



ILLINOIS STATE

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REDBIRD FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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2009 ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

S3	at Eastern Illinois	L, 6-31
S12	at Illinois	L, 17-45
S19	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 38-7
S26	#15/16 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	L, 17-38
O3	at North Dakota State*	W, 27-24
O10	at #6 Southern Illinois*	L, 23-43
O17	INDIANA STATE*	W, 38-21
O31	at Missouri State*	W, 24-14
N7	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 25-7
N14	at Youngstown State*	Noon
N22	#11 NORTHERN IOWA*	Noon

All times are Central

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

ILLINOIS STATE COACHES

Brock Spack (f)	Head Coach
Jay Peterson (f)	Asst. Head Coach/LB
Steve Farmer (f)	OC/OL
Phil Elmastian (p)	DC/DB
Lamar Conard (p)	DB
Luke Huard (p)	QB
Spence Nowinsky (f)	DL
Taylor Stubblefield (f)	WR
Holmon Wiggins (f)	RB
Jim Williams (f)	FB/TE
Dan Shula (p)	STC/WR

Game location: f - field, p - press box

REDBIRD RADIO NETWORK

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

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REDBIRDS HIT THE ROAD FOR FINAL TIME IN 2009 SEASON; LOOK TO KEEP WINNING STREAK ALIVE YOUNGSTOWN STATE



Youngstown State PENGUINS
 4-5, 2-4 MVFC

Illinois State REDBIRDS
 5-4, 4-2 MVFC

IN THE POLLS
 N/A

IN THE POLLS
 N/A

LEADERS

Rushing: K. Smith
 130/558/3 TD
Passing: B. Summers
 171-269-14/1724/12 TD
Receiving: D. Jones
 60/587/4 TD
Tackles: D. Bledsoe
 57 TT/4.5 TFL/ 1.0 Sack

LEADERS

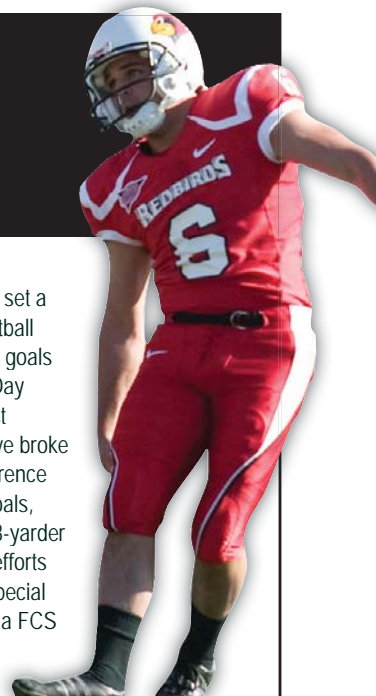
Rushing: C. Gordon
 115/474/6 TD
Passing: M. Brown
 186-294-6/1967/11 TD
Receiving: E. Salem
 75/813/5 TD
Tackles: K. Hemphill
 59 TT/7.0 TFL/2.0 Sacks

SETTING THE SCENE

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009
 Location: Youngstown, Ohio
 Kickoff: Noon CST
 Stadium: Stambaugh Stadium
 Stadium Capacity: 20,630
 Series: Tied 9-9

PLAYER TO WATCH

Senior placekicker **Zach Kutch** set a school and Missouri Valley Football Conference record with six field goals made in Illinois State's Family Day win over the Western Illinois last Saturday. The Milton, Fla., native broke the school record (4) and conference record (5) with those six field goals, which included a career-long 48-yarder in the second quarter. For his efforts Kutch was named the MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week and a FCS National All-Star by College Sporting News.



THE GAME

The Illinois State winning streak sits at three games as the Redbirds hit the road for the final time in 2009 to take on Youngstown State today. The Redbirds are fresh off a 25-7 victory over in-state rival Western Illinois, the first win for ISU against WIU at home since 1999. In contrast, the Penguins are on a three-game losing streak after a 28-7 loss to No. 11 Northern Iowa at the UNI Dome Saturday.

THE SERIES

Illinois State and Youngstown State will be facing each other for the 19th time today, with the series split evenly at 9-9. The Redbirds have won the last two meetings against the Penguins, including a 27-22 win at Stambaugh Stadium in 2007.

THE COACHES

Illinois State: Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983) is in his first season as the head coach of the Illinois State Redbirds (5-4). Prior to taking over the program at ISU, Spack spent 12 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Purdue, where he guided the Boilermakers to the top-ranked defense in the Big Ten Conference in 2002 and the 13th-best defense in the nation in 2003. He coached in 11 bowl games while at Purdue, including a Rose Bowl appearance in 2001.

Youngstown State: Jon Heacock (Muskingum, 1983) is in his ninth season at the helm of the YSU football program (58-44). In his time as head coach, Heacock has twice been named the MVFC Bruce Craddock Coach of the Year (2005 & 2006) and has led the Penguins to two conference championships and a FCS Playoff appearance in 2006, where YSU beat ISU 28-21 in the second round to advance to the semifinals.

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 four 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 3.13 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) during the spring 2009 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 (Sept. 2 through Nov. 18). 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 913/312-1379.

Valley Football News/Notes	10:00 a.m.
Brock Spack, 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.

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WEEKLY MEDIA LUNCHEONS

Tuesday, Sept. 1 at noon
Tuesday, Sept. 8 at noon
Tuesday, Sept. 15 at noon
Tuesday, Sept. 22 at noon
Tuesday, Sept. 29 at noon
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at noon
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at noon
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at noon
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at noon
Tuesday, Nov. 3 at noon
Tuesday, Nov. 10 at noon
Tuesday, Nov. 17 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) 438-7748.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE WEEK						
Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	Off Day No Availability	Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building - noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	MVFC Teleconference Spack - 10:05 a.m. Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.)	Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 6 p.m.) Brock Spack Show Schooner's 6-7 p.m.	Practice Closed No interviews	Illinois State at Youngstown State Noon CST

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 **Brock Spack** 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 Mike Williams or Kevin McCarty for access information). If you would like to receive the quotes via e-mail, please contact the Illinois State Athletics Media Relations Office at mcwilli@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 **Brock Spack** 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 **Brock Spack** 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

- Youngstown State University is located in Youngstown, Ohio, and has an enrollment of 13,712. The Penguins compete in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and are members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference.
- The Penguins return 43 lettermen and 16 starters from last year's squad that finished with an overall record of 4-8 with a 3-5 mark in MVFC play (T-6th).
- YSU features a solid passing offense led by senior quarterback Brandon Summers, who has throw for 1,724 yards and 12 touchdowns in nine games for the Penguins. Wide receivers Dominique Barnes (5), Donald Jones (4) and Aaron Pitts (2) have been Summers' favorite targets while running back Kevin Smith has controlled the running game with 558 yards and three touchdowns.
- The Penguins defense is led by sophomore transfer Sir Demarco Bledsoe, who has a team-high 57 tackles in just seven games played for YSU. Senior defensive tackle Mychal Savage has also wreaked havoc on opposing defenses with his team-high 3.5 sacks and 7.0 tackles-for-loss.
- Youngstown State is coming off a tough loss at No. 11 Northern Iowa. The Panthers rushed for 230 yards to hand the Penguins a 28-7 setback at the UNI Dome. The loss was the third in a row for YSU, who last won on October 10 at home against Western Illinois (31-21).

TIES WITH THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

- Youngstown head coach Jon Heacock is brother of former Illinois State head coach, Jim Heacock. Jim Heacock coached the Redbirds from 1988-1995 with a record of 37-49-2.
- The Redbird roster boasts four Ohio natives: **Pete Cary** (Cincinnati/Turpin), **Ben Graves** (Columbus/Grandview Hieight/Middle Tennessee State), **Jon Ingerman** (Springfield/ Northeastern) and **Otis Merrill** (Cleveland/Glenville/Wisconsin). The Penguins' roster includes 61 players from Ohio.
- San Antonio, Texas, will be well represented in today's game. Illinois State's **Brandon Wilson** and Youngstown State's **Jabari Scott** were teammates at San Antonio's John Jay High School in 2002, before Scott transferred to Taft High School. Also on that Taft High School football team was YSU sophomore strong safety Nick Gooden. Also hailing from San Antonio, Texas, are the Redbirds' **Kelvyn Hemphill** (O'Connor) and **Jermaine Malcolm** (Holmes).
- Youngstown State Assistant Media Relations Director Jamie Hall worked as a graduate assistant in the Illinois State Athletics Media Relations Office in the mid-1990s. Hall received his master's degree from ISU in 1996.

KUTCH IS CLUTCH

ISU senior placekicker **Zach Kutch** set a school and Missouri Valley Football Conference record with six field goals made in Illinois State's 25-7 victory over Western Illinois (Nov. 7). The Milton, Fla., native broke the school record (4) and conference record (5) with those six field goals, which included a career-long 48-yarder in the second quarter. Three of Kutch's field goals were 40 yards or longer (48, 40, 45) and four out of the six were made in the third quarter. Kutch is currently ranked No. 3 nationally in field goals per game (1.78) and is tied for 25th in scoring (7.89 ppg).

IN ELITE COMPANY

Illinois State senior wide receiver **Eyad Salem** hauled in eight passes for 127 yards and moved over 2,000 yards receiving for his career at ISU. Salem now has 2,116 career receiving yards, good for fourth place on the all-time list to pass **Vito Golson** (2,014). Salem has five games over 100 yards receiving this season, one shy of tying **Laurent Robinson's** tally of six games over the century mark set in 2005, and has ten 100-yard receiving games in his career.

HE DID IT AGAIN

Illinois State running back **Cliffton Gordon** surpassed the 100-yard mark for the second consecutive game with 28 carries for 106 yards in the Redbirds' 25-7 win over Western Illinois (Nov. 7). Gordon became the first Redbird running back to run for more than 100 yards with 30 carries for 122 yards the previous week at Missouri State (Oct. 31). The sophomore also scored the Redbirds' lone touchdown against the Leathernecks and leads the team with seven touchdowns scored this season (6 rush, 1 pass).

THE WINS KEEP COMING

The win started an official winning streak for the Redbirds, who have now won three in a row. It's the first three-game winning streak for Illinois State since 2006, when the 'Birds rattled off six wins in a row after a season-opening loss at Kansas State. Saturday's win over Western Illinois also marked the first win by the Redbirds at home against the Leathernecks since 1999.

TEAM COMPARISON

	YSU	ILS
Scoring	163	215
Points Per Game	18.1	23.9
Points Allowed Per Game	21.1	25.6
First Downs	162	179
Rushing Yards Per Game	124.4	104.9
Rushing Defense Per Game	135.1	179.9
Passing Yards Per Game	193.7	245.9
Passing Defense Per Game	161.3	186.2
Total Offense Per Game	318.1	350.8
Total Defense Per Game	296.4	366.1
Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown	14/10	7/10
Sacks By/Allowed	13/22	23/13
Kickoff Return Avg.	19.1	19.3
Punt Return Avg.	8.8	9.4
Fumbles Lost/Gained	2/7	4/5
Penalties	58-537	62-589
Avg. Time of Possession	30:54	31:49
3rd-Down Conversions	52/129 (40%)	62/140 (44%)
4th-Down Conversions	4/13 (31%)	6/13 (46%)
Red-Zone Scores	15/26 (58%)	26/32 (81%)

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

- 312 – Matt Brown at Illinois, 9-12-09
- 320 – Matt Brown at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
- 321 – Matt Brown at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 122 – Cliffton Gordon at Missouri State, 10-31-09
- 106 – Cliffton Gordon vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

- 107 – Eyad Salem at Illinois, 9-12-09
- 172 – Eyad Salem at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
- 114 – Eyad Salem at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
- 112 – Tyrone Walker at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
- 133 – Eyad Salem vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
- 127 – Eyad Salem vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09

TRANSFERABLE

Since 1993, when the NCAA rules changed to allow FBS transfers immediate eligibility at the FCS level, Illinois State has had 57 players transfer from FBS schools. ISU's FBS transfers on this year's roster include:

- Ben Graves (WR, Middle Tennessee State)
- E.J. Jones (DB, Minnesota)
- Zach Kutch (K, Auburn)
- Otis Merrill (DB, Wisconsin)
- Xzavier Stewart (DL, Kansas State)

THE REDBIRD RECORD BOOK

ISU Career Rushing Yards

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	3702
5. Larry Spinks (1973-76)	2523
10. Geno Blow (2006-)	2015

ISU Career Rushing Attempts

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	825
5. Ron Bell (1970-72)	543
10. Geno Blow (2006-)	418

ISU Career Rushing TDs

1. Toby Davis (1988-92)	37
4. Ron Bell (1970-72)	24
Bruce Cullen (1968-69)	24
7. Geno Blow (2006-)	19

ISU Career Pass Completions

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	663
5. Adrian Wilson (1988-92)	350
15. Matt Brown (2009-)	186

ISU Career Passing Yards

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	8251
5. Adrian Wilson (1988-92)	3862
17. Matt Brown (2009-)	1967

ISU Career Passing Touchdowns

1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000)	62
5. Wes Bair (1951-54)	32
T-16 Matt Brown (2009-)	11

ISU Career Receiving Yards

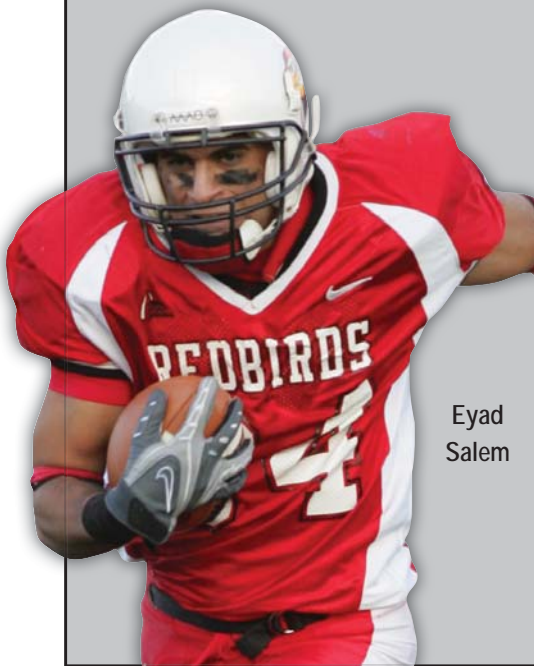
1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	3007
3. Clarence Collins (1980-83)	2498
4. Eyad Salem (2007-)	2116

ISU Career Receptions

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	192
2. Rickey Garrett (1996-99)	177
3. Eyad Salem (2007-)	169

ISU Career Receiving TDs

1. Laurent Robinson (2003-06)	29
T-4. Vito Golson (1999-02)	17
T-4. Eyad Salem (2007-)	17



Eyad Salem

STOPPING THE RUN

Illinois State had some trouble stopping its opponent's running attacks through the first seven games of the season. However, that has drastically changed in the team's last two games as the Redbirds held the Western Illinois to just 22 yards on 28 carries and Missouri State to just 31 yards on 28 carries in back-to-back victories. In those two wins, the Redbird defense gave the Leathernecks and Bears a paltry 0.9 yards per carry and recorded 10 sacks and 13 tackles-for-loss to help turn the tide.

EXPERT RUN STUFFER

Sophomore defensive tackle **Eric Brunner** was key component in Illinois State holding Western Illinois to just 22 yards rushing and seven points in its 25-7 victory on Family Day (Nov. 7). The Greendale, Wis., native recorded a career-high nine tackles, including four solo stops, against the Leathernecks. He also tied a career high with 1.5 tackles-for-loss, which included a half sack that he combined with **Bert Whigham** on. Brunner's half sack was one of six on the day for the Redbird defense, which set a new team season high for the Redbirds.

LINEBACKER ALIGNMENT PAYS DIVIDENDS

The Illinois State linebacker corp has been in flux all season, with several players getting their shot at different positions to start games. However, head coach **Brock Spack** seems to have found the right combination in the form of sophomore middle linebacker **Josh Howe** and freshman outside linebackers **Austin Davis** and **Mike Zimmer**. Since making the switch to that alignment prior to the Missouri State game, the Redbird defense has allowed just 53 yards rushing in two straight victories with Davis (19), Howe (15) and Zimmer (12) leading the way in tackles.

A BIT LATE FOR TRICKS DON'T YOU THINK

A week after a Halloween win over Missouri State, the Illinois State offense had a few tricks up its sleeve for the Western Illinois defense. The Redbirds employed their own version of a "wildcat" formation, as sophomore running back **Cliffton Gordon** rushed for 22 yards while taking the direct shotgun snap from center on four occasions. Later in the game, redshirt freshman quarterback **Matt Brown** caught an 18-yard halfback pass from former Nebraska baseball player **Seth Hood** that gained the Redbirds a crucial first down.

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

After playing his high school football just down the road at Normal Community High School, redshirt freshman linebacker **Austin Davis** is making a new home in the Redbird defense at Hancock Stadium. Davis led the way for Illinois State with a career-high 11 tackles in ISU's 25-7 Family Day victory over Western Illinois (Nov. 7). On the season, he ranks second on the team with 43 tackles (16 solo) and has recorded four tackles-for-loss.

IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS ALREADY?

The 1999 season was the most successful in the history of the Illinois State football program. To honor that season, members of the team were honored at halftime of Illinois State Family Day showdown with in-state rival Western Illinois (Nov. 7). That team recorded a school-record 11 wins on way to the school's second playoff berth in two seasons. The Redbirds stormed through the regular season on way to a conference championship and advanced to the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs, where they were defeated by the eventual national champions Georgia Southern.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

It took Illinois State just seven games to reach the win total of the 2008 squad. The Redbirds moved to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in Missouri Valley Football Conference play with a 38-21 win over Indiana State at Hancock Stadium (Oct. 17). The 2008 Redbirds won just three of 11 games and mustered just two wins in the Valley. With a wins at Missouri State (Oct. 31) and at home against Western Illinois (Nov. 7), the Redbirds are now 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the MVFC with a chance to record the program's first winning season since 2006 with a win at Youngstown State or in the season-finale at home against Northern Iowa.

LOOK WHAT I FOUND

With just 0.5 seconds left on the clock before the end of the first half at Missouri State (Oct. 31), Illinois State quarterback **Matt Brown** threw a pass deep into the end zone in hopes of giving his team a go-ahead score heading into the locker room. Much to his surprise and everyone in the stadium as well, that's exactly what happened as ISU tight end **Brandon Venson** stepped under the deflected pass to score the go-ahead touchdown and give ISU a 21-14 lead at the half. The touchdown reception was the first of Venson's career and the second of the game for Brown.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Redbird defense was struggling to establish a consistent pass rush early in their game at Missouri State (Oct. 31). However, that all changed when senior defensive ends **Doni Phelps** and Bert **Whigham** revved the engine and sack MSU quarterback Cody Kirby four times in the fourth quarter to preserve the 24-14 victory. The pair of sacks set a new career high for Whigham, who also tied his career high of five tackles against the Bears.

