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Illinois State Redbirds (4-5, 2-3) at North Dakota State Bison (8-0, 2-0)

The last time Illinois State faced No. 1 on the road resulted in a 61-35 Redbird victory at Southern Illinois.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007

Time: 4:07 p.m. Location: Fargo, N.D.

Stadium (Capacity): Fargodome (18,700)

Surface: Astroturf Forecast: Dome

Radio: Redbird Radio Network

➤ Dick Luedke, play-by-play

➤ Ted Schmitz, color analyst

➤ L.A. Decker, studio host

Television: KVLY (Fargo NBC)

➤ Scott Peters, play-by-play

Lee Timmerman, color analyst
 Brian Shawn, sideline

Webcast: GoRedbirds.com
Series: First meeting

Denver Johnson vs. NDSU: First meeting

Last Meeting: First meeting

North Dakota State (8-0, 2-0)

| <u>S8</u> | Stephen F. Austin | W, 28-19 |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <u>S15</u> | #16 Sam Houston State | W, 41-38 |
| <u>S22</u> | at Central Michigan | W, 44-14 |
| S29 | at #17 Western Illinois | W, 41-28 |
| 06 | UC Davis* | W, 35-16 |
| <u>013</u> | at Mississippi Valley State | W, 58-7 |
| <u>O20</u> | at Minnesota | W, 27-21 |
| 027 | Southern Utah* | W, 52-17 |
| <u>N3</u> | Illinois State | 4:07 p.m. |
| <u>N10</u> | at Cal Poly* | 6:05 p.m. |
| N17 | at South Dakota State* | 1 p.m. |
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Storylines

- Today's game is the first-ever matchup between Illinois State and North Dakota State. It is also a preview of future Gateway Football Conference contests, as both North Dakota State and South Dakota State join the league in 2008. The Bison will play at Hancock Stadium Oct. 25, 2008.
- > This is the fifth time the Redbirds have faced the No. 1 team in the country. Illinois State is 2-2 against the nation's top team in the previous four meetings, including a 1-1 mark on the road.
- > This is the latest the Redbirds have played a non-conference game in a season, since Nov. 20, 2004, when ISU traveled to Florida Atlantic. That game was rescheduled when the original date was cancelled due to a hurricane.
- In the **Denver Johnson** era, ISU is 12-9 in the month of November, including a 5-1 mark in his last six games during the 11th month of the calendar year.
- > Today's game is only the third non-conference game in Johnson's tenure to occur between league games. The Redbirds were victorious in the two previous cases a 64-0 victory over Prairie View A&M (Oct. 21, 2000) and a 44-41 double-overtime win over Eastern Illinois (Nov. 11, 2000).
- > Two of the top rushing teams in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) will be in action today. Illinois State ranks No. 19 nationally with 210.44, but the Redbirds only rushed for 64 yards in their last outing. North Dakota State averages 240.5 rushing yards per game and would rank No. 12 nationally if not on provisional status with the NCAA.

The Coaches

> Illinois State

Denver Johnson is in his eighth season at Illinois State and owns a 45-44 (.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, 49, is a 1981 graduate of Tulsa and his 11-year head coaching record stands at 66-56 (.541).

> North Dakota State

Craig Bohl (Nebraska '82) is in his fifth season at the helm of the North Dakota State program. He owns a 41-11 (.788) record at NDSU, in his only head coaching position. Prior to coaching the Bison, Bohl served as an assistant coach at Nebraska, Duke, Rice, Wisconsin, Tulsa and North Dakota State.

Illinois State Season Schedule/Results

| <u>Dat</u> | te Opponent | Location | Result/Time | Notes |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| <u>A30</u> | DRAKE | Normal, III. | L, 24-27 | Drake TD off a tipped pass with 23 seconds left in the game sinked Redbirds. |
| S8 | MURRAY STATE | Normal, III. | W, 43-17 | ISU posted 205 kickoff return yards and 238 rushing yards in rout. |
| S15 | at #14 Eastern Illinois | Charleston, III. | W, 24-21 | EIU lost a fumble with 26 seconds left in the game on the Redbirds' 20-yard line. |
| S22 | 2 at #25 Missouri | Columbia, Mo. | L, 17-38 | Missouri racked up 581 yards of total offense, including 341 through the air. |
| S29 | 9 #3 NORTHERN IOWA* | Normal, III. | L, 13-23 | Redbirds outscored 10-0 in the final quarter, despite Blow's 167 yards rushing. |
| 06 | at Missouri State* | Springfield, Mo. | L, 41-58 | Missouri State scored touchdowns on its last six possessions for the win. |
| 013 | 3 INDIANA STATE* | Normal, III. | W, 69-17 | Illinois State posted TDs on first 10 possessions; rushed for 438 yards. |
| 020 | at #12 Youngstown State* | Youngstown, Ohio | W, 27-22 | ISU converted 11-of-21 third downs, 4-for-4 on 97-yard fourth-quarter TD drive. |
| 027 | 7 #24 WESTERN ILLINOIS* | Normal, III. | L, 14-27 | WIU's Donaldson rushed for 241 yards and two TDs; ISU 2-for-12 on third down. |
| N3 | at #1 North Dakota State | Fargo, N.D. | 4:07 p.m. | First meeting; NDSU will officially become a GFC member in 2008. |
| N10 | at #6 Southern Illinois* | Carbondale, III. | 1:30 p.m. | ISU has won the last two meetings by a combined score of 98-45. |

* Gateway Football Conference game; All times Central.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

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

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

Weekly Gateway Conference Call

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

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

All times are Central

Weekly Media Luncheon

| / | Tuesday, Aug. 28 at noon |
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| 1 | Tuesday, Sept. 4 at noon |
| <u>/</u> | Tuesday, Sept. 11 at noon |
| 1 | Tuesday, Sept. 18 at noon |
| ✓_ | Tuesday, Sept. 25 at noon |
| <u>/</u> | Tuesday, Oct. 2 at noon |
| 1 | Tuesday, Oct. 9 at noon |
| 1 | Tuesday, Oct. 16 at noon |
| 1 | Tuesday, Oct. 23 at noon |
| | Tuesday, Oct. 30 at noon |
| | Tuesday, Nov. 6 at noon |

The Game Week Schedule

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

| Southern Illinois Week | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Sunday 28 | Monday 29 | Tuesday 30 | Wednesday 31 | Thursday 1 | Friday 2 | Saturday 3 |
| Coach/Player Phone Interviews Available by appointment | Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) | Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building – noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) | GFC Teleconference Johnson – 10:05 a.m. Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) | Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) Denver Johnson Show Schooners 6-7 p.m. | Practice Closed No interviews | Illinois State at North Dakota State 4:07 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 North Dakota State Bison

- North Dakota State is located in Fargo, N.D., and has an enrollment of 12,258. The Bison are members of the Great West Conference and will join the Gateway Football Conference next season with fellow Great West member South Dakota State.
- The Bison are in their fourth and final year of NCAA provisional status and are not eligible to compete in the FCS playoffs this season. North Dakota State began playing at the FCS level in 2004, after playing Division II football.
- If the Bison's stats were ranked by the NCAA, junior tailback Tyler Roehl would rank sixth in rushing with 142.14 rushing yards per game. He didn't play last weekend against Southern Utah, due to a shoulder injury.
- Senior quarterback Steve Walker, from Lockport, Ill., would also rank No. 6 in the NCAA stats for passing efficiency with a 172.1 rating.
- Again, if the stats weren't provisional, junior Shamen Washington would be the top punt returner at the FCS level. He has not returned a punt for a touchdown this season, but is averaging 21.45 yards per return.
- The Bison are averaging 240.5 rushing yards per game, which would rank No. 12 in the NCAA stats. NDSU would also have the top punt return average in the FCS with 22.08 yards per return average.
- > With 104.6 rushing yards per game allowed, the Bison would rank No. 9 nationally in rushing defense.

Bison Bonds

- The Chicago Public League will be represented today, as ISU's Isaiah Wiggins (Prosser HS) will be playing against an old rival in NDSU's Joe Mays (Hyde Park HS).
- The South Inter-Athletic Association Conference (SICA) West Division will also be represented in Saturday's game. ISU's Dave Mordis (Stagg HS) and Mike Piton (Stagg HS) will be in action against NDSU's Steve Walker (Lockport HS).

Facing Number One

Playing the No. 1 team in the country is nothing new for Illinois State, especially when playing a top-ranked opponent on the road. ISU owns a 2-2 all-time mark against No. 1-ranked teams, including a 61-35 dismantling at Southern Illinois on Oct. 15, 2005, the Redbirds' last game against a top-ranked team.

Drone Approaches Another Milestone

After throwing for two touchdowns in last weekend's game versus Western Illinois, quarterback **Luke Drone** approaches another milestone. With his 58 career touchdown passes, Drone needs only five more in his last two games to pass former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (62) for the school's career passing touchdown record.

Redbirds in the Peace Garden State

As the Redbirds enter their first game against North Dakota State, this will only be ISU's second trip to the state of North Dakota. The Redbirds lost at North Dakota, 20-0, Sept. 29, 1979, back when Jimmy Carter was president, *The Deer Hunter* won the Academy Award for Best Picture and Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are" was song of the year.

<u>It's a Family Matter</u>

With the Redbirds struggling to find success on the ground last weekend versus Western Illinois, it became the second-consecutive Family Day game that the 'Birds have recorded less than 100 rushing yards. Illinois State mustered only 64 yards rushing against WIU, while the Redbirds recorded a meager 18 yards on the ground versus Youngstown State Oct. 28, 2006.

Movin' On Up

With his four first-half receptions during last week's game versus Western Illinois, senior wider receiver **Jason Horton** moved up to fifth place all-time on Illinois State's career reception list. Horton, who now has 114 catches, passed **Bill Miller**, who grabbed 112 passes from 1986-89, and **Vito Golson**, who had 113 catches from 1999-2002.

Cementing His Legacy

Quarterback **Luke Drone** has made his case to go down as one of Illinois State's most successful signal callers, as the senior's 22 completions during last weekend's game versus Western Illinois moved him up to No. 2 in the school's all-time completions list. Drone now has 563 completions, surpassing **John Coppens**' 554 career completions from 1981-84.

Stewart Doubles Over

Linebacker **Kye Stewart** finished last weekend's game versus Western Illinois with a career-high tying 17 tackles, which was his seventh double-digit tackling effort this season and the 21st of his career. Stewart's 356 total tackles now ranks seventh all-time in the school annals, as he passed both **Mike Prior** (1981-84) and **Tony Jones** (1988-91), who amassed 345 and 343 tackles, respectively.

| The Tal | le of the Tap | ę |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | <u>ILS</u> | NDSU |
| Record | 4-5 | 8-0 |
| Points | 30.2 | 40.8 |
| Points Allowed | 27.8 | 20.0 |
| First Downs | 195 | 186 |
| Rushing Yards | 210.4 | 240.5 |
| Rushing Defense | 206.2 | 104.6 |
| Passing Yards | 199.8 | 221.2 |
| Passing Defense | 195.3 | 215.6 |
| Total Offense | 410.2 | 461.8 |
| Total Defense | 401.6 | 320.2 |
| Interceptions | 6-40 | 11-165 |
| Punt Return Avg. | 5.6 | 22.1 |
| Kickoff Return Avg. | 24.0 | 23.4 |
| Fumbles Lost | 3 | 9 |
| <u>Penalties</u> | 40-344 | 57-501 |
| Time of Possession | 30:50 | 31:23 |
| 3rd-Down Conversions | 69/134 (51%) | 43/84 (51%) |
| 4th-Down Conversions | 4/10 (40%) | 5/6 (83%) |
| TDs Scored | 37 | 42 |
| Field Goals | 6-8 | 10-14 |
| PAT Attempts | 32-37 | 42-42 |

Illinois State Statistical Leaders

| Rushing | Att | Net | Avg/G | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----|---------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Blow | 143 | 776 | 86.2 | 8 | 77 |
| R. Rice | 139 | 752 | 94.0 | 6 | 43 |
| Fisher | 38 | 192 | 38.4 | 1 | 49 |
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| <u>Passing</u> | | Cmp-Att | <u>-Int</u> | <u>Yds</u> | <u>TD</u> |
| Drone | | 145-243 | -14 | 1783 | 15 |
| | | | | | |
| Receiving | | No | Yds | Avg | <u>TD</u> |
| Horton | | 33 | 570 | 17.3 | 4 |
| Mickle | | 26 | 323 | 12.4 | 2 |
| Salem | | 20 | 321 | 16.0 | 2 |
| Harcar | | 19 | 137 | 7.2 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Tackles</u> | | Solo | Asst | | Total |
| Stewart | | 47 | 60 | | 107 |
| Hronec | | 28 | 54 | | 82 |
| Nelson | | 32 | 33 | | 65 |
| Caesar | | 25 | 37 | | 62 |
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North Dakota State Statistical Leaders

| Rushing | Att | Net | Avg/G | TD | Long |
|----------------|-----|---------|-------|------|-----------|
| Roehl | 141 | 995 | 142.1 | 14 | 77 |
| Paschall | 74 | 425 | 53.1 | 4 | 31 |
| Blincoe | 57 | 349 | 58.2 | 5 | 23 |
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| <u>Passing</u> | | Cmp-Att | -Int | Yds | <u>TD</u> |
| Walker | | 121-16 | 8-7 | 1579 | 15 |
| | | | | | |
| Receiving | | No | Yds | Avg | <u>TD</u> |
| Heckendorf | | 32 | 469 | 14.7 | 3 |
| Belquist | | 26 | 384 | 14.8 | 0 |
| Wurzbacher | | 18 | 244 | 13.6 | 4 |
| Jangula | | 15 | 204 | 13.6 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Tackles</u> | S | olo | Asst | | Total |
| Mays | | 31 | 27 | | 58 |
| Belmont | | 24 | 29 | | 53 |
| Humber | | 28 | 22 | | 50 |
| Schommer | | 22 | 20 | | 42 |
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| 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-) | <u> 18</u> |
| | |
| ISU Career Pass Completions | |
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 663 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-) | 563 |
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| 2. Luke Drone (2004-) | /004 |
| ISU Career Passing TDs | |
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 62 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-) | 58 |
| Z. Luke Brone (2004) | |
| ISU Career Completion Percentage | |
| Luke Drone (2004-) | .608 |
| 2. Danny Barnett (1992-94) | .590 |
| 2. Dunity Dunion (1772 71) | .070 |
| ISU Career Passing Efficiency | |
| 1. Luke Drone (2004-) | 142.7 |
| 2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001) | 127.8 |
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| ISU Career Receiving Yards | |
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | 3007 |
| 2. Ricky Garrett (1996-99) | 2719 |
| 3. Clarence Collins (1980-83) | 2498 |
| 4. Vito Golson (1999-2002) | 2014 |
| 5. Jason Horton (2003-) | 1711 |
| | |
| ISU Career Receptions | |
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | 192 |
| 3. Clarence Collins (1980-83) | 147 |
| 4. Brian Brown (1989-92) | 115 |
| 5. Jason Horton (2003-) | 114 |
| | |
| ISU Career TD Receptions | |
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | <u> 29</u> |
| 4. Vito Golson (1999-2002) | <u>17</u> |
| 5. Jason Horton (2003-) | 13 |
| ICH Community Lot Office | |
| ISU Career Total Offense | 0000 |
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 8892 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-) | 7925 |
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| ISU Career TDs Responsible For 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 70 |
| | 68 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-) | 00 |
| ISU Career Kick Return Yards | |
| 1. Dennis Butler (2001-02) | 1145 |
| 2. Aveion Cason (1998-99) | 1074 |
| 3. Tom Nelson (2005-) | 1025 |
| - Toni Holson (2000) | 1020 |
| ISU Career Kick Returns | |
| 1. Dennis Butler (2001-02) | 50 |
| 2. Tom Nelson (2005-) | 46 |
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| ISU Career Tackles | |
| 1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04) | 580 |
| 4. Chris Stevens (1992-95) | 443 |
| 5. Ryan Szokola (1997-00) | 397 |
| 6. Cameron Siskowic (2003-06) | 394 |
| 7. Kye Stewart (2003-) | 356 |
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Turnabout is Big Play

While Illinois State benefited from the big plays at Youngstown State, it was an inability to stop the big plays that cost ISU during last weekend's game versus Western Illinois. The Leathernecks took advantage of the big plays, as they recorded three plays over 20 yards, with all three finding the end zone. WIU scored on runs of 55 and 38 yards, while adding a pass play for 52 yards.

