



Illinois State Postgame Notes

FINAL – #15 Illinois State 23, Western Illinois 3
Sept. 22, 2012 • Hanson Field • Macomb, Ill.

PLAYER NOTES:

- Brown's 210 yards passing also moved him into a tie with Glenn (8,251) for first place on the ISU career passing yards list. With his 27 pass attempts, **Matt Brown** now has 1,156 in his career, moving him within eight attempts of **Kevin Glenn** (1,164) for first on the ISU all-time attempts list
- With his touchdown pass in the third quarter, Brown moved into a tie with **Luke Drone** (61) and is now one behind Glenn (62) for first on the ISU career touchdown passes list.
- With five receptions against the Leathernecks, **Tyrone Walker** moved into a tie with **Eyad Salem** (186) for second on the ISU career receptions list, just six behind the all-time leader **Laurént Robinson** (192).
- **Darrellynn Dunn** scored his sixth touchdown of the season with his two-yard leap early in the first quarter.
- Dunn scored again in the second quarter from 34 yards out to record his third multiple touchdown game of the season.
- Dunn finished the game with 114 yards rushing, marking his third 100-plus yard rushing performance of the season in four games for the Redbirds.
- **Jordan Neukirch** caught the first touchdown pass of his career, a 12-yard strike from Brown in the third quarter, to seal the victory for the Redbirds. It was also his first catch of the season and ninth of his career at ISU.
- Seven different Redbirds caught passes from Brown, with Walker leading the way with five, followed by **Donovan Harden** (3), **James O'Shaughnessy** (2), **Lechein Neblett** (2), **Phil Dudley** (2), Neukirch (1) and Dunn (1).
- **Mike Zimmer** recorded his second-straight game with double digit tackles, posting 13 with a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss against WIU Saturday.
- **Ben Ericksen** recorded his fourth interception of the season, moving the total to seven for the Redbirds in four games.

TEAM NOTES:

- ISU improved to 4-0 to start the season for the first time since 1967, when the Redbirds finished 8-2 under head coach **Larry Bitcon**.
- With the victory, ISU snapped a two-game losing streak in Macomb and picked up their first win at Hanson Field since 2006.
- ISU head coach **Brock Spack** improved to 23-14 in his career at ISU and is now 3-1 against the Leathernecks.
- With the victory, the Redbirds have now posted back-to-back wins against the Leathernecks for the first time since 1999 and 2000.
- By holding WIU to just six points, it marked the first time the Redbird held a MVFC opponent without a touchdown since Oct. 4, 2008, against Indiana State (57-6).
- The Redbirds held the Leathernecks to just two first downs and 48 total yards in the first 30 minutes of the game. WIU finished the game with just 11 first downs and 137 yards of total offense.
- ISU also controlled the time of possession with 18:10 in the first 30 minutes.

