



ILLINOIS STATE

GAME 11 • #4 NORTHERN IOWA • NOV. 5, 2011

REDBIRD FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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2011 ILLINOIS STATE SCHEDULE

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|-----|----------------------------------|----------|
| S1 | at Eastern Illinois [^] | L, 26-33 |
| S10 | MOREHEAD STATE | W, 52-21 |
| S17 | at Youngstown State* | L, 27-34 |
| S24 | SOUTH DAKOTA STATE* | W, 20-13 |
| O1 | at #5/6 North Dakota State* % | L, 10-20 |
| O8 | at Missouri State* | W, 38-13 |
| O15 | #14/15 SOUTH DAKOTA | W, 28-3 |
| O22 | #16/17 INDIANA STATE*! | W, 17-14 |
| O29 | at Southern Illinois* ^ | W, 38-0 |
| N5 | WESTERN ILLINOIS* | W, 31-7 |
| N19 | #4 NORTHERN IOWA*! | 11 a.m. |

All times are Central

* Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ Game televised on Comcast SportsNet Chicago

% Game televised on Comcast SportsNet Chicago Plus

! Game televised on ESPN3.com

ILLINOIS STATE COACHES

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Brock Spack (f) | Head Coach/DC/LB |
| Luke Huard (f) | OC/QB |
| Spence Nowinsky (f) | Asst. Head Coach/DL |
| Dominic Anderson (f) | Asst. DB |
| George Barnett (f) | OL |
| Lamar Conard (f) | RB |
| Cody Deti (p) | DB |
| Moose McClain (f) | Asst. WR |
| Jake Schoonover (p) | Asst. LB |
| Dan Shula (p) | ST/WR |
| Jim Williams (p) | ST/HB/TE |

Game location: f - field, p - press box

ESPN3.COM BROADCAST

Scott Warmann, play-by-play
 Danan Hughes, analyst
 Mick Shaffer, sideline

REDBIRD RADIO NETWORK

Dick Luedke, play-by-play
 Ted Schmitz, analyst
 Bruce Evans, sideline
 Paul Morello, studio host



NO. 14 ISU ENDS REGULAR SEASON AT HOME VS. NO. 4 UNI; REDBIRDS WILL HONOR 16 SENIORS BEFORE FINAL HOME GAME



SETTING THE SCENE

Date: Nov. 19, 2011
 Location: Normal, Ill.
 Kickoff: 11:00 a.m.
 Stadium: Hancock Stadium
 Stadium Capacity: 9,500
 Series: UNI leads 18-9



PLAYER TO WATCH

Senior running back **Ashton Leggett** has been one of the most consistent offensive threats for the Redbirds in 2011. Leggett heads into the final regular-season game with 966 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns, meaning he needs just 34 yards rushing to become the first Redbird to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season since 2006, when **Pierre Rembert** rushed for a school single-season record 1,743 yards on the ground.

Northern Iowa PANTHERS

8-2, 6-1 MVFC

IN THE POLLS
 4 TSN / 4 FCS

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: D. Johnson
 165/727/8 TD
Passing: T. Rennie
 117-190-2/1581/10 TD
Receiving: T. Sinkfield
 24/435/6 TD
Tackles: L.J. Fort
 129 TT/6.0 TFL/5 FF

Illinois State REDBIRDS

7-3, 5-2 MVFC

IN THE POLLS
 14 TSN / T14 FCS

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: A. Leggett
 203/966/11 TD
Passing: M. Brown
 175-271-7/1944/17 TD
Receiving: T. Walker
 52/703/8 TD
Tackles: J. Howe
 76 TT/5.0 TFL/2 PBU

THE GAME

No. 14 Illinois State (7-3, 5-2 MVFC) heads into its final regular-season game with a potential FCS playoff berth and a five-game winning streak on the line, when the Redbirds welcome the No. 4 Northern Iowa Panthers (8-2, 6-1 MVFC) to Hancock Stadium on Senior Day.

THE SERIES

Northern Iowa leads the all-time series against Illinois State by an 18-9 margin. The Panthers have won four out of the last five contests in the series overall, including a 42-14 dismantling of ISU last season at the UNI Dome. However, the last time the Panthers visited Hancock Stadium in 2009, the Redbirds handed them a shocking 22-20 loss in the final seconds of play to put UNI out of playoff consideration.

THE COACHES

Illinois State: *Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983)* is in his third season as the head coach of the Illinois State Redbirds (19-13). With ISU's 38-30 win at Southern Illinois, Spack became the first head coach to guide his team to three-consecutive winning seasons since **Edwin Struck** led the Redbirds to six-straight winning seasons from 1945-1950.

Northern Iowa: *Mark Farley (Northern Iowa, 1986)* is in his 11th year as the head coach at UNI (97-39). During Farley's 11 years as the head coach at his alma mater, the Panthers have won six conference championships, made six playoff appearances, have had nine top-25 final rankings, advanced to three national semifinal appearances and one national title game appearance in 2005.

