

## Illinois State Postgame Notes Illinois State 54, Wright State 46

Feb. 24, 2008 • Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena • Normal, III.

## **ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL NOTES:**

- **Levi Dyer's** three-point field goal at the 9:07 mark in the first half was his first made trey since the 16:09 mark of the first half against Indiana State Jan. 27. Dyer played 108 minutes over a nine-game span between three-pointers.
- **Emmanuel Holloway's** three-pointer at the 16:13 mark in the second half gave the junior double-digit points. It marked the second-straight double-digit scoring game for Holloway and his sixth this season. It was the first time this season Holloway has posted back-to-back double-figure scoring efforts. He finished with a career-high 16 points on 6-for-9 shooting.
- Alex Rubin tossed in a career-best seven points
- The Valley's leading scorer, **Osiris Eldridge**, was held to single-digit points for the second-straight game, which is the first time that feat has happened this season. Eldridge scored seven points and is shooting 4-for-22 (.182) from the field in his last two games.

## **ILLINOIS STATE TEAM NOTES:**

- ISU ended the first half with a 5-0 run and started the second half with a 6-0 spurt. During the Redbirds' 11-0 run, Wright State was held scoreless for seven minutes and two seconds.
- Including the 11-0 spurt, the Redbirds used an 18-1 run to build a 35-21 lead. During that span (12:01), Wright State was held without a field goal, while shooting 0-for-5 from the field and committing seven turnovers.
- Through the first seven minutes and 23 seconds of the second half, Wright State was held to one field goal attempt.
- Illinois State improves to 9-3 in non-conference games this season, including a 7-0 mark at home.
- The Redbirds are 5-1 all-time in games created by the ESPN BracketBusters series.
- ISU improves to 14-1 this season when playing on Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena.
- The Redbirds are 7-6 when playing on Feb. 24 since the Division I era.
- The victory by Illinois State snaps Wright State's 11-game winning streak, which is the Raiders first loss since falling 65-63 to Cleveland State, Jan. 12.
- With the win, ISU helped boost the Valley's all-time mark to 19-9 (.679) on televised ESPN BracketBusters Series games, which is the best amongst all participating conferences.
- Boo Richardson's made three-point basket at the 14:03 mark in the first half extended Illinois State's streak to 259-straight games with at least one made three-point basket.
- ISU is 5-0 in ESPN BracketBusters Series games when leading at halftime.
- The Redbirds held Wright State to multiple team lows in ESPN BracketBusters Series games, including fewest first-half points (20), fewest total points (46), fewest field goals made (xx), fewest field goals attempted (45) and fewest rebounds (21).
- The victory gave ISU its 20th win of the season, its first since 2000-01. Head coach **Tim Jankovich** became the third ISU head coach to post 20 wins in their first season, joining **Bob Donewald** and **Gene Smithson**.