It's In His Sights

With 7,684 career passing yards, **Luke Drone** is in a chase to become the most prolific passer in Redbird history. Drone needs 568 yards through the air in ISU's final two games, or 284 passing yards per game, to knock former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (8,251) from the top spot.

What a Blow!

Illinois State's leading rusher **Geno Blow** suffered a season-ending injury after he broke his left hand in the 27-14 loss to No. 24 Western Illinois last weekend. Blow finished the 2007 season with 776 yards rushing on 143 carries. He was averaging 5.4 yards per attempt and posted a team-high eight rushing touchdowns.

Thirst for a First

Heading into the game versus Western Illinois, the Illinois State football team ranked No. 1 in the country in third-down efficiency and had been able to move the chains with regularity when faced with the circumstances of third down. However, the Redbirds were unable to keep the drive going against WIU, as Illinois State was only able to convert 2-of-12 attempts on third down. ISU has converted 51 percent of third downs this season and now ranks No. 3 nationally.

Spinning the Turnstiles

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

Looking for a Grand

Head coach **Denver Johnson** has had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of the last 10 seasons that he has been a head coach, both at Illinois State and Murray State. Senior **Rafael Rice** is the Redbirds' only realistic chance to reach the 1,000-yard promise land this season. Rice, who has 752 rushing yards this season, needs an average of 124 yards in the final two games to eclipse the 1,000-yard plateau.

Hronec Puts On the Clamps

Playing in his final home game in an Illinois State uniform, senior **Bill Hronec** might have had his finest game at Hancock Stadium. Hronec collected a game- and career-high 18 tackles, including a sack and a tackle-for-loss, last week versus Western Illinois. Hronec now ranks second on the team with 82 tackles this season, including 28 solo stops and 5.5 tackles for loss. He has also collected a pair of forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception.

<u>Waffling in their House</u>

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

Salem's Lot

The football seemed to gravitate toward sophomore wide receiver **Eyad Salem** in the second half against Western Illinois. Salem finished with career-highs in both catches and yards, as he recorded nine catches for 176 yards with a touchdown. Providing the big play, Salem recorded all three of the Redbirds' offensive plays of 20 yards or more.

Many Happy Returns

Through nine games, the Redbirds are on pace to break the school record for kickoff return average by a team in a season. ISU is currently averaging 24.0 yards per kickoff return this season, which is just over one yard better than the record of 22.96 yards per return, set in 1993.

What a Rush

Despite being held to 64 yards rushing last weekend against Western Illinois, the Redbirds are still averaging 210.4 rushing yards per game this season. The rushing average is the most by ISU since 2003, and if the season ended today, would rank as the fourth-best average in school history. It would also mark the fourth time the Redbirds have averaged 200 or more yards a game under **Denver Johnson**.

2000: A Rushing Odyssey

If the Redbirds can accumulate 106 yards on the ground over their last two games, Illinois State will eclipse 2,000 rushing yards for a third-straight season. The feat has only occurred one other time in school history, when the Redbirds amassed 2,000-plus rushing yards per season from 1998-2000.

Another One Bites the Dust

With the 24-21 win at No. 14 Eastern Illinois, the Redbirds have secured a victory over a nationally-ranked team in 10 of the last 11 seasons. ISU also knocked off No. 12 Youngstown State, 27-22, this season, and will have more opportunities to knock off ranked teams, as both of its final regular-season opponents are ranked in the top-25 polls.

All-America U

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

It's as Easy as One, Two, Three

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

The Four Horsemen

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

In Rare Company

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

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**.

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 142.7, which is nearly 15 points higher than the next highest ISU quarterback.

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 also on pace in 2007, leading the league with 107 tackles, which also ranks No. 8 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.

<u>Denver Johnson – a Man of Honor</u>

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.

Redbirds Versus No. 1

| Date | Opponent | Result | Score |
|----------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 11-13-93 | Youngstown State | W | 13-10 |
| 11-1-97 | at Youngstown State | L | 13-0 |
| 11-6-04 | Southern Illinois | L | 41-14 |
| 10-15-05 | at Southern Illinois | W | 61-35 |

Points Off Turnovers

| | ISU | Орр |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Drake | 0 | 10 |
| Murray State | 7 | 3 |
| at E. Illinois | 7 | 7 |
| at Missouri | 7 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | 7 | 9 |
| at Missouri St. | 14 | 14 |
| Indiana State | 0 | 0 |
| at Youngstown St. | 0 | 0 |
| Western Illinois | 0 | 3 |
| at North Dakota St. | | |
| at Southern Illinois | | |
| <u>Total</u> | 42 | 46 |
| | | |

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2007 Gateway Standings

| | GA | VAY | OVERALL | | | |
|-------------------|----|-----|---------|---|---|-------|
| | W | L | PCT | W | L | PCT |
| Northern Iowa | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 8 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Southern Illinois | 3 | 1 | .750 | 7 | 1 | .875 |
| Western Illinois | 3 | 1 | .750 | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Missouri State | 2 | 3 | .400 | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Illinois State | 2 | 3 | .400 | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| Youngstown State | 1 | 3 | .250 | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Indiana State | 0 | 4 | .000 | 0 | 9 | .000 |

This Week in the Gateway:

Nov. 3

- Youngstown State at Indiana State, 11 a.m.
- Northern Iowa at Missouri State, 1 p.m.
- ➤ Southern Illinois at Western Illinois, 1:05 p.m.

2007 Gateway Preseason Poll

| <u>1. </u> | Northern Iowa (11) | 166 |
|---|-----------------------|-----|
| <u>2.</u> | 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 $^{\text{TM}}$ status.

| Kevin Brockway \$ |
|----------------------|
| Luke Drone |
| Steven Fetzer |
| Kurt James # |
| Ansu Kpandeyenge # |
| Kedric Meredith |
| Cortes Rice # |
| Dave Rivas \$ |
| Eyad Salem \$ |
| Mike Slack \$ |
| Jonathan St-Pierre # |
| Isaiah Wiggins # |

Graham Corcoran #
Preston Earl #
Brent Holtz #
Casey Kociuba
Warren McCarty
Dave Mordis \$
Rafael Rice #
Garry Roberts
Dan Simnick
Tom Speer \$
Dan Weiner
Dane Zumbablen

indicates Spring 2007 only member \$ indicates Fall 2006 only member



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 lowa, which did so from 1995-2000. If the string is going to continue, the pace will have to pick up soon for ISU. Currently, the Redbird offense ranks fourth in the conference with 199.8 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.

Stewart Tops Century Mark

Linebacker **Kye Stewart's** 17 tackles against Western Illinois gave the Gateway Football Conference leader 107 stops on the season. By surpassing the 100-tackle total, the Redbirds have had at least one tackler over 100 stops in each season since 2002.

The Winning Road?

If the Redbirds are going to finish the 2007 season with a winning record, it is going to have to happen on the road. With a 4-5 record, Illinois State travels to North Dakota State and Southern Illinois for its final two regular-seson games, while trying to avoid its first losing season since 2004.

This Schedule is Rank

Of the 11 games on the 2007 Illinois State schedule, seven have been, or will be, against nationally-ranked teams. The Redbirds are currently in a four-game swing where all four of their opponents are in the national top-25 polls. ISU defeated then-No. 12 Youngstown State 27-20, lost to then-No. 24 Western Illinois, 27-14, before playing No. 1 North Dakota State this weekend and No. 6 Southern Illinois in the season finale Nov. 10.

Getting to the League

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

A Leader On-and-Off the Field

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

Transferable

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

The NFL is in Their Blood

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

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2007 Illinois State Starters Game-By-Game

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

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

[#] Redbird offense began game with three wide receivers.

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

| | 2007 | Current Steak | Career |
|------------------|------|---------------|--------|
| Wiggins (OL) | 9 | 37 | 37 |
| Caesar (DB) | 9 | 31 | 37 |
| Stewart (LB) | 9 | 19 | 34 |
| Mordis (FB) | 2 | 2 | 33 |
| Drone (QB) | 9 | 33 | 33 |
| Nelson (FS) | 9 | 33 | 33 |
| Thomas (DL) | 3 | 0 | 25 |
| Niklasch (OL) | 9 | 22 | 23 |
| Joyce (OL) | 9 | 20 | 20 |
| Meredith (TE) | 9 | 13 | 19 |
| St-Pierre (OL) | 9 | 18 | 18 |
| Horton (WR) | 8 | 5 | 18 |
| Blankenship (DL) | 9 | 15 | 15 |
| R. Rice (TB) | 8 | 4 | 11 |
| Simnick (DL) | 5 | 0 | 10 |

| 2007 | Current Steak | Career |
|------|---|---|
| 9 | 9 | 9 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 |
| 8 | 5 | 9 |
| 7 | 3 | 8 |
| 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1 | 0 | 11 |
| | 9 9 9 8 7 6 6 5 5 5 5 4 0 | 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 5 7 3 6 0 6 0 6 5 4 5 4 5 2 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |

| | 2007 | Current Steak | Career |
|---------------|------|---------------|--------|
| Kociuba (DB) | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Whitaker (LB) | 1 | 0 | 1 |

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^{*} Redbirds started the game defensively in the nickel package.

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

| | | | • • |
|-------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 0ffei | nse | (Multiple) | |
| WR | 10 | Jake Rourke** | 6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Chatham, III. |
| | 86 | Jason Horton*** | 6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, III. |
| LT | 66 | Isaiah Wiggins*** | 6-4 • 290 • Sr. • Chicago , III . |
| | 76 | Chris Riley | 6-5 • 270 • RFr. • Wadsworth, III. |
| LG | 65 | Bill Speiser* | 6-5 • 300 • Sr. • Warrenton, Mo. |
| | 68 | Erik Madsen* | 6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, III. |
| С | 61 | Jonathan St-Pierre* | 6-3 • 325 • Jr. • Longueuil, Quebec |
| | 64 | Brad Paul | 6-4 • 275 • RFr. • Seabrook, Texas |
| RG | 69 | Joe Niklasch** | 6-4 • 280 • Jr. • Hartland, Wis. |
| | 68 | Erik Madsen* | 6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, III. |
| RT | 78 | Brandon Joyce* | 6-5 • 310 • Sr. • St. Charles, Mo. |
| | 70 | Michael Cross | 6-5 • 305 • RFr. • Bloomington, III. |
| TE | 47 | Kedric Meredith** | 6-3 • 270 • Jr. • Peoria, III. |
| | 42 | Jeremy Joynt* | 6-3 • 255 • Sr. • Emmetsburg, Iowa |
| WR | 88 | Kevett Mickle* | 6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Orlando, Fla. |
| | 84 | Eyad Salem | 6-2 • 185 • So. • Elgin, III. |
| QB | 7 | Luke Drone*** | 6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, III. |
| | 12 | Kevin Brockway** | 6-4 • 225 • Jr. • Crystal Lake, III. |
| FB | 83 | Dave Mordis*** | 6-3 • 265 • Sr. • Palos Park, III. |
| | 35 | Garin Harcar | 5-11 • 260 • So. • Grand Ridge, III. |
| TB | 2 | Rafael Rice* | 5-11 • 220 • Sr. • Los Alamitos, Calif. |
| | 34 | Parrish Fisher | 5-10 • 205 • Jr. • Richardson, Texas |
| PK | 87 36 | Steven Fetzer Kevin Mazur** | 6-0 • 180 • RFr. • Mahomet, III. 5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, III. |

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

| Defe | nse | (4-3) | |
|------|--------------|---------------------------------|--|
| DE | 93 | Adam Blankenship* | 6-2 • 235 • Jr. • Tulsa, Okla. |
| | 44 | Wesley Williams | 6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| DT | 99 | Nick Williams | 6-2 • 275 • Jr. • Plantation, Fla. |
| | 90 | Dan Simnick** | 6-2 • 270 • Sr. • Naperville, III. |
| DT | 62 | Mike Piton | 6-2 • 275 • Fr. • Palos Hills, III. |
| | 97 | Kaschiev Hunter** | 6-2 • 300 • Jr. • Marietta, Ga. |
| DE | 57 | Brandon Wilson* | 6-2 • 220 • So. • San Antonio, Texas |
| | 96 | Babtunde Soyebo | 6-5 • 240 • So. • Lagos, Nigeria |
| SLB | 48 | Pat Cucci** | 6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Winter Springs, Fla. |
| | 38 | Tony Trujillo | 6-2 • 230 • RFr. • Salt Lake City, Utah |
| MLB | 59 | Bill Hronec*** | 6-2 • 225 • Sr. • Evergreen Park, III. |
| | 50 | Tommie Westbrook | 6-0 • 235 • Fr. • Chicago, III. |
| WLB | 6 | Kye Stewart*** | 6-0 • 210 • Sr. • Nashville, Tenn. |
| | 58 | Mark Whitaker** | 6-1 • 220 • Sr. • Moline, III. |
| СВ | 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 • FrHS • Liberty Hill, Texas |
| FS | 9 | Tom Nelson** | 6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, III. |
| | 30 | Garry Roberts** | 6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Edna, Texas |
| СВ | 24 | Kelvyn Hemphill | 6-2 • 180 • Fr. • San Antonio, Texas |
| | 21 | Jason Tate* | 5-11 • 175 • So. • Lake Mary, Fla. |
| Р | 19 36 | Bobby Kelsey** Kevin Mazur** | 6-1 • 230 • Jr. • Channahon, III. 5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, III. |

| 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 Soyebo | 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), Rohrk 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).

