



ILLINOIS STATE

GAME 5 • AT #8 NORTHERN IOWA • OCT. 11, 2008 REDBIRD FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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2008 ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

A30	at Marshall	L, 10-35
S13	at Murray State	W, 42-23
S20	#20 EASTERN ILLINOIS	L, 21-25
O4	at Indiana State*	W, 57-6
O11	at #8 Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
O18	MISSOURI STATE*	2 p.m.
O25	#6 NORTH DAKOTA ST.*	1:30 p.m.
N1	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	1:30 p.m.
N8	at #23 South Dakota State*	1 p.m.
N15	at #17 Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.
N22	#15 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:30 p.m.

All times are Central

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

ILLINOIS STATE COACHES

Denver Johnson (f)	Head Coach
Jim Williams (p)	Asst. Head Coach/OC/QB
David Ross (f)	DC/CB
Chris Patton (f)	STC/DL
Stafford Davis (f)	OL
Jonas Jackson (p)	DL
Mike Menefee (f)	S
Bobby Rhoades (f)	FB/TE
Steve Sigler (p)	LB
Holmon Wiggins (p)	RB
Jafar Williams (f)	WR

Game location: f - field, p - press box

REDBIRD RADIO NETWORK

Flagshipped by WJBC-1230 AM (Bloomington)
and on the internet at GoRedbirds.com.

- Dick Luedke, play-by-play
- Ted Schmitz, analyst
- Craig Fata, sideline
- Zach Parcell, studio host

TELEVISION

Mediacom (Cedar Falls, Iowa)

- Larry Morgan, play-by-play
- Danny Triplett, analyst



ILLINOIS STATE LOOKS TO REMAIN IN FIRST IN THE VALLEY; REDBIRDS HIT THE ROAD FOR FOURTH TIME IN 5 GAMES



Illinois State REDBIRDS
2-2 Overall, 1-0 MVFC

IN THE POLLS
N/A

LEADERS

Rushing: G. Blow
77/344/5 TD

Passing: K. Brockway
57-103-4/656/4 TD

Receiving: E. Salem
19/266/3 TD

Tackles: K. Hemphill
41 TT/1.5 TFL/0 INT



Northern Iowa PANTHERS
3-2 Overall, 1-1 MVFC

IN THE POLLS
#10 TSN/#8 FCS

LEADERS

Rushing: C. Lewis
100/512/2 TD

Passing: P. Grace
54-89-5/717/6 TD

Receiving: J. Gray
15/199/2 TD

Tackles: D. Lloyd
47 TT/2.5 TFL/1 FF

SETTING THE SCENE

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008
Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Kickoff: 4:05 p.m. CST
Stadium: UNI-Dome
Stadium Capacity: 16,324

PLAYER TO WATCH

Junior running back **Geno Blow** posted his first 100-yard rushing game of the season last Saturday at Indiana State. Blow rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries for his biggest output of the 2008 campaign. The Redbirds hope it was a test run for his game against Northern Iowa. Blow posted his best collegiate rushing performance against the Panthers last season. In the game at Hancock Stadium, Blow amassed 167 rushing yards on 31 attempts against UNI. He added a rushing touchdown, while averaging 5.4 yards per carry against the Panthers. Blow and the Redbirds will have their work cut out for them this season, as UNI ranks No. 28 nationally in rushing defense with only 108.2 yards allowed per game.



THE GAME

Illinois State heads into today's game in sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. In order to stay there, the Redbirds will have to defeat an old nemesis – the UNI-Dome and the Northern Iowa Panthers, who occupy the facility. UNI is off to a great start at home, boasting a 3-0 record in the dome this season and the Panthers have won 12 of their last 13 games at home.

THE SERIES

Today is the 25th meeting between the two programs. Northern Iowa leads the all-time series, 16-8, and has won four of the last five meetings, including the last two. Illinois State has faced the Panthers 11 previous times in the UNI-Dome and owns a 2-9 record at the facility.

THE COACHES

Illinois State: **Denver Johnson** (Tulsa, 1981) is 68-59 (.535) in his 12th season as a head coach, and 47-48 (.495) in his ninth season with the Redbirds. At Illinois State, Johnson is 27-28 against the Missouri Valley Football Conference, 20-20 versus non-conference opponents, 28-18 at home, 19-30 on the road, 1-1 in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs, 13-26 versus ranked opponents and 3-5 against Northern Iowa.

Northern Iowa: **Mark Farley** (Northern Iowa, 1987) is in his eighth season at his alma mater. In his first head coaching position, Farley has posted a 66-27 record with the Panthers. He was named the 2007 Eddie Robinson Head Coach of the Year by *The Sports Network*. Farley is 4-3 against Illinois State.

THE PROGRAM

- Illinois State was home to the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Defensive Player of the Year each season from 2002-06.
- The Redbirds had at least one player selected in the NFL Draft each year from 2005-07.
- In each of the past three years, ISU student-athletes have contributed more than 2,000 hours of community service to the Bloomington-Normal area.
- Redbird student-athletes posted a school-record 3.05 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) during the fall 2007 semester.

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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.

VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CALL

Teleconferences featuring the league's head coaches will be conducted each Wednesday during the season (Aug. 27 through Nov. 19). 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.valley-football.org. The call-in number is 913/312-1232.

Valley Football News/Notes	10:00 a.m.
Denver Johnson, Illinois State	10:05 a.m.
Trent Miles, Indiana State	10:10 a.m.
Terry Allen, Missouri State	10:15 a.m.
Craig Bohl, North Dakota State	10:20 a.m.
Mark Farley, Northern Iowa	10:25 a.m.
John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State	10:30 a.m.
Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois	10:35 a.m.
Don Patterson, Western Illinois	10:30 a.m.
Jon Heacock, Youngstown State	10:35 a.m.

All times are Central

WEEKLY MEDIA LUNCHEONS

_____ Tuesday, Aug. 26 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Sept. 2 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Sept. 16 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Sept. 23 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Sept. 30 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Oct. 7 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Oct. 14 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Oct. 21 at noon
_____ Monday, Oct. 27 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Nov. 4 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Nov. 11 at noon
_____ Tuesday, Nov. 18 at noon

THE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

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

NORTHERN IOWA WEEK													
Sunday	5	Monday	6	Tuesday	7	Wednesday	8	Thursday	9	Friday	10	Saturday	11
No Availability		Player/Coach Interviews (By appointment only – no practice)		Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building – noon		MVFC Teleconference Johnson – 10:05 a.m.		Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Practice Closed No interviews		Illinois State at Northern Iowa 4:05 p.m. CST	
				Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)		Denver Johnson Show Schooners 6-7 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 Keith Trivitt 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, but only the first 15 minutes are available to photographers. For all other media, it is recommended that an advance call be made to the athletics media relations office to check on the status of practice for a particular day.

REGULAR-SEASON 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 athletics media relations office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled interview.
- **Assistant Coaches:** Arrangements should be made through the athletics 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.

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

- Northern Iowa is located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and has an enrollment of 12,609. The Panthers are members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference.
- The Panthers return 13 starters, including seven on defense, from a team that posted a 12-1 record last season and claimed the Valley Football championship with a perfect 6-0 mark.
- Northern Iowa was picked to finish second in the preseason Valley Football poll. The Panthers had six student-athletes named to the preseason team, including four on defense. Junior defensive linemen Mark Huygens and James Ruffin were each named to the preseason team, along with linebacker De'Veon Harris and cornerback Darrell Lloyd. Johnny Gray was also named both as a wide receiver and return specialist, while running back Corey Lewis was named to the honorable mention team.
- The Panthers lead the Valley in quarterback sacks (2.4 per game), tackles-for-loss (7.2 per game) and quarterback sacks allowed (one per game).
- Lewis is second in the conference, and No. 18 nationally, in rushing with 102.4 yards per game.
- Ruffin has five quarterback sacks on the season, which leads the league and is tied for No. 5 in the nation.
- The Panther offense ranks No. 47 nationally in total offense with 369.2 yards per game. UNI's defense is No. 88 in total defense with 396 yards allowed per contest and is No. 113 in pass defense after surrendering 287.8 yards per game.

TIES WITH THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

- There will be a Moline High School reunion today on field of the UNI-Dome with Illinois State's **James Hoyt** and Northern Iowa's Billy Hallgren. In addition, UNI's Austin Howard (Davenport, Iowa) also hails from the Quad Cities.
- ISU's **Kelvin Chandler** (Dillard HS) and UNI linebacker De'Veon Harris (Ely HS) are both from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- UNI head coach Mark Farley lettered at Northern Iowa from 1983-86 and was a three-year starter at linebacker. As a player, Farley and the Panthers were 2-0 against Illinois State.
- UNI assistant coach Rick Nelson (offensive line/recruiting coordinator) cut his teeth in the coaching ranks as an offensive line coach for Missouri Valley Football Conference member Missouri State from 1989-99.
- Also formerly on staff at Missouri State was UNI co-defensive coordinator Chris Klieman, who oversaw the Bears' secondary in 1999. Klieman also worked at Western Illinois from 1994-96.
- Illinois State's Assistant Athletics Director for Facilities and Operations **Peyton Deterding** graduated from Northern Iowa in 1998.

NEEDING A COUGH SUPPRESSANT

ISU's opponents may think that the Redbirds are a little sick this year, judging by the number of times they have coughed the ball up on offense. Illinois State ranks 115th out of 118 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) teams in turnover margin, owning a -1.75 turnover margin. Illinois State did little to help that stat against Indiana State, as the Redbirds fumbled twice and didn't force any Sycamore turnovers.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CENTURY ... WELL, ALMOST

It's been a while since the Illinois State football team last opened its season with four of its first five games on the road – 99 years to be exact. The year was 1909, and Illinois State, under the direction of head coach **George Binnewies**, opened its season with four-straight games away from Normal, Ill., with games at Wabash (L, 0-27), Illinois Wesleyan (T, 0-0), Bradley (W, 5-0) and Lombard (L, 0-12). ISU finished 2-3-2 that season. The only other time that Illinois State has opened a season with four of its first five games on the road occurred in 1912, but that year was an anomaly, as ISU played only five games total.

THIS KID DOESN'T KIEL UNDER PRESSURE

As the Redbirds have learned this season, it is good to have a reliable back-up quarterback. Early in the year, starter **Kevin Brockway** battled a recurring chin injury, and redshirt freshman quarterback **Drew Kiel** has been ready at a moment's notice. In his seven full drives leading the Redbird offense, Kiel has led Illinois State to five touchdowns. He also completed the last 15 yards of Brockway's final drive at Murray State with another Redbird touchdown. Kiel was not available in the Eastern Illinois game, after undergoing appendectomy surgery three days prior to the game.

ALL-AMERICAN U.

ISU has produced at least one All-American player in 22 of the last 25 seasons. Over the last eight seasons, 30 players from 12 different positions have been honored. **Kye Stewart** was an All-America selection in 2007.

TEAM COMPARISON

	ILS	UNI
Points Scored	32.5	26.6
Points Allowed	22.2	23.0
First Downs	88	90
Rushing Yards	215.8	205.6
Rushing Defense	146.2	107.2
Passing Yards	180.0	163.6
Passing Defense	135.2	287.8
Total Offense	395.8	369.2
Total Defense	281.5	395.0
Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown	4/1	5/5
Sacks By/Allowed	4/8	12/5
Kickoff Return Avg.	20.8	18.6
Punt Return Avg.	23.2	10.2
Fumbles Lost/Gained	8/4	6/9
Penalties	23-165	28-260
Time of Possession	33:51	29:37
3rd-Down Conversions	31/65 (48%)	24/62 (39%)
4th-Down Conversions	2/4 (50%)	2/3 (67%)

TRANSFERABLE

Since 1993, when the NCAA rules changed to allow FBS transfers immediate eligibility at the FCS level, Illinois State has had 54 players transfer from FBS schools. ISU's FBS transfers on this year's roster include:

- Adam Blankenship (DL, Nebraska)
- Kelvin Chandler (WR, Pittsburgh)
- Kyle Cinzio (P, Rutgers)
- Parrish Fisher (RB, Kansas State)
- E.J. Jones (DB, Minnesota)
- Zach Kutch (K, Auburn)
- Walter Mendenhall (TB, Illinois)
- Jonathan St-Pierre (OL, Miami [Fla.]