TRIPLE DIGITS

Sophomore running back **Cliffton Gordon** became the first Redbird to rush for over 100 yards in 2009 when he racked up 122 yards on 30 carries in Illinois State's 24-14 road win at Missouri State (Oct. 31). The Chicago Heights, Ill., set new career highs for carries and yards to help the Redbird to their largest team rushing output of the season (178 yards).

BLED SOE PAVES THE WAY

Sophomore guard Nick Bledsoe was instrumental in Illinois State racking up a season-high 178 yards rushing at Missouri State (Oct. 31). For his efforts, Bledsoe was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week by the league office. Bledsoe led the way for Illinois State's first 100-yard rusher of the season and graded out at 91 percent in Illinois State's win over Missouri State. The Wheeling, Ill., native was credited with a pancake block and two knockdowns against the Bears and helped clear the way for Cliffton Gordon's career-high 122 yards rushing.

THAT'S A TON OF YARDS

Seniors **Geno Blow** and **Eyad Salem** have both piled up a lot of yards throughout their careers at Illinois State. In the team's 24-14 win at Missouri State (Oct. 31), Blow gained 43 yards on 11 carries to eclipse the 2,000 yard plateau. With 2,015 yards, Blow ranks 10th all-time on the school's rushing list behind Virgil Winters (2,039) in ninth place. Salem was next up to eclipse the 2,000 yard plateau and did just that with 127 yards on eight catches to give him 2,116 yards in his three season at ISU. He passed Vito Golson (2,014) for fourth place on the all-time list at ISU and sits 382 yards away from Clarence Collins in third place (2,498).

AMONG THE BEST IN THE NATION

Illinois State's passing attack is one of the best in the nation. The Redbirds have averaged 245.89 yards passing in the first nine games, which ranks as the No. 20 best total in the nation. Senior wideout **Eyad Salem** is a big part of that, as he currently ranks No. 3 in the nation in receptions per game (8.33) behind Elon's Terrell Hudgins (10.14) and No. 13 in yards per game (90.33). Redshirt freshman quarterback **Matt Brown** also ranks in the No. 48 in the nation in passing efficiency (127.73) and 33rd in total offense (224.44).

THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

Just nine games into his career, redshirt freshman quarterback **Matt Brown** has already put his name in the Redbirds record books. The Marion, Ill., native has already cracked the school's top 20 in career completions, passing yards and touchdown passes in just his first season at the helm of the Redbird offense. Brown currently sits 15th in career completions with 186, 16th in career TD passes with 11, 17th in passing yards with 1,967 and 18th in pass attempts with 294.

WALKING INTO THE ENDZONE

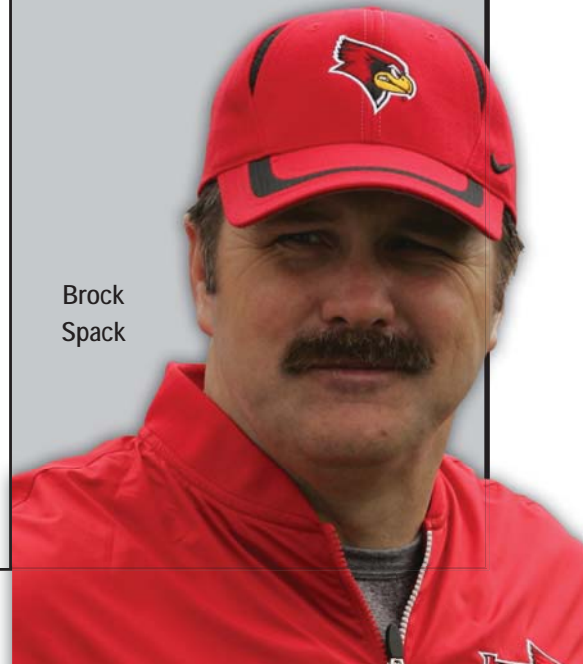
Senior **Eyad Salem** has become ISU's go-to receiver, however freshman **Tyrone Walker** is making a strong case to be that man next year when Salem graduates. The Indianapolis, Ind., native ranks second on the team with 32 catches for 424 yards and three touchdowns. He has caught long touchdowns from quarterback **Matt Brown** in the last few outings, including an 81-yard connection at Southern Illinois (Oct. 10) and a 28-yard strike against Indiana State (Oct. 17).

A CASE OF DEJA VU

For the second consecutive week, Illinois State senior wide out **Eyad Salem** grabbed a career-best and school-record-tying 14 receptions in Illinois State's 43-23 loss at Southern Illinois (Oct. 10). The Elgin, Ill., native had 114 yards receiving and caught a touchdown pass from Redbird quarterback **Matt Brown**. Salem caught 14 passes in Illinois State's 27-24 win at North Dakota State during the previous week. Both efforts tied **Laurent Robinson** and **Dwayne Smith** at the top of Illinois State's single game receptions chart and is the second-most in a Missouri Valley Football Conference game behind UNI's Eddie Galles (16 vs. SIU in 2003).

FIRST-YEAR REDBIRD COACHES

- **Jim Heacock, 1988**
Heacock and ISU posted a 1-10 record in his first season at the helm of the program in 1988, with the lone win coming against Missouri-Rolla on Homecoming. After that first season, the Redbirds won at least five games in the next seven years as Heacock finished with a 37-49-2 overall record in eight seasons in Normal.
- **Todd Berry, 1996**
Berry took over the team in 1996 and struggled out of the gate with two 2-9 campaigns. However, in 1999 he got his team turned around and the Redbirds earned their first-ever playoff berth after an 8-3 regular season record and a 4-2 conference mark. The 'Birds lost in the first round of the playoffs in '98, but came right back with a 9-2 regular-season mark in 1999 that earned them a conference title and another trip to the playoffs. This time, ISU advanced to the semi-finals before being defeated by the eventual national champion Georgia Southern. In four years at the helm, Berry posted a 24-24 record.
- **Denver Johnson, 2000**
Johnson inherited a team coming off a semi-finals appearance in 1999 and led the team to a 7-4 finish in his first season at the helm. The Redbirds opened the season with a 75-10 thrashing of West Virginia Tech at Hancock Stadium, but then suffered four-straight defeats. The team rallied in conference play and won six straight to end the year and just miss out on a second consecutive playoff berth. In eight years under Johnson, ISU went 45-46 and advanced to the playoffs in 2006 with an 8-3 regular-season record.
- **Brock Spack, 2009**
Spack moved over the .500 mark in his first season at ISU with a 25-7 home win over Western Illinois. The Redbirds are now tied for third place in the MVFC with a 4-2 conference record.



Brock Spack

2009 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Southern Illinois	7	0	1.000	8	1	.889
South Dakota State	6	1	.857	7	2	.778
Northern Iowa	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Illinois State	4	2	.667	5	4	.555
Missouri State	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Youngstown State	2	4	.333	4	5	.444
North Dakota State	1	5	.200	2	7	.222
Indiana State	1	6	.143	1	9	.100
Western Illinois	0	6	.000	1	8	.111

THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL

Nov. 14:

- #12 South Dakota State at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
- North Dakota State at Indiana State, 11:05 a.m.
- **Illinois State at Youngstown State, Noon**
- Missouri State at #1 Southern Illinois, 2 p.m.
- Western Illinois at #11 Northern Iowa, 6:35 p.m.

(FCS) - indicates radio FCS Game of the Week
 (MVTN) - Valley TV Network Game
 (BTN) - Big Ten Network

2009 VALLEY FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Points
1. Northern Iowa (26)	314
2. Southern Illinois (9)	281
3. South Dakota State	231
4. North Dakota State (1)	206
5. Western Illinois	174
6. Youngstown State	171
7. Missouri State	111
8. Illinois State	90
9. Indiana State	42

Geno Blow



A QUARTER CENTURY OF GREATNESS

Founded in 1985 as the Gateway Football Conference, the Missouri Valley Football Conference is celebrating its 25th season of FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) football during the 2009 season. As part of a season-long celebration, the conference is paying tribute to its all-time greats by selecting a Silver Anniversary Team. **Boomer Grigsby** (LB) of Illinois State remains the only player in league history to win the MVFC's top honor three times, and he headlines a list of four Redbirds on the Silver Anniversary Team. He was joined on the team by **Stafford Davis** (OL), **Laurént Robinson** (WR) and **Jeff Smith** (DB).

TRIO SELECTED TO LEAGUE'S ALL-SELECT NFL TEAM

To kick off the league's 25th Year Celebration, the Missouri Valley Football Conference is paying tribute to its all-time greats - those who have had stellar careers or played with distinction in the National Football League. Three former Redbirds were selected to the "All-Select NFL Team" that included former NFL Most Valuable Players, Pro-Bowl selections and Super Bowl participants. Linebacker **Boomer Grigsby**, offensive lineman **Mark Rodenhauer** and running back/kick returner **Aveion Cason** represented Illinois State on the roster of Valley Football greats.

THE KID CAN PLAY

Illinois State true freshman wide receiver **Tyrone Walker** posted the first 100-yard receiving game of his career against Southern Illinois (Oct. 10). Walker was the Redbirds' second leading receiver in both receptions and yards as the Indianapolis, Ind., native caught four balls for 112 yards. Illinois State quarterback **Matt Brown** connected with Walker for an 81-yard strike in the second quarter, the longest play of either players' career.

(INSERT NAME HERE) WITH A CATCH

Despite completing a combined 43 passes to **Eyad Salem** in the last four games, Illinois State redshirt freshman quarterback **Matt Brown** has been quite judicious when it comes to spreading the ball around. Brown connected with 10 different receivers at Southern Illinois (Oct. 10) and it yielded a career-best 321 yards. Brown hit both Redbird running backs, two tight ends and six different wide outs against the Salukis. Brown has completed passes to nine different receivers three times, with a season-low of seven receivers completed to. Brown's 321 yards were the most by an ISU quarterback since **Luke Drone** threw for 342 against Drake in 2005.

PICKED OFF

The Redbird secondary has been much improved during the 2009 season, logging an interception in six of Illinois State's nine contests. The Redbirds have intercepted 10 passes, more than triple of last season's total (3). Junior cornerback **E.J. Jones** leads the team with four interceptions and senior cornerback **Chris Garrett** has three, including one which he returned 30 yards for a touchdown against South Dakota State. Junior safety **Kelvyn Hemphill** joined the fray with an interception on a desperation pass by Chris Dieker, just before halftime of team's loss at Southern Illinois (Oct. 10). Senior linebacker **Kyle Siskowic** and junior safety **Jermaine Malcolm** have recorded the team's remaining picks.

DOUBLE DIGITS

Illinois State had 10 different receivers catch a pass against nationally-ranked Southern Illinois (Oct. 10) from redshirt freshman quarterback **Matt Brown**, the first time the Redbirds have had double-digit receivers since Sept. 10, 2005. Former Redbird signal caller **Luke Drone** completed 24 passes to 10 different receivers in the 56-19 win over Drake and passed for 344 yards in the contest. **Laurent Robinson** led the Redbirds with nine catches for 163 yards and three touchdowns in that game.

BLOW-ING PAST THE REST

Illinois State's **Geno Blow** is in his final season with the Redbirds. Blow heads into his final season as the featured running back, after previously sharing time in a multiple back system in his previous three seasons. However, he has put up some impressive numbers in his time at ISU

- He currently ranks 10th on the all-time rushing yards list at Illinois State with 2,015 yards.
- With 418 career carries, he ranks 10th place all-time behind **Virgil Winters** (451).
- In three seasons, he has scored 19 rushing touchdowns, which puts him in sole possession of seventh place on the all-time rushing TDs list behind **Rafael Rice** (20) in sixth place.
- His 63.0 yards per game place him ninth on the all-time list.
- His 4.82 average yards per rush mark ranks him 15th on the all-time list.

CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

Illinois State started six cornerbacks against Southern Illinois (Oct 10). The Redbirds have used the nickel, a five defensive back formation, in several games but started six for the first time this season against the Salukis. **Chris Garrett** and **Johntel Franklin** started at corner for the Redbirds with **Casey Kociuba** as the nickel back and **Otis Merrill** as the dime back. **Jermaine Malcolm** and **Kelvyn Hemphill** also started as safeties.

ABOUT MR. BROWN

Illinois State quarterback **Matt Brown** threw for a career-best 321 yards in a personal homecoming game at Southern Illinois (Oct. 10). The Marion, Ill., native has topped 300 yards in back-to-back games after passing for 320 in the Redbirds road win at North Dakota State (Oct. 3). Brown, a redshirt freshman, has three games with over 300 yards passing in the first nine starts of his career. The mark ties **Kevin Glenn** for the second-most games over 300 yards passing in a single-season. Glenn accomplished the feat twice, first in 1997 and then again in 1998. With two games left in the regular season, it's conceivable that Brown could reach **Luke Drone's** mark of five games over 300 yards, set in 2005.

FOR THE RECORD

Redbird senior wide receiver **Eyad Salem** hauled in a career-best and school-record-tying 14 receptions in Illinois State's 27-24 win over North Dakota State (Oct. 3). Salem tied **Laurent Robinson** and **Dwayne Smith** at the top of Illinois State's single game receptions chart. The mark ties four others for third-most catches in a game in Valley history, and second-most in a MFVC football game behind UNI's Eddie Galles (16 vs. SIU in 2003). Salem also finished the game with 172 yards receiving.

PUNTING WITH AUTHORITY

Senior punter **Kevin Mazur** has found a groove as the team's punter of late. Against Southern Illinois (Oct. 10), Mazur punted four times for an average of 45.2 yards per kick including a career-long 51-yarder. Those numbers bested his previous career marks of 41.8 yards per punt and a long of 49 yards in the victory at North Dakota State (Oct. 3), which earned him MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. On the season, Mazur has punted 29 times and is averaging 38.7 yards per kick.

THE CERTIFICATE IS IN THE MAIL

Eyad Salem tied a school record with 14 catches, including three on Illinois State's final scoring drive, and **Kevin Mazur** averaged nearly 42 yards per punt as the Redbirds outlasted North Dakota State, 27-24, to win their first Missouri Valley Conference game in the Fargodome (Oct. 3). For their performances, Salem and Mazur were named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive and Special Teams Players of the Week, respectively, by the league office (Oct. 4). The award for Salem, a 2008 All-Valley Football First-Team selection and 2009 Preseason All-Valley pick, was the first of his career at Illinois State. The honor was the second for Mazur, who won the league's special team honor for the weekend of Sept. 9, 2006, when he was the ISU placekicker.

FANTASTIC FROSH

Illinois State true freshman wide outs **Ben Ericksen** and **Tyrone Walker** combined for nine catches and 86 yards against North Dakota State (Oct. 3). Ericksen caught five passes, in his first collegiate appearance, for 26 total yards. Walker had the second-most yards for the Redbirds with 60 on four catches. Walker is third on the team with 18 receptions through five games and second with 188 yards.

CLICKING ON ALL-CYLINDERS

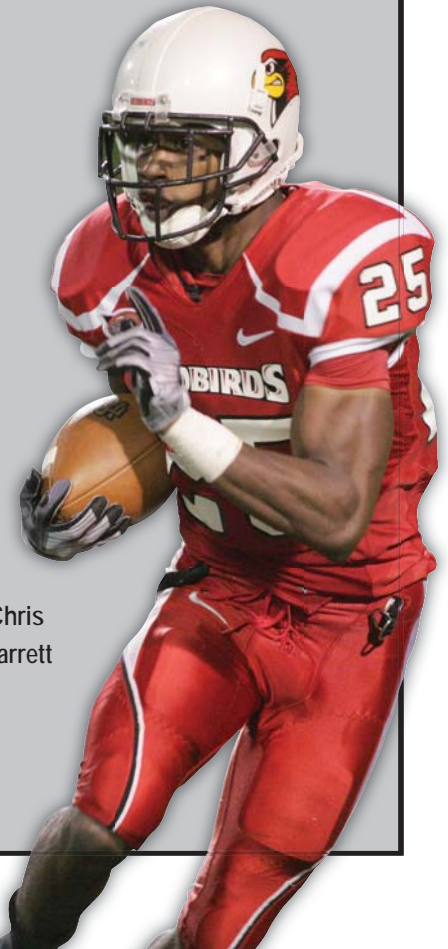
Illinois State rumbled for a season-best 436 yards against the Bison - motor-clichés aside, a pretty impressive performance. **Matt Brown** threw for 320 yards, his second game over the 300-yard mark, and three Redbirds combined to rush for 116 yards. It was the first time Illinois State has surpassed 400 yards of total offense this season, with its previous season-best 398 at FBS and Big Ten opponent Illinois.

PICK SIX

Illinois State senior cornerback **Chris Garrett** nabbed his second career interception in a loss to South Dakota State (Sept. 26) and turned it into his first career touchdown. The 30-yard interception return for a touchdown was the Redbirds' first defensive touchdown since **Jesse Caesar's** 45-yard interception return in the playoffs at Eastern Illinois in 2006. Garrett recorded his third career interception when he picked off a Wil Lunt pass in ISU's 25-7 victory over Western Illinois (Nov. 7). His three interceptions rank second on the team to junior **E.J. Jones**, who picked off his fourth pass of the season against the Leathernecks.

