

ILLINOIS STATE

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#17/18 Illinois State Redbirds (0-1) vs. Murray State Racers (0-1)

The Redbirds have not lost back-to-back home games since 2003.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Normal, Ill.

Stadium (Capacity): Hancock Stadium (15,000)

Surface: FieldTurf

Forecast: High: 75°; Low: 60°; Chance of rain: 30%

Radio: Redbird Radio Network

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

Television: None

Webcast: GoRedbirds.com

Series: Illinois State leads 3-1

Denver Johnson vs. Murray State: 3-1

Last Meeting: ISU 35, Murray State 14, 9-23-06
– Murray, Ky. (Roy Stewart Stadium)

Murray State (0-1)

A30	at #10 Louisville	L, 10-73
S8	at #17 Illinois State	6:30 p.m.
S15	Lambuth	6 p.m.
S20	at Tennessee Tech*	7 p.m.
S29	Jacksonville State*	3 p.m.
O13	#12 Eastern Illinois*	3 p.m.
O20	at SE Missouri State*	1 p.m.
O27	Eastern Kentucky*	noon
N3	at Tennessee State*	5 p.m.
N10	at #20 UT-Martin*	noon
N17	Austin Peay*	noon

Storylines

- Illinois State enters tonight's game with seven-straight victories over members of the Ohio Valley Conference, including three-straight wins over Murray State.
- Under head coach **Denver Johnson**, the Redbirds are 26-15 when playing at Hancock Stadium.
- Illinois State Athletics combines the sports of football and golf this weekend. On Friday, the campus golf course was renamed the Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University to honor the greatest Redbird golfer of all-time, **D.A. Weibring**. There will be a pregame announcement and a halftime ceremony to honor this Redbird great.
- The Redbirds enter tonight's game ranked in the top-20 nationally. Illinois State is rated No. 17 in The Sports Network's top-25 poll and No. 18 in the FCS Coaches Poll. The Redbirds have been ranked in the national polls for 19 straight weeks, including pre and postseason polls.
- Under Johnson, the Redbirds are 19-21 when coming off a loss.
- Dating back to last season, Murray State is trying to avoid a 10th-straight loss.
- In the Johnson era, ISU is 12-12 in the month of September.
- Tonight's game is CommUniversity and there are 54 tents already booked for the Redbird Tent Zone. In addition, tonight is also a Redbird Family Night, so a package of two adult general admission tickets and two youth tickets can be purchased for \$20. Youths are also admitted free with a Hometown Team Youth Pass. It is also Youth Team Night and teams are admitted free with a pass list or uniform.

The Coaches

➤ Illinois State

Denver Johnson is in his eighth season at Illinois State and owns a 41-40 (.506) overall record with the Redbirds. Prior to guiding the 'Birds, Johnson was the head coach at Murray State, where he compiled a 21-12 mark. Johnson, 48, is a 1981 graduate of Tulsa and his 11-year head coaching record stands at 62-52 (.544).

➤ Murray State

Matt Griffin (New Hampshire '92) is in his second season at the helm of the Racer football program. Griffin owns a 11-35 (.239) record at Murray State, his second head coaching position. Prior to taking the head post at Murray State, Griffin compiled a 10-24 record over three seasons at Tennessee-Martin.

Illinois State Season Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Result/Time	Notes
A30	DRAKE	Normal, Ill.	L, 24-27	Drake TD off a tipped pass with 23 seconds left in the game sinks Redbirds.
S8	MURRAY STATE	Normal, Ill.	6:30 p.m.	The Redbirds have won seven-straight games versus the OVC.
S15	at #12 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	6 p.m.	The oldest rivalry in the state of Illinois and 13th-oldest at the FCS level.
S22	at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	1 p.m.	First meeting: ISU has faced a Big 12 opponent in each of the last three years.
S29	#7 NORTHERN IOWA*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	UNI's win over ISU in 2006 prevented the Redbirds from sharing the league title.
O6	at Missouri State*	Springfield, Mo.	2 p.m.	ISU has five-straight victories over the Bears and seven of the last eight.
O13	INDIANA STATE*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	Redbirds have won two straight in the series and eight of the last nine.
O20	at #6 Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	3 p.m.	YSU beat the Redbirds twice in 2006, including in the FCS Quarterfinals.
O27	#23 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	'Birds haven't won back-to-back games against WIU since 1999 and 2000.
N3	at #4 North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	6 p.m.	First meeting: NDSU will officially become a GFC member in 2008.
N10	at #10 Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	ISU has won the last two meetings by a combined score of 98-45.

* Gateway Football Conference game; All times Central.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

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

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

Weekly Gateway Conference Call

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

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

All times are Central

Weekly Media Luncheon

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

The Game Week Schedule

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

Murray State Week							
Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday	7 Saturday	8
Coach/Player Phone Interviews Available by appointment	Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	Media Luncheon Kaufman - noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	GFC Teleconference Johnson - 10:05 a.m. Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) Denver Johnson Show Schooners 6-7 p.m.	Practice Closed No interviews	Murray State at Illinois State 6:30 p.m.	

Weekly Media Luncheons

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

Requesting Credentials

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

Practice Procedures

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

Interview Policies

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

Scouting the Murray State Racers

- Murray State is located in Murray, Ky., and has an enrollment of 10,304. The Racers are members of the Ohio Valley Conference.
- The Racers return eight starters on offense and nine on defense from a team that had a 1-10 record last season.
- Murray State was predicted to finish seventh in the OVC by the league's coaches, media and sports information directors.
- Senior linebacker Nathan Williams was the only preseason All-OVC selection. Williams posted 100 tackles in nine games last season and led the OVC in tackles per game with 11.1.
- The Racers have lost nine-straight games dating back to last season.
- Murray State's defense surrendered 655 yards of total offense to No. 10 Louisville last week. The Cardinals were 8-for-8 against the Racer defense in the red zone.

Racer Relations

- Illinois State head coach **Denver Johnson** was the head coach at Murray State prior to leading the Redbird program. Johnson compiled a 21-12 record in three seasons with the Racers from 1997-99.
- When Johnson was at Murray State, current Racer head coach Matt Griffin was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee-Martin. Johnson was 2-0 against the Skyhawks during that time.
- The Redbirds' **Drew Kiel** and Jordan Maley from Murray State prepped together at Columbus (Ind.) East High School, where they compiled a 48-1 regular-season record from seventh grade through their senior season. The class posted an overall record of 57-4 during that same time span.
- Tonight's game features products from Marietta, Ga. ISU's **Kaschiev Hunter** (Harrison HS) will compete against Murray State's Prince Nwagbara (McEachern HS), Craig Durham (Osborne HS) and Will Roach (Roswell HS).
- Each team also has a player from Wheaton, Ill., including ISU's **Drew Kempe** (Wheaton North HS) and the Racers' Lee McGinnis (Glenbard South).
- Murray State's single-season passing leader, Justin Fuente, spent six seasons at ISU as a member of Johnson's staff, including the last three as the offensive coordinator. He is currently the running backs coach at TCU.
- The Racers' offensive line coach, Michael Hayes, spent a season at Western Illinois (2004) coaching the defensive line.

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 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**.

Run, Rafael, Run!

In only his fourth career start, running back **Rafael Rice** could have made Forrest Gump jealous with his ability to run up and down the Hancock Stadium field in Thursday's opener versus Drake. Rice rushed for a career-high 218 yards on 27 carries, with nine individual carries of more than 10 yards, highlighted by a 43-yard scamper in the first quarter. Rice's rushing total was also 176 yards more than the whole Drake team combined.

A Tale of Two Halves

After the first half of Thursday's home opener versus Drake, it appeared that the Redbirds were in the driver's seat, as the Bulldogs could only muster 89 yards of offense while being held scoreless. However, Drake battled back in the second half, racking up 272 yards and 27 points to upset the then-No. 7-ranked Redbirds, 27-24.

Redbirds at Payton's Place

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

Horton's Hands

Wide receiver **Jason Horton** caught a game- and career-high eight passes in Thursday's game versus Drake, a performance that topped his previous high of six receptions. The Bolingbrook, Ill., native finished with a game-high 119 yards receiving, only one-yard shy of tying his career-best. Horton's yardage total moved him into eighth place all-time for career receiving yards in Redbird history. He needs 127 yards for sole possession of the No. 7 spot.