THE REDBIRD RECORD BOOK

ISU Career Rushing Yards

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	3702
5. Larry Spinks (1973-76)	2523
28. Geno Blow (2006-)	1214

ISU Career Rushing Attempts

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	825
5. Ron Bell (1970-72)	543
36. Geno Blow (2006-)	239

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	37
4. Ron Bell (1970-72)	24
Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	24
t-12. Geno Blow (2006-)	13

ISU Career Receiving Yards

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	3007
5. Jason Horton (2003-07)	1778
t-31. Eyad Salem (2007-)	726
t-45. Jake Rourke (2006-)	555

ISU Career Receiving TDs

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	29
5. Jason Horton (2003-07)	13
t-14. Eyad Salem (2007-)	7

ISU Career Punt Yards

1. Mike McCabe (1985-88)	10444
5. Jim Oliveri (1974-76)	7419
9. Bobby Kelsey (2005-)	4295

ISU Career Punt Attempts

1. Mike McCabe (1985-88)	262
5. Ryan Hoffman (2001, 2003-05)	186
10. Bobby Kelsey (2005-)	108

ISU Career Punt Return Yards

1. Mike Prior (1981-84)	906
5. Estus Hood (1974, 1976-77)	685
11. Tom Nelson (2005-)	299

ISU Career Punt Returns

1. Mike Prior (1981-84)	108
5. Warren Calhoun (1985-87)	60
t-15. Tom Nelson (2005-)	26

ISU Career Kick Return Yards

1. Tom Nelson (2005-)	1340
2. Dennis Butler (2001-02)	1145

ISU Career Kick Returns

1. Tom Nelson (2005-)	62
2. Dennis Butler (2001-02)	50

ISU Career Interception Return Yards

1. Edroy Yancey (1980-83)	295
5. Bruce Bauer (1970-72)	159
16. Tom Nelson (2005-)	96

ISU Career Interceptions

1. Mike Prior (1981-84)	23
5. by three players	11
t-13. Tom Nelson (2005-)	7

ISU Career Tackles

1. Boomer Grigsby (2001-04)	580
5. Ryan Szokola (1997-2000)	397
28. Tom Nelson (2005-)	203

DOME, NOT-SO-SWEET, DOME

For the Illinois State football team, a dome is NOT where the heart is. Illinois State is just 2-9 all-time at Northern Iowa's UNI-Dome, which includes two-straight losses in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Redbirds' last victory over Northern Iowa at the UNI-Dome came Oct. 26, 2002, when ISU took down then-No. 17 UNI, 31-20. Illinois State head coach **Denver Johnson** is just 1-5 at the helm of the Redbirds when ISU plays in a dome, having lost to then-No. 22 (FBS) Minnesota, 37-21, Sept. 11, 2004, in the Metrodome, as well as a 54-28 loss to then-No. 1 North Dakota State last season in the Fargodome.

GONNA PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

Illinois State enters Saturday's game at Northern Iowa in sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Redbirds have not been in this position since the 1999 season, when ISU won the league title with a perfect 6-0 record.

QUICK EXCHANGES

If a football team is going to be successful, one of the best tactics it can take is to get the ball back from its opponent in the minimum four downs a team's offense is provided. Illinois State did just that last Saturday against Indiana State and reaped the benefits of it. The Redbirds successfully held the Sycamores to a "three-and-out" situation seven times in the game, which included five-straight times between the first and second quarter. The Redbirds' previous season-high for holding an opponent to a three-and-out situation in a game was five against Eastern Illinois Sept. 20

ROAD WARRIORS

Since 2005, the Redbirds have had reasonable success on the road. In the last 19 games away from Normal, Ill., the Redbirds own a 11-8 mark, including last week's 57-6 win at Indiana State.

THE THIRD PERIOD, A.K.A. THE DEAD PERIOD

For the Illinois State defense, the dead period has been the third quarter in its last two games against Eastern Illinois and Indiana State. Combined, the Redbird defense has held its last two opponents to minus-14 yards of total offense. The EIU offense totaled zero yards of offense in the third quarter against Illinois State, while Indiana State lost 14 yards in the quarter.

MOVING THE STICKS AND SCORING SIX

With **Geno Blow's** 1-yard touchdown run on Illinois State's opening possession at Indiana State, the Redbird football team found the end zone on its first drive for the second-straight game and the second time this season. Traditionally, that's a good thing, as the Redbirds own a 22-9 record during the **Denver Johnson**-era when scoring on their first possession.

THE THREE DEGREES OF ST-PIERRE

While **Jonathan St-Pierre** is in his third season with the Redbirds, he has already walked across the stage to receive two degrees, a bachelor's in economics from Illinois State and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Miami (Fla.). The Longueuil, Quebec, Canada, native is on pace to finish with three degrees by the time he leaves ISU in 2009. He is currently working on his master's degree in economics and is on target to have it completed in May 2009. In addition to three degrees, St-Pierre was also selected in the second round of the 2008 Canadian Football League Draft by the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

IT'S IN THEIR BLOOD ... THE NFL, THAT IS

Your upbringing plays a central role in the type of person you grow up to be, and in the case of three current Redbirds, their upbringing as collegiate football players includes NFL ties. Redshirt freshman quarterback **Drew Kiel's** uncle, Blair Kiel, had a seven-year career in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Indianapolis Colts, after starring at Notre Dame. Cornerback **Kelvyn Hemphill** also comes from an NFL bloodline, as his father, Darryl Hemphill, was drafted by the New York Jets and played one season with the Baltimore Colts. In addition, quarterback **Preston Earl** is the son of former Chicago Bear fullback Robin Earl.

BIPOLAR 'BIRDS

Illinois State was tabbed to finish eighth in the recently expanded nine-team Missouri Valley Football Conference, but the last time the Redbirds were projected to finish second-to-last in the conference race, ISU made a run at the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs. In 2005, the Redbirds were voted to finish seventh (in the then-eight-team league) on media day, but ISU finished with a 7-4 mark, including a 61-35 victory at then-No. 1 Southern Illinois; and a 38-3 win over then-No. 13 Northern Iowa.

ABOUT THE OFFENSE

- Under head coach **Denver Johnson**, Illinois State has produced the single-season record holder in both rushing and receiving, along with the No. 1 career receiver, the No. 2 career passer and the No. 2 career rusher.
- Illinois State has scored at least one touchdown in every game dating back to Nov. 20, 2004 (39 straight).
- Under Johnson, ISU has rushed for at least 200 yards 40 times, including 26 times since 2003.
- During the same time, the Redbird offense has totaled 22 games with 500 or more yards of total offense and 15 games with 300 or more passing yards.
- ISU's 2007 team missed perfect offensive balance by just 43 yards (2,237 passing and 2,194 rushing).

BLOW-ING INTO THE TOP-FIVE

It all started last season when junior tailback **Geno Blow** burst onto the Valley Football scene with five-straight 100-yard rushing games. Now, after his first 100-yard rushing game of the 2008 season – a 119-yard effort in ISU's 57-6 win over Indiana State Oct. 4 – Blow is primed for a run up the Redbirds' 100-yard rushing record. Blow has six career 100-yard rushing games and needs just one more to move into the top-five all-time at ISU.

THROUGH THE SKY, ON THE GROUND, HE'S ALL AROUND

Not only does quarterback **Kevin Brockway** have a strong arm and an ability to find a receiver on the run, he's also nimble in the rush, as he displayed last Saturday in ISU's 57-6 dismantling of Indiana State. Brockway racked up a career-high 60 yards on the ground over nine carries for an average of 6.7 yards per rush. Brockway was so successful, in fact, that he was the Redbirds' fourth-leading rusher in the game, and even outpaced one of ISU's main rushers, **Parrish Fisher**, who finished with 46 yards on the ground.

NOTHING LIKE A NICE RUN THROUGH THE FOREST

The last two times Illinois State has played Indiana State, the Redbird offense, particularly its running game, has blown past the Sycamore defense. In each of the last two meetings between the two teams, Illinois State has racked up over 400 yards rushing, including a season-high 410 yards last Saturday in the Redbirds' 57-6 win over the Sycamores. Last season, in the Redbirds' Homecoming game against the Sycamores, Illinois State had three, 100-yard rushers and totaled 448 yards on the ground.

THIRD-AND-EIGHTH IN THE NATION

If a football team is going to be successful, one thing that it must do is convert on third-down opportunities. That's exactly what Illinois State has been doing this season, as the Redbirds rank first in the Missouri Valley Football Conference and eighth in the nation in third-down conversions. Illinois State has produced a first down 47.7 percent of the time off a third-down opportunity this season.

FAMINE TO FEAST

Through the first three games of the 2008 season Illinois State was without a 100-yard rusher, until Saturday's game at Indiana State. The Redbirds' starting tailback **Geno Blow** surpassed the rushing milestone with 119 yards on 23 carries – Illinois State's first 100-yard rushing performance of the year. Before the game was over, senior running back **Walter Mendenhall** became the second Illinois State running back to eclipse the mark with 103 yards on 10 carries.

NO NEED TO SHARE

The Illinois State football team has been stingy when it comes to keeping the ball in its possession in games this season. So stingy, in fact, that the Redbirds rank seventh in the nation and second in the conference in time of possession (TOP) at 33:51 per game. Western Illinois is the only Valley team to hold on to the ball longer this season, as the Leathernecks' 36:52 TOP ranks first at the FCS level.

SALEM'S LOT

The football seems to be gravitating toward junior wide receiver **Eyad Salem**. He has led the Redbirds in receiving in three of the first four games. In his last seven games for the Redbirds, dating back to last season, he has recorded 39 catches for 581 yards, while scoring six touchdowns.

ROURKE IS ON THE MONEY

Jake Rourke had another catch at Indiana State, but for the senior wide receiver, it has always been about quality, not quantity. Again, Rourke's only catch resulted in a first down. That's kind of been the trend throughout his Illinois State career. For his career, Rourke has 38 career catches, 26 of which were "money" catches, or first-down grabs.

SENIOR QBs AND FIFTH STARTS

■ **Kevin Brockway, 2008 at Northern Iowa**

The Redbird senior enters the game at Northern Iowa with a 2-2 mark as an Illinois State starting quarterback.

Here are some past performances by former Redbird quarterbacks in their fifth game, who, like Brockway, didn't earn their first career start until their senior season:

■ **Yance Vaughan, 2004 vs. Missouri St. (W, 34-31)**

Vaughn was efficient with his passes, completing 22-of-36 pass attempts for 171 yards and one touchdown. Signs of a loss of his passing touch continued to persist, as Vaughn threw two interceptions and was sacked three times.

■ **Ed Cheatham, 1986 vs. Western Illinois (W, 17-7)**

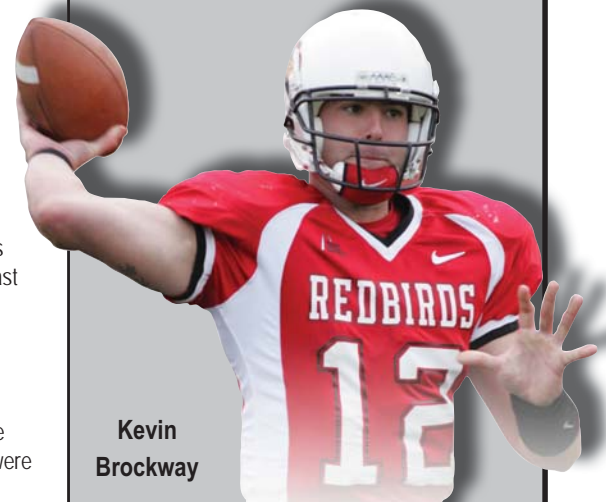
Did not play.

■ **Steve Stull, 1985 at Southern Illinois (L, 0-21)**

Steve Stull's impressive start thus far to his one (and only) season at quarterback for the Redbirds came to a screeching halt Oct. 5, 1985, in a disastrous 21-0 loss to Southern Illinois. Stull completed less than half of his pass attempts (15-of-34) for 103 yards, and did not throw any touchdowns for ISU. To make matters worse, he gave up two interceptions and was sacked four times by the Salukis.

■ **Harold Olson, 1968 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 41-14)**

With the Redbirds rushing for 298 yards, compared to just 84 by Eastern Illinois, it was little surprise that Olson would not have stellar passing numbers in Illinois State's 41-14 victory over the visiting Panthers. Despite completing just 3-of-10 passes for 67 yards, Olson was still a top contributor in the Redbirds' victory, as he ran in for two touchdowns, while also handing the ball off to his running backs for two more touchdowns.



