



Illinois State Postgame Notes

Illinois State 56, S. Illinois 47

Jan. 5, 2008 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena • Normal, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL NOTES:

- **Emmanuel Holloway** made his second-career start at Illinois State, replacing **Osiris Eldridge** in ISU's typical starting five.
- **Sead Odzic**, a transfer from USC, made his Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena debut when he checked in at the 14:35 mark in the first half.
- Eldridge's three-point field goal at the end of the first half gave the Redbird sophomore 500 career points. He now has 502 points scored in his career.
- **Levi Dyer** fired in a team-high 14 points, which was his seventh double-digit scoring game this season and the 28th of his career.
- Dyer finished with four treys and has made three-or-more three-point field goals in eight games this season.
- Eldridge tossed in 13 points, which extended his streak to 10-straight games reaching double-figures. He now has 12 double-figure games this season and 24 in his career. Eldridge also sank three triples and has made three-or-more three-point field goals in five games this season.

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM NOTES:

- Eldridge's made three-point basket at the 13:48 mark in the first half extended Illinois State's streak to 245-straight games with at least one made three-point basket.
- ISU held Southern Illinois without a point for the first 7:03 of the game, ending with Randal Falker's made free throw. The Salukis missed their first 16 field goal attempts of the game and didn't convert their first field goal attempt until the 3:58 mark of the first half.
- Illinois State opened the game with a 12-0 run, which included points by six different Redbirds.
- The Redbirds held SIU to 13 first-half points, which was the second-lowest first half total scored on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena. It was the fewest scored since Indiana State was held to 11 first-half points Feb. 14, 2004. The 13 first-half points were also the second fewest scored by SIU in a game's first 20 minutes in school history.
- ISU opened the second half with a four-minute, 26-second scoring drought, while SIU rattled off a 9-0 run to cut the Redbird lead to 31-22. The Redbirds missed their first five field-goal attempts of the second half.
- The Redbirds countered SIU's 9-0 run to start the second half with an 11-0 spurt, including six points by Dyer as a result of two made three-point field goals.
- Tonight's attendance of 9,437 is the largest to see a game at Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena since 10,200 came through the turnstiles Feb. 5, 2005 versus Bradley.
- Illinois State has held its last two opponents to under 50 points scoring. The last time the Redbirds held back-to-back foes to less than 50 points scored was during the 1985-86 season, when ISU won at Creighton, 35-34 (Jan. 13, 1986) and downed West Texas State, 42-32 (Jan. 18, 1986).
- The Redbirds held SIU to a Redbird Arena record-low 13 made field goals, breaking the mark (14) set by Cal State-Northridge (Nov. 20, 2006), Missouri State (Jan. 18, 2004) and IPFW (Dec. 6, 2005). Southern Illinois also shot the second-lowest field goal percentage in Redbird Arena history at 26 percent (13-for-50), behind Cal State-Northridge's 25.9 percent (14-for-54) effort (Nov. 20, 2006).
- Teams shooting on the north end of the arena shot a combined 12-for-45 (.267).
- Illinois State improved to 3-0 in the Missouri Valley Conference for the first time since the 1997-98 season.
- The ISU victory snaps SIU's 11-game winning streak over the Redbirds. It is ISU's first win over the Salukis since Feb. 13, 2002, when the Redbirds won 84-70.
- With the win tonight, ISU has posted wins this season over Southern Illinois, Creighton and Wichita State for the first time since the 2000-01 season.
- ISU's winning streak improved to six games, which equals the Redbirds' longest win streak last season.
- ISU improved to 7-0 this season when playing on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena.
- Since joining the Valley, Illinois State owns a 20-7 mark in league home openers.
- Illinois State defeated Southern Illinois in both men's and women's basketball on the same day for the first time in school history.