one game this season. Rice's older brother, **Rafael Rice**, has rushed for 100 yards three times this season, while **Geno Blow** has reached the plateau five times and **Parrish Fisher** once. The foursome became the first group of Redbirds to each rush for 100 yards in a game during the same season since 1968, when **Jed Waters**, **Harold Olson**, **Bruce Cullen** and **Mike Phillips** accomplished the feat.

The I-Pass

The Redbird offense won't speed up the lines at the toll booths, but it has been blowing through Gateway Football Conference football stadiums with regularity the last three seasons. The Redbirds led the Gateway in 2006 with 227.8 passing yards per game, marking the third-straight season that ISU has led the conference in passing offense. If ISU owns the league's top passing offense again this season, it would become only the second team to lead the league in passing four-straight seasons, joining Northern Iowa, which did so from 1995-2000. If the string is going to continue, ISU is going to put up some big passing numbers in the final game. Currently, the Redbird offense ranks fourth in the conference with 201.5 passing yards per game.

Stewart Tops the Century Mark

Linebacker **Kye Stewart** has brought opposing offensive players to the turf with regularity this season, as the senior has recorded 121 tackles. By surpassing the 100-yard tackle total, the Redbirds have had at least one tackler over 100 stops in each season since 2002.

The Winning Road?

If the Redbirds want to end the season on a high note with a victory, it will have to come on the road. With a 4-6 record, Illinois State travels to Southern Illinois for its final regular-season game. Though the Redbirds are 2-3 when playing on the road this season, a win against the Salukis would give them a .500 record on the road in 2007.

This Schedule is Rank

Of the 11 games on the 2007 Illinois State schedule, seven have been against nationally-ranked teams. The Redbirds are finishing up a four-game swing where all four opponents are in the national top-25 polls. ISU defeated then-No. 12 Youngstown State 27-22, lost to then-No. 24 Western Illinois, 27-14, fell to No. 1 North Dakota State 54-28 last weekend, and will play No. 5 Southern Illinois in the season finale this weekend.

Spinning the Turnstiles

With the over-capacity crowd of 15,118 at the Oct. 27 home finale versus Western Illinois, ISU finished its 2007 home slate with the second-highest average attendance in Hancock Stadium history. The Redbirds averaged 13,010 fans at home this season, which was second only to 1970, when the team averaged 14,300 fans at Hancock Stadium. In addition, the Family Day attendance of 15,118 was the 10th-highest attendance total in the history of the facility.

Waffling in their House

With the Redbirds' 27-14 setback to Western Illinois Oct. 27, Illinois State finished the 2007 season with a 2-3 home record. It marks the first time that the Birds have not ended with a winning mark at home since 2004, when ISU went 3-4.

Another One Bites the Dust

With the 24-21 win at No. 14 Eastern Illinois, the Redbirds have secured a victory over a nationally-ranked team in 10 of the last 11 seasons. ISU also knocked off No. 12 Youngstown State, 27-22, this season, and will have more opportunity to knock off a ranked team, as Southern Illinois enters today's game ranked No. 5.

All-America U

ISU has produced at least one all-American player in 21 of its last 24 seasons. Over the last seven seasons, 29 players from 12 different positions have been honored. Linebacker **Kye Stewart** was a consensus preseason all-America selection prior to the 2007 season.

It's as Easy as One, Two, Three

Illinois State not only had one running back rush for 100-plus yards against Indiana State, the Redbirds had three of them. For the first time in school and Gateway Football Conference history, Illinois State had three backs reach the milestone in the same game. Senior **Rafael Rice** pounded out 182 yards on the ground, while sophomores **Geno Blow** and **Cortes Rice** added 122 and 110 yards, respectively.

In Rare Company

ISU has proven that it can help student-athletes leap into the professional ranks, with a player selected in each of the last three NFL Drafts. Only one other school in the FCS, Cal Poly, has sent as many players to the NFL during that same time span. **Boomer Grigsby** (fifth round, Kansas City), **Brent Hawkins** (fifth round, Jacksonville) and **Laurént Robinson** (third round, Atlanta) are the recent Redbird NFL Draft choices.

Thirty Something

'Bird Bests vs. Southern Illinois

INDIVIDUAL*

Rushing Yards	248, Toby Davis, 10-24-92
Rushing TDs	4, twice; last by Brian Thompson, 10-15-05
Passing Yards	346, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
Completions	27, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
TD Passes	5, Dusty Burk, 10-23-99
Receptions	9, twice; last by Laurént Robinson, 10-15-05
Receiving Yards	180, Laurént Robinson, 10-15-05
Receiving TDs	2, three times; last by Pierre Jackson, 10-15-05
Tackles	22, Galen Scott, 9-26-98
Tackles for Loss	6, Mark Wallner, 11-6-76
Sacks	2, five times; last by Jonathan Friend, 10-19-02
Interceptions	3, David Calhoun, 10-14-89
Longest FG	50, three times; last by Stephen Carroll, 10-11-03

TEAM*

Most Points	61, 10-15-05
Fewest Points	0, 9 times; last 10-5-85
Most Points Allowed	48, 10-23-99
Fewest Points Allowed	0, 9 times; last 9-29-51

*modern era (1936 and later)

Points Off Turnovers

	ISU	Opp
Drake	0	10
Murray State	7	3
at E. Illinois	7	7
at Missouri	7	0
Northern Iowa	7	9
at Missouri St.	14	14
Indiana State	0	0
at Youngstown St.	0	0
Western Illinois	0	3
at North Dakota St.	0	7
at Southern Illinois		
Total	42	53

2007 Gateway Standings

	GATEWAY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Northern Iowa	5	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	4	1	.800	8	1	.889
Western Illinois	3	2	.600	6	4	.600
Youngstown State	2	3	.400	6	4	.600
Illinois State	2	3	.400	4	6	.400
Missouri State	2	4	.333	5	5	.500
Indiana State	0	5	.000	0	10	.000

This Week in the Gateway:

Nov. 10

- > Western Illinois at Youngstown State, noon
- > SE Missouri State at Missouri State, 1 p.m.
- > Indiana State at Northern Iowa, 5:05 p.m.

2007 Gateway Preseason Poll

1. Northern Iowa (11)	166
2. Illinois State (7)	160
3. Youngstown State (7)	159
4. Southern Illinois (1)	127
5. Western Illinois	82
6. Missouri State	55
7. Indiana State	35

Scholar-Baller™

For the second-straight season, Illinois State players who achieved a 2.75 GPA or higher for either semester last year will wear the patch (shown below) on their uniform to signify their Scholar-Baller™ status.

Kevin Brockway \$	Graham Corcoran #
Luke Drone	Preston Earl #
Steven Felzer	Brent Holtz #
Kurt James #	Casey Kociuba
Ansu Kpandeyenge #	Warren McCarty
Kedric Meredith	Dave Mordis \$
Cortes Rice #	Rafael Rice #
Dave Rivas \$	Garry Roberts
Eyad Salem \$	Dan Simnick
Mike Slack \$	Tom Speer \$
Jonathan St-Pierre #	Dan Weiner
Isaiah Wiggins #	Dane Zumbahlen

indicates Spring 2007 only member

\$ indicates Fall 2006 only member



If Kevett Mickle posts two catches and Eyad Salem hauls in at least three against Southern Illinois, it will mark the second-straight season, and the third out of the last four, that the Redbirds will have three receivers with 30 or more catches in a season. Jason Horton currently leads the team with 34 grabs.

Keeping the Laundry Off the Field

If Illinois State can come out of the Southern Illinois with five penalties or fewer, it will mark ISU's lowest season total of yellow flags since 1975. Entering the game, the Redbirds have only been whistled for 41 penalties for 349 yards.

The Buck Stops Here

Illinois State linebacker Kye Stewart was one of 16 players chosen by *The Sports Network* to be on the watch list for the 2007 Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top defensive player in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision. With Stewart's candidacy for this year's award, it marks the sixth-straight season that Illinois State has had at least one player on the list. Other Redbirds to receive recognition include former all-American linebacker and current Kansas City Chiefs fullback **Boomer Grigsby**; former all-American defensive end and current Jacksonville Jaguar **Brent Hawkins**; and former all-American linebacker **Cameron Siskowic**.

Denver Johnson – a Man of Honor

As ISU opened its 2007 training camp, head coach **Denver Johnson** earned recognition for his hard work as the Redbirds' mentor. Johnson was honored by the All-American Football Foundation, along with three other coaches, as a recipient of the prestigious Johnny Vaught Head Coach Award. Johnson led the Redbirds to their third trip to the NCAA Division I FCS playoffs in 2006, while also being a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award last season.

The Three Degrees of St-Pierre

While junior **Jonathan St-Pierre** is in his second season with the Redbirds, he has already walked across the stage to receive one degree, a bachelor's in economics from Illinois State. St-Pierre is on pace to finish with three degrees by the time the Longueuil, Quebec, Canada, native leaves ISU in 2009. He will complete two courses at Miami (Fla.), where he began his college career, next summer to complete a bachelor's degree in business administration. This year, he has started the curriculum for his master's degree in economics and should have that completed in May 2009.

Getting to the League

Not only have the Redbirds had a player drafted into the NFL in each of the last three years, but currently, there are four former Illinois State players in the NFL and two more in the Canadian Football League (CFL). Former Redbirds in the NFL include: **Aveion Cason** (RB, Detroit Lions); **Boomer Grigsby** (FB, Kansas City Chiefs); **Brent Hawkins** (DE, Jacksonville Jaguars); and **Laurént Robinson** (WR, Atlanta Falcons). In the CFL, former Redbird teammates **Kevin Glenn** (QB) and **Sam Young** (DB) are teammates again with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

A Leader On-and-Off the Field

Linebacker **Kye Stewart** has shown his prowess on the football field, but it is also his ability to lead his peers off the gridiron that Illinois State football fans should stand up for and applaud. Stewart was selected from a pool of 1,300 top student-athletes from across the country to represent ISU at the 2007 NCAA Leadership Conference, LeaderSHAPE. A 2006 All-Gateway First-Team selection, Stewart was one of 356 student-athletes from around the country that attended the event held in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from May 27-31. Stewart was the second-straight Redbird football student-athlete to attend the conference, as senior quarterback **Luke Drone** was selected in 2006.

Transferable

Since 1993, when the NCAA rules changed to allow players immediate eligibility at the FCS level, Illinois State has had 49 players transfer from Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools. ISU's FBS transfers on this year's roster include: **Adam Blankenship** (DL, Nebraska); **Kelvin Chandler** (WR, Pittsburgh); **Parrish Fisher** (RB, Kansas State); **Brandon Joyce** (OL, Indiana); **Mitchell Moore** (RB, Iowa State); **Jonathan St-Pierre** (OL, Miami (Fla.)); and **Nick Williams** (DL, Pittsburgh).

The NFL is in Their Blood

Redshirt-freshman quarterback **Preston Earl** and senior offensive lineman **Brandon Joyce** are both the offspring of former NFL players. Earl's father, Robin, was a fullback with the Chicago Bears from 1977-82. Joyce's dad, Terry, punted for the St. Louis Cardinals during the 1976 and 1977 seasons. In addition, true-freshman quarterback **Drew Kiel**'s uncle, Blair, played in the NFL from 1984-91 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1984), Indianapolis Colts (1986-87) and Green Bay Packers (1988, 1990-91).

2007 Illinois State Starters Game-By-Game

Offense	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	TB
Drake	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Harcar	R. Rice
Murray State	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Harcar	R. Rice
at Eastern Illinois	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Harcar	R. Rice
at Missouri	Mickle	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Harcar	R. Rice
Northern Iowa	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Harcar	Blow
at Missouri State#	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Rourke	Drone	Mickle	R. Rice
Indiana State	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Mickle	Drone	Harcar	R. Rice
at Youngstown St.	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Mickle	Drone	Mordis	R. Rice
Western Illinois	Horton	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Mickle	Drone	Mordis	R. Rice
at North Dakota St.	Rourke	Wiggins	Speiser	St-Pierre	Niklasch	Joyce	Meredith	Mickle	Drone	Mordis	R. Rice
at Southern Illinois											

Defense	DE	DT	DT	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Drake	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Thomas	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Tate
Murray State	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Thomas	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
at Eastern Illinois	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Thomas	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Tate
at Missouri*	Blankenship	Simnick	Piton	Wilson	Whitaker	Kociuba	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Tate
Northern Iowa	Blankenship	Simnick	Piton	Wilson	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Tate
at Missouri State	Blankenship	Simnick	Piton	Wilson	Trujillo	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
Indiana State	Blankenship	Simnick	Piton	Wilson	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
at Youngstown St.	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Wilson	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
Western Illinois	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Wilson	Cucci	Hronec	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
at North Dakota St.	Blankenship	N. Williams	Piton	Wilson	Cucci	Westbrook	Stewart	Garrett	Caesar	Nelson	Hemphill
at Southern Illinois											

Redbird offense began game with three wide receivers.

* Redbirds started the game defensively in the nickel package.

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

	2007	Current	Steak	Career		2007	Current	Steak	Career		2007	Current	Steak	Career
Wiggins (OL)	10	38	38		Garrett (DB)	10	10	10		Kociuba (DB)	1	0	1	
Caesar (DB)	10	32	38		Piton (DL)	10	10	10		Whitaker (LB)	1	0	1	
Stewart (LB)	10	20	35		Speiser (OL)	10	10	10		Westbrook (LB)	1	1	1	
Mordis (FB)	3	3	34		Hronec (LB)	8	0	9						
Drone (QB)	10	34	34		Cucci (LB)	8	4	9						
Nelson (FS)	10	34	34		Harcar (FB)	6	0	6						
Thomas (DL)	3	0	25		Rourke (WR)	7	1	7						
Niklasch (OL)	10	23	24		Hemphill (DB)	6	5	6						
Joyce (OL)	10	21	21		Mickle (WR)	6	5	6						
Meredith (TE)	10	14	20		N. Williams (DL)	6	3	6						
St-Pierre (OL)	10	19	19		Tate (DB)	4	0	4						
Horton (WR)	8	0	18		Madsen (OL)	0	0	4						
Blankenship (DL)	10	16	16		Hunter (DL)	0	0	2						
R. Rice (TB)	9	5	12		Joynt (TE)	0	0	2						
Simnick (DL)	5	0	10		Trujillo (LB)	1	0	1						

2007 Illinois State Football – Two-Deep (as of Oct. 27 at 6:15 p.m.)

Offense (Multiple)

WR	10	Jake Rourke**	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Chatham, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins***	6-4 • 290 • Sr. • Chicago, Ill.
	76	Chris Riley	6-5 • 270 • RFr. • Wadsworth, Ill.
LG	65	Bill Speiser*	6-5 • 300 • Sr. • Warrenton, Mo.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre*	6-3 • 325 • Jr. • Longueuil, Quebec
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
RG	69	Joe Niklasch**	6-4 • 280 • Jr. • Hartland, Wis.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
RT	78	Brandon Joyce*	6-5 • 310 • Sr. • St. Charles, Mo.
	70	Michael Cross	6-5 • 305 • RFr. • Bloomington, Ill.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith**	6-3 • 270 • Jr. • Peoria, Ill.
	42	Jeremy Joynt*	6-3 • 255 • Sr. • Emmetsburg, Iowa
WR	84	Eyad Salem	6-2 • 185 • So. • Elgin, Ill.
	88	Kevett Mickle*	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Orlando, Fla.
QB	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	12	Kevin Brockway**	6-4 • 225 • Jr. • Crystal Lake, Ill.
FB	83	Dave Mordis***	6-3 • 265 • Sr. • Palos Park, Ill.
	35	Garin Harcar	5-11 • 260 • So. • Grand Ridge, Ill.
TB	2	Rafael Rice*	5-11 • 220 • Sr. • Los Alamitos, Calif.
	34	Parrish Fisher	5-10 • 205 • Jr. • Richardson, Texas
PK	87	Steven Fetzer	6-0 • 180 • RFr. • Mahomet, Ill.
	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Specialists

KO	19	Bobby Kelsey**	6-1 • 230 • Jr. • Channahon, Ill.
	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.
LS	71	Joe Doyle	6-2 • 230 • So. • Wellington, Fla.
	45	Kyle Siskowic*	6-1 • 225 • So. • San Diego, Calif.
HD	16	Preston Earl	6-2 • 220 • RFr. • Lincolnshire, Ill.
	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
KR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	34	Parrish Fisher	5-10 • 205 • Jr. • Richardson, Texas
PR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.