DEFENSIVE TDs IN LAST 10 YEARS

- 2009
Chris Garrett 30-yard INT vs. South Dakota St.
- 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



Chris Garrett

START CHART

Offense

Player	2009	Streak	Career
Salem (WR)	9	22	22
Riley (OL)	9	14	19
Zumbahlen (OL)	8	16	16
Bledsoe (OL)	8	9	9
McCarthy (OL)	9	9	9
Graves (WR)	9	9	9
Brown (QB)	8	8	8
White (TE)	8	7	8
Blow (RB)	8	-	16
Dennis (OL)	8	-	8
Walker (WR)	5	-	5
King (WR)	4	1	5
Wimbley (OL)	1	1	1
Gordon (OL)	1	1	1
Cline (TE)	1	-	1
Kiel (QB)	1	-	1

Defense

Player	2009	Streak	Career
Garrett (DB)	9	31	31
Brunner (DL)	9	12	17
Phelps (DL)	9	10	17
Hemphill (S)	8	8	25
Broome (DL)	8	8	8
Kociuba (S)	6	4	7
Davis (LB)	7	2	7
Jones (DB)	6	-	6
Malcolm (S)	6	-	7
Rivas (DL)	5	-	6
Zimmer (LB)	4	3	4
Wright (LB)	4	-	12
Piton (DL)	3	3	17
Howe (LB)	3	3	3
Merrill (DB)	3	1	3
Siskowic (LB)	3	-	4
Trujillo (LB)	3	-	15
Franklin (DB)	1	-	1
Whigham (DL)	1	-	1

Specialists

Player	2009	Streak	Career
Mazur (P)	9	9	34
Doyle (LS)	9	9	31
Kutch (K)	9	10	10

PRONUNCIATIONS

Abdule Ayanwale	EYE-an-wall-eh
Nick Broome	BROOM
Eric Brunner	brew-NER
Tyler Doering	DOOR-ing
Phil Elmassian	el-MAY-shun
Garin Harcar	GARE-in HAR-car
Mike Hiestand	HI-stand
Drew Kiel	KEEL
Jake Knecht	kuh-NET
Casey Kociuba	coe-SEE-bah
Zach Liming	LIE-ming
Mike Piton	last name rhymes with "kitten"
Eyad Salem	EE-odd SAY-lem
Kyle Siskowic	SIS-co-wick
Tony Trujillo	TRUE-hee-yoh
Tyler Van Sligtenhorst	van SLIG-ten-horst
Dane Zumbahlen	zoom-BAH-len

* Letters won

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
LT	76	Chris Riley**	6-5	290	Jr.	9	22	Wadsworth, Ill.
	68	Henry Vande Hey	6-5	285	Fr.	-	-	DePere, Wis.
LG	74	Nick Bledsoe	6-2	290	So.	9	17	Wheeling, Ill.
	70	Michael Cross**	6-5	290	Jr.	4	7	Bloomington, Ill.
C	51	Cal McCarthy	6-2	277	So.	9	10	Shorewood, Ill.
	65	Pete Cary	6-4	270	RFr.	1	1	Cincinnati, Ohio
RG	63	Charles Dennis*	6-3	305	So.	8	12	San Antonio, Texas
	61	Keenan Wimbley*	6-2	255	So.	4	10	Orlando, Fla.
RT	75	Dane Zumbahlen**	6-5	285	Jr.	9	27	Morris, Ill.
	69	Jon Ingerman	6-8	315	RFr.	9	9	Springfield, Ohio
TE	5	Cody White*	6-5	250	So.	8	19	Bloomington, Ill.
	43	Casey Cline*	6-3	240	So.	9	14	Gibson City, Ill.
WR	80	Tyrone Walker	5-11	175	Fr.	9	9	Indianapolis, Ind.
	81	Marcus King*	6-4	215	So.	9	19	Bloomington, Ill.
WR	85	Ben Graves	6-3	208	Jr.	9	9	Columbus, Ohio
	87	Darryl Valdez	5-11	200	Jr.	5	5	Portland, Ore.
WR	84	Eyad Salem**	6-2	188	Sr.	9	31	Elgin, Ill.
	83	Jake Knecht	6-0	185	Fr.	6	6	Issaquah, Wash.
QB	13	Matt Brown	6-4	210	RFr.	9	9	Marion, Ill.
	10	Matt Lancaster	6-2	190	Fr.	4	4	West Lafayette, Ind.
FB	35	Garin Harcar***	5-11	255	Sr.	9	44	Grand Ridge, Ill.
	42	James Hoyt*	6-0	240	So.	8	18	Moline, Ill.
RB	22	Geno Blow***	5-11	205	Sr.	8	32	Seabrook, Texas
	31	Cliffon Gordon*	5-10	210	So.	9	20	Chicago Heights, Ill.

DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
DE	58	Doni Phelps*	6-1	255	Sr.	9	20	San Pablo, Calif.
	95	Tom Speer***	6-4	240	Sr.	8	36	Macomb, Ill.
DT	55	Eric Brunner*	6-2	255	So.	9	11	Glendale, Wis.
	53	Xzavier Stewart	6-1	315	Jr.	9	9	Chicago, Ill.
DT	62	Mike Piton**	6-2	275	Jr.	9	22	Palos Hills, Ill.
	91	Dave Rivas**	6-3	245	Jr.	9	16	Chicago, Ill.
DE	94	Nick Broome	6-4	245	RFr.	8	8	Columbus, Ind.
	32	Bert Whigham**	6-4	255	Fr.	9	30	Sanford, Fla.
SLB	9	Mike Zimmer	6-3	210	Fr.	7	7	Wheeling, Ill.
	45	Kyle Siskowic***	6-1	225	Sr.	9	42	San Diego, Calif.
MLB	34	Josh Howe*	6-0	225	So.	8	8	Chicago, Ill.
	17	Paul Wright*	6-0	220	Jr.	8	19	Martinez, Calif.
WLB	23	Austin Davis	6-1	215	RFr.	8	8	Normal, Ill.
	7	Tony Trujillo**	6-2	230	Jr.	9	31	Salt Lake City, Utah
CB	25	Chris Garrett**	6-0	175	Sr.	9	31	Concord, Calif.
	46	Johntel Franklin	6-2	192	Fr.	9	9	Milwaukee, Wis.
SS	3	Casey Kociuba*	6-1	205	So.	9	18	Liberty Hill, Texas
	7	Jermaine Malcolm*	6-4	210	Jr.	9	18	San Antonio, Texas
FS	24	Kelvyn Hemphill**	6-2	185	Jr.	9	29	San Antonio, Texas
	14	Antonio Adams*	6-1	195	Sr.	9	17	San Antonio, Texas
CB	2	E.J. Jones*	5-11	190	Jr.	9	19	Edwardsville, Ill.
	21	Otis Merrill	5-11	176	Jr.	9	9	Cleveland, Ohio
NB	14	Antonio Adams*	6-1	195	Sr.	9	17	San Antonio, Texas
	2	E.J. Jones*	5-11	190	Jr.	9	19	Edwardsville, Ill.

SPECIALISTS

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
PK	6	Zach Kutch*	5-9	175	Sr.	9	20	Milton, Fla.
	82	Steven Fetzer**	5-11	185	Jr.	-	15	Mahomet, Ill.
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	82	Steven Fetzer**	5-11	185	Jr.	-	15	Mahomet, Ill.
P	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11	190	Sr.	9	35	Mt. Prospect, Ill.
	92	Mike Wood	6-4	210	Fr.	-	-	Greenwood, Ind.
KR	22	Geno Blow***	5-11	205	Sr.	8	32	Seabrook, Texas
	84	Eyad Salem**	6-2	188	Sr.	9	31	Elgin, Ill.
KR	25	Chris Garrett**	6-0	175	Sr.	9	31	Concord, Calif.
	83	Jake Knecht	6-0	185	Fr.	5	5	Issaquah, Wash.
PR	2	E.J. Jones*	5-11	190	Jr.	9	19	Edwardsville, Ill.
	84	Eyad Salem**	6-2	188	Sr.	9	31	Elgin, Ill.
HO	36	Kevin Mazur**	5-11	190	Sr.	9	35	Mt. Prospect, Ill.
	13	Matt Brown	6-4	210	RFr.	9	9	Marion, Ill.
LS	98	Joe Doyle**	6-2	235	Sr.	9	30	Worcester, Mass.
	45	Kyle Siskowic***	6-1	225	Sr.	9	42	San Diego, Calif.

OFFENSE

LT	76	Chris Riley	<i>His uncle, on his dad's side, is the son of Roald Dahl, author of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."</i>
LG	74	Nick Bledsoe	<i>Originally came to Illinois State to throw the discus shot put for the track & field team, but moved to football in 2008.</i>
C	51	Cal McCarthy	<i>His father, Tim, was a Redbird defensive lineman from 1981 to '84.</i>
RG	63	Charles Dennis	<i>Participated in a fashion show for the Professional Football Players Mothers Association last summer.</i>
RT	75	Dane Zumbahlen	<i>Rides a ride scooter with ISU decals on it to practice and class every day, weather permitting.</i>
WR	84	Eyad Salem	<i>Lived with his family in Palestine for four years, from the age of 5 to 9.</i>
WR	80	Tyrone Walker	<i>Led team to a Class 1A State Championship in Indiana senior year; set a state record with 1,893 yards receiving that year.</i>
WR	85	Ben Graves	<i>Lettered in five sports in high school: football, basketball, wrestling, track & field and tennis.</i>
QB	13	Matt Brown	<i>Wore the same pair of socks every game of his high school career, washing them occasionally.</i>
TE	5	Cody White	<i>Has lived in six states (Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Arizona, Illinois) and has moved seven times.</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	6	Zach Kutch	<i>High school teammate of Lawrence Tynes, who scored the first and last points in the New York Giants' Super Bowl XLII victory.</i>

DEFENSE

DE	94	Nick Broome	<i>Prep teammate of ISU quarterback Drew Kiel; ran anchor on his high school's 4x100 meter relay team</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	62	Mike Piton	<i>A self-proclaimed "computer geek" who has built a computer; also nicknamed "The Body."</i>
DE	58	Doni Phelps	<i>Received his blackbelt in kajukenbo - a mix of martial arts (name has roots in karate, judo and kendo), at the age of 16.</i>
SLB	45	Kyle Siskowic	<i>A fourth-generation collegiate football player; his brother, Cameron, was a former All-American linebacker at ISU.</i>
MLB	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>
WLB	23	Austin Davis	<i>Climbed Dunns River Falls on vacation last summer in Jamaica.</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	27	Jermaine Malcolm	<i>Lived in Montego Bay, Jamaica, until moving to the United States prior to his freshman year in high school.</i>
FS	24	Kelvyn Hemphill	<i>His father, Darryl Hemphill, played in the NFL for both the New York Jets and Baltimore Colts</i>
CB	2	E.J. Jones	<i>His coaches and teammates nag him about his excessive fingernail biting habit.</i>
P	36	Kevin Mazur	<i>Volunteered in 2005 with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.</i>

NON-STARTERS TO WATCH

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>
MLB	7	Tony Trujillo	<i>Loves the outdoors; enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and riding four-wheelers.</i>
FS	3	Casey Kociuba	<i>Caught a 90-pound tuna while deep-sea fishing in Florida last summer.</i>
DL	95	Tom Speer	<i>A big fan of country music and wearing his cowboy boots.</i>
DL	91	Dave Rivas	<i>The son of a preacher, and his father has been a preacher for over 20 years.</i>
WR	87	Darryl Valdez	<i>Likes to draw cartoons of video game characters in his free time.</i>

Offense	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	QB	TB
at Eastern Illinois	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	King	Graves	Kiel	Blow
at Illinois	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	Cline	Walker	Graves	Brown	Blow
Austin Peay	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	Walker	Graves	Brown	Blow
South Dakota State	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	King	Graves	Brown	Blow
at North Dakota	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	King	Graves	Brown	Blow
at Southern Illinois	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	Walker	Graves	Brown	Blow
Indiana State	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	Walker	Graves	Brown	Blow
at Missouri State	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Dennis	Zumbahlen	White	Walker	Graves	Brown	Blow
Western Illinois	Salem	Riley	Bledsoe	McCarthy	Wimbley	Zumbahlen	White	King	Graves	Brown	Gordon
at Youngstown State											
Northern Iowa											

Defense	DE	DT	DT	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
at Eastern Illinois	Phelps	Rivas	Brunner	Whigham	Merrill (NB)	Trujillo	Davis	Garrett	Malcolm	Kociuba	Jones
at Illinois	Phelps	Rivas	Brunner	Broome	Siskowic	Trujillo	Hemphill (NB)	Garrett	Malcolm	Kociuba	Jones
Austin Peay	Phelps	Rivas	Brunner	Broome	Siskowic	Wright	Davis	Garrett	Malcolm	Hemphill	Jones
South Dakota State	Phelps	Rivas	Brunner	Broome	Siskowic	Wright	Davis	Garrett	Malcolm	Hemphill	Jones
at North Dakota	Phelps	Rivas	Brunner	Broome	Zimmer	Wright	Davis	Garrett	Malcolm	Hemphill	Jones
at Southern Illinois	Phelps	Brunner	Broome	Merrill (NB)	Kociuba (NB)	Trujillo	Davis	Garrett	Malcolm	Hemphill	Franklin
Indiana State	Phelps	Brunner	Piton	Broome	Zimmer	Wright	Howe	Garrett	Kociuba	Hemphill	Jones
at Missouri State	Phelps	Brunner	Piton	Broome	Zimmer	Howe	Davis	Garrett	Kociuba	Hemphill	Merrill
Western Illinois	Phelps	Brunner	Piton	Broome	Zimmer	Howe	Davis	Garrett	Kociuba	Hemphill	Merrill
at Youngstown State											
Northern Iowa											

Specialists	KO	PK	P	HO	PR	KR	KR	LS
at Eastern Illinois	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
at Illinois	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
Austin Peay	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
South Dakota State	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
at North Dakota	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
at Southern Illinois	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
Indiana State	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
at Missouri State	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
Western Illinois	Kutch	Kutch	Mazur	Mazur	Jones	Blow	Garrett	Doyle
at Youngstown State								
Northern Iowa								

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Adams, Antonio	8/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Bailey, Mario	2/-	XXX	XXX		
Bledsoe, Nick	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Blow, Geno	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Broome, Nick	8/8	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Brown, Matt	9/8	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Brunner, Eric	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Cary, Pete	1/-	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Church, Jordan	3/-	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...		
Cline, Casey	8/1	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Comer, Jayme	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Cross, Mike	2/-	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Davis, Austin	8/7	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	...	START	START		
Dennis, Charles	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Detmers, Jake	6/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Doyle, Joe	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Eastman, Dean	1/-	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ericksen, Ben	4/-	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX		
Fermon, John	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
Franklin, Johnie	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Garrett, Chris	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Givens, Ryan	1/-	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gordon, Clifford	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START		
Graves, Ben	9/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Harcar, Garin	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Hemphill, Kelvyn	9/8	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Hood, Seth	3/-	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX		
Howe, Josh	8/2	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START		
Hoyt, James	7/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Ingerman, Jon	7/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Jones, E.J.	8/6	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	...	XXX		
Kiel, Drew	1/1	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
King, Marcus	9/3	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START		
Knecht, Jake	5/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	XXX		
Kociuba, Casey	9/5	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	START		
Kutch, Zach	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Lancaster, Matt	4/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX		
Malcolm, Jermain	9/7	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX		
Marlin, Mark	3/-	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...
Mazur, Kevin	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
McCarthy, Cal	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Merrill, Otis	9/3	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START		
Mose, Matt	6/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Phelps, Doni	9/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Piton, Mike	9/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START		
Randle, Troy	2/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...
Riley, Chris	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Rivas, Dave	9/6	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX		
Salem, Eyad	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Sankey, Ray	6/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX		
Seefeld, Mike	6/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Siskowic, Kyle	9/4	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX		
Van Sligtenhors	4/-	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
Speer, Tom	8/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Stewart, Xzavier	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Trujillo, Tony	9/3	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Valdez, Darryl	3/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Venson, Brandon	8/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Walker, Tyrone	9/6	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START		
Webb, Kendall	1/-	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
Werner, Powell, B	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...
Wertz, Pat	2/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...
Westbrook, Tommi	2/-	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whigham, Bert	9/2	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START		
White, Cody	8/8	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		
Wilson, Brandon	8/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX		
Wimbley, Keenan	4/1	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	START		
Wright, Paul	8/5	XXX	...	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START		
Zimmer, Mike	7/3	...	...	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START		
Zumbahlen, Dane	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START		

REDBIRD CAPTAINS

Game	Redbird Captains
at Eastern Illinois	Kiel, Phelps
at Illinois	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
Austin Peay	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
South Dakota State	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
at North Dakota State	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
at Southern Illinois	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
Indiana State	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
at Missouri State	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
Western Illinois	Kiel, Phelps, Brown
at Youngstown State	
Northern Iowa	

VALLEY FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE

- Clifton Gordon (Sept. 20) – 17 att., 96 yds., 4 TDs
- Eyad Salem (Oct. 4) – 17 rec., 172 yds., 1 TD

DEFENSE

- None

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Kevin Mazur (Oct. 4) – 41.8 yds/punt, two inside 20
- Zach Kutch (Nov. 8) – 6 FG, career-long 48 yarder