^{*} Indicates number of letters earned

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|------|
| Blankenship, Adam | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | NDSO | - 51 |
| Blow, Geno | X | Х | Х | Х | S-TB | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Chandler, Kelvin | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Cross, Michael | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | Х | dnp | dnp | | |
| Cucci, Pat | S-SLB | S-SLB | S-SLB | Х | S-SLB | Х | S-SLB | S-SLB | S-SLB | | |
| Doyle, Joe | <u> 3-3LВ</u> Х | <u> 3-3LD</u> Х | X | х х | <u> </u> | Х | <u> 3-3LD</u> Х | X | <u> 3-3LВ</u> Х | | |
| Orone, Luke | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | S-QB | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earl, Preston | dnp | X | X | X | X | X | Х | X | X | | |
| etzer, Steven | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | χ | X dnn | X | X | | |
| isher, Parrish | X | Х | Х | Х | inj. | dnp | dnp | X | dnp | | |
| Garrett, Chris | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | | |
| Harcar, Garin | S-FB | S-FB | S-FB | S-FB | S-FB | Х | S-FB | X | X | | |
| lemphill, Kelvyn | Х | S-CB | Х | Х | Х | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | | |
| lorton, Jason | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | inj. | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | | |
| Ironec, Bill | S-MLB | S-MLB | S-MLB | inj. | S-MLB | S-MLB | S-MLB | S-MLB | S-MLB | | |
| lunter, Kaschiev | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| ames, Kurt | Х | Х | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| oyce, Brandon | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | S-RT | | |
| oynt, Jeremy | Х | Х | inj. | inj. | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Celsey, Bobby | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Cociuba, Casey | dnp | Х | dnp | S-NB | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| (pandeyenge, Ansu | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | | |
| Madsen, Erik | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Mazur, Kevin | Х | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | Х | dnp | dnp | | |
| Meredith, Kedric | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | S-TE | | |
| lickle, Kevett | Х | Х | Х | S-WR | Х | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | | |
| Mordis, Dave | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | Х | Х | S-FB | S-FB | | |
| lelson, Tom | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | S-FS | | |
| liklasch. Joe | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | S-RG | | |
| Paschal, Andrew | Х | Х | inj. | inj. | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Paul, Brad | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | Х | dnp | dnp | | |
| Piton, Mike | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | | |
| Rice, Cortes | dnp | У. | dnp | | | | | У. | | | |
| Rice, Rafael | S-TB | S-TB | S-TB | S-TB | inj. | S-TB | S-TB | S-TB | S-TB | | |
| • | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Riley, Chris | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | dnp | X :-: | dnp :-: | dnp :-: | | |
| Rivas, Dave | Х | X | X | Х | Х | Х | <u>inj.</u> | <u>inj.</u> | <u>inj.</u> | | |
| Roberts, Garry | X | dnp | dnp | X | X | Х | dnp | dnp | dnp | | |
| Rourke, Jake | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | S-WR | Х | Х | Х | | |
| ialem, Eyad | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| imnick, Dan | dnp | Х | Х | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | Х | Х | | |
| iskowic, Kyle | Х | Х | Х | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| oyebo, Babatunde | dnp | Х | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| peiser, Bill | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | S-LG | | |
| stewart, Kye | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | S-WLB | | |
| t-Pierre, Jonathan | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | S-C | | |
| ate, Jason | S-CB | Х | S-CB | S-CB | S-CB | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| homas, Jarek | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | inj. | | |
| ruijillo, Tony | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | S-SLB | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Veiner, Dan | dnp | Х | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| /estbrook, Tommie | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| /higham, Bert | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | _ |
| /hitaker, Mark | Х | Х | Х | S-SLB | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| /iggins, Isaiah | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | S-LT | | |
| Villiams, Nick | S-DT | S-DT | S-DT | Х | Х | dnp | Х | S-DT | S-DT | | |
| Villiams, Wesley | dnp | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| Vilson, Brandon | Х | Х Х | X | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | S-DE | | |
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| Red | dbird Captains |
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| Game | Redbird Captains |
| <u>Drake</u> | Drone, Stewart, Thomas, Wiggins |
| Murray State | Drone, Mordis, Simnick, Stewart |
| at E. Illinois | Caesar, Drone, Horton, Stewart |
| at Missouri | Joyce, Speiser, Stewart, Whitaker |
| N. Iowa | Caesar, Drone, Joynt, Stewart |
| at Missouri St. | Drone, Hronec, Joyce, Stewart |
| Indiana St. | Dall, James, Stewart, Weiner |
| at Youngstown St. | Caesar, Drone, Horton, Stewart |
| W. Illinois | Drone, Hronec, Stewart, Wiggins |
| at North Dakota St. | |
| at S. Illinois | |
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| | GFC Players of the Week | |
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| <u>FFENSE</u> | | |

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

SPECIAL TEAMS
None

OFFENSIVE LINE

Sept. 10 – Joe Niklasch (83%, 0 sacks, 0 MA, 4 KDs) Oct. 15 – Isaiah Wiggins (98%, 0 sacks, 0 MA, 8 KDs)

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| Illinois State's Starti | ing Lineup |
|--------------------------|---|
| Offense | |
| WR 10 Jake Rourke | Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn. |
| LT 66 Isaiah Wiggins | Began playing the trumpet in elementary school and has been playing it for 10 years. |
| LG 65 Bill Speiser | Became a father on May 3, with the birth of his daughter Jordan; enjoys four-wheeling and fishing. |
| C 61 Jonathan St-Pierre | A former roommate of the Chicago Bears' Devin Hester, when the two attended Miami (Fla.) |
| RG 69 Joe Niklasch | A Brewers and Packers fan with the best "glam-rock" hairdo on the team. |
| RT 78 Brandon Joyce | While in high school, appeared in a Sharpie commercial with Terrell Owens. |
| WR 88 Kevett Mickle | Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman. |
| TE 47 Kedric Meredith | Started investing in the stock market and can't stop watching CNBC. |
| QB 7 Luke Drone | Plays the guitar and went camping at Yosemite National Park this past summer. |
| FB 83 Dave Mordis | A 2007 preseason first-team all-Gateway selection: tore his ACL in right knee in final camp scrimmage. |
| TB 2 Rafael Rice | One of his favorite jobs was working as a valet in high school. |
| PK 87 Steven Fetzer | Spent the summer working at a car dealership in Champaign, III. |
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| Defense | |
| DE 93 Adam Blankenship | At the age of 18, rode a bull for 4.5 seconds. |
| DT 99 Nick Williams | Born in Jamaica and moved to the United States at the age of six. |
| DT 62 Mike Piton | A self-proclaimed "computer geek" who has built a computer; also nicknamed "the body." |
| DE 57 Brandon Wilson | Enjoys hunting wild boar and also likes to fish for large-mouth bass. |
| SLB 48 Pat Cucci | Likes to fish during his free time. |
| MLB 59 Bill Hronec | He likes to play guitar and has jam sessions with Warren McCarty and Drew Kempe. |
| WLB 6 Kye Stewart | A blackbelt in Nisei Goju-Ryu karate and is also a certified scuba diver. |
| CB 25 Chris Garrett | Reportedly has had five "girlfriends" at the same time. |
| SS 1 Jesse Caesar | Dubbed the team mechanic because of his car-fixing skills, which he learned from his father. |
| FS 9 Tom Nelson | Became an uncle in July 2006 when his niece Laura was born. |
| CB 24 Kelvyn Hemphill | Hasn't had a haircut in the last 19 months. |
| P 19 Bobby Kelsey | When he was 12-years-old, worked a bull-riding event as a rodeo clown in Louisiana. |
| Non-Starters to Watch | |
| WR 80 Kelvin Chandler | Owns a 1984 cherry red Buick Regal with a T-top; enjoys street cars and muscle cars. |
| RB 34 Parrish Fisher | Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan. |
| WR 86 Jason Horton | Played ice hockey in middle school (seventh and eighth grade). |
| DL 97 Kaschiev Hunter | Likes to cook and his favorite style is West Indian or Jamacian food. |
| CB 21 Jason Tate | Never worked a job in his life; changed his uniform number to 21 to share the same number with Atlanta's DeAngelo Hall. |
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| No. Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (HS/Previous College) | No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (HS/Previous College) |
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| 1 Jesse Caesar | DB | 5-10 | 190 | Sr3L | Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge) | 46 | Graham Corcoran | DB | 5-10 | 180 | SoSq. | Warrenville, III. (Wheaton-Warrenville South) |
| 2 Rafael Rice | RB | 5-11 | 220 | Sr2L | Los Alamitos, Calif. (Mater Dei/Fullerton JC) | 47 | Kedric Meredith | TE | 6-3 | 270 | Jr2L | Peoria, III. (Richwoods) |
| 4 Drew Kiel | QB | 6-3 | 212 | FrHS | Columbus, Ind. (East) | 48 | Pat Cucci | LB | 6-1 | 240 | Jr2L | Winter Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs) |
| 5 Cody White | TE | 6-5 | 240 | FrHS | Bloomington, III. (Normal West) | 50 | Tommie Westbrook | (LB | 6-0 | 235 | FrRS | Chicago, III. (Gordon Tech) |
| 6 Kye Stewart | LB | 6-0 | 210 | Sr3L | Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn) | 57 | Brandon Wilson | DL | 6-2 | 220 | So1L | San Antonio, Texas (John Jay) |
| 7 Luke Drone | QB | 6-2 | 210 | Sr3L | . Mt. Carmel, III. (Mt. Carmel) | 58 | Mark Whitaker | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Sr2L | Moline, III. (Moline/Drake) |
| 9 Tom Nelson | DB | 6-0 | 200 | Jr2L | Arlington Heights, III. (John Hersey) | 59 | Bill Hronec | LB | 6-2 | 225 | Sr3L | Evergreen Park, III. (Chicago Mt. Carmel) |
| 10 Jake Rourke | WR | 6-3 | 195 | Jr2L | Chatham, III. (Glenwood) | 60 | Tom Speer | DL | 6-4 | 220 | So1L | Macomb, III. (Macomb) |
| 12 Kevin Brockway | QB | 6-4 | 225 | Jr2L | Crystal Lake, III. (South) | 61 | Jonathan St-Pierre | OL | 6-3 | 325 | Jr1L | Longueuil, Quebec (Edouard-Montpetit/Miami [Fla |
| 13 Andrew Paschal | DB | 6-3 | 205 | JrSq | . Largo, Fla. (Largo/Ft. Scott) | 62 | Mike Piton | DL | 6-2 | 275 | FrRS | Palos Hills, III. (Stagg) |
| 14 Tyler Funk | P/K | 6-0 | 170 | FrRS | Racine, Wis. (William Horlick) | 64 | Brad Paul | OL | 6-4 | 275 | FrRS | Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake) |
| 16 Preston Earl | QB | 6-2 | 220 | FrRS | S Lincolnshire, III. (Stevenson) | 65 | Bill Speiser | OL | 6-5 | 300 | Sr1L | Warrenton, Mo. (Warrenton/Iowa Central CC) |
| 18 Drew Kempe | WR | 6-3 | 205 | SoSo | ı. Wheaton, III. (Wheaton North) | 66 | Isaiah Wiggins | OL | 6-4 | 290 | Sr3L | Chicago, III. (Prosser) |
| 19 Bobby Kelsey | K/P | 6-1 | 230 | Jr2L | Channahon, III. (Providence Catholic) | 67 | Landon Humbles | OL | 6-4 | 275 | JrSq. | Peoria, III. (Richwoods) |
| 20 Casey Kociuba | DB | 6-1 | 200 | FrRS | Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill) | 68 | Erik Madsen | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Jr1L | Bolingbrook, III. (Joliet Catholic) |
| 21 Jason Tate | DB | 5-11 | 175 | So11 | Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole) | 69 | Joe Niklasch | OL | 6-4 | 280 | Jr2L | Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead) |
| 22 Geno Blow | RB | 5-11 | 200 | So1l | Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake) | 70 | Michael Cross | OL | 6-5 | 305 | FrRS | Bloomington, III. (Normal Community) |
| 23 Mitchell Moore | RB | 6-0 | 210 | SoTF | R Gurnee, III. (Warren Township/Iowa State) | 71 | Joe Doyle | LS | 6-2 | 230 | SoTR | Wellington, Fla. (Wellington/Antelope Valley Co |
| 24 Kelvyn Hemphill | DB | 6-2 | 180 | FrRS | S San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor) | 76 | Chris Riley | OL | 6-5 | 270 | FrRS | Wadsworth, III. (Warren Township) |
| 25 Chris Garrett | DB | 6-0 | 175 | SoTF | R Concord, Calif. (De La Salle/Diablo Valley College) | 78 | Brandon Joyce | OL | 6-5 | 310 | Sr1L | St. Charles, Mo. (Duchesne/Indiana) |
| 26 Cortes Rice | RB | 6-2 | 215 | So1l | Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos) | 80 | Kelvin Chandler | WR | 6-2 | 185 | JrTR | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Pittsburgh) |
| 27 Jermaine Malcoln | n DB | 6-4 | 200 | FrRS | S San Antonio, Texas (Holmes) | 81 | Marcus King | WR | 6-4 | 195 | FrHS | Bloomington, III. (Normal Community) |
| 30 Garry Roberts | DB | 6-2 | 210 | Sr2L | . Edna, Texas (Edna) | 82 | Dane Zumbahlen | TE | 6-5 | 255 | FrRS | Morris, III. (Morris) |
| 31 Kurt James | DB | 6-1 | 205 | SrSq | . Elmhurst, III. (Immaculate Conception) | 83 | Dave Mordis | FB | 6-3 | 265 | Sr3L | Palos Park, III. (Stagg) |
| 33 Ansu Kpandeyenge | RB | 5-10 | 205 | Jr1L | Elgin, III. (Larkin) | 84 | Eyad Salem | WR | 6-2 | 185 | SoTR | Elgin, III. (Larkin/Minnesota State-Moorhead) |
| 34 Parrish Fisher | RB | 5-10 | 205 | JrTR | Richardson, Texas (J.J. Pearce/Kansas State) | 85 | Warren McCarty | WR | 6-4 | 205 | So1L | Roscoe, III. (Hononegah) |
| 35 Garin Harcar | FB | 5-11 | 260 | So1l | Grand Ridge, III. (Ottawa) | 86 | Jason Horton | WR | 6-0 | 185 | Sr3L | Bolingbrook, III. (Neuqua Valley) |
| 36 Kevin Mazur | Κ | 5-11 | 190 | Jr2L | Mt. Prospect, III. (John Hersey) | 87 | Steven Fetzer | K | 6-0 | 180 | FrRS | Mahomet, III. (Mahomet-Seymour) |
| 38 Tony Trujillo | LB | 6-2 | 230 | FrRS | S Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood) | 88 | Kevett Mickle | WR | 6-3 | 195 | JrTR | Orlando, Fla. (Boone/Hillsborough CC) |
| 39 D.J. Grayson | LB | 6-0 | 245 | FrRS | S Chicago, III. (South Shore) | 90 | Dan Simnick | DL | 6-2 | 270 | Sr2L | Naperville, III. (North) |
| 40 Bert Whigham | TE | 6-4 | 235 | SoSo | ı. Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole) | 91 | Dave Rivas | DL | 6-3 | 255 | FrRS | Chicago, III. (Gordon Tech) |
| 41 Dan Weiner | WR | 6-1 | 195 | SrSq | . Chicago, III. (New Trier/Palomar) | 93 | Adam Blankenship | DL | 6-2 | 235 | Jr1L | Tulsa, Okla. (Union/Nebraska) |
| 42 Jeremy Joynt | TE | 6-3 | 255 | Sr1L | Emmetsburg, Iowa (Emmetsburg/Iowa Central CC) | 96 | Babatunde Soyebo | DL | 6-5 | 240 | SoSq. | Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [III.]) |
| 44 Wesley Williams | DL | 6-1 | 240 | JrTR | Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer/Fullerton College) | 97 | Kaschiev Hunter | DL | 6-2 | 300 | Jr2L | Marietta, Ga. (Harrison) |
| 45 Kyle Siskowic | LB | 6-1 | 225 | So1l | San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont) | 99 | Nick Williams | DL | 6-2 | 275 | JrTR | Plantation, Fla. (Plantation/Pittsburgh) |