Kevin Brockway

DEFENSIVE TDs IN JOHNSON ERA

- **2008**
None
- **2007**
None
- **2006**
Jarek Thomas 28-yard INT vs. Youngstown St.
Jason Tate 41-yard INT at Eastern Illinois
Jesse Caesar 45-yard INT at Eastern Illinois
- **2005**
Jesse Caesar 69-yard FR at Iowa State
Kye Stewart 42-yard FR at Eastern Illinois
Niall Campbell FR in end zone vs. Murray St.
James Temple 56-yard FR vs. Western Ky.
Kye Stewart 21-yard INT vs. Western Ky.
- **2004**
None
- **2003**
Cerone Colvin 23-yard FR vs. Western Ky.
Andrew Papoccia 18-yard FR vs. Indiana State
- **2002**
None
- **2001**
None
- **2000**
Jeffrey James 8-yard FR vs. W. Virginia Tech
Scott Cook 12-yard INT vs. Prairie View A&M
Tim Beshel 49-yard FR at Western Illinois
David Bull 6-yard FR vs. Missouri State



Tom Nelson

ABOUT THE DEFENSE

- Illinois State returns eight starters from a defense that ranked No. 102 last season nationally among 116 teams. The Redbirds allowed 427.9 yards per game, including 230.1 yards per game rushing. The ISU rushing defense ranked No. 110 nationally.
- Assistant coach **David Ross** enters his first season as the defensive coordinator at Illinois State and his third with the Redbird staff.
- In the **Denver Johnson**-era, the Redbird defense has held its opponent without a touchdown eight times, including once this season in the 57-6 win at Indiana State.
- This season at Indiana State, the Redbird defense held the Sycamores to 113 yards of total offense, which is the lowest team yardage allowed by the 'Birds in a Missouri Valley Football Conference game.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SEASON MAKES ...

One year ago, the Illinois State defense ended the 2007 season ranked No. 102 out of 118 teams at the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level in total defense after allowing opponents to rack up 427.91 total offensive yards per game. Things could not be any different this season. The Redbirds now rank No. 12 in the nation and best in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in total defense after having given up an average of just 281.50 total offensive yards per game to their opponents.

GIVING THE OPPONENT A HARD DOSE OF THE THIRD-DEGREE

Opposing offenses have practically been having their Miranda Rights read by the Illinois State defense in the first three games of the season. The Redbird defense has allowed only 13 first downs in 55 third-down situations. The 42-percent success rate has Illinois State ranked No. 1 nationally in the FCS in third-down conversion defense.

THE DRIVE STOPS HERE

The ISU defense is allowing just 12.75 first downs per game this season, the fewest first downs per game average in the nation. That's a vast improvement, after allowing an average of 21.5 first downs last season.

SAFETY DANCE

Illinois State's recovery of a bad snap from the Indiana State center in the Redbirds' end zone last Saturday marked the first safety recorded by the Redbirds since Oct. 25, 2003, versus Youngstown State, when Illinois State sacked the Penguin punter in the end zone.

STUFFING THE RUN

For the second-straight game, the Illinois State defense held its opponent to less than 100 yards rushing. Eastern Illinois gained 92 yards on the ground against the Redbirds, while Indiana State was held to 99 yards rushing last Saturday. The last time Illinois State held back-to-back opponents to less than 100 yards rushing was at the start of the 2006 season. The Redbirds held Kansas State to 44 yards rushing, before limiting Central Arkansas to 63 yards on the ground.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

The Buck Buchanan Award is presented annually by *The Sports Network* to the nation's best NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) defensive player. When acquiring a list of potential candidates, or a watch list, Illinois State is as good of place to start as any. Since 2002, the Redbirds have had one player finish in the top-five of the Buck Buchanan Award voting in each season. Even though Illinois State hasn't been able to claim the top honor, a Redbird has finished second twice and third twice. Here is a list of ISU's Buck Buchanan Award finalists:

- 2002 – **Boomer Grigsby** (LB) – Third
- 2003 – **Boomer Grigsby** (LB) – Second
- 2004 – **Boomer Grigsby** (LB) – Third
- 2005 – **Brent Hawkins** (DE) – Second; **Cameron Siskowic** (LB) – 13th
- 2006 – **Cameron Siskowic** (LB) – Fifth
- 2007 – **Kye Stewart** (LB) – Fourth

WHO'S GOT NEXT?

For the last six seasons, the Missouri Valley Football Conference's top tackler has worn an Illinois State uniform. Three-time league defensive player of the year **Boomer Grigsby** set the stage by leading the conference in stops in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Former Redbird linebacker **Cameron Siskowic** followed suit with back-to-back tackle titles in 2005 and 2006, and **Kye Stewart** led the league last season with 131 stops. **Kelvyn Hemphill** has been the odds-on-favorite after leading the Redbirds in stops in three of the first four games of the 2008 season. He ranks tied for No. 19 nationally and leads the Valley with 41 stops.

ABOUT THE SPECIAL TEAMS

- Under head coach **Denver Johnson**, Illinois State has scored four touchdowns on special teams, with two punt returns, including **Tom Nelson's** 82-yard return this season at Murray State, and one each via blocked punt and kickoff return. The Redbirds also have one extra-point return during that time.
- The Redbirds have blocked 23 kicks since 2000.

KEEPING UP WITH THE REDBIRDS

Owning the nation's best punt return average entering last Saturday's game at Indiana State, Illinois State surely had many teams envying its ability to run the ball back with great success on punt returns. The Redbirds added to this proficiency by racking up 158 punt return yards against the Sycamores. Those 158 punt return yards rank as the second-most in school history and the most in a Missouri Valley Football Conference game for ISU.

A STEP ABOVE THE REST

Illinois State has had a total of 23 defensive players record at least one tackle this season on special teams. Those 23 players have racked up a total of 43 tackles, but it is the effort of one player that has stood out from everyone: junior cornerback **Jason Tate**. The Lake Mary, Fla., native has totaled a team-high six special-teams tackles this season and is third on the team in total tackles with 23. Just behind Tate is redshirt-freshman tailback **Clifton Gordon** and kicker **Bobby Kelsey**, both of whom have four special-teams tackles apiece.

MAKING PR WORK FOR YOU

Entering Saturday's game at Northern Iowa, the Redbirds, thanks to their PR (punt return) practitioner **Tom Nelson**, rank No. 1 nationally in the FCS in punt return average. The Redbirds are averaging 23.2 yards per game and Nelson is tied for No. 1 individually in punt returns with 22 yards per return.

GETTING SOME KICKS

Through the first three games, Illinois State attempted just one field, a successful 22-yard kick by **Zach Kutch** against Marshall Aug. 30, but at Indiana State, the Redbirds split the uprights twice on a pair of three-point tries. Sophomore **Steven Fetzer** converted a pair of second-quarter field goals (24, 40), which doubled the season output for field goal kickers on the season.

A FULL NELSON

Well, it was almost the full length of the field, when senior **Tom Nelson** returned a punt 82 yards for a touchdown at Murray State. It was Illinois State's first punt-return touchdown since **Joe Walkins** ran in a 52-yard punt return for a touchdown against Youngstown State Oct. 23, 2004. Nelson's punt return also marked the fourth-longest in Illinois State history and the second-longest to be returned for a touchdown.

PLAYING A GAME OF FETZ

In the first three games of the season, the Redbirds used a two-kicker method with sophomore **Steven Fetzer** handling the majority of the extra-point duties, while newcomer **Zach Kutch**, a transfer from Auburn, served as the field-goal kicker. At Indiana State, Fetzer appeared to gain control of the position with a 2-for-2 effort on field goals and a 7-for-7 performance on extra points. For his effort, Fetzer was recognized as the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Special Teams Player of the Week.

2008 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Illinois State	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500
South Dakota State	2	1	.667	3	3	.500
North Dakota State	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Northern Iowa	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Western Illinois	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Southern Illinois	1	1	.500	2	2	.500
Youngstown State	1	1	.500	2	4	.333
Missouri State	0	1	.000	1	3	.250
Indiana State	0	1	.000	0	5	.000

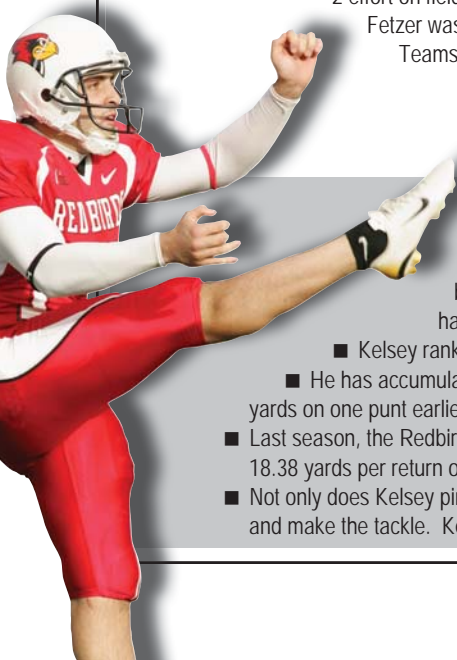
THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL

Oct. 11:

- Indiana State at Southern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
- Youngstown State at Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.
- **Illinois State at Northern Iowa, 4:05 p.m.**
- Western Illinois at North Dakota State, 6 p.m.

2008 VALLEY FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Points
1. North Dakota State (13)	289
2. Northern Iowa (15)	275
3. Youngstown State (1)	209
4. Western Illinois (4)	202
5. Southern Illinois (2)	201
6. South Dakota State	149
7. Missouri State	105
8. Illinois State	104
9. Indiana State	41



KELSEY GETS HIS KICKS

Illinois State's **Bobby Kelsey** is in his final season with the Redbirds. Kelsey started his ISU career as a field-goal kicker, but has evolved into one of the conference's top punters, and he handles the kickoff duties as well.

- Kelsey ranks No. 5 in school history with a 39.7 career punting average.
- He has accumulated 4,295 yards on 108 punts during his career, including 77 yards on one punt earlier this season at Murray State, his career long.
- Last season, the Redbirds ranked No. 23 nationally in kickoff return defense. ISU allowed 18.38 yards per return on Kelsey's 59 kickoffs in 2007.
- Not only does Kelsey pin the opponent with his kickoffs, he's also willing to go downfield and make the tackle. Kelsey has posted 24 tackles as a Redbird, including 16 solo stops.

START CHART

Offense

Player	2008	Streak	Career
Niklasch (OL)	4	28	29
Meredith (TE)	4	19	25
St-Pierre (OL)	4	24	24
Harcar (FB)	3	2	9
Madsen (OL)	4	4	8
Rourke (WR)	1	0	8
Salem (WR)	4	6	6
Blow (RB)	4	4	5
Mickle (WR)	0	0	5
Chandler (WR)	4	4	4
Brockway (QB)	4	4	4
Riley (OL)	3	0	4
Cross (OL)	3	0	3
Humbles (OL)	1	1	1
Zumbahlen (OL)	1	1	1

Defense

Player	2008	Streak	Career
Nelson (DB)	4	39	39
Blankenship (DL)	4	21	21
Garrett (DB)	4	15	15
Piton (DL)	3	0	14
Cucci (LB)	2	0	11
Hemphill (DB)	4	10	11
Wilson (DL)	0	0	8
Tate (DB)	4	4	8
Trujillo (LB)	4	4	5
Westbrook (LB)	3	1	4
Brunner (DL)	4	4	4
Phelps (DL)	4	4	4
Wright (LB)	2	2	2
Rivas (DL)	1	1	1
Siskowic (LB)	0	0	1
Kociuba (DB)	0	0	1
Hall (LB)	1	0	1

Specialists

Player	2008	Streak	Career
Kelsey (P)	4	17	38
Mazur (K)	0	0	25
Doyle (LS)	4	15	15
Fetzer (K)	4	10	10

PRONUNCIATIONS

Nick Broome	BROOM
Eric Brunner	brew-NER
Kyle Cinzio	sin-ZEE-oh
Graham Corcoran	CORK-or-an
Pat Cucci	COO-chee
Tyler Doering	DOOR-ing
Khenon Hall	KEY-nan
Brian Hehl	HAIL
Garin Harcar	GARE-in HAR-car
Drew Kiel	KEEL
Drew Kempe	KEM-pee
Casey Kociuba	coe-SEE-bah
Kevelt 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
Tunde Soyebó	TOON-day SOY-ay-bow
Tony Trujillo	TRUE-hee-yoh
Dane Zumbahlen	zum-BAH-len

* Letters won

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
LT	67	Landon Humbles*	6-4	265	Sr.	2	2	Peoria, Ill.
	79	Tyler Doering	6-5	285	Fr.	-	-	Barrington, Ill.
G	68	Erik Madsen**	6-3	280	Sr.	4	15	Bolingbrook, Ill.
	74	Nick Bledsoe	6-1	295	RFr.	2	2	Wheeling, Ill.
C	61	Jonathan St-Pierre**	6-3	305	Sr.	4	27	Longueuil, Quebec
	63	Charles Dennis	6-3	305	RFr.	3	3	San Antonio
RG	69	Joe Niklasch***	6-4	290	Sr.	4	29	Hartland, Wis.
	51	Cal McCarthy	6-2	270	RFr.	1	1	Shorewood, Ill.
RT	75	Dane Zumbahlen*	6-5	260	So.	1	11	Morris, Ill.
	79	Tyler Doering	6-5	285	Fr.	-	-	Barrington, Ill.
TE	47	Kedric Meredith***	6-3	270	Sr.	4	39	Peoria, Ill.
	5	Cody White	6-5	250	RFr.	4	4	Bloomington, Ill.
WR	84	Eyad Salem*	6-2	180	Jr.	4	15	Elgin, Ill.
	81	Marcus King	6-4	210	RFr.	4	4	Bloomington, Ill.
WR	80	Kelvin Chandler*	6-2	185	Sr.	4	10	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
	88	Kevelt Mickle**	6-3	200	Sr.	3	14	Orlando, Fla.
SL	10	Jake Rourke***	6-3	185	Sr.	4	30	Chatham, Ill.
	81	Marcus King	6-4	210	RFr.	4	4	Bloomington, Ill.
QB	12	Kevin Brockway***	6-4	225	Sr.	4	11	Crystal Lake, Ill.
	4	Drew Kiel	6-3	220	RFr.	3	3	Columbus, Ind.
FB	35	Garin Harcar**	5-11	255	Jr.	4	27	Grand Ridge, Ill.
	42	James Hoyt	6-0	240	RFr.	4	4	Moline, Ill.
RB	22	Geno Blow**	5-11	195	Jr.	4	20	Seabrook, Texas
	34	Parrish Fisher*	5-10	210	Sr.	4	10	Richardson, Texas

DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
DE	93	Adam Blankenship**	6-2	235	Sr.	4	28	Tulsa, Okla.
	60	Tom Speer**	6-4	230	Jr.	4	21	Macomb, Ill.
DT	55	Eric Brunner	6-2	255	RFr.	4	4	Glendale, Wis.
	95	Keenan Wimbley	6-2	245	RFr.	4	4	Ocoee, Fla.
DT	92	Blake Gumm	6-2	305	Jr.-TR	4	4	Somerset, Ky.
	91	Dave Rivas	6-3	245	So.	4	10	Chicago
DE	58	Doni Phelps	6-1	255	Jr.	4	4	San Pablo, Calif.
	57	Brandon Wilson**	6-2	240	Jr.	4	27	San Antonio
SLB	38	Tony Trujillo*	6-2	230	So.	4	15	Salt Lake City
	45	Kyle Siskowic**	6-1	225	Jr.	4	14	San Diego, Calif.
MLB	50	Tommie Westbrook*	6-0	230	So.	4	15	Chicago
	48	Pat Cucci***	6-1	240	Sr.	4	39	Winter Springs, Fla.
WLB	17	Paul Wright	6-0	210	So.	4	4	Martinez, Calif.
	1	Khenon Hall	5-9	195	Jr.	4	4	Dallas
CB	25	Chris Garrett*	6-0	175	Jr.	4	15	Concord, Calif.
	14	Antonio Adams	6-1	195	Jr.	1	1	Urbana, Ill.
SS	24	Kelvyn Hemphill*	6-2	180	So.	4	15	San Antonio
	1	Khenon Hall	5-9	195	Jr.	4	4	Dallas
FS	9	Tom Nelson***	6-0	200	Sr.	4	39	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	27	Jermaine Malcolm	6-4	210	So.	3	3	San Antonio
CB	21	Jason Tate**	5-11	175	Jr.	4	28	Lake Mary, Fla.
	2	E.J. Jones	5-10	185	So.	4	4	Edwardsville, Ill.
NB	1	Khenon Hall	5-9	195	Jr.	4	4	Dallas
	17	Paul Wright	6-0	210	So.	4	4	Martinez, Calif.

SPECIALISTS

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
KO	19	Bobby Kelsey***	6-2	220	Sr.	4	38	Channahon, Ill.
	6	Zach Kutch	5-9	172	Jr.	4	4	Milton, Fla.
PK	82	Steven Fetzer*	5-11	185	So.	4	10	Mahomet, Ill.
	6	Zach Kutch	5-9	172	Jr.	4	4	Milton, Fla.
P	19	Bobby Kelsey***	6-2	220	Sr.	4	38	Channahon, Ill.
	6	Zach Kutch	5-9	172	Jr.	4	4	Milton, Fla.
KR	9	Tom Nelson***	6-0	200	Sr.	4	39	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler*	6-2	185	Sr.	4	10	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
KR	34	Parrish Fisher*	5-10	210	Sr.	4	10	Richardson, Texas
	22	Geno Blow**	5-11	195	Jr.	4	19	Seabrook, Texas
PR	9	Tom Nelson***	6-0	200	Sr.	4	39	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	80	Kelvin Chandler*	6-2	185	Sr.	4	10	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
HO	16	Preston Earl*	6-2	225	So.	4	15	Lincolnshire, Ill.
	9	Tom Nelson***	6-0	200	Sr.	4	39	Arlington Heights, Ill.
LS	98	Joe Doyle*	5-11	235	Jr.	4	15	Worcester, Mass.
	45	Kyle Siskowic**	6-1	225	Jr.	4	11	San Diego

OFFENSE

WR	80	Kelvin Chandler	<i>Owens a 1984 cherry red Buick Regal with a T-top; enjoys street cars and muscle cars.</i>
LT	67	Landon Humbles	<i>As a freshman in high school, endured a scary scuba incident with a faulty scuba mask.</i>
LG	68	Erik Madsen	<i>Describes himself as being "mechanical;" would like to refurbish an older Camaro after football.</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>An avid Milwaukee Brewer fan, who inspires to pursue a career in college coaching.</i>
RT	75	Dane Zumbahlen	<i>Worked as a conservation worker at Goose Lake State Park during the summer of 2007.</i>
WR	84	Eyad Salem	<i>Lived with his family in Palestine for four years, from the age of 5 to 9.</i>
TE	47	Kedric Meredith	<i>Had an off-campus internship each of the last three summers (McLean County office, COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services and KPMG LLP).</i>
QB	12	Kevin Brockway	<i>Served as the backup quarterback for three seasons and enters 2008 with five career pass attempts.</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	22	Geno Blow	<i>Worked at a Whataburger in Seabring, Texas, for seven months - the first, and only, job he has had.</i>
PK	82	Steven Fetzer	<i>Participated in gymnastics for 11 years and stopped after his freshman year of high school.</i>

DEFENSE

DE	93	Adam Blankenship	<i>At the age of 18, rode a bull for 4.5 seconds.</i>
DT	55	Eric Brunner	<i>An avid outdoorsman, who likes to fish and hunt; goes fishing every year in Canada in Eagle Lake, Ontario.</i>
DT	92	Blake Gumm	<i>He and his dad have participated in a number of bass fishing tournaments on and near Cumberland Lake in Kentucky.</i>
DE	58	Doni Phelps	<i>Received his blackbelt in kajukenbo - mix of martial arts (name has roots in karate, judo and kendo), at the age of 16.</i>
SLB	38	Tony Trujillo	<i>Loves the outdoors; enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and riding four-wheelers.</i>
MLB	50	Tommie Westbrook	<i>In addition to football and wrestling, competed as a boxer in high school, fighting in the light-heavyweight division.</i>
WLB	17	Paul Wright	<i>His high school team, De La Salle, was ranked No. 1 in the nation in 2006 until the California State Championship game.</i>
CB	25	Chris Garrett	<i>Received a high school national championship ring in 2003 while playing at De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif.</i>
SS	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	<i>His father, Darryl Hemphill, played in the NFL for both the New York Jets and Baltimore Colts.</i>
FS	9	Tom Nelson	<i>Is an uncle - with two nieces - at the young age of 21.</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>
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

LB	48	Pat Cucci	<i>Likes to fish during his free time.</i>
RB	34	Parrish Fisher	<i>Growing up, he idolized Barry Sanders, and now he is a big LaDainian Tomlinson fan.</i>
WR	81	Marcus King	<i>Wasn't going to play football in college until an injury during his final year of basketball in high school changed his mind.</i>
WR	10	Jake Rourke	<i>Likes to go fishing and loves to curl up with a big bowl of popcorn.</i>
DL	60	Tom Speer	<i>A big fan of country music and wearing his cowboy boots.</i>
DL	57	Brandon Wilson	<i>Enjoys hunting wild boar and also likes to fish for large-mouth bass.</i>

	MAR	MURRAY	EIU	INS	UNI	MSU	NDSU	YSU	SDSU	WIU	SIU
Adams, Antonio	DNP	DNP	DNP	X							
Blankenship, Adam	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE							
Bledsoe, Nick	DNP	DNP	X	X							
Blow, Geno	S-RB	S-RB	S-RB	S-RB							
Brockway, Kevin	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB	S-QB							
Brunner, Eric	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT							
Chandler, Kelvin	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR							
Cline, Casey	DNP	DNP	X	X							
Corcohoran, Graham	X	DNP	X	X							
Cross, Michael	S-RT	S-RT	S-RT	INJ							
Cucci, Pat	S-SLB	X	S-MLB	X							
Dennis, Charles	X	X	DNP	X							
Doyle, Joe	X	X	X	X							
Earl, Preston	X	X	X	X							
Fetzer, Steven	X	X	X	X							
Fisher, Parrish	X	X	X	X							
Garrett, Chris	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB							
Gordon, Clifton	X	X	X	X							
Gumm, Blake	X	X	X	X							
Hall, Khenon	X	S-NB	X	X							
Harcar, Garin	S-FB	X	S-FB	S-FB							
Hemphill, Kelyvn	S-SS	S-SS	S-SS	S-SS							
Holtz, Brent	DNP	X	X	X							
Hoyt, James	X	X	X	X							
Humbles, Landon	DNP	DNP	X	S-LT							
Jones, E.J.	X	X	X	X							
Kelsey, Bobby	X	X	X	X							
Kempe, Drew	X	X	X	X							
Kiel, Drew	X	X	INJ	X							
King, Marcus	X	X	X	X							
Kociuba, Casey	X	INJ	INJ	INJ							
Kutch, Zach	X	X	X	X							
Madsen, Erik	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG	S-RG							
Malcolm, Jermaine	DNP	DNP	X	X							
Mendenhall, Walter	X	X	X	X							
Meredith, Kedric	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE	S-TE							
Nelson, Tom	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS	S-FS							
Niklasch, Joe	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG	S-LG							
Phelps, Doni	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE	S-DE							
Piton, Mike	S-DT	S-DT	S-DT	INJ							
Riley, Chris	S-LT	S-LT	S-LT	INJ							
Rivas, Dave	X	X	X	S-DT							
Rourke, Jake	X	S-WR	X	X							
Salem, Eyad	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR	S-WR							
Sankey, Ray	X	X	X	X							
Siskowic, Kyle	X	X	X	X							
Speer, Tom	X	X	X	X							
St-Pierre, Jonathan	S-C	S-C	S-C	S-C							
Tate, Jason	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB	S-CB							
Trujillo, Tony	S-WLB	S-WLB	S-SLB	S-SLB							
Westbrook, Tommie	S-MLB	S-MLB	X	S-MLB							
White, Cody	X	X	X	X							
Wilson, Brandon	X	X	X	X							
Whigham, Bert	INJ	X	X	X							
Wimbley, Keenan	X	X	X	X							
Wright, Paul	X	X	S-WLB	S-WLB							
Zumbahlen, Dane	DNP	DNP	DNP	S-RT							

REDBIRD CAPTAINS

Game	Redbird Captains
at Marshall	Blankenship, Brockway, Meredith, Nelson
at Murray State	Blankenship, Cucci, Fisher, St-Pierre
Eastern Illinois	Humbles, Kelsey, Nelson, Rourke
at Indiana St.	Blankenship, Brockway, Nelson, Niklasch
at Northern Iowa	
Missouri State	
North Dakota St.	
Youngstown St.	
at South Dakota St.	
at Western Illinois	
Southern Illinois	

VALLEY FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

- Geno Blow (Sept. 14) – 20 att., 98 yds., 2 TDs

DEFENSE

None

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Steven Fetzer (Oct. 5) – 7-for-7 PATs; 2-for-2 FGs

OFFENSIVE LINE

- Joe Niklasch (Sept. 15) – 72 snaps, 92%, 8 KDs

#14 • Antonio Adams • DB

Tackles: 5 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 5 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#93 • Adam Blankenship • DL

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 • TB

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: 77 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Receptions: 3 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Receiving Yards: 24 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

#12 • Kevin Brockway • QB

Attempts: 38 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Completions: 20 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Yards: 240 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Touchdowns: 2, twice
 Long Pass: 43, twice
 Interceptions: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Rushing Yards: 60 at Indiana State, 10-4-08

#55 • Eric Brunner • DL

Tackles: 6 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Solos: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Assists: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Sacks: 1 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 TFLs: 1.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Interceptions: 0

#80 • Kelvin Chandler • WR

Receptions: 4, three times
 Receiving Yards: 77 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 43 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08

#48 • Pat Cucci • LB

Tackles: 7, three times
 Solos: 5 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Assists: 6, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 1, three times

#82 • Steven Fetzer • K

Field Goals Made: 2, twice
 Field Goals Attempted: 3 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Longest Field Goal: 47 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Most PATs: 7, twice

#34 • Parrish Fisher • RB

Rushing Yards: 112 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Rushing Attempts: 18 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Rushing TDs: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Longest Rush: 49 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Receptions: 3 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Receiving Yards: 39 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Kickoff Returns: 5, twice
 Kickoff Return Yards: 133 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Long Kickoff Return: 37 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08

#25 • Chris Garrett • DB

Tackles: 8, twice
 Solos: 6 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Assists: 2, three times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#31 • Clifton Gordon • RB

Rushing Yards: 61 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Rushing Attempts: 9 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Rushing TDs: 0
 Longest Rush: 16 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Receptions: 0
 Receiving Yards: 0

#92 • Blake Gumm • DL

Tackles: 3, twice
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 2, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08

#1 • Khenon Hall • DB

Tackles: 3 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Solos: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Assists: 1 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 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, five times

#24 • Kelvyn Hemphill • DB

Tackles: 17 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Solos: 7, twice
 Assists: 10 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Interceptions: 1 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

#49 • Josh Howe • LB

Tackles: 1, twice
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#2 • E.J. Jones • DB

Tackles: 3, three times
 Solos: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Assists: 3 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#19 • Bobby Kelsey • P

Punts: 9 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Punt Yardage: 370 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Average per Punt: 48.0 (two punts) vs. S. Illinois, 10-14-06
 Long Punt: 77 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Punts Inside 20: 3, twice

#4 • Drew Kiel • QB

Attempts: 5 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Completions: 4 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Yards: 33 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Pass: 17 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 0
 Rushing Yards: 17 at Murray State, 9-13-08

#81 • Marcus King • WR

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 19 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 19 at Marshall, 8-30-08

#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

#6 • Zach Kutch • K

Field Goals Made: 1 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Field Goals Attempted: 1 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Longest Field Goal: 22 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Most PATs: 1 at Murray State, 9-13-08

#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

#39 • Walter Mendenhall • RB

Rushing Yards: 103 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Rushing Attempts: 10 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Rushing TDs: 2 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Longest Rush: 40 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Receptions: 0
 Receiving Yards: 0

#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: 26 at Southern Illinois, 11-10-07

#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

#9 • Tom Nelson • DB

Tackles: 14 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Solos: 7 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists: 8, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, four times
 Interceptions: 2, twice
 Kickoff Returns: 8 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Kickoff Return Yards: 150 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Long Kickoff Return: 59 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Punt Returns: 5 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Punt Return Yards: 102 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Long Punt Return: 82 at Murray State, 9-13-08

#58 • Doni Phelps • DL

Tackles: 6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Solos: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Assists: 4, twice
 Sacks: 0.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 TFLs: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08

#62 • Mike Piton • DL

Tackles: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Solos: 2, five times
 Assists: 8 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Interceptions: 0

#56 • Michael Rhines • DL

Tackles: 4 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Solos: 1 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Assists: 3 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 2 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 0

#91 • Dave Rivas • DL

Tackles: 4 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Solos: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists: 4 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Sacks: 1 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 TFLs: 1.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions: 0

#10 • Jake Rourke • WR

Receptions: 4 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Receiving Yards: 66 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 61 vs. Central Arkansas, 9-9-06

#59 • Ray Sankey • DL

Tackles: 6 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Solos: 3 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Assists: 3 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 0

#84 • Eyad Salem • WR

Receptions: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Receiving Yards: 176 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Touchdowns: 2 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Long Reception: 45 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles: 6 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Solos: 2 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Assists: 5 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#96 • Tunde Soyobo • DL

Tackles: 3, twice
 Solos: 1 vs. Indiana State, 10-13-07
 Assists: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 10-27-07
 Sacks: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 Interceptions: 0

#60 • Tom Speer • DL

Tackles: 2, three times
 Solos: 1, four times
 Assists: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 Interceptions: 0

#21 • Jason Tate • DB

Tackles: 9, twice
 Solos: 6 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 Assists: 5, three times
 Sacks: 1 vs. Drake, 8-30-07
 TFLs: 2 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 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: 0.5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Interceptions: 0

#50 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

Tackles: 8 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Solos: 3 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Assists: 7 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Sacks: 0.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 TFLs: 1 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 0

#57 • Brandon Wilson • DE

Tackles: 8, twice
 Solos: 4 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Assists: 6 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
 Sacks: 1.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 9-29-07
 TFLs: 2 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Interceptions: 0

#95 • Keenan Wimbley • 95

Tackles: 1, twice
 Solos: 1 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Assists: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Sacks: 1 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 TFLs: 1 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Interceptions: 0

#17 • Paul Wright • LB

Tackles: 9 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 7 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Interceptions: 0

GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance
08-30-08	at MARSHALL	L	10-35	25661
09-13-08	at Murray State	W	42-23	5255
09-20-08	#20 EASTERN ILLINOIS	L	21-25	14023
* 10-04-08	at Indiana State	W	57-6	3971

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	88	51
Rushing	50	27
Passing	34	22
Penalty	4	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	863	585
Rushing Attempts	188	139
Average Per Rush	4.6	4.2
Average Per Game	215.8	146.2
TDs Rushing	10	4
PASSING YARDAGE	720	541
Att-Comp-Int	112-63-4	97-48-1
Average Per Pass	6.4	5.6
Average Per Catch	11.4	11.3
Average Per Game	180.0	135.2
TDs Passing	6	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	1583	1126
Average Per Play	5.3	4.8
Average Per Game	395.8	281.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	18-375	23-484
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	11-255	8-104
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	4-39
FUMBLES-LOST	12-8	7-4
PENALTIES-Yards	23-165	18-153
PUNTS-AVG	20-42.2	29-39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:51	26:09
3RD-DOWN Conversions	31/65	13/55
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/4	2/6

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois State	42	20	33	35	130
Opponents	17	20	17	35	89

RUSHING

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Blow,Geno	4	77	350	6	344	4.5	5	18	86.0
Fisher,Parrish	4	44	201	4	197	4.5	2	14	49.2
Mendenhall,W.	4	15	145	2	143	9.5	3	40	35.8
Gordon,Clifton	4	10	69	1	68	6.8	0	16	17.0
Brockway,Kevin	4	32	125	58	67	2.1	0	14	16.8
Kiel,Drew	3	9	54	9	45	5.0	0	15	15.0
TEAM	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	4	188	944	81	863	4.6	10	40	215.8
Opponents.....	4	139	718	133	585	4.2	4	54	146.2

PASSING

	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Brockway,Kevin	4	113.89	57-103-4	55.3	656	4	43	164.0
Kiel,Drew	3	224.70	6-8-0	75.0	64	2	17	21.3
TEAM	3	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	4	120.79	63-112-4	56.2	720	6	43	180.0
Opponents.....	4	114.68	48-97-1	49.5	541	6	88	135.2

RECEIVING

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Salem,Eyad	4	19	266	14.0	3	43	66.5
Chandler,Kelvin	4	11	153	13.9	1	43	38.2
Rourke,Jake	4	11	98	8.9	0	19	24.5
Harcar,Garin	4	8	83	10.4	1	17	20.8
Blow,Geno	4	5	10	2.0	0	6	2.5
Fisher,Parrish	4	4	53	13.2	0	20	13.2
King,Marcus	4	2	26	13.0	0	19	6.5
Meredith,Kedric	4	2	14	7.0	0	14	3.5
Mickle,Kevett	3	1	17	17.0	1	17	5.7
Total.....	4	63	720	11.4	6	43	180.0
Opponents.....	4	48	541	11.3	6	88	135.2

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	9	198	22.0	1	82
Jones, E.J.	1	13	13.0	0	13
Chandler, Kelvin	1	44	44.0	0	44
Total.....	11	255	23.2	1	82
Opponents.....	8	104	13.0	0	26

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nelson, Tom	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	4	39	9.8	0	29

KICK RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Fisher, Parrish	10	236	23.6	0	37
Nelson, Tom	6	120	20.0	0	27
Harcar, Garin	1	19	19.0	0	19
Kempe, Drew	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	18	375	20.8	0	37
Opponents.....	23	484	21.0	0	34

SCORING

	TD	FGs	----- PATS -----					DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
Blow, Geno	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30	
Fetzer, Steven	0	2-2	16-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	22	
Mendenhall, W.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Salem, Eyad	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Fisher, Parrish	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Mickle, Kevett	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Chandler, Kelvin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Nelson, Tom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Harcar, Garin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Kutch, Zach	0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4	
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2	
Total.....	17	3-3	17-17	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	130	
Opponents.....	11	5-5	8-9	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	89	

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Brockway, Kevin	4	135	67	656	723	180.8
Blow, Geno	4	77	344	0	344	86.0
Fisher, Parrish	4	44	197	0	197	49.2
Mendenhall, W.	4	15	143	0	143	35.8
Kiel, Drew	3	17	45	64	109	36.3
Gordon, Clifton	4	10	68	0	68	17.0
TEAM	3	2	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Total.....	4	300	863	720	1583	395.8
Opponents.....	4	236	585	541	1126	281.5

FIELD GOALS

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Kutch, Zach	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	22	0
Fetzer, Steven	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	40	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Kelsey, Bobby	20	845	42.2	77	1	4	7	0
Total.....	20	845	42.2	77	1	4	7	0
Opponents.....	29	1154	39.8	62	0	4	10	0

ALL-PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Fisher, Parrish	4	197	53	0	236	0	486	121.5
Blow, Geno	4	344	10	0	0	0	354	88.5
Nelson, Tom	4	0	0	198	120	0	318	79.5
Salem, Eyad	4	0	266	0	0	0	266	66.5
Chandler, Kelvin	4	0	153	44	0	0	197	49.2
Mendenhall, W.	4	143	0	0	0	0	143	35.8
Harcar, Garin	4	0	83	0	19	0	102	25.5
Rourke, Jake	4	0	98	0	0	0	98	24.5
Gordon, Clifton	4	68	0	0	0	0	68	17.0
Brockway, Kevin	4	67	0	0	0	0	67	16.8
Kiel, Drew	3	45	0	0	0	0	45	15.0
King, Marcus	4	0	26	0	0	0	26	6.5
Mickle, Kevett	3	0	17	0	0	0	17	5.7
Meredith, Kedric	4	0	14	0	0	0	14	3.5
Jones, E.J.	4	0	0	13	0	0	13	3.2
TEAM	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Total.....	4	863	720	255	375	0	2213	553.2
Opponents.....	4	585	541	104	484	39	1753	438.2

	GP-GS	TACKLES				SACKS		PASS DEF			FUMBLES		BLKD	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	NO-YARDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF	
24 Hemphill,Kelvyn	4-4	19	22	41	1.5-6			1						
50 Westbrook,T.	4-3	4	21	25	2.0-9	0.5-5		1		2--1				
21 Tate,Jason	4-4	7	16	23	3.0-11			2						
9 Nelson,Tom	4-4	8	10	18	1.0-2		1-0	2	1	1-0				
17 Wright,Paul	4-2	5	13	18	1.5-3			2	1		1			
48 Cucci,Pat	4-2	4	12	16	2.5-5			3						
58 Phelps,Doni	4-4	3	13	16	1.5-6	0.5-4								
38 Trujillo,Tony	4-4	4	10	14	0.5-2			1						
62 Piton,Mike	3-3	5	9	14	3.0-11			1	1	1-0				
25 Garrett,Chris	4-4	10	3	13	2.0-3				1					
55 Brunner,Eric	4-4	2	10	12	2.0-10	1.0-9			3					
92 Gumm,Blake	4-0	4	5	9	2.0-7									
2 Jones,E.J.	4-0	4	5	9								1		
57 Wilson,Brandon	4-0	4	4	8		1.0-0						1		
93 Blankenship,A.	4-4	1	6	7										
59 Sankey,Ray	4-0	3	4	7	0.5-1									
1 Hall,Khenon	4-1	3	2	5										
31 Gordon,Clifton	4-0	1	4	5										
14 Adams,Antonio	1-0		5	5										
19 Kelsey,Bobby	4-0		4	4										
91 Rivas,Dave	4-1		4	4										
60 Speer,Tom	4-0	2	2	4										
56 Rhines,Michael	2-0	1	3	4	2.0-9									
45 Siskowic,Kyle	4-0		3	3										
6 Kutch,Zach	4-0		3	3										
49 Howe,Josh	3-0		2	2										
95 Wimbley,Keenan	3-0	1	1	2	1.0-8	1.0-8		1						
76 Riley,Chris	4-3	1		1										
47 Meredith,Kedric	4-4	1		1										
70 Cross,Michael	3-3	1		1										
39 Mendenhall,W.	4-0	1		1										
80 Chandler,Kelvin	4-4		1	1										
84 Salem,Eyad	4-4	1		1										
42 Hoyt,James	4-0		1	1										
98 Doyle,Joe	4-0		1	1										
22 Blow,Geno	4-4	1		1										
32 Whigham,Bert	3-0		1	1										
27 Malcolm,J.	2-0		1	1										
12 Brockway,Kevin	4-4		1	1										
TM TEAM	3-0												1	
Total.....	4-0	101	202	303	26-93	4-26	1-0	14	7	4--1	3		1	
Opponents.....	4-0	125	251	376	20.0-78	8-60	4-39	14	19	8-0	5			

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	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	3	5	-	-
Illinois State FG	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Opponent TD	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	1	2	-
Opponent FG	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Red-Zone Analysis	Illinois State				Opponent			
	Game	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	Inside	Scores	TD/FG
at Marshall	3	2	1/1	66.7	4	3	3/0	75.0
at Murray State	5	5	5/0	100.0	2	2	2/0	100.0
Eastern Illinois	2	2	2/0	100.0	3	2	1/1	66.7
at Indiana State	7	6	5/1	85.7	2	2	0/2	100.0
at Northern Iowa								
Missouri State								
North Dakota State								
Youngstown State								
at South Dakota State								
at Western Illinois								
Southern Illinois								
Totals	17	15	13/2	88.2	11	9	6/3	81.8

Time of Possession							
Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
at Marshall	L, 10-35	39:00	11:18	9:53	11:14	6:35	
at Murray State	W, 42-23	33:23	8:29	5:15	9:47	9:52	
Eastern Illinois	L, 21-25	28:44	6:01	7:05	9:43	5:55	
at Indiana State	W, 57-6	34:15	7:37	9:11	11:30	5:57	
at Northern Iowa							
Missouri State							
North Dakota State							
Youngstown State							
at South Dakota State							
at Western Illinois							
Southern Illinois							
Illinois State	Total	135:22	33:25	31:24	42:14	28:19	
	Avg.	33:50	8:21	7:51	10:33	7:04	
Opponents	Total	104:38	26:35	28:36	17:46	31:41	
	Avg.	26:09	6:38	7:09	4:26	7:55	

WHEN ILLINOIS STATE HAS THE BALL ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total	Pct.
at Marshall	2/2	1/2	-	-	0/3	0/1	1/1	0/2	1/2	2/7	7/20	35.0
at Murray State	3/3	2/2	1/3	1/1	0/1	1/2	1/1	0/1	-	0/2	9/16	56.3
Eastern Illinois	-	1/2	0/1	-	-	3/3	1/2	2/3	0/1	0/4	7/16	43.8
at Indiana State	2/3	-	1/2	1/1	2/2	-	1/1	1/3	-	0/1	8/13	61.5
at Northern Iowa												
Missouri State												
North Dakota State												
Youngstown State												
at South Dakota State												
at Western Illinois												
Southern Illinois												
Totals	7/8	4/6	2/6	2/2	2/6	4/6	4/5	3/9	1/3	2/14	31/65	47.7
PCT	87.5	66.7	33.3	100.0	33.3	66.7	80.0	33.3	33.3	14.3	47.7	

WHEN OPPONENT HAS THE BALL ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total	Pct.
at Marshall	0/2	-	-	-	1/2	-	0/2	-	0/3	0/1	1/10	10.0
at Murray State	1/3	-	1/2	1/1	0/2	-	-	-	-	0/6	3/14	21.4
Eastern Illinois	0/1	1/2	0/2	1/1	-	2/3	1/2	0/2	-	0/3	5/16	31.3
at Indiana State	0/0	0/0	0/2	1/1	2/3	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/7	4/15	26.7
at Northern Iowa												
Missouri State												
North Dakota State												
Youngstown State												
at South Dakota State												
at Western Illinois												
Southern Illinois												
Totals	1/6	1/2	1/6	3/3	3/7	2/5	1/4	0/2	0/3	1/17	13/55	23.6
PCT	16.7	50.0	16.7	100.0	42.9	40.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	23.6	

THE SPORTS NETWORK POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. James Madison (104)	2,793	1
2. Appalachian State (4)	2,558	2
3. McNeese State (1)	2,461	4
4. New Hampshire (2)	2,218	5
5. Richmond	2,160	6
6. Elon	1,971	7
7. Cal Poly	1,943	8
8. Wofford	1,785	9
9. Villanova	1,752	14
10. Northern Iowa*	1,671	10
11. North Dakota State*	1,599	17
12. Montana	1,553	3
13. Massachusetts	1,405	18
14. Central Arkansas	1,038	19
15. Liberty	975	20
16. Southern Illinois*	881	13
17. Western Illinois*	751	21
18. Northern Arizona	688	24
19. Jacksonville State	668	22
20. Furman	615	15
21. The Citadel	501	NR
23. Eastern Washington	458	11
24. Delaware	406	16
25. South Dakota State*	286	23

*Missouri Valley Football Conference member
Illinois State opponent

THE FCS COACHES' POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. James Madison (28)	700	1
2. Appalachian State	659	3
3. McNeese State	630	4
4. New Hampshire	585	5
5. Richmond	549	7
6. North Dakota State*	540	6
7. Cal Poly	526	8
8. Northern Iowa*	484	10
9. Wofford	473	9
10. Montana	463	2
11. Massachusetts	425	12
12. Elon	391	15
13. Villanova	366	16
14. Central Arkansas	296	19
15. Southern Illinois*	265	11
16. Liberty	259	21
17. Northern Arizona	204	24
18. Jacksonville State	193	23
19. Western Illinois*	182	22
20. Delaware	151	14
21. Furman	118	17
22. Eastern Washington	107	13
23. South Dakota State*	81	18
24. Tennessee State	73	NR
25. The Citadel	64	20

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REDBIRDS IN THE POLLS

	TSN	FCS
Week 1	NR	NR
Week 2	NR	NR
Week 3	NR	NR
Week 4	NR	NR
Week 5	NR	NR
Week 6	RV (1)	NR

ILLINOIS STATE'S SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
1	at Marshall	1:08	Salem 4-yard pass from Kiel	Fetzer kick	17-76	9:38	7-7
3	at Marshall	7:10	Kutch 22-yard field goal		10-68	4:29	10-21
1	at Murray St.	:24	Fisher 3-yard run	Fetzer kick	13-64	5:08	7-0
2	at Murray St.	10:11	Nelson 82-yard punt return	Fetzer kick			14-0
3	at Murray St.	8:27	Blow 1-yard run	Fetzer kick	13-73	6:27	21-10
4	at Murray St.	10:29	Fisher 11-yard run	Fetzer kick	9-60	4:19	28-10
4	at Murray St.	3:57	Blow 18-yard run	Fetzer kick	4-43	1:45	35-16
4	at Murray St.	:55	Mendenhall 10-yard run	Kutch kick	6-47	1:26	42-23
1	Eastern Illinois	8:07	Salem 15-yard pass from Brockway	Fetzer kick	7-62	3:22	7-0
1	Eastern Illinois	3:26	Chandler 43-yard pass from Brockway	Fetzer kick	3-74	1:12	14-7
3	Eastern Illinois	8:57	Blow 3-yard run	Fetzer kick	12-70	5:55	21-7
1	at Indiana State	4:21	Blow 1-yard run	Fetzer kick	12-58	5:51	7-3
1	at Indiana State	:52	Harcar 16-yard pass from Brockway	Fetzer kick	4-44	1:39	14-3
2	at Indiana State	12:20	Fetzer 24-yard field goal		4-3	2:04	17-3
2	at Indiana State	8:46	Fetzer 40-yard field goal		8-30	2:32	20-3
2	at Indiana State	1:28	Salem 43-yard pass from Brockway	Fetzer kick	3-53	:58	27-3
3	at Indiana State	10:41	Blow 1-yard run	Fetzer kick	10-55	4:14	34-6
3	at Indiana State	10:26	Team safety				36-6
3	at Indiana State	7:39	Mendenhall 2-yard run	Fetzer kick	6-26	2:47	43-6
4	at Indiana State	11:02	Mendenhall 40-yard run	Fetzer kick	3-78	1:03	50-6
4	at Indiana State	6:37	Mickle 17-yard pass from Brockway	Fetzer kick	6-58	2:13	57-6

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 7.9 per drive; Yards: 54.8 per drive; Average Drive Time: 3:22
19 scoring drives; 150 plays; 1042 yards; 4022 seconds

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

9:38 at Marshall (17 plays, 76 yards, Salem 4-yard pass from Kiel)

Shortest Drive (time)

:58 at Indiana State (3 plays, 53 yards, Salem 43-yard pass from Brockway)

Longest Drive (yards)

78 at Indiana State (3 plays, 78 yards, Mendenhall 40-yard run)

Shortest Drive (yards)

3 at Indiana State (4 plays, 3 yards, Fetzer 24-yard field goal)

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
1	at Marshall	10:46	Small 16-yard run	Ratanamorn kick	3-31	:56	0-7
2	at Marshall	:25	Passmore 88-yard pass from Cann	Ratanamorn kick	1-88	:10	7-14
3	at Marshall	11:39	Passmore 13-yard pass from Cann	Ratanamorn kick	4-39	1:08	7-21
3	at Marshall	3:23	Marshall 10-yard run	Ratanamorn kick	1-10	:05	10-28
4	at Marshall	:33	Edwards 49-yard run	Ratanamorn kick	7-83	4:13	10-35
2	at Murray St.	6:31	Cullen 41-yard field goal		7-25	3:35	14-3
2	at Murray St.	2:50	Crook fumble recovery in end zone	Cullen kick			14-10
4	at Murray St.	8:59	Ard 19-yard pass from Franklin	kick failed	4-75	1:22	28-16
4	at Murray St.	2:22	Harris 17-yard pass from Franklin	Cullen kick	7-62	1:30	35-23
1	Eastern Illinois	4:44	Bess 25-yard pass from Reeder	Wilke kick	7-68	3:15	7-7
3	Eastern Illinois	5:01	Wilke 20-yard field goal		4-2	:49	21-10
4	Eastern Illinois	9:37	Nozisor 44-yard pass from Reeder	pass failed	4-68	1:51	21-16
4	Eastern Illinois	7:06	Keys 4-yard run	pass failed	6-40	2:16	21-22
4	Eastern Illinois	1:54	Wilke 44-yard field goal		8-8	3:03	21-25
1	at Indiana State	10:19	Varnadore 25-yard field goal		10-59	4:41	0-3
2	at Indiana State	:02	Martinez 44-yard field goal		8-27	1:18	27-6

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	12	215.75
Passing Offense	80	180.00
Total Offense	32	395.75
Scoring Offense	t-25	32.50
Rushing Defense	56	146.25
Pass Efficiency Defense	31	114.70
Total Defense	12	281.50
Scoring Defense	34	22.25
Net Punting	13	36.05
Punt Returns	1	23.18
Kickoff Returns	47	20.83
Turnover Margin	115	-1.75
Pass Defense	6	135.25
Passing Efficiency	69	120.84
Sacks	t-99	1.00
Tackles for Loss	40	6.50
Sacks Allowed	t-65	2.00

Individual Statistics in the Top-50

Geno Blow – Rushing	t-34	86.00
Bobby Kelsey – Punting	17	42.25
Tom Nelson – Punt Returns	t-1	22.00
Parrish Fisher – Kickoff Returns	47	23.60
Geno Blow – Scoring	t-40	7.50
Kelvyn Hemphill – Tackles	t-19	10.25

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 (65)

- 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 (31)

- 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)

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	14	0
30-39	3	0
40-49	4	3
50-59	1	0
60+	1	1
Total	23	4

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	2	1
Passing	6	2
Punt Returns	3	1
Kick Returns	12	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	23	4

20-YARDS-PLUS BY A PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	Type
Parrish Fisher	8	0	7KR, 1P
Tom Nelson	7	1	5KR, 2PR
Kelvin Chandler	3	1	2P, 1PR
Eyad Salem	3	1	3P
Walter Mendenhall	2	1	2R

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

- Rushing Play**
40, Walter Mendenhall at Indiana State, 10-4-08
- Rushing Touchdown**
40, Walter Mendenhall at Indiana State, 10-4-08
- Passing Play**
43, Kevin Brockway to Kelvin Chandler vs. E. Illinois, 9-20-08
43, Kevin Brockway to Eyad Salem at Indiana State, 10-4-08
- Passing Touchdown**
43, Kevin Brockway to Kelvin Chandler vs. E. Illinois, 9-20-08
43, Kevin Brockway to Eyad Salem at Indiana State, 10-4-08
- Punt Return**
82, Tom Nelson at Murray State, 9-13-08
- Kickoff Return**
37, Parrish Fisher vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
- Punt**
77, Bobby Kelsey at Murray State, 9-13-08
- Field Goal**
40, Steven Fetzer at Indiana State, 10-4-08
- Interception Return**
0, Tom Nelson vs. Marshall, 8-30-08