OFFENSIVE LINE

- Nick Bledsoe (Nov. 2) – Season-high 178 yards rushing

NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Zach Kutch (Nov. 8) – 6 FG, career-long 48 yd. (CSN)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
14	Antonio Adams	S	6-1	195	Sr.-1L	Urbana, Ill. (Urbana HS)	36	Kevin Mazur	P/K	5-11	190	Sr.-2L	Mt. Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey HS)
18	Abdul Ayanwale	SS	6-3	190	Fr.-HS	Deland, Fla. (Deland HS)	51	Cal McCarthy	OL	6-2	275	So.-Sq.	Shorewood, Ill. (Minooka HS)
54	Mario Bailey	DL	6-2	250	Fr.-RS	Kankakee, Ill. (Kankakee HS)	21	Otis Merrill	DB	5-11	176	So.-TR	Cleveland, Ohio (Wisconsin)
74	Nick Bledsoe	OL	6-1	290	So.-Sq.	Wheeling, Ill. (Wheeling HS)	86	Matt Mose	WR	6-3	200	So.-Sq.	Waukegan, Ill. (Warren Township HS)
22	Geno Blow	RB	5-11	205	Sr.-3L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Lake HS)	48	Jordan Neukirch	TE	6-2	220	Fr.-HS	Algonquin, Ill. (Huntley HS)
49	John Brewer	DL	6-3	230	Fr.-HS	Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich HS)	58	Doni Phelps	DL	6-1	255	Sr.-1L	San Pablo, Calif. (City College of San Francisco)
94	Nick Broome	DL	6-4	245	Fr.-RS	Columbus, Ind. (East HS)	96	K.J. Picard	DB	6-1	195	Fr.-HS	Palos Park, Ill. (Mt. Carmel HS)
13	Matt Brown	QB	6-4	210	Fr.-RS	Marion, Ill. (Marion HS)	62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-2L	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg HS)
55	Eric Brunner	DL	6-2	270	So.-1L	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale HS)	97	Nathan Rebholz	LS	6-1	220	So.-Sq.	Bloomington, Ill. (Central Catholic HS)
65	Pete Cary	OL	6-4	270	Fr.-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin HS)	76	Chris Riley	OL	6-5	290	Jr.-2L	Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township HS)
77	Cory Christianson	OL	6-3	280	Fr.-RS	Apple Valley, Minn. (Holy Angels HS)	91	Dave Rivas	DL	6-3	260	Jr.-2L	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech HS)
44	Jordan Church	TE	6-3	230	Fr.-RS	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia HS)	84	Eyad Salem	WR	6-2	188	Sr.-2L	Elgin, Ill. (Minnesota State-Moorhead)
43	Casey Cline	FB/TE	6-3	240	So.-1L	Gibson City, Ill. (GCMS HS)	59	Ray Sankey	DL	6-2	230	So.-1L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East HS)
41	Jayme Comer	LB	6-2	220	Fr.-RS	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg HS)	66	Mike Seefeld	OL	6-2	275	Fr.-RS	Cudahy, Wis. (Cudahy HS)
70	Michael Cross	OL	6-5	290	Jr.-2L	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community HS)	26	Corey Shandrick	WR	5-11	175	Fr.-HS	West Lafayette, Ind. (Harrison HS)
23	Austin Davis	LB	6-1	215	Fr.-RS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community HS)	45	Kyle Siskowic	LB	6-1	225	Sr.-3L	San Diego, Calif. (Clairemont HS)
63	Charles Dennis	OL	6-3	305	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)	11	Mike Slack	FB	6-1	220	Jr.-Sq.	Wadsworth, Ill. (Warren Township HS)
47	Jake Detmers	LB/DL	6-4	230	So.-TR	Normal, Ill. (Quincy)	95	Tom Speer	DL	6-4	240	Sr.-3L	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb HS)
73	Billy Dickson	OL	6-5	290	Fr.-RS	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community HS)	53	Xzavier Stewart	DL	6-1	315	Jr.-TR	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park/Kansas State)
79	Tyler Doering	OL	6-5	285	So.-Sq.	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington HS)	78	Mike Thompson	OL	6-5	290	Fr.-HS	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem HS)
98	Joe Doyle	LS	6-2	235	Sr.-2L	Worcester, Mass. (Antelope Valley CC)	7	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Jr.-2L	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood HS)
89	Dean Eastman	WR	6-4	200	Fr.-RS	Eureka, Ill. (Army Prep)	87	Darryl Valdez	WR	5-11	200	Jr.-TR	Portland, Ore. (Santa Rosa JC)
88	Ben Ericksen	WR	6-1	170	Fr.-HS	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale HS)	16	Tyler Van Sligtenhorst	WR	5-7	174	Fr.-HS	Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers HS)
82	Steven Fetzer	K	5-11	185	Jr.-2L	Mahomet, Ill. (Mahomet-Seymour HS)	68	Henry Vande Hey	OT	6-3	285	Fr.-HS	DePere, Wis. (Wrightstown HS)
46	Johntel Franklin	DB	6-2	192	Fr.-HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (James Madison HS)	12	Brandon Venson	TE	6-3	225	Jr.-TR	Glendale Heights, Ill. (College of DuPage)
25	Chris Garrett	CB	6-0	175	Sr.-2L	Concord, Calif. (Diablo Valley CC)	80	Tyrone Walker	WR	5-11	175	Fr.-HS	Indianapolis (Cardinal Ritter HS)
20	Ryan Givens	RB	5-9	176	Fr.-HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Riverside University HS)	28	Kendall Webb	DB	5-10	160	Fr.-HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Watkins HS)
31	Cliffon Gordon	RB	5-10	210	So.-1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)	33	Brett Werner-Powell	RB	6-2	205	Fr.-RS	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead HS)
85	Ben Graves	WR	6-3	208	So.-TR	Columbus, Ohio (Middle Tennessee State)	90	Pat Wertz	DL	6-4	240	Fr.-RS	Orland Hills, Ill. (Andrew HS)
93	Alton Hairston	DB	5-10	165	Fr.-HS	Chicago, Ill. (Hyde Park HS)	19	Tommie Westbrook	LB	6-0	225	Jr.-2L	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech HS)
35	Garin Harcar	FB	5-11	255	Sr.-3L	Grand Ridge, Ill. (Ottawa HS)	29	Brandon Westphal	FS	6-1	200	Fr.-HS	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook HS)
24	Kelvyn Hemphill	S	6-2	185	Jr.-2L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS)	32	Bert Whigham	DL	6-4	255	Sr.-2L	Sanford, Fla. (Seminoles HS)
37	Mike Hiestand	LB	6-0	220	Fr.-RS	Mundelein, Ill. (Carmel HS)	5	Cody White	TE	6-5	250	So.-1L	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West HS)
30	Seth Hood	RB	6-1	225	Fr.-HS	Moline, Ill. (Moline HS)	57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	240	Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay HS)
34	Josh Howe	LB	6-0	225	So.-1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)	61	Keenan Wimbley	DL	6-2	255	So.-1L	Ocoee, Fla. (Edgewater HS)
42	James Hoyt	FB	6-0	245	So.-1L	Moline, Ill. (Moline HS)	92	Mike Wood	K/P	6-4	210	Fr.-HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove HS)
69	Jon Ingerman	OL	6-8	315	Fr.-RS	Springfield, Ohio (Northeastern HS)	17	Paul Wright	LB	6-0	220	Jr.-1L	Martinez, Calif. (Diablo Valley CC)
2	E.J. Jones	CB	5-11	190	Jr.-1L	Edwardsville, Ill. (Minnesota)	9	Mike Zimmer	LB	6-3	210	Fr.-HS	Wheeling, Ill. (Wheeling HS)
40	Kane Keirnan	FB	6-3	225	Fr.-RS	Glenn Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West HS)	75	Dane Zumbahlen	OL	6-5	285	Jr.-2L	Morris, Ill. (Morris HS)
4	Drew Kiel	QB	6-3	225	So.-1L	Columbus, Ind. (East HS)							
81	Marcus King	WR	6-4	215	So.-1L	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal Community HS)							
83	Jake Knecht	WR	6-0	183	Fr.-HS	Issaquah, Wash. (Skyline HS)							
3	Casey Kociuba	S	6-1	205	So.-1L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)							
6	Zach Kutch	K/P	5-9	175	Sr.-1L	Milton, Fla. (Auburn)							
10	Matt Lancaster	QB	6-2	190	Fr.-HS	West Lafayette, Ind. (West Lafayette HS)							
71	Zach Liming	DL	6-4	270	Fr.-HS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community HS)							
56	Jason Link	DL	6-3	235	Fr.-HS	Galesburg, Ill. (Cactus Shadows (Ariz.) HS)							
27	Jermaine Malcolm	CB	6-4	210	Jr.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Holmes HS)							
52	Mark Martin	DL	6-0	245	So.-Sq.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Riverside University HS)							

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3	Casey Kociuba	S	6-1	205	So.-1L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)	57	Brandon Wilson	DL	6-2	240	Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay HS)
4	Drew Kiel	QB	6-3	225	So.-1L	Columbus, Ind. (East HS)	58	Doni Phelps	DL	6-1	255	Sr.-1L	San Pablo, Calif. (City College of San Francisco)
5	Cody White	TE	6-5	250	So.-1L	Bloomington, Ill. (Normal West HS)	59	Ray Sankey	DL	6-2	230	So.-1L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East HS)
6	Zach Kutch	K/P	5-9	175	Sr.-1L	Milton, Fla. (Auburn)	61	Keenan Wimbley	DL	6-2	255	So.-1L	Ocoee, Fla. (Edgewater HS)
7	Tony Trujillo	LB	6-2	230	Jr.-2L	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood HS)	62	Mike Piton	DL	6-2	275	Jr.-2L	Palos Hills, Ill. (Stagg HS)
9	Mike Zimmer	LB	6-3	210	Fr.-HS	Wheeling, Ill. (Wheeling HS)	63	Charles Dennis	OL	6-3	305	So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
10	Matt Lancaster	QB	6-2	190	Fr.-HS	West Lafayette, Ind. (West Lafayette HS)	65	Pete Cary	OL	6-4	270	Fr.-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin HS)
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12	Brandon Venson	TE	6-3	225	Jr.-TR	Glendale Heights, Ill. (College of DuPage)	68	Henry Vande Hey	OT	6-3	285	Fr.-HS	DePere, Wis. (Wrightstown HS)
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54	Mario Bailey	DL	6-2	250	Fr.-RS	Kankakee, Ill. (Kankakee HS)							
55	Eric Brunner	DL	6-2	270	So.-1L	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale HS)							

#14 • Antonio Adams • DB

Tackles: 9 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Solos: 5 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Assists: 4 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Interceptions: 0

#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: 4 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Receiving Yards: 24 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07

#94 • Nick Broome • DL

Tackles: 7 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Solos: 2 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Assists: 5 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Sacks: 0.5 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 TFLs: 1.0 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Interceptions: 0

#13 • Matt Brown • QB

Attempts: 45 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Completions: 30 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Yards: 321 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Passing Touchdowns: 2, five times
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0
 Long Pass: 81 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Interceptions: 2, twice
 Rushing Yards: 37 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09

#55 • Eric Brunner • DL

Tackles: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Solos: 4 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Assists: 5, three times
 Sacks: 1, twice
 TFLs: 1.5, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#43 • Casey Cline • TE

Receptions: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Receiving Yards: 69 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 34 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09

#41 • Jayme Comer • LB

Tackles: 4 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Solos: 3 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
 TFLs: 1.0, three times
 Interceptions: 0

#23 • Austin Davis • LB

Tackles: 11 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 8 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
 TFLs: 1.0, three times
 Interceptions: 0

#82 • Steven Fetzer • K

Field Goals Made: 2, twice
 Field Goals Attempted: 4 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
 Longest Field Goal: 47 at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
 Most PATs: 7, twice

#46 • Johntel Franklin • DB

Tackles: 3 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Solos: 3 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Assists: 1 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#25 • Chris Garrett • DB

Tackles: 8, three times
 Solos: 8 vs. Missouri State, 10-18-08
 Assists: 3 at Northern Iowa, 10-11-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, four times
 Interceptions: 1, three times

#88 • Ben Ericksen • WR

Receptions: 5 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Receiving Yards: 26 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 10 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09

#31 • Clifton Gordon • RB

Rushing Yards: 122 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Rushing Attempts: 30 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Rushing TDs: 4 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
 Longest Rush: 24 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Receptions: 2, three times
 Receiving Yards: 28 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
 Receiving TDs: 1 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09

#85 • Ben Graves • WR

Receptions: 6, twice
 Receiving Yards: 65 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Touchdowns: 1 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Long Reception: 36 at Illinois, 9-12-09

#35 • Garin Harcar • FB

Rushing Yards: 34 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Rushing Attempts: 5 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Rushing TDs: 0
 Receptions: 6 at Northern Iowa, 10-11-08
 Receiving Yards: 49 at Eastern Illinois, 9-15-07
 Receiving TDs: 1, five times

#24 • Kelyvn Hemphill • DB

Tackles: 17 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Solos: 9, twice
 Assists: 10 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.0, twice
 Interceptions: 1, twice

#34 • Josh Howe • LB

Tackles: 9 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Solos: 5 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
 Assists: 6 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.0, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#2 • E.J. Jones • DB

Tackles: 7 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Solos: 6 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Assists: 3, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 2.0 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Interceptions: 2 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#4 • Drew Kiel • QB

Attempts: 22 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Completions: 20 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Yards: 140 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Touchdowns: 1, four times
 Long Pass: 51 vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-08
 Interceptions: 2 vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-08
 Rushing Yards: 17 at Murray State, 9-13-08

#81 • Marcus King • WR

Receptions: 4 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Receiving Yards: 38 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 19 at Marshall, 8-30-08

#83 • Jake Knecht • WR

Receptions: 2, twice
 Receiving Yards: 27 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 18 at Illinois, 9-12-09

#3 • Casey Kociuba • DB

Tackles: 8 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Solos: 6 at Missouri, 9-22-07
 Assists: 4 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#6 • Zach Kutch • K

Field Goals Made: 6 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Field Goals Attempted: 7 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Longest Field Goal: 48, twice
 Most PATs: 5 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#10 • Matt Lancaster • QB

Attempts: 6 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
 Completions: 6 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
 Yards: 42 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Passing Touchdowns: 0
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
 Long Pass: 27 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Interceptions: 1 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Rushing Yards: 9 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09

#27 • Jermaine Malcolm • DB

Tackles: 10 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Solos: 6 at Western Illinois, 11-15-08
 Assists: 7 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#36 • Kevin Mazur • K/P

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
 Most Punts: 6, twice
 Longest Punt: 51 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Punt Average: 45.2 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Punts Inside 20: 3 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#21 • Otis Merrill • DB

Tackles: 4 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 4 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#86 • Matt Mose • WR

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 6 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 6 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09

#58 • Doni Phelps • DL

Tackles: 9 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Solos: 4 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Sacks: 3.0 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 TFLs: 2.0, twice

#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: 1.0 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 TFLs: 2.0 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 Interceptions: 0

#91 • Dave Rivas • DL

Tackles: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 4 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
 Sacks: 1 vs. Murray State, 9-8-07
 TFLs: 2.0 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Interceptions: 0

#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: 14, twice
 Receiving Yards: 186 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
 Touchdowns: 2, three times
 Long Reception: 50 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08

#45 • Kyle Siskowic • LB

Tackles: 7, twice
 Solos: 3 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Assists: 5, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5, three times
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#95 • Tom Speer • DL

Tackles: 4 vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-08
 Solos: 1, six times
 Assists: 3 vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
 Interceptions: 0

#53 • Xzavier Stewart • DL

Tackles: 3, three times
 Solos: 2 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
 Assists: 2, four times
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.0, three times
 Interceptions: 0

#7 • Tony Trujillo • LB

Tackles: 11 at Missouri State, 10-6-07
 Solos: 5, twice
 Assists: 7, three times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#87 • Darryl Valdez • WR

Receptions: 1 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Receiving Yards: 0
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 0 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09

#12 • Brandon Venson • TE

Receptions: 2 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Receiving Yards: 38 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Touchdowns: 1 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Long Reception: 38 at Missouri State, 10-31-09

#80 • Tyrone Walker • WR

Receptions: 5, twice
 Receiving Yards: 112 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Touchdowns: 1, three times
 Long Reception: 81 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09

#19 • Tommie Westbrook • LB

Tackles: 8 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Solos: 5 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
 Assists: 7 at Marshall, 8-30-08
 Sacks: 0.5 at Murray State, 9-13-08
 TFLs: 1, four times
 Interceptions: 0

#32 • Bert Whigham • DL

Tackles: 5, twice
 Solos: 2 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Sacks: 2.0 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 TFLs: 2.0 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Interceptions: 0

#5 • Cody White • TE

Receptions: 2, twice
 Receiving Yards: 29 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
 Touchdowns: 1 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Long Reception: 22 at North Dakota State, 10-3-09

#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: 2.0 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 TFLs: 2.0, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#17 • Paul Wright • LB

Tackles: 10, twice
 Solos: 9 vs. Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
 Assists: 7 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-20-08
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1, five times
 Interceptions: 0

#9 • Mike Zimmer • LB

Tackles: 8 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Solos: 5 vs. Indiana State, 10-17-09
 Assists: 5 at Missouri State, 10-31-09
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09s
 Interceptions: 0

GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Attendance
Sep 03, 2009	at Eastern Illinois	6-31	L	10013
Sep 12, 2009	at Illinois	17-45	L	62347
Sep 19, 2009	AUSTIN PEAY	38-7	W	10158
Sep 26, 2009	#17 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	17-38	L	7,833
Oct 3, 2009	at North Dakota State*	27-24	W	18,608
Oct 10, 2009	at #6 Southern Illinois*	23-43	L	11,153
Oct 17, 2009	INDIANA STATE*	38-21	W	11,513
Oct 31, 2009	at Missouri State*	24-14	W	12,115
Nov 7, 2009	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	25-7	W	12,074

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	OPP
SCORING	215	230
Points Per Game	23.9	25.6
FIRST DOWNS	179	163
Rushing	49	82
Passing	117	65
Penalty	13	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	944	1619
Yards gained rushing	1169	1929
Yards lost rushing	225	310
Rushing Attempts	304	326
Average Per Rush	3.1	5.0
Average Per Game	104.9	179.9
TDs Rushing	11	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2213	1676
Comp-Att-Int	218-333-7	126-219-10
Average Per Pass	6.6	7.7
Average Per Catch	10.2	13.3
Average Per Game	245.9	186.2
TDs Passing	12	13
TOTAL OFFENSE	3157	3295
Total Plays	637	545
Average Per Play	5.0	6.0
Average Per Game	350.8	366.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	36-696	42-771
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-151	15-75
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-42	7-156
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.3	18.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.4	5.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	4.2	22.3
FUMBLES-LOST	8-4	8-5
PENALTIES-Yards	62-589	57-544
Average Per Game	65.4	60.4
PUNTS-Yards	39-1445	40-1402
Average Per Punt	37.1	35.0
Net punt average	34.1	30.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:49	28:11
3RD-DOWN Conversions	62/140	40/110
3rd-Down Pct	44%	36%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/13	3/12
4th-Down Pct	46%	25%
SACKS BY-Yards	23-171	13-101

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Illinois State	20	106	55	34	0	215
Opponents	41	76	48	65	0	230

RUSHING

	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Gordon,Clifton	9	115	472	16	456	4.0	6	24	50.7
Blow,Geno	8	119	471	30	441	3.7	4	42	55.1
Brown,Matt	9	40	176	123	53	1.3	0	20	5.9
Lancaster,Matt	4	4	14	0	14	3.5	1	7	3.5
Hood,Seth	3	4	12	0	12	3.0	0	5	4.0
Kiel,Drew	1	5	18	12	6	1.2	0	14	6.0
Givens,Ryan	1	7	6	3	3	0.4	0	3	3.0
TEAM	7	9	0	17	-17	-1.9	0	0	-2.4
Mazur,Kevin	9	1	0	24	-24	-24.0	0	0	-2.7
Total.....	9	304	1169	225	944	3.1	11	42	104.9
Opponents.....	9	326	1929	310	1619	5.0	17	93	179.9

PASSING

	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Brown,Matt	9	127.73	186-294-6	63.3	1967	11	81	218.6
Kiel,Drew	1	159.36	20-22-0	90.9	140	1	17	140.0
Lancaster,Matt	4	117.09	11-14-1	78.6	88	0	27	22.0
Hood,Seth	3	251.20	1-1-0	100.0	18	0	18	6.0
TEAM	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Van Sligtenhorst,Ty	4	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	9	128.98	218-333-7	65.5	2213	12	81	245.9
Opponents.....	9	132.28	126-219-10	57.5	1676	13	95	186.2

