



## ***Illinois State Post-Game Notes***

**Game 11 – #5 Southern Illinois 34, Illinois State 24**

**Nov. 10, 2007 • McAndrew Stadium • Carbondale, Ill.**

### **PLAYER NOTES:**

- **Kye Stewart's** fumble recovery was his first of the season and the fourth of his career.
- **Rafael Rice's** first quarter touchdown run marked his eighth rushing TD of the season and the 20th of his career.
- **Brandon Wilson** registered a sack in the first quarter. He now has 2.5 quarterback sacks on the season.
- **Steven Fetzter's** missed extra point after the Redbirds' first quarter touchdown was his second miss this season and the sixth missed PAT by ISU this season.
- In the second quarter, Fetzter booted his third field goal of the season with a 37-yard kick. He missed a 41-yarder to open the third quarter and is now 3-for-5 this season on three-point tries.
- Senior wide receiver **Jason Horton** moved into sole possession of the No. 4 spot on ISU's career receptions best list. Horton finished with three catches on the day and now has 118 this season.
- Senior quarterback **Luke Drone's** two fourth-quarter interceptions increased his season total to 17 and now has 42 in his career. He now has two career interceptions against Southern Illinois in three games.
- Drone's 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter was his fifth of the season and the 11th of his career.
- **Cortes Rice's** two-point conversion in the fourth quarter was the first two-point conversion by Illinois State this season.

### **TEAM NOTES:**

- SIU's first quarter fumble, forced by **Jesse Caesar**, was Illinois State's ninth fumble recovery this season.
- R. Rice's first quarter touchdown run was the Redbirds' 24 rushing touchdown this season, which is the ninth-highest single-season total in school history.
- The Redbirds held the Salukis scoreless in the first quarter. It was the first scoreless quarter by an ISU opponent since Western Illinois' second quarter (Oct. 27).
- SIU's successful fourth-and-three attempt at the six minute mark in the second quarter, brings ISU opponent's success rate on fourth down to 8-for-13 on the season.
- The Redbirds compiled 112 yards of total offense in the first half, which was their lowest output in the first half this season.
- For the third-straight game, the Redbirds surrendered a 20-point scoring run. SIU scored 31-straight points after trailing 9-0, while North Dakota State rattled off 28-straight points and Western Illinois opened the game against ISU with 20-straight points.
- The 31-straight points by SIU were the most consecutive points scored against Illinois State, since Northern Iowa scored 31-straight points in its 41-14 win Nov. 13, 2004.
- The Redbirds endured their second three-game losing streak of the season.
- Illinois State is 12-11 in the month of November during the **Denver Johnson** era.
- Under Johnson, the Redbirds are 4-4 in regular-season finales, including a 1-4 mark on the road.
- The Redbirds are 2-5 against nationally-ranked teams this season and have lost three-straight games against ranked foes.
- ISU now trails in the series 32-35-2, while Johnson falls to 5-6 against Southern Illinois.
- The Redbirds are now 2-2 in games against the No. 5-ranked team.
- ISU is 2-4 this season when scoring first and 25-13 in the Johnson era.
- The Redbirds are now 22-11 in Johnson's tenure when leading after the first quarter.
- ISU falls to 0-5 this season when trailing at the half and 8-35 under Johnson.