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 five years, ISU student-athletes have contributed more than 2,000 hours of community service to the Bloomington-Normal area, including a school-record 3,500 hours in 2009-10. ■ Redbird student-athletes matched a record with a department-wide 3.13 grade-point average during the fall 2009 semester, while posting a 3.0 mark in six of the last seven semesters.

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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 (Oct. 31 through Nov. 16). Those participating in the call should dial in five minutes prior to the scheduled start time (10 a.m. CST each Wednesday). The call-in number is (877) 393-4731.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Valley Football News/Notes | 10:00 a.m. |
| John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State | 10:05 a.m. |
| Trent Miles, Indiana State | 10:10 a.m. |
| Eric Wolford, Youngstown State | 10:15 a.m. |
| Mark Hendrickson, Western Illinois | 10:20 a.m. |
| Brock Spack, Illinois State | 10:25 a.m. |
| Craig Bohl, North Dakota State | 10:30 a.m. |
| Terry Allen, Missouri State | 10:35 a.m. |
| Dale Lennon, Southern Illinois | 10:40 a.m. |
| Mark Farley, Northern Iowa | 10:45 a.m. |

All times are Central

WEEKLY MEDIA LUNCHEONS

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| Tuesday, Aug. 30 at noon |
| Tuesday, Sept. 6 at noon |
| Tuesday, Sept. 13 at noon |
| Tuesday, Sept. 20 at noon |
| Tuesday, Sept. 27 at noon |
| Tuesday, Oct. 4 at noon |
| Tuesday, Oct. 11 at noon |
| Tuesday, Oct. 18 at noon |
| Tuesday, Oct. 25 at noon |
| Tuesday, Nov. 1 at noon |
| Tuesday, Nov. 15 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.

| NORTHERN IOWA WEEK | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|---------|----|---|----|---|----|--|----|------------------------------|----|---|----|
| Sunday | 13 | Monday | 14 | Tuesday | 15 | Wednesday | 16 | Thursday | 17 | Friday | 18 | Saturday | 19 |
| Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 5:30 p.m.) | | OFF DAY | | Media Luncheon Kaufman Football Building - Noon Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 5:30 p.m.) | | Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 5:30 p.m.) | | Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 5:15 p.m.) Brock Spack Show Legend's Room at Redbird Arena 5:30-6:30 p.m. | | No player/coach availability | | Northern Iowa at Illinois State 11:00 a.m. 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 the offense and defense. Following the student-athletes, head coach **Brock Spack** will address the media. Video from the press conference will be available at GoRedbirds.com before 5 p.m. Tuesday, while the audio file will be available immediately following the event on the ISU Athletics Communications Relations ftp site (contact Mike Williams or John Twork for access information). If you would like to receive the quotes via e-mail, please contact Mike Williams in the Illinois State Athletics Communications Office at mcwilli@ilstu.edu prior to the press conference.

REQUESTING CREDENTIALS

Credentials (game and parking) can be obtained by contacting the Athletics Communications 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/ videographers. For all other media, it is recommended that an advance call be made to the athletics communications office to check on the status of practice for a particular day.

REGULAR-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICIES

- **Head Coach:** Brock Spack will do general interviews following practice Tuesday-Thursday. All other requests for interviews must be submitted to the athletics communications 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

- The University of Northern Iowa is located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and has an enrollment of 13,080 students. The Panthers are members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference and play their home games at the UNI-Dome (16,324).
- The Panthers return 18 starters from last year's team that finished with a 7-5 overall record and a 6-2 mark (1st) in Missouri Valley Football Conference play. The Panthers were the regular-season MVFC champions and earned the league's automatic bid into the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs, where they defeated in the first round by No. 18 Lehigh, 14-7.
- UNI is 6-1 in Valley Football action this season, with their only loss coming to nationally ranked North Dakota State by a score of 27-19 on Oct. 29 at the FargoDome.
- The Panthers rattled off 27 unanswered points and held Southern Utah scoreless in the second half to pull out a 34-21 win last Saturday at the UNI-Dome in non-conference action.
- UNI quarterback **Tirrell Rennie** leads the way on offense for the Panthers. A 2011 Walter Payton Award watch list selection and the MVFC Newcomer of the Year, Rennie has completed 61.6 percent of his passes this season and has thrown for 1,581 yards and 10 touchdowns. Rennie is also a big threat with his legs, having rushed for 639 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground, and seemed to not lose a step with strong performance against Southern Utah after missing the previous week's game with an ankle injury.
- A pair of senior defensive standouts have made the Northern Iowa defense the second-best scoring defense in the conference. Senior defensive lineman **Ben Boothby** and linebacker **L.J. Fort** have both been named to the 2011 Buck Buchanan Award watch list among the best defensive players in the nation. Boothby leads the team with 7.5 sacks and 14.5 tackles for loss, while Fort leads the conference with 129 tackles and has added 6.0 tackles for loss.