RECEIVING

	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Salem,Eyad	9	75	813	10.8	5	41	90.3
Walker,Tyrone	9	32	424	13.2	3	81	47.1
Graves,Ben	9	26	195	7.5	1	36	21.7
Blow,Geno	8	16	137	8.6	0	41	17.1
Cline,Casey	8	13	148	11.4	0	34	18.5
Gordon,Clifton	9	13	125	9.6	1	24	13.9
Ericksen,Ben	4	10	22	2.2	0	10	5.5
White,Cody	8	9	110	12.2	1	22	13.8
King,Marcus	9	9	72	8.0	0	18	8.0
Venson,Brandon	8	6	106	17.7	1	38	13.2
Knecht,Jake	5	4	38	9.5	0	18	7.6
Mose,Matt	6	2	7	3.5	0	6	1.2
Brown,Matt	9	1	18	18.0	0	18	2.0
Valdez,Darryl	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harcar,Garin	9	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
Total.....	9	218	2213	10.2	12	81	245.9
Opponents.....	9	126	1676	13.3	13	95	186.2

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jones, E.J.	11	103	9.4	0	24
Salem, Eyad	2	6	3.0	0	5
Whigham, Bert	1	31	31.0	0	8
Kociuba, Casey	1	1	1.0	0	1
Trujillo, Tony	1	10	10.0	0	0
Total.....	16	151	9.4	0	24
Opponents.....	15	75	5.0	0	19

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jones, E.J.	4	0	0.0	0	0
Garrett, Chris	3	30	10.0	1	30
Malcolm, Jermaine	1	13	13.0	0	13
Hemphill, Kelvyn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Siskowic, Kyle	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Total.....	10	42	4.2	1	30
Opponents.....	7	156	22.3	0	78

KICK RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Blow, Geno	13	255	19.6	0	44
Garrett, Chris	12	206	17.2	0	32
Jones, E.J.	5	123	24.6	0	28
Ericksen, Ben	4	104	26.0	0	30
Hoyt, James	1	3	3.0	0	3
Wilson, Brandon	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	36	696	19.3	0	44
Opponents.....	42	771	18.4	0	51

SCORING

	TD	FGs	/----- PATS -----/						Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	
Kutch, Zach	0	16-22	23-23	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	71
Gordon, Clifton	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Salem, Eyad	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Blow, Geno	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Walker, Tyrone	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Garrett, Chris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Venson, Brandon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Graves, Ben	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Lancaster, Matt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
White, Cody	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Mazur, Kevin	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	24	16-22	23-23	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	215
Opponents.....	30	7-12	29-30	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	230

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Brown, Matt	9	334	53	1967	2020	224.4
Gordon, Clifton	9	115	456	0	456	50.7
Blow, Geno	8	119	441	0	441	55.1
Kiel, Drew	1	27	6	140	146	146.0
Lancaster, Matt	4	18	14	88	102	25.5
Hood, Seth	3	5	12	18	30	10.0
Givens, Ryan	1	7	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	7	10	-17	0	-17	-2.4
Mazur, Kevin	9	1	-24	0	-24	-2.7
Total.....	9	637	944	2213	3157	350.8
Opponents.....	9	545	1619	1676	3295	366.1

FIELD GOALS

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Kutch, Zach	16-22	72.7	1-1	2-3	6-6	7-10	0-2	48	2

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Mazur, Kevin	39	1445	37.1	51	2	10	10	0
Total.....	39	1445	37.1	51	2	10	10	0
Opponents.....	40	1402	35.0	57	1	12	11	2

KICKOFFS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Kutch, Zach	48	2788	58.1	5	0			
Total.....	48	2788	58.1	5	0	771	39.9	30
Opponents.....	45	2755	61.2	6	2	696	43.1	26

ALL-PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Blow, Geno	8	441	137	0	255	0	833	104.1
Salem, Eyad	9	0	813	6	0	0	819	91.0
Gordon, Clifton	9	456	125	0	0	0	581	64.6
Walker, Tyrone	9	0	424	0	0	0	424	47.1
Garrett, Chris	9	0	0	0	206	30	236	26.2
Jones, E.J.	8	0	0	103	123	0	226	28.2
Graves, Ben	9	0	195	0	0	0	195	21.7
Cline, Casey	8	0	148	0	0	0	148	18.5
Ericksen, Ben	4	0	22	0	104	0	126	31.5
White, Cody	8	0	110	0	0	0	110	13.8
Venson, Brandon	8	0	106	0	0	0	106	13.2
King, Marcus	9	0	72	0	0	0	72	8.0
Brown, Matt	9	53	18	0	0	0	71	7.9
Knecht, Jake	5	0	38	0	0	0	38	7.6
Whigham, Bert	9	0	0	31	0	0	31	3.4
Lancaster, Matt	4	14	0	0	0	0	14	3.5
Malcolm, Jermaine	9	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.4
Hood, Seth	3	12	0	0	0	0	12	4.0
Trujillo, Tony	9	0	0	10	0	0	10	1.1
Mose, Matt	6	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.2
Kiel, Drew	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
Wilson, Brandon	8	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.6
Hoyt, James	7	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.4
Givens, Ryan	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
Kociuba, Casey	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1
Siskowic, Kyle	9	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-0.1
Harcar, Garin	9	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
TEAM	7	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-2.4
Mazur, Kevin	9	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-2.7
Total.....	9	944	2213	151	696	42	4046	449.6
Opponents.....	9	1619	1676	75	771	156	4297	477.4

	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	9-8	42	17	59	7.0-31	2.0-15	1-0	2	.	.	1	.	.	
23 Davis, Austin	8-7	16	27	43	4.0-17	1.0-8	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
55 Brunner, Eric	9-9	16	21	37	6.0-13	1.5-8	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
17 Wright, Paul	8-5	17	17	34	0.5-0	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
9 Zimmer, Mike	7-3	16	16	32	3.0-9	1.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
27 Malcolm, Jermaine	9-7	16	16	32	.	.	1-13	3	1	.	.	.	.
32 Whigham, Bert	9-2	6	23	29	3.5-19	3.5-19	.	2	4	1-0	.	1	.	
34 Howe, Josh	8-2	13	16	29	3.5-20	1.0-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Phelps, Doni	9-8	15	13	28	8.0-55	6.5-51	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.	
25 Garrett, Chris	9-9	19	8	27	1.0-2	.	3-30	6	1	.	.	.	.
3 Kociuba, Casey	9-5	15	12	27	1.0-5	.	.	1	2	.	1	.	.	
2 Jones, E.J.	8-6	17	8	25	2.5-12	.	4-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
7 Trujillo, Tony	9-3	10	13	23	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.
94 Broome, Nick	8-8	6	16	22	1.5-6	0.5-4	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	
45 Siskowic, Kyle	9-4	9	13	22	0.5-0	.	1--1	1	.	.	.	.	.
21 Merrill, Otis	9-3	11	6	17	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
53 Stewart, Xzavier	9-0	6	11	17	3.5-15	2.0-11	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
57 Wilson, Brandon	8-0	7	9	16	4.0-26	3.0-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
62 Piton, Mike	9-2	6	10	16	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.	
91 Rivas, Dave	9-6	7	9	16	2.0-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95 Speer, Tom	8-0	4	9	13	1.5-3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
14 Adams, Antonio	8-0	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Comer, Jayme	9-0	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 Franklin, Johntel	9-1	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Sankey, Ray	6-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
81 King, Marcus	9-3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Hoyt, James	7-0	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Gordon, Clifton	9-1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Kutch, Zach	9-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Salem, Eyad	9-9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Wertz, Pat	2-0	1	.	1	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 Graves, Ben	9-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Hood, Seth	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Martin, Mark	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Church, Jordan	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Brown, Matt	9-8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Walker, Tyrone	9-6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Westbrook, Tommie	2-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	9-0	310	312	622	56-255	23-171	10-42	28	26	5-0	3	2	.	
Opponents.....	9-0	351	352	703	45.0-208	13-101	7-156	34	43	4-0	5	2	.	

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	1	-	1	3	4	7	3	-
Illinois State FG	-	1	2	4	-	2	4	2	1	-	-
Opponent TD	-	2	1	1	-	1	4	9	6	2	4
Opponent FG	-	1	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-

Red-Zone Analysis	Illinois State				Opponent			
	Game	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.	Inside	Scores	TD/FG	Pct.
at Eastern Illinois	1	1	1/0	100.0	5	4	3/1	80.0
at Illinois	3	2	2/0	66.7	5	4	3/1	80.0
Austin Peay	5	5	4/1	100.0	0	0	0/0	0.00
South Dakota State	2	1	1/0	50.0	4	4	3/1	100.0
at North Dakota State	4	4	3/1	100.0	3	3	2/1	100.0
at Southern Illinois	5	4	1/3	80.0	3	2	0/2	66.7
Indiana State	4	3	3/0	75.0	3	2	2/0	66.7
at Missouri State	2	2	2/0	100.0	0	0	0/0	0.0
Western Illinois	6	4	1/3	66.7	1	1	1/0	100.0
at Youngstown State								
Northern Iowa								
Totals	32	26	19/7	81.2	24	20	14/6	83.3

Time of Possession							
Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
at Eastern Illinois	L, 6-31	29:21	9:23	8:01	6:16	5:41	
at Illinois	L, 17-45	30:59	9:36	4:46	6:28	10:09	
Austin Peay	W, 38-7	36:04	11:29	6:41	9:44	8:10	
South Dakota State	L, 17-38	32:42	8:02	8:08	8:00	8:32	
at North Dakota	W, 27-24	32:43	9:54	10:31	5:32	6:46	
at Southern Illinois	L, 23-43	28:25	6:51	7:56	8:31	5:07	
Indiana State	W, 38-21	29:19	6:38	7:06	8:33	7:02	
at Missouri State	W, 24-14	34:04	10:13	6:56	8:00	8:55	
Western Illinois	W, 25-7	32:47	7:42	9:12	8:38	7:15	
at Youngstown State							
Northern Iowa							
Illinois State	Total	286:24	79:48	69:17	69:42	67:37	
	Avg.	31:49	8:52	7:41	7:44	7:30	
Opponents	Total	253:36	55:12	65:43	65:18	67:23	
	Avg.	28:10	6:08	7:18	7:15	7:29	

WHEN ILLINOIS STATE HAS THE BALL ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total	Pct.
at Eastern Illinois	0/0	0/0	3/3	2/3	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	5/12	41.7
at Illinois	0/0	0/0	2/2	1/1	2/3	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	2/7	7/16	43.8
Austin Peay	1/2	1/1	1/5	1/2	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/3	0/0	0/1	5/16	31.3
South Dakota State	1/1	0/0	1/2	0/0	1/4	1/1	0/2	0/0	0/1	1/5	5/16	31.3
at North Dakota State	3/3	0/1	1/1	1/3	1/1	1/4	0/0	1/1	0/1	2/3	11/17	64.7
at Southern Illinois	0/1	1/1	0/0	2/3	0/2	0/1	0/0	0/1	0/0	1/4	5/13	38.5
Indiana State	2/2	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/2	1/1	0/0	1/2	0/3	8/13	61.5
at Missouri State	1/1	1/1	4/5	1/3	2/2	2/2	0/0	0/1	0/0	1/4	12/19	63.2
Western Illinois	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/0	2/3	1/1	0/2	0/3	1/2	0/4	4/17	23.5
at Youngstown State												
Northern Iowa												
Totals	8/10	4/6	12/19	10/16	9/17	6/13	2/8	2/10	2/6	7/34	62/139	
PCT	80.0	66.7	63.2	62.5	52.9	46.2	25.0	20.0	33.3	20.6	44.6	

WHEN OPPONENT HAS THE BALL ...

3rd Down and ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total	Pct.
at Eastern Illinois	1/1	2/3	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/2	5/9	55.6
at Illinois	1/1	0/1	1/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/5	3/9	33.3
Austin Peay	0/1	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/3	1/5	2/13	15.4
South Dakota State	2/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	0/1	1/2	1/1	1/3	7/13	53.8
at North Dakota State	0/1	2/2	0/1	1/2	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/3	5/13	38.4
at Southern Illinois	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/2	0/2	0/1	0/0	1/3	4/11	36.3
Indiana State	1/1	0/0	2/2	1/3	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/1	1/4	6/14	42.9
at Missouri State	3/4	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/4	0/1	0/1	0/2	6/15	40.0
Western Illinois	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/3	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/4	2/13	15.4
at Youngstown State												
Northern Iowa												
Totals	8/13	5/8	5/9	4/9	4/7	3/9	3/10	3/6	1/8	4/29	40/110	
PCT	61.5	62.5	55.5	44.4	57.1	33.3	30.0	50.0	12.5	13.8	36.4	

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	1	1
70-79	0	0
60-69	0	0
50-59	0	0
40-49	4	0
30-39	9	2
20-29	36	2
TOTAL	50	5

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	3	0
Passing	22	4
Punt returns	2	0
Kick returns	22	0
Interceptions	1	1
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	50	5

20-YARDS-PLUS BY A PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	Type
Salem, Eyad	10	1	10 P
Blow, Geno	10	0	1 P, 1 R, 8 KR
Garrett, Chris	7	1	6 KR, 1 IR
Jones, E.J.	6	0	4 KR, 2 PR
Walker, Tyrone	4	2	4 P
Ben Ericksen	4	0	4 KR
Gordon, Clifton	3	0	2 P, 1 R
Venson, Brandon	2	1	2 P
Brown, Matt	1	0	1 R
White, Cody	1	0	1 P
Brown, Matt	1	0	1 R
Graves, Ben	1	0	1 P
Cline, Casey	1	0	1P
TOTAL	50	5	3 R, 22 P, 22 KR, 2 PR, 1 IR

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rushing Play	
42	Blow, Geno vs Southern Illinois (10/10/09)
Rushing Touchdown	
9	Gordon, Clifton vs APSU (9/19/2009)
Passing Play	
81	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt vs Southern Illinois (10/10)
Passing Touchdown	
81	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt vs Southern Illinois (10/10)
Punt Return	
24	Jones, E.J. vs SDSU (9/26/2009)
Kickoff Return	
44	Blow, Geno vs Southern Illinois (10/10/2009)
Interception Return	
30	Garrett, Chris vs SDSU (9/26/2009)
Fumble Return	None
Punt	
51	Mazur, Kevin vs Southern Illinois (10/10/2009)
Field Goal	
48	Kutch, Zach vs WIU (11/7/2009)
48	Kutch, Zach vs APSU (9/19/2009)

2009 ILLINOIS STATE'S 20-YARD PLAYS

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
*81	Pass	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt	Southern Illinois
44	KR	Blow, Geno	Southern Illinois
42	Rush	Blow, Geno	Southern Illinois
41	Pass	Blow, Geno from Brown, Matt	Illinois
41	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	WIU
*38	Pass	Venson, Brandon from Brown, Matt	Missouri State
36	Pass	Graves, Ben from Brown, Matt	Illinois
34	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	SDSU
34	Pass	Cline, Casey from Brown, Matt	Southern Illinois
32	KR	Garrett, Chris	SDSU
31	Pass	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt	WIU
*30	INT	Garrett, Chris	SDSU
30	KR	Blow, Geno	North Dakota State
30	KR	Ericksen, Ben	Missouri State
28	KR	Ericksen, Ben	WIU
*28	Pass	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt	Indiana State
28	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	Indiana State
28	KR	Jones, E.J.	APSU
*28	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	Indiana State
27	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	North Dakota State
27	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Lancaster, Matt	Illinois
27	KR	Jones, E.J.	SDSU
27	KR	Jones, E.J.	Illinois
25	KR	Ericksen, Ben	Missouri State
24	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	North Dakota State
24	Pass	Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt	North Dakota State
24	Pass	Gordon, Clifton from Brown, Matt	APSU
24	PR	Jones, E.J.	SDSU
24	Rush	Gordon, Clifton	WIU
23	KR	Jones, E.J.	Illinois
23	KR	Blow, Geno	North Dakota State
22	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	WIU
22	KR	Garrett, Chris	Illinois
22	Pass	White, Cody from Brown, Matt	North Dakota State
21	KR	Garrett, Chris	SDSU
21	KR	Blow, Geno	Eastern Illinois
21	KR	Garrett, Chris	Illinois
21	Pass	Gordon, Clifton from Brown, Matt	SDSU
21	KR	Blow, Geno	Eastern Illinois
21	KR	Blow, Geno	Southern Illinois
21	KR	Ericksen, Ben	WIU
20	Rush	Brown, Matt	North Dakota State
20	PR	Jones, E.J.	WIU
20	KR	Garrett, Chris	Southern Illinois
20	KR	Garrett, Chris	North Dakota State
20	Pass	Venson, Brandon from Brown, Matt	Southern Illinois
20	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	APSU
20	KR	Blow, Geno	Southern Illinois
20	KR	Blow, Geno	Illinois
20	Pass	Salem, Eyad from Brown, Matt	WIU

**Bold denotes touchdown play*

2009 OPPONENT'S 20-YARD PLAYS

Plays by Yards	No.	TD
20-29	37	7
30-39	9	2
40-49	8	2
50-59	2	1
60+	6	4
Total	61	16

Plays by Type	No.	TD
Rushing	18	7
Passing	25	8
Punt returns	0	0
Kick returns	16	0
Interceptions	3	0
Fumble returns	0	0
Total	61	16

Long Plays by Opponent	No.	TD
at Eastern Illinois	6	1
at Illinois	9	3
Austin Peay	6	1
South Dakota State	7	2
at North Dakota State	6	1
at Southern Illinois	9	5
Indiana State	10	1
at Missouri State	6	2
Western Illinois	3	0
at Youngstown State		
Northern Iowa		

