

ILLINOIS STATE

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#22 Illinois State Redbirds (2-3, 0-1) at Missouri State Bears (3-2, 0-1)
Over the last nine meetings, these two programs have averaged a combined point total of 70.4 per game.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007

Time: 2:07 p.m.

Location: Springfield, Mo.

Stadium (Capacity): Plaster Field (16,300)

Surface: FieldTurf

Forecast: High: 79°; Low: 58°; Chance of rain: 0%

Radio: Redbird Radio Network

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

Television: WYZZ (Fox 43)/Fox College Sports

- > Mitch Holthus, play-by-play
- > Danan Hughes, color analyst
- > Stephanie Follett, sideline

Webcast: None

Series: ISU leads, 14-12-1

Denver Johnson vs. MSU: 6-1

Last Meeting: Illinois State 38, Missouri State 14

– Nov. 4, 2006, in Normal, Ill.

Missouri State (3-2, 0-1)

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*	2 p.m.
O13	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
O20	at Southern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O27	Indiana State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	#4 Northern Iowa*	1 p.m.
N10	SE Missouri State	1 p.m.

Storylines

- > Both teams enter today's game looking for their first Gateway Football Conference win. The Redbirds haven't started 0-2 in league play since 2005, while Missouri State is trying to avoid its second-straight 0-2 conference start.
- > This game is notorious for being a high-scoring shootout. Every indication leading into today's game predicts another offensive explosion. The Redbird defense ranks No. 103 nationally, while the Bears are No. 112. Both offenses rank among the top-50 in the country.
- > Illinois State has won three of the last four games at Plaster Field, including the last two.
- > The Redbirds own an 8-4 record in their last 12 road games and have won five of their last six Gateway regular-season road contests.
- > Illinois State is rated No. 22 in the FCS Coaches' Poll and No. 23 in *The Sports Network* Top-25. ISU has been ranked in the national polls for 23-straight weeks, including pre and postseason polls.
- > In the **Denver Johnson** era, ISU is 15-15 in the month of October.
- > ISU's **Jason Horton** is one catch away from the 100th of his collegiate career. He currently ranks No. 9 all-time in Redbird history with 99 career receptions.
- > With three completions at Missouri State, **Luke Drone** will become only the third player in ISU history with 500 or more career pass completions.
- > This is the second game in the last three weeks for Illinois State in the state of Missouri. Two weeks ago, the Redbirds sustained a 38-17 loss at Missouri on Sept. 22.

The Coaches

> Illinois State

Denver Johnson is in his eighth season at Illinois State and owns a 43-42 (.506) 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, 48, is a 1981 graduate of Tulsa and his 11-year head coaching record stands at 64-54 (.542).

> Missouri State

Terry Allen (Northern Iowa '76) is in his second season at the helm of the Bear football program. He owns a 5-11 (.313) record at Missouri State, and a 100-70 (.588) mark in his 15-year coaching career. Prior to leading the Bears, Allen was the head coach at Northern Iowa (eight seasons) and Kansas (five seasons).

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 sinks Redbirds.
S8	MURRAY STATE	Normal, Ill.	W, 43-17	ISU posts 205 kickoff return yards and 238 rushing yards in rout.
S15	at #14 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	W, 24-21	EIU loses fumble with 26 seconds left in the game on the Redbirds' 20-yard line.
S22	at #25 Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	L, 17-38	Missouri racks 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.	2 p.m.	ISU has five-straight victories over the Bears and seven of the last eight.
O13	INDIANA STATE*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	Redbirds have won two straight in the series and eight of the last nine.
O20	at #10 Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	3 p.m.	YSU beat the Redbirds twice in 2006, including in the FCS Quarterfinals.
O27	#23 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	'Birds haven't won back-to-back games against WIU since 1999 and 2000.
N3	at #2 North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	6 p.m.	First meeting; NDSU will officially become a GFC member in 2008.
N10	at #6 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.
Lou West, 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.

Missouri State Week													
Sunday	30	Monday	1	Tuesday	2	Wednesday	3	Thursday	4	Friday	5	Saturday	6
Coach/Player Phone Interviews Available by appointment		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Media Luncheon Kaufman - 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 Missouri State 2 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 Missouri State Bears

- Missouri State is located in Springfield, Mo., and has an enrollment of 21,407. The Bears are members of the Gateway Football Conference.
- The Bears return eight starters from a team that finished with a 2-9 record last season, including a 1-6 mark in Gateway action.
- Missouri State enters today's game ranked No. 112 nationally in total defense, after allowing an average of 465.8 yards of total offense over its first five games. The Bears are also No. 112 in scoring defense, surrendering 41.8 points per contest.
- Defensively, the Bears are getting a lot of pressure behind the line of scrimmage. MSU is averaging 0.80 sacks per game, which ranks No. 104 in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). The Bears are also No. 114 in tackles for loss with 3.6 per game.
- Offensively, Missouri State is among the nation's elite. MSU averages 37.2 points per game, which ranks No. 13. The Bears also average 422.2 yards of total offense, which stands at No. 25 nationally.
- MSU receiver Tamarkus McElvane leads the Gateway with 70.4 receiving yards per game.
- Bear punter Nathan Stokes is also a conference leader with a 38.48 punting average.

Bear Bonds

- ISU offensive coordinator **Jim Williams** will be going toe-to-toe with a former colleague. Missouri State's defensive coordinator D.J. Vokolek was on the staff at Nebraska-Omaha with Williams during the 2001 and 2002 seasons.
- Williams and Missouri State assistant Jamar Cain are both alumni of New Mexico State. After playing at New Mexico State, Williams coached at Independence Community College from 1998-2000. Missouri State assistant coach Rob Bolks coached at ICC from 1981-82.
- The Redbirds' **Adam Blankenship** and Missouri State's Jacob Sparital were teammates at Union High School, in Tulsa, Okla. Their coach at Union was Blankenship's father, Bill, who is currently an assistant coach at Tulsa.
- Former members of the prep Gateway Athletic Conference will be in action today. Illinois State's **Brandon Joyce** (Duchesne HS) and **Bill Speiser** (Warrenton HS) will face Missouri State's Andrew Jones (Duchesne HS) and Jeff Sargent (St. Charles HS).
- ISU Assistant Athletics Director for Development **Doug Banks** was a senior student-athlete on the football team at Nebraska-Kearney in 1999, while current Missouri State assistant coach Andy Follett was in his first of six seasons on the Lopers' coaching staff.
- Missouri State's Dr. Bill O'Neill, special assistant to the athletics director, is a 1964 graduate of Illinois State.

Blow-ing Through the Defense

For the second-straight game, sophomore tailback **Geno Blow** had a career day running the football. The Seabrook, Texas, native pounded out 167 yards on 31 carries at home versus Northern Iowa. Coming into the game, the Panthers were giving up an average of 72.0 yards per game. Blow, who led all rushers in yards and carries in the game, also secured his second-straight 100-plus yard rushing game this season.

Hronec Puts on the Clamps

After being on the sidelines due to an injury at Missouri, senior **Bill Hronec** returned to the Illinois State lineup last weekend – in a big way. Hronec finished with a career-high tying 11 tackles (five solo), including a tackle-for-loss, while laying big hits on the potent Northern Iowa offense on several occasions. The Evergreen, Ill., native also snagged his first-career interception after forcing and recovering a fumble in the third quarter.

Redbird Secondary Picking it Up

Heading into the matchup at Missouri, the Illinois State football team had yet to grab an interception in 2007. But the 'Birds were able to feast on three different occasions during the game, as **Tom Nelson** had a career-high tying two interceptions, while **Garry Roberts** grabbed his second-career pick. The Redbirds added another pick last weekend versus Northern Iowa, as **Bill Hronec** snagged his first-career interception.

