

ILLINOIS STATE

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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: KVLV (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)

S8	Stephen F. Austin	W, 28-19
S15	#16 Sam Houston State	W, 41-38
S22	at Central Michigan	W, 44-14
S29	at #17 Western Illinois	W, 41-28
O6	UC Davis*	W, 35-16
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	W, 58-7
O20	at Minnesota	W, 27-21
O27	Southern Utah*	W, 52-17
N3	Illinois State	4:07 p.m.
N10	at Cal Poly*	6:05 p.m.
N17	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.

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

Date	Opponent	Location	Result/Time	Notes
A30	DRAKE	Normal, Ill.	L, 24-27	Drake TD off a tipped pass with 23 seconds left in the game sunk Redbirds.
S8	MURRAY STATE	Normal, Ill.	W, 43-17	ISU posted 205 kickoff return yards and 238 rushing yards in rout.
S15	at #14 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	W, 24-21	EIU lost a fumble with 26 seconds left in the game on the Redbirds' 20-yard line.
S22	at #25 Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	L, 17-38	Missouri racked up 581 yards of total offense, including 341 through the air.
S29	#3 NORTHERN IOWA*	Normal, Ill.	L, 13-23	Redbirds outscored 10-0 in the final quarter, despite Blow's 167 yards rushing.
O6	at Missouri State*	Springfield, Mo.	L, 41-58	Missouri State scored touchdowns on its last six possessions for the win.
O13	INDIANA STATE*	Normal, Ill.	W, 69-17	Illinois State posted TDs on first 10 possessions; rushed for 438 yards.
O20	at #12 Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	W, 27-22	ISU converted 11-of-21 third downs, 4-for-4 on 97-yard fourth-quarter TD drive.
O27	#24 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	Normal, Ill.	L, 14-27	WIU's Donaldson rushed for 241 yards and two TDs; ISU 2-for-12 on third down.
N3	at #1 North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	4:07 p.m.	First meeting: NDSU will officially become a GFC member in 2008.
N10	at #6 Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	ISU has won the last two meetings by a combined score of 98-45.

* Gateway Football Conference game; All times Central.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

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

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

Weekly Gateway Conference Call

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

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

All times are Central

Weekly Media Luncheon

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

The Game Week Schedule

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

Southern Illinois Week													
Sunday	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.

It's a Family Matter

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 Tale of the Tape

	ILS	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
Penalties	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

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Drone	145-243-14	1783	15

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Horton	33	570	17.3	4
Mickle	26	323	12.4	2
Salem	20	321	16.0	2
Harcar	19	137	7.2	2

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Stewart	47	60	107
Hronec	28	54	82
Nelson	32	33	65
Caesar	25	37	62

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

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Walker	121-168-7	1579	15

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Heckendorf	32	469	14.7	3
Belquist	26	384	14.8	0
Wurzbacher	18	244	13.6	4
Jangula	15	204	13.6	2

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Mays	31	27	58
Belmont	24	29	53
Humber	28	22	50
Schommer	22	20	42

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-)		18

ISU Career Pass Completions		
1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)		663
2. Luke Drone (2004-)		563

ISU Career Passing Yards		
1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)		8251
2. Luke Drone (2004-)		7684

ISU Career Passing TDs		
1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)		62
2. Luke Drone (2004-)		58

ISU Career Completion Percentage		
1. Luke Drone (2004-)		.608
2. Danny Barnett (1992-94)		.590

ISU Career Passing Efficiency		
1. Luke Drone (2004-)		142.7
2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001)		127.8

ISU Career Receiving Yards		
1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)		3007
2. Ricky Garrett (1996-99)		2719
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)		2498
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)		2014
5. Jason Horton (2003-)		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)		29
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)		17
5. Jason Horton (2003-)		13

ISU Career Total Offense		
1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)		8892
2. Luke Drone (2004-)		7925

ISU Career TDs Responsible For		
1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)		70
2. Luke Drone (2004-)		68

ISU Career Kick Return Yards		
1. Dennis Butler (2001-02)		1145
2. Avelon Cason (1998-99)		1074
3. Tom Nelson (2005-)		1025

ISU Career Kick Returns		
1. Dennis Butler (2001-02)		50
2. Tom Nelson (2005-)		46

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

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.

Waffling in their House

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.

Denver Johnson – a Man of Honor

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

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
		2-2	

Points Off Turnovers

	ISU	Opp
Drake	0	10
Murray State	7	3
at E. Illinois	7	7
at Missouri	7	0
Northern Iowa	7	9
at Missouri St.	14	14
Indiana State	0	0
at Youngstown St.	0	0
Western Illinois	0	3
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		
Total	42	46

2007 Gateway Standings

	GATEWAY			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

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

Scholar-Baller™

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

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

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



The I-Pass

The Redbird offense won't speed up the lines at toll booths, but it has been blowing through Gateway football stadiums with regularity the last three seasons. The Redbirds led the Gateway in 2006 with 227.8 passing yards per game, marking the third-straight season that ISU has led the conference in passing offense. If ISU owns the league's top passing offense again this season, it would become only the second team to lead the league in passing four-straight seasons, joining Northern Iowa, which did so from 1995-2000. 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-season 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: Aweion Cason (RB, Detroit Lions); Boomer Grigsby (FB, Kansas City Chiefs); Brent Hawkins (DE, Jacksonville Jaguars); and Laurént Robinson (WR, Atlanta Falcons). In the CFL, former Redbird teammates Kevin Glenn (QB) and Sam Young (DB) are teammates again with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

A Leader On-and-Off the Field

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

Transferable

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

The NFL is in Their Blood

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

2007 Illinois State Starters Game-By-Game

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

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

Redbird offense began game with three wide receivers.

* Redbirds started the game defensively in the nickel package.

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

	2007	Current	Steak	Career		2007	Current	Steak	Career		2007	Current	Steak	Career
Wiggins (OL)	9	37	37		Garrett (DB)	9	9	9		Kociuba (DB)	1	0	1	
Caesar (DB)	9	31	37		Piton (DL)	9	9	9		Whitaker (LB)	1	0	1	
Stewart (LB)	9	19	34		Speiser (OL)	9	9	9						
Mordis (FB)	2	2	33		Hronec (LB)	8	5	9						
Drone (QB)	9	33	33		Cucci (LB)	7	3	8						
Nelson (FS)	9	33	33		Harcar (FB)	6	0	6						
Thomas (DL)	3	0	25		Rourke (WR)	6	0	6						
Niklasch (OL)	9	22	23		Hemphill (DB)	5	4	5						
Joyce (OL)	9	20	20		Mickle (WR)	5	4	5						
Meredith (TE)	9	13	19		N. Williams (DL)	5	2	5						
St-Pierre (OL)	9	18	18		Tate (DB)	4	0	4						
Horton (WR)	8	5	18		Madsen (OL)	0	0	4						
Blankenship (DL)	9	15	15		Hunter (DL)	0	0	2						
R. Rice (TB)	8	4	11		Joynt (TE)	0	0	2						
Simnick (DL)	5	0	10		Trujillo (LB)	1	0	1						

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

Offense (Multiple)

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

Specialists

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

* Indicates number of letters earned

Defense (4-3)

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

Pronunciation Guide

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

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

2007 Illinois State Player Participation

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

Redbird Captains

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

GFC Players of the Week**OFFENSE**

None

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

None

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

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

Illinois State's Starting Lineup

Offense

WR 10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</i>
LT 66	Isaiah Wiggins	<i>Began playing the trumpet in elementary school and has been playing it for 10 years.</i>
LG 65	Bill Speiser	<i>Became a father on May 3, with the birth of his daughter Jordan; enjoys four-wheeling and fishing.</i>
C 61	Jonathan St-Pierre	<i>A former roommate of the Chicago Bears' Devin Hester, when the two attended Miami (Fla.)</i>
RG 69	Joe Niklasch	<i>A Brewers and Packers fan with the best "glam-rock" hairdo on the team.</i>
RT 78	Brandon Joyce	<i>While in high school, appeared in a Sharpie commercial with Terrell Owens.</i>
WR 88	Kevett Mickle	<i>Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman.</i>
TE 47	Kedric Meredith	<i>Started investing in the stock market and can't stop watching CNBC.</i>
QB 7	Luke Drone	<i>Plays the guitar and went camping at Yosemite National Park this past summer.</i>
FB 83	Dave Mordis	<i>A 2007 preseason first-team all-Gateway selection; tore his ACL in right knee in final camp scrimmage.</i>
TB 2	Rafael Rice	<i>One of his favorite jobs was working as a valet in high school.</i>
PK 87	Steven Fetzer	<i>Spent the summer working at a car dealership in Champaign, Ill.</i>

Defense

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

Non-Starters to Watch

WR 80	Kelvin Chandler	<i>Owens a 1984 cherry red Buick Regal with a T-top; enjoys street cars and muscle cars.</i>
RB 34	Parrish Fisher	<i>Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan.</i>
WR 86	Jason Horton	<i>Played ice hockey in middle school (seventh and eighth grade).</i>
DL 97	Kaschiev Hunter	<i>Likes to cook and his favorite style is West Indian or Jamician food.</i>
CB 21	Jason Tate	<i>Never worked a job in his life; changed his uniform number to 21 to share the same number with Atlanta's DeAngelo Hall.</i>

2007 Illinois State Numerical Roster

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

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#24 • Kelyvn Hemphill • DB
Tackles: 5, four times
Solos: 5 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Interceptions: 1 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#9 • Tom Nelson • DB
Tackles: 13 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Solos: 7 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Assists: 8 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, four times
Interceptions: 2, twice
Kickoff Returns: 4 at Missouri, 9-22-07
Kickoff Return Yards: 123 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Long Kickoff Return: 59 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Returns: 3, twice
Punt Return Yards: 27 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Long Punt Return: 22 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07

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

Illinois State Individual Career Highs**#62 • Mike Piton • DL**

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

#26 • Cortes Rice • TB

Rushing Yards:121 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Rushing Attempts:18 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Rushing TDs:3 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
 Longest Rush:20 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Receptions:1, twice
 Receiving Yards:25 at Missouri State, 11-5-05

#2 • Rafael Rice • TB

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

#91 • Dave Rivas • DL

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

#30 • Garry Roberts • DB

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

#10 • Jake Rourke • WR

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

#84 • Eyad Salem • WR

Receptions:9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Receiving Yards:176 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Touchdowns:1, twice
 Long Reception:45 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07

#90 • Dan Simnick • DL

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

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

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

#96 • Babatunde Soyebó • DL

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

#60 • Tom Speer • DL

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

#6 • Kye Stewart • LB

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

#21 • Jason Tate • DB

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

#94 • Jarek Thomas • DL

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

#38 • Tony Trujillo • LB

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

#50 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

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

#58 • Mark Whitaker • LB

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

#99 • Nick Williams • DL

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

#40 • Wesley Williams • DE

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

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles:8 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Solos:4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Assists:5 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Sacks:1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs:2 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Interceptions:0

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Game Results

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

* Gateway Football Conference game

Team 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,Kevelt	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	1	22	22.0	0	0
Horton, Jason	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	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
Caesar, Jesse	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
Chandler, Kelvin	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total.....	34	816	24.0	0	82
Opponents.....	45	809	18.0	0	38

Scoring

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

Total Offense

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	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

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Mazur, Kevin	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0
Funk, Tyler	3-3	100.0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	34	0
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	I20	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	1	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

2007 Illinois State Statistics

Defensive Statistics

	GP	TACKLES				SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF	
6 Stewart,Kye	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	1	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	1		1			
21 Tale,Jason	9-3	25	14	39	1.0-7	1.0-7		1	1					
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		1-3	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 Soyebobabtunde	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	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										
33 Kpandeyenge,Ansu	4-0		1	1										
46 Corcoran,Graham	5-0							1						
Total.....	9-0	336	414	750	53-152	14-65	6-40	19	28	8-0	5	1		
Opponents.....	9-0	352	371	723	39.0-117	16-73	14-205	27	18	3-26	6	2		

2007 Illinois State Game-By-Game Stats

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

2007 Illinois State Statistical Breakdown

Scoring Drive Analysis											
	Minus	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99
Illinois State TD	-	-	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	-	-

Red-Zone Analysis									
Game	Illinois State				Opponent				
	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	
Drake	5	4	3/1	.800	2	2	0/2	1.000	
Murray State	6	6	5/1	1.000	3	2	1/1	.667	
at Eastern Illinois	4	3	2/1	.750	4	3	3/0	.750	
at Missouri	5	3	2/1	.800	6	4	3/1	.667	
Northern Iowa	0	0	0/0	.000	4	4	2/2	1.000	
at Missouri State	6	5	5/0	.833	6	6	5/1	1.000	
Indiana State	9	9	9/0	1.000	2	2	1/1	1.000	
at Youngstown St.	2	2	1/1	1.000	3	3	2/1	1.000	
Western Illinois	2	2	2/0	1.000	1	0	0/0	.000	
at North Dakota St.									
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	
Opponents	Total	262:27	78:24	56:44	58:01	69:18	
	Avg.	29:09	8:42	6:18	6:26	7:42	

When Illinois State has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	1/2	2/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	0/1	-	0/1	0/2	0/2	7/16	43.8
Murray State	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/3	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	8/13	61.5
at Eastern Illinois	0/1	0/1	-	1/2	4/4	2/3	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/3	10/16	62.5
at Missouri	1/1	2/3	0/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	1/1	-	1/2	0/2	0/2	8/17	47.1
Northern Iowa	0/1	2/4	0/1	-	2/2	0/1	0/2	2/3	-	-	1/2	7/16	43.8
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	3/4	-	2/2	1/1	-	0/2	-	0/1	1/2	9/15	60.0
Indiana State	1/1	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/1	2/2	0/1	-	1/1	-	7/8	87.5
at Youngstown St.	1/1	1/1	0/1	2/3	1/2	2/2	0/2	1/1	0/1	0/2	3/5	11/21	52.4
Western Illinois	-	1/2	-	0/1	-	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	-	1/5	2/12	16.7
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	6/9	11/18	4/10	6/12	11/13	10/14	5/11	3/9	3/7	2/9	8/22	69/134	51.5
PCT	66.7	61.1	40.0	50.0	84.6	71.4	45.5	33.3	42.9	22.2	36.4	51.5	

When Opponent has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	2/3	0/1	-	1/1	0/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	-	1/3	1/1	8/16	50.0
Murray State	-	1/1	-	1/2	-	-	1/3	1/3	0/1	0/2	2/3	6/15	40.0
at Eastern Illinois	2/2	2/2	2/3	2/2	-	2/2	0/1	1/1	-	-	0/3	11/16	68.8
at Missouri	2/2	-	-	-	1/1	-	1/3	2/3	-	-	2/2	8/11	72.7
Northern Iowa	-	0/2	2/3	-	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/6	7/17	41.2
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	0/2	0/2	-	-	0/1	-	-	4/11	36.4
Indiana State	1/3	0/2	0/1	-	0/2	1/2	0/2	-	0/1	-	-	2/13	15.4
at Youngstown St.	1/1	0/2	0/1	1/1	-	0/1	1/2	0/2	1/2	0/2	0/1	4/15	26.7
Western Illinois	0/2	2/2	-	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	0/1	0/7	5/15	33.3
at North Dakota St.													
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
Illinois State opponent

The FCS Coaches' Poll

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
15. Elon	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

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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

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

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)

Opponent Scoring Drives/Plays

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

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 Johnson

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

100-Yard Rushing Games (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)

300-Yard Passing Games (12)

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

100-Yard Receiving Games (30)

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

The Redbirds' Record When ...