* Indicates number of letters earned

Defense (4-3)

DE	93	Adam Blankenship*	6-2 • 235 • Jr. • Tulsa, Okla.
	44	Wesley Williams	6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Ann Arbor, Mich.
DT	99	Nick Williams	6-2 • 275 • Jr. • Plantation, Fla.
	90	Dan Simnick**	6-2 • 270 • Sr. • Naperville, Ill.
DT	62	Mike Piton	6-2 • 275 • Fr. • Palos Hills, Ill.
	97	Kaschiev Hunter**	6-2 • 300 • Jr. • Marietta, Ga.
DE	57	Brandon Wilson*	6-2 • 220 • So. • San Antonio, Texas
	96	Babatunde Soyebó	6-5 • 240 • So. • Lagos, Nigeria
SLB	48	Pat Cucci**	6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Winter Springs, Fla.
	38	Tony Trujillo	6-2 • 230 • RFr. • Salt Lake City, Utah
MLB	59	Bill Hronec***	6-2 • 225 • Sr. • Evergreen Park, Ill.
	50	Tommie Westbrook	6-0 • 235 • Fr. • Chicago, Ill.
WLB	6	Kye Stewart***	6-0 • 210 • Sr. • Nashville, Tenn.
	58	Mark Whitaker**	6-1 • 220 • Sr. • Moline, Ill.
CB	25	Chris Garrett	6-0 • 175 • So. • Concord, Calif.
	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	6-2 • 180 • Fr. • San Antonio, Texas
SS	1	Jesse Caesar	5-10 • 190 • Sr. • Rockledge, Fla.
	20	Casey Kociuba	6-1 • 200 • Fr. • HS • Liberty Hill, Texas
FS	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	30	Garry Roberts**	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Edna, Texas
CB	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	6-2 • 180 • Fr. • San Antonio, Texas
	21	Jason Tate*	5-11 • 175 • So. • Lake Mary, Fla.
P	19	Bobby Kelsey**	6-1 • 230 • Jr. • Channahon, Ill.
	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Pronunciation Guide

Jesse Caesar	SEE-zer
Pat Cucci	COO-chee
Tyler Doering	DOOR-ing
Luke Drone	rhymes with bone
Garin Harcar	GARE-in HAR-car
Bill Hronec	RON-ick
Kaschiev Hunter	ka-SHEEV
Muhammad Kahlun	ka-LOON
Drew Kempe	KEM-pee
Casey Kociuba	coe-SEE-bah
Ansu Kpandeyenge	an-SUE pan-DEE-in-GEE
Kevett Mickle	kuh-VET MICK-ul
Joe Niklasch	NICK-lash
Mike Piton	last name rhymes with "kitten"
Eyad Salem	EE-odd SAY-lem
Kyle Siskowic	SIS-co-wick
Babatunde Soyebó	BOB-toon-day SOY-ay-bow
Bill Speiser	SPY-zehr
Jarek Thomas	JAR-ick
Tony Trujillo	TRUE-hee-yoh
Dan Weiner	WINE-er
Dane Zumbahlen	zum-BAH-len

COACH LOCATIONS: On the Sideline – Denver Johnson (Head Coach), Galen Scott (Def. Coord./LB Coach), Rod Carey (OL Coach), Mike Menefee (S Coach), Chris Patton (DL Coach), Holmon Wiggins (RB Coach), Jafar Williams (WR Coach), Jered Hooker (ST Coach), Rohr Cutchlow (Strength Coach), Stafford Davis (Graduate Assistant). In the Booth – Jim Williams (Off. Coord./H-Backs Coach), Brad Cornelson (QB Coach), David Ross (CB Coach), Michael Brewer (Student Coach), Mike Passarella (Student Coach).

2007 Illinois State Player Participation

	DU	Murray	EIU	Mizzou	UNI	MSU	INS	YSU	WIU	NDSU	SIU
Blankenship, Adam	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	
Blow, Geno	x	x	x	x	S-TB	x	x	x	x		inj.
Chandler, Kelvin	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cross, Michael	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
Cucci, Pat	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB	x	S-SLB	x	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB
Doyle, Joe	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drone, Luke	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB
Earl, Preston	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fetzer, Steven	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fisher, Parrish	x	x	x	x	inj.	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	x	x
Garrett, Chris	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB
Harcar, Garin	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	x	S-FB	x	x	x	x
Hemphill, Kelvyn	x	S-CB	x	x	x	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB
Horton, Jason	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	inj.	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	x
Hronec, Bill	S-MLB	S-MLB	S-MLB	inj.	S-MLB						
Hunter, Kaschiv	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
James, Kurt	x	x	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Joyce, Brandon	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT
Joynt, Jeremy	x	x	inj.	inj.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kelsey, Bobby	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kociuba, Casey	dnp	x	dnp	S-NB	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kpandeyenge, Ansu	dnp	x	x	x	x	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	x
Madsen, Erik	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mazur, Kevin	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
Meredith, Kedric	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE
Mickle, Kevelt	x	x	x	S-WR	x	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR
Mordis, Dave	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	x	x	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB
Nelson, Tom	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS
Niklasch, Joe	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG
Paschal, Andrew	x	x	inj.	inj.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Paul, Brad	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
Piton, Mike	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT
Rice, Cortes	dnp	x	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rice, Rafael	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	inj.	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB
Riley, Chris	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
Rivas, Dave	x	x	x	x	x	x	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.
Roberts, Garry	x	dnp	dnp	x	x	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
Rourke, Jake	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	x	x	x	S-WR	S-WR
Salem, Eyad	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Simnick, Dan	dnp	x	x	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	x	x	x	x
Siskowic, Kyle	x	x	x	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Soyebo, Babatunde	dnp	x	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Speiser, Bill	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG
Stewart, Kye	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB
St-Pierre, Jonathan	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C
Tate, Jason	S-CB	x	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	x	x	x	x	x	x
Thomas, Jarek	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.	inj.
Trujillo, Tony	x	x	x	x	x	S-SLB	x	x	x	x	x
Weiner, Dan	dnp	x	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Westbrook, Tommie	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Whigham, Bert	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Whitaker, Mark	x	x	x	S-SLB	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wiggins, Isaiah	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT
Williams, Nick	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	x	x	dnp	x	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT
Williams, Wesley	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wilson, Brandon	x	x	x	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE
Zumbahlen, Dane	dnp	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Redbird Captains

Game	Redbird Captains
Drake	Drone, Stewart, Thomas, Wiggins
Murray State	Drone, Mordis, Simnick, Stewart
at E. Illinois	Caesar, Drone, Horton, Stewart
at Missouri	Joyce, Speiser, Stewart, Whitaker
N. Iowa	Caesar, Drone, Joynt, Stewart
at Missouri St.	Drone, Hronec, Joyce, Stewart
Indiana St.	Dall, James, Stewart, Weiner
at Youngstown St.	Caesar, Drone, Horton, Stewart
W. Illinois	Drone, Hronec, Stewart, Wiggins
at North Dakota St.	Drone, Hronec, Stewart, Wiggins
at S. Illinois	

GFC Players of the Week

OFFENSE

None

DEFENSE

Oct. 21 – Kye Stewart (12 tackles, 6 solo)

SPECIAL TEAMS

None

OFFENSIVE LINE

Sept. 10 – Joe Niklasch (83%, 0 sacks, 0 MA, 4 KDs)

Oct. 15 – Isaiah Wiggins (98%, 0 sacks, 0 MA, 8 KDs)

Illinois State's Starting Lineup

Offense

WR 10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</i>
LT 66	Isaiah Wiggins	<i>Began playing the trumpet in elementary school and has been playing it for 10 years.</i>
LG 65	Bill Speiser	<i>Became a father on May 3, with the birth of his daughter Jordan; enjoys four-wheeling and fishing.</i>
C 61	Jonathan St-Pierre	<i>A former roommate of the Chicago Bears' Devin Hester, when the two attended Miami (Fla.)</i>
RG 69	Joe Niklasch	<i>A Brewers and Packers fan with the best "glam-rock" hairdo on the team.</i>
RT 78	Brandon Joyce	<i>While in high school, appeared in a Sharpie commercial with Terrell Owens.</i>
WR 84	Eyad Salem	<i>Has two 100-yard receiving games this season, including a 176-yard performance last week against Western Illinois.</i>
TE 47	Kedric Meredith	<i>Started investing in the stock market and can't stop watching CNBC.</i>
QB 7	Luke Drone	<i>Plays the guitar and went camping at Yosemite National Park this past summer.</i>
FB 83	Dave Mordis	<i>A 2007 preseason first-team all-Gateway selection; tore his ACL in right knee in final camp scrimmage.</i>
TB 2	Rafael Rice	<i>One of his favorite jobs was working as a valet in high school.</i>
PK 87	Steven Fetzer	<i>Spent the summer working at a car dealership in Champaign, Ill.</i>

Defense

DE 93	Adam Blankenship	<i>At the age of 18, rode a bull for 4.5 seconds.</i>
DT 99	Nick Williams	<i>Born in Jamaica and moved to the United States at the age of six.</i>
DT 62	Mike Piton	<i>A self-proclaimed "computer geek" who has built a computer; also nicknamed "the body."</i>
DE 57	Brandon Wilson	<i>Enjoys hunting wild boar and also likes to fish for large-mouth bass.</i>
SLB 48	Pat Cucci	<i>Likes to fish during his free time.</i>
MLB 59	Bill Hronec	<i>He likes to play guitar and has jam sessions with Warren McCarty and Drew Kempe.</i>
WLB 6	Kye Stewart	<i>A blackbelt in Nisei Goju-Ryu karate and is also a certified scuba diver.</i>
CB 25	Chris Garrett	<i>Reportedly has had five "girlfriends" at the same time.</i>
SS 1	Jesse Caesar	<i>Dubbed the team mechanic because of his car-fixing skills, which he learned from his father.</i>
FS 9	Tom Nelson	<i>Became an uncle in July 2006 when his niece Laura was born.</i>
CB 24	Kelvyn Hemphill	<i>Hasn't had a haircut in the last 21 months.</i>
P 19	Bobby Kelsey	<i>When he was 12 years</i>

Non-Starters to Watch

RB 34	Parrish Fisher	<i>Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan.</i>
WR 86	Jason Horton	<i>Played ice hockey in middle school (seventh and eighth grade).</i>
DL 97	Kaschiev Hunter	<i>Likes to cook and his favorite style is West Indian or Jamaican food.</i>
WR 88	Kevett Mickle	<i>Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman.</i>
CB 21	Jason Tate	<i>Never worked a job in his life; changed his uniform number to 21 to share the same number with Atlanta's DeAngelo Hall.</i>

2007 Illinois State Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous College)	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous College)
1	Jesse Caesar	DB	5-10	190	Sr.-3L	Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge)	47	Kedric Meredith	TE	6-3	270	Jr.-2L	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
2	Rafael Rice	RB	5-11	220	Sr.-2L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Mater Dei/Fullerton JC)	48	Pat Cucci	LB	6-1	240	Jr.-2L	Winter Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs)
4	Drew Kiel	QB	6-3	212	Fr.-HS	Columbus, Ind. (East)	50	Tommie Westbrook	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
5	Cody White	TE	6-5	240	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West)	57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	220	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay)
6	Kye Stewart	LB	6-0	210	Sr.-3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)	58	Mark Whitaker	LB	6-1	220	Sr.-2L	Moline, Ill. (Moline/Drake)
7	Luke Drone	QB	6-2	210	Sr.-3L	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)	59	Bill Hronec	LB	6-2	225	Sr.-3L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
9	Tom Nelson	DB	6-0	200	Jr.-2L	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)	60	Tom Speer	DL	6-4	220	So.-1L	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb)
10	Jake Rourke	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-2L	Chatham, Ill. (Glenwood)	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	OL	6-3	325	Jr.-1L	Longueuil, Quebec (Edouard-Montpetit/Miami [Fla.])
12	Kevin Brockway	QB	6-4	225	Jr.-2L	Crystal Lake, Ill. (South)	62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	275	Fr.-RS	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg)
13	Andrew Paschal	DB	6-3	205	Jr.-Sq.	Largo, Fla. (Largo/Ft. Scott)	64	Brad Paul	OL	6-4	275	Fr.-RS	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)
14	Tyler Funk	P/K	6-0	170	Fr.-RS	Racine, Wis. (William Horlick)	65	Bill Speiser	OL	6-5	300	Sr.-1L	Warrenton, Mo. (Warrenton/Iowa Central CC)
16	Preston Earl	QB	6-2	220	Fr.-RS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)	66	Isaiah Wiggins	OL	6-4	290	Sr.-3L	Chicago, Ill. (Prosser)
18	Drew Kempe	WR	6-3	205	So.-Sq.	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)	67	Landon Humbles	OL	6-4	275	Jr.-Sq.	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
19	Bobby Kelsey	K/P	6-1	230	Jr.-2L	Channahon, Ill. (Providence Catholic)	68	Erik Madsen	OL	6-3	285	Jr.-1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
20	Casey Kociuba	DB	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill)	69	Joe Niklasch	OL	6-4	280	Jr.-2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
21	Jason Tate	DB	5-11	175	So.-1L	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	70	Michael Cross	OL	6-5	305	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
22	Geno Blow	RB	5-11	200	So.-1L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)	71	Joe Doyle	LS	6-2	230	So.-TR	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington/Antelope Valley CC)
23	Mitchell Moore	RB	6-0	210	So.-TR	Gurnee, Ill. (Warren Township/Iowa State)	76	Chris Riley	OL	6-5	270	Fr.-RS	Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township)
24	Kelvyn Hemphill	DB	6-2	180	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor)	78	Brandon Joyce	OL	6-5	310	Sr.-1L	St. Charles, Mo. (Duchesne/Indiana)
25	Chris Garrett	DB	6-0	175	So.-TR	Concord, Calif. (De La Salle/Diablo Valley College)	80	Kelvin Chandler	WR	6-2	185	Jr.-TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Pittsburgh)
26	Cortes Rice	RB	6-2	215	So.-1L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	81	Marcus King	WR	6-4	195	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
27	Jermaine Malcolm	DB	6-4	200	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Holmes)	82	Dane Zumbahlen	TE	6-5	255	Fr.-RS	Morris, Ill. (Morris)
30	Garry Roberts	DB	6-2	210	Sr.-2L	Edna, Texas (Edna)	83	Dave Mordis	FB	6-3	265	Sr.-3L	Palos Park, Ill. (Stagg)
31	Kurt James	DB	6-1	205	Sr.-Sq.	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)	84	Eyad Salem	WR	6-2	185	So.-TR	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin/Minnesota State-Moorhead)
33	Ansu Kpandeyenge	RB	5-10	205	Jr.-1L	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)	85	Warren McCarty	WR	6-4	205	So.-1L	Roscoe, Ill. (Hononegah)
34	Parrish Fisher	RB	5-10	205	Jr.-TR	Richardson, Texas (J.J. Pearce/Kansas State)	86	Jason Horton	WR	6-0	185	Sr.-3L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
35	Garin Harcar	FB	5-11	260	So.-1L	Grand Ridge, Ill. (Ottawa)	87	Steven Fetzer	K	6-0	180	Fr.-RS	Mahomet, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
36	Kevin Mazur	K	5-11	190	Jr.-2L	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey)	88	Kevelt Mickle	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-TR	Orlando, Fla. (Boone/Hillsborough CC)
38	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-RS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	89	Micha Gordon	WR	6-3	190	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Woodruff)
39	D.J. Grayson	LB	6-0	245	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (South Shore)	90	Dan Simnick	DL	6-2	270	Sr.-2L	Naperville, Ill. (North)
40	Bert Whigham	TE	6-4	235	So.-Sq.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	255	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
41	Dan Weiner	WR	6-1	195	Sr.-Sq.	Chicago, Ill. (New Trier/Palomar)	93	Adam Blankenship	DL	6-2	235	Jr.-1L	Tulsa, Okla. (Union/Nebraska)
42	Jeremy Joynt	TE	6-3	255	Sr.-1L	Emmetsburg, Iowa (Emmetsburg/Iowa Central CC)	96	Babatunde Soyebola	DL	6-5	240	So.-Sq.	Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [Ill.])
44	Wesley Williams	DL	6-1	240	Jr.-TR	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer/Fullerton College)	97	Kaschiev Hunter	DL	6-2	300	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)
45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	225	So.-1L	San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont)	99	Nick Williams	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-TR	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation/Pittsburgh)
46	Graham Corcoran	DB	5-10	180	So.-Sq.	Warrenville, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville South)							