ILLINOIS STATE'S SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
3	at Eastern Illinois	3:58	Graves 3 yd pass from Kiel	Mazur rush failed	9-60	4:03	6-21
3	at Illinois	8:42	Salem 3 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	8-74	3:03	7-31
3	at Illinois	1:56	Kutch 45 yd field goal		7-28	2:16	10-31
4	at Illinois	5:51	Salem 15 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	8-73	3:30	17-45
1	Austin Peay	4:20	Walker 8 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	16-60	6:47	7-0
2	Austin Peay	13:01	Gordon 2 yd run	Kutch kick	10-46	5:07	14-0
2	Austin Peay	1:08	Gordon 9 yd run	Kutch kick	9-84	2:02	21-7
3	Austin Peay	4:43	Gordon 8 yd run	Kutch kick	6-29	3:15	28-7
3	Austin Peay	:04	Kutch 48 yd field goal		6-21	2:55	31-7
4	Austin Peay	12:14	Gordon 5 yd run	Kutch kick	4-17	1:38	38-7
2	South Dakota State	10:37	Kutch 42 yd field goal		7-25	3:00	3-7
2	South Dakota State	7:03	Garrett 30 yd interception return	Kutch kick			10-7
4	South Dakota State	0:10	Lancaster 7 yd run	Kutch kick	13-57	6:34	17-38
1	at North Dakota State	8:36	Kutch 38 yd field goal		12-59	6:24	3-0
2	at North Dakota State	10:01	Salem 17 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	10-79	4:44	10-7
2	at North Dakota State	3:24	Gordon 7 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	9-75	3:58	17-7
4	at North Dakota State	8:32	Kutch 23 yd field goal		8-57	2:34	20-17
4	at North Dakota State	1:24	Blow 2 yd run	Kutch kick	8-68	3:29	27-24
1	at Southern Illinois	3:55	Kutch 25 yd field goal		11-70	3:27	3-7
2	at Southern Illinois	7:07	Walker 81 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	3-80	1:03	10-16
2	at Southern Illinois	2:13	Kutch 33 yd field goal		8-68	3:27	13-16
2	at Southern Illinois	:28	Salem 14 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	3-50	0:26	20-23
3	at Southern Illinois	9:52	Kutch 33 yd field goal		12-59	5:03	23-23
2	Indiana State	13:21	Walker 28 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	3-73	0:48	7-0
2	Indiana State	10:12	Blow 1 yd run	Kutch kick	5-13	2:00	14-0
2	Indiana State	5:49	Kutch 38 yd field goal		7-15	2:48	17-0
2	Indiana State	1:48	Salem 28 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	4-67	0:41	24-7
3	Indiana State	8:36	Blow 1 yd run	Kutch kick	9-50	4:06	31-7
3	Indiana State	2:39	Gordon 2 yd run	Kutch kick	11-71	4:27	38-14
1	at Missouri State	12:14	Blow 1 yd run	Kutch kick	4-16	1:28	7-0
2	at Missouri State	14:53	White 15 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	12-59	5:02	14-7
2	at Missouri State	:00	Venson 38 yd pass from Brown	Kutch kick	17-82	4:58	21-14
4	at Missouri State	6:38	Kutch 42 yd field goal		11-43	6:09	24-14
2	Western Illinois	11:27	Gordon 1 yd run	Kutch kick	8-75	3:54	7-0
2	Western Illinois	5:48	Kutch 32 yd field goal		9-50	3:20	10-0
2	Western Illinois	:09	Kutch 48 yd field goal		10-42	1:28	13-0
3	Western Illinois	13:23	Kutch 40 yd field goal		4-8	1:24	16-0
3	Western Illinois	9:27	Kutch 45 yd field goal		5-27	1:50	19-0
3	Western Illinois	5:40	Kutch 39 yd field goal		7-16	2:54	22-0
3	Western Illinois	:11	Kutch 19 yd field goal		7-60	2:24	25-7

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 8.87 per drive; Yards: 51.4 per drive; 39 scoring drives; 346 plays; 2,006 yards

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (time)

6:47 vs. Austin Peay (16 plays, 60 yards, Walker 8-yard pass from Brown)

Shortest Drive (time)

:26 at Southern Illinois (3 plays, 50 yards, Salem 14-yard pass from Brown)

Longest Drive (yards)

84 vs. Austin Peay (8 plays, 74 yards, Salem 3-yard pass from Brown)

Shortest Drive (yards)

8 vs. Western Illinois (4 plays, 8 yards, Kutch 40-yard field goal)

THE SPORTS NETWORK POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Southern Illinois (37)	3,196	3
2. Montana (64)	3,172	2
3. Villanova (32)	3,161	4
4. Richmond	2,882	1
5. William & Mary	2,814	5
6. Elon	2,664	6
7. Appalachian State	2,583	7
8. New Hampshire (1)	2,416	8
9. South Carolina State (1)	2,232	10
10. McNeese State	2,027	12
11. Northern Iowa*	1,970	11
12. South Dakota State*	1,721	9
13. Holy Cross	1,579	13
14. Eastern Illinois*	1,466	14
15. Stephen F. Austin	1,348	15
16. Liberty	1,246	16
17. Jacksonville State	1,129	17
18. Eastern Washington	869	21
19. Weber State	790	19
20. Lafayette	778	25
21. Prairie View A&M	741	22
22. Florida A&M	636	24
23. Delaware Blue	605	23
24. Colgate	392	18
25. Texas State	207	NR

*Missouri Valley Football Conference member
Illinois State opponent

THE FCS COACHES' POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Pts	Prv Rank
1. Montana (16)	684	2
2. Southern Illinois (6)*	665	3
3. Villanova (6)	663	4
4. Richmond	591	1
5. William & Mary	591	5
6. Elon	561	6
7. New Hampshire	532	7
8. Appalachian State	513	8
9. South Carolina State	473	10
10. McNeese State	436	11
11. Northern Iowa*	409	12
12. South Dakota State*	343	9
13. Eastern Illinois*	336	13
14. Holy Cross	334	14
15. Jacksonville State	293	15
16. Liberty	258	17
17. Stephen F. Austin	249	18
18. Eastern Washington	223	16
19. Prairie View A&M	182	22
20. Lafayette	168	24
21. Florida A&M	148	23
22. Weber State	113	21
23. Delaware	90	25
24. Colgate	66	20
25. Texas State	46	NR

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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	NR	NR
Week 7	NR	NR
Week 8	NR	NR
Week 9	NR	NR
Week 10	NR	NR

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team Statistics	Rank	Avg.
Rushing Offense	96	106.67
Passing Offense	20	245.89
Total Offense	45	352.56
Scoring Offense	54	23.89
Rushing Defense	93	179.89
Pass Efficiency Defense	94	132.24
Total Defense	75	366.11
Scoring Defense	73	25.56
Net Punting	45	33.64
Punt Returns	35	9.44
Kickoff Returns	71	19.39
Turnover Margin	35	0.44
Pass Defense	48	186.22
Passing Efficiency	43	129.01
Sacks	20	2.56
Tackles for Loss	53	6.22
Sacks Allowed	33	1.44

Individual Statistics in the Top-50

Matt Brown – Passing Efficiency	48	127.73
Matt Brown – Total Offense	33	224.44
Eyad Salem – Receptions	3	8.33
Eyad Salem – Receiving Yards	13	90.33
E.J. Jones – Interceptions	T-21	0.50
E.J. Jones – Punt Returns	20	10.40
Zach Kutch – Field Goals	T-3	1.78
Zach Kutch – Scoring	T-25	7.89
Doni Phelps – Sacks	T-20	0.72

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Qtr.	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds.	TOP	Score
2	at Eastern Illinois	11:59	Williams 6 yd run	Signor kick	8-60	4:05	0-7
2	at Eastern Illinois	:14	Potempa 10 yd pass from Christensen	Signor kick	9-67	1:12	0-14
3	at Eastern Illinois	8:01	Wright 12 yd pass from Christensen	Signor kick	9-72	4:46	0-21
1	at Illinois	11:52	Ford 1 yd run	Eller kick	2-50	0:34	0-7
1	at Illinois	3:43	McGee 1 yd run	Eller kick	8-57	3:36	0-14
2	at Illinois	12:01	Duvalt 27 yd pass from McGee	Eller kick	6-63	3:21	0-21
2	at Illinois	7:44	Eller 38 yd field goal		4-0	1:53	0-24
3	at Illinois	11:45	Dufrene 24 yd run	Eller kick	8-69	3:15	0-31
4	at Illinois	13:49	McGee 11 yd run	Eller kick	7-78	3:07	10-38
4	at Illinois	9:21	Green 22 yd run	Eller kick	4-95	1:25	10-45
2	Austin Peay	3:18	White 24 yd run	Stansell kick	11-99	6:18	7-14
1	South Dakota State	10:43	Montague 7 yd pass from Crawford	Reifenrath kick	6-43	2:21	0-7
2	South Dakota State	7:03	Minetti 11 yd run	Reifenrath kick	8-68	3:36	10-14
2	South Dakota State	:53	Fox 62 yd pass from Crawford	Reifenrath kick	1-47	0:20	10-21
3	South Dakota State	10:23	Reifenrath 23 yd field goal		9-41	4:24	10-24
3	South Dakota State	3:02	Crawford 7 yd run	Reifenrath kick	4-31	1:19	10-31
4	South Dakota State	10:56	Minetti 64 yd run	Reifenrath kick	7-84	3:53	10-38
2	at North Dakota State	14:45	Williams 95 yd pass from Mertens	Bibeau kick	3-97	1:14	3-7
3	at North Dakota State	:14	Paschall 19 yd run	Bibeau kick	7-74	3:27	17-14
4	at North Dakota State	11:06	Bibeau 23 yd field goal		8-46	3:34	17-17
4	at North Dakota State	4:53	Ojuri 14 yd run	Bibeau kick	8-73	3:39	20-24
1	at Southern Illinois	7:27	Karim 93 yd run	Dougherty kick	2-97	0:55	0-7
1	at Southern Illinois	:27	Karim 31 yd run	Dougherty kick failed	9-80	3:25	3-13
2	at Southern Illinois	8:12	Dougherty 33 yd field goal		9-55	3:55	3-16
2	at Southern Illinois	:59	Cheatham 54 yd pass from Dieker	Dougherty kick	4-66	1:09	13-23
3	at Southern Illinois	7:12	Dougherty 45 yd field goal		6-48	2:35	23-26
4	at Southern Illinois	11:10	Karim 21 yd run	Dougherty kick	3-51	1:16	23-33
4	at Southern Illinois	4:27	Dougherty 27 yd field goal		10-65	4:52	23-36
4	at Southern Illinois	2:17	Kernes 42 yd pass from Dieker	Dougherty kick	4-58	1:32	23-43
2	Indiana State	2:31	Roberts 17 yd run	Martinez kick	7-66	3:11	7-17
3	Indiana State	7:06	Roberts 6 yd run	Martinez kick	4-79	1:22	14-31
4	Indiana State	1:39	Kent 39 yd pass from Roberts	Martinez kick	3-29	0:52	21-38
1	at Missouri State	5:03	Saffold 47 yd pass from Kirby	Hottelman kick	2-49	0:34	7-7
2	at Missouri State	10:03	Dotson 28 yd pass from Kirby	Hottelman kick	10-79	4:45	14-14
3	Missouri State	2:41	Senatus 6 yd pass from Lunt	Egan kick	7-80	2:59	7-22

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	106, Clifton Gordon vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Rushed for 200 yards	225, Walter Mendenhall vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
Passed for 200 yards	223, Matt Brown vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Passed for 300 yards	321, Matt Brown at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Passed for 400 yards	440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
Had 10 receptions	14, Eyad Salem at at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Had 100 yards receiving	127, Eyad Salem vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Returned a punt for a TD	Tom Nelson (82 yards) at Murray State, 9-13-08
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Tom Nelson (97 yards) at Western Illinois, 11-15-08
Returned an interception for a TD	Chris Garrett (30 yards) vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
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	4, Clifton Gordon vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
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	6, Zach Kutch vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	77, Geno Blow at Youngstown State, 10-20-07
Had a 70-yard pass completion	81, Matt Brown to Tyrone Walker (TD) at at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskovic 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	351 vs. Missouri State, 10-18-08
400 yards passing	440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05
300 yards passing	321 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
500 yards total offense	513 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
30 first downs	30 at Indiana State, 10-4-08
50 points	54 vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08
Scored a safety	vs. Missouri State, 10-18-08
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	22 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	95 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	109 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84
Blocked a punt	at Missouri State, 10-31-09
Blocked a field goal	vs. Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. North Dakota State, 10-25-08

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	102, Antoine Brown, Indiana State, 10-17-09
Rushed for 200 yards	273, Deji Karim, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Passed for 200 yards	248, Cody Kirby, Missouri State, 10-31-09
Passed for 300 yards	347, Brandon Summers, Youngstown State, 11-1-08
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	102, Clay Harbor, Missouri State, 10-31-09
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	3, Deji Karim, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Jake Christensen, 9-3-09
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Glen Fox, South Dakota State, 11-8-08
Kicked three field goals	3, Chris Dougherty, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	93, Deji Karim, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
Had a 70-yard pass completion	95, Gary Williams from Nick Mertens, North Dakota State, 10-3-09
Had 20 tackles	20, Antoine Wilkinson, Missouri State, 10-31-09
Had a 50-yard field goal	52, Kyle Dougherty, Southern Illinois, 11-21-08
Had a 70-yard punt	74, Jim Hannula, Northern Illinois, 9-30-78

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	413, North Dakota State, 10-25-08
300 yards rushing	339, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
400 yards passing	460, Missouri State, 11-8-03
300 yards passing	347, Youngstown State, 11-1-08
500 yards total offense	613, Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
30 first downs	31, Missouri, 9-22-07
50 points	58, Missouri State, 10-6-07
Scored a safety	North Dakota State, 10-25-08
Posted a shutout	Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	58, South Dakota State, 9-26-09
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	96, North Dakota State, 10-25-08
Held ISU under 200 total yards	147, North Dakota State, 10-25-08
Held ISU under 100 total yards	94, Central State, 9-9-89
Blocked a punt	Drake, 9-10-05
Blocked a field goal	Western Illinois, 11-7-09
Blocked an extra point attempt	Murray State, 9-8-07

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

	2009
Playing at home	3-1
Playing on the road	2-3
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night	1-3
Playing during the day	4-1
ISU scores on first possession	2-0
Opponent scores on first possession	0-2
ISU scores first	5-0
Opponent scores first	0-4
ISU leads after 1st quarter	2-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-4
ISU leads at halftime	5-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-4
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	5-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-4
Game goes into overtime	0-0
ISU has more total yards	5-0
Opponent has more total yards	0-4
ISU has more rushing yards	3-0
Opponent has more rushing yards	2-4
ISU has more passing yards	4-3
Opponent has more passing yards	1-1
ISU has more turnovers	1-3
Opponent has more turnovers	2-1
Teams have equal turnovers	1-0
ISU has more penalties	3-2
Opponent has more penalties	1-1
ISU has more time of possession	5-2
Opponent has more time of possession	0-2
ISU has 100-yard rusher	2-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	2-3
ISU scores at least 20 points	5-1
Opponent scores at least 20 points	2-4
ISU throws for 300 yards	1-2
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0
Playing on natural grass	0-0
Playing on artificial surface	5-4
ISU defense scores	0-1
Opponent defense scores	0-0
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0

Eastern Illinois 31, Illinois State 6

Sept. 3, 2009 • Charleston, Ill. • O'Brien Field
Attendance: 10,013

■ GAME SUMMARY

ISU Drops Season-Opener to Marshall, 35-10

CHARLESTON, Ill. - Illinois State quarterback Drew Kiel was nearly perfect, completing 20-of-22 passes, but the effort wasn't enough to keep pace with Eastern Illinois in a 31-6 season-opening loss at O'Brien Field.

Kiel, who started the game with 15 consecutive completions, threw for 140 yards and connected with Ben Graves for a score in the fourth quarter - the Redbirds' lone tally of the contest. On the other side, Jake Christensen threw three touchdown passes in his Eastern Illinois' debut and the Panthers used a varied ground attack to outgain the Redbirds 384-186 in total yards.

Geno Blow was the Redbirds' top rusher with 13 carries for 37 yards as the Panthers limited the Illinois State ground game to 20 total yards. Kiel connected with seven different receivers in the game, most frequently with **Casey Cline**, who finished with six catches for 69 yards. Graves and **Eyad Salem** each had five catches in the loss. **Jermaine Malcolm** led the Redbirds defensively with a career-high 10 tackles.

Kiel finished the first half 10-for-10 and moved the Redbirds into Eastern territory on the team's first two drives of the game, but a botched field goal attempt and a lost fumble left ISU with nothing to show for the effort.

Illinois State's defense stopped the Panthers on their first two drives, but a six-yard run by Mon Williams gave Eastern Illinois a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter. Illinois State cornerback E.J. Jones picked off Christensen in the end zone for his first career interception, but EIU went up 14-0 after Christensen hit Jimmy Potempa with 14 seconds left in the first half. Christensen and the Panthers pushed the lead to 21-0 with another strike to early in the third quarter.

Kiel threw his first incomplete pass deep inside Panther territory after 15 attempts, but later put Illinois State in the end zone with a three-yard loss to Graves. The extra point failed after another snap mishap.

Eastern Illinois added another touchdown at the beginning of the fourth and kicked a field goal to reach the final score. Williams finished with 87 yards on the ground for the Panthers and Chavon Walker carried 10 times for 68 yards. The Panthers rushed for 217 yards as a team.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (0-1)	0	0	6	0	6
Eastern Illinois (1-0)	0	14	7	10	31

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Williams 6-yards run (Signor kick), 11:59
EIU - Potempa 10-yard pass from Christensen (Signor kick), 00:14

THIRD QUARTER

EIU - Wright 12-yard pass from Christensen (Signor kick), 8:01
ILS - Graves 3-yard pass from Kiel (Mazur rush failed), 3:58

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Ricks 25-yard pass from Christensen (Signor kick), 14:53
EIU - Signor 18-yard field goal, 8:58

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	EIU
First Downs	14	24
Rushing Attempts-Yards	26-20	41-217
Passing	25-30-0	14-23-1
Passing Yards	166	167
Total Offense	186	384
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-40
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Blow 13-37, Gordon 3-8, Kiel 5-6, Brown 3(-5), Mazur 1(-24). (EIU) - Williams 16-87-1, Walker 10-68, Potempa 4-27, Lora 1-24, Ward 1-21, Christensen 3(-10).

PASSING: (ILS) - Kiel 20-22-0-140, Brown 5-8-0-26. (EIU) - Christensen 14-22-1-167, Reeder 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Cline 6-69, Graves 5-23-1, Salem 5-17, Blow 4-25, King 3-17, White 1-15, Valdez 1-0. (EIU) - Potempa 3-22-1, Watkins 2-39, Lora 2-23, Wright 2-21, Ricks 1-25, Whittaker 1-15, Vehovic 1-9, Williams 1-9, Walker 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Malcolm 3-7-10, Phelps 4-5-9, Davis 1-7-8, Trujillo 2-5-7, Jones 3-3-6. (EIU) - Nasti 4-5-9, Leman 1-7-8, James 5-0-5, Arrington 4-1-5, Kickels 3-2-5.

