

ILLINOIS STATE

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Illinois State Redbirds (3-4, 1-2) at #12 Youngstown State Penguins (5-2, 1-1) ISU lost both games against Youngstown State last season, including a 28-21 defeat in the NCAA Playoffs

Date: Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007
Time: 3 p.m. CDT
Location: Youngstown, Ohio
Stadium (Capacity): Stambaugh Stadium (20,630)
Surface: Sprinturf
Forecast: High: 65°; Low: 49°; Chance of rain: 40%
Radio: Redbird Radio Network

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

 Television: Fox 17/62 – tape delayed

- Chad Kripinsky, play-by-play
- Todd Kollar, color analyst

 Webcast: GoRedbirds.com
 Series: YSU leads, 9-7
 Denver Johnson vs. YSU: 2-6
 Last Meeting: Youngstown State 28, Illinois State 21 – Dec. 2, 2006, in Youngstown, Ohio

Storylines

- Both teams enter today's game looking for their second Gateway Football Conference win. The Redbirds just snapped a three-game losing skid with a 69-17 victory over Indiana State, while Youngstown State notched a 24-23 win in non-conference action over Southern Utah.
- Today's matchup pits one of the nation's top rushing teams, Illinois State, against one of the country's top rushing defensive teams, Youngstown State. The Redbirds enter the game averaging 236.4 yards per game on the ground, which ranks No. 15 nationally. The Penguins are surrendering only 120.14 rushing yards per game, ranking No. 26.
- The Redbirds return to the location of their final game of the 2006 season. After falling to Youngstown State during the regular season last year, Illinois State travelled to Youngstown, Ohio, to face the Penguins in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs. ISU lost the rematch, 28-21, which ended the Redbirds' season.
- In the **Denver Johnson** era, ISU is 16-16 in the month of October.
- ISU owns a 3-5 record all-time in the "Ice Castle" and has lost its last two contests at Stambaugh Stadium.
- Today's game is the first of four games for the Redbirds against teams currently ranked in the national top-25 polls. As if facing four-straight ranked teams wasn't tough enough, three of the games are on the road, including today's game at No. 12 Youngstown State.

Youngstown State (4-2, 1-1)

S1	at #11 Ohio State	L, 6-38
S8	South Dakota State	W, 23-17
S15	Stony Brook	W, 42-6
S22	Lock Haven	W, 35-3
S29	Missouri State*	W, 49-21
O6	at #6 Southern Illinois*	L, 17-24
O13	Southern Utah	W, 23-22
O20	Illinois State*	3 p.m.
O27	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N3	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
N10	Western Illinois*	noon

The Coaches

➤ Illinois State

Denver Johnson is in his eighth season at Illinois State and owns a 44-43 (.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 65-55 (.542).

➤ Youngstown State

Jon Heacock (Muskingum '83) is in his seventh season at the helm of the Penguin football program. Heacock owns a 48-29 (.623) mark at Youngstown State, his only head coaching position. Prior to taking the head coaching duties, Heacock served as the defensive coordinator at Youngstown State for seven years under current Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel.

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.	W, 43-17	ISU posts 205 kickoff return yards and 238 rushing yards in rout.
S15	at #14 Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	W, 24-21	EIU loses fumble with 26 seconds left in the game on the Redbirds' 20-yard line.
S22	at #25 Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	L, 17-38	Missouri racks up 581 yards of total offense, including 341 through the air.
S29	#3 NORTHERN IOWA*	Normal, Ill.	L, 13-23	Redbirds outscored 10-0 in the final quarter, despite Blow's 167 yards rushing.
O6	at Missouri State*	Springfield, Mo.	L, 41-58	Missouri State scores touchdowns on its last six possessions for win.
O13	INDIANA STATE*	Normal, Ill.	W, 69-17	Illinois State posts TDs on first 10 possessions; rushes for 438 yards.
O20	at #12 Youngstown State*	Youngstown, Ohio	3 p.m.	YSU beat the Redbirds twice in 2006, including in the FCS Quarterfinals.
O27	#17 WESTERN ILLINOIS*	Normal, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	'Birds haven't won back-to-back games against WIU since 1999 and 2000.
N3	at #2 North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	6 p.m.	First meeting; NDSU will officially become a GFC member in 2008.
N10	at #9 Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, Ill.	1:30 p.m.	ISU has won the last two meetings by a combined score of 98-45.

* Gateway Football Conference game; All times Central.

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INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

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

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

Weekly Gateway Conference Call

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

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

All times are Central

Weekly Media Luncheon

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

The Game Week Schedule

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

Youngstown State Week													
Sunday	14	Monday	15	Tuesday	16	Wednesday	17	Thursday	18	Friday	19	Saturday	20
Coach/Player Phone Interviews Available by appointment		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building – noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		GFC Teleconference Johnson – 10:05 a.m. Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) Denver Johnson Show Schooners 6-7 p.m.		Practice Closed No interviews		Illinois State at Youngstown State 3 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 Youngstown State Penguins

- Youngstown State is located in Youngstown, Ohio, and has an enrollment of 13,183. The Penguins are members of the Gateway Football Conference.
- The Penguins rank No. 14 nationally in total defense with 296.43 yards per game. YSU is No. 26 nationally in rushing defense with 120.14 yards allowed per contest.
- Senior defensive end Myles Banford leads the Gateway with 1.58 tackles for loss per game. He is also tied for third in the league with 0.67 quarterback sacks per game.
- Like the Redbirds, Youngstown State's offense is triggered by the running game. The Penguins average 206 rushing yards per game, which ranks No. 19 nationally.

Penguin Parallels

- Illinois State's **Brandon Wilson** and YSU's **Jabari Scott** were high school teammates at John Jay High School in 2002, before Scott transferred to Taft High School. ISU's **Kelvyn Hemphill** (O'Connor HS) and **Jermaine Malcolm** (Holmes HS) are also from San Antonio, Texas.
- ISU's **Jarek Thomas** and YSU's **Jermiah Wright** and **Josh Tanner** were teammates at Edgewater High School in Orlando, Fla. Thomas and Wright were key members of Edgewater's team that played in the Class 6A state championship game. Edgewater lost to Miami Norlward in the title game, 19-14, while finishing the season with a 12-2 record. Tanner was also on that team as a junior offensive lineman.
- YSU Assistant Media Relations Director **Jamie Hall** worked as a graduate assistant at Illinois State in the Athletics Media Relations Office. He received his master's degree from ISU in 1996.

It's as Easy as One, Two, Three

Illinois State not only had one running back rush for 100-plus yards against Indiana State last week, the Redbirds had three of them. For the first time in school and Gateway Football Conference history, Illinois State had three backs reach the milestone in the same game. Senior **Rafael Rice** pounded out 182 yards on the ground, while sophomores **Geno Blow** and **Cortes Rice** added 122 and 110 yards, respectively.

Party of Five

The Illinois State football team regained its swagger on the offensive side of the ball last week versus Indiana State, with a controlled running game. The Redbirds had five different players score rushing touchdowns, as **Cortes Rice** and **Geno Blow** each had two touchdowns, and **Rafael Rice**, **Luke Drone** and **Kevin Brockway** all had one apiece.

Win Over Indiana State was a 'Perfect 10'

- The Redbirds scored on their first 10 possessions to open the game last Saturday against Indiana State, with each of the drives resulting in Illinois State touchdowns.
- Illinois State's 10 touchdowns tied the school record for team touchdowns in a Gateway game, as well as the Hancock Stadium record, when the Redbirds scored 10 TDs versus Indiana State Nov. 12, 2005.
- The Redbirds have now won three straight against Indiana State, and nine of the past 10 contests.
- Illinois State has only lost 10 games (31-10) when leading at halftime under head coach **Denver Johnson**.
- **Kye Stewart's** six tackles versus Indiana State put him in a tie for 10th place all-time on ISU's career tackles list, along with **Adam Waugh**, at 327 stops.
- Illinois State began the day with 13-straight rushing plays on offense before **Luke Drone** attempted his first pass, which was a 10-yard completion to **Jason Horton**.

Seventh Heaven

For the Redbird running backs, the game against Indiana State must have felt like heaven, as the group found the end zone on seven different occasions. Illinois State's seven rushing touchdowns tied both the school and Hancock Stadium records for rushing touchdowns in a game, which matched the seven scored at Missouri State Nov. 5, 2005, and in the home game against Southwest State Sept. 5, 1962.

Blow-ing Chunks

Sophomore tailback **Geno Blow** hasn't been feeling ill lately, but he has been giving opposing defenses the chills since late September. For the fourth-straight game, Blow eclipsed the 100-yard rushing plateau with 122 yards against Indiana State. The four-straight games with 100-plus rushing yards tied the third-longest streak of 100-yard rushing games in Redbird history, a mark that Blow now shares with **Quincy Washington**, **Willie Watts** and **Toby Davis**.

Getting the Points

Illinois State broke a three-game losing streak against Indiana State, and did it in impressive fashion. The Redbirds put up a season-high 69 points, which was one point shy of ISU's Gateway-game record. Illinois State scored 70 points against Indiana State Nov. 12, 2005. The Redbirds had the opportunity to match the previous output, but then **Kevin Mazur** missed the extra point attempt following the 10th, and final, touchdown.

The Tale of the Tape

	ILS	YSU
Record	3-4	5-2
Points	33.0	27.9
Points Allowed	28.7	18.7
First Downs	159	132
Rushing Yards	236.4	206.0
Rushing Defense	195.3	120.1
Passing Yards	178.6	148.7
Passing Defense	218.7	176/3
Total Offense	414.1	354.7
Total Defense	415.0	296.4
Interceptions	5-43	8-55
Punt Return Avg.	6.4	8.0
Kickoff Return Avg.	25.0	19.9
Fumbles Lost	2	4
Penalties	31-271	43-324
Time of Possession	31:35	31:11
3rd-Down Conversions	56/101 (55%)	46/100 (46%)
4th-Down Conversions	4/8 (50%)	1/4 (25%)
TDs Scored	32	25
Field Goals	4-5	7-8
PAT Attempts	27-32	24-25

Illinois State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
R. Rice	112	664	110.7	6	43
Blow	117	612	87.4	7	50
Fisher	37	189	47.2	1	49

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Drone	104-173-12	1235	11

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Horton	24	414	17.2	3
Harcar	19	137	7.2	2
Mickle	17	216	12.7	1
Meredith	14	149	10.6	2

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Stewart	34	44	78
Hronec	22	35	57
Nelson	27	25	52
Caesar	20	31	51

Youngstown State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Att	Net	Avg/G	TD	Long
Scott	71	363	60.5	3	51
Williams	52	324	46.3	8	40
Smith	55	291	58.2	5	29

Passing	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Zetts	98-162-4	1036	4

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Berry	26	312	12.0	0
Williams	19	214	11.3	2
Bush	16	146	9.1	0
Horne	11	158	14.4	0

Tackles	Solo	Asst	Total
Wright	31	27	58
Glatia	25	21	46
Simons	15	23	38
Terry	21	16	37

The Redbird Record Book

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1989-92)	37
4. Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	24
Ron Bell (1970-72)	24
6. Rafael Rice (2005-)	18

ISU Career Pass Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	663
2. John Coppens (1981-84)	554
3. Luke Drone (2004-)	522

ISU Career Passing Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8251
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	7136

ISU Career Passing TDs

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	62
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	54

ISU Career Completion Percentage

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

ISU Career Passing Efficiency

1. Luke Drone (2004-)	143.2
2. Dusty Burk (1999-2001)	127.8

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	3007
2. Ricky Garrett (1996-99)	2719
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)	2498
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	2014
5. Jason Horton (2003-)	1555

ISU Career Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	192
4. Brian Brown (1989-92)	115
5. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	113
6. Bill Miller (1986-89)	112
7. Jason Horton (2003-)	105

ISU Career TD Receptions

1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06)	29
4. Vito Golson (1999-2002)	17
5. Jason Horton (2003-)	12

ISU Career Total Offense

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8892
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	7392

ISU Career TDs Responsible For

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	70
2. Luke Drone (2004-)	64

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
6. Cameron Siskowic (2003-06)	394
7. Mike Prior (1981-84)	345
8. Tony Jones (1988-91)	343
9. Duane Butler (1994-96)	332
10. Kye Stewart (2003-)	327

Saturday the 13th: Jason Returns

While this might sound like the title of an upcoming horror flick, it was Illinois State senior wide receiver **Jason Horton** that had the Indiana State defense screaming. Horton had a big day against the Sycamores last Saturday, as the Bolingbrook, Ill., native caught four passes for 110 yards with a touchdown. Horton's four grabs moved him into seventh place in career receptions, while his 38-yard touchdown grab put him into a tie for fifth-place with **Pierre Jackson** (12) for all-time TD catches.