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

#93 • Adam Blankenship • DE
Tackles: 5 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Solos: 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Assists: 3, twice
Sacks: 1, three times
TFLs: 1, four times

#22 • Geno Blow • TB
Rushing Yards: 167 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing Attempts: 31 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing TDs: 3 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Longest Rush: 77 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Receptions: 2, three times
Receiving Yards: 24 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

#12 • Kevin Brockway • QB
Attempts: 3 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Completions: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Yards: 24 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Touchdowns: 0
Long Pass: 13 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Interceptions: 0
Rushing Yards: 41 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05

#1 • Jesse Caesar • DB
Tackles: 12 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Solos: 6, three times
Assists: 9 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Interceptions: 1, four times

#80 • Kelvin Chandler • WR
Receptions: 4 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving Yards: 39 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Long Reception: 21 vs. Drake, 8-30-07

#48 • Pat Cucci • LB
Tackles: 7, twice
Solos: 5 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Assists: 6 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, twice
Interceptions: 1, three times

#7 • Luke Drone • QB
Attempts: 41 at Western Illinois, 10-29-05
Completions: 26 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Yards: 440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Touchdowns: 5 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Long Pass: 90 at Indiana State, 11-9-06
Interceptions: 4, three times
Rushing Yards: 43 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Longest Rush: 25 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07

#87 • Steven Fetzer • K
Field Goals Made: 2 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Field Goals Attempted: 3 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Longest Field Goal: 47 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Most PATs: 7 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07

#34 • Parrish Fisher • TB
Rushing Yards: 112 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Rushing Attempts: 18 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Rushing TDs: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Longest Rush: 49 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Receptions: 1 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Receiving Yards: 7 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07

#14 • Tyler Funk • K
Field Goals Made: 1, three times
Field Goals Attempted: 1, three times
Longest Field Goal: 34 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Most PATs: 4 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07

#25 • Chris Garrett • DB
Tackles: 8 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Solos: 5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Assists: 2, twice
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Interceptions: 0

#35 • Garin Harcar • FB
Rushing Yards: 0
Rushing Attempts: 0
Rushing TDs: 0
Receptions: 4, four times
Receiving Yards: 49 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Receiving TDs: 1, four times

#24 • Kelvyn Hemphill • DB
Tackles: 6 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Solos: 5 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Interceptions: 1 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

#86 • Jason Horton • WR
Receptions: 8 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving Yards: 120 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Touchdowns: 2, twice
Long Reception: 69 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Kickoff Returns: 3, twice
Kickoff Return Yards: 95 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Long Kickoff Return: 82 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Returns: 3, six times
Punt Return Yards: 67 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Long Punt Return: 51 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05

#59 • Bill Hronec • LB
Tackles: 18 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Solos: 5, twice
Assists: 15 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Sacks: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
TFLs: 1.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Interceptions: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07

#97 • Kaschiev Hunter • DL
Tackles: 7 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Solos: 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Assists: 5, twice
Sacks: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05
TFLs: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05
Interceptions: 0

#19 • Bobby Kelsey • P
Punts: 8 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Punt Yardage: 353 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Average per Punt: 48.0 (two punts) vs. S. Illinois, 10-14-06
Long Punt: 60, twice
Punts Inside 20: 3 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06

#20 • Casey Kociuba • DB
Tackles: 8 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Solos: 6 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Assists: 2 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Interceptions: 0

#33 • Ansu Kpandeyenge • TB
Rushing Yards: 68 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Rushing Attempts: 5 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Rushing TDs: 1 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Longest Rush: 68 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Receptions: 0
Receiving Yards: 0

#36 • Kevin Mazur • K
Field Goals Made: 4 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Field Goals Attempted: 5 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Longest Field Goal: 38 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Most PATs: 7 at Southern Illinois, 10-15-05

#47 • Kedric Meredith • TE
Receptions: 5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Receiving Yards: 59 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Touchdowns: 1, three times
Long Reception: 24 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07

#88 • Kevett Mickle • WR
Receptions: 7 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Receiving Yards: 104 at Indiana State, 10-2-04
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-6-04
Long Reception: 50 vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04

#83 • Dave Mordis • FB
Receptions: 5 at Northern Iowa, 11-18-06
Receiving Yards: 62 at Eastern Illinois, 9-17-05
Touchdowns: 1, three times
Long Reception: 27 vs. Drake, 9-10-05

#23 • Mitchell Moore • TB
Rushing Yards: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Rushing Attempts: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Rushing TDs: 0
Longest Rush: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Receptions: 0
Receiving Yards: 0

#9 • Tom Nelson • DB
Tackles: 14 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Solos: 7 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Assists: 8, twice
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, four times
Interceptions: 2, twice
Kickoff Returns: 8 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Kickoff Return Yards: 150 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Long Kickoff Return: 59 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Returns: 3, twice
Punt Return Yards: 27 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Long Punt Return: 22 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07

#13 • Andrew Paschal • DB
Tackles: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 0
Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0
Interceptions: 0

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

#62 • Mike Piton • DL

Tackles:9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Solos:2, three times
 Assists:8 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:1, four times
 Interceptions:0

#26 • Cortes Rice • TB

Rushing Yards:121 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Rushing Attempts:18 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Rushing TDs:3 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Longest Rush:20 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Receptions:6 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Receiving Yards:33 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07

#2 • Rafael Rice • TB

Rushing Yards:218 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Rushing Attempts:27 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Rushing TDs:2, four times
 Longest Rush:43 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Receptions:2, twice
 Receiving Yards:24 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06

#91 • Dave Rivas • DL

Tackles:3 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Solos:2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists:1, twice
 Sacks:1 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 TFLs:1.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions:0

#30 • Garry Roberts • DB

Tackles:2, four times
 Solos:2 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
 Assists:2 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0.5 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
 Interceptions:1, twice

#10 • Jake Rourke • WR

Receptions:3, three times
 Receiving Yards:66 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
 Touchdowns:1, twice
 Long Reception:61 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06

#84 • Eyad Salem • WR

Receptions:9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Receiving Yards:176 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Touchdowns:2 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Long Reception:45 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07

#90 • Dan Simnick • DL

Tackles:3, twice
 Solos:1, five times
 Assists:3 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:1, three times
 Interceptions:0

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles:6 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Solos:2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists:5 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0.5, twice
 Interceptions:0

#96 • Babatunde Soyebó • DL

Tackles:3, twice
 Solos:1 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Assists:3 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks:1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs:1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Interceptions:0

#60 • Tom Speer • DL

Tackles:2, twice
 Solos:1, twice
 Assists:1, twice
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions:0

#6 • Kye Stewart • LB

Tackles:17, twice
 Solos:10 at Iowa State, 9-3-05
 Assists:10, three times
 Sacks:1, six times
 TFLs:2.5, twice
 Interceptions:1 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05

#21 • Jason Tate • DB

Tackles:9 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Solos:6 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Assists:3 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Sacks:1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 TFLs:1, twice
 Interceptions:1, twice

#94 • Jarek Thomas • DL

Tackles:6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-18-04
 Solos:3, four times
 Assists:4, five times
 Sacks:1, six times
 TFLs:3 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
 Interceptions:1, twice

#38 • Tony Trujillo • LB

Tackles:11 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 Solos:5 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Assists:7 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#50 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

Tackles:6 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Solos:3 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Assists:3 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#58 • Mark Whitaker • LB

Tackles:4 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
 Solos:3 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Assists:2, twice
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#99 • Nick Williams • DL

Tackles:4 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Solos:1, three times
 Assists:3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:1 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Interceptions:0

#40 • Wesley Williams • DE

Tackles:4 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Solos:2, twice
 Assists:2, twice
 Sacks:1 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 TFLs:1, twice
 Interceptions:0

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles:8, twice
 Solos:4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Assists:6 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Sacks:1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs:2 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Interceptions:0

#5 Illinois State 37, #7 S. Illinois 10

Oct. 14, 2006 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 17,237

> GAME SUMMARY

ISU Shuts Down SIU Offense, Notches Homecoming Win

NORMAL, Ill. – There was a lot of hype surrounding the 2007 homecoming football game between the Illinois State Redbirds and the Southern Illinois Salukis. The No. 5 'Birds responded, not allowing an SIU score in the second half, to down the No. 7 team in the country, 37-10, in Gateway Football Conference action, at Hancock Stadium.



LAST TIME

A crowd of 17,237 came out to watch the two, top-10 ranked teams battle, the sixth highest in Hancock Stadium history. The crowd was the most to see an Illinois State football game in over 30 years. Southern Illinois capitalized on its first scoring drive of the game, as senior Craig Coffin capped off a 14-play, 61-yard scoring drive with a field goal from 38 yards to give the Salukis an early 3-0 lead just over seven minutes into the first quarter.

Answering for the 'Birds was Pierre Rembert who scampered, untouched, into the end zone at the 1:04 mark in the first half. The touchdown ended a 68-yard crusade for the 'Birds. Kevin Mazur added the extra point for ISU, giving the Redbirds a 7-3 advantage.

Just three minutes into the second quarter, a roughing the passer penalty against SIU, negated an interception of Saluki quarterback Nick Hill by ISU defensive back James Temple. SIU gained 15 yards on the penalty, setting up an 8-yard touchdown reception from Hill to tight end Braden Jones. The score at the 11:47 mark in the second quarter set the score in favor of the Salukis, 10-7.

SIU never cracked the scoring column again, as the Redbirds rattled off 30 unanswered points, including 10 in the second quarter to take a 17-10 halftime lead.

> SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Southern Illinois (5-1)	3	7	0	0	10
ILLINOIS STATE (5-1)	7	10	13	7	37

FIRST QUARTER

SIU – Coffin 38-yard field goal, 7:54
ISU – Rembert 4-yard run (Mazur kick), 1:04

SECOND QUARTER

SIU – Jones 8-yard pass from Hill (Coffin kick), 11:47
ISU – R. Rice 17-yard run (Mazur kick), 1:55
ISU – Mazur 19-yard field goal, :17

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Jackson 36-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 12:22
ISU – Horton 68-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick failed), 7:33

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – R. Rice 6-yard run (Mazur kick), 8:09

> TEAM STATISTICS

	SIU	ISU
First Downs	18	27
Rushing Attempts-Yards	42-191	45-219
Passing	9-17-1	14-18-0
Passing Yards	88	280
Total Offense	279	499
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-40
Time of Possession	29:59	30:01

> INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 19-137, R. Rice 12-53, Blow 5-22, Abrams 3-17, Drone 2-(-2), Team 3-(-3), Horton 1-(-5). (SIU) – Whitlock 27-140, Hill 10-32, Allen 4-13, Turner 1-6.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 14-18-0-280. (SIU) – Hill 9-17-1-88.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Jackson 5-113, Horton 4-120, Robinson 1-23, Rourke 1-16, Meredith 1-7, R. Rice 1-1, Mordis 1-0. (SIU) – Jones 3-19, Turner 2-40, Beeler 2-19, Uptegrove 1-7, Wise 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 7-10-17, C. Siskowic 6-6-12, Nelson 2-5-7, Martindale 4-2-6, Campbell 2-4-6. (SIU) – Jordan 2-8-10, Johnson 4-5-9, Heaston 5-3-8, Moe 4-4-8, Bruner 3-2-5.

Illinois State's All-Time Series vs. Southern Illinois

Southern Illinois leads, 34-32-3

1929	18-Oct	0	6	H	L	1993	6-Nov	34	16	A	W
1930	18-Oct	0	39	A	L	1994	29-Oct	38	17	H	W
1931	31-Oct	14	0	H	W	1995	7-Oct	11	14	A	L
1932	28-Oct	21	6	A	W	1996	28-Sep	35	38	H	L
1933	28-Oct	12	0	H	W	1997	11-Oct	29	31	A	L
1934	13-Oct	6	14	A	L	1998	26-Sep	41	38	H	W
1935	12-Oct	13	0	H	W	1999	23-Oct	55	48	A	W
1936	3-Oct	0	6	A	L	2000	28-Oct	27	17	H	W
1937	30-Oct	13	6	H	W	2001	6-Oct	17	23	A	L
1938	29-Oct	6	0	A	W	2002	19-Oct	35	14	H	W
1939	28-Oct	14	7	H	W	2003	11-Oct	17	45	A	L
1940	26-Oct	25	6	A	W	2004	6-Nov	14	41	H	L
1941	25-Oct	18	0	H	W	2005	15-Oct	61	35	A	W
1942	24-Oct	7	0	H	W	2006	14-Oct	37	10	H	W
1945	13-Oct	19	33	A	L						
1946	12-Oct	7	13	H	L						
1947	8-Nov	6	6	H	T						
1948	6-Nov	48	0	A	W						
1949	15-Oct	35	0	H	W						
1950	21-Oct	14	14	A	T						
1951	29-Sep	20	0	H	W						
1952	4-Oct	20	27	A	L						
1953	3-Oct	27	20	H	W						
1954	2-Oct	7	2	A	W						
1955	11-Nov	14	28	H	L						
1956	10-Nov	27	13	A	W						
1957	19-Oct	21	28	H	L						
1958	18-Oct	21	8	A	W						
1959	24-Oct	8	19	H	L						
1960	22-Oct	6	30	A	L						
1961	28-Oct	14	34	H	L						
1962	27-Oct	0	14	A	L						
1970	24-Oct	24	45	A	L						
1971	25-Sep	9	10	H	L						
1972	28-Oct	10	7	A	W						
1973	24-Nov	10	8	H	W						
1974	23-Nov	31	16	A	W						
1975	11-Oct	17	17	H	T						
1976	6-Nov	3	17	A	L						
1977	5-Nov	17	23	A	L						
1978	7-Oct	0	26	H	L						
1979	6-Oct	0	7	A	L						
1980	18-Oct	0	42	H	L						
1981	3-Oct	3	14	A	L						
1982	11-Sep	0	16	H	L						
1983	5-Nov	26	28	A	L						
1984	8-Sep	35	7	H	W						
1985	5-Oct	0	21	A	L						
1986	25-Oct	3	20	H	L						
1987	26-Sep	7	38	A	L						
1988	24-Sep	23	24	H	L						
1989	14-Oct	21	17	A	W						
1990	13-Oct	27	3	H	W						
1991	28-Sep	11	14	A	L						
1992	24-Oct	35	11	H	W						

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Game Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance
08-30-07	DRAKE	L	24-27	12167
09-08-07	MURRAY STATE	W	43-17	13214
09-15-07	at #14 Eastern Illinois	W	24-21	9028
09-22-07	at #25 Missouri	L	17-38	56137
* 09-29-07	#3 NORTHERN IOWA	L	13-23	10473
* 10-06-07	at Missouri State	L	41-58	11058
* 10-13-07	INDIANA STATE	W	69-17	14077
* 10-20-07	at #12 Youngstown State	W	27-22	18616
* 10-27-07	#24 WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	14-27	15118
11-03-07	at #1 North Dakota State	L	28-54	18116

* Gateway Football Conference game

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	216	210
Rushing	111	109
Passing	99	95
Penalty	6	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	2075	2272
Yards gained rushing	2218	2424
Yards lost rushing	143	152
Rushing Attempts	433	437
Average Per Rush	4.8	5.2
Average Per Game	207.5	227.2
TDs Rushing	23	19
PASSING YARDAGE	2015	1991
Att-Comp-Int	285-171-15	261-153-6
Average Per Pass	7.1	7.6
Average Per Catch	11.8	13.0
Average Per Game	201.5	199.1
TDs Passing	18	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	4090	4263
Total Plays	718	698
Average Per Play	5.7	6.1
Average Per Game	409.0	426.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	43-979	49-916
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	17-94	18-243
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-40	15-205
FUMBLES-LOST	11-4	12-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	41-349	57-414
PUNTS-AVG	45-39.3	42-36.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:36	29:24
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	74/147	63/141
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4/12	7/12

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	55	113	50	82	300
Opponents	74	81	68	81	304

Rushing

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Rice,Rafael	9	161	894	10	884	5.5	7	43	98.2
Blow,Geno	9	143	790	14	776	5.4	8	77	86.2
Fisher,Parrish	6	38	198	6	192	5.1	1	49	32.0
Rice,Cortes	9	21	142	8	134	6.4	2	18	14.9
Drone,Luke	10	60	180	98	82	1.4	4	25	8.2
Brockway,Kevin	1	3	13	0	13	4.3	1	9	13.0
Moore,Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	7	6	0	7	-7	-1.2	0	0	-1.0
Total.....	10	433	2218	143	2075	4.8	23	77	207.5
Opponents.....	10	437	2424	152	2272	5.2	19	81	227.2