Illinois 45, Illinois State 17

Sept. 12, 2009 • Champaign, Ill. • Memorial Stadium
Attendance: 62,347

■ GAME SUMMARY

Fighting Illini Run Past Redbirds, 45-17

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Matt Brown used his first collegiate start to post Illinois State's first 300-yard passing performance since 2006, but the aerial attack was overshadowed by 384 yards on the ground as Illinois ran past the Redbirds, 45-17, at Memorial Stadium Saturday night.

Brown, a redshirt freshman starting in place of the injured Drew Kiel, completed 27-of-47 passes for 312 yards and two scores - both to Eyad Salem. The mark was the first over 300 for an Illinois State (0-2) quarterback since Luke Drone threw for 305 yards against Missouri State, Nov. 4, 2006. Salem was one of nine Redbirds to catch a pass in the game and finished with a team-best seven catches for 103 yards.

Illinois (1-1) didn't waste any time moving the football on the ground as quarterback Juice Williams scrambled 49 yards on the Fighting Illini's first offensive play from scrimmage. Williams was lost for the game with a strained quadriceps muscle after the play, but it set-up a one-yard touchdown run by Jason Ford, led all rushers with 137 yards, to give the Illini a 7-0 lead.

Illinois continued to run the ball with Eddie McGee guiding the offense under center and collected 136 yards on the ground while building a 24-0 lead by halftime. The Fighting Illini made it 31-0 with a 24-yard run by Daniel Dufrene early in the third quarter.

The Redbirds finally got on the board in the third quarter when Brown found Salem his first touchdown, a three-yard strike. That play was set-up by a 41-yard pass from Brown to Illinois State running back Geno Blow, who was wide open coming out of the backfield. Illinois State added a 45-yard field goal by Zach Kutch later in the quarter to make it 31-10. Brown found Salem again in the fourth quarter before leaving the game for freshman Matt Lancaster.

Defensively, Illinois State was led by Kelynn Hemphill's 14 tackles. Redbird cornerback Chris Garrett notched his first career interception in the first half when he picked off McGee in the end zone.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (0-2)	0	0	10	7	17
Illinois (1-1)	14	10	7	14	45

FIRST QUARTER

ILL - Ford 1-yard run (Eller kick), 11:52
ILL - McGee 1-yard run (Eller kick), 3:43

SECOND QUARTER

ILL - Duvall 27-yard pass from McGee (Eller kick), 12:01
ILL - Eller 38-yard field field goal, 7:44

THIRD QUARTER

ILL - Dufrene 24-yard run (Eller kick), 11:45
ILS - Salem 3-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 8:42
ILS - Kutch 45-yard field field goal, 1:56

FOURTH QUARTER

ILL - McGee 11-yard run (Eller kick), 13:49
ILL - Green 22-yard run (Eller kick), 9:21
ILS - Salem 15-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 5:51

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	ILL
First Downs	21	24
Rushing Attempts-Yards	20-44	46-384
Passing	31-52-2	13-17-1
Passing Yards	354	164
Total Offense	398	548
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-65	13-115
Time of Possession	30:59	29:01

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Blow 9-46, Lancaster 1-5, Gordon 5-3, Brown 5(-10). (ILL) - Ford 10-137-1, Dufrene 5-61-1, Green 7-56-1, McGee 18-55-2, Williams 1-49, Pollard 5-26.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 27-45-1-312, Lancaster 4-7-1-42. (ILL) - McGee 13-17-1-164.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Salem 7-103-2, Graves 6-65, Walker 5-44, King 4-38, Blow 3-51, Knecht 2-27, Venson 2-17, Cline 1-11, Harcar 1(-2). (ILL) - Fayson 4-39, Hoomanawanui 3-51, Ford 2-26, Duvall 1-27, Sykes 1-11, Dufrene 1-6, Green 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Hemphill 9-5-14, Jones 6-1-7, Siskowic 3-4-7, Broome 2-5-7. (ILL) - Edwards 7-1-8, Ellington 5-3-8, Wilson 5-1-6, Bellamy 5-0-5.

Illinois State 38, Austin Peay 7

Sept. 19, 2009 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,158

■ GAME SUMMARY

Gordon, Defense Lead ISU To 38-7 Win Over APSU

NORMAL, Ill. - Head coach Brock Spack recorded his first victory as leader of the Redbird football team and sophomore running back Clifton Gordon rushed for his first career touchdown - then his second, third and fourth - as Illinois State defeated Austin Peay, 38-7, in front of 10,158 at Hancock Stadium.

Gordon led the Redbird (1-2) rushing attack as he racked up 98 yards on 17 carries and a career-high four scores. Illinois State's defense posted its best performance of the young season. The Redbird defense recorded six take-aways - four interceptions and two fumble recoveries - and held Austin Peay (1-2) to just 109 total yards. Junior cornerback E.J. Jones picked-off two interceptions to give him three on the season.

On their second drive of the game, the Redbirds converted on two fourth down conversions that led to the first score of the game. Matt Brown found freshman wide receiver Tyrone Walker for an eight yard touchdown pass. The touchdown was Walker's first of his career as the 'Birds jumped out to an early 7-0 lead at the 4:20 mark of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, a pass interference call in the end zone against the Governors set up a two-yard touchdown run by Gordon which was the first of his career. After a 24-yard touchdown run by Ryan White cut the ISU lead to 14-7, Brown led offense on a 9-play, 84-yard scoring drive that was capped off by a nine-yard touchdown run by Gordon, his second of the game.

The Redbird defense took over the third quarter. Senior linebacker Kyle Siskowic recorded the first interception of his career and Jones picked off his second interception of the season. Later, junior Jermaine Malcolm grabbed his first interception of his collegiate career. On the ensuing drive, Gordon recorded his third touchdown of the game on an eight-yard run to run the Redbird lead to 28-7 at the 4:43 mark.

The ISU defense held on a fourth and one to lead to a 48-yard field goal by senior Zach Kutch, to push the Redbird lead to 31-7 with 4.1 seconds remaining in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, another take away by the Redbird defense via fumble led to a five-yard touchdown run by Gordon, his fourth of the game.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

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

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Walker 8-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 4:20

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Gordon 2-yard run (Kutch kick), 13:01
APSU - White 24-yard run (Stansell kick), 3:18
ILS - Gordon 9-yard run (Kutch kick), 1:08

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Gordon 8-yard run (Kutch kick), 4:43
ISU - Kutch 48-yard field goal, :04

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Gordon 5-yard run (Kutch kick), 12:14

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	APSU	ILS
First Downs	9	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	32-14	44-153
Passing	8-20-4	25-34-1
Passing Yards	95	214
Total Offense	109	367
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-41	10-99
Time of Possession	23:56	36:04

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (APSU) White 13-40-1, Lyle 4-26, Holt 4-10, Williams 1-7, Forrest 1-3, Ryan 1(-13), Caffee 2(-19), Orr 6(-40). (ILS) - Gordon 17-96-4, Blow 16-57, Givens 7-3, Hood 2-2, Brown 1(-4).

PASSING: (APSU) - Orr 8-17-4-95, Caffee 0-3-0-0. (ILS) - Brown 24-33-1-214, Lancaster 1-1-0-9.

RECEIVING: (APSU) - White 3-23, Lyle 2-8, Jennings 1-28, Miller 1-25, Adams 1-11. (ILS) - Salem 6-53, Walker 5-43, Graves 4-27, Gordon 2-25, Blow 2-17, Cline 2-16, Knecht 2-11, White 1-13, King 1-9.

TACKLE LEADERS: (APSU) - Smith 7-2-9, Becker 3-6-9, Gulmire 1-8-9, Townsend 5-3-8. (ILS) - Wright 3-7-10, Garrett 3-2-5, Siskowic 1-4-5, Malcolm 1-4-5.

#17 South Dakota State 38, Illinois State 17

Sept. 26, 2009 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 7,833

■ GAME SUMMARY

No. 17 Jackrabbits Dart Past Redbirds, 38-17

NORMAL, Ill. - Chris Garrett scored Illinois State's first defensive touchdown since 2006, but it wasn't enough as the No. 17 Jackrabbits marched into Hancock Stadium and handed the Redbirds their first home and conference loss of the season, 38-17.



GAME 4

ISU senior running back Geno Blow led the Redbirds' (1-3, 0-1 MVFC) rushing attack with 58 yards on 17 carries. Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Brown was 17-for-32 for 184 yards with two interceptions in his third consecutive start. Senior Eyad Salem led the ISU receivers with six catches for 66 yards.

On their first drive of the game, South Dakota State (3-0, 2-0 MVFC) quarterback Ryan Crawford completed a seven-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Saunders Montague. The touchdown capped off a six-play, 43-yard scoring drive and gave the Jackrabbits an early 7-0 lead.

The score remained 7-0 until the second quarter, when Illinois State senior kicker Zach Kutch connected on a 42-yard field goal to cut the SDSU lead to 7-3 with 12:26 left in the first half. On the ensuing SDSU drive, Garrett intercepted a Crawford pass and returned it 30 yards to post the Birds' first defensive touchdown in three years. That gave Illinois State a 10-7 lead with 10:47 left in the half and put the Jackrabbits behind for the first time all season.

Just before halftime, an interception by SDSU defensive lineman Jake Steffen set up a 62-yard touchdown pass from Crawford to wide receiver Glen Fox to send South Dakota State into the locker room with a 21-10 lead.

A 23-yard field goal by SDSU kicker Peter Reifenrath pushed the Jackrabbits lead to 24-10 at the 10:37 mark of the third quarter. Later in the half, Crawford ran for a 7-yard touchdown to complete a four-play, 31-yard drive. The score ran the Jackrabbits lead up to 31-10.

In the fourth quarter, SDSU running back Kyle Minnett ran a 64-yard touchdown to drive the Jackrabbits lead to 38-10. With 9:9 seconds left in the game, ISU freshman quarterback Matt Lancaster scored his first touchdown of the season on a seven-yard run.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

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

FIRST QUARTER

SDSU - Montague 7-yard pass from Crawford (Reifenrath kick), 10:43

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Kutch 42-yard field goal, 12:26
ILS - Garrett 30-yard interception return (Kutch kick), 10:47
SDSU - Minnett 11-yard run (Reifenrath kick), 7:03
SDSU - Fox 62-yard pass from Crawford (Reifenrath kick), :53

THIRD QUARTER

SDSU - Reifenrath 23-yard field goal, 10:23
SDSU - Crawford 7-yard run (Reifenrath kick), 3:02

FOURTH QUARTER

SDSU - Minnett 64-yard run (Reifenrath kick), 10:56
ILS - Lancaster 7-yard run (Kutch kick), :10

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	SDSU	ILS
First Downs	19	18
Rushing Attempts-Yards	30-176	35-58
Passing	17-28-1	23-38-2
Passing Yards	197	221
Total Offense	373	279
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-59	5-41
Time of Possession	27:18	32:42

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (SDSU) - Minnett 21-146-2, Crawford 5-17-1, Duffy 3-15. (ILS) - Blow 17-58, Gordon 11-25, Lancaster 2-9-1, Brown 5-(-34).

PASSING: (SDSU) - Crawford 17-28-1-197. (ILS) - Brown 17-32-2-184, Lancaster 6-6-0-37.

RECEIVING: (SDSU) - Steffen 7-90, Fox 3-74, Montague 3-14, Duffy 2-3, Beyer 1-18, Rollin 1-(-2). (ILS) - Salem 6-66, Graves 6-44, Walker 4-41, Gordon 3-31, White 2-29, Blow 1-7, Cline 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS: (SDSU) - Kjerstad 6-5-11, Steffen 4-6-10, Rogers 2-6-8, Batten 2-4-6. (ILS) - Hemphill 4-6-10, Garrett 6-0-6, Wright 3-3-6, Zimmer 2-3-5.

Illinois State 27, North Dakota State 24

Oct. 3, 2009 • Fargo, N.D. • Fargodome
Attendance: 18,608

■ GAME SUMMARY

Salem's Career Day Helps Birds Top Bison, 27-24

FARGO, N.D. - Eyad Salem tied a school record with 14 catches, including three on Illinois State's final scoring drive, as the Redbirds outlasted North Dakota State, 27-24, to win their first Missouri Valley Conference game in the Fargodome Saturday.



GAME 5

Salem caught a career-high 14 passes to tie former Redbirds Laurent Robinson and Dwayne Smith for the most catches in a single game. Salem was one of eight Redbirds to catch a pass from Illinois State (2-3, 1-1 MVFC) quarterback Matt Brown and led all receivers with 172 yards. Brown completed 30-of-42 passes for 320 yards and two touchdowns.

On the final drive, Brown hit Salem over the middle for 14 yards and a critical third down conversion while moving the Redbirds into Bison territory. Brown found Salem on the next two plays before scrambling for 20 yards to set up a first-and-goal for Illinois State. Geno Blow blasted through the right side of the defense from two yards out to put the Birds up 27-24 with 1:24 remaining.

North Dakota State (1-4, 0-2 MVFC) attempted a final drive but a personal foul penalty negated a play that would have put the Bison with a first and goal from the nine with a little more than 30 seconds remaining. Instead, the Bison were pushed back to the 50-yardline and eventually attempted a deep pass on fourth down that was batted down.

Brown picked apart the Bison secondary en route to both of his touchdown passes in the first half - a 17-yard strike to Salem and a seven-yard flip to Clifton Gordon. Illinois State's first points came on a 38-yard field goal from Zach Kutch, his first of two in the game. Brown had 219 yards at the break and helped the Redbirds pile up 282 yards on 42 plays before the break.

Illinois State's defense was equally stout in the opening half, allowing just seven points. The Birds held the nation's leading rusher, Pat Paschall, to 29 yards and limited the Bison to 185 yards of total offense. More than half of that total came on a 95-yard strike from Nick Mertens to Gary Williams - the longest touchdown pass in NDSU history.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-3)	3	14	0	10	27
North Dakota State (1-4)	0	7	7	10	24

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Kutch 38-yard field goal, 8:36

SECOND QUARTER

NDSU - Williams 95-yard pass from Mertens (Bibeau kick), 14:45
ILS - Salem 17-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 10:01
ILS - Gordon 7-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 3:24

THIRD QUARTER

NDSU - Paschall 19-yard run (Bibeau kick), :14

FOURTH QUARTER

NDSU - Bibeau 23-yard field goal, 11:06
ILS - Kutch 23-yard field goal, 8:32
NDSU - Ojuri 14-yard run (Bibeau kick), 4:53
ILS - Blow 2-yard run (Kutch kick), 1:24

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	NDSU
First Downs	24	16
Rushing Attempts-Yards	30-116	34-218
Passing	30-43-0	11-21-0
Passing Yards	320	207
Total Offense	436	425
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	7-76
Time of Possession	32:43	27:17

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Blow 17-52-1, Gordon 11-45-0, Brown 1-20-0. (NDSU) - Paschall 21-115-1, Voigtlander 3-48-0, Washington 1-28-0, Ojuri 3-22-1, Mertens 6-5-0.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 30-42-0-320, Van Sligtenhorst 0-1-0-0. (NDSU) - Mertens 11-21-0-207.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Salem 14-172, Erickson 5-26, Walker 4-60, White 2-25, Gordon 2-11, Blow 1-11, King 1-8, Graves 1-7. (NDSU) - Washington 3-36, Williams 2-106, Holloway 2-29, Brown 1-20, Bruhn 1-8, Veldman 1-7, Hushka 1-1.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Hemphill 4-1-5, Garrett 3-2-5, Zimmer 2-3-5, Brunner 1-4-5. (NDSU) - Evans 10-9-19, Kittelson 5-9-14, Johnson 2-4-6, Belmont 2-4-6.

#6 Southern Illinois 43, Illinois State 23

Oct. 10, 2009 • Carbondale, Ill. • McAndrew Stadium
Attendance: 11,153

■ GAME SUMMARY

No. 6 Salukis Wear Down Redbirds, 43-23

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Illinois State wide receiver Eyad Salem turned in another school-record tying performance with 14 catches, but his effort was trumped by a career day from Southern Illinois running back Deji Karim as the No. 6 Salukis dashed to a 43-23 win at McAndrew Stadium.



GAME 6

For the second consecutive week, Salem hauled in 14 passes to tie former Redbirds Laurent Robinson and Dwayne Smith for the most catches in a single game, but it was Karim's own career-best 273 yards that propelled the Salukis (4-1, 3-0 MVFC) to the Missouri Valley Conference and homecoming day win.

Salem finished with 114 yards and caught half of Illinois State (2-4, 1-2 MVFC) quarterback Matt Brown's 28 completions. Brown, a native of nearby Marion, Ill., threw for a career-best 321 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw two interceptions and lost a fumble. ISU freshman receiver Tyrone Walker caught four passes and also surpassed the century mark with 112 yards.

Karim scored twice in the first quarter and helped Southern Illinois to an early 16-3 lead. Illinois State answered with its own long play, an 81-yard strike from Brown to Walker. The Redbirds added a field goal by Zach Kutch, the second of three he hit in the game, to cut the SIU lead to three, and both teams traded touchdowns in the final minute of the first half en route to a 23-20 score at the break.

Illinois State turned in its best defensive performance in the third quarter, when the Redbirds held the Salukis to 68 yards and tied the game after a 33-yard field goal by Kutch with 9:52 left in the quarter. Southern Illinois answered with a field goal of their own at the 7:12 mark and proved too much to contain while rolling up 17 more points in the fourth frame.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (2-4)	3	17	3	0	23
Southern Illinois (4-1)	13	10	3	17	43

FIRST QUARTER

SIU - Karim 93-yard run (Dougherty kick), 7:27
ILS - Kutch 25-yard field goal, 3:55
SIU - Karim 31-yard run (Dougherty kick), :27

SECOND QUARTER

SIU - Dougherty 33-yard field goal, 8:12
ILS - Walker 81-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 7:07
ILS - Kutch 33-yard field goal, 2:13
SIU - Cheatham 54-yard pass from Dieker, :59
ILS - Salem 14-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), :28

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Kutch 33-yard field goal, 9:52
SIU - Dougherty 45-yard field goal, 7:12

FOURTH QUARTER

SIU - Karim 21-yard run (Dougherty kick), 11:10
SIU - Dougherty 27-yard field goal, 4:27
SIU - Kernes 42-yard pass from Dieker (Dougherty kick), 2:17

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	SIU
First Downs	20	27
Rushing Attempts-Yards	22-107	44-339
Passing	28-44-2	15-26-1
Passing Yards	321	274
Total Offense	428	613
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-85	8-94
Time of Possession	28:25	31:35

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Blow 15-84, Gordon 5-23, Brown 2-0. (SIU) - Karim 28-273-3, Strother 4-30, Walker 3-22, Dieker 7-19, Allaria 1-(-3).