Cool Runnings

Even though the temperature is finally beginning to drop in Normal, the Illinois State rushing attack has been anything but chilly. The Redbirds racked up a total of 444 yards on the ground versus Indiana State last Saturday, which was the second-highest single-game rushing mark in school history. That total is eclipsed only by the 468-yard rushing day against Eastern Illinois, Oct. 18, 1969. The rushing total against Indiana State was also the most rushing yards by the Redbirds in a Gateway game, eclipsing the mark of 405 yards set against Youngstown State Nov. 14, 1998.

The Four Horsemen

With **Cortes Rice's** 110 yards rushing in the victory over Indiana State, the Redbirds have had four different running backs reach 100 yards or more in at least one game this season. Rice's older brother, **Rafael Rice**, has rushed for 100 yards three times this season, while **Geno Blow** has reached the plateau four times and **Parrish Fisher** once. The foursome becomes the first group of Redbirds to each rush for 100 yards in a game during the same season since 1968, when **Jed Waters**, **Harold Olson**, **Bruce Cullen** and **Mike Phillips** accomplished the feat.

Cool-Hand Luke

Through the first six games, the 2007 season has been an aberration for Redbird quarterback **Luke Drone**. The ISU signal caller has made a career out of efficiently managing games, minimizing miscues and completing passes at a high percentage. Despite uncharacteristic numbers, Drone's game against Indiana State might later be labeled as "his break-through game" of the season. Drone completed 8-of-9 pass attempts for 139 yards and three touchdowns, while not throwing an interception. Dating back to last season, Drone has thrown 22 picks in his last 10 games.

Mordis Makes a Comeback

After suffering what appeared to be a career-ending injury during fall camp, senior **Dave Mordis** has persevered and appeared in each of the last two games for the Redbirds. The 2007 All-Gateway Preseason First-Team selection has yet to log an official stat this season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee Aug. 14.

Moving the Chain Gang

It can be a nerve-racking situation – facing third down with the possibility of stalling a drive, but the Illinois State football team has been able to move the chains with regularity when faced with the circumstances. The Redbirds are the best team in the country in third-down efficiency, converting 55.4 percent of the time.

Getting Defensive

One week after allowing six-straight touchdown drives and 28 first downs to Missouri State, the Redbird defense only surrendered nine first downs last Saturday against Indiana State. It marked the first time the ISU defense kept an opponent under 10 first downs since holding Eastern Illinois to only seven in the Nov. 25, 2007, playoff game.

What a Difference a Week Makes

Not only did the Illinois State defense limit first downs, but there was also quite a change in pass coverage. Two weeks ago at Missouri State, the Bears threw for 277 yards against the Illinois State defense. Against Indiana State last Saturday, the Sycamores were held to just 51 yards passing. The last time the Redbirds held an opponent under 100 yards passing was Nov. 25, 2006, at Eastern Illinois (79).

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 **Laurént Robinson** (3rd Round, Atlanta) are the recent Redbird NFL Draft choices.

The Buck Stops Here

Illinois State linebacker **Kye Stewart** is one of 16 players chosen by *The Sports Network* to be on the watch list for the 2007 Buck Buchanan Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top defensive player in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision. With Stewart's candidacy for this year's award, it marks the sixth-straight season that Illinois State has had at least one player on the list. Other Redbirds to receive recognition include former all-American linebacker and current Kansas City Chiefs fullback **Boomer Grigsby**; former all-American defensive end and current Jacksonville Jaguar **Brent Hawkins**; and former all-American linebacker **Cameron Siskowic**.

Another One Bites the Dust

With the 24-21 win at No. 14 Eastern Illinois, the Redbirds have now secured a victory over a nationally-ranked team in 10 of the last 11 seasons. ISU will have plenty of opportunities ending the season to notch additional wins over ranked teams, as all four of its next opponents are rated in the top-25 polls.

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 143.2, which is over 15 points higher than the next highest ISU quarterback.

Getting Their Kicks on Route 66

With historic Route 66 running along the east side of Hancock Stadium, it is only fitting that the Redbirds try to get their kicks on the storied highway as well. For the first time in ISU's modern history (1949-present), the Redbirds have had three different kickers with extra point attempts this season. **Tyler Funk** has converted 12-of-15, **Steven Fetzer** is 12-for-13 and **Kevin Mazur** is 3-for-4. In fact, against Indiana State, all three had at least one shot in the same 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.

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.

A Sixth Sense?

Since 2001, Illinois State has been the home of the Gateway Football Conference's Defensive Player of the Year award. **Boomer Grigsby**, the league's only three-time winner, won the award in 2002, 2003 and 2004; while **Brent Hawkins** followed suit in 2005; and **Cameron Siskowic** claimed the honor in 2006. Redbird senior linebacker **Kye Stewart**, the top returning tackler in the GFC, is off to a great start in 2007, leading the league with 78 tackles, which also ranks tied for No. x nationally in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). So, it's only sensible that Stewart would be considered the favorite for the award this season, which would give the Redbirds six straight.

The I-Pass

The Redbird offense won't speed up the lines at toll booths, but it has been blowing through Gateway football stadiums with regularity the last three seasons. The Redbirds led the Gateway in 2006 with 227.8 passing yards per game, marking the third-straight season that ISU has led the conference in passing offense. If ISU owns the league's top passing offense again this season, it would become only the second team to lead the league in passing four-straight seasons, joining Northern Iowa, which did so from 1995-2000. If the string is going to continue, the pace will have to pick up soon for ISU. Currently, the Redbird offense ranks fourth in the conference with 178.6 passing yards per game.

The Three Degrees of St-Pierre

While junior **Jonathan St-Pierre** is in his second season with the Redbirds, he has already walked across the stage to receive one degree, a bachelor's in economics from Illinois State. St-Pierre is on pace to finish with three degrees by the time the Longueuil, Quebec, Canada, native leaves ISU in 2009. He will complete two courses at Miami (Fla.), where he began his college career, next summer to complete a bachelor's degree in business administration. This year, he has started the curriculum for his master's degree in economics and should have that completed in May 2009.

Denver Johnson – a Man of Honor

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

'Bird Bests vs. Youngstown State

INDIVIDUAL*

Rushing Yards	222, Brian Thompson, 10-23-04
Rushing TDs	3, Sam Zanders, 11-14-98
Passing Yards	295, Danny Barnett, 11-13-93
Completions	33, Lester Anderson, 9-21-96
TD Passes	3, twice: last by Dusty Burk, 10-30-99
Receptions	10, Ray Fouchea, 9-21-96
Receiving Yards	129, Kevin Glenn, 11-13-93
Receiving TDs	2, three times: last by Jacob Nieme, 10-30-99
Tackles	23, Boomer Grigsby, 11-9-02
Tackles for Loss	5, Devon Finn, 11-14-98
Sacks	5, Devon Finn, 11-14-98
Interceptions	1, 11 times: last by Jarek Thomas, 10-29-06
Longest FG	56, Stephen Carroll, 11-9-02

TEAM*

Most Points	48, 11-14-98
Fewest Points	0, 11-1-97
Most Points Allowed	44, 10-20-01
Fewest Points Allowed	10, 11-13-93

*modern era (1936 and later)

Points Off Turnovers

	ISU	Opp
Drake	0	10
Murray State	7	3
at E. Illinois	7	7
at Missouri	7	0
Northern Iowa	7	9
at Missouri St.	14	14
Indiana State	0	0
at Youngstown St.		
Western Illinois		
at North Dakota St.		
at Southern Illinois		
Total	42	43

2007 Gateway Standings

	GATEWAY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Northern Iowa	2	0	1.000	6	0	1.000
Western Illinois	2	0	1.000	5	2	.714
Southern Illinois	2	1	.667	6	1	.857
Youngstown State	1	1	.500	5	2	.714
Missouri State	1	2	.333	4	3	.571
Illinois State	1	2	.333	3	4	.429
Indiana State	0	3	.000	0	7	.000

This Week in the Gateway:

Oct. 20

- > Western Kentucky at Indiana State, 1 p.m.
- > Missouri State at Southern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
- > Northern Iowa at Western Illinois, 6:05 p.m.

2007 Gateway Preseason Poll

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

Scholar-Baller™

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

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

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



Wolfpack... For Life!

While WWE wrestling fans might know that particular slogan, it is Illinois State's version of the group that has been knocking out opponents on the gridiron. Collectively, the Redbird H-backs and tight ends call themselves "The Wolfpack." The group has been on the hunt as of late, with 28 total receptions over the last five games. Fullback **Garin Harcar** ranks second on the team with 19 catches, while tight end **Kedric Meredith** is fourth with 14 grabs.

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 this year, Drone will become the most prolific passer in ISU history. Drone needs 1,116 yards through the air in ISU's final four games, or 279 passing yards per game, to knock former Redbird **Kevin Glenn** (8,251) from the top spot.

Good Chance for a Grand

Head coach **Denver Johnson** has had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of the 10 seasons that 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. Both **Geno Blow** and **Rafael Rice** are well on their way to the 1,000-yard promise land this season. Rice leads the team with 664 yards rushing, while Blow has collected 612 yards on the ground.

A Leader On-and-Off the Field

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

Transferable

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

Getting to the League

Not only have the Redbirds had a player drafted into the NFL in each of the last three years, but currently, there are four former Illinois State players in the NFL and two more in the Canadian Football League (CFL). Former Redbirds in the NFL include: **Aveion Cason** (RB, Detroit Lions); **Boomer Grigsby** (FB, Kansas City Chiefs); **Brent Hawkins** (DE, Jacksonville Jaguars); and **Laurént Robinson** (WR, Atlanta Falcons). In the CFL, former Redbird teammates **Kevin Glenn** (QB) and **Sam Young** (DB) are teammates again with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

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).