	2007	DJ Era*
Playing at home	2-3	28-17
Playing on the road	2-2	17-27
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	2-1	17-12
Playing during the day	2-4	28-32
ISU scores on first possession	3-0	21-6
Opponent scores on first possession	2-3	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	11-28
ISU leads at halftime	4-2	32-10
Opponent leads at halftime	0-3	8-33
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	4-1	33-7
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-3	9-35
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
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	9-30
ISU has more passing yards	3-1	31-24
Opponent has more passing yards	1-4	13-20
ISU has more turnovers	0-4	13-29
Opponent has more turnovers	1-1	22-10
Teams have equal turnovers	3-0	9-5
ISU has more penalties	2-1	22-19
Opponent has more penalties	2-4	18-24
ISU has more time of possession	3-2	26-18
Opponent has more time of possession	1-3	17-27
ISU has 100-yard rusher	3-4	37-21
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-5	15-29
ISU scores at least 20 points	4-2	40-21
Opponent scores at least 20 points	2-5	17-41
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	9-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-1	1-11
Playing on natural grass	0-0	3-7
Playing on artificial surface	4-5	42-37
ISU defense scores	0-0	8-6
Opponent defense scores	0-1	3-12
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-1	2-4

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

The Last Time it Happened

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	128, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	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	Armando Andrade (85 yards) vs. W. Va. Tech, 8-31-00
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Justin Frierson (28 yards) vs. Prairie View A&M, 10-21-00
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Geno Blow at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Luke Drone vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Kicked three field goals	4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Had a 70-yard pass completion	90, Luke Drone to Laurént Robinson at Indiana St., 11-9-06
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had a 50-yard field goal	50, Stephen Carroll at S. Illinois, 10-14-03
Had a 70-yard punt	70, Ryan Hoffman vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
300 yards rushing	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	592 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
30 first downs	33 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
50 points	69 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Scored a safety	at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	97 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	72 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84
Blocked a punt	at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	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 Maroney, Minnesota, 9-11-04
Had a 70-yard pass completion	75, Zach Barnard to Dante Woods, Murray State 9-23-06
Had 20 tackles	21, Ian Dominelli, Youngstown State, 10-30-99
Had a 50-yard field goal	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	Iowa State, 9-3-05
Posted a shutout	Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	64, Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	81, Murray State, 9-8-07
Held ISU under 200 total yards	161, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Held ISU under 100 total yards	94, Central State, 9-9-89
Blocked a punt	Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked a field goal	Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Blocked an extra point attempt	Murray State, 9-8-07

2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays

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

Bold denotes touchdown play

Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	27	3
30-39	8	3
40-49	7	0
50-59	3	1
60+	3	2
Total	48	9

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	8	3
Passing	24	6
Punt Returns	1	0
Kick Returns	14	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	48	9

20-Yards-Plus by a Player

Player	No.	TD	Type
Jason Horton	15	4	9P, 6KR
Tom Nelson	10	0	8KR, 1PR, 1INT
Geno Blow	4	3	3R, 1P
Eyad Salem	4	0	4P
Kedric Meredith	3	1	3P
Kevett Mickle	3	0	3P
Rafael Rice	3	0	3R
Jake Rourke	2	1	2P
Kelvin Chandler	1	0	1P
Parrish Fisher	1	0	1R
Garin Harcar	1	0	1P

Longest Plays of the Year

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

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
			Youngstown St.	8	0
			Western Illinois	3	3
			North Dakota St.		
			Southern Illinois		
Plays by Type	No.	TD			
Rushing	12	2			
Passing	23	8			
Punt Returns	3	1			
Kick Returns	18	-			
Interceptions	1	1			
Fumble Returns	-	-			
Total	57	12			

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results
Drake (6-3, 3-2)

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

Missouri (7-1, 3-1)

S1	vs. Illinois	W, 40-34
S8	at Mississippi	W, 38-25
S15	Western Michigan	W, 52-24
S22	Illinois State	W, 38-17
O6	Nebraska*	W, 41-6
O13	at Oklahoma*	L, 31-41
O20	Texas Tech*	W, 41-10
O27	Iowa State*	W, 42-28
N3	at Colorado*	5:30 p.m.
N10	Texas A&M*	tba
N17	at Kansas State*	tba
N24	vs. Kansas*	tba

Indiana State (0-9, 0-4)

S1	at Indiana	L, 7-55
S8	Austin Peay	L, 17-32
S15	at SE Missouri State	L, 10-13
S22	#20 Eastern Illinois	L, 20-54
S29	#7 Southern Illinois*	L, 10-72
O6	#23 Western Illinois*	L, 7-19
O13	at Illinois State*	L, 17-69
O20	Western Kentucky	L, 7-56
O27	at Missouri State*	L, 7-63
N3	#22 Youngstown State*	11 a.m.
N10	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.

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

S8	Stephen F. Austin	W, 28-19
S15	#16 Sam Houston State	W, 41-38
S22	at Central Michigan	W, 44-14
S29	at #17 Western Illinois	W, 41-28
O6	UC Davis*	W, 35-16
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	W, 58-7
O20	at Minnesota	W, 27-21
O27	Southern Utah*	W, 52-17
N3	Illinois State	4:07 p.m.
N10	at Cal Poly*	6:05 p.m.
N17	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.

Murray State (2-6, 1-4)

A30	at #10 Louisville	L, 10-73
S8	at #17 Illinois State	L, 17-43
S15	Lambuth	W, 48-13
S20	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 24-48
S29	Jacksonville State*	L, 24-40
O13	#23 Eastern Illinois*	L, 24-27
O20	at SE Missouri State*	W, 31-17
O27	#17 Eastern Kentucky*	L, 35-46
N3	at Tennessee State*	5 p.m.
N10	at UT-Martin*	noon
N17	Austin Peay*	noon

Northern Iowa (8-0, 4-0)

A30	Minnesota State	W, 41-14
S8	at Iowa State	W, 24-13
S15	at South Dakota State	W, 31-17
S22	at Drake	W, 45-7
S29	at #16 Illinois State*	W, 23-13
O13	Southern Illinois*	W, 30-24
O20	at #17 Western Illinois*	W, 42-3
O27	#20 Youngstown State*	W, 14-13
N3	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.
N10	Indiana State*	5:05 p.m.
N17	Southern Utah	5:05 p.m.

Youngstown State (5-4, 1-3)

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

Southern Illinois (7-1, 3-1)

A30	Quincy	W, 59-14
S8	at Northern Illinois	W, 34-31
S15	at Southern Utah	W, 44-10
S22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 58-3
S29	at Indiana State*	W, 72-10
O6	#10 Youngstown State*	W, 24-17
O13	at Northern Iowa*	L, 24-30
O20	Missouri State*	W, 45-10
N3	at #19 Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N17	at Hampton	1 p.m.

Eastern Illinois (6-3, 5-1)

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

Missouri State (5-4, 2-3)

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

Western Illinois (6-3, 3-1)

A30	South Dakota State	W, 29-26 (4ot)
S8	at Illinois	L, 0-21
S15	Saint Francis	W, 69-0
S22	at Stephen F. Austin	W, 34-13
S29	#4 North Dakota State	L, 28-41
O6	at Indiana State*	W, 19-7
O13	Missouri State*	W, 31-10
O20	#1 Northern Iowa*	L, 3-42
O27	at Illinois State*	W, 27-14
N3	#6 Southern Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	at Youngstown State*	noon