The Tale of the Tape

	ILS	MSU
Record	0-1	0-1
Points	24.0	10.0
Points Allowed	27.0	73.0
First Downs	26	17
Rushing Yards	273.0	130.0
Rushing Defense	97.0	261.0
Passing Yards	235.0	141.0
Passing Defense	264.0	394.0
Total Offense	508.0	271.0
Total Defense	361.0	655.0
Interceptions	0-0	0-0
Punt Return Avg.	1.5	0.0
Kickoff Return Avg.	15.2	14.3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Penalties	2-20	3-30
Time of Possession	29:13	32:20
3rd-Down Conversions	7/16 (44%)	5/16 (31%)
4th-Down Conversions	1/1 (100%)	0/1 (0%)
TDs Scored	3	1
Field Goals	1-2	1-2
PAT Attempts	3-3	1-1

Illinois State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
R. Rice	27	218	218.0	2	43
Fisher	7	26	26.0	0	9

Passing	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD
Drone	20	35	3	235	1

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Horton	8	119	14.9	0
Chandler	4	39	9.8	1

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Stewart	9	6	15
Tate	6	3	9
Caesar	4	3	7
Nelson	3	4	7

Murray State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
McKinnis	9	72	72.0	0	32
Ehrhardt	7	20	20.0	0	15

Passing	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD
Ehrhardt	12	20	0	88	1
Franklin	7	11	0	53	0

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Harper	4	30	7.5	0
Townsel	4	20	5.0	1
Nelson	3	20	6.7	0

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Williams	4	3	7
Marshall	6	0	6
Moore	4	2	6
Werner	4	1	5

The Redbird Record Book

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	37
8. Quincy Washington (2001-02)	16
9. Rafael Rice (2005-)	14

ISU Career Pass Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	663
2. John Coppens (1981-84)	554
3. Luke Drone (2004-)	438

ISU Career Passing Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8,251
2. John Coppens (1981-84)	6,238
3. Luke Drone (2004-)	6,136

ISU Career Passing TDs

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	62
2. John Coppens (1981-84)	49
3. Luke Drone (2004-)	44

ISU Career Completion Percentage

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	.610
2. Danny Barnett (1992-94)	.590

ISU Career Passing Efficiency

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	145.2
2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001)	127.8

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	3,007
5. Jeff Gowan (1975-77)	1,472
6. Bill Miller (1986-89)	1,401
7. Dwyane Smith (2002-03)	1,386
8. Jason Horton (2003-)	1,260

ISU Career Receptions

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	192
4. Brian Brown (1989-92)	115
5. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	113
6. Bill Miller (1986-89)	112
7. Dwayne Smith (2002-03)	102
8. Jeff Gowan (1975-77)	101
9. Jason Horton (2003-)	89

ISU Career TD Receptions

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	29
6. Jacob Niete (1997-99)	11
7. Jason Horton (2003-)	9

ISU Career Total Offense

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8,892
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	6,324

ISU Career TDs Responsible For

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	70
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	50

ISU Career PAT Kicks Made

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

ISU Career Tackles

1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04)	580
11. Brian Gant (1983-86)	317
12. Bill Randles (1992-95)	269
Andrew Papoccia (2000-03)	269
14. Kye Stewart (2003-)	264

Lost in Interception

It has been an unlikely trend for **Luke Drone**, but after throwing three interceptions in Thursday's game versus Drake, the Illinois State quarterback has been picked off 13 times in his last four games dating back to last season, while throwing for only four touchdowns during that span. These are atypical numbers for Drone, who in his first 28 games with the Redbirds has thrown 39 touchdown passes with only 15 interceptions.

Falling Short on the Third-and-Long

Statisticians would have a hay day breaking down the numbers from the 27-24 loss to Drake, but one statistic really jumps out – third-and-long. The Redbird offense was 0-for-6 converting third downs of seven yards or more, while the ISU defense surrendered a 4-for-8 success rate from the same spot.

Misfortune 500

Typically when an offense pounds out 500 yards of total offense, a victory celebration soon follows. Unfortunately, that's not always the case, as the Redbirds found out in their season opener against Drake. ISU totaled 508 yards of offensive production against the Bulldogs, but fell short, 27-24. The last time the Redbirds tallied 500-plus yards of offense and suffered a loss was on Oct. 2, 2004, when the 'Birds fell 41-38 to Indiana State in overtime, despite 523 yards of total offense.

A Change of Tate

Sophomore **Jason Tate** made his first-career start for the Redbirds in the season opener against Drake. In the early going, Tate seemed to make the most of his opportunity with a career game. He collected a career-high nine tackles, including six solo stops. Tate also added his first-career quarterback sack, but in a change of fate, his attempt at what appeared to be a game-securing interception bounced off his finger tips and into the arms of a Drake receiver, resulting in a game-winning 56-yard touchdown reception.

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 Gateway Football Conference, got off to a great start in the season opener against Drake with a game-high 15 tackles. So, it's only sensible that Stewart would be considered the favorite for the award this season, which would give the Redbirds six straight.

In Rare Company

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

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 in which the Redbirds have 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. To date, the Redbirds are averaging 235 yards passing per game.

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 in His Sights

Quarterback **Luke Drone** has thrown for over 2,900 yards in each of the last two seasons. If he equals or surpasses that feat, Drone will become the most prolific passer in Illinois State history. Drone needs 2,115 yards through the air to knock former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (8,251) from the top spot.

The Three Degrees of St-Pierre

While junior **Jonathan St-Pierre** is about to begin his second season in a Redbird uniform, 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, 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 in business administration. This year, he has started the curriculum for his master's in economics and should have that completed in May 2009.

The Dirty Dozen

Senior linebacker **Kye Stewart** needs just 36 tackles to become the 12th player in Illinois State history to accumulate 300 or more tackles in a career. He currently ranks No. 14 in Redbird history and needs six stops to move into sole possession of 12th place.

Getting Some Picks on Route 66

With Hancock Stadium located along nostalgic Route 66, the Redbird defense had a few kicks in 2006. The Redbirds finished the season with 17 interceptions, including three that were returned for touchdowns. The 17 picks were the highest total by an ISU defense since 1989. ISU did not intercept a pass in the season opener against Drake.

Denver Johnson – a Man of Honor

As the Redbirds opened their 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, who all received the prestigious Johnny Vaught Head Coach Award. Johnson led the Redbirds to their third trip to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs in 2006, while also being a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award last season.

Good Chance for a Grand

ISU head coach **Denver Johnson** has had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of the 10 seasons in which he has been a head coach, both at Illinois State and Murray State. Last year was no exception, as **Pierre Rembert** rushed for a school-record 1,743 yards. Senior tailback **Rafael Rice** is already one-fifth of the way there, with a career-high 218 yards rushing in the season opener against Drake.

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 145.2, which is nearly 20 points higher than the next highest ISU quarterback.

Put Up Your Dukes

Sylvester Stallone might have put the "Rocky" series to rest finally after six editions, but linebackers **Bill Hronec** and **Tommie Westbrook** might be ample replacements if a seventh movie were to be made. While at Chicago's Mt. Carmel High School, Hronec was not only an all-conference football player, but was quite a boxer, owning a 13-2 record with nine knockouts as a heavyweight on the school's boxing team. Westbrook, a product of Gordon Tech High School, also took up boxing during his senior year, training and sparring for two-to-three hours a day.

Applying the Full Nelson

That's exactly what free safety **Tom Nelson** did to opposing quarterbacks in 2006, as he finished the season with a team-high four interceptions. The 2005 Gateway Freshman of the Year also led the Redbirds with 10 pass break-ups, while posting 42 tackles on the season. Nelson was named to the 2007 All-Gateway Preseason Team. In 2007, Nelson collected a team-high two pass break-ups against Drake and added seven tackles.

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 and clap for. Stewart was selected from a pool of 1,300 top student-athletes from across the country to represent ISU at the 2007 NCAA Leadership Conference, LeaderSHAPE. A 2006 All-Gateway First-Team selection, Stewart was one of 356 student-athletes from around the country that attended the event held in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from May 27-31. Stewart was the second-straight Redbird football student-athlete to attend the conference, as senior quarterback **Luke Drone** was selected in 2006.

Transferable

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

Gimmie a I-A... er, FBS

When the Redbirds travel to Missouri on Sept. 22, it will be the 13th-straight season in which Illinois State has played a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent. The last time the 'Birds didn't schedule an FBS game was in 1994. It will also mark ISU's third-straight season facing a team from the Big 12, after the 'Birds played at Iowa State in 2005 and at Kansas State in 2006.