TIES WITH THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

- ISU head coach **Brock Spack**, and UNI recruiting coordinator Jeremiah Johnson both have coaching experience at Wyoming. Spack served as assistant coach for the Cowboys from 1995-96, while Johnson was a graduate assistant video coordinator during the 2002 season.
- Illinois State's Assistant Athletics Director for Facilities and Operations **Peyton Deterding** graduated from Northern Iowa in 1998.
- ISU Assistant Athletics Director for Development, **Matt Lyons**, served as the Director of the Panther Scholarship Club at Northern Iowa during the 2010-11 school year. Lyons earned his master's degree in kinesiology and recreation at Illinois State in 2010, before taking the full time job at UNI.
- UNI head coach Mark Farley lettered at Northern Iowa from 1983-86 and was a three-year starter at linebacker. As a player, Farley and the Panthers were 2-0 against Illinois State and as a head coach, Farley is 6-4 against the Redbirds.
- **Darrellynn Dunn** and **Tim Dawson** and Northern Iowa's Casey DeHoedt, Wilmot Wellington, Justin Wissler and Mark Boren were teammates at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

Illinois State and Northern Iowa will meet for the 28th time in the history between the two schools today, but both team being nationally-ranked makes this game just a bit more important than some of its predecessors. The Redbirds and Panthers have met on the gridiron when both teams were ranked three previous times, with UNI coming out on top 2-1 in those contests. The Redbirds picked up its lone win in those three match ups in 1999 at home with a 47-28 drubbing of the Panthers. UNI took the upper hand with wins over the ranked 'Birds in 2006 at the UNI-Dome (38-27) and in 2007 at Hancock Stadium (23-13).

HOME SWEET HOME

Hancock Stadium has been kind to the Redbirds over the past three seasons and Redbird fans have been treated to high-scoring games and a lot of wins. Under head coach **Brock Spack**, the Redbirds have posted an 14-2 record at Hancock Stadium, including a 5-0 record at home so far in 2011 after a 31-7 victory over in-state rival Western Illinois on Family Day (Nov. 5). Overall, the Redbirds have won eight games in a row at home dating back to 2010, the longest winning streak since the team won 10 in a row from 1998-2000 which is the longest home winning streak in school history.

A RUN FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Senior running back **Ashton Leggett** has been one of the most consistent offensive threats for the Redbirds in 2011 and heads into the final regular-season game with 966 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns, meaning he needs just 34 yards rushing to become the first Redbird to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season since 2006, when **Pierre Rembert** rushed for a school single-season record 1,743 yards on the ground. Leggett would also become just the 11th person in school history to rush for 1,000 yards or more in a single season.

TEAM COMPARISON

| | UNI | ILS |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Scoring | 278 | 287 |
| Points Per Game | 27.8 | 28.7 |
| Points Allowed Per Game | 15.8 | 18.8 |
| First Downs | 183 | 203 |
| Rushing Yards Per Game | 173.0 | 185.9 |
| Rushing Defense Per Game | 116.8 | 81.3 |
| Passing Yards Per Game | 193.3 | 195.3 |
| Passing Defense Per Game | 207.2 | 223.9 |
| Total Offense Per Game | 366.3 | 381.2 |
| Total Defense Per Game | 324.0 | 305.2 |
| Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown | 3/18 | 7/3 |
| Sacks By/Allowed | 23/17 | 35/6 |
| Kickoff Return Avg. | 22.3 | 20.6 |
| Punt Return Avg. | 9.0 | 9.9 |
| Fumbles Lost/Gained | 9/8 | 9/12 |
| Penalties | 58-507 | 57-538 |
| Avg. Time of Possession | 29:48 | 31:54 |
| 3rd-Down Conversions | 48/118 (41%) | 63/140 (45%) |
| 4th-Down Conversions | 4/5 (80%) | 14/17 (82%) |

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

None

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Marvon Sanders (127) vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Tyrone Walker (120) vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Tyrone Walker (143) vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Tyrone Walker (131) at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Ashton Leggett (110) vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Ashton Leggett (125) at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Ashton Leggett (178) at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Ashton Leggett (121) vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11

2011 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

| | VALLEY | | | OVERALL | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | W | L | PCT | W | L | PCT |
| North Dakota State | 6 | 1 | .857 | 9 | 1 | .900 |
| Northern Iowa | 6 | 1 | .857 | 8 | 2 | .800 |
| <i>Illinois State</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>.714</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>.700</i> |
| Youngstown State | 4 | 3 | .571 | 6 | 4 | .600 |
| Indiana State | 4 | 3 | .600 | 6 | 4 | .600 |
| South Dakota State | 4 | 4 | .500 | 5 | 6 | .455 |
| Southern Illinois | 1 | 6 | .143 | 3 | 7 | .300 |
| Western Illinois | 1 | 6 | .143 | 2 | 8 | .200 |
| Missouri State | 1 | 6 | .143 | 1 | 9 | .100 |

THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL

Saturday, Nov. 19:

- Northern Iowa at Illinois State (ESPN3) 11:00 a.m.
- Missouri State at Youngstown State 12:00 p.m.
- North Dakota State at Western Illinois 1:00 p.m.
- Southern Illinois at Indiana State 1:05 p.m.

(CSN) - Indicates game on Comcast SportsNet Chicago
(ESPN3) - Indicates game broadcast on ESPN3.com
(LIVE) - Indicates game broadcast Valley LIVE Network

2011 REDBIRD MVFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE

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- DEFENSE
- Shelby Harris (Oct. 22) 6 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 TFLs

SPECIAL TEAMS

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- NEWCOMER
- Mike Banks (Sept. 24) 7 tackles, 5 solo, 1 FR
 - Evan Frierson (Oct. 15) 8 tackles, 3 sacks, 4 TFL
 - Nate Palmer (Oct. 22) 5 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 TFL, 1 FF

OFFENSIVE LINE

- Nick Bledsoe (Oct. 8) 90 percent, 7 knock downs
- Cal McCarthy (Nov. 5) 92 percent, 8 knock downs

2011 VALLEY FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

| Team (first-place votes) | Points |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Northern Iowa (29) | 316 |
| 2. South Dakota State (6) | 275 |
| 3. Southern Illinois (1) | 207 |
| 4. South Dakota State | 172 |
| 5. Illinois State | 169 |
| 6. Indiana State | 168 |
| 7. Western Illinois | 151 |
| 8. Youngstown State | 88 |
| 9. Missouri State | 74 |

RARE AIR

In his three seasons as the starter at quarterback for the Redbirds, junior **Matt Brown** already has his names in the ISU record book in several categories. With another season left, Brown could break most of **Kevin Glenn's** passing records, but he can achieve another milestone against Northern Iowa. With 22 yards passing against the Panthers, Brown will move over 7,000 career passing yards and will become just the third quarterback in school history to achieve that feat.

YOU CAN CALL ME CAL

Senior center Cal McCarthy graded out at 92 percent and helped Illinois State rack up 273 rushing yards in a 31-7 win over in-state rival Western Illinois (Nov. 5) and for his efforts, he was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week for the second time in his career. The Shorewood, Ill., native was credited with eight knockdowns against the Leathernecks and helped three different players rush for over 50 yards and a touchdown each.

REDBIRDS ON A ROLL

With the team's 31-7 win over Western Illinois (Nov. 5), the Redbirds extended their winning streak to five games in a row, marking the team's first five-game winning streak since 2006. ISU will have a chance to extend that streak to six games against Northern Iowa, something the 'Birds have not achieved since they also won six games in a row in 2006 on way to a playoff berth and a 9-4 overall record.

WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?

Many observers around the Missouri Valley Football Conference and opponents of Illinois State are fully aware of junior quarterback **Matt Brown's** talents throwing the football. The 2009 MVFC Freshman of the Year has thrown for nearly 7,000 yards and 50 touchdowns in his three year career, but lately he has shown he can be dangerous with this legs as well. In the team's 31-7 win over Western Illinois (Nov. 5), Brown rushed for a career-high 57 yards including a 50-yard touchdown run on a option keeper that fooled nearly everybody in the stadium. Brown also rushed for his first career touchdown on a bootleg keeper against No. 14 South Dakota (Oct. 15), proving he is not a one-trick quarterback.

NEXT MAN UP

Illinois State was without leading rusher **Ashton Leggett** in the first half against Western Illinois (Nov. 5), but that did not seem to affect the Redbird rushing attack. With senior **Cliffton Gordon** getting the start, the Redbirds controlled the game on the ground and had three players rush for over 50 yards each, led by Gordon's team-high 78 yards. A total of six players earned carries on the day and five of those players averaged over four yards per carry on way to 273 yards rushing for the Redbirds.

REDBIRD TRIO FINDS THE ENDZONE

The balanced Redbird rushing attack against Western Illinois (Nov. 5) saw three different players rush for scores in the 31-7 victory on Family Day. Quarterback **Matt Brown** (50 yards), junior transfer running back **Darrellynn Dunn** (20 yards) and senior tailback **Cliffton Gordon** (2 yards) each found the endzone on the ground for ISU. The trio became the first to each score in the same game since **Geno Blow**, **Parrish Fisher** and **Walter Mendenhall** each scored on runs against Missouri State on Oct. 18, 2008.

LUCKY NO. 7?

With Illinois State's 31-7 win over in-state rival Western Illinois (Nov. 5) at Hancock Stadium, the Redbirds picked up their seventh win of the season, the most for the team since they went 9-4 in 2006 on way to a FCS playoff berth a win in the first round. Whether this year's seven wins will be good enough to get the team into the playoffs is yet to be seen, but a win in today's game against nationally-ranked Northern Iowa would give ISU its eighth win and would almost guarantee the Redbirds a spot in the playoffs.

IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Coming off five-straight wins, including two over ranked opponents, Illinois State stayed at No. 14 in The Sports Network/Fathead.com FCS Top 25 Poll (Nov. 14). The Redbirds also improved two spots in the FCS Coaches Poll up to No. 14, thanks to some shuffling in the poll during ISU's bye week. ISU has now been ranked in The Sports Network/Fathead.com poll for four-consecutive weeks. MVFC leader North Dakota State dropped to No. 5 in both polls after a loss to Youngstown State last week and Northern Iowa moved up a spot in both polls to No. 4 after a win last week against Southern Utah.

SMILE, YOU'RE ON CAMERA

Illinois State will have five of its 11 regular-season games distributed by national and regional television outlets, the most in the history of the program. With four broadcasts already in the books, the Redbirds will appear for the second and final time this season today against Northern Iowa on ESPN3.com, as part of an agreement with the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

THRICE IS NICE

With the Redbirds' 38-30 win over Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), Illinois State secured its third-straight winning season for the first time since the team posted three-straight from 1998-2000. Third-year head coach **Brock Spack** is the first head coach to guide his team to three-consecutive winning seasons since **Edwin Struck** led the Redbirds to six-straight winning seasons from 1945-1950.

LIKE RUNNING INTO A BRICK WALL

Opponents have found it very difficult to get anything going in the running game against the Redbird defense through the first eight games of the season. In the team's 38-30 win at Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), ISU's defense limited the Salukis to 73 rushing yards, marking the seventh time this year that the Redbirds have held a team under 100 rushing yards. Illinois State's rushing-defense is now ranked sixth in the nation and first in the Missouri Valley Football Conference at 81.3 yards per game, and ISU is ranked 14th in the country in total defense (305.2 ypg) and 12th in scoring defense (18.8 ppg).

TURNING DEFENSE INTO OFFENSE

Illinois State sophomore defensive lineman **Colton Underwood's** 53-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the first quarter against Southern Illinois (Oct. 29) was the third of the season for the Redbirds. **Ben Ericksen** had a 30-yard fumble return in the season opener at EIU and **Nate Palmer** had a 42-yard fumble recovery against Morehead State. The last time ISU had three defensive touchdowns in a season was in 2006, all of which were interception returns for touchdowns.

SOUTHERN SUCCESS

Heading into its crucial road match up at Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), Illinois State brought a four-game losing streak against the Salukis with it to Saluki Stadium and ISU's 16 seniors were searching for their first win against SIU in their careers. Thanks to a 38-30 win, the Redbirds snapped a four-game losing streak to the Salukis and won their first game in Carbondale, Ill., since a 61-35 victory over the then No. 1 ranked Salukis in 2005.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Colton Underwood followed in his father Scott's footsteps and chose to play collegiate football at Illinois State and they were both defensive linemen for the Redbirds. When Colton returned a fumble 53 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter against Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), the two also became linked as both father and son scored a defensive touchdown at ISU. On Nov. 4, 1989, Scott returned an interception 47 yards for a score in a 32-13 win over Northern Iowa at Hancock Stadium, although Colton maintains his was more difficult because he had to scoop and score.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

With a last name of O'Shaughnessy, one would expect ISU redshirt freshman tight end **James O'Shaughnessy** to have a little luck on his side. However, his skills as a pass catcher are what have caught the attention of Redbird fans as of late. O'Shaughnessy caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Matt Brown during Illinois State's win at Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), which was his second-career touchdown in as many weeks. O'Shaughnessy also caught a 10-yard touchdown pass Brown that turned out to be the game winner for ISU in the team's upset win against Indiana State (Oct. 22).

WELCOME BACK, MARVON

After suffering a broken hand against North Dakota State (Oct. 1), Illinois State senior wide receiver **Marvon Sanders** immediately went into surgery to return to the field as quick as possible. That day finally came three weeks later against Southern Illinois (Oct. 29), and Sanders looked like he had never been hurt. The Ypsilanti, Mich., native caught five passes for 85 yards, including a long of 33 yards, and also returned a punt 25 yards to the SIU 42-yard line that set up a **Tyrone Walker** touchdown catch in the second quarter.

THAT'S A WIDE MARGIN

The turnover margin is an often debated stat in regards to its importance in football, however the Redbirds may argue that the sack margin has been the difference in their season to date. The Redbirds' mark of 35 sacks to six sacks allowed (+29) is second only to Stephen F. Austin (+34) in the country.

THE IMPENETRABLE FORCE

The Illinois State offensive line was talked about all offseason as a potential area of strength for the Redbirds and after its performance through the first seven games, one could see why. The offensive line unit of **Cody White**, **Nick Bledsoe**, **Cal McCarthy**, **Keenan Wimbley**, **Milton Owens** and **Rocco Ammons** has allowed just six sacks in nine games played this season, which ranks the unit No. 3 in the country in sacks allowed to opponents.

THE SPORTS NETWORK/FATHEAD.COM POLL

| Team (first-place votes) | Pts | Prv Rank |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. Montana State (76) | 3,805 | 2 |
| 2. Sam Houston State (71) | 3,764 | 3 |
| 3. Georgia Southern (8) | 3,557 | 4 |
| 4. Northern Iowa* | 3,297 | 5 |
| 5. North Dakota State (1)* | 3,199 | 1 |
| 6. Lehigh | 3,122 | 6 |
| 7. Montana | 2,879 | 8 |
| 8. Towson | 2,665 | 12 |
| 9. Appalachian State | 2,580 | 10 |
| 10. Old Dominion | 2,549 | 11 |
| 11. Maine | 2,313 | 13 |
| 12. New Hampshire | 2,012 | 7 |
| 13. Wofford | 1,928 | 9 |
| 14. Illinois State | 1,761 | 14 |
| 15. Delaware | 1,421 | 15 |
| 16. Liberty | 1,400 | 16 |
| 17. Central Arkansas | 1,377 | 19 |
| 18. Harvard | 1,310 | 18 |
| 19. James Madison | 958 | 20 |
| 20. Norfolk State | 855 | 22 |
| 21. Jackson State | 766 | 21 |
| 22. South Dakota | 472 | 24 |
| 23. Tennessee Tech | 378 | NR |
| 24. Furman | 371 | 17 |
| 25. Portland State | 367 | NR |

*Missouri Valley Football Conference member
 () - indicate first-place votes
 Illinois State opponent

THE FCS COACHES POLL

| Team (first-place votes) | Pts | Prv Rank |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. Montana State (18) | 683 | 2 |
| 2. Georgia Southern (2) | 660 | 3 |
| 3. Sam Houston State (8) | 656 | 4 |
| 4. Northern Iowa* | 605 | 5 |
| 5. North Dakota State* | 579 | 1 |
| 6. Lehigh | 559 | 6 |
| 7. Montana | 536 | 7 |
| 8. Appalachian State | 515 | 8 |
| 9. Old Dominion | 464 | 11 |
| 10. Towson | 454 | 12 |
| 11. Maine | 404 | 13 |
| 12. Wofford | 349 | 9 |
| 13. New Hampshire | 339 | 10 |
| T14. Illinois State | 291 | 16 |
| T14. Harvard | 291 | 14 |
| 16. Liberty | 276 | 15 |
| 17. Delaware | 223 | 17 |
| 18. Jackson State | 198 | 18 |
| 19. Central Arkansas | 155 | 25 |
| 20. James Madison | 150 | 19 |
| 21. Tennessee Tech | 147 | 20 |
| 22. North Dakota | 119 | 22 |
| 23. Indiana State* | 102 | 23 |
| 24. South Dakota | 71 | 24 |
| 25. Norfolk State | 63 | NR |

*Missouri Valley Football Conference member
 () - indicate first-place votes
 Illinois State opponent

REDBIRDS IN THE POLLS

| | TSN | COACHES |
|-----------|--------|------------|
| Preseason | RV | RV |
| Week 1 | NR | NR |
| Week 2 | NR | NR |
| Week 3 | NR | NR |
| Week 4 | NR | NR |
| Week 5 | NR | RV |
| Week 6 | NR | RV |
| Week 7 | RV | RV |
| Week 8 | No. 22 | RV |
| Week 9 | No. 17 | No. 24 |
| Week 10 | No. 14 | No. 16 |
| Week 11 | No. 14 | Tie No. 14 |

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ISU Career Rushing Touchdowns

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Toby Davis (1988-92) | 37 |
| T7. Geno Blow (2006-09) | 19 |
| T7. Ashton Leggett (2010-) | 19 |

ISU Career Pass Attempts

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 1,164 |
| 3. Luke Drone (2004-07) | 1,001 |
| 4. Matt Brown (2009-) | 967 |

ISU Career Pass Completions

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 663 |
| 2. Matt Brown (2009-) | 622 |
| 3. Luke Drone (2004-07) | 610 |

ISU Career Passing Yards

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 8,251 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-07) | 8,123 |
| 3. Matt Brown (2009-) | 6,978 |

ISU Career Passing Touchdowns

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | 62 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-07) | 61 |
| 3. Matt Brown (2009-) | 50 |

ISU Career Pass Completion Pct. (min. 300 attempts)

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Matt Brown (2009-) | (622-967-24) 64.3 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-07) | (610-1001-42) 60.9 |
| 3. Danny Barnett (1992-94) | (328-556-18) 59.0 |

ISU Career Total Offense Yards

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Kevin Glenn (1997-2000) | (1423-8862) 8,862 |
| 2. Luke Drone (2004-07) | (1196-8391) 8,391 |
| 3. Matt Brown (2009-11) | (1083-7159) 7,159 |

ISU Career Receiving Yards

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | 3,007 |
| 4. Eyad Salem (2007-09) | 2,246 |
| 5. Tyrone Walker (2009-) | 2,162 |

ISU Career Receptions

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | 192 |
| 3. Rickey Garrett (1996-99) | 177 |
| 4. Tyrone Walker (2009-) | 148 |
| 10. Marvon Sanders (2010-) | 104 |

ISU Career Receiving Touchdowns

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. Laurént Robinson (2003-06) | 29 |
| 2. Tyrone Walker (2009-) | 23 |
| 3. Rickey Garrett (1996-99) | 22 |

ISU Career Touchdowns Scored

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Toby Davis (1988-92) | (37 rush, 2 rec.) 39 |
| 6. Bruce Cullen (1968-69) | (24 rush) 24 |
| 7. Tyrone Walker (2009-) | (23 rec.) 23 |
| 10. Ashton Leggett (2010-) | (19 rush, 1 rec.) 20 |

ISU Career Kick Return Yards

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Tom Nelson (2005-08) | 1,912 |
| 2. Ben Ericksen (2009-) | 1,301 |
| 3. Dennis Butler (2001-02) | 1,145 |

ISU Career Kick Return Yards Average (min. 20 attempts)

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Marquis Mosley (1997) | (20-535) 26.75 |
| 2. Ray Fouchea (1995-96) | (39-1014) 26.00 |
| 3. Ben Ericksen (2009-) | (52-1301) 25.02 |

TWO FOR THE SHOW

Illinois State defensive linemen **Shelby Harris** and **Nate Palmer** helped the Redbirds hold No. 16 Indiana State to just 92 rushing yards in the team's 17-14 win (Oct. 22), and for their efforts the two were honored by the Missouri Valley Football Conference league office. Harris was named the MVFC Defensive Player of the Week and Palmer was named Valley Newcomer of the Week after ISU picked up its second-straight win over a ranked opponent. Harris tied his career high with two sacks and set a new career standard with two tackles-for-loss and Palmer set new career highs with two sacks and three tackles-for-loss.

NEW YEAR, NEW RESULTS

One look at Illinois State's defensive stats from the 2010 season would show that the team struggled mightily on defense. However, when you look at those same numbers so far in 2011 the change is almost unbelievable. After finishing the 2010 season ranked 112th out of 117 teams in total defense, the 2011 Redbird defense under the leadership of head coach **Brock Spack** currently ranks 14th in the country in total defense.

TO BE THE BEST, YOU HAVE TO BEAT THE BEST

When Illinois State defeated No. 16 Indiana State by a final score of 17-13 (Oct. 22), it marked the first time since 2005 that the Redbirds defeated ranked opponents in back-to-back weeks. Illinois State defeated No. 16 South Dakota by a score of 28-3 (Oct. 15) the previous week to give the Redbirds back-to-back wins over ranked opponents. The last two ranked opponents the Redbirds defeated in a row were No. 1 Southern Illinois on Oct. 15 (61-35) and No. 13 Northern Iowa on Oct. 22 (38-3) of 2005.

TYRONE IS A TON

Junior wide receiver **Tyrone Walker** has his name all over the Redbird record book in just three season in an ISU uniform, but he moved into prestigious territory against Indiana State by eclipsing 2,000 career receiving yards. The Indianapolis, Ind., native had six catches for 75 to increase his career total to 2,019 yards, making him just the fifth receiver in school history to amass over 2,000 yards receiving. Walker now sits in fifth place with 2,161, but could catch **Eyad Salem** in fourth place with 84 yards in today's game.

SECOND HALF HEROICS

Illinois State has left its first-half inconsistencies behind and broke out in the second half on both sides of the football several times this season. The Redbirds scored 21 un-answered points and limited No. 14 South Dakota to just three yards rushing and 10 yards total in the second half of the team's 28-3 win at Hancock Stadium (Oct. 15). The previous week, the Redbirds scored 35 un-answered points in the second half and limited Missouri State to -4 rushing yards in the second half. Overall, the Redbirds have out-scored their opponents 164-92 in the final two quarters of play.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

Not since 1984 has an Illinois State team held an opponent to under 100 yards of total offense in a game. However, the Redbirds nearly ended that streak when they held the No. 14 ranked Coyotes to just 108 yards of total offense in the team's 28-3 victory (Oct. 15). The 108 yards put up by the Coyotes were the fewest for a Redbird opponent since September 1, 1984, when the team allowed just 87 yards to Lincoln.

EVAN THE TERRIBLE

With the way junior transfer linebacker **Evan Frierson** has been tormenting opposing defenses this season, he may have earned himself a place among the league's most feared linebackers. The Washington, D.C., native led the way for the Redbird defense that allowed No. 14 South Dakota just 108 yards of total offense in the team's 28-3 win (Oct. 15). Frierson set new career highs with three sacks and four tackles-for-loss against the Coyotes and finished the game with a team-leading eight tackles, which earned him MVFC Newcomer of the Week honors.

NEWCOMER ATTACK

Transfers **Evan Frierson** and **Nate Palmer** have each made immediate impacts in their first seven games at Illinois State. The pair of Illinois transfers combined for 15 tackles, 1.5 sacks and three tackles-for-loss in their debut at the FCS level against Eastern Illinois (Sept. 1) and have not stopped since. In the team's victory over No. 14 South Dakota (Oct. 15), they teamed up to record 13 tackles, 4.5 sacks and 5.5 tackles-for-loss. Overall, the duo has combined for 104 tackles, 15 sacks and 23.5 tackles-for-loss for the Redbirds.

NATE'S GREAT

When **Nate Palmer** came to Illinois State in the offseason, he did so with the intention of helping aid the Redbird pass rush. Based on his production through the first nine games, one would say he is succeeding in that mission. The Illinois transfer has recorded at least a half of a sack in all but one game this season and leads the Redbirds and the conference with 8.5 sacks overall.

SACK MASTERS

The 2010 Illinois State defense recorded just 12 sacks in 11 games, but the 2011 Redbirds nearly eclipsed that mark with a total of eight sacks in the victory over Morehead State (Sept. 17). With those eight sacks, ISU tied its third-best sack performance of all-time and recorded its most sacks since 2005, when the team had nine against Northern Iowa.

MR. DEPENDABLE

Senior running back **Ashton Leggett** has been the most consistent player for the Redbirds through the first eight games of the season. Leggett is currently averaging 100.78 yards per game for the Redbirds and ranks third in the MVFC and 20th in FCS football with that average. The Muskegon, Mich., native recorded his second-straight 100-plus yard rushing performance and his fourth multi-touchdown game of the season in Illinois State 28-3 win over No. 14 South Dakota (Oct. 15). Leggett native rushed for 122 yards on 22 carries and scored a pair of rushing touchdowns to lead the Redbirds past the Coyotes on Homecoming.

GET OFF THE BUS RUNNING

To steal a saying from Chicago Bears head coach Lovie Smith, the Redbirds had it in their game plan to get off the bus running at Missouri State (Oct. 8) and that plan certainly paid off. ISU rushed for a season-high 314 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns against the Bears. That mark was the highest for the Redbirds since they ran for 351 yards against Missouri State Oct. 18, 2008, at Hancock Stadium. ISU is now averaging 186 yards per game on the ground in 2011, a vast improvement from the team's average of 131 yards on the ground in 2010.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Although his tackle numbers may not put him among the league's leaders, ISU senior defensive tackle **Eric Brunner** is making his case as one of the best overall defenders in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The Greendale, Wis., native tied a career high with two sacks and finished with three tackles-for-loss in the team's win at Missouri State (Oct. 8). It marked Brunner's second multiple-sack game of the season and his third-career game with two sacks. Brunner also tallied his second game of the year with three or more tackles-for-loss, and he finished the game with six total tackles to lead the Redbird defense, which allowed just 37 yards rushing to the Bears.

SOARING BACK

After falling behind 13-3 at the half, the Redbirds scored 35 un-answered points to come away with a 38-13 victory against Missouri State (Oct. 8). Illinois State shut out the Bears through the last three quarters and out-scored MSU 28-0 in the fourth quarter to tie a program record for points scored in the final quarter. The Redbirds also limited the Bears to just 45 total yards over the final three quarters of play and limited the Bears to -4 rushing yards in the second half.

SETTING UP SCORES

Freshman **Donovan Harden** was instrumental in helping the Redbirds score 28 points in the fourth quarter at Missouri State (Oct. 8), but not with his talent on offense. The Rialto, Calif., native amassed 83 yards on five punt returns against the Bears, including a game-best 45-yard return to the Bears' four-yard line that set up an **Ashton Leggett** four-yard touchdown run. Four of Harden's five punt returns in the game set up Illinois State scoring drives and he also returned one kickoff 27 yards and caught a pass for seven yards.

SWEET REDEMPTION

After a rough first quarter that saw him get beat on two long touchdown passes against Missouri State (Oct. 8), ISU freshman cornerback **Mike Banks** could have hung his head and stayed on the bench for the rest of the game. However, when he was given the opportunity to come back into the game he responded with three tackles and recorded his first career interception when he picked off Trevor Wooden late in the fourth quarter. The interception was the first for a member of the Redbird secondary and just the second of the season overall for the Redbird defense, which recorded 13 interceptions in 2010.

ALL HE DOES IS CATCH TOUCHDOWNS

Junior transfer wide receiver **Milton Colbert** came to Illinois State to make an impact in the passing game for the Redbirds and that is exactly what he's done. On the season, Colbert has two catches, both of which went for touchdowns, making him one of the most efficient receivers on the team.

A NICE CHANGE OF PACE

ISU senior running back **Ashton Leggett** was very busy against Missouri State (Oct. 8) and after he scored on a 75-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, fellow senior **Cliffton Gordon** was brought in to give him a breather and change things up. Gordon responded with a career-long 50-yard run to the MSU 20-yard line and later carried it in from three yards out to score the final touchdown of the game for the Redbirds.

ON THIS DATE: REDBIRD FOOTBALL HISTORY

- Nov. 19, 1927 - Mt. Morris at Illinois State
Bloomington's **Richard Tate** had 131 yards rushing, including a 15-yard TD run, as Illinois State defeated Mt. Morris in Normal by a score of 19-6.
- Nov. 19, 1932 - Illinois State at McKendree
Illinois State running back **Frank Lemme** rushed for 123 yards, but McKendree's 90-yard drive in the opening quarter stood as the only score of the game in a 7-0 loss on the road for the Redbirds.
- