



# Illinois State Game Notes

## FINAL – Illinois State 60, Southern Illinois 40

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### ILLINOIS STATE PLAYER NOTES:

- **Jackie Carmichael** scored the first seven points of the game and finished the first half with 12 points on 5-for-7 shooting from the field. He finished the game with 19 points, and Carmichael has now scored in double figures in back-to-back Valley games for the first time this year and has scored in double figures 14 times this season.
- Carmichael also grabbed 11 rebounds against the Salukis to record his second-straight double-double and his third in four games. He now had seven double-double efforts this season and 13 in his career at ISU.
- With his 11 rebounds, **John Wilkins** recorded his third double-digit rebounding effort of the season and the third of his career at ISU. The 11 rebounds tied a career high for Wilkins, matching the 11 he grabbed against Indiana State on Jan. 18.
- Wilkins also scored 10 points to record his third double-double of the season and third of his career at ISU.
- Wilkins and Carmichael have each recorded a double-double in the same game twice this season and the Redbirds have had two players record a double-double in three games this season (Carmichael and Ekey the other).
- **Trey Blue** hit a three-pointer with 40 seconds left to record his first points since Jan. 21 at Evansville and his first three-pointer since Dec. 18 against Norfolk State.

### ILLINOIS STATE TEAM NOTES:

- Starters: **Nic Moore (G)**, **Tyler Brown (G)**, **John Wilkins (G)**, **Jon Ekey (F)**, **Jackie Carmichael (F)**.
- The Redbirds jumped out to a 7-4 lead at the first media timeout, when Carmichael completed the three-point play at the free throw line. Carmichael scored the first seven points of the game for ISU.
- ISU extended the lead to 10-6 after a three-pointer by Ekey with 14:17 left in the half. The three-pointer extended ISU's streak to 386 consecutive games with a made three-point field goal.
- **Anthony Cousin** scored a layup at the 6:53 mark to score the first points for the Redbirds in nearly four minutes of play and give the Redbirds a 16-14 lead. Cousin's bucket ignited a 7-0 run that was extended on a three-pointer by Brown and a pair of layups from Cousin to make the score 21-14.
- The two teams traded baskets to start the second half, before Illinois State went on a 6-0 run over 1:09 that was capped off by a three-pointer from Moore to make the score 34-19 and cause SIU to call a timeout at the 16:45 mark.
- The Redbirds extended that run out to 16-0 on a traditional three-point play by **Jordan Threlhoff** at the 10:22 mark of the second half.
- ISU held SIU to just 30 percent shooting from the field, making the Salukis the 10th team this season to shoot under 40 percent against the Redbirds in a game.

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PLAYER NOTES:

- Southern Illinois was led in the first half by **Jeff Early**, who scored seven points and grabbed a pair of rebounds. Early finished the game with 10 points and four rebounds to lead the way for the Salukis.
- **Taylor Diamond** was the only other Saluki to score in double figures with 10 points.
- SIU's leading scorer **Mamadou Seck**, who was averaging 12.9 points per game heading in, finished with just four points.

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TEAM NOTES:

- Starters: **Kendal Brown-Surles (G)**, **T.J. Lindsay (G)**, **Jeff Early (F)**, **Dantiel Daniels (F)**, **Mamadou Seck (F)**.
- The Salukis fought back with a 5-0 run with a layup by Seck and a three-pointer from **Diamond Taylor** to take an 11-10 lead with 12:54 left in the first half.
- Southern Illinois failed to score a field goal from the 10:11 mark to the 2:53 mark, when Early made a layup to end the SIU scoring drought that lasted over seven minutes and cut the score to 21-17.
- The 17 points scored by the Salukis tied a season-low for a Redbird opponent in the first 20 minutes of play, matching the 17 scored by SIUE on Nov. 17.
- After starting the game 4-for-10 from the field, the Salukis finished the first half 2-for-14 from the field.
- SIU scored its first basket of the second half at the 18:44 mark, but went on another scoring drought that lasted nearly nine minutes until Taylor made a jumper to end the drought and cut the ISU lead to 44-21.
- After a pair of free throws for the Redbirds, the Salukis went on an 8-0 over the next 1:12 to cut the lead to 46-26 with 7:52 left in the game.
- Southern Illinois was held to just 40 points in the game, a new season-low for the Salukis that undercut their previous low of 42 points scored at Wichita State on Jan. 21.

### GAME NOTES:

- Illinois State head coach **Tim Jankovich** earned his 150th career Division I coaching victory with the win over the Salukis. Jankovich also picked up his 50th career win in Missouri Valley Conference play.
- With the win, the Redbirds avoided their first regular-season sweep to Southern Illinois since the 2006-07 season.
- The victory also extended the Redbirds's winning streak to five-straight against the Salukis at Redbird Arena. The last time ISU dropped a home game to SIU was on Dec. 29, 2006.
- ISU improves to 11-3 at home this season, including a 5-1 mark in Valley games.