What a Rush

After scoring seven rushing touchdowns in the 69-17 win over Indiana State, the Redbirds have now scored 21 TDs on the ground this season. The season total now ranks No. 10 in Redbird history, but with four regular-season games remaining, ISU could make a run at the school standard of 31 rushing touchdowns, set in 2005.

Many Happy Returns

Through seven games, the Redbirds are on pace to break the school record for kickoff return average by a team in a season. ISU is currently averaging 24.97 yards per kickoff return this season, which is just over two yards better than the current record of 22.96 yards per return, set in 1993.

Hronec Puts on the Clamps

After being on the sidelines due to an injury at Missouri, senior **Bill Hronec** returned to the ISU lineup the last three weekends – in a big way. Hronec collected a career-high tying 11 tackles in each of his first two games back, while leading the team in tackles in each of the last two outings. Hronec now has 57 tackles on the season, including 22 solo stops and 4.5 tackles for loss. He has also collected a pair of forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception.

2007 Illinois State Starters Game-By-Game

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

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

Redbird offense began game with three wide receivers.

* Redbirds started the game defensively in the nickel package.

2007 Illinois State Start Chart

	2007	Current Steak	Career		2007	Current Steak	Career		2007	Current Steak	Career
Wiggins (OL)	7	35	35	Garrett (DB)	7	7	7	Whitaker (LB)	1	0	1
Caesar (DB)	7	29	35	Piton (DL)	7	7	7				
Mordis (FB)	0	0	31	Speiser (OL)	7	7	7				
Stewart (LB)	7	17	32	Hronec (LB)	6	3	7				
Drone (QB)	7	31	31	Harcar (FB)	6	1	6				
Nelson (FS)	7	31	31	Cucci (LB)	5	1	6				
Thomas (DL)	3	0	25	Rourke (WR)	6	0	6				
Niklasch (OL)	7	20	21	Tate (DB)	4	0	4				
Joyce (OL)	7	18	18	Madsen (OL)	0	0	4				
Meredith (TE)	7	11	17	Hemphill (DB)	3	2	3				
St-Pierre (OL)	7	16	16	Mickle (WR)	3	2	3				
Horton (WR)	6	3	16	Hunter (DL)	0	0	2				
Blankenship (DL)	7	13	13	Joynt (TE)	0	0	2				
Simnick (DL)	4	4	9	Trujillo (LB)	1	1	1				
R. Rice (TB)	6	2	9	Kociuba (DB)	1	0	1				

2007 Illinois State Football – Two-Deep (as of Oct. 13 at 6:47 p.m.)

Offense (Multiple)

WR	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	84	Eyad Salem	6-2 • 185 • So. • Elgin, Ill.
LT	66	Isaiah Wiggins***	6-4 • 290 • Sr. • Chicago, Ill.
	76	Chris Riley	6-5 • 270 • RFr. • Wadsworth, Ill.
LG	65	Bill Speiser*	6-5 • 300 • Sr. • Warrenton, Mo.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre*	6-3 • 325 • Jr. • Longueuil, Quebec
	64	Brad Paul	6-4 • 275 • RFr. • Seabrook, Texas
RG	69	Joe Niklasch**	6-4 • 280 • Jr. • Hartland, Wis.
	68	Erik Madsen*	6-3 • 285 • Jr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
RT	78	Brandon Joyce*	6-5 • 310 • Sr. • St. Charles, Mo.
	70	Michael Cross	6-5 • 305 • RFr. • Bloomington, Ill.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith**	6-3 • 270 • Jr. • Peoria, Ill.
	42	Jeremy Joynt*	6-3 • 255 • Sr. • Emmetsburg, Iowa
WR	88	Kevett Mickle*	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Orlando, Fla.
	10	Jake Rourke**	6-3 • 195 • Jr. • Chatham, Ill.
QB	7	Luke Drone***	6-2 • 210 • Sr. • Mt. Carmel, Ill.
	12	Kevin Brockway**	6-4 • 225 • Jr. • Crystal Lake, Ill.
FB	35	Garin Harcar	5-11 • 260 • So. • Grand Ridge, Ill.
	83	Dave Mordis***	6-3 • 265 • Sr. • Palos Park, Ill.
TB	2	Rafael Rice*	5-11 • 220 • Sr. • Los Alamitos, Calif.
	22	Geno Blow*	5-11 • 200 • So. • Seabrook, Texas
PK	87	Steven Fetzer	6-0 • 180 • RFr. • Mahomet, Ill.
	14	Tyler Funk	6-0 • 170 • RFr. • 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 • RFr. • Lincolnshire, Ill.
KR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler	6-2 • 185 • Jr. • Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
	34	Parrish Fisher	5-10 • 205 • Jr. • Richardson, Texas
PR	9	Tom Nelson**	6-0 • 200 • Jr. • Arlington Heights, Ill.
	86	Jason Horton***	6-0 • 185 • Sr. • Bolingbrook, Ill.

* Indicates number of letters earned

Defense (4-3)

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

Pronunciation Guide

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

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

2007 Illinois State Player Participation

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

Redbird Captains

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

GFC Players of the Week**OFFENSE**

None

DEFENSE

None

SPECIAL TEAMS

None

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

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

Illinois State's Starting Lineup

Offense

WR	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	88	Kevelt Mickle	<i>Tries to sleep as much as he can; was nicknamed "sleepy" by the Redbird coaches as a freshman.</i>
TE	47	Kedric Meredith	<i>Started investing in the stock market and can't stop watching CNBC.</i>
QB	7	Luke Drone	<i>Plays the guitar and went camping at Yosemite National Park this past summer.</i>
FB	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	87	Steven Fetzer	<i>Spent the summer working at a car dealership in Champaign, Ill.</i>

Defense

DE	93	Adam Blankenship	<i>At the age of 18, rode a bull for 4.5 seconds.</i>
DT	90	Dan Simnick	<i>A big fan of Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC); after football he hopes to be trained in martial arts.</i>
DT	62	Mike Piton	<i>A self-proclaimed "computer geek" who has built a computer; also nicknamed "the body."</i>
DE	57	Brandon Wilson	<i>Enjoys hunting wild boar and also likes to fish for large-mouth bass.</i>
SLB	48	Pat Cucci	<i>Likes to fish during his free time.</i>
MLB	59	Bill Hronec	<i>He likes to play guitar and has jam sessions with Warren McCarty and Drew Kempe.</i>
WLB	6	Kye Stewart	<i>A blackbelt in Nisei Goju-Ryu karate and is also a certified scuba diver.</i>
CB	25	Chris Garrett	<i>Reportedly has had five "girlfriends" at the same time.</i>
SS	1	Jesse Caesar	<i>Dubbed the team mechanic because of his car-fixing skills, which he learned from his father.</i>
FS	9	Tom Nelson	<i>Became an uncle in July 2006 when his niece Laura was born.</i>
CB	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	<i>Hasn't had a haircut in the last 19 months.</i>
P	19	Bobby Kelsey	<i>When he was 12-years-old, worked a bull-riding event as a rodeo clown in Louisiana.</i>

Non-Starters to Watch

TB	22	Geno Blow	<i>A couple of summers ago, he worked at a Whataburger in Texas and enjoyed the free food.</i>
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>
WR	10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</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)	87	Steven Fetzer	K	6-0	180	Fr.-RS	Mahomet, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour)
36	Kevin Mazur	K	5-11	190	Jr.-2L	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey)	88	Kevelt Mickle	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-TR	Orlando, Fla. (Boone/Hillsborough CC)
37	Josh Mitchell	DB	6-0	175	Fr.-HS	Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington)	89	Micha Gordon	WR	6-3	190	So.	Peoria, Ill. (Woodruff)
38	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-RS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	90	Dan Simnick	DL	6-2	270	Sr.-2L	Naperville, Ill. (North)
39	D.J. Grayson	LB	6-0	245	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (South Shore)	91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	255	Fr.-RS	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
40	Bert Whigham	TE	6-4	235	So.-Sq.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Seminole)	92	Eric Brunner	DL	6-2	260	Fr.-HS	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale)
41	Dan Weiner	WR	6-1	195	Sr.-Sq.	Chicago, Ill. (New Trier/Palomar)	93	Adam Blankenship	DL	6-2	235	Jr.-1L	Tulsa, Okla. (Union/Nebraska)
42	Jeremy Joynt	TE	6-3	255	Sr.-1L	Emmetsburg, Iowa (Emmetsburg/Iowa Central CC)	94	Jarek Thomas	DL	6-3	275	Sr.-3L	Orlando, Fla. (Edgewater)
43	Casey Cline	FB	6-3	230	Fr.-HS	Gibson City, Ill. (GCMS)	95	Keenan Wimbley	DL	6-2	255	Fr.-HS	Ococee, Fla. (Edgewater)
44	Wesley Williams	DL	6-1	240	Jr.-TR	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer/Fullerton College)	96	Babatunde Soybo	DL	6-5	240	So.-Sq.	Lagos, Nigeria (South Shore [Ill.])
45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	225	So.-1L	San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont)	97	Kaschiev Hunter	DL	6-2	300	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)
46	Graham Corcoran	DB	5-10	180	So.-Sq.	Warrenville, Ill. (Wheaton-Warrenville South)	99	Nick Williams	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-TR	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation/Pittsburgh)
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, twice
Sacks: 1, three times
TFLs: 1, four times

#22 • Geno Blow • FB
Rushing Yards: 167 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing Attempts: 31 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing TDs: 3 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Longest Rush: 50 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Receptions: 2 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Receiving Yards: 11 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07

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

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

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

#48 • Pat Cucci • LB
Tackles: 7 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Solos: 2, twice
Assists: 6 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, twice
Interceptions: 1, three times

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

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

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

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

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

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

#86 • Jason Horton • WR
Receptions: 8 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Receiving Yards: 120 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Touchdowns: 2, twice
Long Reception: 68 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Kickoff Returns: 3, twice
Kickoff Return Yards: 95 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Long Kickoff Return: 82 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Returns: 3, six times
Punt Return Yards: 67 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Long Punt Return: 51 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05

#59 • Bill Hronec • LB
Tackles: 11, three times
Solos: 5, twice
Assists: 8 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1.5 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Interceptions: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07

#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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#62 • Mike Piton • DL
Tackles: 5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Solos: 2, three times
Assists: 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Sacks: 0
TFLs: 1, three times
Interceptions: 0

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

Illinois State Individual Career Highs

#2 • Rafael Rice • TB

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

#91 • Dave Rivas • DL

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

#30 • Garry Roberts • DB

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

#10 • Jake Rourke • WR

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

#84 • Eyad Salem • WR

Receptions: 7 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Receiving Yards: 106 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Touchdowns: 1 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Long Reception: 40 at Missouri, 9-22-07

#90 • Dan Simnick • DL

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

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles: 4 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Solos: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions: 0

#96 • Babatunde Soyebó • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Solos: 1 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Assists: 2 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Sacks: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Interceptions: 0

#60 • Tom Speer • DL

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

#6 • Kye Stewart • LB

Tackles: 17 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
 Solos: 10 at Iowa State, 9-3-05
 Assists: 10, twice
 Sacks: 1, six times
 TFLs: 2.5, twice
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 10-8-05

#21 • Jason Tate • DB

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

#94 • Jarek Thomas • DL

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

#38 • Tony Trujillo • LB

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

#50 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

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

#58 • Mark Whitaker • LB

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

#40 • Wesley Williams • DL

Tackles: 3, twice
 Solos: 2 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Assists: 2 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 Sacks: 1 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 TFLs: 1 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 Interceptions: 0

#99 • Nick Williams • DL

Tackles: 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Solos: 1, twice
 Assists: 3 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles: 8 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 5 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Sacks: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Interceptions: 0

#4 Youngstown State 28, # 11 ISU 21

Dec. 2, 2006 • Youngstown, Ohio • Stambaugh Stadium
Attendance: 10,813

> GAME SUMMARY

ISU Rallies Late, But Falls to YSU, 28-21

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – Youngstown State improved to 14-1 all-time in home playoff games, thanks to a 28-21 win over Illinois State in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) quarterfinal game at Stambaugh Stadium.



LAST TIME

The Redbirds wasted no time jumping to an early lead, taking the opening kickoff and driving 58 yards in nine plays to take a 7-0 lead. The drive was capped off by a 4-yard touchdown pass from Luke Drone to Laurent Robinson, to give ISU the advantage with 9:35 left in the first quarter.

With 4:14 left in the first half, Tom Zetts capped off a 15-play, 70-yard scoring drive for the Penguins on a 2-yard quarterback sneak to give YSU its first lead of the game at 14-7. The Redbirds had chance to tie the game with under a minute to play, however, Drone threw his second interception of the game, and the Penguins took their one touchdown lead into the locker room.

YSU took possession to start the second half and made the best of it, driving 66 yards in six plays to extend its lead to two touchdowns.

The Penguins took a three-touchdown lead into the fourth quarter and stopped the Redbirds on fourth down to get the ball back with 14:18 left in the game. The Redbird defense held, and the ISU offense drove 51 yards in eight plays to cut the lead to two touchdowns. With 9:45 left in the game and ISU facing fourth-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Drone's pass found Robinson in the end zone for their second touchdown connection of the game, to bring ISU closer at 28-14.

After Cameron Siskowic forced a Mason fumble and James Temple recovered to give the Birds the ball back, Drone scrambled seven yards to end a seven-play, 38-yard scoring drive that took just 1:24 off the clock, to bring the score to 28-21 with 3:09 left in the fourth quarter.

ISU attempted an on-side kick, but YSU's Todd Rowan recovered the ball at the 44-yard line to give the Penguins the ball. Once again, the Redbird defense held, giving the offense the ball back with 2:18 left. However, Drone threw his fourth interception of the day, and the Penguins ran out the clock.

> SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (9-4)	7	0	0	14	21
Youngstown State (11-2)	7	7	14	0	28

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 4-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 9:35
YSU – Peterson 17-yard pass from Zetts (Palmer kick), 5:08

SECOND QUARTER

YSU – Zetts 2-yard run (Palmer kick), 4:14

THIRD QUARTER

YSU – Berry 28-yard pass from Zetts (Palmer kick), 12:11
YSU – Mason 2-yard run (Palmer kick), 5:13

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Robinson 2-yard pass from Drone (Mazur kick), 9:45
ISU – Drone 7-yard run (Mazur kick), 3:09

> TEAM STATISTICS

	ISU	YSU
First Downs	19	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	37-186	43-199
Passing	16-27-4	11-21-0
Passing Yards	189	146
Total Offense	375	345
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-50	6-27
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23

> INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ISU) – Rembert 24-114, Drone 8-43, R. Rice 5-29.
(YSU) – Mason 26-138, Cayson 1-22, Ison 5-21, Gibson 6-13, Zetts 4-7.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 16-27-4-189. (YSU) – Zetts 11-21-0-146.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Robinson 7-89, Passarelli 4-51, Jackson 2-44, Horton 1-10, Rembert 1-0, R. Rice 1-(-5). (YSU) – Peterson 4-73, Berry 3-39, Irizarry 2-17, Gibson 2-17.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – C. Siskowic 10-4-14, Caesar 5-2-7, Campbell 6-0-6, Temple 4-1-5, Blankenship 3-2-5. (YSU) – Hutchinson 6-1-7, Koval 6-0-6, Terry 5-1-6, Perry 4-1-5, Jackson 4-1-5.

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

Youngstown State leads, 9-7

1979	8-Sep	27	33	H	L
1992	10-Oct	10	34	A	L
1993	13-Nov	13	10	H	W
1995	18-Nov	30	13	A	W
1996	21-Sep	31	28	H	W
1997	1-Nov	0	13	A	L
1998	14-Nov	48	14	H	W
1999	30-Oct	31	28	A	W
2000	7-Oct	12	14	H	L
2001	20-Oct	30	44	A	L
2002	9-Nov	17	24	H	L
2003	25-Oct	35	25	A	W
2004	23-Oct	30	24	H	W
2005	1-Oct	17	20	A	L
2006	28-Oct	13	27	H	L
2006	2-Dec	21	28	A	L

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Game Results

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

* indicates Gateway Football Conference game

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	159	153
Rushing	89	74
Passing	66	74
Penalty	4	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	1655	1367
Yards gained rushing	1737	1491
Yards lost rushing	82	124
Rushing Attempts	331	295
Average Per Rush	5.0	4.6
Average Per Game	236.4	195.3
TDs Rushing	21	9
PASSING YARDAGE	1250	1531
Att-Comp-Int	174-105-12	198-119-5
Average Per Pass	7.2	7.7
Average Per Catch	11.9	12.9
Average Per Game	178.6	218.7
TDs Passing	11	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	2905	2898
Total Plays	505	493
Average Per Play	5.8	5.9
Average Per Game	415.0	414.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	30-749	39-683
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-70	8-115
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-43	12-165
FUMBLES-LOST	6-2	10-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	31-271	34-256
PUNTS-AVG	25-37.1	26-36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:35	28:25
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	56/101	46/99
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	4/8	7/11

Score by Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	41	86	43	61	231
Opponents	41	61	41	58	201

Rushing

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Rice,Rafael	6	112	667	3	664	5.9	6	43	110.7
Blow,Geno	7	117	624	12	612	5.2	7	50	87.4
Fisher,Parrish	4	37	195	6	189	5.1	1	49	47.2
Rice,Cortes	6	16	111	8	103	6.4	2	20	17.2
Drone,Luke	7	40	126	47	79	2.0	4	11	11.3
Brockway,Kevin	1	3	13	0	13	4.3	1	9	13.0
Moore,Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	5	5	0	6	-6	-1.2	0	0	-1.2
Total.....	7	331	1737	82	1655	5.0	21	50	236.4
Opponents.....	7	295	1491	124	1367	4.6	9	51	195.3

Passing

	G	Effic	Att-Comp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Drone,Luke	7	127.19	104-173-12	60.1	1235	11	47	176.4
Brockway,Kevin	1	226.00	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	15.0
Total.....	7	127.76	105-174-12	60.3	1250	11	47	178.6
Opponents.....	7	143.34	119-198-5	60.1	1531	14	64	218.7

Receiving

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Horton,Jason	6	24	414	17.2	3	47	69.0
Harcar,Garin	7	19	137	7.2	2	22	19.6
Mickle,Kevett	7	17	216	12.7	1	26	30.9
Meredith,Kedric	7	14	149	10.6	2	24	21.3
Salem,Eyad	7	10	134	13.4	1	40	19.1
Rourke,Jake	7	6	77	12.8	1	27	11.0
Chandler,Kelvin	6	6	68	11.3	1	21	11.3
Blow,Geno	7	5	33	6.6	0	9	4.7
Rice,Rafael	6	3	15	5.0	0	10	2.5
Fisher,Parrish	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Total.....	7	105	1250	11.9	11	47	178.6
Opponents.....	7	119	1531	12.9	14	64	218.7

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Punt Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	9	46	5.1	0	22
Whigham, Bert	1	22	22.0	0	0
Horton, Jason	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	11	70	6.4	0	22
Opponents.....	8	115	14.4	1	64

Interceptions

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	2	33	16.5	0	33
Caesar, Jesse	1	5	5.0	0	5
Roberts, Garry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hronec, Bill	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	5	43	8.6	0	33
Opponents.....	12	165	13.8	1	45

Kick Returns

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	19	425	22.4	0	59
Horton, Jason	9	296	32.9	0	82
Harcar, Garin	1	15	15.0	0	15
Chandler, Kelvin	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total.....	30	749	25.0	0	82
Opponents.....	39	683	17.5	0	38

Scoring

	TD	FGs	/----- PATS -----/					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
Blow, Geno	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Rice, Rafael	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Drone, Luke	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Funk, Tyler	0	3-3	12-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	21
Horton, Jason	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Harcar, Garin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Felzer, Steven	0	0-0	12-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Rice, Cortes	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Meredith, Kedric	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	3-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Salem, Eyad	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Brockway, Kevin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rourke, Jake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Fisher, Parrish	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mickle, Kevett	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	32	4-5	27-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	231
Opponents.....	25	9-10	24-25	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	201

Total Offense

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Drone, Luke	7	213	79	1235	1314	187.7
Rice, Rafael	6	112	664	0	664	110.7
Blow, Geno	7	117	612	0	612	87.4
Fisher, Parrish	4	37	189	0	189	47.2
Rice, Cortes	6	16	103	0	103	17.2
Brockway, Kevin	1	4	13	15	28	28.0
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	5	5	-6	0	-6	-1.2
Total.....	7	505	1655	1250	2905	415.0
Opponents.....	7	493	1367	1531	2898	414.0

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
Funk, Tyler	3-3	100.0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	34	0

Punting

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey, Bobby	25	927	37.1	51	1	8	10	0
Total.....	25	927	37.1	51	1	8	10	0
Opponents.....	26	946	36.4	54	2	2	6	1

All-Purpose

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Horton, Jason	6	0	414	2	296	0	712	118.7
Rice, Rafael	6	664	15	0	0	0	679	113.2
Blow, Geno	7	612	33	0	0	0	645	92.1
Nelson, Tom	7	0	0	46	425	33	504	72.0
Mickle, Kevett	7	0	216	0	0	0	216	30.9
Fisher, Parrish	4	189	7	0	0	0	196	49.0
Harcar, Garin	7	0	137	0	15	0	152	21.7
Meredith, Kedric	7	0	149	0	0	0	149	21.3
Salem, Eyad	7	0	134	0	0	0	134	19.1
Rice, Cortes	6	103	0	0	0	0	103	17.2
Chandler, Kelvin	6	0	68	0	13	0	81	13.5
Drone, Luke	7	79	0	0	0	0	79	11.3
Rourke, Jake	7	0	77	0	0	0	77	11.0
Whigham, Bert	7	0	0	22	0	0	22	3.1
Brockway, Kevin	1	13	0	0	0	0	13	13.0
Hronec, Bill	6	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.8
Caesar, Jesse	7	0	0	0	0	5	5	0.7
Moore, Mitchell	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
TEAM	5	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.2
Total.....	7	1649	1250	70	749	43	3761	537.3
Opponents.....	7	1367	1531	115	683	165	3861	551.6

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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	7-7	34	44	78	5.5-18	3.0-15		2				1		
59 Hronec, Bill	6-6	22	35	57	4.5-5		1-5	1	2	2-0	2			
9 Nelson, Tom	7-7	27	25	52	2.5-3		2-33	3						
1 Caesar, Jesse	7-7	20	31	51	2.5-6		1-5	1			1			
21 Tate, Jason	7-3	22	10	32	1.0-7	1.0-7			1					
48 Cucci, Pat	7-5	7	24	31	2.5-6			3		1-0				
57 Wilson, Brandon	7-4	11	18	29	4.0-12	1.5-7			5					
24 Hemphill, Kelvyn	7-4	16	12	28	0.5-2			2						
25 Garrett, Chris	7-7	17	11	28	1.0-4			3		1-0				
38 Trujillo, Tony	7-1	10	14	24	0.5-1									
62 Piton, Mike	7-7	10	9	19	3.0-15					1-0				
93 Blankenship, Adam	7-7	7	10	17	2.5-5	2.0-4		1	4	1-0				
50 Westbrook, Tommie	7-0	7	7	14										
20 Kociuba, Casey	5-1	10	3	13	1.0-4									
97 Hunter, Kaschiev	7-0	4	6	10	1.5-8	0.5-5			1	1-0				
45 Siskowic, Kyle	6-0	5	4	9										
94 Thomas, Jarek	3-3	4	5	9	4.0-14	1.0-8			3		1			
44 Williams, Wesley	6-0	4	5	9	1.0-1	1.0-1			2					
58 Whitaker, Mark	6-1	5	3	8										
90 Simnick, Dan	6-4		8	8	0.5-1	0.5-0			1					
96 Soyebob, Babtunde	5-0	2	6	8	2.0-7	1.5-5			2					
99 Williams, Nick	6-3	2	5	7					1					
91 Rivas, Dave	6-0	3	3	6	2.0-8	1.0-8			2					
19 Kelsey, Bobby	7-0	4	2	6						1-0				
40 Whigham, Bert	7-0	2	3	5								1		
31 James, Kurt	6-0	1	3	4										
60 Speer, Tom	4-0	2	2	4	0.5-1									
86 Horton, Jason	6-5	2	1	3										
66 Wiggins, Isaiah	7-7	2	1	3										
89 Gordon, Micha	3-0	1	1	2										
26 Rice, Cortes	6-0	1		1										
88 Mickle, Kevelt	7-3	1		1										
84 Salem, Eyad	7-0	1		1										
68 Madsen, Erik	7-0	1		1										
13 Paschal, Andrew	5-0		1	1										
33 Kpandeyenge, Ansu	4-0		1	1										
30 Roberts, Garry	4-0		1	1			1-0							
46 Corcoran, Graham	3-0							1						
Total.....	7-0	267	314	581	42-128	13-60	5-43	17	24	8-0	5	1		
Opponents.....	7-0	268	323	591	28.0-74	9-35	12-165	21	12	2-0	3	2		

2007 Illinois State Game-By-Game Stats

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing No.-Yds.-TD	Passing C-A-I-Yds.-TD	Total Off Pl.-Yds.	Fumbles Lost	Penalty Yards	Third Downs	Poss.-Time
Drake	27	19	40-97-0	17-31-0-264-2	71-361	1-1	4-25	8/16	30:47
at Illinois State	24	26	41-273-2	20-35-3-235-1	76-508	2-0	2-20	7/16	29:13
Murray State	17	22	42-185-1	21-36-0-237-1	78-422	1-1	9-81	6/15	33:05
at Illinois State	43	18	52-238-4	5-9-0-81-2	61-319	1-1	6-60	8/13	26:55
Illinois State	24	21	37-143-1	20-31-2-267-2	68-410	1-0	5-52	10/16	30:04
at Eastern Illinois	21	21	44-212-2	20-28-0-195-1	72-407	3-2	7-37	11/16	29:56
Illinois State	17	22	41-155-1	22-37-1-242-1	78-397	0-0	5-25	8/17	36:57
at Missouri	38	31	35-240-1	24-40-3-341-3	75-581	0-0	3-35	8/11	21:11
Northern Iowa	23	22	51-203-0	16-26-1-166-2	77-369	3-2	4-34	7/17	32:17
at Illinois State	13	13	38-151-1	12-23-3-108-1	61-259	1-1	3-22	7/16	27:43
Illinois State	41	26	52-251-5	17-29-3-163-1	81-414	1-0	3-30	9/15	33:19
at Missouri State	58	28	48-247-4	17-24-0-277-4	72-524	2-2	4-20	4/11	26:41
Indiana State	17	9	35-183-1	4-13-1-51-1	48-234	0-0	3-24	2/13	23:06
at Illinois State	69	33	71-444-7	9-10-0-154-3	81-598	0-0	7-62	7/8	36:54
Illinois State 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	5-19	18-122	-	-	24-106
at Eastern Illinois	8-15	5-20	-	-	15-74
at Missouri	21-116	7-31	1-1	-	4-7
Northern Iowa	31-167	-	-	1-(-7)	-
at Missouri State	26-155	-	-	-	17-77
Indiana State	23-122	-	-	15-110	25-182
at Youngstown St.					
Western Illinois					
at North Dakota St.					
at Southern Illinois					

Passing	Drone	Brockway
Drake	20-35-3-235-1	-
Murray State	5-9-0-81-2	-
at Eastern Illinois	20-31-2-267-2	-
at Missouri	22-37-1-242-1	-
Northern Iowa	12-23-3-108-1	-
at Missouri State	17-29-3-163-1	-
Indiana State	8-9-0-139-3	1-1-0-15-0
at Youngstown St.		
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	1-11	-	4-70	-	-	-	-	-
at Eastern Illinois	-	-	5-74	-	3-59	3-52	1-10	1-4
at Missouri	1-18	-	-	-	4-28	7-75	-	7-106
Northern Iowa	-	-	1-9	-	-	2-33	3-41	-
at Missouri State	-	-	2-32	-	5-30	2-32	2-26	1-9
Indiana State	-	-	4-110	-	1-8	2-15	-	1-15
at Youngstown St.								
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	-	-	2	2	2	5	5	4	5	7	-
Illinois State FG	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Opponent TD	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	8	3	6	2
Opponent FG	1	1	-	2	-	-	2	2	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	6	6	5/1	1.000	3	2	1/1	.667	
at Eastern Illinois	4	3	2/1	.750	4	3	3/0	.750	
at Missouri	5	3	2/1	.800	6	4	3/1	.667	
Northern Iowa	0	0	0/0	.000	4	4	2/2	1.000	
at Missouri State	6	5	5/0	.833	6	6	5/1	1.000	
Indiana State	9	9	9/0	1.000	2	2	1/1	1.000	
at Youngstown St.									
Western Illinois									
at North Dakota St.									
at Southern Illinois									
Totals	35	30	26/4	.857	27	23	15/8	.853	

Time of Possession							
Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
Drake	L, 24-27	29:13	7:07	9:06	5:23	7:37	
Murray State	W, 43-17	26:55	3:48	9:29	8:49	4:49	
at Eastern Illinois	W, 24-21	30:04	6:40	6:25	7:33	9:26	
at Missouri	L, 17-38	36:57	9:35	8:39	9:48	8:55	
Northern Iowa	L, 13-23	27:43	8:11	6:09	8:54	4:29	
at Missouri State	L, 41-58	33:19	3:50	10:40	10:27	8:22	
Indiana State	W, 69-17	36:54	8:09	9:40	11:05	8:00	
at Youngstown St.							
Western Illinois							
at North Dakota St.							
at Southern Illinois							
Illinois State	Total	221:05	47:20	60:08	61:59	51:38	
	Avg.	31:35	6:45	8:35	8:51	7:22	
Opponents	Total	198:55	57:40	44:52	43:01	53:22	
	Avg.	28:25	8:14	6:24	6:08	7:37	

When Illinois State has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	1/2	2/2	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/1	0/1	-	0/1	0/2	0/2	7/16	43.8
Murray State	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/3	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	8/13	61.5
at Eastern Illinois	0/1	0/1	-	1/2	4/4	2/3	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/3	10/16	62.5
at Missouri	1/1	2/3	0/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	1/1	-	1/2	0/2	0/2	8/17	47.1
Northern Iowa	0/1	2/4	0/1	-	2/2	0/1	0/2	2/3	-	-	1/2	7/16	43.8
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	3/4	-	2/2	1/1	-	0/2	-	0/1	1/2	9/15	60.0
Indiana State	1/1	1/1	-	1/1	-	1/1	2/2	0/1	-	1/1	-	7/8	87.5
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	5/8	9/15	4/9	4/8	10/11	8/11	5/8	2/7	3/5	2/7	4/12	56/101	55.4
PCT	62.5	60.0	44.4	50.0	90.9	72.7	62.5	28.6	60.0	28.6	33.3	55.4	

When Opponent has the ball ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+	Total	Pct.
Drake	2/3	0/1	-	1/1	0/1	1/2	1/3	1/1	-	1/3	1/1	8/16	50.0
Murray State	-	1/1	-	1/2	-	-	1/3	1/3	0/1	0/2	2/3	6/15	40.0
at Eastern Illinois	2/2	2/2	2/3	2/2	-	2/2	0/1	1/1	-	-	0/3	11/16	68.8
at Missouri	2/2	-	-	-	1/1	-	1/3	2/3	-	-	2/2	8/11	72.7
Northern Iowa	-	0/2	2/3	-	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/1	-	0/1	2/6	7/17	41.2
at Missouri State	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	0/2	0/2	-	-	0/1	-	-	4/11	36.4
Indiana State	1/3	0/2	0/1	-	0/2	1/2	0/2	-	0/1	-	-	2/13	15.4
at Youngstown St.													
Western Illinois													
at North Dakota St.													
at Southern Illinois													
Totals	8/11	4/10	5/9	5/6	2/7	5/9	4/14	5/9	0/3	1/6	7/15	46/99	46.5
PCT	72.7	40.0	55.6	83.3	28.6	55.6	28.6	55.6	0.0	16.7	46.7	46.5	

2007 Illinois State's 20-Yard Plays

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

Bold denotes touchdown play

Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	22	3
30-39	8	3
40-49	6	0
50-59	3	1
60+	1	0
Total	40	7

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	7	2
Passing	18	5
Punt Returns	1	0
Kick Returns	13	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	40	7

20-Yards-Plus by a Player

Player	No.	TD	Type
Jason Horton	14	3	8P, 6KR
Tom Nelson	9	0	7KR, 1PR, 1INT
Kedric Meredith	3	1	3P
Rafael Rice	3	0	3R
Geno Blow	2	2	2R
Jake Rourke	2	1	2P
Kevett Mickle	2	0	2P
Kelvin Chandler	1	0	1P
Parrish Fisher	1	0	1R
Garin Harcar	1	0	1P
Eyad Salem	1	0	1P

Longest Plays of the Year

Rushing Play	50, Geno Blow vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Rushing Touchdown	50, Geno Blow vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Passing Play	47, Luke Drone to Jason Horton vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
Passing Touchdown	31, Luke Drone to Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt Return	22, Tom Nelson vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Kickoff Return	82, Jason Horton vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Punt	51, Bobby Kelsey vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Field Goal	34, Tyler Funk vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
Interception Return	33, Tom Nelson at Missouri, 9-22-07

Opponent Long Plays by the Numbers

Plays by Yards	No.	TD	Long Plays by Opponent	No.	TD
20-29	33	4	Drake	6	3
30-39	7	-	Murray State	9	1
40-49	1	1	Eastern Illinois	5	0
50-59	3	2	Missouri	12	2
60+	2	2	Northern Iowa	3	0
Total	46	9	Missouri State	5	2
			Indiana State	6	1
			Youngstown St.		
			Western Illinois		
			North Dakota St.		
			Southern Illinois		
Plays by Type	No.	TD			
Rushing	9	-			
Passing	20	7			
Punt Returns	2	1			
Kick Returns	14	-			
Interceptions	1	1			
Fumble Returns	-	-			
Total	46	9			

The Sports Network Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Northern Iowa* (35)	2577	2
2. North Dakota State (23)	2443	3
3. Montana (40)	2431	1
4. Massachusetts (4)	2280	4
5. Appalachian State (3)	2231	5
6. McNeese State (2)	2154	6
7. Wofford (3)	2113	8
8. James Madison	1883	9
9. Southern Illinois*	1735	7
10. Hofstra	1700	10
11. New Hampshire	1468	13
12. Youngstown State*	1444	12
13. Nicholls State	1326	14
14. Delaware	1275	15
15. Delaware State	1054	17
16. Yale	1006	16
17. Western Illinois*	935	19
18. Richmond	705	20
19. Cal Poly	633	22
20. Montana State	584	11
Eastern Kentucky	584	23
22. Eastern Washington	514	NR
23. Grambling State	319	25
24. Elon	306	NR
25. Norfolk State	293	NR

*Gateway Football Conference member
Illinois State opponent

The FCS Coaches' Poll

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. North Dakota State (12)	669	1
2. Northern Iowa* (1)	653	3
3. Montana (12)	650	2
4. Massachusetts (2)	614	4
5. Appalachian State	580	5
6. McNeese State (1)	544	7
Wofford	544	8
8. James Madison	525	9
9. Hofstra	443	10
10. Southern Illinois*	415	6
11. New Hampshire	393	11
12. Youngstown State*	388	13
13. Delaware	366	15
14. Nicholls State	322	14
15. Yale	283	16
16. Delaware State	262	17
17. Western Illinois*	235	19
18. Richmond	198	20
19. Montana State	158	12
20. Cal Poly	143	22
21. Eastern Kentucky	104	NR
22. Eastern Washington	89	NR
23. Grambling State	79	25
24. Eastern Illinois	76	23
25. Hampton	61	18
San Diego	61	NR

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Redbirds in the Polls

	TSN	FCS
Preseason	7	8
Week 1	17	18
Week 2	17	15
Week 3	14	14
Week 4	16	16
Week 5	23	22
Week 6	RV	RV
Week 7	RV	NR

Illinois State's Scoring Drives/Plays

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

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 8.0 per drive; Yards: 55.9 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:10
36 scoring drives; 287 plays; 2,013 yards; 6,848 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

7:45 vs. Murray State (15 plays, 80 yards, Drone 1-yard run)

Shortest Drive (time)

:29 at Missouri State (2 plays, 16 yards, Drone 4-yard run)

Longest Drive (yards)

84 yards at Missouri (9 plays, 84 yards, Fisher 4-yard run)

Shortest Drive (yards)

-5 yards vs. Murray State (5 plays, -6 yards, Funk 34-yard field goal)

Opponent Scoring Drives/Plays

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

National Rankings

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	15	235.57
Passing Offense	78	178.57
Total Offense	29	414.14
Scoring Offense	22	33.00
Rushing Defense	90	195.29
Pass Efficiency Defense	94	143.33
Total Defense	96	414.00
Scoring Defense	74	28.71
Net Punting	77	31.66
Punt Returns	90	6.36
Kickoff Returns	10	24.97
Turnover Margin	62	-0.14
Pass Defense	76	218.71
Passing Efficiency	45	127.71
Sacks	64	1.86
Tackles for Loss	167	6.14
Sacks Allowed	26	1.29

Individual Statistics in the Top-20

Jason Horton - Kickoff Returns	7	33.50
Kye Stewart - Tackles	15	12.00

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 (61)

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 (28)

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

The Redbirds' Record When ...

	2007	DJ Era*
Playing at home	2-2	28-16
Playing on the road	1-2	16-27
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	2-1	17-12
Playing during the day	1-3	27-31
ISU scores on first possession	3-0	21-6
Opponent scores on first possession	1-2	13-21
ISU scores first	2-2	25-11
Opponent scores first	1-2	18-31
ISU leads after the 1st quarter	1-2	22-10
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-2	10-27
ISU leads at halftime	3-2	31-10
Opponent leads at halftime	0-2	8-32
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	3-1	32-7
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-2	9-34
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	2-1	35-18
Opponent has more total yards	1-3	8-26
ISU has more rushing yards	2-2	34-15
Opponent has more rushing yards	1-2	9-29
ISU has more passing yards	2-0	30-23
Opponent has more passing yards	1-4	13-20
ISU has more turnovers	0-3	13-28
Opponent has more turnovers	0-1	21-10
Teams have equal turnovers	3-0	9-5
ISU has more penalties	1-1	21-19
Opponent has more penalties	2-3	18-23
ISU has more time of possession	2-2	25-18
Opponent has more time of possession	1-2	17-26
ISU has 100-yard rusher	2-4	36-21
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-4	15-28
ISU scores at least 20 points	3-2	39-21
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-4	16-40
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	9-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-1	1-11
Playing on natural grass	0-0	3-7
Playing on artificial surface	3-4	41-36
ISU defense scores	0-0	8-6
Opponent defense scores	0-1	3-12
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-1	2-4

*Denotes the Denver Johnson era (2000-present)

The Last Time it Happened

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	R. Rice (182), Blow (122), C. Rice (110) vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	242, Luke Drone at Missouri, 9-22-07
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	110, Jason Horton vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
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, Geno Blow at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Luke Drone vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Laurént Robinson vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Kicked three field goals	4, Kevin Mazur vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	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	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
300 yards rushing	438 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	592 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
30 first downs	33 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
50 points	69 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Scored a safety	at Youngstown State (sacked punter), 10-25-03
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	97 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	51 vs. Indiana St., 10-13-07
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	135 vs. Murray State, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84
Blocked a punt	at Missouri State, 10-6-07
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. Youngstown State, 10-28-06

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	123, Gerald Davis, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Rushed for 200 yards	207, Julian Reese, Indiana State, 11-10-01
Passed for 200 yards	277, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Passed for 300 yards	314, Bret Meyer, Iowa State, 9-3-05
Passed for 400 yards	460, A.J. Porter, Missouri State, 11-8-03
Had 10 receptions	10, Jeff Hewitt, Missouri State, 11-18-00
Had 100 yards receiving	105, Jeremy Nicholson, Missouri State, 11-04-06
Returned a punt for a TD	64, Jeremy Maclin, Missouri, 9-22-07
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Steven Rush (100 yards), Missouri State, 10-9-04
Returned an interception for a TD	Cale Hunt (24 yards), Drake, 8-30-07
Returned a fumble for a TD	Byron Garwin (9 yards), Kansas State, 9-26-06
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Travis Williams (66 yards), Illinois, 9-6-03
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Jason Newell (5 yards), Southern Illinois, 10-6-01
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Gerald Davis, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Threw three touchdown passes	4, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Caught three touchdown passes	4, Steven Rush, Missouri State, 11-8-03
Kicked three field goals	3, Billy Hallgren, Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	80, Laurence Maroney, Minnesota, 9-11-04
Had a 70-yard pass completion	75, Zach Barnard to Dante Woods, Murray State 9-23-06
Had 20 tackles	21, Ian Dominelli, Youngstown State, 10-30-99
Had a 50-yard field goal	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	341, Missouri, 9-22-07
500 yards total offense	524, Missouri State, 10-6-07
30 first downs	31, Missouri, 9-22-07
50 points	58, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Scored a safety	Iowa State, 9-3-05
Posted a shutout	Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	18, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	81, Murray State, 9-8-07
Held ISU under 200 total yards	161, Youngstown State, 10-28-06
Held ISU under 100 total yards	94, Central State, 9-9-89
Blocked a punt	Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked a field goal	Southern Illinois, 10-14-06
Blocked an extra point attempt	Murray State, 9-8-07

2007 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 Aug. 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 incompleteness, 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), Biaslas 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.

#17 Illinois State 43, Murray St. 17

Sept. 8, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium

Attendance: 13,214

> Game Summary

Redbirds Bounce Back with Win Over Murray State

NORMAL, Ill. – Special teams and rushing led No. 17 Illinois State past Murray State, 43-17, at Hancock Stadium. The Redbirds set a team stadium record in kickoff return yards and utilized the good field position with short, efficient scoring drives to avoid losing back-to-back home games for the first time since 2003.

ISU picked up 237 yards and scored four touchdowns on the ground. Senior running back Rafael Rice and sophomore running back Parrish Fisher each eclipsed 100 yards with 106 and 103, respectively. They became the first Redbird duo to gain 100 yards in a game since Brian Thompson had 157 and Demetrius Johnson added 129 against Missouri State Oct. 9, 2004. Rice hit triple-digits in rushing for the second-consecutive game and scored two touchdowns.

Special teams played a big role in the Redbirds' success, as they racked up 205 kickoff return yards, surpassing the ISU Hancock Stadium record of 189 set against Tennessee-Chattanooga Nov. 17, 1979. Senior wide receiver Jason Horton and senior defensive back Tom Nelson each had career-long returns of 82 and 59 yards, respectively, snapping the career-bests they both had against Youngstown State in the 2006 FCS Playoffs. Redshirt freshman kicker Tyler Funk, who saw the first action of his career, kicked a field goal and was 4-for-6 on extra points.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Murray State (0-2)	7	3	0	7	17
ILLINOIS STATE (1-1)	7	13	10	13	43

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – R. Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 10:28

MSU – Harper 23-yard pass from Ehrhardt (O'Brien kick), 5:42

SECOND QUARTER

MSU – O'Brien 20-yard field goal, 14:15

ISU – Horton 31-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 12:43

ISU – Drone 1-yard run (kick blocked), 1:11

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Funk 34-yard field goal, 12:54

ISU – R. Rice 10-yard run (Funk kick), 7:25

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Blow 1-yard run (kick blocked), 14:57

ISU – Horton 20-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 10:17

MSU – Jordan 4-yard run (O'Brien kick), 5:19

> Team Statistics

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	18	22
Rushing Attempts-Yards	52-238	42-185
Passing	5-9-0	21-36-0
Passing Yards	81	237
Total Offense	319	422
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	9-81
Time of Possession	26:55	33:05

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – Fisher 18-112, R. Rice 24-106, Blow 5-19, Drone 3-2, Team 1(-1). **(MSU)** – Ehrhardt 22-57, Jordan 6-54, McKinnis 12-52, Lightfoot 1-16, Townsel 1-6.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 5-9-0-81. **(MSU)** – Ehrhardt 21-36-0-237.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Horton 4-70, Chandler 1-11. **(MSU)** – Jordan 5-15, Harper 4-57, Nelson 3-62, Lightfoot 3-29, McGinnis 2-17, Harris 1-34, Knight 1-9, Rogers 1-7, McKinnis 1-7.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Hronec 5-6-11, Stewart 7-3-10, Nelson 7-3-10, Garrett 4-2-6, Caesar 2-4-6. **(MSU)** – Lanigan 7-6-13, Peters 3-5-8, Butler 2-6-8, Kutch 3-3-6, Farrington 3-3-6.

#15 Illinois St. 24, #14 E. Illinois 21

Sept. 15, 2007 • Charleston, Ill. • O'Brien Stadium

Attendance: 9,028

> Game Summary

Redbirds Win on the Road, Down #14 EIU 24-21

CHARLESTON, Ill. – Led by the arm and legs of quarterback Luke Drone, as well as the hands of Garin Harcar and Kedric Meredith, the No. 15 Illinois State football team defeated in-state rival No. 14 Eastern Illinois, 24-21, at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston, Ill. The win was the Redbirds' sixth-straight over EIU.


GAME 3

Drone finished with season-highs in both passing and rushing. The Mt. Carmel, Ill., native gained 267 yards on 20-for-31 passing in the air with two touchdowns and two interceptions and added 35 yards on the ground. Harcar tied his career-high with four receptions and set a new personal standard with 49 yards receiving. Meredith also had a career day, with three catches for 59 yards.

After Eastern Illinois scored in the early seconds of the fourth quarter on a one-yard run from Chip Keys, the Redbirds responded with a huge momentum swing as they marched down and regained the lead, 24-21, on a two-yard touchdown run from tailback Rafael Rice with 6:52 left in the contest. Rice's first touchdown of the game was the 17th of his career, which tied him for sixth-best in school history.

The Panthers looked to be in field goal range on the ensuing drive, however they fumbled the snap, as quarterback Bodie Reeder tried to spike the ball with under 30 seconds left to play. The ball was recovered by defensive end Kaschiv Hunter, and the Redbirds then took a knee to run out the clock and preserve the victory.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-1)	7	10	0	7	24
Eastern Illinois (1-2)	7	7	0	7	21

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 10:23

EIU – Adeniji 8-yard run (Wilke kick), 5:40

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Funk 23-yard field goal, 13:22

EIU – Rucker 7-yard pass from Stinson (Wilke kick), 8:54

ISU – Meredith 22-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), :16

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU – Keys 1-yard run (Wilke kick), 13:05

ISU – Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 6:52

> Team Statistics

	ISU	EIU
First Downs	21	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	37-143	44-212
Passing	20-31-2	20-28-0
Passing Yards	267	195
Total Offense	410	407
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-52	7-37
Time of Possession	30:04	29:56

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – R. Rice 15-74, Drone 8-35, Fisher 5-20, Blow 8-15, Team 1(-1). **(EIU)** – Bess 21-99, Keys 7-58, Adeniji 11-48, Ponius 1-18, Reeder 1-0, Stinson 1-0, Team 1(-2), Fisher 1(-9).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 20-31-2-267. **(EIU)** – Stinson 11-17-0-110, Reeder 9-11-0-85.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Horton 5-74, Harcar 4-49, Meredith 3-59, Mickle 3-52, Rourke 1-10, Blow 1-9, Fisher 1-7, Salem 1-4, R. Rice 1-3. **(EIU)** – Rucker 5-46, Fisher 3-53, Bess 3-10, Campanella 2-32, Adeniji 2-17, Keys 2-12, Nozinger 2-10, Ponius 1-15.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Caesar 3-9-12, Stewart 3-7-10, Hronec 4-4-8, Nelson 4-4-8, Tate 4-2-6. **(EIU)** – Arrington 8-2-10, Haynes 6-4-10, Sams 5-3-8, Westrick 2-5-7, Walters 2-4-6.

2007 Game Recaps

#25 Missouri 38, #14 Illinois St. 17

Sept. 22, 2007 • Columbia, Mo. • Faurot Field
Attendance: 56,137

> Game Summary

Illinois State Falls to Missouri, 38-17

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The Illinois State football team played hard for four quarters, but was unable to stop Missouri's offensive attack, as the Redbirds fell to the Tigers, 38-17, in front of 56,137 fans at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers were able to dominate on the offensive side of the ball, as they racked up 581 yards of total offense, the most given up by ISU since 2005.



GAME 4

The Tigers were led by quarterback Chase Daniel's 294 yards of passing. Daniel was 21-for-34, and threw for three touchdowns and two interceptions. Mizzou also had it going on the ground, as senior tailback Tony Temple racked up 106 yards on 18 carries with a touchdown.

The Redbirds were led by sophomore receiver Eyad Salem, who had a career day with seven catches for 106 yards. Salem also scored his first-career touchdown on a 13-yard reception late in the fourth quarter. Senior Kye Stewart had a game-high 15 tackles, while Junior Tom Nelson grabbed two interceptions, giving him six for his career.

After Missouri returned the opening kickoff to the 43-yardline, Illinois State was unable to set up on defense and the Birds were forced to take their first timeout. The Tigers then struck on their first play from scrimmage, as Daniel hit wide receiver Will Franklin on a slant route and Franklin took it the distance for a 57-yard touchdown with 14:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Facing a third-down situation deep in Redbird territory, Mizzou struck again at the 6:03 mark in the first quarter. Daniel hit Temple on an 11-yard touchdown catch to capitalize a 10 play, 53-yard scoring drive. The Tigers were able to control the line of scrimmage throughout the drive, clearing holes for Temple to navigate through the Redbird defense.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-2)	3	7	0	7	17
Missouri (4-0)	14	10	7	7	38

FIRST QUARTER

- MU – Franklin 57-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 14:43
- MU – Temple 11-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 6:03
- ISU – Funk 21-yard field goal, :12

SECOND QUARTER

- MU – Maclin 8-yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 8:32
- ISU – Fisher 4-yard run (Funk kick), 3:41

THIRD QUARTER

- MU – Temple 1-yard run (Wolfert kick), :49

FOURTH QUARTER

- MU – Maclin 64-yard punt return (Wolfert kick), 14:35
- ISU – Salem 13-yard pass from Drone (Funk kick), 1:52

> Team Statistics

	ISU	MU
First Downs	22	31
Rushing Attempts-Yards	41-155	35-240
Passing	22-37-1	24-40-3
Passing Yards	242	341
Total Offense	397	581
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	3-35
Time of Possession	36:57	23:03

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – G. Blow 21-116, Fisher 7-31, R. Rice 4-7, Moore 1-1, Drone 7-1, Team 1-(-1). (MU) – Temple 18-101, Goldsmith 5-44, Woods 5-36, Maclin 1-22, Jackson 2-16, Washington 3-14, Daniel 1-7.

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 22-37-1-242. (MU) – Daniel 21-34-2-294, Patton 2-5-1-33, Saunders 1-1-0-14.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Salem 7-106, Mickle 7-75, Meredith 4-28, Harcar 2-8, Chandler 1-18, Blow 1-7. (MU) – Maclin 5-53, Rucker 4-71, Coffman 3-31, Franklin 2-71, Perry 2-33, Saunders 2-16, Temple 2-10, Washington 1-25, Bracey 1-12, Jackson 1-10, Ray 1-9.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 6-9-15, Kociuba 6-2-8, Trujillo 5-2-7, Caesar 3-3-6, Nelson 2-4-6. (MU) – Weatherspoon 6-6-12, Brown 5-6-11, Christopher 6-1-7, Moore 4-3-7, Ricks 4-2-6.

#3 UNI 23, #16 Illinois State 13

Sept. 29, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,473

> Game Summary

Redbirds Taken Down by Panthers, 23-13

NORMAL, Ill. – With the score tied at 13-13 and just 5:24 left in the game, Northern Iowa's Eric Sanders connected with wide receiver Terrell Allen on a five-yard touchdown pass into the end zone that secured the Panthers' 23-13 win over Illinois State in the 2007 Gateway Football Conference opener for both teams at Hancock Stadium. A crowd of 10,473 saw the Redbirds (2-3, 0-1 GFC) battle throughout the game against the Gateway's top defense, but in the end, it was the passing game of UNI that made the difference, as the Panthers (5-0, 1-0 GFC) moved to 5-0 on the season for the first time since 1992.



GAME 5

Tailback Geno Blow recorded his second-straight 100-yard rushing game, as the sophomore from Seabrook, Texas, led the Birds with 167 yards on 31 carries. Blow's total rushing yardage also set a career-best, beating his previous mark of 116 set last Saturday (Sept. 22) against Missouri. With a team-best tying 13 tackles in the game, linebacker Kye Stewart became the 12th player in Illinois State football history to record 300 or more tackles in a career. Defensive back Tom Nelson set a career-high in tackles with 13, while linebacker Bill Hronec tied his career-best tackles mark of 11.

While the defense of both teams dominated early in the first quarter, Blow gave the Redbirds an early 7-0 lead when he took a handoff from quarterback Luke Drone 50 yards into the end zone to conclude a four-play, 61-yard ISU drive that took 1:57 off the clock. Blow's 50-yard touchdown run was the longest of his career, beating his previous best of 39 yards set against Missouri State Nov. 4, 2006.

Northern Iowa took its first lead of the game with 47 seconds left in the first half when Sanders found wide receiver Victor Williams in the end zone for a six-yard touchdown pass, concluding an 11-play, 70-yard Panther scoring drive that took 4:21 off the clock. Kicker Billy Hallgren's PAT found its way through the uprights, giving Northern Iowa a 13-7 lead at halftime. UNI scored two field goals earlier in the quarter, with both coming off ISU miscues, as Drone threw an interception and running back Cortes Rice fumbled a pitch from Drone.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Iowa (5-0)	0	13	0	10	23
ILLINOIS STATE (2-3)	7	0	6	0	13

FIRST QUARTER

- ISU – Blow 50-yard run (Funk kick), 2:13

SECOND QUARTER

- UNI – Hallgren 19-yard field goal, 9:02
- UNI – Hallgren 25-yard field goal, 6:52
- UNI – Williams 6-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), :47

THIRD QUARTER

- ISU – Rourke 27-yard pass from Drone (kick failed), 4:38

FOURTH QUARTER

- UNI – Allen 5-yard pass from Sanders (Hallgren kick), 5:17
- UNI – Hallgren 43-yard field goal, 2:48

> Team Statistics

	UNI	ILS
First Downs	22	13
Rushing Attempts-Yards	51-203	38-151
Passing	16-26-1	12-23-3
Passing Yards	166	108
Total Offense	369	259
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	3-22
Time of Possession	32:17	27:43

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – Blow 31-167, C. Rice 1-(-7), Drone 6-(-9). (UNI) – Lewis 19-123, Williams 14-42, Sanders 12-37, Grave 1-7, Gray 2-0, Team 3-(-6).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 12-33-3-108. (UNI) – Sanders 16-26-1-166.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Harcar 4-14, Rourke 3-41, Mickle 2-33, Blow 2-11, Horton 1-9. (UNI) – Gray 6-67, V. Williams 4-46, D. Williams 2-27, Allen 2-13, Lewis 1-8, Mahaffey 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Stewart 7-6-13, Nelson 6-7-13, Hronec 5-6-11, Caesar 3-4-7, Wilson 3-3-6. (UNI) – Harris 3-8-11, Waters 7-2-9, Evans 3-4-7, Ruffin 3-3-6, Lacy 4-1-5.

Missouri St. 58, #22 Illinois St. 41

Oct. 6, 2007 • Springfield, Mo. • Plaster Field
Attendance: 11,058

> Game Summary

#22 Illinois State Loses Shootout with Missouri State

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – After trailing early and then regaining the lead, running back Geno Blow and the No. 22 Illinois State football team lost momentum in the third quarter and fell to the Missouri State Bears, 58-41, in front of 11,058 fans at Plaster Field in Springfield, Mo. Blow eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark for the third-straight game and led all rushers with 155 yards on the ground, but the Redbirds turned the ball over three times in the defeat.



GAME 6

Mid-way through the third quarter, Luke Drone found his rhythm and connected on three consecutive attempts, including a 14-yard strike to senior receiver Jason Horton, who managed to keep a foot in-bounds as he caught the 100th ball of his Illinois State career. The Redbirds were able to respond, 34-31, as Drone dove into the end zone.

Missouri State scored again, when Gerald Davis scored his second touchdown of the game, this time on a 17-yard run. Nathan Stokes made the extra point to give MSU a four-point advantage, 38-34, at the 2:20 mark in the third. The Bears were able to regain possession, when safety Derek Miller tipped Drone's pass intended for Horton on third down, and linebacker Jeron Poole made the grab to give Missouri State the ball at the 12-yard line. Cody Kirby then found tight end Clay Harbor on a 10-yard touchdown grab to close out the quarter and give MSU a 45-34 lead.

> Scoring Summary

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-4)	0	28	6	7	41
Missouri State (4-2)	10	14	21	13	58

FIRST QUARTER

- MSU – Stokes 22-yard field goal, 9:39
- MSU – Washington 23-yard run (Stokes kick), 5:51

SECOND QUARTER

- MSU – G. Davis 2-yard run (Stokes kick), 14:56
- ISU – Blow 30-yard run (Felzer kick), 10:34
- ISU – Drone 4-yard run (Felzer kick), 8:28
- ISU – Meredith 3-yard pass from Drone (Felzer kick), 5:12
- ISU – Blow 11-yard run (Felzer kick), 2:39
- MSU – Emery 2-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :15

THIRD QUARTER

- MSU – Washington 43-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), 9:10
- ISU – Drone 1-yard run (kick failed), 4:21
- MSU – G. Davis 17-yard run (Stokes kick), 2:20
- MSU – Harbor 10-yard pass from Kirby (Stokes kick), :41

FOURTH QUARTER

- MSU – E. Davis 64-yard pass from Kirby (kick failed), 11:43
- ISU – Blow 1-yard run (Felzer kick), 7:30
- MSU – G. Davis 5-yard run (Stokes kick), 1:42

> Team Statistics

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	26	28
Rushing Attempts-Yards	52-251	48-247
Passing	17-29-3	17-24-0
Passing Yards	163	277
Total Offense	414	524
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-30	4-20
Time of Possession	33:19	26:41

> Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (ISU) – G. Blow 26-155, R. Rice 17-77, Drone 8-21, Team 1-(-2). (MSU) – G. Davis 23-123, Washington 12-95, Kirby 12-31, Team 1-(-2).

PASSING: (ISU) – Drone 17-29-3-163. (MSU) – Kirby 17-24-0-277.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Meredith 5-30, Harcar 4-28, Horton 2-32, Mickle 2-32, Rourke 2-26, Salem 1-9, Blow 1-6. (MSU) – Harbor 6-79, E. Davis 3-84, Emery 2-18, Nicholson 2-27, Washington 1-43, G. Davis 1-18, Oliver 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Trujillo 4-7-11, Hronec 3-8-11, Stewart 0-9-9, Garrett 5-3-8, Caesar 3-4-7. (MSU) – Miller 5-8-13, Poole 3-10-13, Randolph 2-11-13, Dawson 1-10-11, Farrar 4-4-8.

2007 Game Recaps

Illinois State 69, Indiana State 17

Oct. 13, 2007 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium

Attendance: 14,077

> **Game Summary**

Illinois State Runs Over Indiana State, 69-17

NORMAL, Ill. — After battling a knee injury for three weeks, senior tailback Rafael Rice returned to the form that the Redbird offense had grown accustomed to seeing, as he rushed for 182 yards to lead the Illinois State football team to a 69-17 victory over Indiana State. Illinois State found the end zone on 10-straight drives, with senior quarterback Luke Drone throwing for three in the air, as the Redbirds snapped a three-game losing streak in front of 14,077 fans during the ISU's homecoming game.



GAME 7

Illinois State regained its swagger on offense as the Redbirds had five different players reach the end zone on the ground and had the second-highest rushing total (444) in school history. Senior wide receiver Jason Horton also had a big day, as the senior recorded four catches for 110 yards and a touchdown, while moving into seventh place in all-time career receptions (105) and in a tie for fifth place (12) on the school's career touchdown catches list.

The Redbirds had three players reach the 100-yard rushing mark, as Rice and sophomores Geno Blow (122) and Cortes Rice (110) became the first trio to record 100-plus rushing days in school history.

> **Scoring Summary**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Indiana State (0-7)	3	14	0	0	17
ILLINOIS STATE (3-4)	14	21	14	20	69

FIRST QUARTER

INS - Varnadore 19-yard field goal, 11:30

ILS - Drone 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 8:16

ILS - Blow 7-yard run (Fetzer kick), 6:50

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Mickle 5-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 13:00

INS - McCulley 7-yard run (Varnadore kick), 12:26

ILS - Harcar 6-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 8:06

INS - Gray 29-yard pass from Dowdell (Varnadore kick), 4:39

ILS - Horton 38-yard pass from Drone (Fetzer kick), 1:19

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - R. Rice 5-yard run (Fetzer kick), 9:26

ILS - Blow 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 5:33

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Brockway 1-yard run (Funk kick), 14:56

ILS - C. Rice 2-yard run (Funk kick), 11:11

ILS - C. Rice 6-yard run (kick failed), 7:06

> **Team Statistics**

	INS	ILS
First Downs	9	33
Rushing Attempts-Yards	35-183	71-444
Passing	4-13-1	9-10-0
Passing Yards	51	154
Total Offense	234	598
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-24	7-62
Time of Possession	23:06	36:54

> **Individual Statistics**

RUSHING: (ILS) - R. Rice 25-182, Blow 23-122, C. Rice 15-110, Drone 4-18, Brockway 3-13, Team 1-(-1). (INS) - Dowdell 12-68, West 8-65, McCulley 8-32, Collins 6-18, Murphy 1-0.

PASSING: (ILS) - Drone 8-9-0-139, Brockway 1-1-0-15. (INS) - Dowdell 3-10-1-48, Murphy 1-3-0-3.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Horton 4-110, Mickle 2-15, Salem 1-15, Meredith 1-8, Harcar 1-6. (INS) - Gray 2-34, Robinson 1-14, Thomas 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Hronec 4-4-8, Wilson 3-5-8, Cucci 1-6-7, Stewart 2-4-6, Caesar 1-4-5. (INS) - Middlebrooks 8-5-13, Mobley 6-6-12, Faulkner 4-4-8, Logan 3-5-8, Patrick 7-0-7.

2007 Illinois State Opponents' Schedule and Results

Drake (5-2, 2-1)

A30	at #7 Illinois State	W, 27-24
S8	Waldorf	W, 45-14
S15	at UW-Platteville	W, 20-7
S22	#4 Northern Iowa	L, 7-45
S29	Valparaiso*	W, 48-20
O6	Butler*	W, 37-19
O13	at San Diego*	L, 19-59
O20	at Davidson*	6 p.m.
O27	Jacksonville*	1 p.m.
N3	at Morehead State*	noon
N10	Dayton*	1 p.m.

Murray State (1-5, 0-3)

A30	at #10 Louisville	L, 10-73
S8	at #17 Illinois State	L, 17-43
S15	Lambuth	W, 48-13
S20	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 24-48
S29	Jacksonville State*	L, 24-40
O13	#23 Eastern Illinois*	L, 24-27
O20	at SE Missouri State*	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 (4-3, 3-1)

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

Missouri (5-1, 1-1)

S1	vs. Illinois	W, 40-34
S8	at Mississippi	W, 38-25
S15	Western Michigan	W, 52-24
S22	Illinois State	W, 38-17
O6	Nebraska*	W, 41-6
O13	at Oklahoma*	L, 31-41
O20	Texas Tech*	2:30 p.m.
O27	Iowa State*	tba
N3	at Colorado*	tba
N10	Texas A&M*	tba
N17	at Kansas State*	tba
N24	vs. Kansas*	tba

Northern Iowa (6-0, 2-0)

A30	Minnesota State	W, 41-14
S8	at Iowa State	W, 24-13
S15	at South Dakota State	W, 31-17
S22	at Drake	W, 45-7
S29	at #16 Illinois State*	W, 23-13
O13	Southern Illinois*	W, 30-24
O20	at #17 Western Illinois*	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 (4-3, 1-2)

A30	Missouri-Rolla	W, 62-17
S6	at #20 UT-Martin	W, 51-44
S15	at Kansas State	L, 10-61
S22	Central Arkansas	W, 42-38
S29	at #10 Youngstown State*	L, 21-49
O6	#22 Illinois State*	W, 58-41
O13	at #19 Western Illinois*	L, 10-31
O20	at #9 Southern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O27	Indiana State*	1:30 p.m.
N3	#4 Northern Iowa*	1 p.m.
N10	SE Missouri State	1 p.m.

Indiana State (0-7, 0-3)

S1	at Indiana	L, 7-55
S8	Austin Peay	L, 17-32
S15	at SE Missouri State	L, 10-13
S22	#20 Eastern Illinois	L, 20-54
S29	#7 Southern Illinois*	L, 10-72
O6	#23 Western Illinois*	L, 7-19
O13	at Illinois State*	L, 17-69
O20	Western Kentucky	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 (5-2, 2-1)

S1	at #11 Ohio State	L, 6-38
S8	South Dakota State	W, 23-17
S15	Stony Brook	W, 42-6
S22	Lock Haven	W, 35-3
S29	Missouri State*	W, 49-21
O6	at #6 Southern Illinois*	L, 17-24
O13	Southern Utah	W, 23-22
O20	Illinois State*	3 p.m.
O27	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N3	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
N10	Western Illinois*	noon

Western Illinois (5-2, 2-0)

A30	South Dakota State	W, 29-26 (4ot)
S8	at Illinois	L, 0-21
S15	Saint Francis	W, 69-0
S22	at Stephen F. Austin	W, 34-13
S29	#4 North Dakota State	L, 28-41
O6	at Indiana State*	W, 19-7
O13	Missouri State*	W, 31-10
O20	#1 Northern Iowa*	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 (6-0, 1-0)

S8	Stephen F. Austin	W, 28-19
S15	#16 Sam Houston State	W, 41-38
S22	at Central Michigan	W, 44-14
S29	at #17 Western Illinois	W, 41-28
O6	UC Davis*	W, 35-16
O13	at Mississippi Valley State	W, 58-7
O20	at Minnesota	11:07 a.m.
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 (6-1, 2-1)

A30	Quincy	W, 59-14
S8	at Northern Illinois	W, 34-31
S15	at Southern Utah	W, 44-10
S22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 58-3
S29	at Indiana State*	W, 72-10
O6	#10 Youngstown State*	W, 24-17
O13	at Northern Iowa*	L, 24-30
O20	Missouri State*	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.