Passing

	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	10	130.28	170-282-15	60.3	2000	18	69	200.0
Brockway,Kevin	1	226.00	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	15.0
TEAM	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Earl,Preston	9	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	10	129.71	171-285-15	60.0	2015	18	69	201.5
Opponents.....	10	139.60	153-261-6	58.6	1991	17	64	199.1

Receiving

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Horton,Jason	9	34	573	16.9	4	69	63.7
Mickle,Kevelt	10	28	343	12.2	2	26	34.3
Salem,Eyad	10	27	418	15.5	4	45	41.8
Harcar,Garin	10	19	137	7.2	2	22	13.7
Meredith,Kedric	10	15	153	10.2	2	24	15.3
Chandler,Kelvin	9	10	114	11.4	2	21	12.7
Rourke,Jake	10	9	112	12.4	1	27	11.2
Blow,Geno	9	9	65	7.2	0	20	7.2
Rice,Rafael	9	6	36	6.0	0	11	4.0
Rice,Cortes	9	6	33	5.5	0	8	3.7
Mordis,Dave	5	6	29	4.8	1	8	5.8
Fisher,Parrish	6	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
Drone,Luke	10	1	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.5
Total.....	10	171	2015	11.8	18	69	201.5
Opponents.....	10	153	1991	13.0	17	64	199.1

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Punt Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	15	70	4.7	0	22
Whigham, Bert	1	22	22.0	0	0
Horton, Jason	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	17	94	5.5	0	22
Opponents.....	18	243	13.5	1	76

Interceptions

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	2	33	16.5	0	33
Hemphill, Kelvyn	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Roberts, Garry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hronec, Bill	1	5	5.0	0	5
Caesar, Jesse	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	6	40	6.7	0	33
Opponents.....	15	205	13.7	1	45

Kick Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	29	619	21.3	0	59
Horton, Jason	10	314	31.4	0	82
Harcar, Garin	1	15	15.0	0	15
Joynt, Jeremy	1	5	5.0	0	5
Fisher, Parrish	1	13	13.0	0	13
Chandler, Kelvin	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total.....	43	979	22.8	0	82
Opponents.....	49	916	18.7	0	43

Scoring

	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Blow, Geno	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Rice, Rafael	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Felzer, Steven	0	2-3	21-22	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	27
Salem, Eyad	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Horton, Jason	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Drone, Luke	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Funk, Tyler	0	3-3	12-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	21
Rice, Cortes	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Chandler, Kelvin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Mickle, Kevett	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Harcar, Garin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Meredith, Kedric	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Mordis, Dave	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Brockway, Kevin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mazur, Kevin	0	1-2	3-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rourke, Jake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Fisher, Parrish	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6

Total Offense

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Drone, Luke	10	342	82	2000	2082	208.2
Rice, Rafael	9	161	884	0	884	98.2
Blow, Geno	9	143	776	0	776	86.2
Fisher, Parrish	6	38	192	0	192	32.0
Rice, Cortes	9	21	134	0	134	14.9
Brockway, Kevin	1	4	13	15	28	28.0
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	7	7	-7	0	-7	-1.0
Total.....	10	718	2075	2015	4090	409.0
Opponents.....	10	698	2272	1991	4263	426.3

Field Goals

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Mazur, Kevin	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0
Funk, Tyler	3-3	100.0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	34	0
Felzer, Steven	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-0	47	0

Punting

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey, Bobby	45	1767	39.3	60	3	8	15	0
Total.....	45	1767	39.3	60	3	8	15	0
Opponents.....	42	1551	36.9	57	3	5	12	1

All-Purpose

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Rice, Rafael	9	884	36	0	0	0	920	102.2
Horton, Jason	9	0	573	2	314	0	889	98.8
Blow, Geno	9	776	65	0	0	0	841	93.4
Nelson, Tom	10	0	0	70	619	33	722	72.2
Salem, Eyad	10	0	418	0	0	0	418	41.8
Mickle, Kevett	10	0	343	0	0	0	343	34.3
Fisher, Parrish	6	192	7	0	13	0	212	35.3
Rice, Cortes	9	134	33	0	0	0	167	18.6
Meredith, Kedric	10	0	153	0	0	0	153	15.3
Harcar, Garin	10	0	137	0	15	0	152	15.2
Chandler, Kelvin	9	0	114	0	13	0	127	14.1
Rourke, Jake	10	0	112	0	0	0	112	11.2
Drone, Luke	10	82	-5	0	0	0	77	7.7
Mordis, Dave	5	0	29	0	0	0	29	5.8
Whigham, Bert	10	0	0	22	0	0	22	2.2
Brockway, Kevin	1	13	0	0	0	0	13	13.0
Joynt, Jeremy	9	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.6
Hronec, Bill	9	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.6
Caesar, Jesse	10	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.5
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
Hemphill, Kelvyn	10	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-0.3
TEAM	7	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-1.0
Total.....	10	2075	2015	94	979	40	5203	520.3
Opponents.....	10	2272	1991	243	916	205	5627	562.7

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Defensive Statistics

	GP	TACKLES				SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF	
6 Stewart, Kye	10-10	52	69	121	7.5-23	3.0-15		2				1		
59 Hronec, Bill	9-8	29	61	90	5.5-10	1.0-5	1-5	1	2	2-0	2			
9 Nelson, Tom	10-10	38	41	79	3.0-5		2-33	3						
1 Caesar, Jesse	10-10	26	43	69	2.5-6		1-5	2	1		1			
57 Wilson, Brandon	10-7	17	29	46	6.5-15	1.5-7			6					
21 Tate, Jason	10-3	27	15	42	1.0-7	1.0-7		2	1					
48 Cucci, Pat	10-8	12	29	41	2.5-6			3		1-0				
24 Hemphill, Kelvyn	10-7	24	17	41	1.5-5		1-3	2					1	
25 Garrett, Chris	10-10	24	15	39	1.0-4			4		1-0				
62 Piton, Mike	10-10	13	19	32	4.0-16					1-0			1	
38 Trujillo, Tony	10-1	12	15	27	0.5-1				1					
93 Blankenship, Adam	10-10	9	13	22	2.5-5	2.0-4		1	4	1-0				
97 Hunter, Kaschiev	10-0	8	11	19	2.0-8	0.5-5			1	1-0				
20 Kociuba, Casey	8-1	10	8	18	1.0-4									
45 Siskowic, Kyle	9-0	7	10	17	0.5-1									
50 Westbrook, Tommie	10-1	9	8	17										
44 Williams, Wesley	9-0	6	7	13	2.0-3	1.0-1			3					
99 Williams, Nick	9-6	3	10	13	1.0-2				1					
96 Soyeb, Babtunde	7-0	2	9	11	2.0-7	1.5-5			2					
90 Simnick, Dan	9-4	1	9	10	1.5-3	0.5-0			1					
94 Thomas, Jarek	3-3	4	5	9	4.0-14	1.0-8			3		1			
58 Whitaker, Mark	8-1	5	3	8										
19 Kelsey, Bobby	10-0	5	2	7						1-0				
40 Whigham, Bert	10-0	3	4	7									1	
91 Rivas, Dave	6-0	3	3	6	2.0-8	1.0-8			2					
60 Speer, Tom	4-0	2	2	4	0.5-1									
31 James, Kurt	9-0	1	3	4										
66 Wiggins, Isaiah	10-10	2	1	3										
86 Horton, Jason	9-7	2	1	3										
41 Weiner, Dan	8-0	2		2										
89 Gordon, Micha	3-0	1	1	2										
84 Salem, Eyad	10-1	1		1										
88 Mickle, Kevett	10-5	1		1										
68 Madsen, Erik	9-0	1		1										
26 Rice, Cortes	9-0	1		1										
33 Kpandeyenge, Ansu	5-0		1	1										
30 Roberts, Garry	4-0		1	1			1-0							
13 Paschal, Andrew	8-0		1	1										
7 Drone, Luke	10-10	1		1										
78 Joyce, Brandon	10-10	1		1										
46 Corcoran, Graham	6-0							1						
Total.....	10-0	365	466	831	54-154	14-65	6-40	21	28	8-0	5	3		
Opponents.....	10-0	391	409	800	42.0-126	19-81	15-205	33	21	4-26	6	2		

2007 Illinois State Game-By-Game Stats

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing No.-Yds.-TD	Passing C-A-I-Yds.-TD	Total Off Pl.-Yds.	Fumbles Lost	Penalty Yards	Third Downs	Poss.-Time
Drake	27	19	40-97-0	17-31-0-264-2	71-361	1-1	4-25	8/16	30:47
at Illinois State	24	26	41-273-2	20-35-3-235-1	76-508	2-0	2-20	7/16	29:13
Murray State	17	22	42-185-1	21-36-0-237-1	78-422	1-1	9-81	6/15	33:05
at Illinois State	43	18	52-238-4	5-9-0-81-2	61-319	1-1	6-60	8/13	26:55
Illinois State	24	21	37-143-1	20-31-2-267-2	68-410	1-0	5-52	10/16	30:04
at Eastern Illinois	21	21	44-212-2	20-28-0-195-1	72-407	3-2	7-37	11/16	29:56
Illinois State	17	22	41-155-1	22-37-1-242-1	78-397	0-0	5-25	8/17	36:57
at Missouri	38	31	35-240-1	24-40-3-341-3	75-581	0-0	3-35	8/11	21:11
Northern Iowa	23	22	51-203-0	16-26-1-166-2	77-369	3-2	4-34	7/17	32:17
at Illinois State	13	13	38-151-1	12-23-3-108-1	61-259	1-1	3-22	7/16	27:43
Illinois State	41	26	52-251-5	17-29-3-163-1	81-414	1-0	3-30	9/15	33:19
at Missouri State	58	28	48-247-4	17-24-0-277-4	72-524	2-2	4-20	4/11	26:41
Indiana State	17	9	35-183-1	4-13-1-51-1	48-234	0-0	3-24	2/13	23:06
at Illinois State	69	33	71-444-7	9-10-0-154-3	81-598	0-0	7-62	7/8	36:54
Illinois State	27	19	45-175-1	19-31-0-278-2	76-453	2-0	5-29	11/21	33:57
at Youngstown State	22	15	36-152-2	14-31-1-155-0	67-307	0-0	4-16	4/15	26:03
Western Illinois	27	15	59-337-2	5-9-0-72-1	68-409	0-0	13-102	5/15	37:29
at Illinois State	14	17	25-64-0	22-41-2-270-2	66-334	2-1	4-44	2/12	22:31
Illinois State	28	21	32-181-1	25-39-1-217-3	71-398	1-1	1-5	5/13	28:27
at North Dakota State	54	27	47-416-6	15-23-0-233-2	70-649	2-0	6-40	8/12	31:33
Illinois State at Southern Illinois									

Rushing	Blow	Fisher	Moore	C. Rice	R. Rice
Drake	3-18	7-26	-	-	27-218
Murray State	5-19	18-122	-	-	24-106
at Eastern Illinois	8-15	5-20	-	-	15-74
at Missouri	21-116	7-31	1-1	-	4-7
Northern Iowa	31-167	-	-	1-(-7)	-
at Missouri State	26-155	-	-	-	17-77
Indiana State	23-122	-	-	15-110	25-182
at Youngstown St.	17-128	1-3	-	-	16-57
Western Illinois	9-36	-	-	-	11-31
at North Dakota St.	-	-	-	5-31	22-132
at Southern Illinois					

Passing	Drone	Brockway
Drake	20-35-3-235-1	-
Murray State	5-9-0-81-2	-
at Eastern Illinois	20-31-2-267-2	-
at Missouri	22-37-1-242-1	-
Northern Iowa	12-23-3-108-1	-
at Missouri State	17-29-3-163-1	-
Indiana State	8-9-0-139-3	1-1-0-15-0
at Youngstown St.	19-30-0-278-2	-
Western Illinois	22-40-2-270-2	-
at North Dakota St.	25-39-1-217-3	-
at Southern Illinois		

Receiving	Chandler	Horton	McCarty	Meredith	Mickle	Mordis	Rourke	Salem
Drake	4-39	8-119	-	1-24	1-9	-	-	-
Murray State	1-11	4-70	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Eastern Illinois	-	5-74	-	3-59	3-52	-	1-10	1-4
at Missouri	1-18	-	-	4-28	7-75	-	-	7-106
Northern Iowa	-	1-9	-	-	2-33	-	3-41	-
at Missouri State	-	2-32	-	5-30	2-32	-	2-26	1-9
Indiana State	-	4-110	-	1-8	2-15	-	-	1-15
at Youngstown St.	-	5-119	-	-	6-77	1-8	3-35	1-11
Western Illinois	1-10	4-37	-	-	3-30	1-3	-	9-176
at North Dakota St.	3-36	1-3	-	1-4	2-20	4-18	-	7-97
at Southern Illinois								

2007 Illinois State Statistical Breakdown

Scoring Drive Analysis											
	Minus	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99
Illinois State TD	-	1	2	2	2	5	5	6	10	7	1
Illinois State FG	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Opponent TD	-	1	1	-	-	1	10	9	5	8	2
Opponent FG	1	3	-	2	-	1	4	2	1	-	-

Red-Zone Analysis									
Game	Illinois State				Opponent				
	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	
Drake	5	4	3/1	.800	2	2	0/2	1.000	
Murray State	6	6	5/1	1.000	3	2	1/1	.667	
at Eastern Illinois	4	3	2/1	.750	4	3	3/0	.750	
at Missouri	5	3	2/1	.800	6	4	3/1	.667	
Northern Iowa	0	0	0/0	.000	4	4	2/2	1.000	
at Missouri State	6	5	5/0	.833	6	6	5/1	1.000	
Indiana State	9	9	9/0	1.000	2	2	1/1	1.000	
at Youngstown St.	2	2	1/1	1.000	3	3	2/1	1.000	
Western Illinois	2	2	2/0	1.000	1	0	0/0	.000	
at North Dakota St.	4	3	3/0	.750	5	5	5/0	1.000	
at Southern Illinois									
Totals	43	37	32/5	.860	36	31	22/9	.861	

Time of Possession							
Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
Drake	L, 24-27	29:13	7:07	9:06	5:23	7:37	
Murray State	W, 43-17	26:55	3:48	9:29	8:49	4:49	
at Eastern Illinois	W, 24-21	30:04	6:40	6:25	7:33	9:26	
at Missouri	L, 17-38	36:57	9:35	8:39	9:48	8:55	
Northern Iowa	L, 13-23	27:43	8:11	6:09	8:54	4:29	
at Missouri State	L, 41-58	33:19	3:50	10:40	10:27	8:22	
Indiana State	W, 69-17	36:54	8:09	9:40	11:05	8:00	
at Youngstown St.	W, 27-22	33:57	3:44	9:53	9:48	10:32	
Western Illinois	L, 14-27	22:31	5:32	8:15	5:12	3:32	
at North Dakota St.	L, 28-54	28:27	7:47	9:01	5:24	6:15	
at Southern Illinois							
Illinois State	Total	306:00	64:23	87:17	82:23	71:57	
	Avg.	30:36	6:26	8:43	8:14	7:11	
Opponents	Total	294:00	85:37	62:43	67:37	78:03	
	Avg.	29:24	8:33	6:16	6:45	7:48	

The Sports Network Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Northern Iowa* (61)	2687	1
2. North Dakota State (42)	2540	2
3. Montana (7)	2462	4
4. McNeese State (2)	2455	5
5. Southern Illinois*	2279	6
6. Delaware	2187	7
7. Appalachian State	2058	9
8. Massachusetts (6)	1847	3
9. Richmond	1799	11
10. Delaware State	1547	13
11. Georgia Southern	1514	17
12. Yale	1414	15
13. Eastern Kentucky	1378	16
14. New Hampshire	1222	8
15. Wofford	1215	10
16. James Madison	1140	12
17. Grambling State	1083	18
18. Hofstra	857	20
19. Elon	736	14
20. Eastern Washington	585	24
21. Youngstown State*	467	22
22. Fordham	342	NR
23. Western Illinois*	325	19
24. Cal Poly	289	NR
25. Eastern Illinois	264	NR