2008 ILLINOIS STATE'S 20-YARD PLAYS

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
82	PR	Tom Nelson	at Murray State
52	PR	Tom Nelson	at Indiana State
44	PR	Kelvin Chandler	at Indiana State
43	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Kelvin Chandler	Eastern Illinois
43	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Eyad Salem	at Indiana State
40	Rush	Walter Mendenhall	at Indiana State
39	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Kelvin Chandler	at Marshall
37	KR	Parrish Fisher	Eastern Illinois
30	KR	Parrish Fisher	Eastern Illinois
28	Rush	Walter Mendenhall	at Indiana State
27	KR	Tom Nelson	at Murray State
27	KR	Parrish Fisher	at Marshall
27	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Eyad Salem	Eastern Illinois
26	KR	Parrish Fisher	Eastern Illinois
26	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Eyad Salem	Eastern Illinois
25	KR	Tom Nelson	at Murray State
24	KR	Tom Nelson	at Murray State
24	KR	Tom Nelson	at Indiana State
24	KR	Parrish Fisher	at Marshall
21	KR	Parrish Fisher	Eastern Illinois
20	KR	Parrish Fisher	at Marshall
20	Pass	Kevin Brockway to Parrish Fisher	at Marshall
20	KR	Tom Nelson	at Murray State

Bold denotes touchdown play

2008 OPPONENT'S 20-YARD PLAYS

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	17	1
30-39	5	0
40-49	2	2
50-59	1	0
60+	1	1
Total	26	4

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	5	1
Passing	7	3
Punt Returns	2	0
Kick Returns	11	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble Returns	0	0
Total	26	4

Long Plays by Opponent	No.	TD
at Marshall	9	2
at Murray State	4	0
Eastern Illinois	8	2
at Indiana State	5	0
at Northern Iowa		
Missouri State		
North Dakota State		
Youngstown State		
at South Dakota State		
at Western Illinois		
Southern Illinois		

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	Geno Blow (119), Walter Mendenhall (103) at Indiana St., 10-4-08
Rushed for 200 yards	218, Rafael Rice vs. Drake, 8-30-07
Passed for 200 yards	240, Kevin Brockway vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
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	105, Evad Salem vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
Returned a punt for a TD	Tom Nelson (82 yards) at Murray State, 9-13-08
Returned a kickoff for a TD	LaShawn Bullock (97 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 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 at North Dakota State, 11-3-07
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	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
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	77, Bobby Kelsey at Murray State, 9-13-08

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	410 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
300 yards rushing	410 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	305 vs. Missouri State, 11-4-06
500 yards total offense	535 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
30 first downs	30 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
50 points	57 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
Scored a safety	at Indiana State, 10-4-08
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	99 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	14 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	113 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
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	at North Dakota State, 11-3-07

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	115, Darius Marshall, Marshall, 8-30-08
Rushed for 200 yards	257, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Passed for 200 yards	221, Bodie Reeder, Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
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, Marcus Harris, Murray State, 9-13-08
Had 100 yards receiving	111, Darius Passmore, Marshall, 8-30-08
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	Jamal Crook (0 yards), Murray State, 9-13-08
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	4, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Nick Hill, Southern Illinois, 11-10-07
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	81, Tyler Roehl, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
Had a 70-yard pass completion	88, Mark Cann to Darius Passmore, Marshall, 8-30-08
Had 20 tackles	23, Nathan Williams, Murray State, 9-13-08
Had a 50-yard field goal	53, Taylor Rowan, Western Illinois, 10-27-07
Had a 70-yard punt	74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	416, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
300 yards rushing	416, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
400 yards passing	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
300 yards passing	341, Missouri, 9-22-07
500 yards total offense	649, North Dakota State, 11-3-07
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	98, Marshall, 8-30-08
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

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

	2008	DJ-Era*
Playing at home	0-1	28-18
Playing on the road	2-1	19-30
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	0-0
Playing at night	1-1	18-13
Playing during the day	1-1	29-35
ISU scores on first possession	1-1	22-9
Opponent scores on first possession	1-0	15-23
ISU scores first	1-1	26-14
Opponent scores first	1-1	20-33
ISU leads after 1st quarter	2-1	24-12
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-0	11-29
ISU leads at halftime	2-1	34-11
Opponent leads at halftime	0-1	8-36
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	2-1	35-8
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-1	9-38
Game goes into overtime	0-0	1-2
ISU has more total yards	2-1	38-19
Opponent has more total yards	0-1	8-30
ISU has more rushing yards	2-1	37-16
Opponent has more rushing yards	0-1	9-33
ISU has more passing yards	1-2	32-27
Opponent has more passing yards	1-0	14-21
ISU has more turnovers	2-1	15-32
Opponent has more turnovers	0-1	22-11
Teams have equal turnovers	0-0	9-5
ISU has more penalties	1-1	23-21
Opponent has more penalties	0-1	18-26
ISU has more time of possession	2-1	28-19
Opponent has more time of possession	0-1	17-30
ISU has 100-yard rusher	1-0	38-22
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-1	15-31
ISU scores at least 20 points	2-1	42-24
Opponent scores at least 20 points	1-1	18-44
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0	9-5
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0	1-11
Playing on natural grass	0-0	3-7
Playing on artificial surface	2-2	44-41
ISU defense scores	1-0	9-6
Opponent defense scores	1-0	4-12
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	1-0	2-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	2-4

**Denotes the Denver Johnson-era (2000-present)*

Marshall 35, Illinois State 10

Aug. 30, 2008 • Huntington, W. Va. • Joan C. Edwards Stadium
Attendance: 25,661

■ **GAME SUMMARY**

ISU Drops Season-Opener to Marshall, 35-10

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – A 17-play, nine-and-a-half-minute scoring drive with 1:08 left in the first quarter, which ended in a four-yard touchdown catch by wide receiver **Eyad Salem**, was the lone offensive highlight for the Illinois State football team in a season-opening 35-10 loss to NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent Marshall at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, W. Va. With the loss, Illinois State dropped to 3-30 all-time against FBS opponents.



GAME 1

Tailback **Geno Blow** led all Redbird ball carriers with 60 yards on the ground, while Salem had 77 yards receiving. Despite allowing five touchdowns by Marshall, the Redbirds were successful at stopping the Thundering Herd's short game, as Marshall was just 1-for-10 in third-down conversions.

Marshall struck the biggest blow of the game to the Redbirds with the score tied at 7-7 and the clock winding down to halftime. With just 35 seconds left in the first half, Cann threw an 88-yard pass down the near sideline to Darius Passmore, who ran it all the in to the end zone to put Marshall up, 14-7, heading into the intermission.

The **Kevin Brockway**-at-quarterback-era at Illinois State got off to an ominous start, as the first-year senior quarterback left the game after just two snaps after he cut his chin on a quarterback hurry and required eight stitches. Redshirt freshman **Drew Kiel** took over for Brockway on ISU's third offensive snap of the game, and Brockway did not return until two minutes into the second quarter.

■ **SCORING SUMMARY**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (0-1)	7	0	3	0	10
Marshall (1-0)	7	7	14	7	35

FIRST QUARTER

MU – Small 16-yard run (Ratanamorn kick), 10:46
ISU – Salem 4-yard pass from Kiel (Felzer kick), 1:08

SECOND QUARTER

MU – Passmore 88-yard pass from Cann (Ratanamorn kick), :25

THIRD QUARTER

MU – Passmore 13-yard pass from Cann (Ratanamorn kick), 11:39
ISU – Kutch 22-yard field goal, 7:10
MU – Marshall 10-yard run (Ratanamorn kick), 3:23

FOURTH QUARTER

MU – Edwards 49-yard run (Ratanamorn kick), :33

■ **TEAM STATISTICS**

	ISU	MU
First Downs	17	15
Rushing Attempts-Yards	40-98	32-229
Passing	24-43-1	11-22-1
Passing Yards	229	161
Total Offense	327	390
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-60	1-10
Time of Possession	39:00	21:00

■ **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Blow 17-60, Fisher 14-41, Kiel 2-7, Brockway 7-(-10). (MU) – Marshall 20-115, Edwards 2-48, Small 3-32, Passmore 2-24, Cann 5-10.

PASSING: (ISU) – Brockway 20-38-1-196, Kiel 4-5-0-33. (MU) – Cann 11-22-1-161.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Salem 7-77, Chandler 4-57, Fisher 3-39, Rourke 3-19, Blow 3-5, Harcar 2-13, King 1-19, Meredith 1-0. (MU) – Passmore 4-111, Marshall 3-19, Slate 2-22, Milligan 2-9.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Hemphill 4-7-11, Westbrook 1-7-8, Tate 2-5-7, Piton 2-5-7, Nelson 1-6-7. (MU) – Spillman 5-8-13, Kitchens 2-8-10, Drakeford 1-6-7, Brown 2-4-6, Bemby 2-3-5.

Illinois State 42, Murray State 23

Sept. 13, 2008 • Murray, Ky. • Stewart Stadium
Attendance: 5,255

■ **GAME SUMMARY**

Redbirds Run Past Murray State for 42-23 Victory

MURRAY, Ky. – A quintet of running touchdowns highlighted a dominating running performance by the Redbirds, as the Illinois State football team scored all of its points on the ground in a 42-23 victory over host Murray State at Stewart Stadium. With the win, Illinois State has now won five-straight games against Murray State and avoided its first 0-2 start since the 2001 season.



GAME 2

Running back **Geno Blow** and tailback **Parrish Fisher** each looked stellar on the ground for ISU. Blow ran for a game-high 98 yards and two touchdowns, while Fisher added 73 yards on the ground and a career-high two rushing touchdowns. Senior safety **Tom Nelson** recorded a career-high 102 punt return yards, which included an 82-yard scamper for a touchdown.

Nelson's 82-yard punt return for a touchdown came late in the second quarter, with the Redbirds up, 7-0. Nelson's return was the fourth-longest punt return in Illinois State history and the second-longest for a touchdown.

On the defensive side of the ball, defensive back **Kelvyn Hemphill's** career-high 17 tackles were surpassed only by Murray State's Nathan Williams, who recorded a game-high 23 tackles.

■ **SCORING SUMMARY**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (1-1)	7	7	7	21	42
Murray State (1-2)	0	10	0	13	23

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Fisher 3-yard run (Felzer kick), :24

SECOND QUARTER

ISU – Nelson 82-yard punt return (Felzer kick), 10:11

MSU – Cullen 41-yard field goal, 6:31

MSU – Crook fumble recovery in the end zone (Cullen kick), 2:50

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Blow 1-yard run (Felzer kick), 8:27

FOURTH QUARTER

ISU – Fisher 11-yard run (Felzer kick), 10:29

MSU – Ard 19-yard pass from Franklin (kick failed), 8:59

ISU – Blow 18-yard run (Felzer kick), 3:57

MSU – Harris 17-yard pass from Franklin (Cullen kick), 2:22

ISU – Mendenhall 10-yard run (Kutch kick), :55

■ **TEAM STATISTICS**

	ISU	MSU
First Downs	22	13
Rushing Attempts-Yards	52-235	38-165
Passing	13-20-0	16-26-0
Passing Yards	126	145
Total Offense	361	310
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	4-3
Penalties-Yards	7-45	7-50
Time of Possession	33:23	26:37

■ **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Blow 20-98, Fisher 16-73, Mendenhall 5-40, Kiel 4-17, Gordon 1-7, Brockway 5-1, Team 1-(-1). (MSU) – McKinnis 6-71, Jordan 10-52, Franklin 14-24, Nwagbara 5-11, Harris 2-7, Team 1-0.

PASSING: (ISU) – Brockway 12-19-0-112, Kiel 1-1-0-14. (MSU) – Franklin 16-25-0-145, Harris 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Salem 3-29, Rourke 3-28, Chandler 3-19, Harcar 1-15, Fisher 1-14, Meredith 1-14, King 1-7. (MSU) – Harris 10-95, Ard 3-40, Jordan 1-10, Robertson 1-2, Trotter 1-(-2).

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Hemphill 7-10-17, Tate 4-5-9, Garrett 6-2-8, Westbrook 1-5-6, Trujillo 2-3-5. (MSU) – Williams 6-17-23, Kutch 4-10-14, Werner 3-7-10, Lanigan 2-7-9, Butler 1-7-8.

#20 E. Illinois 25, Illinois State 21

Sept. 20, 2008 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 14,023

■ **GAME SUMMARY**

Redbirds Fall to No. 20 Panthers 25-21

NORMAL, Ill. – **Kevin Brockway** had a career-high 240 passing yards and threw the first two touchdown passes of his career, but it wasn't enough for Illinois State to overcome five turnovers in a 25-21 loss to No. 20 Eastern Illinois at Hancock Stadium.