| Illinois State | e Individual Care |
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| #93 • Adam Blankenship | |
| | 5 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06 |
| | 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06 |
| | 3, twice |
| Sacks: | 1, three times |
| TFLs: | 1, four times |
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| #22 • Geno Blow • TB | |
| | 167 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 |
| | 31 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 |
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| | 24 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
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| #12 • Kevin Brockway • Q | В |
| Attempts: | 3 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| Completions: | 2 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| | 24 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
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| Rusning Yards: | |
| #1 • Jesse Caesar • DB | |
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| | 6, three times |
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| | 0 |
| TFLs: | 2 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| Interceptions: | 1, four times |
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| #80 • Kelvin Chandler • W | |
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| | 21 vs. Drake, 8-30-07 |
| Long Reception. | 21 vs. brake, 0 30 01 |
| #48 • Pat Cucci • LB | |
| | 7, twice |
| | 5 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
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| | 0 |
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| interceptions: | 1, three times |
| #7 • Luke Drone • QB | |
| | 41 at Western Illinois, 10-29-05 |
| | 26 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05 |
| | 440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 |
| | 5 vs. Drake, 9-10-05 |
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| | 4, three times |
| Rushing Yards: | 43 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06 |
| #07 . Ctoyon Fotzor . V | |
| #87 • Steven Fetzer • K | 2 at Voungstown State 10 20 07 |
| | 2 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 3 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
| | 47 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
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| #34 • Parrish Fisher • TB | |
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| | 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07 |
| Longest Rush: | |
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| keceiving Yards: | |
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| <u>eer</u> | r Highs | |
| | #14 • Tyler Funk • K | |
|)6 | Field Goals Made: | 1, three times |
|)6 | Field Goals Attempted: | 1, three times |
| ce | Longest Field Goal: | 34 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 |
| es l | | 4 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 |
| s | | , |
| | #25 • Chris Garrett • DB | |
| | Tackles: | |
| 7 | Solos: | 5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07 |
| 7 | Assists: | 2, twice |
| 7 | Sacks: | 0 |
| 7 | TFLs: | 0.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 |
| s | Interceptions: | 0 |
| 7 | | |
| | #35 • Garin Harcar • FB | _ |
| | | 0 |
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| 5 | | 4, four times |
|) | | 49 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07 |
| 5 | Receiving TDs: | 1, four times |
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| | #24 • Kelvyn Hemphill • DI | |
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| 7 | | 0.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07 |
| - 1 | | 1 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
|) | interceptions | Fat Tourigstown State, 10-20-07 |
| - 1 | #86 • Jason Horton • WR | |
| · | | 8 vs. Drake, 8-30-07 |
| | | . 120 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06 |
| , | | |
| , | | . 69 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
| . | | |
| | | 95 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07 |
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| | | 67 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| | | 51 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| | . J | . , |
| · | #59 · Bill Hronec · LB | |
|) | Tackles: | 18 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| . | | 5, twice |
| | Assists: | 15 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| | Sacks: | 1 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| | TFLs: | 1.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07 |
| | Interceptions: | 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 |
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| | #97 • Kaschiev Hunter • D | |
| | | 7 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| ; | | 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06 |
| 5 | | 5, twice |
| | | 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05 |
| | | 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 10-22-05 |
| ' | Interceptions: | 0 |
| | #40 B I I | |
| | #19 • Bobby Kelsey • P | 0 14 1 1111 1 10 |
| | | 8 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| | | 353 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| | | (two punts) vs. S. Illinois, 10-14-06 |
| | | 60, twice |
| | Punts Inside 20: | 3 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06 |
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| #20 • Casey Kociuba • DB | |
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| | 6 at Missouri, 9-22-07 |
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| #33 • Ansu Kpandeyenge • 1 | rr. |
| | 68 vs. Drake, 9-10-05 |
| | 5 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 |
| | 1 vs. Drake, 9-10-05 |
| Longest Ruch | |
| | 00 vs. brake, 7-10-03 |
| | 0 |
| Receiving raids | |
| #36 • Kevin Mazur • K | |
| | 4 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 |
| | 5 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 |
| Longest Field Goal: | 88 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05 |
| Moet DATe | 7 at Southern Illinois, 10-15-05 |
| INIO21 LW 12 | I at Southern millions, 10-13-03 |
| #47 • Kedric Meredith • TE | |
| | 5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07 |
| Receiving Yards | 59 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07 |
| | 1, three times |
| | 24 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07 |
| Long recoption. | 24 at Eastern minors, 7 13 07 |
| #88 • Kevett Mickle • WR | |
| Receptions: | 7 at Missouri, 9-22-07 |
| Receiving Yards: | 104 at Indiana State, 10-2-04 |
| | 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-6-04 |
| |) vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04 |
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| #83 • Dave Mordis • FB | |
| Receptions: | 5 at Northern Iowa, 11-18-06 |
| | 62 at Eastern Illinois, 9-17-05 |
| · · | 1, twice |
| | 27 vs. Drake, 9-10-05 |
| J 1 | |
| #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 |
| | 0 |
| Receiving Yards: | 0 |
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| #9 • Tom Nelson • DB | |
| | 13 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 |
| | |
| Assists: | 8 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06 |
| | 0 |
| TFLs: | 1, four times |
| | 2, twice |
| | 4 at Missouri, 9-22-07 |
| | 123 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 |
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| | 59 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 |
| Punt Returns: | |
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| Punt Returns: | |

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#40 • Wesley Williams • DL

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| #62 • Mike Piton • DL | | #96 • Babatu |
| Tackles: | 9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | Tackles: |
| | 2, three times | Solos: |
| Accietes | 8 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | Assists: |
| | | Sacks: |
| | 0 | TFLs: |
| | 1, four times | |
| nterceptions: | 0 | Interceptions: |
| #26 • Cortes Rice • TB | | #60 • Tom Sp |
| Rushing Yards: | 121 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 | Tackles: |
| Rushing Attempts: | 18 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 | Solos: |
| Rushing TDs: | 3 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 | Assists: |
| Longest Rush: | 20 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07 | Sacks: |
| | 1, twice | TFLs: |
| | 25 at Missouri State, 11-5-05 | Interceptions: |
| #2 • Rafael Rice • TB | | #6 • Kye Stev |
| | | Tackles: |
| Duching Attomptor | 27 vs. Drake, 8-30-07 | Solos: |
| | | Assists: |
| | | Sacks: |
| | | |
| | 2, twice | TFLS: |
| Receiving Yards: | 24 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06 | Interceptions: |
| #91 • Dave Rivas • DL | | #21 • Jason 7 |
| Tackles: | 3 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 | Tackles: |
| Solos: | 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 | Solos: |
| Assists: | 1, twice | Assists: |
| Sacks: | 1 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 | Sacks: |
| | 1.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 | TFLs: |
| | 0 | Interceptions: |
| #30 • Garry Roberts • DB | | #94 • Jarek T |
| , | 2, four times | Tackles: |
| | | Solos: |
| | | Assists: |
| | 2 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06 | Sacks: |
| | 0 | |
| | 0.5 vs. Drake, 9-10-05 | TFLS: |
| Interceptions: | 1, twice | Interceptions: |
| #10 • Jake Rourke • WR | | #38 • Tony Tr |
| | | Tackles: |
| | 66 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 | Solos: |
| Touchdowns: | 1, twice | Assists: |
| Long Reception: | 61 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 | Sacks: |
| | • | TFLs: |
| #84 • Eyad Salem • WR | 9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | Interceptions: |
| | 176 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | #50 • Tommi |
| • | | Tackles: |
| | | Solos: |
| ьыу кесериоп: | 45 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | Assists: |
| #90 • Dan Simnick • DL | | Sacks: |
| | 2 4.4- | TFLs: |
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| | | Interceptions: |
| | 3 at Missouri, 9-22-07 | _{"FO **} |
| | 0 | #58 • Mark W |
| | 1, twice | Tackles: |
| Interceptions: | 0 | Solos: |
| #45 K Q | | Assists: |
| #45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB | Ave Western Illinois 10 27 07 | Sacks: TFLs: |
| | 6 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | Interceptions: |
| | | interceptions: |
| | 5 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 | |
| | 0 | #99 • Nick W |
| | 0.5, twice | Tackles: |
| Interceptions: | 0 | Solos: |
| | | Assists: |

| #96 • Babatunde Soyebo • DL | |
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| Tackles: | 3. twice |
| Solos: | |
| Assists: | |
| Sacks: | |
| TFLs: | 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 7-27-07 |
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| Interceptions: | 0 |
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| #60 • Tom Speer • DL | |
| Tackles: | · · |
| Solos: | 1, twice |
| Assists: | 1, twice |
| Sacks: | 0 |
| TFLs: | 0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07 |
| Interceptions: | 0 |
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| #6 • Kye Stewart • LB | |
| Tackles: | 17 twice |
| Solos: | |
| | |
| Assists: | |
| Sacks: | , and the second |
| TFLs: | |
| Interceptions:1 | vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05 |
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| #21 · Jason Tate · DB | |
| Tackles: | 9 vs. Drake, 8-30-07 |
| Solos: | |
| Assists: | |
| Sacks: | |
| TFLs: | · |
| | · · |
| Interceptions: | 1, twice |
| #04 Jamel Thanna Di | |
| #94 • Jarek Thomas • DL | |
| Tackles: | |
| Solos: | 3, four times |
| Assists: | 1 five times |
| | 4, 1176 111163 |
| Sacks: | |
| Sacks:TFLs: | 1, six times |
| | 3 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 |
| TFLs: | 3 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 |
| TFLs: | 3 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 |
| TFLs:Interceptions:#38 • Tony Truijillo • LB | 1, six times 3 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 1, twice |
| TFLs: | |
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| TFLs: Interceptions: H38 • Tony Truijillo • LB Tackles: Solos: Assists: Sacks: | |
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| | 4 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
|---------------------------|--|
| | 2, twice |
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| | 1 at wiissour state, 10-0-07 |
| Interceptions: | 0 |
| | |
| #57 • Brandon Wilson • DE | |
| | 8 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07 |
| Tackles: | . 4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
| Tackles: | |
| Tackles: | . 4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07 |
| Tackles: | . 4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-075 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07 |

Interceptions:....

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Game Results

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

^{*} Gateway Football Conference game

Team Statistics

| icaiii statistics | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | ILS | OPP |
| FIRST DOWNS | 195 | 183 |
| Rushing | 99 | 93 |
| Passing | 91 | 84 |
| Penalty | 5 | 6 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1894 | 1856 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2027 | 2003 |
| Yards lost rushing | 133 | 147 |
| Rushing Attempts | 401 | 390 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Average Per Game | 210.4 | 206.2 |
| TDs Rushing | 22 | 13 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1798 | 1758 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 246-146-14 | 238-138-6 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| Average Per Catch | 12.3 | 12.7 |
| _Average Per Game | 199.8 | 195.3 |
| TDs Passing | 15 | 15 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 3692 | 3614 |
| Total Plays | 647 | 628 |
| Average Per Play | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| Average Per Game | 410.2 | 401.6 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS | 34-816 | 45-809 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 16-90 | 16-238 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YARDS | 6-40 | 14-205 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 10-3 | 10-8 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 40-344 | 51-374 |
| PUNTS-AVG | 40-39.3 | 40-36.0 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 30:50 | 29:10 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 69/134 | 55/129 |
| 4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 4/10 | 7/12 |

Score by Quarters

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Illinois State | 48 | 99 | 43 | 82 | 272 |
| Opponents | 61 | 61 | 54 | 74 | 250 |

Rushing

| | G | Att | Gain | Loss | Net | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|-----|------|------|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Blow,Geno | 9 | 143 | 790 | 14 | 776 | 5.4 | 8 | 77 | 86.2 |
| Rice, Rafael | 8 | 139 | 760 | 8 | 752 | 5.4 | 6 | 43 | 94.0 |
| Fisher, Parrish | 5 | 38 | 198 | 6 | 192 | 5.1 | 1 | 49 | 38.4 |
| Rice, Cortes | 8 | 16 | 111 | 8 | 103 | 6.4 | 2 | 18 | 12.9 |
| Drone,Luke | 9 | 55 | 154 | 90 | 64 | 1.2 | 4 | 11 | 7.1 |
| Brockway, Kevin | 1 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 4.3 | 1 | 9 | 13.0 |
| Moore, Mitchell | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| TEAM | 6 | 6 | 0 | 7 | -7 | -1.2 | 0 | 0 | -1.2 |
| Total | 9 | 401 | 2027 | 133 | 1894 | 4.7 | 22 | 77 | 210.4 |
| Opponents | 9 | 390 | 2003 | 147 | 1856 | 4.8 | 13 | 55 | 206.2 |

Passing

| | G | Effic | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct | Yds | TD | Lng | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------|------|----|-----|-------|
| Drone,Luke | 9 | 130.15 | 145-243-14 | 59.7 | 1783 | 15 | 69 | 198.1 |
| TEAM | 6 | 0.00 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Brockway, Kevin | 1 | 226.00 | 1-1-0 | 100.0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 15.0 |
| Earl, Preston | 8 | 0.00 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 9 | 129.48 | 146-246-14 | 59.3 | 1798 | 15 | 69 | 199.8 |
| Opponents | 9 | 135.79 | 138-238-6 | 58.0 | 1758 | 15 | 64 | 195.3 |

Receiving

| | G | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|------------------|---|-----|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Horton, Jason | 8 | 33 | 570 | 17.3 | 4 | 69 | 71.2 |
| Mickle, Kevett | 9 | 26 | 323 | 12.4 | 2 | 26 | 35.9 |
| Salem, Eyad | 9 | 20 | 321 | 16.0 | 2 | 45 | 35.7 |
| Harcar, Garin | 9 | 19 | 137 | 7.2 | 2 | 22 | 15.2 |
| Meredith, Kedric | 9 | 14 | 149 | 10.6 | 2 | 24 | 16.6 |
| Rourke, Jake | 9 | 9 | 112 | 12.4 | 1 | 27 | 12.4 |
| Blow,Geno | 9 | 9 | 65 | 7.2 | 0 | 20 | 7.2 |
| Chandler, Kelvin | 8 | 7 | 78 | 11.1 | 2 | 21 | 9.8 |
| Rice,Rafael | 8 | 5 | 30 | 6.0 | 0 | 11 | 3.8 |
| Mordis, Dave | 4 | 2 | 11 | 5.5 | 0 | 8 | 2.8 |
| Fisher, Parrish | 5 | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 | 1.4 |
| Drone,Luke | 9 | 1 | -5 | -5.0 | 0 | 0 | -0.6 |
| Total | 9 | 146 | 1798 | 12.3 | 15 | 69 | 199.8 |
| Opponents | 9 | 138 | 1758 | 12.7 | 15 | 64 | 195.3 |