*Gateway Football Conference member
Illinois State opponent

The FCS Coaches' Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. North Dakota State (18)	688	1
2. Northern Iowa* (6)	670	2
3. Montana (4)	629	3
4. McNeese State	615	5
5. Southern Illinois*	571	6
6. Delaware	567	7
7. Appalachian State	511	9
8. Richmond	482	11
9. Massachusetts	444	4
10. Delaware State	395	13
11. Georgia Southern	383	18
12. Yale	335	14
13. Eastern Kentucky	326	16
14. New Hampshire	301	8
15. James Madison	298	12
16. Grambling State	278	17
17. Wofford	272	10
18. Hofstra	267	20
19. Elon	170	15
20. Youngstown State*	145	23
21. Eastern Washington	135	NR
22. Eastern Illinois	86	25
23. Fordham	79	NR
24. Western Illinois*	77	19
25. Dayton	52	NR
Norfolk State	52	NR

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Redbirds in the Polls

	TSN	FCS
Week 1	7	8
Week 2	17	18
Week 3	17	15
Week 4	14	14
Week 5	16	16
Week 6	23	22
Week 7	RV	RV
Week 8	RV	NR
Week 9	RV	RV
Week 10	-	-
Week 11	-	-

Illinois State's Scoring Drives/Plays

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
1	Drake	5:09	Mazur 30-yard field goal		6-55	2:58	3-0
2	Drake	5:59	R. Rice 17-yard run	Mazur kick	9-80	3:12	10-0
3	Drake	6:10	Chandler 8-yard pass from Drone	Mazur kick	7-80	2:34	17-10
4	Drake	1:28	R. Rice 11-yard run	Mazur kick	10-69	3:20	24-20
1	Murray State	10:28	R. Rice 2-yard run	Funk kick	7-42	2:55	7-0
2	Murray State	12:43	Horton 31-yard pass from Drone	Funk kick	3-34	1:21	14-10
2	Murray State	1:11	Drone 1-yard run	kick blocked	15-80	7:45	20-10
3	Murray State	12:54	Funk 34-yard field goal		5-(-5)	1:51	23-10
3	Murray State	7:25	R. Rice 10-yard run	Funk kick	4-73	:59	30-10
4	Murray State	14:57	Blow 1-yard run	kick blocked	13-56	5:47	36-10
4	Murray State	10:17	Horton 20-yard pass from Drone	Funk kick	3-26	:37	43-10
1	at Eastern Illinois	10:23	Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone	Funk kick	7-47	3:17	7-0
2	at Eastern Illinois	13:22	Funk 23-yard field goal		11-63	4:05	10-7
2	at Eastern Illinois	:16	Meredith 22-yard pass from Drone	Funk kick	10-76	3:05	17-14
4	at Eastern Illinois	6:52	R. Rice 2-yard run	Funk kick	13-74	6:05	24-21
1	at Missouri	:12	Funk 21-yard field goal		12-66	5:45	3-14
2	at Missouri	3:41	Fisher 4-yard run	Funk kick	9-84	4:44	10-21
4	at Missouri	1:52	Salem 13-yard pass from Drone	Funk kick	5-50	1:22	17-38
1	Northern Iowa	2:13	Blow 50-yard run	Funk kick	4-61	1:57	7-0
3	Northern Iowa	4:38	Rourke 27-yard pass from Drone	kick failed	10-52	5:25	13-13
2	at Missouri State	10:34	Blow 30-yard run	Fetzer kick	9-80	4:22	7-17
2	at Missouri State	8:28	Drone 4-yard run	Fetzer kick	2-16	:29	14-17
2	at Missouri State	5:12	Meredith 3-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	6-17	3:04	21-17
2	at Missouri State	2:39	Blow 11-yard run	Fetzer kick	6-36	2:30	28-17
3	at Missouri State	4:21	Drone 1-yard run	kick failed	14-80	4:49	34-31
4	at Missouri State	7:30	Blow 1-yard run	Fetzer kick	12-59	4:07	41-51
1	Indiana State	8:16	Drone 2-yard run	Fetzer kick	7-41	3:05	7-3
1	Indiana State	6:50	Blow 7-yard run	Fetzer kick	2-24	:30	14-3
2	Indiana State	13:00	Mickle 5-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	13-71	6:25	21-3
2	Indiana State	8:06	Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	11-80	4:13	28-10
2	Indiana State	1:19	Horton 38-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	7-62	3:13	35-17
3	Indiana State	9:26	R. Rice 5-yard run	Fetzer kick	11-59	5:27	42-17
3	Indiana State	5:33	Blow 2-yard run	Fetzer kick	4-64	1:44	49-17
4	Indiana State	14:56	Brockway 1-yard run	Funk kick	9-73	3:51	56-17
4	Indiana State	11:11	C. Rice 2-yard run	Funk kick	5-42	1:41	63-17
4	Indiana State	7:06	C. Rice 6-yard run	kick failed	6-47	1:52	69-17
1	at Youngstown St.	4:49	Blow 77-yard run	Fetzer kick	1-77	:12	7-10
2	at Youngstown St.	12:54	Fetzer 47-yard field goal		6-17	1:53	10-13
2	at Youngstown St.	6:09	Fetzer 36-yard field goal		10-42	4:32	13-13
2	at Youngstown St.	1:37	Horton 69-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	6-76	2:31	20-13
4	at Youngstown St.	14:07	Mickle 14-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	15-97	7:30	27-16
4	Western Illinois	9:27	Salem 15-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	6-64	:48	7-20
4	Western Illinois	3:12	Chandler 10-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	7-69	1:16	14-20
1	North Dakota St.	10:30	Mordis 2-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	12-70	4:30	7-0
2	North Dakota St.	9:39	Salem 29-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	5-70	1:50	14-26
2	North Dakota St.	:06	R. Rice 1-yard run	Fetzer kick	1-1	:04	21-33
3	North Dakota St.	9:48	Salem 10-yard pass from Drone	Fetzer kick	6-77	2:10	28-40

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 7.7 per drive; Yards: 55.8 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:01
47 scoring drives; 362 plays; 2,623 yards; 8,484 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

7:45 vs. Murray State (15 plays, 80 yards, Drone 1-yard run)

Shortest Drive (time)

:04 at North Dakota State (1 play, 1 yard, R. Rice 1-yard run)

Longest Drive (yards)

97 yards at Youngstown State (15 plays, 97 yards, Mickle 14-yard pass from Drone)

Shortest Drive (yards)

-5 yards vs. Murray State (5 plays, -6 yards, Funk 34-yard field goal)

Opponent Scoring Drives/Plays

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
3	Drake	8:51	Rees 36-yard field goal		10-29	4:42	10-3
3	Drake	8:44	Hunt 24-yard interception return	Rees kick			10-10
3	Drake	1:15	Rees 35-yard field goal		13-55	4:49	17-13
4	Drake	4:54	Marx 28-yard pass from Ingle	Rees kick	10-83	4:36	17-20
4	Drake	:23	Agyei 56-yard pass from Ingle	Rees kick	7-90	1:00	24-27
1	Murray State	5:42	Harper 23-yard pass from Ehrhardt	O'Brien kick	10-86	4:38	7-7
2	Murray State	14:15	O'Brien 20-yard field goal		14-61	5:34	10-7
4	Murray State	5:19	Jordan 4-yard run	O'Brien kick	12-86	4:48	43-17
1	at Eastern Illinois	5:40	Adeniji 8-yard run	Wilke kick	12-87	4:35	7-7
2	at Eastern Illinois	8:54	Rucker 7-yard pass from Stinson	Wilke kick	12-66	4:22	10-14
4	at Eastern Illinois	13:05	Keys 1-yard run	Wilke kick	15-84	5:55	17-21
1	at Missouri	14:43	Franklin 57-yard pass from Daniel	Wolfert kick	1-57	:17	0-7
1	at Missouri	6:03	Temple 11-yard pass from Daniel	Wolfert kick	10-53	3:11	0-14
2	at Missouri	8:32	Maclin 8-yard pass from Daniel	Wolfert kick	11-97	2:40	3-21
2	at Missouri	0:00	Wolfert 26-yard field goal		11-52	3:33	10-24
3	at Missouri	:49	Temple 1-yard run	Wolfert kick	8-72	2:04	10-31
4	at Missouri	14:35	Maclin 64-yard punt return	Wolfert kick			10-38
2	Northern Iowa	9:02	Hallgren 19-yard field goal		6-27	2:26	7-3
2	Northern Iowa	6:52	Hallgren 25-yard field goal		4-4	1:54	7-6
2	Northern Iowa	:47	Williams 6-yard pass from Sanders	Hallgren kick	11-70	4:21	7-13
4	Northern Iowa	5:17	Allen 5-yard pass from Sanders	Hallgren kick	12-61	4:00	13-20
4	Northern Iowa	2:48	Hallgren 43-yard field goal		4-(-1)	1:36	13-23
1	at Missouri State	9:39	Stokes 22-yard field goal		14-75	5:21	0-3
1	at Missouri State	5:51	Washington 23-yard run	Stokes kick	6-47	2:10	0-10
2	at Missouri State	14:56	G. Davis 2-yard run	Stokes kick	9-50	3:43	0-17
2	at Missouri State	:15	Emery 2-yard pass from Kirby	Stokes kick	11-76	2:15	28-24
3	at Missouri State	9:10	Washington 43-yard pass from Kirby	Stokes kick	6-81	1:51	28-31
3	at Missouri State	2:20	G. Davis 17-yard run	Stokes kick	7-64	1:53	34-38
3	at Missouri State	:41	Harbor 10-yard pass from Kirby	Stokes kick	2-12	:41	34-45
4	at Missouri State	11:43	E. Davis 64-yard pass from Kirby	kick failed	1-64	:10	34-51
4	at Missouri State	1:42	G. Davis 5-yard run	Stokes kick	12-65	5:48	41-58
1	Indiana State	11:30	Varnadore 19-yard field goal		10-62	3:30	3-0
2	Indiana State	12:26	McCulley 7-yard run	Varnadore kick	3-65	:27	10-21
2	Indiana State	4:39	Gray 29-yard pass from Dowdell	Varnadore kick	7-61	3:19	17-28
1	at Youngstown St.	11:12	Smith 1-yard run	Palmer kick	9-58	3:48	0-7
1	at Youngstown St.	5:09	Palmer 37-yard field goal		10-49	4:08	0-10
1	at Youngstown St.	2:30	Palmer 41-yard field goal		7-50	2:13	7-13
3	at Youngstown St.	9:48	Palmer 40-yard field goal		8-53	3:09	20-16
4	at Youngstown St.	10:10	Smith 1-yard run	pass failed	2-3	:37	27-22
1	Western Illinois	13:23	Donaldson 55-yard run	Rowan kick	1-55	:10	0-7
3	Western Illinois	8:24	Rowan 53-yard field goal		4-0	1:37	0-10
3	Western Illinois	3:51	Sims 52-yard pass from Barr	Rowan kick	4-67	2:21	0-17
4	Western Illinois	13:24	Rowan 48-yard field goal		6-4	3:29	0-20
4	Western Illinois	1:41	Donaldson 38-yard run	Rowan kick	4-50	1:27	14-27
1	North Dakota St.	8:59	Heckendorf 17-yard pass from Walker	Bibeau kick	3-59	1:31	7-7
1	North Dakota St.	5:01	Walker 1-yard run	kick blocked	7-58	2:43	7-13
2	North Dakota St.	14:49	Roehl 34-yard run	Bibeau kick	9-81	3:10	7-20
2	North Dakota St.	11:29	Roehl 1-yard run	kick blocked	4-59	1:19	7-26
2	North Dakota St.	9:11	Roehl 81-yard run	Bibeau kick	2-81	:28	14-33
3	North Dakota St.	11:58	Heckendorf 14-yard pass from Walker	Bibeau kick	8-76	3:02	21-40
3	North Dakota St.	3:01	Roehl 4-yard run	Bibeau kick	5-70	2:07	28-47
4	North Dakota St.	14:51	Paschall 38-yard run	Bibeau kick	3-55	:59	28-54

National Rankings

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	21	207.50
Passing Offense	62	201.50
Total Offense	32	409.00
Scoring Offense	31	30.00
Rushing Defense	109	227.20
Pass Efficiency Defense	94	139.57
Total Defense	102	426.30
Scoring Defense	78	30.40
Net Punting	59	32.53
Punt Returns	101	5.53
Kickoff Returns	25	22.77
Turnover Margin	76	-.50
Pass Defense	54	199.10
Passing Efficiency	43	129.71
Sacks	93	1.40
Tackles for Loss	80	5.50
Sacks Allowed	165	1.90

Individual Statistics in the Top-20

Kye Stewart - Tackles	5	12.10
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Top-Five Under Johnson

Here is a top-five list of ISU players that have passed for 300 yards or rushed or caught 100 yards in Denver Johnson's tenure:

100-Yard Rushing Games (63)

272. Pierre Rembert at Missouri State (11-5-05)
239. Sha-Ron Edwards at Missouri State (11-8-03)
233. Sha-Ron Edwards vs. Western Ky. (10-18-03)
230. Pierre Rembert at Western Illinois (10-21-06)
222. Brian Thompson vs. Y'stown State (10-23-04)

300-Yard Passing Games (12)

440. Luke Drone vs. Indiana State (11-12-05)
385. Mike Souza at Illinois (9-6-03)
372. Yance Vaughan at Minnesota (9-11-04)
350. Kevin Glenn vs. Missouri State (11-18-00)
348. Yance Vaughan at Indiana State (10-2-04)

100-Yard Receiving Games (30)

292. Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State (11-12-05)
243. Laurént Robinson vs. Northern Iowa (10-22-05)
243. Dwayne Smith at Illinois (9-6-03)
183. Vito Golson vs. Northern Iowa (10-27-01)
180. Laurént Robinson at Southern Illinois (10-15-05)

The Redbirds' Record When ...

	2007	DJ Era*
Playing at home	2-3	28-17
Playing on the road	2-3	17-28
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	2-1	17-12
Playing during the day	2-5	28-33
ISU scores on first possession	3-1	21-7
Opponent scores on first possession	2-4	14-23
ISU scores first	2-3	25-12
Opponent scores first	2-3	19-32
ISU leads after the 1st quarter	1-2	22-10
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	1-4	11-29
ISU leads at halftime	4-2	32-10
Opponent leads at halftime	0-4	8-34
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	4-1	33-7
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-4	9-36
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	3-1	36-18
Opponent has more total yards	1-5	8-28
ISU has more rushing yards	3-2	35-15
Opponent has more rushing yards	1-4	9-31
ISU has more passing yards	3-1	31-24
Opponent has more passing yards	1-5	13-21
ISU has more turnovers	0-5	13-30
Opponent has more turnovers	1-1	22-10
Teams have equal turnovers	3-0	9-5
ISU has more penalties	2-1	22-19
Opponent has more penalties	2-5	18-25
ISU has more time of possession	3-2	26-18
Opponent has more time of possession	1-4	17-28
ISU has 100-yard rusher	3-5	37-22
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-6	15-30
ISU scores at least 20 points	4-3	40-22
Opponent scores at least 20 points	2-6	17-42
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	9-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-1	1-11
Playing on natural grass	0-0	3-7
Playing on artificial surface	4-6	42-38
ISU defense scores	0-0	8-6
Opponent defense scores	0-1	3-12
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-1	2-4

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

The Last Time it Happened

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	132, Rafael Rice at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	217, Luke Drone at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Passed for 300 yards	305, Luke Drone vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Passed for 400 yards	440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Had 10 receptions	14, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Had 100 yards receiving	176, Eyad Salem vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Returned a punt for a TD	Joe Walkins (52 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04
Returned a kickoff for a TD	LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Jesse Caesar (45 yards) at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06
Returned a fumble for a TD	James Temple (56 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Armando Andrade (85 yards) vs. W. Va. Tech, 8-31-00
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Justin Frierson (28 yards) vs. Prairie View A&M, 10-21-00
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Geno Blow at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Luke Drone at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Kicked three field goals	4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Had a 70-yard pass completion	90, Luke Drone to Laurént Robinson at Indiana St., 11-9-06
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had a 50-yard field goal	50, Stephen Carroll at S. Illinois, 10-14-03
Had a 70-yard punt	70, Ryan Hoffman vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
300 yards rushing	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	592 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
30 first downs	33 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
50 points	69 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Scored a safety	at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	97 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	72 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84
Blocked a punt	at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	at North Dakota State, 11-3-07

