

Illinois State Postgame Notes FINAL – Illinois State 13, Northern Iowa 3 Nov. 2, 2013 • Hancock Stadium • Normal, Ill.

PLAYER NOTES:

- Pat Meehan tied a career-best, and led Illinois State Saturday, with 11 tackles and one fumble recovery.
- Tevin Allen had a career-day, setting a personal-best with eight tackles. The junior recorded one interception and tallied his first-career touchdown after scooping a fumble in the first quarter and taking it 17 yards for the score. It marked the first defensive touchdown for Illinois State since Alex Donnelly returned an interception 30 yards for a TD last season versus Eastern Illinois. With the touchdown, Illinois State has scored at least one defensive touchdown each year under head coach/defensive coordinator Brock Spack.
- Junior **Bradon Prate** registered the only sack of the day for Illinois State, tying him with **David Perkins** for the teamlead on the season with 4.0. Prate also had a team-best 2.0 tackles-for-loss.
- Dontae McCoy forced his second fumble of the season in the first half and finished with four tackles.
- **Nick Aussieker** netted a 24-yard field goal in the first quarter and a 28-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, improving his total to 7-for-8 on the season. He made his only extra point attempt in the Illinois State win Saturday.
- Quarterback Blake Winkler finished 11-for-23 for 91 yards and did not commit a turnover.
- Senior wide receiver **Phil Dudley** led the Redbirds with five receptions for 24 yards.
- Punter **CJ Laros** tallied nine punts for 354 total yards, pinning three punts inside the 20 yard line. Laros averaged 39.3 yards-per-punt and had a long of 51.

TEAM NOTES:

- Illinois State went undefeated at Hancock Stadium in 2013, finishing 5-0 in the newly-renovated football facility. The Redbirds last had a perfect home slate in 1999, when they went 6-0. Brock Spack is now 22-6 in games at Hancock Stadium since taking over the Redbird football program.
- The Redbirds kept Northern Iowa from scoring a touchdown Saturday, marking the first time this season that the Illinois State defense has prevented a touchdown. The three points scored by UNI was a season-low for an Illinois State opponent this year. Additionally, Saturday marks the first time since Sept. 22, 2012 that Illinois State did not allow a touchdown in a game.
- With 8,006 fans in attendance Saturday, Illinois State drew 50,694 fans over five games in the first season at the newly renovated Hancock Stadium. Illinois State drew better than 11,000 spectators on three different occasions in 2013 and went a perfect 5-0 at home.
- Saturday's contest marked the 30th overall meeting between Illinois State and Northern Iowa, with Illinois State defeating the Panthers for the second-consecutive season. The Redbirds won 33-21 at the UNI Dome last fall.