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Punt Returns

| | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|---|
| Nelson,Tom | 14 | 66 | 4.7 | 0 | 22 | |
| Whigham, Bert | 11 | 22 | 22.0 | 0 | 0 | _ |
| Horton, Jason | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 | |
| <u>Total</u> | 16 | 90 | 5.6 | 0 | 22 | _ |
| Opponents | 16 | 238 | 14.9 | 1 | 76 | |

Interceptions

| | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Nelson,Tom | 2 | 33 | 16.5 | 0 | 33 |
| Hemphill, Kelvyn | 1 | -3 | -3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Roberts, Garry | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hronec,Bill | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| <u>Caesar,Jesse</u> | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 6 | 40 | 6.7 | 0 | 33 |
| Opponents | 14 | 205 | 14.6 | 1 | 45 |

Kick Returns

| | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Nelson,Tom | 21 | 469 | 22.3 | 0 | 59 |
| Horton, Jason | 10 | 314 | 31.4 | 0 | 82 |
| Harcar, Garin | 1 | 15 | 15.0 | 0 | 15 |
| Joynt, Jeremy | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| <u>Chandler,Kelvin</u> | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 13 |
| Total | 34 | 816 | 24.0 | 0 | 82 |
| Opponents | 45 | 809 | 18.0 | 0 | 38 |

Scorina

| Scoring | | | / | <i>PA</i> | Ts | / | | | |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|
| | TD | FGs | Kick | Rush | Rcv | Pass | DXP | Saf | Points |
| Blow, Geno | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Rice,Rafael | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Drone,Luke | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Horton, Jason | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Fetzer, Steven | 0 | 2-3 | 17-18 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Funk, Tyler | 0 | 3-3 | 12-15 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Salem, Eyad | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Mickle, Kevett | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Meredith, Kedric | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Harcar, Garin | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Rice, Cortes | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Chandler, Kelvin | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Mazur, Kevin | 0 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Brockway, Kevin | 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 |
| Rourke, Jake | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <u>Total</u> | 37 | 6-8 | 32-37 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 272 |
| Opponents | 30 | 14-15 | 28-29 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 250 |

Total Offense

| | G | <u>Plays</u> | Rush | <u>Pass</u> | Total | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|--------------|------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Drone,Luke | 9 | 298 | 64 | 1783 | 1847 | 205.2 |
| Blow,Geno | 9 | 143 | 776 | 0 | 776 | 86.2 |
| Rice,Rafael | 8 | 139 | 752 | 0 | 752 | 94.0 |
| Fisher, Parrish | 5 | 38 | 192 | 0 | 192 | 38.4 |
| Rice, Cortes | 8 | 16 | 103 | 0 | 103 | 12.9 |
| Brockway, Kevin | 1 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 28 | 28.0 |
| Moore,Mitchell | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| TEAM | 6 | 7 | -7 | 0 | -7 | -1.2 |
| Total | 9 | 647 | 1894 | 1798 | 3692 | 410.2 |
| Opponents | 9 | 628 | 1856 | 1758 | 3614 | 401.6 |

Field Goals

| | <i>FGM-FGA</i> | Pct | 01-19 | <i>20-29</i> | <i>30-39</i> | 40-49 | <i>50-99</i> | Lq | 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 |
| Fetzer,Steven | 2-3 | 66.7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 47 | 0 |

Punting

| | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | TB | FC | 120 | Blkd | |
|---------------|-----|------|------|------|----|----|-----|------|--|
| Kelsey, Bobby | 40 | 1573 | 39.3 | 60 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 0 | |
| Total | 40 | 1573 | 39.3 | 60 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 0 | |
| Opponents | 40 | 1438 | 36.0 | 54 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 1 | |

All-Purpose

| | G | Rush | Rec | PR | KOR | IR | Tot | Avg/G |
|------------------|----|------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Horton, Jason | 8 | 0 | 570 | 2 | 314 | 0 | 886 | 110.8 |
| Blow,Geno | 9 | 776 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 841 | 93.4 |
| Rice,Rafael | 8 | 752 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 782 | 97.8 |
| Nelson, Tom | 9 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 469 | 33 | 568 | 63.1 |
| Mickle, Kevett | 9 | 0 | 323 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 323 | 35.9 |
| Salem, Eyad | 9 | 0 | 321 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 321 | 35.7 |
| Fisher, Parrish | 5 | 192 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 39.8 |
| Harcar, Garin | 9 | 0 | 137 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 152 | 16.9 |
| Meredith, Kedric | 9 | 0 | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 16.6 |
| Rourke, Jake | 9 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 12.4 |
| Rice, Cortes | 8 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 12.9 |
| Chandler, Kelvin | 8 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 91 | 11.4 |
| Drone,Luke | 9 | 64 | -5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 6.6 |
| Whigham, Bert | 9 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2.4 |
| Brockway, Kevin | 1_ | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 13.0 |
| Mordis, Dave | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.8 |
| Hronec,Bill | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0.6 |
| Joynt,Jeremy | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.6 |
| Caesar, Jesse | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0.6 |
| Moore, Mitchell | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Hemphill, Kelvyn | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | -3 | -0.3 |
| TEAM | 6 | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7 | -1.2 |

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|----------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|-------|----------|-----|
| | GP | SOLO | AST | TOTAL | TFL/YDS | NO-YARDS | INT-YDS | BRUP | QBH | RCV-YDS | FF | KICK | SAI |
| Stewart, Kye | 9-9 | 47 | 60 | 107 | 7.5-23 | 3.0-15 | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| 59 Hronec,Bill | 8-8 | 28 | 54 | 82 | 5.5-10 | 1.0-5 | 1-5 | 11 | 2 | 2-0 | 2 | | |
| 9 Nelson,Tom | 9-9 | 32 | 33 | 65 | 3.0-5 | | 2-33 | 3 | | | | | |
| 1 Caesar, Jesse | 9-9 | 25 | 37 | 62 | 2.5-6 | | 1-5 | 2 | 11 | | 11 | | |
| 21 Tate,Jason | 9-3 | 25 | 14 | 39 | 1.0-7 | 1.0-7 | | 11 | 11 | | | | |
| 48 Cucci,Pat | 9-7 | 12 | 26 | 38 | 2.5-6 | | | 3 | | 1-0 | | | |
| 57 Wilson,Brandon | 9-6 | 15 | 23 | 38 | 6.5-15 | 1.5-7 | | | 6 | | | | |
| 25 Garrett, Chris | 9-9 | 21 | 14 | 35 | 1.0-4 | | | 3 | | 1-0 | | | |
| 24 Hemphill,Kelvyn | 9-6 | 20 | 15 | 35 | 1.5-5 | | 13 | 2 | | | | | |
| 62 Piton,Mike | 9-9 | 12 | 17 | 29 | 4.0-16 | | | | | 1-0 | | | |
| 38 Trujillo,Tony | 9-1 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 0.5-1 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 93 Blankenship,Adam | 9-9 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 2.5-5 | 2.0-4 | | 1 | 4 | 1-0 | | | |
| 97 Hunter,Kaschiev | 9-0 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 2.0-8 | 0.5-5 | | | 1 | 1-0 | | | |
| 20 Kociuba,Casey | 7-1 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 1.0-4 | | | | | | | | |
| 45 Siskowic,Kyle | 8-0 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 0.5-1 | | | | | | | | |
| 50 Westbrook, Tommie | 9-0 | 8 | 7 | 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 Williams, Wesley | 8-0 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 2.0-3 | 1.0-1 | | | 3 | | | | |
| 99 Williams, Nick | 8-5 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 1.0-2 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 96 Soyebo,Babtunde | 7-0 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 2.0-7 | 1.5-5 | | | 2 | | | | |
| 94 Thomas, Jarek | 3-3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4.0-14 | 1.0-8 | | | 3 | | 1 | | |
| 90 Simnick,Dan | 8-4 | | 9 | 9 | 0.5-1 | 0.5-0 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 58 Whitaker, Mark | 8-1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Kelsey,Bobby | 9-0 | 5 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | 1-0 | | | |
| 91 Rivas,Dave | 6-0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2.0-8 | 1.0-8 | | | 2 | | | | |
| 40 Whigham, Bert | 9-0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 31 James,Kurt | 8-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 Speer,Tom | 4-0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0.5-1 | | | | | | | | |
| 86 Horton,Jason | 8-7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 66 Wiggins,Isaiah | 9-9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 Weiner,Dan | 7-0 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 89 Gordon, Micha | 3-0 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 84 Salem,Eyad | 9-0 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Drone,Luke | 9-9 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 Rice,Cortes | 8-0 | 1 | | 1 | | | • | | | | | | |
| 13 Paschal, Andrew | 7-0 | | 1 | 1 | | | | • | • | | | | |
| 88 Mickle,Kevett | 9-5 | 1 | | 1 | • | • | | | | | • | | |
| 68 Madsen,Erik | 9-0 | 1 | • | 1 | | | | | · · · | · . | • | | |
| 30 Roberts, Garry | 4-0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1-0 | • | • | • | | | |
| 78 Joyce,Brandon | 9-9 | 1 | | 1 | | • | 1-0 | • | • | • | • | | |
| 33 Kpandeyenge,Ansu | | 1 | 1 | 1 | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | |
| 46 Corcoran, Graham | 5-0 | | | I | | | | 1 | • | • | | | |
| Total | 9-0 | 336 | 414 | 750 | 53-152 | 14-65 | 6-40 | 19 | 28 | 8-0 | 5 | 1 | |
| Opponents | 9-0 | 352 | 371 | 750 | 39.0-117 | 16-73 | 14-205 | 27 | 28 18 | 3-26 | 6 | <u> </u> | |

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2007 Illinois State Game-By-Game Stats

| Game | Score | First | Rushing | Passing | Total Off | Fumbles | Penalty | Third | Poss |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | Downs | NoYdsTD | C-A-I-YdsTD | PlYds. | Lost | Yards | Downs | Time |
| Drake | 27 | 19 | 40-97-0 | 17-31-0-264-2 | 71-361 | 1-1 | 4-25 | 8/16 | 30:47 |
| at Illinois State | 24 | 26 | 41-273-2 | 20-35-3-235-1 | 76-508 | 2-0 | 2-20 | 7/16 | 29:13 |
| Murray State | 17 | 22 | 42-185-1 | 21-36-0-237-1 | 78-422 | 1-1 | 9-81 | 6/15 | 33:05 |
| at Illinois State | 43 | 18 | 52-238-4 | 5-9-0-81-2 | 61-319 | 1-1 | 6-60 | 8/13 | 26:55 |
| Illinois State | 24 | 21 | 37-143-1 | 20-31-2-267-2 | 68-410 | 1-0 | 5-52 | 10/16 | 30:04 |
| at Eastern Illinois | 21 | 21 | 44-212-2 | 20-28-0-195-1 | 72-407 | 3-2 | 7-37 | 11/16 | 29:56 |
| Illinois State | 17 | 22 | 41-155-1 | 22-37-1-242-1 | 78-397 | 0-0 | 5-25 | 8/17 | 36:57 |
| at Missouri | 38 | 31 | 35-240-1 | 24-40-3-341-3 | 75-581 | 0-0 | 3-35 | 8/11 | 21:11 |
| Northern Iowa | 23 | 22 | 51-203-0 | 16-26-1-166-2 | 77-369 | 3-2 | 4-34 | 7/17 | 32:17 |
| at Illinois State | 13 | 13 | 38-151-1 | 12-23-3-108-1 | 61-259 | 1-1 | 3-22 | 7/16 | 27:43 |
| Illinois State | 41 | 26 | 52-251-5 | 17-29-3-163-1 | 81-414 | 1-0 | 3-30 | 9/15 | 33:19 |
| at Missouri State | 58 | 28 | 48-247-4 | 17-24-0-277-4 | 72-524 | 2-2 | 4-20 | 4/11 | 26:41 |
| Indiana State | 17 | 9 | 35-183-1 | 4-13-1-51-1 | 48-234 | 0-0 | 3-24 | 2/13 | 23:06 |
| at Illinois State | 69 | 33 | 71-444-7 | 9-10-0-154-3 | 81-598 | 0-0 | 7-62 | 7/8 | 36:54 |
| Illinois State | 27 | 19 | 45-175-1 | 19-31-0-278-2 | 76-453 | 2-0 | 5-29 | 11/21 | 33:57 |
| at Youngstown State | 22 | 15 | 36-152-2 | 14-31-1-155-0 | 67-307 | 0-0 | 4-16 | 4/15 | 26:03 |
| Western Illinois | 27 | 15 | 59-337-2 | 5-9-0-72-1 | 68-409 | 0-0 | 13-102 | 5/15 | 37:29 |
| at Illinois State | 14 | 17 | 25-64-0 | 22-41-2-270-2 | 66-334 | 2-1 | 4-44 | 2/12 | 22:31 |

Illinois State 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 | 26-155 | _ | _ | _ | 17-77 |
| Indiana State | 23-122 | _ | _ | 15-110 | 25-182 |
| at Youngstown St. | 17-128 | 1-3 | _ | _ | 16-57 |
| Western Illinois | 9-36 | _ | _ | _ | 11-31 |
| at North Dakota St. | | | | | |
| at Southern Illinois | | | | | |

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

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

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2007 Illinois State Statistical Breakdown

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

| Red-Zone Analysis | | Illinois | State | | | Oppon | ent | |
|----------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 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 | 6 | 5 | 5/0 | .833 | 6 | 6 | 5/1 | 1.000 |
| Indiana State | 9 | 9 | 9/0 | 1.000 | 2 | 2 | 1/1 | 1.000 |
| at Youngstown St. | 2 | 2 | 1/1 | 1.000 | 3 | 3 | 2/1 | 1.000 |
| Western Illinois | 2 | 2 | 2/0 | 1.000 | 1 | 0 | 0/0 | /000 |
| at North Dakota St. | | | | | | | | |
| at Southern Illinois | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 39 | 34 | 29/5 | .872 | 31 | 26 | 17/9 | .839 |

| Time of Possession | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Opponent | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
| Drake | L, 24-27 | 29:13 | 7:07 | 9:06 | 5:23 | 7:37 |
| Murray State | W, 43-17 | 26:55 | 3:48 | 9:29 | 8:49 | 4:49 |
| at Eastern Illinois | W, 24-21 | 30:04 | 6:40 | 6:25 | 7:33 | 9:26 |
| at Missouri | L, 17-38 | 36:57 | 9:35 | 8:39 | 9:48 | 8:55 |
| Northern Iowa | L, 13-23 | 27:43 | 8:11 | 6:09 | 8:54 | 4:29 |
| at Missouri State | L, 41-58 | 33:19 | 3:50 | 10:40 | 10:27 | 8:22 |
| Indiana State | W, 69-17 | 36:54 | 8:09 | 9:40 | 11:05 | 8:00 |
| at Youngstown St. | W, 27-22 | 33:57 | 3:44 | 9:53 | 9:48 | 10:32 |
| Western Illinois | L, 27-14 | 22:31 | 5:32 | 8:15 | 5:12 | 3:32 |
| at North Dakota St. | | | | | | |
| at Southern Illinois | | | | | | |
| Illinois State | Total | 277:33 | 56:36 | 78:16 | 76:59 | 65:42 |
| | Avg. | 30:50 | 6:17 | 8:41 | 8:33 | 7:18 |
| <u>Opponents</u> | Total | 262:27 | 78:24 | 56:44 | 58:01 | 69:18 |
| | Avg. | 29:09 | 8:42 | 6:18 | 6:26 | 7:42 |

Western Illinois

Totals PCT

at North Dakota St. at Southern Illinois

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When Illinois State has the ball ... 3rd Down and ... 8 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 0/1 0/1 1/2 4/4 2/3 1/1 1/1 1/3 62.5 at Eastern Illinois 10/16 1/1 2/3 0/2 1/2 1/1 1/1 1/1 1/2 0/2 0/2 8/17 at Missouri 47.1 Northern Iowa 0/1 2/4 0/1 2/2 0/1 0/2 2/3 1/2 7/16 43.8 at Missouri State 1/1 1/2 3/4 2/2 0/2 0/1 1/2 1/1 9/15 60.0 Indiana State 1/1 1/1 1/1 1/1 2/2 0/1 1/1 7/8 87.5 at Youngstown St. 1/1 1/1 0/1 2/3 1/2 2/2 0/2 1/1 0/1 0/2 3/5 11/21 52.4

0/1

10/14

71.4

0/1

5/11

45.5

0/1

3/9

33.3

0/1

3/7

42.9

2/9

22.2

1/5

8/22

36.4

2/12

69/134

51.5

16.7

51.5

When Opponent has the ball ...

6/9

66.7

1/2

11/18

61.1

4/10

40.0

0/1

6/12

50.0

11/13

84.6

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|
| 3rd Down and | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10+ | Total | Pct. |
| Drake | 2/3 | 0/1 | - | 1/1 | 0/1 | 1/2 | 1/3 | 1/1 | - | 1/3 | 1/1 | 8/16 | 50.0 |
| Murray State | - | 1/1 | _ | 1/2 | _ | _ | 1/3 | 1/3 | 0/1 | 0/2 | 2/3 | 6/15 | 40.0 |
| at Eastern Illinois | 2/2 | 2/2 | 2/3 | 2/2 | - | 2/2 | 0/1 | 1/1 | _ | - | 0/3 | 11/16 | 68.8 |
| at Missouri | 2/2 | _ | _ | _ | 1/1 | _ | 1/3 | 2/3 | _ | _ | 2/2 | 8/11 | 72.7 |
| Northern Iowa | - | 0/2 | 2/3 | - | 1/1 | 1/1 | 1/2 | 0/1 | - | 0/1 | 2/6 | 7/17 | 41.2 |
| at Missouri State | 1/1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/1 | 0/2 | 0/2 | - | - | 0/1 | _ | _ | 4/11 | 36.4 |
| Indiana State | 1/3 | 0/2 | 0/1 | - | 0/2 | 1/2 | 0/2 | - | 0/1 | _ | _ | 2/13 | 15.4 |
| at Youngstown St. | 1/1 | 0/2 | 0/1 | 1/1 | - | 0/1 | 1/2 | 0/2 | 1/2 | 0/2 | 0/1 | 4/15 | 26.7 |
| Western Illinois | 0/2 | 2/2 | - | 3/3 | _ | - | _ | - | - | 0/1 | 0/7 | 5/15 | 33.3 |
| at North Dakota St. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Southern Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 9/14 | 6/14 | 5/10 | 9/10 | 2/7 | 5/10 | 5/16 | 5/11 | 1/5 | 1/9 | 7/23 | 55/129 | 42.6 |
| PCT | 64.2 | 42.9 | 50.0 | 90.0 | 28.6 | 50.0 | 31.3 | 45.5 | 20.0 | 11.1 | 30.4 | 42.6 | |

The Sports Network Poll

| Team (first-place votes) | Pts | Prv Rank |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| 1. Northern Iowa* (59) | 2558 | 1 |
| 2. North Dakota State (37) | 2456 | 2 |
| 3. Massachusetts (6) | 2330 | 4 |
| 4. Montana (7) | 2300 | 3 |
| 5. McNeese State (3) | 2272 | 5 |
| 6. Southern Illinois* | 2069 | 7 |
| 7. Delaware | 1866 | 9 |
| 8. New Hampshire | 1828 | 8 |
| 9. Appalachian State | 1689 | 10 |
| 10. Wofford | 1612 | 11 |
| 11. Richmond | 1454 | 14 |
| 12. James Madison | 1432 | 6 |
| 13. Delaware State | 1284 | 12 |
| 14. Elon | 1215 | 16 |
| 15. Yale | 1179 | 13 |
| 16. Eastern Kentucky | 1068 | 17 |
| 17. Georgia Southern | 850 | 22 |
| 18. Grambling State | 789 | 21 |
| 19. Western Illinois* | 624 | 24 |
| 20. Hofstra | 518 | 15 |
| 21. Alabama A&M | 404 | NR |
| 22. Youngstown State* | 292 | 20 |
| 23. Villanova | 253 | NR |
| 24. Eastern Washington | 245 | NR |
| 25. Nicholls State | 224 | 18 |
| *Gateway Football Conference member | | |

The FCS Coaches' Poll

Illinois State opponent

| Team (first-place votes) | Pts | Prv Rank |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| 1. North Dakota State (16) | 686 | 1 |
| 2. Northern Iowa* (6) | 665 | 2 |
| 3. Montana (4) | 631 | 3 |
| 4. Massachusetts (2) | 626 | 4 |
| 5. McNeese State | 592 | 5 |
| 6. Southern Illinois* | 547 | 7 |
| 7. Delaware | 500 | 8 |
| 8. New Hampshire | 469 | 9 |
| 9. Appalachian State | 463 | 10 |
| 10. Wofford | 413 | 11 |
| 11. Richmond | 388 | 14 |
| 12. James Madison | 377 | 6 |
| 13. Delaware State | 366 | 12 |
| 14. Yale | 337 | 13 |
| <u>15. Elon</u> | 289 | 17 |
| 16. Eastern Kentucky | 275 | 18 |
| 17. Grambling State | 234 | 21 |
| 18. Georgia Southern | 222 | 22 |
| 19. Western Illinois | 134 | NR |
| 20. Hofstra | 131 | 15 |
| 21. Eastern Illinois | 85 | 25 |
| 22. Alabama A&M | 79 | NR |
| 23. Youngstown State* | 76 | 20 |
| 24. Nicholls State | 70 | 19 |
| 25. Villanova | 62 | 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 |
| Week 6 | RV | RV |
| Week 7 | RV | NR |
| Week 8 | RV | RV |
| Week 9 | _ | |
| | | |

Illinois State's Scoring Drives/Plays

| Otr. | Opponent | Time | Scoring Play | | | 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 | | | :59 | 30-10 |
| _4 | Murray State | 14:57 | Blow 1-yard run | kick blocked | 13-56 | 5:47 | 36-10 |
| _4 | Murray State | 10:17 | Horton 20-yard pass from Drone | Funk kick | 3-26 | :37 | 43-10 |
| _1_ | at Eastern Illinois | 10:23 | Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone | Funk kick | 7-47 | 3:17 | 7-0 |
| _2 | at Eastern Illinois | 13:22 | Funk 23-yard field goal | | 11-63 | 4:05 | 10-7 |
| _2 | at Eastern Illinois | :16 | Meredith 22-yard pass from Drone | Funk kick | 10-76 | 3:05 | 17-14 |
| _4 | at Eastern Illinois | 6:52 | R. Rice 2-yard run | Funk kick | 13-74 | 6:05 | 24-21 |
| 1 | at Missouri | :12 | Funk 21-yard field goal | | 12-66 | 5:45 | 3-14 |
| 2 | at Missouri | 3:41 | Fisher 4-yard run | Funk kick | 9-84 | 4:44 | 10-21 |
| 4 | at Missouri | 1:52 | Salem 13-yard pass from Drone | Funk kick | 5-50 | 1:22 | 17-38 |
| 1 | Northern Iowa | 2:13 | Blow 50-yard run | Funk kick | 4-61 | 1:57 | 7-0 |
| 3 | Northern Iowa | 4:38 | Rourke 27-yard pass from Drone | kick failed | 10-52 | 5:25 | 13-13 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | 10:34 | Blow 30-yard run | | | 4:22 | 7-17 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | 8:28 | Drone 4-yard run | Fetzer kick | 2-16 | :29 | 14-17 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | 5:12 | Meredith 3-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 6-17 | 3:04 | 21-17 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | 2:39 | Blow 11-yard run | Fetzer kick | 6-36 | 2:30 | 28-17 |
| 3 | at Missouri State | 4:21 | Drone 1-yard run | kick failed | 14-80 | 4:49 | 34-31 |
| 4 | at Missouri State | 7:30 | Blow 1-yard run | | | 4:07 | 41-51 |
| 1 | Indiana State | 8:16 | Drone 2-vard run | Fetzer kick | 7-41 | 3:05 | 7-3 |
| 1 | Indiana State | 6:50 | Blow 7-yard run | Fetzer kick | 2-24 | :30 | 14-3 |
| 2 | Indiana State | 13:00 | Mickle 5-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 13-71 | 6:25 | 21-3 |
| 2 | Indiana State | 8:06 | Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 11-80 | 4:13 | 28-10 |
| 2 | Indiana State | 1:19 | Horton 38-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 7-62 | 3:13 | 35-17 |
| 3 | Indiana State | 9:26 | R. Rice 5-yard run | Fetzer kick | 11-59 | 5:27 | 42-17 |
| 3 | Indiana State | 5:33 | Blow 2-yard run | Fetzer kick | 4-64 | 1:44 | 49-17 |
| 4 | Indiana State | 14:56 | Brockway 1-yard run | Funk kick | 9-73 | 3:51 | 56-17 |
| 4 | Indiana State | 11:11 | C. Rice 2-yard run | Funk kick | 5-42 | 1:41 | 63-17 |
| 4 | Indiana State | 7:06 | C. Rice 6-yard run | kick failed | 6-47 | 1:52 | 69-17 |
| 1 | at Youngstown St. | 4:49 | Blow 77-yard run | Fetzer kick | 1-77 | :12 | 7-10 |
| 2 | at Youngstown St. | | Fetzer 47-yard field goal | T CLZCT KICK | 6-17 | 1:53 | 10-13 |
| 2 | at Youngstown St. | 6:09 | Fetzer 36-yard field goal | | 10-42 | 4:32 | 13-13 |
| 2 | at Youngstown St. | 1:37 | Horton 69-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 6-76 | 2:31 | 20-13 |
| 4 | at Youngstown St. | | Mickle 14-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 15-97 | 7:30 | 27-16 |
| 4 | Western Illinois | 9:27 | Salem 15-vard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 6-64 | :48 | 7-20 |
| 4 | Western Illinois | 3:12 | Chandler 10-yard pass from Drone | Fetzer kick | 7-69 | 1:16 | 14-20 |
| -4- | AAGSIGIII IIIIIIIOIS | J. IZ | Chandler 10-yard pass from Droffe | I CIZCI NICK | 1-07 | 1.10 | 14-20 |

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 7.9 per drive; Yards: 57.1 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:05 43 scoring drives; 338 plays; 2,455 yards; 7,970 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

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

Shortest Drive (time)

:12 at Youngstown State (1 play, 77 yards, Blow 77-yard run)

Longest Drive (yards)

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

Shortest Drive (yards)

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

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| 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 | O'Drian Idal | 14-61 | 5:34 | 10-7 |
| <u>4</u> 1 | Murray State | 5:19 | Jordan 4-yard run | | | 4:48 | 43-17 7-7 |
| _ <u> </u> | at Eastern Illinois at Eastern Illinois | 5:40 8:54 | Adeniji 8-yard run Rucker 7-yard pass from Stinson | Wilke kick Wilke kick | 12-87 12-66 | 4:35 4:22 | 10-14 |
| _ <u>_</u> | at Eastern Illinois | 13:05 | Keys 1-yard run | Wilke kick | 12-00 15-84 | 5:55 | 17-21 |
| -4 | 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 | WOIICIT KICK | 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 | 0.72 | 2.01 | 10-38 |
| 2 | Northern Iowa | 9:02 | Hallgren 19-yard field goal | | 6-27 | 2:26 | 7-3 |
| 2 | Northern Iowa | 6:52 | Hallgren 25-yard field goal | | 4-4 | 1:54 | 7-6 |
| 2 | Northern Iowa | :47 | Williams 6-yard pass from Sanders | Hallgren kick | 11-70 | 4:21 | 7-13 |
| 4 | Northern Iowa | 5:17 | Allen 5-yard pass from Sanders | Hallgren kick | 12-61 | 4:00 | 13-20 |
| _4 | Northern Iowa | 2:48 | Hallgren 43-yard field goal | | 4-(-1) | 1:36 | 13-23 |
| _1_ | at Missouri State | 9:39 | Stokes 22-yard field goal | | 14-75 | 5:21 | 0-3 |
| _1_ | at Missouri State | 5:51 | Washington 23-yard run | Stokes kick | 6-47 | 2:10 | 0-10 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | 14:56 | G. Davis 2-yard run | Stokes kick | 9-50 | 3:43 | 0-17 |
| 2 | at Missouri State | :15 | Emery 2-yard pass from Kirby | Stokes kick | 11-76 | 2:15 | 28-24 |
| _3 | at Missouri State | 9:10 | Washington 43-yard pass from Kirby | Stokes kick | 6-81 | 1:51 | 28-31 |
| 3 | at Missouri State | 2:20 | G. Davis 17-yard run | Stokes kick | 7-64 | 1:53 | 34-38 |
| _3 | at Missouri State | :41 | Harbor 10-yard pass from Kirby | Stokes kick | 2-12 | :41 | 34-45 |
| _4 | at Missouri State | 11:43 | E. Davis 64-yard pass from Kirby | kick failed | 1-64 | :10 | 34-51 |
| _4 | at Missouri State | 1:42 | G. Davis 5-yard run | Stokes kick | 12-65 | 5:48 | 41-58 |
| 1_ | Indiana State | 11:30 | Varnadore 19-yard field goal | | 10-62 | 3:30 | 3-0 |
| 2 | Indiana State | 12:26 | McCulley 7-yard run | Varnadore kick | 3-65 | :27 | 10-21 |
| 2 | Indiana State | 4:39 | Gray 29-yard pass from Dowdell | Varnadore kick | 7-61 | 3:19 | 17-28 |
| <u>1</u> 1 | at Youngstown St. at Youngstown St. | 11:12 5:09 | Smith 1-yard run Palmer 37-yard field goal | Palmer kick | 9-58 10-49 | 3:48 4:08 | 0-7 0-10 |
| _ <u>-</u> | at Youngstown St. | 2:30 | Palmer 41-yard field goal | | 7-50 | 2:13 | 7-13 |
| 3 | at Youngstown St. | 9:48 | Palmer 40-yard field goal | | | 3:09 | 20-16 |
| _ <u>3</u> | at Youngstown St. | 10:10 | | | 2-3 | :37 | 27-22 |
| 1 | Western Illinois | 13:23 | Donaldson 55-yard run | Rowan kick | 1-55 | :10 | 0-7 |
| 3 | Western Illinois | 8:24 | Rowan 53-yard field goal 4-0 | | 1:37 | 0-10 | |
| <u></u> | Western Illinois | 3:51 Sims 52-yard pass from Barr Rowan kick 4-67 | | 2:21 | 0-10 | | |
| | | | | NOWALI NICK | | | |
| 4 | Western Illinois | 13:24 | Rowan 48-yard field goal | | 6-4 | 3:29 | 0-20 |

| National Rankings | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Team Statistics | Rank | Avg. | | | | |
| Rushing Offense | 19 | 210.44 | | | | |
| Passing Offense | 62 | 199.78 | | | | |
| Total Offense | 31 | 410.22 | | | | |
| Scoring Offense | 29 | 30.22 | | | | |
| Rushing Defense | 100 | 206.22 | | | | |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 88 | 135.80 | | | | |
| Total Defense | 88 | 401.56 | | | | |
| Scoring Defense | 68 | 27.78 | | | | |
| Net Punting | 73 | 31.88 | | | | |
| Punt Returns | 99 | 5.63 | | | | |
| Kickoff Returns | 17 | 24.00 | | | | |
| Turnover Margin | 72 | 33 | | | | |
| Pass Defense | 48 | 195.33 | | | | |
| Passing Efficiency | 45 | 129.43 | | | | |
| Sacks | 86 | 1.56 | | | | |
| Tackles for Loss | 65 | 6.00 | | | | |
| Sacks Allowed | 56 | 1.78 | | | | |
| Individual Statistics in the Top-20 | | | | | | |
| Jason Horton - Kickoff Returns | 6 | 31.40 | | | | |
| Kye Stewart - Tackles | 8 | 11.89 | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Top-Five Under JohnsonHere 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 (62) |
|--|
| 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) |
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| 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) |

| 348, Yance Vaugnan at Indiana State (10-2-04) |
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| 100-Yard Receiving Games (30) |
| 292, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State (11-12-05) |
| 243, Laurént Robinson vs. Northern Iowa (10-22-05) |
| 243, Dwayne Smith at Illinois (9-6-03) |
| 183, Vito Golson vs. Northern Iowa (10-27-01) |
| 180, Laurént Robinson at Southern Illinois (10-15-05) |
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| The De Winds December | | // |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| The Redbirds' Recor | d VV 2007 | |
| Playing at home | 2-3 | 28-17 |
| Playing on the road | 2-2 | <u> </u> |
| Playing on a neutral field | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Playing at night | 2-1 | <u></u> |
| Playing during the day | 2-4 | 28-32 |
| ISU scores on first possession | 3-0 | <u>20 32 </u> |
| Opponent scores on first possession | | 14-22 |
| ISU scores first | 2-2 | 25-11 |
| Opponent scores first | 2-3 | 19-32 |
| ISU leads after the 1st quarter | 1-2 | 22-10 |
| Opponent leads after 1st quarter | 1-3 | <u> </u> |
| ISU leads at halftime | 4-2 | 32-10 |
| Opponent leads at halftime | 0-3 | 8-33 |
| ISU leads after 3rd quarter | <u>0-3</u> 4-1 | <u>0-33</u> 33-7 |
| Opponent leads after 3rd quarter | 0-3 | 9-35 |
| Game goes into overtime | 0-0 | |
| ISU has more total yards | 3-1 | 36-18 |
| Opponent has more total yards | 1-4 | 8-27 |
| ISU has more rushing yards | 3-2 | 35-15 |
| Opponent has more rushing yards | 1-3 | |
| ISU has more passing yards | 3-1 | |
| Opponent has more passing yards | 1-4 | 13-20 |
| ISU has more turnovers | 0-4 | 13-20 13-29 |
| Opponent has more turnovers | 1-1 | 22-10 |
| Teams have equal turnovers | 3-0 | 9-5 |
| ISU has more penalties | 2-1 | |
| Opponent has more penalties | 2-4 | 18-24 |
| ISU has more time of possession | | 26-18 |
| Opponent has more time of possession | | <u>20-10 </u> |
| ISU has 100-vard rusher | 3-4 | 37-21 |
| Opponent has 100-yard rusher | 0-5 | |
| ISU scores at least 20 points | 4-2 | 40-21 |
| Opponent scores at least 20 points | 2-5 | 10-21_ 17-41 |
| ISU throws for 300 yards | 0-0 | 9-5 |
| Opponent throws for 300 yards | 0-0 0-1 | |
| Playing on natural grass | 0-1 | 3-7 |
| Playing on artificial surface | 4-5 | 42-37 |
| ISU defense scores | | <u>42-37</u> 8-6 |
| Opponent defense scores | <u>0-0</u> 0-1 | 8- <u>0</u> |
| ISU returns KO/Punt for TD | | 3-12 1-0 |
| | 0-0 0 1 | |
| Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD | <u>0-1</u> | 2-4 |

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

| 270, Luke Drone vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
|---|
| Passed for 300 yards |
| 305, Luke Drone vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06 |
| Passed for 400 yards |
| 440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 |
| Had 10 receptions |
| 14, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 |
| Had 100 yards receiving |
| 176, Eyad Salem vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 |
| Returned a punt for a TD |
| Joe Walkins (52 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04 |
| Returned a kickoff for a TD |
| LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 10-23-04 |
| Returned an interception for a TD |
| Jesse Caesar (45 yards) at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06 |
| Returned a fumble for a TD |
| James Temple (56 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05 |
| Returned a blocked FG for a TD |

Returned a blocked punt for a TD

Rushed for three touchdowns

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

The Last Time it Happened

128, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

218. Rafael Rice vs. Drake. 8-30-07

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards

Rushed for 200 yards

Passed for 200 yards

3, Geno Blow at Missouri State, 10-6-07 Threw three touchdown passes 3, Luke Drone vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 Caught three touchdown passes 3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05

Armando Andrade (85 yards) vs. W. Va. Tech, 8-31-00

Justin Frierson (28 yards) vs. Prairie View A&M, 10-21-00

Kicked three field goals 4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06 Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage 77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

Had a 70-yard pass completion 90, Luke Drone to Laurént Robinson at Indiana St., 11-9-06 Had 20 tackles 22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06

Had a 50-yard field goal 50, Stephen Carroll at S. Illinois, 10-14-03 Had a 70-yard punt 70, Ryan Hoffman vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04

400 yards rushing 438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 300 yards rushing 438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 400 vards passing 440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 300 yards passing 305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06 500 vards total offense 592 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 30 first downs 33 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 50 points 69 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07 Scored a safety at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03 Posted a shutout Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05 Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing 97 vs. Drake, 8-30-07

Held an opponent under 100 yards passing 72 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07 Held an opponent under 200 total yards 135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05 Held an opponent under 100 total yards 87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84

Blocked a punt at Missouri State, 10-6-07 Blocked a field goal vs. Drake, 9-10-05

Blocked an extra point attempt vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06 OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL Rushed for 100 yards 241, Herb Donaldson, Western Illinois, 10-27-07 Rushed for 200 yards 241. Herb Donaldson, Western Illinois, 10-27-07 Passed for 200 yards 277, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-6-07 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, Gerald Davis, Missouri State, 10-6-07 Threw three touchdown passes 4, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-6-07 Caught three touchdown passes 4, Steven Rush, Missouri State, 11-8-03 Kicked three field goals 3, Billy Hallgren, Northern Iowa, 9-29-07 Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage 80. Laurence Maronev. 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 Taylor Rowan, Western Illinois, 10-27-07 Had a 70-yard punt 74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78 OPPONENT TEAM 400 yards rushing 474, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01 300 yards rushing

337, Western Illinois, 10-27-07 400 yards passing 460, Missouri State, 11-8-03 300 yards passing 341. Missouri. 9-22-07 500 yards total offense 524, Missouri State, 10-6-07 30 first downs 31, Missouri, 9-22-07 50 points 58, Missouri State, 10-6-07 Scored a safety

Posted a shutout

Iowa State, 9-3-05

Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04

Held ISU under 100 yards rushing 64, Western Illinois, 10-27-07 Held ISU under 100 yards passing 81, Murray State, 9-8-07 Held ISU under 200 total yards 161, Youngstown State, 10-28-06 Held ISU under 100 total yards 94. Central State, 9-9-89 Blocked a punt Drake, 9-10-05 Blocked a field goal Southern Illinois, 10-14-06 Blocked an extra point attempt Murray State, 9-8-07

| 2007 | 2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Yards | Type | Player(s) | Opp. | | |
| 82 | KR | Jason Horton | Murray State | | |
| 77 | Rush | Geno Blow | at Youngstown State | | |
| 69 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | at Youngstown State | | |
| 59 | KR | Tom Nelson | Murray State | | |
| 52 | KR | Jason Horton | Indiana State | | |
| 50 | Rush | Geno Blow | Northern Iowa | | |
| 49 | Rush | Parrish Fisher | Murray State | | |
| 48 | KR | Jason Horton | at Missouri State | | |
| 47 | KR | Tom Nelson | Murray State | | |
| 47 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Indiana State | | |
| <u>45</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Eyad Salem | Western Illinois | | |
| 43 | Rush | Rafael Rice | Drake | | |
| 40 | Pass | Luke Drone to Eyad Salem | at Missouri | | |
| 38 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Indiana State | | |
| <u>36</u> | KR | Tom Nelson | Indiana State | | |
| <u>35</u> | Rush | Rafael Rice | Indiana State | | |
| <u>33</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Drake | | |
| <u>33</u> | INT | Tom Nelson | at Missouri | | |
| 31 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Murray State | | |
| <u>31</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 30 | Rush | Geno Blow | at Missouri State | | |
| <u>28</u> | Rush | Rafael Rice | Drake | | |
| <u>28</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Eyad Salem | Western Illinois | | |
| <u>27</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Jake Rourke | Northern Iowa | | |
| <u>27</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Eyad Salem | Western Illinois | | |
| 26 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| <u>26</u> | KR | Tom Nelson | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| <u>26</u> | KR | Jason Horton | Indiana State | | |
| <u>25</u> | KR | Tom Nelson | at Youngstown State | | |
| <u>24</u> | Pass | Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith | Drake | | |
| 24 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 24 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle | at Missouri | | |
| 23 | KR | Tom Nelson | Drake | | |
| 23 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jake Rourke | at Missouri State | | |
| 22 | PR | Tom Nelson | Murray State | | |
| 22 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 22 | Pass | Luke Drone to Garin Harcar | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 22 | KR | Tom Nelson | at Missouri | | |
| 21 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kevett Mickle | at Youngstown State | | |
| 21 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Drake | | |
| 21 | Pass | Luke Drone to Kelvin Chandler | Drake | | |
| 21 | KR | Jason Horton | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 20 | Pass | Luke Drone to Geno Blow | at Youngstown State | | |
| 20 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | Murray State | | |
| 20 | Pass | Luke Drone to Jason Horton | at Eastern Illinois | | |
| 20 | KR | Tom Nelson | at Missouri | | |
| 20 | KR | Jason Horton | at Missouri State | | |

Bold denotes touchdown play

| Opponent Long Plays by | the Numbers | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----|------------------------|-----|----|
| Plays by Yards | No. | TD | Long Plays by Opponent | No. | TD |
| 20-29 | 38 | 4 | Drake | 6 | 3 |
| 30-39 | 10 | 1 | Murray State | 9 | 1 |
| 40-49 | 1 | 1 | Eastern Illinois | 5 | 0 |
| 50-59 | 5 | 4 | Missouri | 12 | 2 |
| 60+ | 3 | 2 | Northern Iowa | 3 | 0 |
| Total | 57 | 12 | Missouri State | 5 | 2 |
| | | | Indiana State | 6 | 1 |
| Plays by Type | No. | TD | Youngstown St. | 8 | 0 |
| Rushing | 12 | 2 | Western Illinois | 3 | 3 |
| Passing | 23 | 8 | North Dakota St. | | |
| Punt Returns | 3 | 1 | Southern Illinois | | |
| Kick Returns | 18 | | _ | | |
| Interceptions | 1 | 1 | _ | | |
| Fumble Returns | _ | - | _ | | |
| <u>Total</u> | 57 | 12 | _ | | |

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| Plays by Yards | | <u>No</u> 27 | |
| 20-29 | | <u>21</u> 8 | |
| <u>30-39</u> 40-49 | | <u>c</u> | |
| <u>40-49</u> 50-59 | | | |
| <u>50-59</u> | | 3 | |
| Total | | 3 48 | |
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| Plays by Type | | No | . TD |
| Rushing | | 8 | |
| Passing | | 24 | • |
| Punt Returns | | 1 | |
| Kick Returns | | 14 | 1 0 |
| | | | |
| Interceptions | | 1 | 0 |
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| Interceptions Fumble Returns Total 20-Yar Player Jason Horton Tom Nelson Geno Blow Eyad Salem | No. 15 10 4 | 1 0 0 48 TD 4 0 3 | 0 0 3 9 7 Player Type 9P, 6KR 8KR, 1PR, 1INT 3R, 1P |
| Interceptions Fumble Returns Total 20-Yar Player Jason Horton Tom Nelson Geno Blow | No. 15 10 4 | 1 0 0 48 TD 4 0 3 0 | 0 3 9 7 Player Type 9P, 6KR 8KR, 1PR, 1INT 3R, 1P 4P |
| Interceptions Fumble Returns Total 20-Yar Player Jason Horton Tom Nelson Geno Blow Eyad Salem Kedric Meredith | No. 15 10 4 4 3 | 1 0 0 48 TD 4 0 3 0 1 | 0 3 9 7 Player Type 9P, 6KR 8KR, 1PR, 1INT 3R, 1P 4P 3P |
| Interceptions Fumble Returns Total 20-Yar Player Jason Horton Tom Nelson Geno Blow Eyad Salem Kedric Meredith Kevett Mickle | No. 15 10 4 4 3 3 | 1 0 0 48 TD 4 0 3 0 1 0 0 | 0 3 9 7 Player Type 9P, 6KR 8KR, 1PR, 1INT 3R, 1P 4P 3P 3P |
| Interceptions Fumble Returns Total 20-Yar Player Jason Horton Tom Nelson Geno Blow Eyad Salem Kedric Meredith Kevett Mickle Rafael Rice | No. 15 10 4 4 3 3 3 | 1 0 0 48 TD 4 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 | 0 0 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 |
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77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

Rushing Touchdown

77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

Passing Play

69, Luke Drone to Jason Horton at Youngstown St., 10-20-07

Passing Touchdown

69, Luke Drone to Jason Horton at Youngstown St., 10-20-07

Punt Return

22, Tom Nelson vs. Murray State, 9-8-07

Kickoff Return

82, Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07

Punt

60, Bobby Kelsey at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

Field Goal

47, Jason Fetzer at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

Interception Return

33, Tom Nelson at Missouri, 9-22-07

2007 Game Recaps

Drake 27, #7 Illinois State 24

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

> Game Summary

Drake Upsets No. 7 Illinois State 27-24

NORMAL, III. – 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 incompletion, 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) | | | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (0-1) | | | | | 24 |

FIRST QUARTER

ISU - Mazur 30-yard field goal, 5:09

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

DU - Rees 36-yard field goal, 8:51 DU - Hunt 24-yard interception return (Rees kick), 8:44

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

DU - Rees 35-yard field goal, 1:15

FOURTH QUARTER

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

ISU – R. Rice 11-yard run (Mazur kick), 1:28 DU – Agyei 56-yard pass from Ingle (Rees kick), :23

> Team Statistics

| | DU | 120 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| 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), Bialas 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, III. · Hancock Stadium Attendance: 13,214

> Game Summary

Redbirds Bounce Back with Win Over Murray State

NORMAL, III. - 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



GAME 2

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

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 OLIARTER

ISU - Funk 34-yard field goal, 12:54

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

FOURTH OUARTER

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

| | 100 | 11100 |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| 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 |
| | | |

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MSU

> 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, Lightfoor 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, III. • O'Brien Stadium Attendance: 9,028

> Game Summary

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

CHARLESTON, III. - 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, III. The win was the Redbirds' sixth-straight over EIU.



