



Illinois State Postgame Notes

FINAL – #18 Illinois State 31, Eastern Michigan 14
Sept. 8, 2012 • Rynearson Stadium • Ypsilanti, Mich.

PLAYER NOTES:

- **Jonathon Miller** picked up first down on his first Redbird carry and followed that with a 58-yard TD run on his second carry to put the Redbirds up 7-0 in the middle of the first quarter. He finished the game with 81 yards on nine carries and averaged 9.0 yards per carry.
- **James O'Shaughnessy** caught his first pass of the season in the first quarter. It was his only catch of the game.
- **Ben Ericksen** recorded his first career interception in the second quarter. It also marked the first INT of the season for the Redbirds. Ericksen later added another interception in the fourth quarter to seal the Redbird victory.
- **Donovan Harden** caught a 22-yard touchdown pass from Matt Brown in the third quarter, marking his first touchdown of the season and second of his career at ISU.
- **Darrellynn Dunn** finished with 129 yards on a career-high 31 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns in the victory for the Redbirds. Dunn, who had just two touchdowns all of last year, has five in two games for ISU this season.
- With his 129 yards rushing, Dunn has now run for 100-plus yards in back-to-back games marking the first two 100-plus yard rushing performances of his career at ISU.
- With his 155 yards passing, **Matt Brown** has surpassed the 7,500 passing yards mark in his career at ISU. He currently sits third on the all-time list with 7,568 passing yards.
- Defensive end Shelby Harris tied a career high with five solo tackles and added a TFL in the win for the Redbirds.
- Middle linebacker **Mike Zimmer** picked off his second career interception, when he hauled in a tipped pass by Ericksen in the fourth quarter. Zimmer finished the game five tackles.
- Redshirt freshman **Alex Donnelly** had three tackles and a half TFL in his first career start, replacing the injured **Austin Davis**.

TEAM NOTES:

- With the victory, the Redbirds broke a 20-game losing streak to Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponents and picked up their first win over an FBS school since 1991 (Akron).
- The win is the first for head coach Brock Spack in three tries against FBS foes.
- With the win, Spack improves to 21-14 overall at Illinois State.
- ISU has now won five-straight games against Eastern Michigan, dating back to 1978.
- The Redbirds are now 2-0 to start the season for the first time since 1999, when the Redbirds finished 11-3 and advanced to the semifinals of the FCS playoffs.
- The Redbirds have now won seven of their last eight games overall dating back to last season.
- ISU scored 21 unanswered points in the second half and held the Eagles scoreless to come away with the road victory.
- In a dominant second-half effort, the Redbird held the Eagles to just three first downs in the second half, just 22 yards passing and 54 yards rushing.
- The Redbirds scored touchdowns on two of their first three possessions of the second half and forced three-straight punts from the Eagles to turn the tide in the game.
- Illinois State controlled the clock for most of the second half, with 21:42 in time of possession to just 8:18.