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 28-42-2-321. (SIU) - Dieker 15-26-1-274.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Salem 14-114-1, Walker 4-112-1, Graves 2-19, Blow 2-10, Cline 1-34, Venson 1-20, Gordon 1-12, White 1-4, Mose 1-1, Erickson 1-(-5). (SIU) - Allaria 5-37, Evans 4-91, Morris 3-46, Cheatham 1-54, Kernes 1-42-1, Karim 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Hemphill 7-2-9, Merrill 5-1-6, Wright 5-1-6, Trujillo 4-2-6. (SIU) - Walker 4-3-7, Lindsey 4-2-6, Rodgers 3-3-6, Williams 4-1-5.

Illinois State 38, Indiana State 21

Oct. 17, 2009 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 11,513

■ GAME SUMMARY

Redbirds Celebrate Homecoming With Win Over Sycamores

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State wide receiver Eyad Salem tied yet another school record with 100+ yards receiving in his third consecutive game as he helped the Redbirds defeat Indiana State, 38-21, in Saturday's homecoming contest at Hancock Stadium.

Salem led all receivers with nine catches for 133 yards to tie former Redbird receiver Laurent Robinson and added the 17th touchdown reception of his career as Illinois State (3-4, 2-2 MVFC) handed the Sycamores (0-7, 0-4 MVFC) their 33rd-consecutive loss. Senior running back Geno Blow rushed scored twice from one-yard out, to move into seventh-place all-time with 18 career touchdowns. Redbird quarterback Matt Brown was 19-of-26 for 243 yards with two touchdowns.

Illinois State and Indiana State combined for 31 plays in the first 15:51 minutes without a score - with both team's opening drives ending with a missed field goal try. The Redbirds made good on their second possession of the contest, taking the ball 79 yards on three plays for the first score of the game. Brown found Tyrone Walker on the left side of the end zone for a 28-yard strike and spurred a 17-0 by the Redbirds. Walker finished the game with three catches for 44 yards.

On the ensuing drive, Illinois State senior defensive lineman Bert Whigham blocked an Indiana State punt and recovered the ball at the 13 to set up Blow's first one-yard scamper. Illinois State added a 38-yard field goal from Zach Kutch on the next drive to cap the unanswered run.

The Sycamores posted their first points of the game on a 17-yard scramble by quarterback Ryan Roberts, but the Redbirds answered immediately with another 28-yard pass from Brown, this time to Salem, to give Illinois State a 24-7 halftime advantage.

Illinois State continued its push on the ground in the second half with Blow finding the end zone again on the team's first possession. The Sycamores wrapped two touchdowns around another Redbird score, but couldn't get pull close before the final bell.

Indiana State rushed for 218 yards as a team and were led by Antoine Brown's 17-carry, 102-yard effort. Roberts finished the game with 70 yards rushing and completed 10-of-16 passes for 136 yards.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Indiana State (0-7)	0	7	7	7	21
ILLINOIS STATE (3-4)	0	24	14	0	38

SECOND QUARTER

- ILS - Walker 28-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 13:21
- ILS - Blow 1-yard run (Kutch kick), 10:12
- ILS - Kutch 38-yard field goal, 5:49
- INS - Roberts 17-yard run (Martinez kick), 2:31
- ILS - Salem 28-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 1:48

THIRD QUARTER

- ILS - Blow 1-yard run (Kutch kick), 8:36
- INS - Roberts 6-yard run (Martinez kick), 7:06
- ILS - Gordon 2-yard run (Kutch kick), 2:39

FOURTH QUARTER

- INS - Kent 39-yard pass from Roberts (Martinez kick), 1:39

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	INS	ILS
First Downs	16	21
Rushing Attempts-Yards	43-218	39-122
Passing	10-16-0	19-26-0
Passing Yards	136	243
Total Offense	354	265
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-55
Time of Possession	30:41	29:19

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (INS) - Brown 17-102, Roberts 15-70-2, Gates 8-39, Kent 2-8, Lough 1-(-1). (ILS) - Blow 21-64-2, Brown 10-37, Gordon 5-28-1.

PASSING: (INS) - Roberts 10-16-0-136 (ILS) - Brown 19-26-0-243.

RECEIVING: (INS) - Kent 4-97-1, Lacotti 4-22, Gates 1-9, Brown 1-8. (ILS) - Salem 9-133-1, Walker 3-44, Gordon 2-18, Blow 2-14, Venson 1-18, White 1-9, Cline 1-7.

TACKLE LEADERS: (INS) - Archie 6-4-10, Sewall 5-3-8, McCleskey 3-5-8, Cook 1-6-7, Woods 5-1-6. (ILS) - Howe 5-3-8, Wright 5-2-7, Zimmer 4-3-7, Hemphill 5-1-6, Brunner 2-2-4.

Illinois State 24, Missouri State 14

Oct. 31, 2009 • Springfield, Mo. • Plaster Field
Attendance: 12,115

■ GAME SUMMARY

Nothing Frightening About Bears in 24-14 Win

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - Illinois State receiver Brandon Venson caught just one pass during Saturday's contest at Missouri State and he wasn't even the intended receiver. The catch however, was the difference in the game as Venson hauled in a 38-yard tipped hail mary pass from Matt Brown as time expired in the first half to propel the Redbirds to a 24-14 win over the Bears at Plaster Field.

Venson's first career touchdown grab put the Redbirds up 21-14 at the break and the Redbirds (4-4, 3-2 MVFC) used a stifling second-half defensive effort and the team's first 100-yard rushing effort of the season from Clifton Gordon to push past the Bears (5-4, 3-3 MVFC) on MSU's homecoming weekend. Gordon finished the game with 30 carries for 122 yards. Illinois State's defense held Missouri State to 31 yards rushing and got two second-half sacks each from Bert Whigham and Doni Phelps.

Illinois State set the tone early, holding the Bears to a three-and-out on the opening drive of the game, and then Antonio Adams fell on a missed punt by Jordan Chiles. That set up a short, 16-yard field for the Redbirds and the first points of the game on a one-yard run by Geno Blow.

The Redbirds forced three-and-outs and limited the Bears to just 13 yards on their first three drives of the game, but the Bears broke through on their fourth drive of the game and made it a 7-7 contest on a 47-yard deep pass from Cody Kirby to Jermain Saffold.

The Redbirds and Bears traded scores on the next two drives and appeared to be headed into halftime tied at 14 as Illinois State's last drive of the half spluttered with numerous penalties. Illinois State had two shots at the end zone from 38-yards out and seven seconds on the clock - the first was nearly intercepted and the second provided a jaw-dropping momentum shift.

With half a second left on the clock, Brown rolled out to the right and threw a deep pass intended for Eyad Salem near the right pylon of the end zone. Salem was covered by two defenders, knocked the ball up into the air, and Venson snagged it for the go-ahead tally. Zach Kutch added a 42-yard field goal in the second half to give the Redbirds the rest of their points.

Illinois State finished with a season-high 178 yards rushing, also getting 43 yards from Blow and 17 yards from Brown. Brown finished the contest 18-of-27 for 133 yards and threw two touchdown passes. Salem led the Redbirds with six catches for 28 yards.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ILLINOIS STATE (4-4)	7	14	0	3	24
Missouri State (5-4)	7	7	0	0	14

FIRST QUARTER

- ILS - Blow 1-yard run (Kutch kick), 12:14
- MSU - Saffold 47-yard pass from Kirby (Hottelman kick), 5:03

SECOND QUARTER

- ILS - White 15-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 14:53
- MSU - Dotson 28-yard pass from Kirby (Hottelman kick), 10:03
- ILS - Venson 38-yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), :00

FOURTH QUARTER

- ILS - Kutch 42-yard field goal, 6:38

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	ILS	MSU
First Downs	19	14
Rushing Attempts-Yards	49-178	28-31
Passing	18-27-0	19-32-0
Passing Yards	133	248
Total Offense	311	279
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	2-14
Time of Possession	34:04	25:56

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Gordon 30-122-0, Blow 11-43-1, Brown 6-17-0. (MSU) - Davis 11-30-0, Cooper-Falls 11-23-0, Kirby 6-(-22)-0.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 18-27-0-133 (MSU) - Kirby 19-32-0-248.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Salem 6-28, Walker 3-28, Ericksen 3-(-6), Venson 1-38-1, White 1-15-1, Gordon 1-11, Graves 1-9, Cline 1-8, Blow 1-2. (MSU) - Harbor 8-102, Saffold 2-49-1, Dotson 2-27-1, Cooper-Falls 2-14, Emery 1-34, Miller 1-9, Davis 1-7, Fuseller 1-4, Warren 1-2.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Howe 3-6-9, Davis 3-5-8, Simmer 2-5-8, Kociuba 4-1-5, Whigham 3-2-5. (MSU) - Wilkinson 10-10-20, Keck 2-9-11, Smith 5-5-10, Beauchamp 0-10-0, Strong 3-3-6.

Illinois State 25, Western Illinois 7

Nov. 14, 2009 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 12,074

■ GAME SUMMARY

Gordon, Defense Lead ISU To 38-7 Win Over APSU

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State placekicker Zach Kutch set a new career, school, and Missouri Valley Football Conference record by kicking six field goals in the Redbird's 25-7 win over Western Illinois on Saturday.

Kutch connected on four field goals from over 40 yards, including a career-long tying 48 yards. Kutch, who matched his jersey number with the six makes, could have had another but WIU's Patrick Stoudamire blocked an attempt in the first half. Clifton Gordon scored the 'Birds' only touchdown of the day on his way to rushing for a career-high 124 yards. Eyad Salem went over 100 yards receiving with eight grabs for 127 yards.

The Redbird defense set the tone early, standing up the Leathernecks on their first drive when they attempted to convert a fourth and one from Illinois State's 43-yard line. Western Illinois' offense was held to just four first downs and 84 total yards in the first half.

After a scoreless first quarter, Illinois State wide receiver Eyad Salem caught a 41-yard pass from Brown to set up a one-yard touchdown run from Gordon. It was his sixth touchdown of the season and capped an eight play, 75-yard drive for the Redbirds.

The offense continued to move the ball on the ensuing drive, including an 18-yard halfback option pass by Seth Hood to Matt Brown. Kutch completed the drive with a 32-yard field goal, to make the score 10-0, Illinois State. On the Redbird's final drive of the half, Brown completed a 31-yard pass to Tyrone Walker and Kutch kicked a 48-yard field goal to match his career-best.

Illinois State's defense continued to dictate the game in the second half when Doni Phelps recovered a fumble on the second play from scrimmage. That set up Kutch's third field goal of the game to make the score 16-0, in favor of the Redbirds. Kutch continued to put up points for Illinois State, kicking his fourth and fifth field goals of the game on the next two drives to put Illinois State up, 22-0.

Western Illinois finally struck with 2:41 left in the third quarter on a six yard pass from Lunt to Lito Senatus. The touchdown capped a seven play, 80-yard drive for the Leathernecks to make it a 22-7 contest. The Redbird's answered with Kutch's sixth field goal to set a new MVFC record and put the game away.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Western Illinois (1-8)	0	0	7	0	7
ILLINOIS STATE (5-4)	0	13	12	0	25

SECOND QUARTER

- ILS - Gordon 1-yard run (Kutch kick), 11:27
- ILS - Kutch 32-yard field goal, 5:48
- ILS - Kutch 48-yard field goal, :09

THIRD QUARTER

- ILS - Kutch 40-yard field goal, 13:23
- ILS - Kutch 45-yard field goal, 9:27
- ILS - Kutch 39-yard field goal, 5:40
- WIU - Senatus 6-yard pass from Lunt (Egan kick), 2:41
- ILS - Kutch 19-yard field goal, :11

■ TEAM STATISTICS

	WIU	ILS
First Downs	14	22
Rushing Attempts-Yards	28-22	39-164
Passing	19-36-2	19-39-0
Passing Yards	188	241
Total Offense	210	405
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-55	8-74
Time of Possession	27:13	32:47

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (WIU) - Gibbs 9-32, Carley 8-25, Senatus 1-14, Gabelman 1-0, Lunt 9-(-49). (ILS) - Gordon 28-124-1, Brown 7-32, Hood 2-10, Lancaster 1-0.

PASSING: (WIU) - Lunt 19-39-2-188-1. (ILS) - Brown 18-37-0-223-0, Hood 1-1-0-18-0.

RECEIVING: (WIU) - Senatus 8-83-1, Crump 5-65, Rideau 2-11, Gabelman 1-12, Warner 1-8, Morgan 1-7, Gibbs 1-2. (ILS) - Salem 8-127, Walker 4-52, Gordon 2-17, Brown 1-18, Venson 1-13, Ericksen 1-7, Mose 1-6, Graves 1-1.

TACKLE LEADERS: (WIU) - Kreczmer 4-10-14, Glazier 6-7-13, Dudczak 3-6-9, Stoudamire 3-4-7, Tompo 2-4-7. (ILS) - Davis 3-8-11, Brunner 4-5-9, Hemphill 8-0-8, Howe 1-5-6, Wilson 3-1-4.

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (7-2, 5-1)

S3	ILLINOIS STATE	W, 31-6
S12	at Indiana State	W, 31-0
S19	at Southeast Missouri State*	W, 23-14
S26	at Austin Peay*	W, 30-20
O3	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	L, 31-36
O10	at Penn State	L, 3-52
O17	TENNESSEE TECH*	W, 23-15
O24	at Jacksonville State*	W, 28-20
O31	at Murray State*	W, 16-10
N14	UT-MARTIN*	1:30 p.m.
N19	TENNESSEE STATE*	5:30 p.m.

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (3-6, 2-5)

S5	vs. Missouri	L, 9-37
S12	ILLINOIS STATE	W, 45-17
S26	at Ohio State*	L, 30-0
O3	PENN STATE*	L, 17-35
O10	MICHIGAN STATE*	L, 14-24
O17	at Indiana*	L, 14-27
O24	at Purdue*	L, 14-24
O31	MICHIGAN*	W, 38-13
N7	at Minnesota*	W, 35-32
N14	NORTHWESTERN*	TBA
N27	at Cincinnati	TBA
D5	FRESNO STATE	11:30 a.m.

AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS (3-6, 2-4)

S5	NEWBERRY	W, 34-23
S12	at Youngstown State	L, 21-38
S19	at Illinois State	L, 7-38
S26	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	L, 20-30
O3	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 23-31
O10	at Southeast Missouri State*	W, 24-14
O24	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	W, 24-20
O31	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	L, 10-28
N7	at Murray State*	L, 17-27
N14	TENNESSEE STATE*	4 p.m.
N21	at UT-Martin	1 p.m.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS (7-2, 6-1)

S12	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W, 44-6
S19	INDIANA STATE*	W, 41-0
S26	at Illinois State*	W, 38-7
O3	at Cal-Poly	L, 14-21
O10	at Missouri State*	W, 24-17
O17	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	W, 28-13
O24	NORTHERN IOWA*	W, 24-14
O31	at Youngstown State*	W, 17-3
N7	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 15-34
N14	at Minnesota	TBA
N21	at Western Illinois*	1:05 p.m.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON (2-7, 1-5)

S3	at Iowa State	L, 17-34
S12	at Sam Houston State	L, 45-48
S19	WAGNER	W, 59-28
S26	at Southern Illinois*	L, 14-24
O3	ILLINOIS STATE*	L, 24-27
O10	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 27-42
O17	at South Dakota State	L, 13-28
O24	MISSOURI STATE*	L, 17-21
O31	at Western Illinois*	W, 14-7
N14	at Indiana State*	11:05 p.m.
N21	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	1 p.m.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS (8-1, 7-0)

S5	at Marshall	L, 28-31
S19	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	W, 59-7
S26	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	W, 24-14
O3	at Western Illinois*	W, 30-10
O10	ILLINOIS STATE*	W, 43-23
O17	at Northern Iowa*	W, 27-20
O24	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	W, 27-8
O31	at Indiana State*	W, 33-0
N7	at South Dakota State*	W, 34-15
N14	MISSOURI STATE*	2 p.m.
N21	at Southeast Missouri State	1 p.m.

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (1-9, 1-6)

A27	QUINCY	L, 20-26 (OT)
S5	at Louisville	L, 10-30
S12	EASTERN ILLINOIS	L, 0-31
S19	at South Dakota State*	L, 0-41
S26	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	L, 0-28
O3	at Northern Iowa*	L, 7-62
O17	at Illinois State*	L, 21-38
O24	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 17-14
O31	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 0-33
N7	at Missouri State*	L, 7-31
N14	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	11:05 a.m.

MISSOURI STATE BEARS (6-4, 4-3)

S5	vs. Arkansas	L, 10-48
S12	UT-MARTIN	W, 24-14
S19	MURRAY STATE	W, 35-10
S26	NORTHERN IOWA*	L, 7-35
O3	at Youngstown State*	W, 17-7
O10	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	L, 17-24
O17	at Western Illinois*	W, 17-16
O24	at North Dakota State*	W, 21-17
O31	ILLINOIS STATE*	L, 14-24
N7	INDIANA STATE*	W, 31-7
N14	at Southern Illinois*	2 p.m.

WESTERN ILLINOIS FIGHTING LEATHERNECKS (1-8, 0-6)

S3	at Sam Houston State	W, 35-28
S12	at Northern Illinois	L, 7-41
S19	Stephen F. Austin	L, 30-40
O3	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 10-30
O10	at Youngstown State*	L, 21-31
O17	MISSOURI STATE*	L, 16-17
O24	at Indiana State*	L, 14-17
O31	NORTH DAKOTA STATE*	L, 7-14
N7	at Illinois State*	L, 7-25
N14	at Northern Iowa*	6:35 p.m.
N21	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	1:05 p.m.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS (4-5, 2-4)

S5	at Pittsburgh	L, 3-38
S12	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 38-21
S19	at Northeastern	W, 38-21
S26	at Indiana State*	W, 28-0
O3	MISSOURI STATE*	L, 7-17
O10	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 31-21
O24	at Southern Illinois*	L, 8-27
O31	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	L, 3-17
N7	at Northern Iowa*	L, 7-28
N14	ILLINOIS STATE*	Noon
N21	at North Dakota State*	1 p.m.

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (6-3, 4-2)

S5	at Iowa	L, 16-17
S12	SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 66-7
S19	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W, 30-0
S26	at Missouri State*	W, 35-7
O3	INDIANA STATE*	W, 62-7
O10	at North Dakota State*	W, 42-27
O17	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 20-27
O24	at South Dakota State*	L, 14-24
N7	YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	W, 28-7
N14	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	6:35 p.m.
N21	at Illinois State*	Noon