'Bird Bests vs. Murray State

INDIVIDUAL*

Rushing Yards	184, Pierre Rembert, 9-23-06
Rushing TDs	2, three times; last by Pierre Rembert, 9-23-06
Passing Yards	177, Mike Souza, 9-21-02
Completions	14, Mike Souza, 9-21-02
TD Passes	2, Luke Drone, 9-23-06
Receptions	6, Laurént Robinson, 9-23-06
Receiving Yards	121, Laurént Robinson, 9-23-06
Receiving TDs	2, Laurént Robinson, 9-23-06
Tackles	17, Boomer Grísby, 9-21-02
Tackles for Loss	5, Brent Hawkins, 9-24-05
Sacks	3, Brent Hawkins, 9-24-05
Interceptions	1, four times; last by Leon Kittrell, 9-23-06
Longest FG	41, twice; last by Stephen Carroll, 9-21-02

TEAM*

Most Points	42, 9-24-05
Fewest Points	17, 9-8-01
Most Points Allowed	32, 9-8-01
Fewest Points Allowed	0, 9-24-05

*modern era (1936 and later)

Points Off Turnovers

	ISU	Opp
Drake	0	10
Murray State		
at E. Illinois		
at Missouri		
Northern Iowa		
at Missouri St.		
Indiana State		
at Youngstown St.		
Western Illinois		
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		

2007 Gateway Standings

	GATEWAY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Missouri State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Western Illinois	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Illinois State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
Indiana State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
Youngstown State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000

This Week in the Gateway:

Sept. 6

> Missouri State at #20 UT-Martin, 6 p.m.

Sept. 8

- > Austin Peay at Indiana State, 5 p.m.
- > South Dakota St. at #6 Youngstown State, 6:05 p.m.
- > #7 Northern Iowa at Iowa State, 6 p.m.
- > #23 Western Illinois at Illinois, 6 p.m.
- > #11 Southern Illinois at Northern Illinois, 6:30 p.m.

2007 Gateway Preseason Poll

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

Scholar-Baller™

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

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Kevin Brockway \$ | Graham Corcoran # |
| Luke Drone | Preston Earl # |
| Steven Felzer | Brent Holtz # |
| Kurt James # | Leon Kiltrel # |
| 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



Downing the OVC

As of late, the Redbirds have been "naughty by nature" when facing the members of the Ohio Valley Conference. Illinois State has won seven-straight games against members of the OVC, including three-straight wins against Murray State and four-consecutive victories over next week's opponent, Eastern Illinois.

Nothing Attracts a Crowd, Like a Crowd

The season-opening game against Drake drew a crowd of 12,167 at Hancock Stadium. It was the largest attended season-opening game for ISU since 1982, when the Redbirds and Southern Illinois attracted 12,229 fans. The crowd at the Drake game ranks as the eighth-best attendance total for a season opener in the history of Hancock Stadium.

Closing the G.A.P.

If the Redbirds are to crack the win column this week against Murray State, they will need to eliminate the opponents' "game-altering plays." Against Drake, ISU had seven plays result in gains of 20 yards or more, but none were converted to points. Drake, on the other hand, had six plays gain 20-plus yards, including three that resulted in touchdowns.

15 Squared

Not only does 15²=225, but it also symbolizes **Kye Stewart's** double-digit tackle totals. Stewart collected a game-high 15 stops in the season opener against Drake, which also happened to be the 15th double-digit tackle game of his career.

Chandler Christened

Illinois State wide receiver **Kelvin Chandler**, a transfer from Pittsburgh, made his Redbird debut against Drake. Chandler made an immediate impact with the only ISU touchdown reception among the six players with catches. His 8-yard touchdown catch was one of four catches in the game, and he finished with 39 yards receiving.

Notable Newcomers

Since the Gateway began recognizing an all-newcomer team in 1994, 45 Redbirds have been cited for achievement in their first season. In 2006, defensive lineman **Adam Blankenship** and offensive linemen **Brandon Joyce** and **Jonathan St-Pierre** added their names to the list.

Another One Bites the Dust

With victories last season over Eastern Illinois (twice) and Southern Illinois, the Redbirds have posted at least one victory over a ranked foe in nine of the last 10 seasons. The Redbirds should have plenty of opportunities again this season with five opponents ranked in the preseason polls.

Cleaning the State

With the Redbirds' 24-13 win at Eastern Illinois in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs last season, it marked the fourth victory over schools from the state of Illinois in 2006. Earlier in the year, the 'Birds downed Southern Illinois, 37-10, defeated Eastern Illinois, 44-30, in the regular season, and dropped Western Illinois, 27-14. The four Redbird victories over Illinois schools were the most in-state wins by ISU since 1968, when the Redbirds downed Illinois Wesleyan, Illinois-Chicago, Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois and Bradley all in the same season.

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. Former Redbirds in the NFL include: **Aveion Cason** (RB, Detroit Lions), **Boomer Grigsby** (FB, Kansas City Chiefs), **Brent Hawkins** (DE, Jacksonville Jaguars) and **Laurent Robinson** (WR, Atlanta Falcons). In the CFL, former Redbird teammates **Kevin Glenn** (QB) and **Sam Young** (DB) are teammates again with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The NFL is in Their Blood

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

Hail Caesar!

When **Jesse Caesar** returned an Eastern Illinois interception 45 yards for a game-securing touchdown in the 2006 NCAA FCS Playoffs, it marked his second-career defensive touchdown. Caesar, who returned a fumble 69 yards for a score at Iowa State in 2005, has made the move from cornerback to strong safety this season. Caesar didn't score a touchdown in the season opener against Drake, but he made his debut at strong safety with seven tackles.

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											
at Eastern Illinois											
at Missouri											
Northern Iowa											
at Missouri State											
Indiana State											
at Youngstown St.											
Western Illinois											
at North Dakota St.											
at Southern Illinois											

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

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

	2007	Current	Steak	Career		2007	Current	Steak	Career
Mordis (FB)	0	0	0	31	R. Rice (TB)	1	1	1	4
Wiggins (OL)	1	29	29	29	Cucci (LB)	1	1	1	2
Caesar (DB)	1	23	23	29	Hronec (LB)	1	1	1	2
Stewart (LB)	1	11	11	26	Hunter (DL)	0	0	0	2
Drone (QB)	1	25	25	25	Joynt (TE)	0	0	0	2
Nelson (FS)	1	25	25	25	Garrett (DB)	1	1	1	1
Thomas (DL)	1	2	2	23	Harcar (FB)	1	1	1	1
Niklasch (OL)	1	14	14	15	Piton (DL)	1	1	1	1
Joyce (OL)	1	12	12	12	Rourke (WR)	1	1	1	1
Meredith (TE)	1	5	5	11	Speiser (OL)	1	1	1	1
Horton (WR)	1	1	1	11	Tate (DB)	1	1	1	1
St-Pierre (OL)	1	10	10	10					
Blankenship (DL)	1	7	7	7					
Simmick (DL)	0	0	0	5					
Madsen (OL)	0	0	0	4					

2007 Illinois State Football – Two-Deep (as of Sept. 2 at 8:06 p.m.)

Offense (Multiple)

WR	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins***	6-4 • 290 • Sr. • Chicago, Ill.
	76	Chris Riley	6-5 • 270 • Fr. • Wadsworth, Ill.
LG	65	Bill Speiser*	6-5 • 300 • Sr. • Warrenton, Mo.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre*	6-3 • 325 • Jr. • Longueuil, Quebec
	64	Brad Paul	6-4 • 275 • Fr. • Seabrook, Texas
RG	69	Joe Niklasch**	6-4 • 280 • Jr. • Hartland, Wis.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
RT	78	Brandon Joyce*	6-5 • 310 • Sr. • St. Charles, Mo.
	70	Michael Cross	6-5 • 305 • Fr. • Bloomington, Ill.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith**	6-3 • 270 • Jr. • Peoria, Ill.
	42	Jeremy Joynet*	6-3 • 255 • Sr. • Emmetsburg, Iowa
WR	10	Jake Rourke**	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Chatham, Ill.
	88	Kevett Mickle*	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Orlando, Fla.
QB	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	16	Preston Earl	6-2 • 220 • Fr.-RS • Lincolnshire, Ill.
FB	35	Garin Harcar	5-11 • 260 • So. • Grand Ridge, Ill.
	40	Bert Whigham	6-4 • 235 • So. • Lake Mary, Fla.
TB	2	Rafael Rice*	5-11 • 220 • Sr. • Los Alamitos, Calif.
	20	Geno Blow*	5-11 • 200 • So. • Seabrook, Texas
PK	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.
	14	Tyler Funk	6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS • Racine, Wis.