GAME 3

Brockway connected with five different receivers, including **Eyad Salem** for seven catches and 105 yards. Brockway threw his first-career touchdown pass to Salem on the opening drive and then hooked up with **Kelvin Chandler** for a 43-yard touchdown pass, all in the first quarter.

Illinois State (1-2) led 14-7 at the half and looked in control for much of the game while out-gaining the Panthers in total yardage. But three interceptions and two lost fumbles allowed Eastern Illinois (2-2) to creep back into the contest.

Brockway hooked up with Salem for a 17-yard slant route on the opening drive of the third quarter to put Salem over the 100-yard mark for the third time in his career. Salem became the first receiver to go over the century mark against the Eastern Illinois defense this season. Geno Blow capped off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to put the Redbirds up, 21-7.

After another Redbird defensive stop, Brockway threw his second interception to James Larson at the Illinois State 11-yard line. The Redbird defense held strong, forcing a 21-yard field goal by Tyler Wilke to pull the score to 21-10.

■ **SCORING SUMMARY**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#20 Eastern Illinois	7	0	3	15	25
ILLINOIS STATE	14	0	7	0	21

FIRST QUARTER

ISU – Salem 15-yard pass from Brockway (Felzer kick), 8:07

EIU – Bess 25-yard pass from Reeder (Wilke kick), 4:44

ISU – Chandler 43-yard pass from Brockway (Felzer kick), 3:26

THIRD QUARTER

ISU – Blow 3-yard run (Felzer kick), 8:57

EIU – Wilke 20-yard field goal, 5:01

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU – Nozoin 44-yard pass from Reeder (pass failed), 9:37

EIU – Keys 4-yard run (pass failed), 7:06

EIU – Wilke 44-yard field goal, 1:54

■ **TEAM STATISTICS**

	EIU	ISU
First Downs	14	19
Rushing Attempts-Yards	36-92	35-120
Passing	17-28-0	19-34-3
Passing Yards	221	240
Total Offense	313	360
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-46	3-21
Time of Possession	31:16	28:44

■ **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Blow 17-67, Fisher 7-37, Brockway 11-16. (EIU) – Bess 20-79, Walker 8-13, Keys 2-5, Ward 3-1, Team 2-(-2), Reeder 1-(-4).

PASSING: (ISU) – Brockway 19-33-3-240. (EIU) – Reeder 17-28-0-221.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Salem 7-105, Chandler 4-77, Rourke 4-32, Harcar 2-21, Blow 2-5. (EIU) – Bess 4-45, Keys 3-41, Ricks 3-27, Nozoin 2-55, Graves 2-34, McGrath 2-26, Ponius 1-(-7).

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Hemphill 7-3-10, Wright 2-7-9, Nelson 3-4-7, Phelps 2-4-6, Tate 1-5-6. (EIU) – Kosinski 5-3-8, Haynes 6-1-7, James 5-2-7, Sams 4-3-7, Lima 1-5-6.

Illinois State 57, Indiana State 6

Oct. 4, 2008 • Terre Haute, Ind. • Memorial Stadium

Attendance: 3,971

■ **GAME SUMMARY**

Illinois State Cruises to 57-6 Win

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Tailbacks **Geno Blow** and **Walter Mendenhall** each rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns apiece and the Illinois State defense limited Indiana State to 115 yards of total offense, as the Redbirds rolled to a 57-6 victory in their Missouri Valley Football Conference opener at Memorial Stadium.



GAME 4

The Redbirds scored on six of their first eight possessions, including a spurt of 27-straight points in the first half. Despite having both starting offensive tackles sidelined with injuries, the Redbirds exploited the Indiana State rushing defense with 410 yards on the ground. In the first quarter, Illinois State rushed on 15 of its 16 first-quarter plays with the **Kevin Brockway's** only pass attempt resulting in a 16-yard touchdown pass to **Garin Harcar**.

Blow opened the Redbird scoring with his first of two 1-yard touchdown runs. His first touchdown, at the 4:21 mark in the first quarter, followed Indiana State's Corey Varnadore's 25-yard field goal on the Sycamores' opening drive. After Harcar's fifth-career touchdown catch, the Redbirds held a 14-3 lead.

In the second quarter, sophomore placekicker Steven Fetzer added a pair of field goals from 24 and 40 yards out, while Eyad Salem hauled in a 43-yard touchdown pass from Brockway that put the Redbirds up 27-3. Brockway completed 6-of-13 passes for 108 yards, and rushed for a career-best 60 yards on nine attempts.

Indiana State completed the first-half scoring with its second field goal as the Redbirds led 27-6 at halftime. The Redbird offense continued to move the ball and scored on the opening drive of the second half on Blow's second 1-yard touchdown run of the game.

■ **SCORING SUMMARY**

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-2)	14	13	16	14	57
Indiana State (0-5)	3	3	0	0	6

FIRST QUARTER

- INS – Varnadore 25-yard field goal, 10:19
- ISU – Blow 1-yard run (Fetzer kick), 4:21
- ISU – Harcar 16-yard pass from Brockway (Fetzer kick), :52

SECOND QUARTER

- ISU – Fetzer 24-yard field goal, 12:20
- ISU – Fetzer 40-yard field goal, 8:46
- ISU – Salem 43-yard pass from Brockway (Fetzer kick), 1:28
- INS – Martinez 44-yard field goal, :02

THIRD QUARTER

- ISU – Blow 1-yard run (Fetzer kick), 10:41
- ISU – Team safety, 10:26
- ISU – Mendenhall 2-yard run (Fetzer kick), 7:39

FOURTH QUARTER

- ISU – Mendenhall 40-yard run (Fetzer kick), 11:02
- ISU – Mickle 17-yard pass from Kiel (Fetzer kick), 6:37

■ **TEAM STATISTICS**

	ISU	INS
First Downs	30	9
Rushing Attempts-Yards	61-410	33-99
Passing	7-15-0	4-21-0
Passing Yards	125	14
Total Offense	535	113
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-39	5-47
Time of Possession	34:15	25:45

■ **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING: (ISU) – Blow 23-119, Mendenhall 10-103, Gordon 9-61, Brockway 9-60, Fisher 7-46, Kiel 3-21. **(INS)** – Brown 11-68, Gates 4-19, Johnson 3-15, Craig 5-13, Lough 1-11, Schmidtke 3-9, Dowdell 3-4, Seliger 1-(-8), Team 2-(-32).

PASSING: (ISU) – Brockway 6-13-0-108, Kiel 1-2-0-17. **(INS)** – Schmidtke 2-14-0-13, Seliger 1-4-0-0, Dowdell 1-3-0-1.

RECEIVING: (ISU) – Harcar 3-34, Salem 2-55, Rourke 1-19, Mickle 1-17. **(INS)** – Patrick 2-13, Jones 2-1.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ISU) – Westbrook 1-6-7, Cucci 1-6-7, Sankey 3-3-6, Phelps 1-4-5, Adams 0-5-5. **(INS)** – McCleskey 8-9-17, Scott 7-7-14, Everett 5-8-13, Carter 3-5-8, Sewall 2-5-7.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD (3-3, 2-1)

A30	Illinois State	W, 35-10
S6	at Wisconsin	L, 14-51
S13	MEMPHIS*	W, 17-16
S20	at Southern Miss*	W, 34-27
S27	at West Virginia	L, 3-27
O3	CINCINNATI	L, 10-33
O18	at UAB*	3 p.m.
O28	HOUSTON*	7 p.m.
N8	at East Carolina*	2:30 p.m.
N15	CENTRAL FLORIDA*	3:30 p.m.
N22	at Rice*	2 p.m.
N29	TULSA*	2:30 p.m.

MURRAY STATE RACERS (2-4, 1-1)

A28	LAMBUTH	W, 41-17
S6	at Indiana	L, 3-45
S13	ILLINOIS STATE	L, 23-42
S20	at Western Kentucky	L, 9-50
S27	UT-MARTIN*	L, 38-63
O4	at Austin Peay*	W, 32-12
O11	TENNESSEE TECH*	3 p.m.
O18	at Jacksonville State*	4 p.m.
N1	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
N8	SE MISSOURI STATE*	1 p.m.
N15	at Eastern Kentucky*	noon
N22	TENNESSEE STATE*	1 p.m.

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (2-3, 0-1)

A28	at Central Michigan	L, 12-31
S6	at Illinois	L, 21-47
S13	INDIANA STATE	W, 38-3
S20	at Illinois State	W, 25-21
S27	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	L, 10-23
O9	at UT-Martin*	6 p.m.
O18	SE MISSOURI STATE*	1:30 p.m.
O25	at Eastern Kentucky*	2 p.m.
N1	MURRAY STATE*	1:30 p.m.
N8	at Tennessee State*	1 p.m.
N15	AUSTIN PEAY*	1:30 p.m.
N22	at Tennessee Tech*	1:30 p.m.

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (0-5, 0-1)

A28	at Eastern Michigan	L, 0-52
S13	at Eastern Illinois	L, 3-38
S20	at Northern Illinois	L, 3-48
S27	SE MISSOURI STATE	L, 21-24
O4	ILLINOIS STATE*	L, 6-57
O11	at Southern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
O18	at Western Illinois*	3:05 p.m.
O25	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	1:05 p.m.
N1	at North Dakota State*	6 p.m.
N8	at Youngstown State*	noon
N15	NORTHERN IOWA*	11:05 a.m.
N22	MISSOURI STATE*	11:05 a.m.

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (3-2, 1-1)

A30	at BYU	L, 17-41
S6	SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 24-13
S20	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	W, 34-20
S27	at Southern Illinois*	L, 24-27
O2	NICHOLLS STATE	W, 34-14
O11	ILLINOIS STATE*	4:05 p.m.
O18	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	4:05 p.m.
O25	at Youngstown State*	3 p.m.
N1	at Western Illinois*	12:05 p.m.
N8	MISSOURI STATE*	4:05 p.m.
N15	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.
N22	at Southern Utah	2 p.m.

MISSOURI STATE BEARS(1-3, 0-1)

S4	WASHBURN	L, 27-35
S13	at Oklahoma State	L, 13-57
S20	at SE Missouri State	W, 45-28
O4	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	L, 21-33
O11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	1:30 p.m.
O18	at Illinois State*	2 p.m.
O25	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	1:30 p.m.
N1	at South Dakota State*	1 p.m.
N8	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
N15	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	1 p.m.
N22	at Indiana State*	11 a.m.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON (3-2, 1-1)

A28	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 41-6
S6	CENTRAL CONN. ST.	W, 50-14
S13	at Wyoming	L, 16-13
S20	at Youngstown State*	L, 24-32
O4	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	W, 35-27
O11	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	3 p.m.
O18	at Northern Iowa*	4:05 p.m.
O25	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N1	INDIANA STATE*	6 p.m.
N15	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.
N22	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	6 p.m.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS (2-4, 1-1)

A30	at Ohio State	L, 0-43
S6	at South Dakota State*	L, 7-40
S13	CENTRAL STATE	W, 38-0
S20	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	W, 32-24
S27	LIBERTY	L, 28-31
O4	at Southern Utah	L, 7-14
O11	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
O18	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	3 p.m.
O25	NORTHERN IOWA*	3 p.m.
N1	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.
N8	INDIANA STATE*	noon
N22	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS (3-3, 2-1)

A28	at Iowa State	L, 17-44
S6	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	W, 40-7
S13	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 24-22
S20	at Northern Iowa*	L, 20-34
S27	at Stephen F. Austin	W, 50-48
O4	McNEESE STATE	L, 44-46 (2OT)
O18	CAL POLY	6 p.m.
O25	at Indiana State*	1 p.m.
N1	MISSOURI STATE*	1 p.m.
N8	ILLINOIS STATE*	1 p.m.
N15	at Southern Illinois*	2 p.m.
N22	at North Dakota State*	6 p.m.

WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS (3-2, 1-1)

A30	at Arkansas	L, 24-28
S6	QUINCY	W, 63-0
S13	at South Dakota State*	L, 22-24
S20	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W, 34-14
O4	at Missouri State*	W, 33-21
O11	at North Dakota State*	3 p.m.
O18	INDIANA STATE*	3:05 p.m.
N1	NORTHERN IOWA*	6:05 p.m.
N8	at Southern Illinois*	2 p.m.
N15	ILLINOIS STATE*	1:05 p.m.
N22	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	1:05 p.m.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS (2-2, 1-1)

S6	HAMPTON	W, 37-31
S13	at Northwestern	L, 7-33
S27	NORTHERN IOWA*	W, 27-24
O4	at North Dakota State*	L, 27-35
O11	INDIANA STATE*	1:30 p.m.
O18	at Youngstown State*	3 p.m.
O25	at Missouri State*	1:30 p.m.
N1	NORTH DAKOTA	2 p.m.
N8	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	2 p.m.
N15	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	2 p.m.
N22	at Illinois State*	1:30 p.m.