Moving the Chain Gang

It can be a nerve-racking situation – facing third down with the possibility of stalling a drive, but the Illinois State football team has been able to move the chains with regularity when faced with the circumstances. The Redbirds are No. 3 in the country in third-down efficiency, converting 51.3 percent of the time.

Four Score, and ...

In five games in 2007, the Redbird football team has seen four different players reach the end zone on the ground. **Rafael Rice** scored two touchdowns in the first game against Drake, while Rice, **Geno Blow** and **Luke Drone** scored a combined four touchdowns against Murray State. Rice scored again in the game at Eastern Illinois, while **Parrish Fisher** put six on the board at Missouri. Blow also found the end zone versus Northern Iowa.

The Tale of the Tape

	ILS	MSU
Record	2-3	3-2
Points	24.2	37.2
Points Allowed	25.2	41.8
First Downs	100	116
Rushing Yards	192.0	215.0
Rushing Defense	187.4	190.6
Passing Yards	186.6	207.2
Passing Defense	240.6	275.2
Total Offense	378.6	422.2
Total Defense	428.0	465.8
Interceptions	4-38	3-36
Punt Return Avg.	5.7	-1.7
Kickoff Return Avg.	25.1	21.3
Fumbles Lost	2	3
Penalties	21-179	37-270
Time of Possession	30:10	29:18
3rd-Down Conversions	40/78 (51%)	26/62 (42%)
4th-Down Conversions	3/5 (60%)	5/7 (71%)
TDs Scored	16	25
Field Goals	4-5	4-4
PAT Attempts	13-16	24-25

Illinois State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
R. Rice	70	405	101.2	5	43
Blow	68	335	67.0	2	50
Fisher	37	189	47.2	1	49

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Drone	79-135-9	933	7

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Horton	18	272	15.1	2
Harcar	14	103	7.4	1
Mickle	13	169	13.0	0
Meredith	8	111	13.9	1

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Stewart	32	31	63
Nelson	22	22	44
Caesar	15	23	38
Hronec	15	22	37

Missouri State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
G. Davis	69	407	81.4	7	51
Washington	45	270	54.0	2	27
Kirby	38	154	30.8	7	21

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Kirby	60-102-3	606	3

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
E. Davis	23	269	11.7	1
McElvane	19	352	18.5	3
Harbor	14	221	15.8	1

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Poole	17	26	43
Block	18	25	43
Colbert	23	14	37
Miller	16	17	33

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-)	17

ISU Career Pass Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	663
2. John Coppens (1981-84)	554
3. Luke Drone (2004-)	497

ISU Career Passing Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8,251
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	6,834

ISU Career Passing TDs

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	62
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	50

ISU Career Completion Percentage

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	.608
2. Danny Barnett (1992-94)	.590

ISU Career Passing Efficiency

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	142.8
2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001)	127.8

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	3,007
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)	2,498
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	2,014
5. Jeff Gowan (1975-77)	1,472
6. Jason Horton (2003-)	1,413

ISU Career Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	192
6. Bill Miller (1986-89)	112
7. Dwayne Smith (2002-03)	102
8. Jeff Gowan (1975-77)	101
9. Jason Horton (2003-)	99

ISU Career TD Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	29
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	17
5. Pierre Jackson (2004-06)	12
6. Jason Horton (2003-)	11

ISU Career Total Offense

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8,892
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	7,051

ISU Career TDs Responsible For

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	70
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	57

ISU Career PAT Kicks Made

1. Jake Strader (1997-2000)	141
2. Stephen Carroll (2001-04)	127
3. Paul Politi (1983-86)	101
4. Kevin Mazur (2005-)	96

ISU Career Tackles

1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04)	580
9. Duane Butler (1994-96)	332
10. Adam Waugh (1998-2001)	327
11. Brian Gant (1983-86)	317
12. Kye Stewart (2003-)	312

No Red Zone for You!

While the Illinois State football team was able to put 13 points on the board against Northern Iowa last week, they did it without making it inside the red zone. It marked the first time that the 'Birds have been held outside the opponent's 20-yard line since Sept. 3, 2005, when another Iowa team, Iowa State, kept ISU from making its way into the red zone.

Sharing the Wealth

Through four games in the 2007 season, the Illinois State football team has enjoyed a variety of excellence in the running game, as three different tailbacks have secured 100-plus yard games for the first time since 2005. **Rafael Rice** ran for 218 yards in the opener versus Drake, while Rice and **Parrish Fisher** ran for 106 and 122 yards, respectively, in the game against Murray State. **Geno Blow** became the third Redbird to run for 100 yards at Missouri, and he put up a career-high 167 yards on 31 carries the following week at home versus Northern Iowa.

Wolfpack ... For Life!

While WWE wrestling fans might know that particular slogan, it is Illinois State's version of the group that has been knocking out opponents on the gridiron. Collectively, the Redbird H-backs and tight ends call themselves "The Wolfpack." The group has been on the hunt as of late, with 17 total receptions over the last three games, including touchdowns by fullback **Garin Harcar** and tight end **Kedric Meredith**.

Rushing into the Record Books

Rafael Rice has been slowed the past two games with a sore right knee, but the senior running back is tied for sixth place in the school annals for career rushing touchdowns. Rice now has 17 career touchdowns and needs seven more scores to tie **Ron Bell** and **Bruce Cullen** (24) for fourth place all-time.

What About Jake?

Through the first four games of the 2007 season, junior **Jake Rourke** had only caught one ball and was getting lost in the shuffle. However, Rourke was able to re-establish himself as a receiving threat last weekend versus UNI, as he tripled his reception total with four catches for a team-high 41 yards. Rourke also caught his first touchdown of the season in the game, which was the second of his career.

Lost in Interception

It has been an unlikely trend for **Luke Drone**, but after throwing three interceptions in Saturday's game versus Northern Iowa, the Illinois State quarterback has been picked off 19 times in his last eight games, dating back to last season, while throwing for only 10 touchdowns during that time span. These are atypical numbers for Drone, who in his first 28 games with the Redbirds, had thrown 39 touchdown passes with only 15 interceptions.

He Could ... Go ... All ... The ... Way!

Sophomore **Geno Blow** has been solid as of late in the Redbird running game, as Blow grabbed a handoff and took it to the house for a 50-yard touchdown against Northern Iowa last weekend. Blow's scamper was the longest of his career, besting his previous long of 39 yards he set against Missouri State last season. It was also the longest single-scoring play that the Redbirds have put together this season.

You've Got Butterfingers!

The Illinois State defense has been causing opposing members of the offense to cough up the football with some regularity. After forcing three more fumbles against Northern Iowa, the Redbird defense has forced eight fumbles and has recovered six of them. This has allowed the Redbird offense to get back on the field quickly, while the Redbird defense is already on its way to topping last season's mark of 13 forced fumbles (six recovered).

Another One Bites the Dust

With the 24-21 win at No. 14 Eastern Illinois, the Redbirds have now secured a victory over a nationally-ranked team in 10 of the last 11 seasons. ISU will have plenty of opportunities this season to notch additional wins over ranked teams, as four of its next six opponents are rated in a top-25 poll.

The Dirty Dozen

Senior linebacker **Kye Stewart** finished last week's game versus UNI with a game-high 13 tackles, becoming the 12th player in Illinois State history to accumulate 300 or more tackles in a career. He currently ranks No. 12 in Redbird history and needs six stops to move into sole possession of 11th place.

In Rare Company

Illinois State has proven that it can help student-athletes leap into the professional ranks, as the Redbirds have had a player selected in each of the last three NFL Drafts. Only one other school in the FCS Division, Cal Poly, has sent as many players to the NFL during that same time span. **Boomer Grigsby** (5th Round, Kansas City), **Brent Hawkins** (5th Round, Jacksonville) and **Laurént Robinson** (3rd Round, Atlanta) are the recent Redbird NFL Draft choices.

The Buck Stops Here

Illinois State linebacker **Kye Stewart** is 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**.

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.