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	257, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Rushed for 200 yards	257, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Passed for 200 yards	233, Steve Walker, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Passed for 300 yards	314, Bret Meyer, Iowa State, 9-3-05
Passed for 400 yards	460, A.J. Porter, Missouri State, 11-8-03
Had 10 receptions	10, Jeff Hewitt, Missouri State, 11-18-00
Had 100 yards receiving	131, Kole Heckendorf, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Returned a punt for a TD	64, Jeremy Maclin, Missouri, 9-22-07
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Steven Rush (100 yards), Missouri State, 10-9-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Cale Hunt (24 yards), Drake, 8-30-07
Returned a fumble for a TD	Byron Garwin (9 yards), Kansas State, 9-26-06
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Travis Williams (66 yards), Illinois, 9-6-03
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Jason Newell (5 yards), Southern Illinois, 10-6-01
Rushed for three touchdowns	4, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Threw three touchdown passes	4, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Caught three touchdown passes	4, Steven Rush, Missouri State, 11-8-03
Kicked three field goals	3, Billy Hallgren, Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	81, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Had a 70-yard pass completion	75, Zach Barnard to Dante Woods, Murray State 9-23-06
Had 20 tackles	21, Ian Dominelli, Youngstown State, 10-30-99
Had a 50-yard field goal	Taylor Rowan, Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Had a 70-yard punt	74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	416, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
300 yards rushing	416, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
400 yards passing	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
300 yards passing	341, Missouri, 9-22-07
500 yards total offense	649, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
30 first downs	31, Missouri, 9-22-07
50 points	58, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Scored a safety	Iowa State, 9-3-05
Posted a shutout	Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	64, Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	81, Murray State, 9-8-07
Held ISU under 200 total yards	161, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Held ISU under 100 total yards	94, Central State, 9-9-89
Blocked a punt	Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked a field goal	Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Blocked an extra point attempt	Murray State, 9-8-07

2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
82	KR	Jason Horton	Murray State
77	Rush	Geno Blow	at Youngstown State
69	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	at Youngstown State
59	KR	Tom Nelson	Murray State
52	KR	Jason Horton	Indiana State
50	Rush	Geno Blow	Northern Iowa
49	Rush	Parrish Fisher	Murray State
48	KR	Jason Horton	at Missouri State
47	KR	Tom Nelson	Murray State
47	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Indiana State
45	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	Western Illinois
43	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
40	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	at Missouri
38	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Indiana State
36	KR	Tom Nelson	Indiana State
35	Rush	Rafael Rice	Indiana State
33	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Drake
33	INT	Tom Nelson	at Missouri
32	Rush	Rafael Rice	at North Dakota State
31	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Murray State
31	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	at Eastern Illinois
30	Rush	Geno Blow	at Missouri State
29	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	at North Dakota State
28	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
28	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	Western Illinois
27	Pass	Luke Drone to Jake Rourke	Northern Iowa
27	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	Western Illinois
27	Rush	Rafael Rice	at North Dakota State
26	Pass	Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle	at Eastern Illinois
26	KR	Tom Nelson	at Eastern Illinois
26	KR	Jason Horton	Indiana State
26	KR	Tom Nelson	at North Dakota State
25	KR	Tom Nelson	at Youngstown State
25	KR	Tom Nelson	at North Dakota State
25	Rush	Luke Drone	at North Dakota State
24	Pass	Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith	Drake
24	Pass	Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith	at Eastern Illinois
24	Pass	Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle	at Missouri
23	KR	Tom Nelson	Drake
23	Pass	Luke Drone to Jake Rourke	at Missouri State
22	PR	Tom Nelson	Murray State
22	Pass	Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith	at Eastern Illinois
22	Pass	Luke Drone to Garin Harcar	at Eastern Illinois
22	KR	Tom Nelson	at Missouri
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle	at Youngstown State
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Drake
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Kelvin Chandler	Drake
21	KR	Jason Horton	at Eastern Illinois
20	Pass	Luke Drone to Geno Blow	at Youngstown State
20	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Murray State
20	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	at Eastern Illinois
20	KR	Tom Nelson	at Missouri
20	KR	Jason Horton	at Missouri State
20	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	at North Dakota State
20	KR	Tom Nelson	at North Dakota State

Bold denotes touchdown play

Opponent Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD	Long Plays by Opponent	No.	TD
20-29	38	4	Drake	6	3
30-39	15	3	Murray State	9	1
40-49	4	1	Eastern Illinois	5	0
50-59	5	4	Missouri	12	2
60+	4	3	Northern Iowa	3	0
Total	66	15	Missouri State	5	2
			Indiana State	6	1
			Youngstown St.	8	0
			Western Illinois	3	3
			North Dakota St.	9	3
			Southern Illinois		
Plays by Type	No.	TD			
Rushing	17	5			
Passing	25	8			
Punt Returns	3	1			
Kick Returns	20	-			
Interceptions	1	1			
Fumble Returns	-	-			
Total	66	15			

Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	33	4
30-39	9	3
40-49	7	0
50-59	3	1
60+	3	2
Total	55	10

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	11	3
Passing	26	7
Punt Returns	1	0
Kick Returns	16	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	55	10

20-Yards-Plus by a Player

Player	No.	TD	Type
Jason Horton	15	4	9P, 6KR
Tom Nelson	13	0	11KR, 1PR, 1INT
Eyad Salem	6	1	6P
Rafael Rice	5	0	5R
Geno Blow	4	3	3R, 1P
Kedric Meredith	3	1	3P
Kevett Mickle	3	0	3P
Jake Rourke	2	1	2P
Kelvin Chandler	1	0	1P
Parrish Fisher	1	0	1R
Garin Harcar	1	0	1P
Luke Drone	1	0	1R

Longest Plays of the Year

Rushing Play	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Rushing Touchdown	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Passing Play	69, Luke Drone to Jason Horton at Youngstown St., 10-20-07
Passing Touchdown	69, Luke Drone to Jason Horton at Youngstown St., 10-20-07
Punt Return	22, Tom Nelson vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Kickoff Return	82, Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt	60, Bobby Kelsey at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Field Goal	47, Jason Felzer at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Interception Return	33, Tom Nelson at Missouri, 9-22-07

When Illinois State has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	1/2	2/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	0/1	-	0/1	0/2	0/2	7/16	43.8
Murray State	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/3	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	8/13	61.5
at Eastern Illinois	0/1	0/1	-	1/2	4/4	2/3	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/3	10/16	62.5
at Missouri	1/1	2/3	0/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	1/1	-	1/2	0/2	0/2	8/17	47.1
Northern Iowa	0/1	2/4	0/1	-	2/2	0/1	0/2	2/3	-	-	1/2	7/16	43.8
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	3/4	-	2/2	1/1	-	0/2	-	0/1	1/2	9/15	60.0
Indiana State	1/1	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/1	2/2	0/1	-	1/1	-	7/8	87.5
at Youngstown St.	1/1	1/1	0/1	2/3	1/2	2/2	0/2	1/1	0/1	0/2	3/5	11/21	52.4
Western Illinois	-	1/2	-	0/1	-	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	-	1/5	2/12	16.7
at North Dakota St.	0/1	2/4	-	1/1	1/3	-	-	1/1	-	0/2	0/1	5/13	38.5
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	6/10	13/22	4/10	7/13	12/16	10/14	5/11	4/10	3/7	2/11	8/23	74/147	50.3
PCT	60.0	59.1	40.0	53.8	75.0	71.4	45.5	40.0	42.9	18.2	34.8	50.3	

When Opponent has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	2/3	0/1	-	1/1	0/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	-	1/3	1/1	8/16	50.0
Murray State	-	1/1	-	1/2	-	-	1/3	1/3	0/1	0/2	2/3	6/15	40.0
at Eastern Illinois	2/2	2/2	2/3	2/2	-	2/2	0/1	1/1	-	-	0/3	11/16	68.8
at Missouri	2/2	-	-	-	1/1	-	1/3	2/3	-	-	2/2	8/11	72.7
Northern Iowa	-	0/2	2/3	-	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/6	7/17	41.2
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	0/2	0/2	-	-	0/1	-	-	4/11	36.4
Indiana State	1/3	0/2	0/1	-	0/2	1/2	0/2	-	0/1	-	-	2/13	15.4
at Youngstown St.	1/1	0/2	0/1	1/1	-	0/1	1/2	0/2	1/2	0/2	0/1	4/15	26.7
Western Illinois	0/2	2/2	-	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	0/1	0/7	5/15	33.3
at North Dakota St.	3/3	-	0/1	1/1	-	0/2	1/1	2/2	1/1	-	0/1	8/12	66.7
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	12/17	6/14	5/11	10/11	2/7	5/12	6/17	7/13	2/6	1/9	7/24	63/141	44.7
PCT	70.6	42.9	45.5	90.9	28.6	41.7	35.3	53.8	33.0	11.1	29.2	44.7	

2007 Game Recaps

Drake 27, #7 Illinois State 24

Aug. 30, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 12,167

> **Game Summary**

Drake Upsets No. 7 Illinois State 27-24

NORMAL, Ill. – A remarkable second-half effort propelled Drake past No. 7 Illinois State, 27-24, in the 2007 season opener at Hancock Stadium on Aug. 30. Drake scored all of its points in the second half and scored the winning touchdown off a tipped pass with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game to claim its first win at Hancock Stadium since 1982. The loss snapped ISU's five-game winning streak against Drake.



GAME 1

Senior tailback Rafael Rice had a career night against the Bulldogs in just the fourth start of his career. Rice rushed 27 times for 218 yards and two touchdowns, all career-high marks, but it was Drake's defense that turned the game around early in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs had interceptions on ISU's first two possessions of the second half and turned both takeaways into scores. Cornerback Poul Collins picked off Luke Drone's third pass of the opening drive and that set up a 36-yard field goal by Logan Rees to put the Bulldogs on the board. Drone's first pass of the next possession was intercepted by linebacker Cale Hunt and he returned it down the sideline 24 yards for a touchdown to tie the game, 10-10.

Drake's final drive started on its own 10-yard line with 1:23 left in the game. A penalty pushed the Bulldogs back to the 5-yard line, but Ingle completed three-straight passes to bring Drake near midfield. After an incompleteness, Ingle threw a pass to the outside that was tipped by Tate and caught by Drake wide receiver Augustine Agyei, who streaked 56 yards down the sideline for the winning touchdown.

> **Scoring Summary**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Drake (1-0)	0	0	13	14	27
ILLINOIS STATE (0-1)	3	7	7	7	24

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Mazur 30-yard field goal, 5:09

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – R. Rice 17-yard run (Mazur kick), 5:59

THIRD QUARTER

DU – Rees 36-yard field goal, 8:51

DU – Hunt 24-yard interception return (Rees kick), 8:44

ISU – Chandler 8-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 6:10

DU – Rees 35-yard field goal, 1:15

FOURTH QUARTER

DU – Marx 28-yard pass from Ingle (Rees kick), 4:54

ISU – R. Rice 11-yard run (Mazur kick), 1:28

DU – Agyei 56-yard pass from Ingle (Rees kick), :23

> **Team Statistics**

	DU	ISU
First Downs	26	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	40-97	41-273
Passing	17-31-0	20-35-3
Passing Yards	264	235
Total Offense	361	508
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	2-20
Time of Possession	30:47	29:13

> **Individual Statistics**

RUSHING: (ISU) – R. Rice 27-218, Fisher 7-26, Blow 3-18, Drone 4-11. (DU) – Phaydavong 30-111, Cashmore 3-4, Team 1(-2), Biaslas 1(-3), Retherford 4(-5), Ingle 1(-8).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 20-35-3-235. (DU) – Ingle 10-18-0-197, Retherford 7-13-0-67.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Horton 8-119, Chandler 4-39, Harcar 4-32, R. Rice 2-12, Meredith 1-24, Mickle 1-9. (DU) – Brower 6-61, Hardgraves 5-62, Marx 4-62, Agyei 1-56, Cashmore 1-23.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 9-6-15, Tate 6-3-9, Caesar 4-3-7, Nelson 3-4-7, Hronec 1-6-7. (DU) – Hunt 6-4-10, Craig 6-4-10, Collins 6-1-7, Marley 4-3-7, Gehl 4-2-6.

#17 Illinois State 43, Murray St. 17

Sept. 8, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 13,214

> **Game Summary**

Redbirds Bounce Back with Win Over Murray State

NORMAL, Ill. – Special teams and rushing led No. 17 Illinois State past Murray State, 43-17, at Hancock Stadium. The Redbirds set a team stadium record in kickoff return yards and utilized the good field position with short, efficient scoring drives to avoid losing back-to-back home games for the first time since 2003.



GAME 2

ISU picked up 237 yards and scored four touchdowns on the ground. Senior running back Rafael Rice and sophomore running back Parrish Fisher each eclipsed 100 yards with 106 and 103, respectively. They became the first Redbird duo to gain 100 yards in a game since Brian Thompson had 157 and Demetrus Johnson added 129 against Missouri State Oct. 9, 2004. Rice hit triple-digits in rushing for the second-consecutive game and scored two touchdowns.

Special teams played a big role in the Redbirds' success, as they racked up 205 kickoff return yards, surpassing the ISU Hancock Stadium record of 189 set against Tennessee-Chattanooga Nov. 17, 1979. Senior wide receiver Jason Horton and senior defensive back Tom Nelson each had career-long returns of 82 and 59 yards, respectively, snapping the career-bests they both had against Youngstown State in the 2006 FCS Playoffs. Redshirt freshman kicker Tyler Funk, who saw the first action of his career, kicked a field goal and was 4-for-6 on extra points.

> **Scoring Summary**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Murray State (0-2)	7	3	0	7	17
ILLINOIS STATE (1-1)	7	13	10	13	43

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – R. Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 10:28

MSU – Harper 23-yard pass from Ehrhardt (O'Brien kick), 5:42

SECOND QUARTER

MSU – O'Brien 20-yard field goal, 14:15

ISU – Horton 31-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 12:43

ISU – Drone 1-yard run (kick blocked), 1:11

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Funk 34-yard field goal, 12:54

ISU – R. Rice 10-yard run (Funk kick), 7:25

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Blow 1-yard run (kick blocked), 14:57

ISU – Horton 20-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 10:17

MSU – Jordan 4-yard run (O'Brien kick), 5:19

> **Team Statistics**

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	18	22
Rushing Attempts-Yards	52-238	42-185
Passing	5-9-0	21-36-0
Passing Yards	81	237
Total Offense	319	422
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	9-81
Time of Possession	26:55	33:05

> **Individual Statistics**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Fisher 18-112, R. Rice 24-106, Blow 5-19, Drone 3-2, Team 1(-1). (MSU) – Ehrhardt 22-57, Jordan 6-54, McKinnis 12-52, Lightfoot 1-16, Townsel 1-6.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 5-9-0-81. (MSU) – Ehrhardt 21-36-0-237.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Horton 4-70, Chandler 1-11. (MSU) – Jordan 5-15, Harper 4-57, Nelson 3-62, Lightfoot 3-29, McGinnis 2-17, Harris 1-34, Knight 1-9, Rogers 1-7, McKinnis 1-7.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Hronec 5-6-11, Stewart 7-3-10, Nelson 7-3-10, Garrett 4-2-6, Caesar 2-4-6. (MSU) – Lanigan 7-6-13, Peters 3-5-8, Butler 2-6-8, Kutch 3-3-6, Farrington 3-3-6.

#15 Illinois St. 24, #14 E. Illinois 21

Sept. 15, 2007 • Charleston, Ill. • O'Brien Stadium
Attendance: 9,028

> **Game Summary**

Redbirds Win on the Road, Down #14 EIU 24-21

CHARLESTON, Ill. – Led by the arm and legs of quarterback Luke Drone, as well as the hands of Garin Harcar and Kedric Meredith, the No. 15 Illinois State football team defeated in-state rival No. 14 Eastern Illinois, 24-21, at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston, Ill. The win was the Redbirds' sixth-straight over EIU.



GAME 3

Drone finished with season-highs in both passing and rushing. The Mt. Carmel, Ill., native gained 267 yards on 20-for-31 passing in the air with two touchdowns and two interceptions and added 35 yards on the ground. Harcar tied his career-high with four receptions and set a new personal standard with 49 yards receiving. Meredith also had a career day, with three catches for 59 yards.

After Eastern Illinois scored in the early seconds of the fourth quarter on a one-yard run from Chip Keys, the Redbirds responded with a huge momentum swing as they marched down and regained the lead, 24-21, on a two-yard touchdown run from tailback Rafael Rice with 6:52 left in the contest. Rice's first touchdown of the game was the 17th of his career, which tied him for sixth-best in school history.

The Panthers looked to be in field goal range on the ensuing drive, however they fumbled the snap, as quarterback Bodie Reeder tried to spike the ball with under 30 seconds left to play. The ball was recovered by defensive end Kaschiv Hunter, and the Redbirds then took a knee to run out the clock and preserve the victory.

> **Scoring Summary**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-1)	7	10	0	7	24
Eastern Illinois (1-2)	7	7	0	7	21

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 10:23

EIU – Adeniji 8-yard run (Wilke kick), 5:40

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Funk 23-yard field goal, 13:22

EIU – Rucker 7-yard pass from Stinson (Wilke kick), 8:54

ISU – Meredith 22-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), :16

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU – Keys 1-yard run (Wilke kick), 13:05

ISU – Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 6:52

> **Team Statistics**

	ISU	EIU
First Downs	21	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	37-143	44-212
Passing	20-31-2	20-28-0
Passing Yards	267	195
Total Offense	410	407
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-52	7-37
Time of Possession	30:04	29:56

> **Individual Statistics**

RUSHING: (ISU) – R. Rice 15-74, Drone 8-35, Fisher 5-20, Blow 8-15, Team 1(-1). (EIU) – Bess 21-99, Keys 7-58, Adeniji 11-48, Ponius 1-18, Reeder 1-0, Stinson 1-0, Team 1(-2), Fisher 1(-9).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 20-31-2-267. (EIU) – Stinson 11-17-0-110, Reeder 9-11-0-85.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Horton 5-74, Harcar 4-49, Meredith 3-59, Mickle 3-52, Rourke 1-10, Blow 1-9, Fisher 1-7, Salem 1-4, R. Rice 1-3. (EIU) – Rucker 5-46, Fisher 3-53, Bess 3-10, Campanella 2-32, Adeniji 2-17, Keys 2-12, Nozinger 2-10, Ponius 1-15.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Caesar 3-9-12, Stewart 3-7-10, Hronec 4-4-8, Nelson 4-4-8, Tate 4-2-6. (EIU) – Arrington 8-2-10, Haynes 6-4-10, Sams 5-3-8, Westrick 2-5-7, Walters 2-4-6.

2007 Game Recaps

#25 Missouri 38, #14 Illinois St. 17

Sept. 22, 2007 • Columbia, Mo. • Faurot Field
Attendance: 56,137

> Game Summary

Illinois State Falls to Missouri, 38-17

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The Illinois State football team played hard for four quarters, but was unable to stop Missouri's offensive attack, as the Redbirds fell to the Tigers, 38-17, in front of 56,137 fans at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers were able to dominate on the offensive side of the ball, as they racked up 581 yards of total offense, the most given up by ISU since 2005.



GAME 4

The Tigers were led by quarterback Chase Daniel's 294 yards of passing. Daniel was 21-for-34, and threw for three touchdowns and two interceptions. Mizzou also had it going on the ground, as senior tailback Tony Temple racked up 106 yards on 18 carries with a touchdown.

The Redbirds were led by sophomore receiver Eyad Salem, who had a career day with seven catches for 106 yards. Salem also scored his first-career touchdown on a 13-yard reception late in the fourth quarter. Senior Kye Stewart had a game-high 15 tackles, while Junior Tom Nelson grabbed two interceptions, giving him six for his career.

After Missouri returned the opening kickoff to the 43-yardline, Illinois State was unable to set up on defense and the Birds were forced to take their first timeout. The Tigers then struck on their first play from scrimmage, as Daniel hit wide receiver Will Franklin on a slant route and Franklin took it the distance for a 57-yard touchdown with 14:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Facing a third-down situation deep in Redbird territory, Mizzou struck again at the 6:03 mark in the first quarter. Daniel hit Temple on an 11-yard touchdown catch to capitalize a 10 play, 53-yard scoring drive. The Tigers were able to control the line of scrimmage throughout the drive, clearing holes for Temple to navigate through the Redbird defense.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-2)	3	7	0	7	17
Missouri (4-0)	14	10	7	7	38

FIRST QUARTER

- MU - Franklin 57-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 14:43
- MU - Temple 11-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 6:03
- ISU - Funk 21-yard field goal, :12

SECOND QUARTER

- MU - Maclin 8-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 8:32
- ISU - Fisher 4-yard run (Funk kick), 3:41

THIRD QUARTER

- MU - Temple 1-yard run (Wolfert kick), :49

FOURTH QUARTER

- MU - Maclin 64-yard punt return (Wolfert kick), 14:35
- ISU - Salem 13-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 1:52

> Team Statistics

	ISU	MU
First Downs	22	31
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-155	35-240
Passing	22-37-1	24-40-3
Passing Yards	242	341
Total Offense	397	581
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	3-35
Time of Possession	36:57	23:03

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) - G. Blow 21-116, Fisher 7-31, R. Rice 4-7, Moore 1-1, Drone 7-1, Team 1-(-1). (MU) - Temple 18-101, Goldsmith 5-44, Woods 5-36, Maclin 1-22, Jackson 2-16, Washington 3-14, Daniel 1-7.

PASSING: (ISU) - Drone 22-37-1-242. (MU) - Daniel 21-34-2-294, Patton 2-5-1-33, Saunders 1-1-0-14.

RECEIVING: (ISU) - Salem 7-106, Mickle 7-75, Meredith 4-28, Harcar 2-8, Chandler 1-18, Blow 1-7. (MU) - Maclin 5-53, Rucker 4-71, Coffman 3-31, Franklin 2-71, Perry 2-33, Saunders 2-16, Temple 2-10, Washington 1-25, Bracey 1-12, Jackson 1-10, Ray 1-9.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Stewart 6-9-15, Kociuba 6-2-8, Trujillo 5-2-7, Caesar 3-3-6, Nelson 2-4-6. (MU) - Weatherspoon 6-6-12, Brown 5-6-11, Christopher 6-1-7, Moore 4-3-7, Ricks 4-2-6.

#3 UNI 23, #16 Illinois State 13

Sept. 29, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,473

> Game Summary

Redbirds Taken Down by Panthers, 23-13

NORMAL, Ill. - With the score tied at 13-13 and just 5:24 left in the game, Northern Iowa's Eric Sanders connected with wide receiver Terrell Allen on a five-yard touchdown pass into the end zone that secured the Panthers' 23-13 win over Illinois State in the 2007 Gateway Football Conference opener for both teams at Hancock Stadium. A crowd of 10,473 saw the Redbirds (2-3, 0-1 GFC) battle throughout the game against the Gateway's top defense, but in the end, it was the passing game of UNI that made the difference, as the Panthers (5-0, 1-0 GFC) moved to 5-0 on the season for the first time since 1992.



GAME 5

Tailback Geno Blow recorded his second-straight 100-yard rushing game, as the sophomore from Seabrook, Texas, led the Birds with 167 yards on 31 carries. Blow's total rushing yardage also set a career-best, beating his previous mark of 116 set last Saturday (Sept. 22) against Missouri. With a team-best tying 13 tackles in the game, linebacker Kye Stewart became the 12th player in Illinois State football history to record 300 or more tackles in a career. Defensive back Tom Nelson set a career-high in tackles with 13, while linebacker Bill Hronec tied his career-best tackles mark of 11.

While the defense of both teams dominated early in the first quarter, Blow gave the Redbirds an early 7-0 lead when he took a handoff from quarterback Luke Drone 50 yards into the end zone to conclude a four-play, 61-yard ISU drive that took 1:57 off the clock. Blow's 50-yard touchdown run was the longest of his career, beating his previous best of 39 yards set against Missouri State Nov. 4, 2006.

Northern Iowa took its first lead of the game with 47 seconds left in the first half when Sanders found wide receiver Victor Williams in the end zone for a six-yard touchdown pass, concluding an 11-play, 70-yard Panther scoring drive that took 4:21 off the clock. Kicker Billy Hallgren's PAT found its way through the uprights, giving Northern Iowa a 13-7 lead at halftime. UNI scored two field goals earlier in the quarter, with both coming off ISU miscues, as Drone threw an interception and running back Cortes Rice fumbled a pitch from Drone.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (5-0)	0	13	0	10	23
ILLINOIS STATE (2-3)	7	0	6	0	13

FIRST QUARTER

- ISU - Blow 50-yard run (Funk kick), 2:13

SECOND QUARTER

- UNI - Hallgren 19-yard field goal, 9:02
- UNI - Hallgren 25-yard field goal, 6:52
- UNI - Williams 6-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), :47

THIRD QUARTER

- ISU - Rourke 27-yard pass from Drone (kick failed), 4:38

FOURTH QUARTER

- UNI - Allen 5-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), 5:17
- UNI - Hallgren 43-yard field goal, 2:48

> Team Statistics

	UNI	ILS
First Downs	22	13
Rushing Attempts-Yards	51-203	38-151
Passing	16-26-1	12-23-3
Passing Yards	166	108
Total Offense	369	259
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	3-22
Time of Possession	32:17	27:43

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) - Blow 31-167, C. Rice 1-(-7), Drone 6-(-9). (UNI) - Lewis 19-123, Williams 14-42, Sanders 12-37, Grave 1-7, Gray 2-0, Team 3-(-6).

PASSING: (ISU) - Drone 12-33-3-108. (UNI) - Sanders 16-26-1-166.

RECEIVING: (ISU) - Harcar 4-14, Rourke 3-41, Mickle 2-33, Blow 2-11, Horton 1-9. (UNI) - Gray 6-67, V. Williams 4-46, D. Williams 2-27, Allen 2-13, Lewis 1-8, Mahaffey 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Stewart 7-6-13, Nelson 6-7-13, Hronec 5-6-11, Caesar 3-4-7, Wilson 3-3-6. (UNI) - Harris 3-8-11, Waters 7-2-9, Evans 3-4-7, Ruffin 3-3-6, Lacy 4-1-5.

Missouri St. 58, #22 Illinois St. 41

Oct. 6, 2007 • Springfield, Mo. • Plaster Field
Attendance: 11,058

> Game Summary

#22 Illinois State Loses Shootout with Missouri State

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - After trailing early and then regaining the lead, running back Geno Blow and the No. 22 Illinois State football team lost momentum in the third quarter and fell to the Missouri State Bears, 58-41, in front of 11,058 fans at Plaster Field in Springfield, Mo. Blow eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark for the third-straight game and led all rushers with 155 yards on the ground, but the Redbirds turned the ball over three times in the defeat.



GAME 6

Mid-way through the third quarter, Luke Drone found his rhythm and connected on three consecutive attempts, including a 14-yard strike to senior receiver Jason Horton, who managed to keep a foot in-bounds as he caught the 100th ball of his Illinois State career. The Redbirds were able to respond, 34-31, as Drone dove into the end zone.

Missouri State scored again, when Gerald Davis scored his second touchdown of the game, this time on a 17-yard run. Nathan Stokes made the extra point to give MSU a four-point advantage, 38-34, at the 2:20 mark in the third. The Bears were able to regain possession, when safety Derek Miller tipped Drone's pass intended for Horton on third down, and linebacker Jeron Poole made the grab to give Missouri State the ball at the 12-yard line. Cody Kirby then found tight end Clay Harbor on a 10-yard touchdown grab to close out the quarter and give MSU a 45-34 lead.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-4)	0	28	6	7	41
Missouri State (4-2)	10	14	21	13	58

FIRST QUARTER

- MSU - Stokes 22-yard field goal, 9:39
- MSU - Washington 23-yard run (Stokes kick), 5:51

SECOND QUARTER

- MSU - G. Davis 2-yard run (Stokes kick), 14:56
- ISU - Blow 30-yard run (Felzer kick), 10:34
- ISU - Drone 4-yard run (Felzer kick), 8:28
- ISU - Meredith 3-yard pass from Drone (Felzer kick), 5:12
- ISU - Blow 11-yard run (Felzer kick), 2:39
- MSU - Emery 2-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :15

THIRD QUARTER

- MSU - Washington 43-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), 9:10
- ISU - Drone 1-yard run (kick failed), 4:21
- MSU - G. Davis 17-yard run (Stokes kick), 2:20
- MSU - Harbor 10-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :41

FOURTH QUARTER

- MSU - E. Davis 64-yard pass from Kirby (kick failed), 11:43
- ISU - Blow 1-yard run (Felzer kick), 7:30
- MSU - G. Davis 5-yard run (Stokes kick), 1:42

> Team Statistics

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	26	28
Rushing Attempts-Yards	52-251	48-247
Passing	17-29-3	17-24-0
Passing Yards	163	277
Total Offense	414	524
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-30	4-20
Time of Possession	33:19	26:41

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) - G. Blow 26-155, R. Rice 17-77, Drone 8-21, Team 1-(-2). (MSU) - G. Davis 23-123, Washington 12-95, Kirby 12-31, Team 1-(-2).

PASSING: (ISU) - Drone 17-29-3-163. (MSU) - Kirby 17-24-0-277.

RECEIVING: (ISU) - Meredith 5-30, Harcar 4-28, Horton 2-32, Mickle 2-32, Rourke 2-26, Salem 1-9, Blow 1-6. (MSU) - Harbor 6-79, E. Davis 3-84, Emery 2-18, Nicholson 2-27, Washington 1-43, G. Davis 1-18, Oliver 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Trujillo 4-7-11, Hronec 3-8-11, Stewart 0-9-9, Garrett 5-3-8, Caesar 3-4-7. (MSU) - Miller 5-8-13, Poole 3-10-13, Randolph 2-11-13, Dawson 1-10-11, Farrar 4-4-8.

2007 Game Recaps

Illinois State 69, Indiana State 17

Oct. 13, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 14,077

> Game Summary

Illinois State Runs Over Indiana State, 69-17

NORMAL, Ill. — After battling a knee injury for three weeks, senior tailback Rafael Rice returned to the form that the Redbird offense had grown accustomed to seeing, as he rushed for 182 yards to lead the Illinois State football team to a 69-17 victory over Indiana State. Illinois State found the end zone on 10-straight drives, with senior quarterback Luke Drone throwing for three in the air, as the Redbirds snapped a three-game losing streak in front of 14,077 fans during the ISU's homecoming game.



GAME 7

Illinois State regained its swagger on offense as the Redbirds had five different players reach the end zone on the ground and had the second-highest rushing total (444) in school history. Senior wide receiver Jason Horton also had a big day, as the senior recorded four catches for 110 yards and a touchdown, while moving into seventh place in all-time career receptions (105) and in a tie for fifth place (12) on the school's career touchdown catches list.

The Redbirds had three players reach the 100-yard rushing mark, as Rice and sophomores Geno Blow (122) and Cortes Rice (110) became the first trio to record 100-plus rushing days in school history.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Indiana State (0-7)	3	14	0	0	17
ILLINOIS STATE (3-4)	14	21	14	20	69

FIRST QUARTER

- INS - Varnadore 19-yard field goal, 11:30
- ILS - Drone 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 8:16
- ILS - Blow 7-yard run (Fetzer kick), 6:50

SECOND QUARTER

- ILS - Mickle 5-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 13:00
- INS - McCulley 7-yard run (Varnadore kick), 12:26
- ILS - Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 8:06
- INS - Gray 29-yard pass from Dowdell (Varnadore kick), 4:39
- ILS - Horton 38-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 1:19

THIRD QUARTER

- ILS - R. Rice 5-yard run (Fetzer kick), 9:26
- ILS - Blow 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 5:33

FOURTH QUARTER

- ILS - Brockway 1-yard run (Funk kick), 14:56
- ILS - C. Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 11:11
- ILS - C. Rice 6-yard run (kick failed), 7:06

> Team Statistics

	INS	ILS
First Downs	9	33
Rushing Attempts-Yards	35-183	71-444
Passing	4-13-1	9-10-0
Passing Yards	51	154
Total Offense	234	598
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-24	7-62
Time of Possession	23:06	36:54

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ILS) - R. Rice 25-182, Blow 23-122, C. Rice 15-110, Drone 4-18, Brockway 3-13, Team 1-(-1). (INS) - Dowdell 12-68, West 8-65, McCulley 8-32, Collins 6-18, Murphy 1-0.

PASSING: (ILS) - Drone 8-9-0-139, Brockway 1-1-0-15. (INS) - Dowdell 3-10-1-48, Murphy 1-3-0-3.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Horton 4-110, Mickle 2-15, Salem 1-15, Meredith 1-8, Harcar 1-6. (INS) - Gray 2-34, Robinson 1-14, Thomas 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Hronec 4-4-8, Wilson 3-5-8, Cucci 1-6-7, Stewart 2-4-6, Caesar 1-4-5. (INS) - Middlebrooks 8-5-13, Mobley 6-6-12, Faulkner 4-4-8, Logan 3-5-8, Patrick 7-0-7.

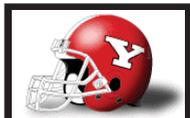
Illinois St. 27, #12 Youngstown St. 22

Oct. 20, 2007 • Youngstown, Ohio • Stambaugh Stadium
Attendance: 18,616

> Game Summary

Redbirds Upset #12 Youngstown State, 27-22

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Running back Geno Blow ran for 100-yards for the fifth-straight game, and quarterback Luke Drone threw for a season-high 278 yards in the air, as the Illinois State football team overcame an early deficit to upset the No. 12 Youngstown State, 27-22, on YSU's homecoming at Stambaugh Stadium in Youngstown, Ohio. Blow finished with a game-high 128 yards on 17 carries, against a Penguin rushing defense that was ranked No. 26 in the country heading into the conference matchup.



GAME 8

Blow's fifth-straight 100-yard rushing day tied him with Pierre Rembert for the second-longest 100-yard rushing streak in school history, as the Redbirds improved to 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the Gateway Football Conference. Senior Jason Horton also had a big day for the 'Birds, as he caught five passes for 119 yards, one yard shy of his career-high.

YSU took an early 10-0 lead with 5:09 left in the first quarter, as the Penguins scored on their first two possessions. Youngstown State got on the board when running back Kevin Smith pounded in a touchdown from one-yard out, and added three more points on a 37-yard field goal from Brian Palmer.

With the score knotted 13-13, Drone, facing a third-and-15 situation, avoided pressure and aired out a pass to wide receiver Jason Horton down the right sideline. Horton made a leaping catch over a Penguin defender, then ran untouched into the end zone, completing a 69-yard touchdown grab to give the Redbirds their first lead, 20-13, with 1:37 remaining in the first half.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (4-4)	7	13	0	7	27
Youngstown State (5-3)	13	0	3	6	22

FIRST QUARTER

- YSU - Smith 1-yard run (Palmer kick), 11:12
- YSU - Palmer 37-yard field goal, 5:09
- ISU - Blow 77-yard run (Fetzer kick), 4:49
- YSU - Palmer 41-yard field goal, 2:30

SECOND QUARTER

- ILS - Fetzer 47-yard field goal, 12:54
- ILS - Fetzer 36-yard field goal, 6:09
- ILS - Horton 69-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 1:37

THIRD QUARTER

- YSU - Palmer 40-yard field goal, 9:48

FOURTH QUARTER

- ILS - Mickle 14-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 14:07
- YSU - Smith 1-yard run (pass failed), 10:10

> Team Statistics

	ISU	YSU
First Downs	19	15
Rushing Attempts-Yards	45-175	36-152
Passing	19-31-0	14-31-1
Passing Yards	278	155
Total Offense	453	307
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-29	4-16
Time of Possession	33:57	26:03

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) - Blow 17-128, R. Rice 16-57, Fisher 1-3, Team 1-(-1), Drone 10-(-12). (YSU) - Smith 19-68, Williams 8-56, Zetts 7-29, Scott 2-(-1).

PASSING: (ISU) - Drone 19-30-0-278, Team 0-1-0-0. (YSU) - Zetts 14-30-1-155, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: (ISU) - Mickle 6-77, Horton 5-119, Rourke 3-35, Blow 2-24, Salem 1-11, Mordis 1-8, R. Rice 1-4. (YSU) - Williams 5-71, Berry 4-41, Bush 4-29, Helle 1-14.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Stewart 6-6-12, Nelson 4-4-8, Cucci 5-2-7, Hronec 3-4-7, Caesar 2-3-5. (YSU) - Wright 6-3-9, Terry 8-0-8, Chenault 5-3-8, Wilson 5-2-7, Gliatta 5-2-7.

#24 W. Illinois 27, Illinois State 14

Oct. 27, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 15,118

> Game Summary

ISU's Two Fourth-Quarter TDs Not Enough

NORMAL, Ill. — With his team clinging to just a six-point lead late in the fourth quarter, Western Illinois running back Herb Donaldson broke a 38-yard run into the end zone that capped off a 50-yard scoring drive, as the Illinois State football team lost, 27-14, to the 24th-ranked Leathernecks in front of a crowd of 15,118 at Hancock Stadium. Senior linebacker Kye Stewart had a career-high tying 17 tackles for the Redbirds, moving him into seventh place all-time on the ISU career tackles list.



GAME 9

Stewart's double-digit tackling effort was his seventh of the season and the 21st of his career. Senior wide receiver Jason Horton recorded four receptions against the Leathernecks to move into sixth place all-time on the Redbirds' career receptions list with 114. Senior quarterback Luke Drone threw for 270 yards on 22 completions, to move him into second all-time on the ISU career completions list.

Western Illinois appeared to put the game out of the hands of ISU in the third quarter, as the Leathernecks produced 10 points, largely due to the 52-yard touchdown pass from Barr to wide receiver Carl Sims deep down the left side of the field. Western Illinois kicker Taylor Rowan's 53-yard field goal through the uprights earlier in the third quarter gave WIU an additional three points.

The Redbirds came roaring back midway through the fourth quarter when wide receiver Kelvin Chandler scored his second touchdown of the season off a 10-yard pass from quarterback Luke Drone into the end zone that cut the Leatherneck lead to just 20-14.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Western Illinois (6-3)	7	0	10	10	27
ILLINOIS STATE (4-5)	0	0	0	14	14

FIRST QUARTER

- WIU - Donaldson 55-yard run (Rowan kick), 13:23

THIRD QUARTER

- WIU - Rowan 53-yard field goal, 8:24
- WIU - Sims 52-yard pass from Barr (Rowan kick), 3:51

FOURTH QUARTER

- WIU - Rowan 48-yard field goal, 13:24
- ISU - Salem 15-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 9:27
- ISU - Chandler 10-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 3:12
- WIU - Donaldson 38-yard run (Rowan kick), 1:41

> Team Statistics

	WIU	ISU
First Downs	15	17
Rushing Attempts-Yards	59-337	25-64
Passing	5-9-0	22-41-2
Passing Yards	72	270
Total Offense	409	334
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	13-102	4-44
Time of Possession	37:29	22:31

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) - Blow 9-36, R. Rice 11-31, Drone 5-(-3). (WIU) - Donaldson 38-241, Barr 10-68, Douglas 5-20, Coleman 1-5, Milton 2-3, Gibbs 1-2, Team 2-(-2).

PASSING: (ISU) - Drone 22-40-2-270. (WIU) - Barr 5-9-0-72.

RECEIVING: (ISU) - Salem 9-176, Horton 4-37, Mickle 3-30, Blow 2-8, Rice 1-11, Chandler 1-10, Mordis 1-3, Drone 1-(-5). (WIU) - Sims 1-52, Warner 1-15, Anderson 1-4, Gibbs 1-4, Speight 1-(-3).

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Hronec 3-15-18, Stewart 7-10-17, Piton 1-9, Hunter 2-5-7. (WIU) - Williams 4-6-10, Cherry 3-5-8, Hodges 5-1-6, Stoudamire 5-1-6, Visoky 3-3-6.

2007 Game Recaps

#1 North Dakota St. 54, Illinois St. 28

Nov. 3, 2007 • Fargo, N.D. • Fargodome
 Attendance: 18,116

> Game Summary

No. 1 North Dakota State Handles Illinois State, 54-28

FARGO, N.D. — Led by a powerful running attack, No.1 North Dakota State defeated Illinois State, 54-28, in front of 18,116 fans at the Fargodome. Senior tailback Rafael Rice recorded his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season, and junior Tom Nelson established three kickoff return records, but the Bison racked up over 600 yards of total offense during NDSU's Senior Day.



GAME 10

Nelson broke the career kickoff return (54) and kickoff return yardage (1,175) records, as well as setting the single-game mark for returns in a game with eight. Quarterback Luke Drone threw for 217 yards on 25-for-39 passing, with three touchdowns and an interception, while Nelson and linebacker Kye Stewart finished with a game-high 14 tackles a piece. Rice finished with 132 yards on 22 carries.

NDSU running back Tyler Roehl was able to run all over the Redbird defense during the game, as he racked up 257 rushing yards on 20 carries with a career-high four touchdowns. Roehl's rushing total was the second-straight 200-yard rushing day given up by the Redbirds, as the Bison extended their winning streak to 12 games.

Despite the overwhelming crowd noise, the Redbirds were able to capitalize on their opening drive, courtesy of big runs by Drone and Rice. On the second play from scrimmage, Drone was able to avoid pressure and establish a new career-long rush of 25 yards, putting the Redbirds in Bison territory. Rice was able to keep the drive alive on two occasions, allowing Drone to hit fullback Dave Mordis on a two-yard fade to give ISU a 7-0 lead with 10:33 remaining in the first.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (4-6)	7	14	7	0	28
North Dakota State (9-0)	13	20	14	7	54

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Mordis 2-yard pass from Drone (Felzer kick), 10:30
 NDS – Heckendorf 17-yard pass from Walker (Bibeau kick), 8:59
 NDS – Walker 1-yard run (kick blocked), 5:01

SECOND QUARTER

NDS – Roehl 34-yard run (Bibeau kick), 14:49
 NDS – Roehl 1-yard run (kick blocked), 11:29
 ISU – Salem 29-yard pass from Drone (Felzer kick), 9:39
 NDS – Roehl 81-yard run (Bibeau kick), 9:11
 ISU – R. Rice 1-yard run (Felzer kick), :06

THIRD QUARTER

NDS – Heckendorf 14-yard pass from Walker (Bibeau kick), 11:58
 ISU – Salem 10-yard pass from Drone (Felzer kick), 9:48
 NDS – Roehl 4-yard run (Bibeau kick), 3:01

FOURTH QUARTER

NDS – Paschall 38-yard run (Bibeau kick), 14:51

> Team Statistics

	ISU	NDS
First Downs	21	27
Rushing Attempts-Yards	32-181	47-416
Passing	25-39-1	15-23-0
Passing Yards	217	233
Total Offense	398	649
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	6-40
Time of Possession	28:27	31:33

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – R. Rice 22-132, C. Rice 5-31, Drone 5-18. (NDS) – Roehl 20-257, Paschall 10-105, Blincoe 11-35, Heckendorf 1-19, Walker 2-2, Jangula 1-1, Washington 1-0, Team 1-(-3).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 25-39-1-217. (NDS) – Walker 15-22-0-233, Mertens 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Salem 7-97, C. Rice 6-33, Mordis 4-18, Chandler 3-36, Mickle 2-20, R. Rice 1-6, Meredith 1-4, Horton 1-3. (NDS) – Heckendorf 8-131, Belquist 3-33, Wurzbacher 2-53, Jangula 1-14, Roehl 1-2.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Nelson 6-8-14, Stewart 5-9-14, Wilson 2-6-8, Hronec 1-7-8, Caesar 1-6-7. (NDS) – Humber 8-5-13, Mays 4-11-13, Richardson 5-2-7, Schommer 4-2-6, Brecke 3-2-5.

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results
Drake (6-4, 3-3)

A30	at #7 Illinois State	W, 27-24
S8	Waldorf	W, 45-14
S15	at UW-Platteville	W, 20-7
S22	#4 Northern Iowa	L, 7-45
S29	Valparaiso*	W, 48-20
O6	Butler*	W, 37-19
O13	at San Diego*	L, 19-59
O20	at Davidson*	L, 21-24
O27	Jacksonville*	W, 42-14
N3	at Morehead State*	L, 0-33
N10	Dayton*	1 p.m.

Missouri (8-1, 4-1)

S1	vs. Illinois	W, 40-34
S8	at Mississippi	W, 38-25
S15	Western Michigan	W, 52-24
S22	Illinois State	W, 38-17
O6	Nebraska*	W, 41-6
O13	at Oklahoma*	L, 31-41
O20	Texas Tech*	W, 41-10
O27	Iowa State*	W, 42-28
N3	at Colorado*	W, 55-10
N10	Texas A&M*	11:30 a.m.
N17	at Kansas State*	tba
N24	vs. Kansas*	tba

Indiana State (0-10, 0-5)

S1	at Indiana	L, 7-55
S8	Austin Peay	L, 17-32
S15	at SE Missouri State	L, 10-13
S22	#20 Eastern Illinois	L, 20-54
S29	#7 Southern Illinois*	L, 10-72
O6	#23 Western Illinois*	L, 7-19
O13	at Illinois State*	L, 17-69
O20	Western Kentucky	L, 7-56
O27	at Missouri State*	L, 7-63
N3	#22 Youngstown State*	L, 7-40
N10	at #1 Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.

North Dakota State (9-0, 2-0)

S8	Stephen F. Austin	W, 28-19
S15	#16 Sam Houston State	W, 41-38
S22	at Central Michigan	W, 44-14
S29	at #17 Western Illinois	W, 41-28
O6	UC Davis*	W, 35-16
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	W, 58-7
O20	at Minnesota	W, 27-21
O27	Southern Utah*	W, 52-17
N3	Illinois State	W, 54-28
N10	at #24 Cal Poly*	6:05 p.m.
N17	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.

Murray State (2-7, 1-5)

A30	at #10 Louisville	L, 10-73
S8	at #17 Illinois State	L, 17-43
S15	Lambuth	W, 48-13
S20	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 24-48
S29	Jacksonville State*	L, 24-40
O13	#23 Eastern Illinois*	L, 24-27
O20	at SE Missouri State*	W, 31-17
O27	#17 Eastern Kentucky*	L, 35-46
N3	at Tennessee State*	L, 28-42
N10	at UT-Martin*	noon
N17	Austin Peay*	noon

Northern Iowa (9-0, 5-0)

A30	Minnesota State	W, 41-14
S8	at Iowa State	W, 24-13
S15	at South Dakota State	W, 31-17
S22	at Drake	W, 45-7
S29	at #16 Illinois State*	W, 23-13
O13	Southern Illinois*	W, 30-24
O20	at #17 Western Illinois*	W, 42-3
O27	#20 Youngstown State*	W, 14-13
N3	at Missouri State*	W, 38-17
N10	Indiana State*	5:05 p.m.
N17	Southern Utah	5:05 p.m.

Youngstown State (6-4, 2-3)

S1	at #11 Ohio State	L, 6-38
S8	South Dakota State	W, 23-17
S15	Stony Brook	W, 42-6
S22	Lock Haven	W, 35-3
S29	Missouri State*	W, 49-21
O6	at #6 Southern Illinois*	L, 17-24
O13	Southern Utah	W, 23-22
O20	Illinois State*	L, 22-27
O27	at #1 Northern Iowa*	L, 13-14
N3	at Indiana State*	W, 40-7
N10	#23 Western Illinois*	noon

Southern Illinois (8-1, 4-1)

A30	Quincy	W, 59-14
S8	at Northern Illinois	W, 34-31
S15	at Southern Utah	W, 44-10
S22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 58-3
S29	at Indiana State*	W, 72-10
O6	#10 Youngstown State*	W, 24-17
O13	at Northern Iowa*	L, 24-30
O20	Missouri State*	W, 45-10
N3	at #19 Western Illinois*	W, 10-9
N10	Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N17	at Hampton	1 p.m.

Eastern Illinois (6-3, 5-1)

A30	Tennessee Tech*	W, 45-24
S8	at Purdue	L, 6-52
S15	#15 Illinois State	L, 21-24
S22	at Indiana State	W, 54-20
S29	at SE Missouri State*	W, 31-16
O6	Eastern Kentucky*	L, 21-28
O13	at Murray State*	W, 27-24
O20	UT-Martin*	W, 29-23
O27	at Tennessee State*	W, 38-35
N10	at Jacksonville State*	noon
N17	Samford*	1:30 p.m.

Missouri State (5-5, 2-4)

A30	Missouri-Rolla	W, 62-17
S6	at #20 UT-Martin	W, 51-44
S15	at Kansas State	L, 10-61
S22	Central Arkansas	W, 42-38
S29	at #10 Youngstown State*	L, 21-49
O6	#22 Illinois State*	W, 58-41
O13	at #19 Western Illinois*	L, 10-31
O20	at #9 Southern Illinois*	L, 10-45
O27	Indiana State*	W, 63-7
N3	#1 Northern Iowa*	L, 17-38
N10	SE Missouri State	1 p.m.

Western Illinois (6-4, 3-2)

A30	South Dakota State	W, 29-26 (4ot)
S8	at Illinois	L, 0-21
S15	Saint Francis	W, 69-0
S22	at Stephen F. Austin	W, 34-13
S29	#4 North Dakota State	L, 28-41
O6	at Indiana State*	W, 19-7
O13	Missouri State*	W, 31-10
O20	#1 Northern Iowa*	L, 3-42
O27	at Illinois State*	W, 27-14
N3	#6 Southern Illinois*	L, 9-10
N10	at #21 Youngstown State*	noon