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 Kaschiev 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) | | 10 | | | 24 |
| Eastern Illinois (1-2) | | | | | 21 |

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

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

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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

| | 150 | LIU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| 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, Nozinor 2-10. Ponius 1-15.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) - Caesar 3-9-12, Stewart 3-7-10, Hronec 4-48, 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.



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

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

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

Facing a third-down situation deep in Redbird territory, Mizzou struck again at the 6.03 mark in the first quarter. Daniel hit Temple on an 11-yard touchdown catch to capitalize a 10 play, 53-yard scoring drive. The Tigers were able to control the line of scrimmage throughout the drive, clearing holes for Temple to navigate through the Redbird defense.

> Scoring Summary

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

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, III. • Hancock Stadium Attendance: 10.473

> Game Summary

Redbirds Taken Down by Panthers, 23-13

NORMAL, III. – With the score tied at 13-13 and just 5:24 left in the game, Northern lowa's Eric Sanders connected with wide receiver Terrell Allen on a five-yard touchdown pass into the end zone that secured the Panthers' 23-13 win over Illinois State in the 2007 Gateway Football Conference opener for both leams at Hancock Stadium. A crowd of 10,473 saw



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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.

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 lowa 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 lowa a 13-7 lead at halftime. UNI scored two field goals earlier in the quarter, with both coming off ISU miscues, as Drone threw an interception and running back Cortes Rice fumbled a pitch from Drone.

> Scoring Summary

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

UNI - Hallgren 19-yard field goal, 9:02 UNI - Hallgren 25-yard field goal, 6:52

UNI - Williams 6-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), :47

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH QUARTER

UNI - Allen 5-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), 5:17

UNI - Hallgren 43-yard field goal, 2:48

> Team Statistics

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

Individual Statistics

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

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

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

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

Missouri St. 58, #22 Illinois St. 41

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

> Game Summary

#22 Illinois State Loses Shootout with Missouri State

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



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but the Redbirds turned the ball over three times in the defeat.

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

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

> Scoring Summary

| COREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| LINOIS STATE (2-4) | | 28 | 6 | | 41 |
| lissouri State (4-2) | 10 | 14 | 21 | 13 | 58 |

FIRST OUARTER

MSU - Stokes 22-yard field goal, 9:39

MSU - Washington 23-yard run (Stokes kick), 5:51

SECOND QUARTER

MSU - G. Davis 2-yard run (Stokes kick), 14:56

ISU – Blow 30-yard run (Fetzer kick), 10:34

ISU – Drone 4-yard run (Fetzer kick), 8:28
ISU – Meredith 3-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 5:12

ISU – Blow 11-yard run (Fetzer kick), 2:39

MSU – Emery 2-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :15

THIRD QUARTER

MSU – Washington 43-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), 9:10

ISU – Drone 1-yard run (kick failed), 4:21

MSU – G. Davis 17-yard run (Stokes kick), 2:20 MSU – Harbor 10-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :41

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU – E. Davis 64-yard pass from Kirby (kick failed), 11:43

ISU - Blow 1-yard run (Fetzer kick), 7:30

MSU - G. Davis 5-yard run (Stokes kick), 1:42

> Team Statistics

| | 150 | MSU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 26 | 28 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 52-251 | 48-247 |
| Passing | 17-29-3 | 17-24-0 |
| Passing Yards | 163 | 277 |
| Total Offense | 414 | 524 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-30 | 4-20 |
| Time of Possession | 33:19 | 26:41 |

> Individual Statistics

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

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

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

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

2007 Game Recaps

Illinois State 69, Indiana State 17

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

> Game Summary

Illinois State Runs Over Indiana State, 69-17

NORMAL, III. — After battling a knee injury for three weeks, senior tailback Rafael Rice returned to the form that the Redbird offense had grown accustom to seeing, as he rushed for 182 yards to lead the Illinois State football team to a 69-17 victory over Indiana State. Illinois State found the end zone on 10-straight drives, with senior quarterback Luke Drone throwing for three in the air, as



the Redbirds snapped a three-game losing streak in front of 14,077 fans during the ISU's homecoming game.

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

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

> Scoring Summary

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

FIRST QUARTER

INS - Varnadore 19-yard field goal, 11:30

ILS - Drone 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 8:16

ILS - Blow 7-yard run (Fetzer kick), 6:50

SECOND QUARTER

ILS $\,$ – Mickle 5-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 13:00

INS - McCulley 7-yard run (Varnadore kick), 12:26

ILS - Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 8:06

INS - Gray 29-yard pass from Dowdell (Varnadore kick), 4:39 ILS - Horton 38-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 1:19

THIRD QUARTER

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

ILS - Blow 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 5:33

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS – Brockway 1-yard run (Funk kick), 14:56

ILS - C. Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 11:11

ILS - C. Rice 6-yard run (kick failed), 7:06

> Team Statistics

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

> Individual Statistics

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

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

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

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

Illinois St. 27, #12 Youngstown St. 22

Oct. 20, 2007 · Youngstown, Ohio · Stambaugh Stadium Attendance: 18.616

> Game Summary

Redbirds Upset #12 Youngstown State, 27-22

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Running back Geno Blow ran for 100-yards for the fifth-straight game, and quarterback Luke Drone threw for a season-high 278 yards in the air, as the Illinois State football team overcame an early deficit to upset the No. 12 Youngstown State, 27-22, on YSU's homecoming at Stambaugh Stadium in Youngstown, Ohio. Blow finished with a



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game-high 128 yards on 17 carries, against a Penguin rushing defense that was ranked No. 26 in the country heading into the conference matchup.

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

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

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

> Scoring Summary

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

FIRST QUARTER

YSU - Smith 1-yard run (Palmer kick), 11:12

YSU - Palmer 37-yard field goal, 5:09

ISU - Blow 77-yard run (Fetzer kick), 4:49

YSU - Palmer 41-yard field goal, 2:30

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Fetzer 47-yard field goal, 12:54

ILS - Fetzer 36-yard field goal, 6:09

ILS - Horton 69-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 1:37

THIRD QUARTER

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

FOURTH OUARTER

ILS - Mickle 14-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 14:07

YSU - Smith 1-vard run (pass failed), 10:10

> Team Statistics

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

> Individual Statistics

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

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

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

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

#24 W. Illinois 27, Illinois State 14

Oct. 27, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium Attendance: 15.118

> Game Summary

ISU's Two Fourth-Quarter TDs Not Enough

NORMAL, III. — With his team clinging to just a six-point lead late in the fourth quarter, Western Illinois running back Herb Donaldson broke a 38-yard run into the end zone that capped off a 50-yard scoring drive, as the Illinois State football team lost, 27-14, to the 24th-ranked Leathernecks in front of a crowd of 15.118 at Hancock Stadium. Senior linebacker Kye Stewart had a career-high



tying 17 tackles for the Redbirds, moving him into seventh place all-time on the ISU career tackles list.

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

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

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

> Scoring Summary

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

FIRST QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

WIU - Rowan 53-yard field goal, 8:24

WIU – Sims 52-yard pass from Barr (Rowan kick), 3:51

FOURTH QUARTER

WIU - Rowan 48-yard field goal, 13:24

ISU – Salem 15-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 9:27

ISU - Chandler 10-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 3:12

WIU - Donaldson 38-yard run (Rowan kick), 1:41

> Team Statistics

| | WIU | 150 |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 15 | 17 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 59-337 | 25-64 |
| Passing | 5-9-0 | 22-41-2 |
| Passing Yards | 72 | 270 |
| Total Offense | 409 | 334 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 13-102 | 4-44 |
| Time of Possession | 37:29 | 22:31 |

> Individual Statistics

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

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

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

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

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results

| Drake (6-3, 3-2) | | | |
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| at #7 Illinois State | W, 27-24 | | |
| Waldorf | W, 45-14 | | |
| at UW-Platteville | W, 20-7 | | |
| #4 Northern Iowa | L, 7-45 | | |
| Valparaiso* | W, 48-20 | | |
| Butler* | W, 37-19 | | |
| at San Diego* | L, 19-59 | | |
| at Davidson* | L, 21-24 | | |
| Jacksonville* | W, 42-14 | | |
| at Morehead State* | noon | | |
| Dayton* | 1 p.m. | | |
| | at #7 Illinois State Waldorf at UW-Platteville #4 Northern Iowa Valparaiso* Butler* at San Diego* at Davidson* Jacksonville* at Morehead State* | | |

| | Murray State (2-6, 1-4 | I) |
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| 30 | at #10 Louisville | l |
| 3 | at #17 Illinois State | l |

| A30 | at #10 Louisville | L, 10-73 |
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| 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 |
| 013 | #23 Eastern Illinois* | L, 24-27 |
| 020 | at SE Missouri State* | W, 31-17 |
| 027 | #17 Eastern Kentucky* | L, 35-46 |
| N3 | at Tennessee State* | 5 p.m. |
| N10 | at UT-Martin* | noon |
| N17 | Austin Peay* | noon |

| Eastern Illinois (6-3, 5-1) | | | |
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| A30 | Tennessee Tech* | W, 45-24 | |
| <u>S8</u> | 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 | |
| 06 | Eastern Kentucky* | L, 21-28 | |
| 013 | at Murray State* | W, 27-24 | |
| 020 | UT-Martin* | W, 29-23 | |
| 027 | at Tennessee State* | W, 38-35 | |
| N10 | at Jacksonville State* | noon | |
| N17 | Camford* | 1.20 n m | |

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| | WIISSUULI (7-1, 3-1) | |
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| <u>S1</u> | vs. Illinois | W, 40-34 |
| S8 | at Mississippi | W, 38-25 |
| S15 | Western Michigan | W, 52-24 |
| S22 | Illinois State | W, 38-17 |
| 06 | Nebraska* | W, 41-6 |
| 013 | at Oklahoma* | L, 31-41 |
| 020 | Texas Tech* | W, 41-10 |
| 027 | Iowa State* | W, 42-28 |
| N3 | at Colorado* | 5:30 p.m. |
| N10 | Texas A&M* | tba |
| N17 | at Kansas State* | tba |
| N24 | vs. Kansas* | tba |

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| 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 |
| 013 | Southern Illinois* | W, 30-24 |
| 020 | at #17 Western Illinois* | W, 42-3 |
| 027 | #20 Youngstown State* | W, 14-13 |
| N3 | at Missouri State* | 1 p.m. |
| N10 | Indiana State* | 5:05 p.m. |
| N17 | Southern Utah | 5:05 p.m. |
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| Missouri | State | (5-4 | 2-3) |
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| A30 | Missouri-Rolla | W, 62-17 |
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| 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 |
| 06 | #22 Illinois State* | W, 58-41 |
| 013 | at #19 Western Illinois* | L, 10-31 |
| 020 | at #9 Southern Illinois* | L, 10-45 |
| 027 | Indiana State* | W, 63-7 |
| N3 | #1 Northern Iowa* | 1 p.m. |
| N10 | SE Missouri State | 1 p.m. |
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Indiana State (0-9, 0-4)

| <u>S1</u> | at Indiana | L, 7-55 |
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| 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 |
| 06 | #23 Western Illinois* | L, 7-19 |
| 013 | at Illinois State* | L, 17-69 |
| 020 | Western Kentucky | L, 7-56 |
| 027 | at Missouri State* | L, 7-63 |
| N3 | #22 Youngstown State* | 11 a.m. |
| N10 | at Northern Iowa* | 4:05 p.m. |
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Youngstown State (5-4, 1-3)

| S1 | at #11 Ohio State | L, 6-38 |
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| 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 |
| 06 | at #6 Southern Illinois* | L, 17-24 |
| 013 | Southern Utah | W, 23-22 |
| 020 | Illinois State* | L, 22-27 |
| 027 | at #1 Northern Iowa* | L, 13-14 |
| N3 | at Indiana State* | 11 a.m. |
| N10 | Western Illinois* | noon |
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| Western Illinois (6-3, 3-1) |
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| <u>A30</u> | South Dakota State | W, 29-26 (40t) |
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| <u>S8</u> | 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 |
| 06 | at Indiana State* | W, 19-7 |
| 013 | Missouri State* | W, 31-10 |
| 020 | #1 Northern Iowa* | L, 3-42 |
| 027 | at Illinois State* | W, 27-14 |
| N3 | #6 Southern Illinois* | 1:05 p.m. |
| N10 | at Youngstown State* | noon |

North Dakota State (8-0, 2-0)

| Stephen F. Austin | W, 28-19 |
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| #16 Sam Houston State | W, 41-38 |
| at Central Michigan | W, 44-14 |
| at #17 Western Illinois | W, 41-28 |
| UC Davis* | W, 35-16 |
| at Mississippi Valley State | W, 58-7 |
| at Minnesota | W, 27-21 |
| Southern Utah* | W, 52-17 |
| Illinois State | 4:07 p.m. |
| at Cal Poly* | 6:05 p.m. |
| at South Dakota State* | 1 p.m. |
| | #16 Sam Houston State at Central Michigan at #17 Western Illinois UC Davis* at Mississippi Valley State at Minnesota Southern Utah* Illinois State at Cal Poly* |

Southern Illinois (7-1, 3-1)

| <u>A30</u> | Quincy | <u>W, 59-14</u> |
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| <u>S8</u> | at Northern Illinois | W, 34-31 |
| <u>S15</u> | at Southern Utah | W, 44-10 |
| S22 | Arkansas-Pine Bluff | W, 58-3 |
| S29 | at Indiana State* | W, 72-10 |
| <u>06</u> | #10 Youngstown State* | W, 24-17 |
| <u>013</u> | at Northern Iowa* | L, 24-30 |
| O20 | Missouri State* | W, 45-10 |
| N3 | at #19 Western Illinois* | 1:05 p.m. |
| N10 | Illinois State* | 1:30 p.m. |
| <u>N17</u> | at Hampton | 1 p.m. |
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