Redbirds at Payton's Place

With the announcement of quarterback **Luke Drone** being named as one of 16 players to be considered on the watch list for the Walter Payton Award, it marks the third-consecutive season that an Illinois State player has been considered for that award. Drone, who was a first-team All-Gateway Football Conference selection in 2006, joins former ISU standout and current Atlanta Falcons' wide receiver **Laurént Robinson**, who received recognition in both 2005 and 2006. Former running back **Pierre Rembert** was named a finalist for the award last season, which recognizes the top football player in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision.

A Sixth Sense?

Since 2001, Illinois State has been the 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 off to a great start in 2007, leading the league with 63 tackles, which also ranks No. 3 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 I-Pass

The Redbird offense won't speed up the lines at toll booths, but it has been blowing through Gateway 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. Currently, the Redbird offense ranks fourth in the conference with 186.6 passing yards per game.

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.

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.

Horton's Hands

Wide receiver **Jason Horton** has assumed the role as the primary target of quarterback **Luke Drone**. Horton leads the Redbirds with 18 catches for 272 yards and two touchdowns, even after missing the Missouri game due to a sore calf. For his career, Horton has accrued 1,413 yards receiving, which ranks sixth all-time in ISU history. He needs 60 yards for sole possession of the No. 5 spot.

It's in His Sights

Quarterback **Luke Drone** has thrown for over 2,900 yards in each of the last two seasons. If he equals or surpasses that feat this year, Drone will become the most prolific passer in Illinois State history. Drone needs 1,418 yards through the air to knock former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (8,251) from the top spot.

'Bird Bests vs. Missouri State

INDIVIDUAL*	
Rushing Yards	272, Pierre Rembert, 11-5-05
Rushing TDs	6, Pierre Rembert, 11-5-05
Passing Yards	350, Kevin Glenn, 11-18-00
Completions	29, Kevin Glenn, 9-25-99
TD Passes	4, Danny Barnett, 10-9-93
Receptions	9, Laurént Robinson, 10-9-04
Receiving Yards	140, Larry Dickinson, 10-20-90
Receiving TDs	3, Kevin Glenn, 10-9-93
Tackles	25, Joe Woods, 11-9-91
Tackles for Loss	4, Tony Jones, 11-12-88
Sacks	3, Ray Robinson, 11-8-03
Interceptions	2, Jeff Smith, 10-31-87
Longest FG	50, Cameron Bair, 11-9-91

TEAM*

Most Points	48, twice: last 11-5-05
Fewest Points	6, 11-9-91
Most Points Allowed	49, 11-7-98
Fewest Points Allowed	0, 9-28-74

*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.		
Indiana State		
at Youngstown St.		
Western Illinois		
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		
Total	28	29

2007 Gateway Standings

	GATEWAY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Northern Iowa	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000
Youngstown State	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800
Western Illinois	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
Missouri State	0	1	.000	3	2	.600
Illinois State	0	1	.000	2	3	.400
Indiana State	0	1	.000	0	5	.000

This Week in the Gateway:

Oct. 6

- > Western Illinois at Indiana State, 11 a.m.
- > Youngstown State at Southern Illinois, 2:30 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 Fetzer	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



Good Chance for a Grand

Head coach **Denver Johnson** has had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of the 10 seasons in that he has been a head coach, both at Illinois State and Murray State. Last year was no exception, as **Pierre Rembert** rushed for a school-record 1,743 yards. Senior **Rafael Rice** is nearly halfway there, with 405 yards on the ground this season. **Geno Blow** is not far behind Rice, as he has gained 335 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 142.8, which is nearly 20 points higher than the next highest ISU quarterback.

The Full Nelson

That's exactly what the Redbirds are getting out of free safety **Tom Nelson**. Not only did he lead the Redbirds in interceptions in 2006, and currently leads the team this season, but Nelson is also Illinois State's primary kickoff and punt returner. The 2005 Gateway Freshman of the Year and 2007 All-Gateway Preseason Team selection has already posted nine kickoff returns and a punt return over 20 yards in length, while averaging 24.40 yards per kick return. Nelson also recorded a career-high 13 tackles (six solo) versus Northern Iowa last weekend. At Missouri, Nelson intercepted a pair of Tiger passes for the second time in his career.

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 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).

Stewart's Doubling Over

Kye Stewart totaled a game-high tying 13 tackles versus Northern Iowa, giving the Redbird senior 19 double-digit tackle games in his career. Stewart currently leads the team with 63 stops, which also ranks No. 3 nationally and No. 1 in the Gateway Football Conference, and has notched a double-digit tackle effort in each game this season.

Being Taken for a Long Drive

The Illinois State defense has surrendered 11 touchdowns this year and seven of those scores have come from drives of 80 yards or more. Opposing offenses are averaging 12.1 plays per scoring drive against the Redbirds, which is attributed to the 53.3-percent success rate ISU foes are having on third downs. When facing at least third-and-11, Redbird opponents have converted first downs 46.7 percent of the time against the defense.

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 three former Illinois State players in the NFL and two more in the Canadian Football League. Former Redbirds in the NFL include: **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.

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											
Indiana State											
at Youngstown St.											
Western Illinois											
at North Dakota St.											
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											
Indiana State											
at Youngstown St.											
Western Illinois											
at North Dakota St.											
at Southern Illinois											

* Redbirds started the game defensively in the nickel package.

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

	2007	Current Steak	Career		2007	Current Steak	Career
Wiggins (OL)	5	33	33	Garrett (DB)	5	5	5
Caesar (DB)	5	27	33	Harcar (FB)	5	5	5
Mordis (FB)	0	0	31	Piton (DL)	5	5	5
Stewart (LB)	5	15	30	Rourke (WR)	5	5	5
Drone (QB)	5	29	29	Speiser (OL)	5	5	5
Nelson (FS)	5	29	29	Cucci (LB)	4	1	5
Thomas (DL)	3	0	25	Hronec (LB)	4	1	5
Niklasch (OL)	5	18	19	Tate (DB)	4	3	4
Joyce (OL)	5	16	16	Madsen (OL)	0	0	4
Meredith (TE)	5	9	15	Hunter (DL)	0	0	2
St-Pierre (OL)	5	14	14	Joynt (TE)	0	0	2
Horton (WR)	4	1	14	Hemphill (DB)	1	0	1
Blankenship (DL)	5	11	11	Mickle (WR)	1	0	1
Simnick (DL)	2	2	7	Kociuba (DB)	1	0	1
R. Rice (TB)	4	0	7	Whitaker (LB)	1	0	1

2007 Illinois State Football – Two-Deep (as of Sept. 29 at 5:05 p.m.)

Offense (Multiple)

WR	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	88	Kevett Mickle*	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Orlando, Fla.
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins***	6-4 • 290 • Sr. • Chicago, Ill.
	76	Chris Riley	6-5 • 270 • Fr. • 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
	64	Brad Paul	6-4 • 275 • Fr. • Seabrook, Texas
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 • Fr. • Bloomington, Ill.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith**	6-3 • 270 • Jr. • Peoria, Ill.
	42	Jeremy Joynt*	6-3 • 255 • Sr. • Emmetsburg, Iowa
WR	10	Jake Rourke**	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Chatham, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
QB	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	12	Kevin Brockway**	6-4 • 225 • Jr. • Crystal Lake, Ill.
FB	35	Garin Harcar	5-11 • 260 • So. • Grand Ridge, Ill.
	83	Dave Mordis***	6-3 • 265 • Sr. • Palos Park, Ill.
TB	22	Geno Blow*	5-11 • 200 • So.-1L • Seabrook, Texas
	26	Cortes Rice*	6-2 • 215 • So. • Los Alamitos, Calif.
PK	14	Tyler Funk	6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS • Racine, Wis.
	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Defense (4-3)

DE	93	Adam Blankenship*	6-2 • 235 • Jr. • Tulsa, Okla.
	44	Wesley Williams	6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Ann Arbor, Mich.
DT	90	Dan Simnick**	6-2 • 270 • Sr. • Naperville, Ill.
	99	Nick Williams	6-2 • 275 • Jr. • Plantation, Fla.
DT	62	Mike Piton	6-2 • 275 • Fr. • Palos Hills, Ill.
	91	Dave Rivas	6-3 • 255 • Fr. • Chicago, Ill.
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.
	45	Kyle Siskowic*	6-1 • 225 • So. • San Diego, Calif.
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	21	Jason Tate*	5-11 • 175 • So. • Lake Mary, Fla.
	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	6-2 • 180 • Fr. • San Antonio, Texas
P	19	Bobby Kelsey**	6-1 • 230 • Jr. • Channahon, 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	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	16	Preston Earl	6-2 • 220 • Fr.-RS • Lincolnshire, Ill.
KR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
	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

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						
Chandler, Kelvin	x	x	x	x	x						
Cross, Michael	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp						
Cucci, Pat	S-SLB	S-SLB	S-SLB	x	S-SLB						
Doyle, Joe	x	x	x	x	x						
Drone, Luke	S-OB	S-OB	S-OB	S-OB	S-OB						
Earl, Preston	dnp	x	x	x	x						
Fisher, Parrish	x	x	x	x	inj.						
Garrett, Chris	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB						
Gordon, Micha	dnp	x	x	x	dnp						
Harcar, Garin	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB	S-FB						
Hemphill, Kelyvn	x	S-CB	x	x	x						
Horton, Jason	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	inj.	S-WR						
Hronec, Bill	S-MLB	S-MLB	S-MLB	inj.	S-MLB						
Hunter, Kaschiev	x	x	x	x	x						
James, Kurt	x	x	dnp	x	x						
Joyce, Brandon	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT						
Joynt, Jeremy	x	x	inj.	inj.	x						
Kelsey, Bobby	x	x	x	x	x						
Kociuba, Casey	dnp	x	dnp	S-NB	x						
Kpandeyenge, Ansu	dnp	x	x	x	x						
Madsen, Erik	x	x	x	x	x						
Mazur, Kevin	x	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp						
Meredith, Kedric	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE						
Mickle, Kevett	x	x	x	S-WR	x						
Nelson, Tom	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS						
Niklasch, Joe	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG						
Paschal, Andrew	x	x	inj.	inj.	x						
Paul, Brad	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp						
Piton, Mike	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT						
Rice, Cortes	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Rice, Rafael	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	S-TB	inj.						
Riley, Chris	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp						
Rivas, Dave	x	x	x	x	x						
Roberts, Garry	x	dnp	dnp	x	x						
Rourke, Jake	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR						
Salem, Eyad	x	x	x	x	x						
Simmnick, Dan	dnp	x	x	S-DT	S-DT						
Siskowic, Kyle	x	x	x	dnp	x						
Soyebo, Babatunde	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Speiser, Bill	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG						
Stewart, Kye	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-WLB						
St-Pierre, Jonathan	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C						
Tate, Jason	S-CB	x	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB						
Thomas, Jarek	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	inj.	inj.						
Trujillo, Tony	x	x	x	x	x						
Weiner, Dan	dnp	x	dnp	x	x						
Westbrook, Tommie	x	x	x	x	x						
Whigham, Bert	x	x	x	x	x						
Whitaker, Mark	x	x	x	S-SLB	x						
Wiggins, Isaiah	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT						
Williams, Nick	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	x	x						
Williams, Wesley	dnp	x	x	x	x						
Wilson, Brandon	x	x	x	S-DE	S-DE						
Zumbahlen, Dane	dnp	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.	
Indiana St.	
at Youngstown St.	
W. Illinois	
at North Dakota St.	
at S. Illinois	

GFC Players of the Week

OFFENSE

None

DEFENSE

None

SPECIAL TEAMS

None

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

Illinois State's Starting Lineup

Offense

WR 86	Jason Horton	<i>Played ice hockey in middle school (seventh and eighth grade).</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 10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</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 35	Garin Harcar	<i>Traveled to Australia as a freshman in high school as part of the McDonald's All-Star baseball team.</i>
TB 22	Geno Blow	<i>A couple of summers ago, he worked at Whataburger back in Texas and enjoyed the free food.</i>
PK 14	Tyler Funk	<i>In seventh grade, ran into the outfield wall and broke both of his arms playing baseball – but he made the catch.</i>

Defense

DE 93	Adam Blankenship	<i>At the age of 18, rode a bull for 4.5 seconds.</i>
DT 90	Dan Simnick	<i>A big fan of Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC); after football he hopes to be trained in martial arts.</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 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>
P 19	Bobby Kelsey	<i>When he was 12-years-old, worked a bull-riding event as a rodeo clown in Louisiana.</i>

Non-Starters to Watch

WR 80	Kelvin Chandler	<i>Owns a 1984 cherry red Buick Regal with a T-top; enjoys street cars and muscle cars.</i>
RB 34	Parrish Fisher	<i>Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan.</i>
CB 24	Kelvyn Hemphill	<i>Hasn't had a haircut in the last 19 months.</i>
WR 88	Kevelt Mickle	<i>Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman.</i>
TB 2	Rafael Rice	<i>One of his favorite jobs was working as a valet in high school.</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)	56	Jarrett Karn	OL	6-4	260	Fr.-HS	Spring, Texas (Klein)
2	Rafael Rice	RB	5-11	220	Sr.-2L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Mater Dei/Fullerton JC)	57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	220	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay)
4	Drew Kiel	QB	6-3	212	Fr.-HS	Columbus, Ind. (East)	58	Mark Whitaker	LB	6-1	220	Sr.-2L	Moline, Ill. (Moline/Drake)
5	Cody White	TE	6-5	240	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West)	59	Bill Hronec	LB	6-2	225	Sr.-3L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
6	Kye Stewart	LB	6-0	210	Sr.-3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)	60	Tom Speer	DL	6-4	220	So.-1L	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb)
7	Luke Drone	QB	6-2	210	Sr.-3L	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	OL	6-3	325	Jr.-1L	Longueuil, Quebec (Edouard-Montpetit/Miami [Fla.])
9	Tom Nelson	DB	6-0	200	Jr.-2L	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)	62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	275	Fr.-RS	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg)
10	Jake Rourke	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-2L	Chatham, Ill. (Glenwood)	63	Charles Dennis	OL	6-3	290	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (East Central)
11	Sam Donatucci	QB	6-5	220	Fr.-HS	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Buffalo Grove)	64	Brad Paul	OL	6-4	275	Fr.-RS	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)
12	Kevin Brockway	QB	6-4	225	Jr.-2L	Crystal Lake, Ill. (South)	65	Bill Speiser	OL	6-5	300	Sr.-1L	Warrenton, Mo. (Warrenton/Iowa Central CC)
13	Andrew Paschal	DB	6-3	205	Jr.-Sq.	Largo, Fla. (Largo/Ft. Scott)	66	Isaiah Wiggins	OL	6-4	290	Sr.-3L	Chicago, Ill. (Prosser)
14	Tyler Funk	P/K	6-0	170	Fr.-RS	Racine, Wis. (William Horlick)	67	Landon Humbles	OL	6-4	275	Jr.-Sq.	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
16	Preston Earl	QB	6-2	220	Fr.-RS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)	68	Erik Madsen	OL	6-3	285	Jr.-1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
17	Jared Dall	WR	5-11	195	Sr.-Sq.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Prospect/Harper JC)	69	Joe Niklasch	OL	6-4	280	Jr.-2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
18	Drew Kempe	WR	6-3	205	So.-Sq.	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)	70	Michael Cross	OL	6-5	305	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
19	Bobby Kelsey	K/P	6-1	230	Jr.-2L	Channahon, Ill. (Providence Catholic)	71	Joe Doyle	LS	6-2	230	So.-TR	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington/Antelope Valley CC)
20	Casey Kociuba	DB	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill)	73	Josh Howe	LB	6-0	220	Fr.-HS	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
21	Jason Tate	DB	5-11	175	So.-1L	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	74	Trevor Huddleston	OL	6-6	300	Fr.-HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal West)
22	Geno Blow	RB	5-11	200	So.-1L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)	75	Raymond Sankey	DL	6-2	222	Fr.-HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
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)	77	Muhammad Kahlun	OL	6-4	290	So.-Sq.	Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial)
25	Chris Garrett	DB	6-0	175	So.-TR	Concord, Calif. (De La Salle/Diablo Valley College)	78	Brandon Joyce	OL	6-5	310	Sr.-1L	St. Charles, Mo. (Duchesne/Indiana)
26	Cortes Rice	RB	6-2	215	So.-1L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	79	Tyler Doering	OL	6-5	290	Fr.-HS	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
27	Jermaine Malcolm	DB	6-4	200	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Holmes)	80	Kelvin Chandler	WR	6-2	185	Jr.-TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Pittsburgh)
28	Brent Holtz	DB	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)	81	Marcus King	WR	6-4	195	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
29	Cameron Thompkins	DB	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Sanford, Fla. (Winter Springs)	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)
37	Josh Mitchell	DB	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)	89	Micha Gordon	WR	6-3	190	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Woodruff)
38	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-RS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	90	Dan Simnick	DL	6-2	270	Sr.-2L	Naperville, Ill. (North)
39	D.J. Grayson	LB	6-0	245	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (South Shore)	91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	255	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
40	Bert Whigham	TE	6-4	235	So.-Sq.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	92	Eric Brunner	DL	6-2	260	Fr.-HS	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale)
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)	94	Jarek Thomas	DL	6-3	275	Sr.-3L	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
43	Casey Cline	FB	6-3	230	Fr.-HS	Gibson City, Ill. (GCMS)	95	Keenan Wimbley	DL	6-2	255	Fr.-HS	Ococee, Fla. (Edgewater)
44	Wesley Williams	DL	6-1	240	Jr.-TR	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer/Fullerton College)	96	Babatunde Soyibo	DL	6-5	240	So.-Sq.	Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [Ill.])
45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	225	So.-1L	San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont)	97	Kaschiev Hunter	DL	6-2	300	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)
46	Graham Corcoran	DB	5-10	180	So.-Sq.	Warrenville, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville South)	99	Nick Williams	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-TR	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation/Pittsburgh)
47	Kedric Meredith	TE	6-3	270	Jr.-2L	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)							
48	Pat Cucci	LB	6-1	240	Jr.-2L	Winter Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs)							
49	Antwan Ryles	LB	6-0	215	Fr.-HS	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)							
50	Tommie Westbrook	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)							
51	Cal McCarthy	OL/LS	6-2	260	Fr.-HS	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka)							
52	Mark Martin	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Riverside University)							
54	Brent Gritton	LB	6-2	230	So.-Sq.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)							

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 • FB
Rushing Yards: 167 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing Attempts: 31 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing TDs: 1, twice
Longest Rush: 50 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Receptions: 2 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Receiving Yards: 11 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07

#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, three 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: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Solos: 2, twice
Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
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

#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: 6 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Solos: 4 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
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, three times
Receiving Yards: 49 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Receiving TDs: 1, three times

#24 • Kelvyn Hemphill • DB
Tackles: 5, three times
Solos: 5 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0
Interceptions: 0

#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: 68 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Kickoff Returns: 3 at Kansas State, 9-2-06
Kickoff Return Yards: 82 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
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: 11, twice
Solos: 5, twice
Assists: 6, three times
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, three times
Interceptions: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07

#97 • Kaschiev Hunter • DL
Tackles: 5 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Solos: 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Assists: 5 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Sacks: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05
TFLs: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05
Interceptions: 0

#19 • Bobby Kelsey • P
Punts: 7 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Punt Yardage: 305 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Average per Punt: 48.0 (two punts) vs. S. Illinois, 10-14-06
Long Punt: 60 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
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: 4, twice
Receiving Yards: 59 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Touchdowns: 1, twice
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

#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: 13 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Solos: 7 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Assists: 8 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, four times
Interceptions: 2, twice
Kickoff Returns: 4 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Kickoff Return Yards: 123 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Long Kickoff Return: 59 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Returns: 2, 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

#62 • Mike Piton • DL
Tackles: 5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Solos: 2, three times
Assists: 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, three 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: 15 at Missouri State, 11-5-05
Receptions: 1, twice
Receiving Yards: 25 at Missouri State, 11-5-05

Illinois State Individual Career Highs**#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, twice
 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: 7 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Receiving Yards: 106 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Touchdowns: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Long Reception: 40 at Missouri, 9-22-07

#90 • Dan Simnick • DL

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

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles: 4 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Solos: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions: 0

#96 • Babatunde Soyibo • DL

Tackles: 1, twice
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1, twice
 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 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
 Solos: 10 at Iowa State, 9-3-05
 Assists: 10, twice
 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: 7 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Solos: 5 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Assists: 2 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 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

#40 • Wesley Williams • DL

Tackles: 3 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Solos: 2 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#99 • Nick Williams • DL

Tackles: 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Solos: 1, twice
 Assists: 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles: 6 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Solos: 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Assists: 3, twice
 Sacks: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Interceptions: 0

#8 Illinois State 38, Missouri St. 14

Nov. 4, 2006 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 8,638

> GAME SUMMARY

Rembert's Three TDs Lead 'Birds to 38-14 Win

NORMAL, Ill. – Running back Pierre Rembert made his Senior Day game a memorable one, as he rushed for 112 yards and three touchdowns in No. 8 Illinois State's 38-14 victory over Missouri State in the Redbirds' 2006 home finale.



LAST TIME

The Illinois State offense regained its swagger against the Bears, as Rembert recorded his eighth 100-yard effort of the season, one behind the school record. Quarterback Luke Drone connected on 19-of-26 passes, for 305 yards and two touchdowns (one rushing, one passing). The game marked the first time this season Drone passed for over 300 yards. Rembert's three rushing touchdowns gave him 13 on the season and 25 for his career, moving him into sole possession of third place on the school's all-time career list.

The Redbirds scored the first points of the game just over three minutes in, when Rembert rushed nine yards to finish off a seven-play, 78-yard opening scoring drive.

The 'Birds pushed the lead to 14-0 with 5:02 left in the first quarter when Drone capped off an 80-yard drive by diving over center from one yard out for his second touchdown of the season. ISU started the drive on its own 20-yard line as a result of safety James Temple's interception in the end zone of Missouri State quarterback Tyler Horner on the Bears' opening drive.

The Redbird defense stood tall again on MSU's second possession, when linebacker Kye Stewart stopped Horner on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line three seconds into the second quarter. The 'Birds' offense proceeded to march on a 14-play, 98-yard drive, that took 6:41 off the clock and resulted in Rembert's second rushing touchdown of the game, this time from two yards out, giving the 'Birds a 21-0 lead, which they took into the half.

> SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Missouri State (1-9)	0	0	0	14	14
ILLINOIS STATE (7-2)	14	7	14	3	38

FIRST QUARTER

ILS – Rembert 9-yard run (Mazur kick), 11:39
ILS – Drone 1-yard run (Mazur kick), 5:02

SECOND QUARTER

ILS – Rembert 2-yard run (Mazur kick), 8:16

THIRD QUARTER

ILS – Rembert 5-yard run (Mazur kick), 9:40
ILS – D. Passarelli 25-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 5:26

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU – McIntosh 1-yard run (Stokes kick), 14:57
ILS – Mazur 24-yard field goal, 9:24
MSU – Nicholson 19-yard pass from Horner (Stokes kick), 5:44

> TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	ISU
First Downs	23	26
Rushing Attempts-Yards	32-136	42-222
Passing	23-37-1	19-26-0
Passing Yards	230	305
Total Offense	366	527
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-35	11-85
Time of Possession	27:54	32:06

> INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (MSU) – G. Davis 11-52, Horner 10-47, McIntosh 5-27, E. Davis 2-8, Cooper 4-2. (ISU) – Rembert 22-112, Blow 10-69, R. Rice 6-39, Drone 2-6, Team 2-(-4).

PASSING: (MSU) – Horner 23-37-1-230. (ISU) – Drone 19-26-0-305.

RECEIVING: (MSU) – Nicholson 6-105, Geisz 4-38, Hall 3-25, McElvane 3-22, McIntosh 3-21, E. Davis 3-14, G. Davis 1-5. (ISU) – Horton 5-72, Jackson 3-48, D. Passarelli 3-40, Rourke 2-54, Robinson 2-46, Mordis 2-12, Meredith 1-19, R. Rice 1-14.

TACKLE LEADERS: (MSU) – Evans 5-3-8, Harris 3-4-7, Farrar 4-2-6, Lovely 4-2-6, Dawson 3-2-5. (ISU) – C. Siskowic 10-6-16, Stewart 3-8-11, Temple 5-3-8, Caesar 4-2-6, Kittrell 3-3-6.

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

Illinois State leads, 14-12-1

1971	2-Oct	21	18	A	W
1972	30-Sep	42	7	H	W
1973	29-Sep	30	3	A	W
1974	28-Sep	28	0	H	W
1983	12-Nov	34	7	H	W
1985	14-Sep	17	17	A	T
1986	6-Sep	16	17	H	L
1987	31-Oct	15	31	A	L
1988	12-Nov	10	21	H	L
1989	7-Oct	7	42	A	L
1990	20-Oct	30	45	H	L
1991	9-Nov	6	21	A	L
1992	17-Oct	21	24	H	L
1993	9-Oct	28	40	A	L
1994	8-Oct	28	14	H	W
1995	30-Sep	20	17	A	W
1996	26-Oct	13	24	H	L
1997	13-Sep	7	41	A	L
1998	7-Nov	42	49	H	L
1999	25-Sep	46	42	A	W
2000	18-Nov	40	7	H	W
2001	17-Nov	31	48	A	L
2002	5-Oct	30	20	H	W
2003	8-Nov	48	43	A	W
2004	9-Oct	34	31	H	W
2005	5-Nov	48	23	A	W
2006	4-Nov	38	14	H	W

2007 Illinois State Statistics

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

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	100	115
Rushing	48	53
Passing	49	59
Penalty	3	3
RUSHING YARDAGE	960	937
Yards gained rushing	1025	1039
Yards lost rushing	65	102
Rushing Attempts	208	212
Average Per Rush	4.6	4.4
Average Per Game	192.0	187.4
TDs Rushing	9	4
PASSING YARDAGE	933	1203
Att-Comp-Int	135-79-9	161-98-4
Average Per Pass	6.9	7.5
Average Per Catch	11.8	12.3
Average Per Game	186.6	240.6
TDs Passing	7	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	1893	2140
Total Plays	343	373
Average Per Play	5.5	5.7
Average Per Game	378.6	428.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	20-503	25-448
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-40	6-89
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-38	9-105
FUMBLES-LOST	5-2	8-6
PENALTIES-YARDS	21-179	27-212
PUNTS-AVG	22-36.3	19-39.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:10	29:50
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	40/78	40/75
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/5	1/4

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	27	37	23	34	121
Opponents	28	33	20	45	126

Rushing

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Rice,Rafael	4	70	408	3	405	5.8	5	43	101.2
Blow,Geno	5	68	344	9	335	4.9	2	50	67.0
Fisher,Parrish	4	37	195	6	189	5.1	1	49	47.2
Drone,Luke	5	28	77	37	40	1.4	1	10	8.0
Moore,Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	3	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Rice,Cortes	4	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-1.8
Total.....	5	208	1025	65	960	4.6	9	50	192.0
Opponents.....	5	212	1039	102	937	4.4	4	32	187.4

Passing

	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	5	120.35	79-135-9	58.5	933	7	40	186.6
Total.....	5	120.35	79-135-9	58.5	933	7	40	186.6
Opponents.....	5	137.11	98-161-4	60.9	1203	9	57	240.6

Receiving

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Horton,Jason	4	18	272	15.1	2	33	68.0
Harcar,Garin	5	14	103	7.4	1	22	20.6
Mickle,Kevett	5	13	169	13.0	0	26	33.8
Meredith,Kedric	5	8	111	13.9	1	24	22.2
Salem,Eyad	5	8	110	13.8	1	40	22.0
Chandler,Kelvin	4	6	68	11.3	1	21	17.0
Rourke,Jake	5	4	51	12.8	1	27	10.2
Blow,Geno	5	4	27	6.8	0	9	5.4
Rice,Rafael	4	3	15	5.0	0	10	3.8
Fisher,Parrish	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Total.....	5	79	933	11.8	7	40	186.6
Opponents.....	5	98	1203	12.3	9	57	240.6

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Punt Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	6	38	6.3	0	22
Horton, Jason	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	7	40	5.7	0	22
Opponents.....	6	89	14.8	1	64

Interceptions

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	2	33	16.5	0	33
Roberts, Garry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hronec, Bill	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	4	38	9.5	0	33
Opponents.....	9	105	11.7	1	35

Kick Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	14	342	24.4	0	59
Horton, Jason	4	133	33.2	0	82
Chandler, Kelvin	1	13	13.0	0	13
Harcar, Garin	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total.....	20	503	25.1	0	82
Opponents.....	25	448	17.9	0	38

Scoring

	TD	FGs	/----- PATs -----/					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
Rice, Rafael	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Funk, Tyler	0	3-3	10-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	19
Blow, Geno	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Horton, Jason	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Mazur, Kevin	0	1-2	3-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rourke, Jake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Salem, Eyad	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Harcar, Garin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Drone, Luke	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Meredith, Kedric	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
Chandler, Kelvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	16	4-5	13-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	121
Opponents.....	15	7-8	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	126

Total Offense

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Drone, Luke	5	163	40	933	973	194.6
Rice, Rafael	4	70	405	0	405	101.2
Blow, Geno	5	68	335	0	335	67.0
Fisher, Parrish	4	37	189	0	189	47.2
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	3	3	-3	0	-3	-1.0
Rice, Cortes	4	1	-7	0	-7	-1.8
Total.....	5	343	960	933	1893	378.6
Opponents.....	5	373	937	1203	2140	428.0

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

Punting

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey, Bobby	22	798	36.3	51	1	7	8	0
Total.....	22	798	36.3	51	1	7	8	0
Opponents.....	19	742	39.1	54	2	2	6	0

All-Purpose

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Rice, Rafael	4	405	15	0	0	0	420	105.0
Nelson, Tom	5	0	0	38	342	33	413	82.6
Horton, Jason	4	0	272	2	133	0	407	101.8
Blow, Geno	5	335	27	0	0	0	362	72.4
Fisher, Parrish	4	189	7	0	0	0	196	49.0
Mickle, Kevelt	5	0	169	0	0	0	169	33.8
Harcar, Garin	5	0	103	0	15	0	118	23.6
Meredith, Kedric	5	0	111	0	0	0	111	22.2
Salem, Eyad	5	0	110	0	0	0	110	22.0
Chandler, Kelvin	4	0	68	0	13	0	81	20.2
Rourke, Jake	5	0	51	0	0	0	51	10.2
Drone, Luke	5	40	0	0	0	0	40	8.0
Hronec, Bill	4	0	0	0	0	5	5	1.2
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
Rice, Cortes	4	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-1.8
Total.....	5	960	933	40	503	38	2474	494.8
Opponents.....	5	937	1203	89	448	105	2782	556.4

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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	5-5	32	31	63	4.0-14	2.0-11		2				1		
9 Nelson, Tom	5-5	22	22	44	2.5-3		2-33	3						
1 Caesar, Jesse	5-5	15	23	38	2.5-6							1		
59 Hronec, Bill	4-4	15	22	37	2.5-3		1-5	1	2	2-0	2			
21 Tate, Jason	5-3	18	9	27	1.0-7	1.0-7			1					
48 Cucci, Pat	5-4	6	17	23	1.5-5			2		1-0				
24 Hemphill, Kelvyn	5-2	13	8	21				1						
25 Garrett, Chris	5-5	12	6	18	0.5-1			3		1-0				
57 Wilson, Brandon	5-2	6	11	17	3.5-11	1.5-7			4					
62 Piton, Mike	5-5	8	8	16	3.0-15					1-0				
50 Westbrook, Tommie	5-0	5	6	11										
38 Trujillo, Tony	5-0	6	5	11	0.5-1									
20 Kociuba, Casey	3-1	9	2	11	1.0-4									
93 Blankenship, Adam	5-5	4	5	9	2.0-4	2.0-4		1	4					
94 Thomas, Jarek	3-3	4	5	9	4.0-14	1.0-8			3		1			
58 Whitaker, Mark	5-1	5	3	8										
45 Siskowic, Kyle	4-0	3	4	7										
44 Williams, Wesley	4-0	3	3	6					1					
99 Williams, Nick	5-3	2	4	6					1					
91 Rivas, Dave	5-0	3	3	6	2.0-8	1.0-8			2					
90 Simnick, Dan	4-2		6	6	0.5-1	0.5-0			1					
19 Kelsey, Bobby	5-0	2	2	4										
60 Speer, Tom	4-0	2	2	4	0.5-1									
40 Whigham, Bert	5-0	2	2	4										
97 Hunter, Kaschiev	5-0	2	2	4	0.5-5	0.5-5			1	1-0				
96 Soyebo, Babtunde	3-0	1	3	4	2.0-7	1.5-5			2					
86 Horton, Jason	4-3	2	1	3										
89 Gordon, Micha	3-0	1	1	2										
66 Wiggins, Isaiah	5-5	1	1	2										
68 Madsen, Erik	5-0	1		1										
33 Kpandeyenge, Ansu	4-0		1	1										
88 Mickle, Kevelt	5-1	1		1										
30 Roberts, Garry	3-0		1	1			1-0							
31 James, Kurt	4-0	1		1										
13 Paschal, Andrew	3-0		1	1										
Total.....	5-0	207	220	427	34-110	11-55	4-38	13	22	6-0	5			
Opponents.....	5-0	194	184	378	21.0-48	7-27	9-105	18	11	2-0	2	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 at Missouri State									
Indiana State at Illinois State									
Illinois State at Youngstown State									
Western Illinois at Illinois State									
Illinois State at North Dakota State									
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					
Indiana State					
at Youngstown St.					
Western Illinois					
at North Dakota St.					
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		
Indiana State		
at Youngstown St.		
Western Illinois		
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		

Receiving	Chandler	Gordon	Horton	McCarty	Meredith	Mickle	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								
Indiana State								
at Youngstown St.								
Western Illinois								
at North Dakota St.								
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	1	2	3	2	3	4	-
Illinois State FG	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Opponent TD	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	5	2
Opponent FG	1	1	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-

Red-Zone Analysis		Illinois State				Opponent			
Game	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									
Indiana State									
at Youngstown St.									
Western Illinois									
at North Dakota St.									
at Southern Illinois									
Totals	20	16	12/4	.800	19	15	9/6	.789	

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							
Indiana State							
at Youngstown St.							
Western Illinois							
at North Dakota St.							
at Southern Illinois							
Illinois State	Total	150:52	35:21	39:48	40:27	35:16	
	Avg.	30:10	7:04	7:57	8:05	7:03	
Opponents	Total	149:08	39:39	35:12	34:33	39:44	
	Avg.	29:49	7:55	7:02	6:54	7:56	

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													
Indiana State													
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	3/6	7/12	1/5	3/7	8/9	6/9	3/6	2/4	3/5	1/5	3/10	40/78	51.3
PCT	50.0	58.3	20.0	42.9	88.9	66.7	50.0	50.0	60.0	20.0	30.0	51.3	

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													
Indiana State													
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	6/7	3/6	4/6	4/5	2/3	4/5	4/12	5/9	0/1	1/6	7/15	40/75	53.3
PCT	85.7	50.0	66.7	80.0	66.7	80.0	33.3	55.6	0.0	16.7	46.7	53.3	

2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
82	KR	Jason Horton	Murray State
59	KR	Tom Nelson	Murray State
50	Rush	Geno Blow	Northern Iowa
49	Rush	Parrish Fisher	Murray State
47	KR	Tom Nelson	Murray State
43	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
40	Pass	Luke Drone to Eyad Salem	at Missouri
33	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Drake
33	INT	Tom Nelson	at Missouri
31	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Murray State
31	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	at Eastern Illinois
28	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
27	Pass	Luke Drone to Jake Rourke	Northern Iowa
26	Pass	Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle	at Eastern Illinois
26	KR	Tom Nelson	at Eastern Illinois
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
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 Jason Horton	Drake
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Kelvin Chandler	Drake
21	KR	Jason Horton	at Eastern Illinois
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

Bold denotes touchdown play

Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	18	3
30-39	4	1
40-49	4	0
50-59	2	1
60+	1	0
Total	29	5

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	4	1
Passing	15	4
Punt Returns	1	0
Kick Returns	8	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	29	5

20-Yards-Plus by a Player

Player	No.	TD	Type
Jason Horton	8	2	6P, 2KR
Tom Nelson	8	0	6KR, 1PR, 1INT
Rafael Rice	2	0	2R
Kelvin Chandler	1	0	1P
Kedric Meredith	3	1	3P
Parrish Fisher	1	0	1R
Kevett Mickle	2	0	2P
Garin Harcar	1	0	1P
Eyad Salem	1	0	1P
Geno Blow	1	1	1R
Jake Rourke	1	1	1P

Longest Plays of the Year

Rushing Play	50, Geno Blow vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing Touchdown	50, Geno Blow vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Passing Play	40, Luke Drone to Eyad Salem at Missouri, 9-22-07
Passing Touchdown	31, Luke Drone to Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Return	22, Tom Nelson vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Kickoff Return	82, Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt	51, Bobby Kelsey vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Field Goal	34, Tyler Funk vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Interception Return	33, Tom Nelson at Missouri, 9-22-07

Opponent Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD	Long Plays by Opponent	No.	TD
20-29	26	3	Drake	6	3
30-39	6	-	Murray State	9	1
40-49	-	-	Eastern Illinois	5	0
50-59	2	2	Missouri	12	2
60+	1	1	Northern Iowa	3	0
Total	35	6	Missouri State		
			Indiana State		
			Youngstown St.		
			Western Illinois		
			North Dakota St.		
			Southern Illinois		
Plays by Type	No.	TD			
Rushing	6	-			
Passing	17	4			
Punt Returns	1	1			
Kick Returns	10	-			
Interceptions	1	1			
Fumble Returns	-	-			
Total	35	6			

The Sports Network Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Montana (52)	2573	1
2. Northern Iowa* (23)	2564	3
3. North Dakota State (19)	2496	4
4. Massachusetts (11)	2422	2
5. Appalachian State (2)	2294	5
6. McNeese State (7)	2236	6
7. Southern Illinois* (2)	2115	7
8. Wofford (3)	2084	8
9. James Madison	1878	9
10. Youngstown State*	1811	10
11. Delaware	1693	12
12. Hofstra	1376	14
13. Montana State	1229	18
14. Richmond	1041	25
15. New Hampshire	895	11
16. Eastern Illinois	894	19
17. Nicholls State	785	23
18. Yale	746	22
19. Sam Houston State	744	15
20. Delaware State	652	NR
21. Hampton	587	13
22. Illinois State	566	17
23. Western Illinois*	339	16
24. Cal Poly	289	NR
25. Southern	279	NR

*Gateway Football Conference member
 Illinois State opponent

The FCS Coaches' Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Montana (18)	668	1
2. North Dakota State (4)	649	3
3. Massachusetts (5)	638	2
4. Northern Iowa*	630	4
5. Appalachian State	566	5
6. Southern Illinois*	544	6
7. McNeese State (1)	536	7
8. Wofford	513	8
9. James Madison	501	9
10. Youngstown State*	474	10
11. Delaware	421	12
12. Hofstra	383	14
13. Montana State	301	17
14. New Hampshire	260	11
15. Richmond	249	25
16. Eastern Illinois	224	21
17. Yale	213	20
18. Nicholls State	191	22
19. Sam Houston State	190	15
20. Hampton	145	13
21. Delaware State	101	NR
22. Illinois State	100	16
23. Western Illinois*	98	17
24. Cal Poly	91	24
25. The Citadel	54	NR

*Gateway Football Conference member
 Illinois State opponent

Redbirds in the Polls

	TSN	FCS
Preseason	7	8
Week 1	17	18
Week 2	17	15
Week 3	14	14
Week 4	16	16
Week 5	23	22

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

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 8.2 per drive; Yards: 58.1 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:14
 20 scoring drives; 163 plays; 1,162 yards; 3,874 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

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

Shortest Drive (time)

:37 vs. Murray State (3 plays, 26 yards, Horton 20-yard pass from Drone)

Longest Drive (yards)

84 yards at Missouri (9 plays, 84 yards, Fisher 4-yard run)

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

National Rankings

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	29	192.00
Passing Offense	68	186.60
Total Offense	47	378.60
Scoring Offense	64	24.20
Rushing Defense	80	187.40
Pass Efficiency Defense	84	137.14
Total Defense	103	428.00
Scoring Defense	54	25.20
Net Punting	77	31.32
Punt Returns	86	5.71
Kickoff Returns	14	25.15
Turnover Margin	t67	-.20
Pass Defense	94	240.60
Passing Efficiency	57	120.33
Sacks	49	2.20
Tackles for Loss	43	6.80
Sacks Allowed	t34	1.40

Individual Statistics in the Top-20

Kye Stewart - Tackles	3	12.60
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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 (57)

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 (27)

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	1-2	27-16
Playing on the road	1-1	16-26
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	2-1	17-12
Playing during the day	0-2	26-30
ISU scores on first possession	2-0	20-6
Opponent scores on first possession	0-1	12-20
ISU scores first	2-2	25-11
Opponent scores first	0-1	17-30
ISU leads after the 1st quarter	0-2	21-10
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-1	10-26
ISU leads at halftime	2-1	30-9
Opponent leads at halftime	0-2	8-32
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	2-1	31-7
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-1	9-33
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	1-1	34-18
Opponent has more total yards	1-2	8-25
ISU has more rushing yards	1-1	33-14
Opponent has more rushing yards	1-2	9-29
ISU has more passing yards	1-0	29-23
Opponent has more passing yards	1-3	13-19
ISU has more turnovers	0-2	13-27
Opponent has more turnovers	0-1	21-10
Teams have equal turnovers	2-0	8-5
ISU has more penalties	0-1	20-19
Opponent has more penalties	2-2	18-22
ISU has more time of possession	1-1	24-17
Opponent has more time of possession	1-2	17-26
ISU has 100-yard rusher	1-3	35-20
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-3	15-27
ISU scores at least 20 points	2-1	38-20
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-3	16-39
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	2-3	40-35
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	167, Geno Blow vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	242, Luke Drone at Missouri, 9-22-07
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	106, Eyad Salem at Missouri, 9-22-07
Returned a punt for a TD	Joe Walkins (52 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
Returned a kickoff for a TD	LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 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, Pierre Rembert vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Threw three touchdown passes	4, Luke Drone at Indiana State, 11-9-06
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	70, Demetrus Johnson vs. Saint Xavier, 9-2-04
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	405 vs. Youngstown State, 11-14-98
300 yards rushing	341 at Missouri State, 11-5-05
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	508 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
30 first downs	35 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
50 points	70 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
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	79 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06
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 Northern Iowa, 11-13-04
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	123, Corey Lewis, Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushed for 200 yards	207, Julian Reese, Indiana State, 11-10-01
Passed for 200 yards	294, Chase Daniel, Missouri, 9-22-07
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	105, Jeremy Nicholson, Missouri State, 11-04-06
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	3, Andre Forte, Indiana State, 11-12-05
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Chase Daniel, Missouri, 9-22-07
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	80, Laurence Maroney, Minnesota, 9-11-04
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	52, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State, 9-2-06
Had a 70-yard punt	74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	474, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
300 yards rushing	352, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
400 yards passing	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
300 yards passing	341, Missouri, 9-22-07
500 yards total offense	581, Missouri, 9-22-07
30 first downs	31, Missouri, 9-22-07
50 points	58, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
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	18, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
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 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

	ISU	DU
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 Demetrius 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. Missouri 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, Missouri 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 Gateway Football Conference opener for both teams Saturday afternoon 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.

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results
Drake (4-1, 1-0)

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*	1 p.m.
O13	at San Diego*	8 p.m.
O20	at Davidson*	6 p.m.
O27	Jacksonville*	1 p.m.
N3	at Morehead State*	noon
N10	Dayton*	1 p.m.

Missouri (4-0)

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*	8:15 p.m.
O13	at Oklahoma*	tba
O20	Texas Tech*	tba
O27	Iowa State*	tba
N3	at Colorado*	tba
N10	Texas A&M*	tba
N17	at Kansas State*	tba
N24	vs. Kansas*	tba

Indiana State (0-5, 0-1)

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*	11 a.m.
O13	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
O20	Western Kentucky	1 p.m.
O27	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	Youngstown State*	11 a.m.
N10	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.

North Dakota State (4-0)

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*	1 p.m.
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	2 p.m.
O20	at Minnesota	tba
O27	Southern Utah*	1 p.m.
N3	Illinois State	6 p.m.
N10	at Cal Poly*	6:05 p.m.
N17	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.

Murray State (1-4, 0-2)

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	#16 Eastern Illinois*	3 p.m.
O20	at SE Missouri State*	1 p.m.
O27	Eastern Kentucky*	noon
N3	at Tennessee State*	5 p.m.
N10	at UT-Martin*	noon
N17	Austin Peay*	noon

Northern Iowa (5-0, 1-0)

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*	4:05 p.m.
O20	at Western Illinois*	6:30 p.m.
O27	Youngstown State*	3 p.m.
N3	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.
N10	Indiana State*	5:05 p.m.
N17	Southern Utah	5:05 p.m.

Youngstown State (4-1, 1-0)

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*	3:30 p.m.
O13	Southern Utah	3 p.m.
O20	Illinois State*	3 p.m.
O27	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N3	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
N10	Western Illinois*	noon

Southern Illinois (5-0, 1-0)

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*	2:30 p.m.
O13	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
O20	Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N17	at Hampton	1 p.m.

Eastern Illinois (3-2, 2-0)

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*	1:30 p.m.
O13	at Murray State*	3 p.m.
O20	UT-Martin*	1:30 p.m.
O27	at Tennessee State*	6 p.m.
N10	at Jacksonville State*	noon
N17	Samford*	1:30 p.m.

Missouri State (3-2, 0-1)

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*	2 p.m.
O13	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
O20	at Southern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O27	Indiana State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	#4 Northern Iowa*	1 p.m.
N10	SE Missouri State	1 p.m.

Western Illinois (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*	11 a.m.
O13	Missouri State*	1:05 p.m.
O20	Northern Iowa*	6:30 p.m.
O27	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	Southern Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	at Youngstown State*	noon