Specialists

KO	19	Bobby Kelsey**	6-1 • 230 • Jr. • Channahon, Ill.
	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11 • 190 • Jr. • Mt. Prospect, Ill.
LS	71	Joe Doyle	6-2 • 230 • So. • Wellington, Fla.
	45	Kyle Siskowic*	6-1 • 225 • So. • San Diego, Calif.
HD	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	16	Preston Earl	6-2 • 220 • Fr.-RS • Lincolnshire, Ill.
KR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	34	Parrish Fisher	5-10 • 205 • Jr. • Richardson, Texas
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
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.
	57	Brandon Wilson*	6-2 • 220 • So. • San Antonio, Texas
DT	99	Nick Williams	6-2 • 275 • Jr. • Plantation, Fla.
	91	Dave Rivas	6-3 • 255 • Fr. • Chicago, Ill.
DT	62	Mike Piton	6-2 • 275 • Fr. • Palos Hills, Ill.
	97	Kaschiev Hunter**	6-2 • 300 • Jr. • Marietta, Ga.
DE	94	Jarek Thomas***	6-3 • 275 • Sr. • Orlando, Fla.
	60	Tom Speer*	6-4 • 220 • So. • Macomb, Ill.
SLB	48	Pat Cucci**	6-1 • 240 • Jr. • Winter Springs, Fla.
	45	Kyle Siskowic*	6-1 • 225 • So. • San Diego, Calif.
MLB	59	Bill Hronec***	6-2 • 225 • Sr. • Evergreen Park, Ill.
	50	Tommie Westbrook	6-0 • 235 • Fr. • Chicago, Ill.
WLB	6	Kye Stewart***	6-0 • 210 • Sr. • Nashville, Tenn.
	58	Mark Whitaker**	6-1 • 220 • Sr. • Moline, Ill.
CB	25	Chris Garrett	6-0 • 175 • So. • Concord, Calif.
	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	6-2 • 180 • Fr. • San Antonio, Texas
SS	1	Jesse Caesar	5-10 • 190 • Sr. • Rockledge, Fla.
	13	Andrew Paschal	6-3 • 205 • Jr. • Largo, Fla.
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 Soyobo	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										
Chandler, Kelvin	x										
Cross, Michael	dnp										
Cucci, Pat	S-SLB										
Doyle, Joe	x										
Drone, Luke	S-OB										
Earl, Preston	dnp										
Fisher, Parrish	x										
Garrett, Chris	S-CB										
Harcar, Garin	S-FB										
Hemphill, Kelyvn	x										
Horton, Jason	S-WR										
Hronec, Bill	S-MLB										
Hunter, Kaschiev	x										
Joyce, Brandon	S-RT										
Joynt, Jeremy	x										
Kelsey, Bobby	x										
Madsen, Erik	x										
Mazur, Kevin	x										
Meredith, Kedric	S-TE										
Mickle, Kevett	x										
Nelson, Tom	S-FS										
Niklasch, Joe	S-RG										
Paschal, Andrew	x										
Paul, Brad	dnp										
Piton, Mike	S-DT										
Rice, Rafael	S-TB										
Riley, Chris	dnp										
Rivas, Dave	x										
Roberts, Garry	x										
Rourke, Jake	S-WR										
Siskowic, Kyle	x										
Soyebo, Babatunde	dnp										
Speiser, Bill	S-LG										
Stewart, Kye	S-WLB										
St-Pierre, Jonathan	S-C										
Tate, Jason	S-CB										
Thomas, Jarek	S-DE										
Westbrook, Tommie	x										
Whigham, Bert	x										
Whitaker, Mark	x										
Wiggins, Isaiah	S-LT										
Williams, Nick	S-DT										
Wilson, Brandon	x										

Redbird Captains

Game	Redbird Captains
Drake	Drone, Stewart, Thomas, Wiggins
Murray State	
at E. Illinois	
at Missouri	
N. Iowa	
at Missouri St.	
Indiana St.	
at Youngstown St.	
W. Illinois	
at North Dakota St.	
at S. Illinois	

GFC Players of the Week

OFFENSE	None
DEFENSE	None
SPECIAL TEAMS	None
OFFENSIVE LINE	None

Illinois State's Starting Line-Up

Offense

WR	86	Jason Horton	<i>Played ice hockey in middle school (seventh and eighth grade).</i>
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins	<i>Began playing the trumpet in elementary school and has been playing it for 10 years.</i>
LG	65	Bill Speiser	<i>Became a father on May 3, with the birth of his daughter Jordan; enjoys four-wheeling and fishing.</i>
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	<i>A former roommate of the Chicago Bears' Devin Hester, when the two attended Miami (Fla.)</i>
RG	69	Joe Niklasch	<i>A Brewers and Packers fan with the best "glam-rock" hairdo on the team.</i>
RT	78	Brandon Joyce	<i>While in high school, appeared in a Sharpie commercial with Terrell Owens.</i>
WR	10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</i>
TE	47	Kedric Meredith	<i>Started investing in the stock market and can't stop watching CNBC.</i>
QB	7	Luke Drone	<i>Plays the guitar and went camping at Yosemite National Park this past summer.</i>
FB	35	Garin Harcar	<i>Traveled to Australia as a freshman in high school as part of the McDonald's All-Star baseball team.</i>
TB	2	Rafael Rice	<i>One of his favorite jobs was working as a valet in high school.</i>
PK	36	Kevin Mazur	<i>Volunteered in 2005 with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.</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	94	Jarek Thomas	<i>Enjoys cooking, especially soul food, including his favorite dish – BBQ ribs and pork chops.</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 18 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>Owns a 1984 cherry red Buick Regal with a T-top; enjoys street cars and muscle cars.</i>
RB	34	Parrish Fisher	<i>Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan.</i>
DL	97	Kaschiev Hunter	<i>Likes to cook and his favorite style is West Indian or Jamacian food.</i>
WR	88	Kevelt Mickle	<i>Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman.</i>
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)	56	Jarrett Karn	OL	6-4	260	Fr.-HS	Spring, Texas (Klein)
2	Rafael Rice	RB	5-11	220	Sr.-2L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Mater Dei/Fullerton JC)	57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	220	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay)
4	Drew Kiel	QB	6-3	212	Fr.-HS	Columbus, Ind. (East)	58	Mark Whitaker	LB	6-1	220	Sr.-2L	Moline, Ill. (Moline/Drake)
5	Cody White	TE	6-5	240	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West)	59	Bill Hronec	LB	6-2	225	Sr.-3L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Chicago Mt. Carmel)
6	Kye Stewart	LB	6-0	210	Sr.-3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn)	60	Tom Speer	DL	6-4	220	So.-1L	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb)
7	Luke Drone	QB	6-2	210	Sr.-3L	Mt. Carmel, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)	61	Jonathan St-Pierre	OL	6-3	325	Jr.-1L	Longueuil, Quebec (Edouard-Montpetit/Miami [Fla.])
9	Tom Nelson	DB	6-0	200	Jr.-2L	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)	62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	275	Fr.-RS	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg)
10	Jake Rourke	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-2L	Chatham, Ill. (Glenwood)	63	Charles Dennis	OL	6-3	290	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (East Central)
11	Sam Donatucci	QB	6-5	220	Fr.-HS	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Buffalo Grove)	64	Brad Paul	OL	6-4	275	Fr.-RS	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)
12	Kevin Brockway	QB	6-4	225	Jr.-2L	Crystal Lake, Ill. (South)	65	Bill Speiser	OL	6-5	300	Sr.-1L	Warrenton, Mo. (Warrenton/Iowa Central CC)
13	Andrew Paschal	DB	6-3	205	Jr.-Sq.	Largo, Fla. (Largo/Ft. Scott)	66	Isaiah Wiggins	OL	6-4	290	Sr.-3L	Chicago, Ill. (Prosser)
14	Tyler Funk	P/K	6-0	170	Fr.-RS	Racine, Wis. (William Horlick)	67	Landon Humbles	OL	6-4	275	Jr.-Sq.	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
16	Preston Earl	QB	6-2	220	Fr.-RS	Lincolnshire, Ill. (Stevenson)	68	Erik Madsen	OL	6-3	285	Jr.-1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
17	Jared Dall	WR	5-11	195	Sr.-Sq.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Prospect/Harper JC)	69	Joe Niklasch	OL	6-4	280	Jr.-2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
18	Drew Kempe	WR	6-3	205	So.-Sq.	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)	70	Michael Cross	OL	6-5	305	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
19	Bobby Kelsey	K/P	6-1	230	Jr.-2L	Channahon, Ill. (Providence Catholic)	71	Joe Doyle	LS	6-2	230	So.-TR	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington/Antelope Valley CC)
20	Casey Kociuba	DB	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill)	73	Josh Howe	LB	6-0	220	Fr.-HS	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
21	Jason Tate	DB	5-11	175	So.-1L	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	74	Trevor Huddleston	OL	6-6	300	Fr.-HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal West)
22	Geno Blow	RB	5-11	200	So.-1L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake)	75	Raymond Sankey	DL	6-2	222	Fr.-HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
23	Mitchell Moore	RB	6-0	210	So.-TR	Gurnee, Ill. (Warren Township/Iowa State)	76	Chris Riley	OL	6-5	270	Fr.-RS	Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township)
24	Kelvyn Hemphill	DB	6-2	180	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor)	77	Muhammad Kahlun	OL	6-4	290	So.-Sq.	Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial)
25	Chris Garrett	DB	6-0	175	So.-TR	Concord, Calif. (De La Salle/Diablo Valley College)	78	Brandon Joyce	OL	6-5	310	Sr.-1L	St. Charles, Mo. (Duchesne/Indiana)
26	Cortes Rice	RB	6-2	215	So.-1L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	79	Tyler Doering	OL	6-5	290	Fr.-HS	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
27	Jermaine Malcolm	DB	6-4	200	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Holmes)	80	Kelvin Chandler	WR	6-2	185	Jr.-TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard/Pittsburgh)
28	Brent Holtz	DB	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)	81	Marcus King	WR	6-4	195	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community)
29	Cameron Thompkins	DB	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Sanford, Fla. (Winter Springs)	82	Dane Zumbahlen	TE	6-5	255	Fr.-RS	Morris, Ill. (Morris)
30	Garry Roberts	DB	6-2	210	Sr.-2L	Edna, Texas (Edna)	83	Dave Mordis	FB	6-3	265	Sr.-3L	Palos Park, Ill. (Stagg)
31	Kurt James	DB	6-1	205	Sr.-Sq.	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)	84	Eyad Salem	WR	6-2	185	So.-TR	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin/Minnesota State-Moorhead)
33	Ansu Kpandeyenge	RB	5-10	205	Jr.-1L	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)	85	Warren McCarty	WR	6-4	205	So.-1L	Roscoe, Ill. (Hononegah)
34	Parrish Fisher	RB	5-10	205	Jr.-TR	Richardson, Texas (J.J. Pearce/Kansas State)	86	Jason Horton	WR	6-0	185	Sr.-3L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
35	Garin Harcar	FB	5-11	260	So.-1L	Grand Ridge, Ill. (Ottawa)	88	Kevelt Mickle	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-TR	Orlando, Fla. (Boone/Hillsborough CC)
36	Kevin Mazur	K	5-11	190	Jr.-2L	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey)	89	Micha Gordon	WR	6-3	190	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Woodruff)
37	Josh Mitchell	DB	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)	90	Dan Simnick	DL	6-2	270	Sr.-2L	Naperville, Ill. (North)
38	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-RS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	255	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
39	D.J. Grayson	LB	6-0	245	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (South Shore)	92	Eric Brunner	DL	6-2	260	Fr.-HS	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale)
40	Bert Whigham	TE	6-4	235	So.-Sq.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	93	Adam Blankenship	DL	6-2	235	Jr.-1L	Tulsa, Okla. (Union/Nebraska)
41	Dan Weiner	WR	6-1	195	Sr.-Sq.	Chicago, Ill. (New Trier/Palomar)	94	Jarek Thomas	DL	6-3	275	Sr.-3L	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
42	Jeremy Joynt	TE	6-3	255	Sr.-1L	Emmetsburg, Iowa (Emmetsburg/Iowa Central CC)	95	Keenan Wimbley	DL	6-2	255	Fr.-HS	Ococee, Fla. (Edgewater)
43	Casey Cline	FB	6-3	230	Fr.-HS	Gibson City, Ill. (GCMS)	96	Babatunde Soyebola	DL	6-5	240	So.-Sq.	Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [Ill.])
44	Wesley Williams	DL	6-1	240	Jr.-TR	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer/Fullerton College)	97	Kaschiev Hunter	DL	6-2	300	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)
45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	225	So.-1L	San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont)	99	Nick Williams	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-TR	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation/Pittsburgh)
46	Graham Corcoran	DB	5-10	180	So.-Sq.	Warrenville, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville South)							
47	Kedric Meredith	TE	6-3	270	Jr.-2L	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)							
48	Pat Cucci	LB	6-1	240	Jr.-2L	Winter Springs, Fla. (Winter Springs)							
49	Antwan Ryles	LB	6-0	215	Fr.-HS	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)							
50	Tommie Westbrook	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)							
51	Cal McCarthy	OL/LS	6-2	260	Fr.-HS	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka)							
52	Mark Martin	LB	6-0	235	Fr.-HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Riverside University)							
54	Brent Gritton	LB	6-2	230	So.-Sq.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)							

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

#93 • Adam Blankenship • DE
Tackles: 5 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Solos: 3 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Assists: 3 at Indiana State, 11-9-06
Sacks: 1 at Murray State, 9-23-06
TFLs: 1, twice

#22 • Geno Blow • TB
Rushing Yards: 69 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Rushing Attempts: 10 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Rushing TDs: 0
Longest Rush: 39 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Receptions: 0
Receiving Yards: 0

#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: 11 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Solos: 6, three times
Assists: 5, three times
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Interceptions: 1, three times

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

#48 • Pat Cucci • LB
Tackles: 5 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 1, five times
Assists: 4 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Interceptions: 1, three times

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

#34 • Parrish Fisher • TB
Rushing Yards: 26 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushing Attempts: 7 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushing TDs: 0
Longest Rush: 9 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receptions: 0
Receiving Yards: 0

#25 • Chris Garrett • DB
Tackles: 4 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 3 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0
Interceptions: 0

#35 • Garin Harcar • FB
Rushing Yards: 0
Rushing Attempts: 0
Rushing TDs: 0
Receptions: 4 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving Yards: 32 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving TDs: 1, twice

#24 • Kelyvn Hemphill • DB
Tackles: 4 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 3 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0
Interceptions: 0

#86 • Jason Horton • WR
Receptions: 8 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving Yards: 120 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Long Reception: 68 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Kickoff Returns: 3 at Kansas State, 9-2-06
Kickoff Return Yards: 76 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Long Kickoff Return: 42 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
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: 7, twice
Solos: 3, twice
Assists: 6 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, twice
Interceptions: 0

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

#19 • Bobby Kelsey • P
Punts: 7 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Punt Yardage: 305 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Average per Punt: 48.0 (two punts) vs. S. Illinois, 10-14-06
Long Punt: 60 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Punts Inside 20: 3 vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06

#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: 2 at Western Illinois, 10-21-06
Receiving Yards: 24 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Long Reception: 19 vs. Missouri State, 11-04-06

#88 • Kevett Mickle • WR
Receptions: 6, twice
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

#9 • Tom Nelson • DB
Tackles: 10 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Solos: 4, three times
Assists: 8 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, twice
Interceptions: 2 at Kansas State, 9-2-06
Kickoff Returns: 3, three times
Kickoff Return Yards: 74 at Western Kentucky, 10-7-06
Long Kickoff Return: 57 at Youngstown State, 12-2-06
Punt Returns: 2 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Punt Return Yards: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06
Long Punt Return: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06

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

#62 • Mike Piton • DL
Tackles: 3 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 2 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Interceptions: 0

#26 • Cortes Rice • TB
Rushing Yards: 121 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Rushing Attempts: 18 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Rushing TDs: 3 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Longest Rush: 15 at Missouri State, 11-5-05
Receptions: 1, twice
Receiving Yards: 25 at Missouri State, 11-5-05

#2 • Rafael Rice • TB
Rushing Yards: 218 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushing Attempts: 27 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushing TDs: 2, three 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: 2 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Solos: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 0.5 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
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 at Youngstown State, 10-1-05

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

#10 • Jake Rourke • WR

Receptions: 3 at Northern Iowa, 11-18-06
 Receiving Yards: 66 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
 Long Reception: 61 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06

#90 • Dan Simnick • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
 Solos: 1, four times
 Assists: 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Solos: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#60 • Tom Speer • DL

Tackles: 0
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#6 • Kye Stewart • LB

Tackles: 17 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
 Solos: 10 at Iowa State, 9-3-05
 Assists: 10, twice
 Sacks: 1, five times
 TFLs: 2.5 at Kansas State, 9-2-06
 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

#50 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

Tackles: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#58 • Mark Whitaker • LB

Tackles: 4 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
 Solos: 2 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
 Assists: 2 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles: 3 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Solos: 1, three times
 Assists: 2 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#6 Illinois State 35, Murray St. 14

September 23, 2006 • Murray, Ky. • Roy Stewart Stadium
Attendance: 4,075

> **Game Summary**

Rembert, Redbirds Outrun Racers

MURRAY, Ky. – Illinois State senior running back Pierre Rembert totaled 184 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 39 carries to pace the Redbirds to a 35-14 non-conference victory over Murray State.



LAST TIME

With the game tied at the half, 14-14, the Redbird defense made an immediate impact to begin the third quarter, as Ronnie Tate forced a fumble and then recovered the ball on the Murray State 9-yard line. On the very next play, Rembert dashed nine yards for his second touchdown run of the day to put the Redbirds up 20-14, and Mazur latched on the extra point to make the score 21-14 with 12:39 left to play in the third quarter.

On the next Racer possession, Leon Kittrell intercepted the first pass of his career to give ISU the ball back. The 'Birds took advantage of the turnover once again, as Drone connected with Robinson for a 26-yard touchdown pass, and Mazur's fourth PAT conversion gave ISU a 14-point advantage at 28-14. The touchdown reception was the 25th of Laurent Robinson's career, extending his school record in that category.

In the fourth quarter, Drone and Robinson connected on their second touchdown reception of the game and the ISU lead jumped to three touchdowns. Mazur's PAT conversion widened the cushion to 35-14 with 9:57 left in the game. The 35-14 final score marked the sixth-straight ISU victory over an OVC opponent.

> **Scoring Summary**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (3-1)	7	7	14	7	35
Murray State (1-3)	0	14	0	0	14

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Drone 1-yard run (Mazur kick), 3:41

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 4-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:56

MSU – Woods 75-yard pass from Barnard (Crass kick), 7:10

MSU – Harper 7-yard pass from Barnard (Crass kick), :22

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Rembert 9-yard run (Mazur kick), 12:39

ISU – Robinson 26-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 8:12

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 6-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 9:57

> **Team Statistics**

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	21	10
Rushing Attempts-Yards	55-186	23-28
Passing	10-20-2	17-28-2
Passing Yards	159	223
Total Offense	345	251
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-75	4-32
Time of Possession	37:45	22:15

> **Individual Statistics**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 39-184, R. Rice 8-15, Blow 1-0, Team 1-(-2), Drone 6-(-11). (MSU) – Cook 15-51, Woods 1-2, Jordan 2-0, Barnard 5-(-25).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 10-20-2-159. (MSU) – Barnard 17-28-2-223.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Robinson 6-121, Jackson 3-31, Rourke 1-7. (MSU) – Harper 7-78, Eiland 5-52, Cook 3-10, Woods 2-83.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 7-2-9, Caesar 6-0-6, C. Siskowic 5-0-5, R. Tate 4-0-4, Kittrell 3-0-3. (MSU) – Webber 15-0-15, Williams 4-5-9, Spinks 8-0-8, Butler 6-2-8, Roach 6-0-6.

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

Illinois State leads, 3-1

2001	8-Sep	17	32	A	L
2002	21-Sep	24	23	H	W
2005	24-Sep	42	0	H	W
2006	23-Sep	35	14	A	W

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Game Results

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance
08-30-07	DRAKE	L	24-27	12167

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	26	19
Rushing	15	8
Passing	11	11
Penalty	0	0
RUSHING YARDAGE	273	97
Yards gained rushing	278	128
Yards lost rushing	5	31
Rushing Attempts	41	40
Average Per Rush	6.7	2.4
Average Per Game	273.0	97.0
TDs Rushing	2	0
PASSING YARDAGE	235	264
Att-Comp-Int	35-20-3	31-17-0
Average Per Pass	6.7	8.5
Average Per Catch	11.8	15.5
Average Per Game	235.0	264.0
TDs Passing	1	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	508	361
Total Plays	76	71
Average Per Play	6.7	5.1
Average Per Game	508.0	361.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	4-61	5-77
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	2-3	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	0-0	3-24
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	2-20	4-25
PUNTS-AVG	4-37.0	6-38.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:13	30:47
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	7/16	8/16
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	1/1	0/0

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	3	7	7	7	24
Opponents	0	0	13	14	27

Rushing

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Rice,Rafael	1	27	218	0	218	8.1	2	43	218.0
Fisher,Parrish	1	7	27	1	26	3.7	0	9	26.0
Blow,Geno	1	3	19	1	18	6.0	0	15	18.0
Drone,Luke	1	4	14	3	11	2.8	0	9	11.0
Total.....	1	41	278	5	273	6.7	2	43	273.0
Opponents.....	1	40	128	31	97	2.4	0	13	97.0

Passing

	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	1	105.83	20-35-3	57.1	235	1	33	235.0
Total.....	1	105.83	20-35-3	57.1	235	1	33	235.0
Opponents.....	1	147.66	17-31-0	54.8	264	2	56	264.0

Receiving

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Horton,Jason	1	8	119	14.9	0	33	119.0
Chandler,Kelvin	1	4	39	9.8	1	21	39.0
Harcar,Garin	1	4	32	8.0	0	11	32.0
Rice,Rafael	1	2	12	6.0	0	10	12.0
Meredith,Kedric	1	1	24	24.0	0	24	24.0
Mickle,Kevett	1	1	9	9.0	0	9	9.0
Total.....	1	20	235	11.8	1	33	235.0
Opponents.....	1	17	264	15.5	2	56	264.0

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Punt Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	2	3	1.5	0	1
Total.....	2	3	1.5	0	1
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	3	24	8.0	1	24

Kick Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	2	28	14.0	0	23
Harcar, Garin	1	15	15.0	0	15
Horton, Jason	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total.....	4	61	15.2	0	23
Opponents.....	5	77	15.4	0	25

Scoring

	TD	FGs	/----- PATs -----/						Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP			
Rice, Rafael	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Chandler, Kelvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Mazur, Kevin	0	1-2	3-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total.....	3	1-2	3-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	
Opponents.....	3	2-2	3-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	27	

Total Offense

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Drone, Luke	1	39	11	235	246	246.0
Rice, Rafael	1	27	218	0	218	218.0
Fisher, Parrish	1	7	26	0	26	26.0
Blow, Geno	1	3	18	0	18	18.0
Total.....	1	76	273	235	508	508.0
Opponents.....	1	71	97	264	361	361.0

Field Goals

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Mazur, Kevin	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0

Punting

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey, Bobby	4	148	37.0	41	0	3	2	0
Total.....	4	148	37.0	41	0	3	2	0
Opponents.....	6	231	38.5	46	0	2	4	0

All-Purpose

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Rice, Rafael	1	218	12	0	0	0	230	230.0
Horton, Jason	1	0	119	0	18	0	137	137.0
Harcar, Garin	1	0	32	0	15	0	47	47.0
Chandler, Kelvin	1	0	39	0	0	0	39	39.0
Nelson, Tom	1	0	0	3	28	0	31	31.0
Fisher, Parrish	1	26	0	0	0	0	26	26.0
Meredith, Kedric	1	0	24	0	0	0	24	24.0
Blow, Geno	1	18	0	0	0	0	18	18.0
Drone, Luke	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	11.0
Mickle, Kevett	1	0	9	0	0	0	9	9.0
Total.....	1	273	235	3	61	0	572	572.0
Opponents.....	1	97	264	0	77	24	462	462.0

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Defensive Statistics

	GP	TACKLES				SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF	
6 Stewart, Kye	1-1	9	6	15	1.0-4	1.0-4		1						
21 Tate, Jason	1-1	6	3	9	1.0-7	1.0-7				1				
9 Nelson, Tom	1-1	3	4	7				2						
1 Caesar, Jesse	1-1	4	3	7	1.0-3									
59 Hronec, Bill	1-1	1	6	7	0.5-1					1				
48 Cucci, Pat	1-1	1	4	5										
25 Garrett, Chris	1-1	3	1	4				1						
94 Thomas, Jarek	1-1	3	1	4	2.0-11	1.0-8				1		1		
24 Hemphill, Kelvyn	1-0	3	1	4										
62 Piton, Mike	1-1	2	1	3	1.0-3						1-0			
57 Wilson, Brandon	1-0	1	2	3						1				
91 Rivas, Dave	1-0	1	1	2	0.5-0					1				
68 Madsen, Erik	1-0	1		1										
13 Paschal, Andrew	1-0		1	1										
45 Siskowic, Kyle	1-0	1		1										
19 Kelsey, Bobby	1-0		1	1										
50 Westbrook, Tommie	1-0		1	1										
Total.....	1-0	39	36	75	7-29	3-19		4	5	1-0	1			
Opponents.....	1-0	44	30	74	3.0-5	1-3	3-24	5	1		1			

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									
at Illinois State									
Illinois State									
at Eastern Illinois									
Illinois State									
at Missouri									
Northern Iowa									
at Illinois State									
Illinois State									
at Missouri State									
Indiana State									
at Illinois State									
Illinois State									
at Youngstown State									
Western Illinois									
at Illinois State									
Illinois State									
at North Dakota State									
Illinois State									
at Southern Illinois									

Rushing	Blow	Fisher	Moore	C. Rice	R. Rice
Drake	3-18	7-26	-	-	27-218
Murray State					
at Eastern Illinois					
at Missouri					
Northern Iowa					
at Missouri State					
Indiana State					
at Youngstown St.					
Western Illinois					
at North Dakota St.					
at Southern Illinois					

Passing	Drone	Earl
Drake	20-35-3-235-1	-
Murray State		
at Eastern Illinois		
at Missouri		
Northern Iowa		
at Missouri State		
Indiana State		
at Youngstown St.		
Western Illinois		
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		

Receiving	Chandler	Gordon	Horton	McCarty	Meredith	Mickle	Rourke	Salem
Drake	4-39	-	8-119	-	1-24	1-9	-	-
Murray State								
at Eastern Illinois								
at Missouri								
Northern Iowa								
at Missouri State								
Indiana State								
at Youngstown St.								
Western Illinois								
at North Dakota St.								
at Southern Illinois								

2007 Illinois State Statistical Breakdown

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

Red-Zone Analysis		Illinois State				Opponent			
Game	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	
Drake	5	4	3/1	.800	2	2	0/2	1.000	
Murray State									
at Eastern Illinois									
at Missouri									
Northern Iowa									
at Missouri State									
Indiana State									
at Youngstown St.									
Western Illinois									
at North Dakota St.									
at Southern Illinois									
Totals	5	4	3/1	.800	2	2	0/2	1.000	

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							
at Eastern Illinois							
at Missouri							
Northern Iowa							
at Missouri State							
Indiana State							
at Youngstown St.							
Western Illinois							
at North Dakota St.							
at Southern Illinois							
Illinois State	Total	29:13	7:07	9:06	5:23	7:37	
	Avg.	29:13	7:07	9:06	5:23	7:37	
Opponents	Total	30:47	7:53	5:54	9:37	7:23	
	Avg.	30:47	7:53	5:54	9:37	7:23	

The Sports Network Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Appalachian State (88)	2,200	1
2. Massachusetts	2,077	2
3. Montana Grizzlies	2,075	3
4. North Dakota State	1,826	4
5. New Hampshire	1,815	6
6. Youngstown State*	1,611	5
7. McNeese State	1,607	10
8. Northern Iowa*	1,550	9
9. Furman	1,440	11
10. James Madison	1,343	8
11. Southern Illinois*	1,282	12
12. Eastern Illinois	984	17
13. Delaware	979	19
14. Wofford	902	14
15. Hampton	864	16
16. Sam Houston State	593	18
17. Illinois State	592	7
18. Portland State	528	13
19. Texas State	449	NR
20. Tennessee-Martin	398	22
21. Montana State	395	21
22. Cal Poly	373	15
23. Yale	275	24
24. Western Illinois*	264	NR
25. Nicholls State	256	NR

*Gateway Football Conference member
 Illinois State opponent

The FCS Coaches Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Appalachian State (28)	700	1
2. Montana	642	2
3. Massachusetts	627	3
4. North Dakota State	608	4
5. New Hampshire	558	5
6. McNeese State	507	12
7. Northern Iowa*	498	9
8. Youngstown State*	468	6
9. Furman	461	10
10. Southern Illinois*	457	11
11. James Madison	451	7
12. Wofford	370	15
13. Delaware	326	21
14. Eastern Illinois	315	17
15. Hampton	278	16
16. Sam Houston State	203	23
17. Cal Poly	164	14
18. Illinois State	163	8
19. Portland State	143	13
20. Montana State	140	22
21. Texas State	139	NR
22. UT-Martin	132	17
23. Western Illinois*	120	NR
24. Yale	74	24
25. Nicholls State	63	NR

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 Illinois State opponent

Redbirds in the Polls

	TSN	FCS
Preseason	7	8
Week 1	17	18

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

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 8.0 per drive; Yards: 71.0 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:01
 4 scoring drives; 32 plays; 284 yards; 724 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

3:20 vs. Drake (10 plays, 69 yards, R. Rice 11-yard run)

Shortest Drive (time)

2:34 vs. Drake (7 plays, 80 yards, Chandler 8-yard pass from Drone)

Longest Drive (yards)

80 yards vs. Drake (9 plays, 80 yards, R. Rice 17-yard run)

80 yards vs. Drake (7 plays, 80 yards, Chandler 8-yard pass from Drone)

Shortest Drive (yards)

55 yards vs. Drake (6 plays, 55 yards, Mazur 30-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

National Rankings

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	15	273.00
Passing Offense	28	235.00
Total Offense	8	508.00
Scoring Offense	42	24.00
Rushing Defense	28	97.00
Pass Efficiency Defense	71	147.63
Total Defense	47	361.00
Scoring Defense	51	27.00
Net Punting	28	37.00
Punt Returns	68	1.50
Kickoff Returns	t80	15.25
Turnover Margin	79	-2.00
Pass Defense	75	264.00
Passing Efficiency	54	105.79
Sacks	t12	3.00
Tackles for Loss	t25	7.00
Sacks Allowed	29	1.00

Individual Statistics in the Top 20

Rafael Rice - Rushing	2	218.00
Jason Horton - Receptions	t9	8.00
Jason Horton - Receiving Yards	10	119.00
Rafael Rice - Scoring	t15	12.00
Rafael Rice - All Purpose	10	230.00
Kye Stewart - Total Tackles	5	15.00

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 (53)

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 (26)

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)

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													
at Eastern Illinois													
at Missouri													
Northern Iowa													
at Missouri State													
Indiana State													
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	1/2	2/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	0/1	-	0/1	0/2	0/2	7/16	43.8
PCT	50.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	100.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.8	

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													
at Eastern Illinois													
at Missouri													
Northern Iowa													
at Missouri State													
Indiana State													
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	2/3	0/1	-	1/1	0/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	-	1/3	1/1	8/16	50.0
PCT	66.7	0.0	-	100.0	0.0	50.0	33.3	100.0	-	33.3	100.0	50.0	

2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
43	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
33	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Drake
28	Rush	Rafael Rice	Drake
24	Pass	Luke Drone to Kedric Meredith	Drake
23	KR	Tom Nelson	Drake
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Jason Horton	Drake
21	Pass	Luke Drone to Kelvin Chandler	Drake

Bold denotes touchdown play

Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	5	0
30-39	1	0
40-49	1	0
50-59	0	0
60+	0	0
Total	7	0

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	2	0
Passing	4	0
Punt Returns	0	0
Kick Returns	1	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	7	0

20-Yards Plus by a Player

Player	No.	TD	Type
Jason Horton	2	0	2P
Rafael Rice	2	0	2R
Kelvin Chandler	1	0	1P
Kedric Meredith	1	0	1P
Tom Nelson	1	0	1KR

Longest Plays of the Year

Rushing Play	43, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushing Touchdown	17, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passing Play	33, Luke Drone to Jason Horton vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passing Touchdown	8, Luke Drone to Kelvin Chandler vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Punt Return	1, Tom Nelson vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Kickoff Return	23, Tom Nelson vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Punt	41, Bobby Kelsey vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Field Goal	30, Kevin Mazur vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Interception Return	None

Opponent Long Plays by the Numbers

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

The Redbirds' Record When ...

	2007	DJ Era*
Playing at home	0-1	26-15
Playing on the road	0-0	15-25
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	0-1	15-12
Playing during the day	0-0	26-28
ISU scores on first possession	0-0	18-6
Opponent scores on first possession	0-0	12-19
ISU scores first	0-1	23-10
Opponent scores first	0-0	17-29
ISU leads after the 1st quarter	0-1	21-9
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-0	10-25
ISU leads at halftime	0-1	28-9
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0	8-30
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	0-1	29-7
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-0	9-32
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	0-1	33-18
Opponent has more total yards	0-0	7-23
ISU has more rushing yards	0-1	32-14
Opponent has more rushing yards	0-0	8-27
ISU has more passing yards	0-0	28-23
Opponent has more passing yards	0-1	12-17
ISU has more turnovers	0-1	13-26
Opponent has more turnovers	0-0	21-9
Teams have equal turnovers	0-0	6-5
ISU has more penalties	0-0	20-18
Opponent has more penalties	0-1	16-21
ISU has more time of possession	0-0	23-16
Opponent has more time of possession	0-1	16-25
ISU has 100-yard rusher	0-1	34-18
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-1	15-25
ISU scores at least 20 points	0-1	36-20
Opponent scores at least 20 points	0-1	15-37
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	9-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0	1-10
Playing on natural grass	0-0	3-7
Playing on artificial surface	0-1	36-35
ISU defense scores	0-0	8-6
Opponent defense scores	0-1	3-12
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	2-3

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

The Last Time it Happened

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	235, Luke Drone vs. Drake, 8-30-07
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	119, Jason Horton vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Returned a punt for a TD	Joe Walkins (52 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
Returned a kickoff for a TD	LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Jesse Caesar (45 yards) at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06
Returned a fumble for a TD	James Temple (56 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Armando Andrade (85 yards) vs. W. Va. Tech, 8-31-00
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Justin Frierson (28 yards) vs. Prairie View A&M, 10-21-00
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Pierre Rembert vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
Threw three touchdown passes	4, Luke Drone at Indiana State, 11-9-06
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Kicked three field goals	4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	70, Demetrus Johnson vs. Saint Xavier, 9-2-04
Had a 70-yard pass completion	90, Luke Drone to Laurént Robinson at Indiana St., 11-9-06
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had a 50-yard field goal	50, Stephen Carroll at S. Illinois, 10-14-03
Had a 70-yard punt	70, Ryan Hoffman vs. Y'stown St., 10-23-04

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	405 vs. Youngstown State, 11-14-98
300 yards rushing	341 at Missouri State, 11-5-05
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	508 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
30 first downs	35 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
50 points	70 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Scored a safety	at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	97 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	79 at Eastern Illinois, 11-25-06
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84
Blocked a punt	at Northern Iowa, 11-13-04
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	111, Scott Phaydavong, Drake, 8-30-07
Rushed for 200 yards	207, Julian Reese, Indiana State, 11-10-01
Passed for 200 yards	279, Reilly Murphy, Indiana State, 11-9-06
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	81, Yamon Figurs, Kansas State, 9-2-06
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Steven Rush (100 yards), Missouri State, 10-9-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Cale Hunt (24 yards), Drake, 8-30-07
Returned a fumble for a TD	Byron Garwin (9 yards), Kansas State, 9-26-06
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Travis Williams (66 yards), Illinois, 9-6-03
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Jason Newell (5 yards), Southern Illinois, 10-6-01
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Andre Forte, Indiana State, 11-12-05
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Mike Donato, Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Caught three touchdown passes	4, Steven Rush, Missouri State, 11-8-03
Kicked three field goals	3, Chris James, Western Kentucky, 10-8-05
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	80, Laurence Maroney, Minnesota, 9-11-04
Had a 70-yard pass completion	75, Zach Barnard to Dante Woods, Murray State 9-23-06
Had 20 tackles	21, Ian Dominelli, Youngstown State, 10-30-99
Had a 50-yard field goal	52, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State, 9-2-06
Had a 70-yard punt	74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	474, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
300 yards rushing	352, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
400 yards passing	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
300 yards passing	314, Iowa State, 9-3-05
500 yards total offense	504, Western Illinois, 10-29-05
30 first downs	32, UNLV, 9-27-97
50 points	58, Western Kentucky, 11-3-01
Scored a safety	Iowa State, 9-3-05
Posted a shutout	Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	18, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	53, Drake, 8-28-03
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	Northern Iowa, 11-18-06

2007 Game Recaps

Drake 27, #7 Illinois State 24

Aug. 30, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium

Attendance: 12,167

> Game Summary

Drake Upsets No. 7 Illinois State 27-24

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



GAME 1

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

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

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

> Scoring Summary

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

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Mazur 30-yard field goal, 5:09

SECOND QUARTER

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

THIRD QUARTER

DU – Rees 36-yard field goal, 8:51

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

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

DU – Rees 35-yard field goal, 1:15

FOURTH QUARTER

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

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

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

> Team Statistics

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

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – R. Rice 27-218, Fisher 7-26, Blow 3-18, Drone 4-11.

(DU) – Phaydavong 30-111, Cashmore 3-4, Team 1-(-2), Biasas 1-(-3), Retherford 4-(-5), Ingle 1-(-8).

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

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

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

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results

Drake (1-0)

A30	at #7 Illinois State	W, 27-24
S8	Waldorf	6 p.m.
S15	at UW-Platteville	1 p.m.
S22	Northern Iowa	6 p.m.
S29	Valparaiso*	1 p.m.
O6	Butler*	1 p.m.
O13	at San Diego*	8 p.m.
O20	at Davidson*	6 p.m.
O27	Jacksonville*	1 p.m.
N3	at Morehead State*	noon
N10	Dayton*	1 p.m.

Murray State (0-1)

A30	at #10 Louisville	L, 10-73
S8	at #17 Illinois State	6:30 p.m.
S15	Lambuth	6 p.m.
S20	at Tennessee Tech*	7 p.m.
S29	Jacksonville State*	3 p.m.
O13	Eastern Illinois*	3 p.m.
O20	at SE Missouri State*	1 p.m.
O27	Eastern Kentucky*	noon
N3	at Tennessee State*	5 p.m.
N10	at UT-Martin*	noon
N17	Austin Peay*	noon

Eastern Illinois (1-0)

A30	Tennessee Tech*	W, 45-24
S8	at Purdue	11 a.m.
S15	Illinois State	6 p.m.
S22	at Indiana State	5 p.m.
S29	at SE Missouri State*	6 p.m.
O6	Eastern Kentucky*	1:30 p.m.
O13	at Murray State*	3 p.m.
O20	UT-Martin*	1:30 p.m.
O27	at Tennessee State*	6 p.m.
N10	at Jacksonville State*	noon
N17	Samford*	1:30 p.m.

Missouri (1-0)

S1	vs. Illinois	W, 40-34
S8	at Mississippi	5 p.m.
S15	Western Michigan	1 p.m.
S22	Illinois State	1 p.m.
O6	Nebraska*	tba
O13	at Oklahoma*	tba
O20	Texas Tech*	tba
O27	Iowa State*	tba
N3	at Colorado*	tba
N10	Texas A&M*	tba
N17	at Kansas State*	tba
N24	vs. Kansas*	tba

Northern Iowa (1-0)

A30	Minnesota State	W, 41-14
S8	at Iowa State	6 p.m.
S15	at South Dakota State	7 p.m.
S22	at Drake	6 p.m.
S29	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
O13	Southern Illinois*	4:05 p.m.
O20	at Western Illinois*	6:30 p.m.
O27	Youngstown State*	3 p.m.
N3	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.
N10	Indiana State*	5:05 p.m.
N17	Southern Utah	5:05 p.m.

Missouri State (1-0)

A30	Missouri-Rolla	W, 62-17
S6	at #20 UT-Martin	6 p.m.
S15	at Kansas State	6 p.m.
S22	Central Arkansas	6 p.m.
S29	at Youngstown State*	5 p.m.
O6	Illinois State*	2 p.m.
O13	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
O20	at Southern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O27	Indiana State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	Northern Iowa*	1 p.m.
N10	SE Missouri State	1 p.m.

Indiana State (0-1)

S1	at Indiana	L, 7-55
S8	Austin Peay	5 p.m.
S15	at SE Missouri State	5 p.m.
S22	Eastern Illinois	5 p.m.
S29	Southern Illinois*	11 a.m.
O6	Western Illinois*	11 a.m.
O13	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
O20	Western Kentucky	1 p.m.
O27	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	Youngstown State*	11 a.m.
N10	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.

Youngstown State (0-1)

S1	at #11 Ohio State	L, 6-38
S8	South Dakota State	5 p.m.
S15	Stony Brook	3 p.m.
S22	Lock Haven	3 p.m.
S29	Missouri State*	5 p.m.
O6	at Southern Illinois*	3:30 p.m.
O13	Southern Utah	3 p.m.
O20	Illinois State*	3 p.m.
O27	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N3	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
N10	Western Illinois*	noon

Western Illinois (1-0)

A30	South Dakota State	W, 29-26 (4ot)
S8	at Illinois	6 p.m.
S15	Saint Francis	6:05 p.m.
S22	at Stephen F. Austin	6 p.m.
S29	North Dakota State	1:05 p.m.
O6	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
O13	Missouri State*	1:05 p.m.
O20	Northern Iowa*	6:30 p.m.
O27	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	Southern Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	at Youngstown State*	noon

North Dakota State (0-0)

S8	Stephen F. Austin	6:35 p.m.
S15	Sam Houston State	6 p.m.
S22	at Central Michigan	2:30 p.m.
S29	at Western Illinois	1:05 p.m.
O6	UC Davis*	1 p.m.
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	2 p.m.
O20	at Minnesota	tba
O27	Southern Utah*	1 p.m.
N3	Illinois State	6 p.m.
N10	at Cal Poly*	6:05 p.m.
N17	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.

Southern Illinois (0-0)

A30	Quincy	W, 59-14
S8	at Northern Illinois	6:30 p.m.
S15	at Southern Utah	6 p.m.
S22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1:30 p.m.
S29	at Indiana State*	noon
O6	Youngstown State*	2:30 p.m.
O13	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
O20	Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N10	Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N17	at Hampton	1 p.m.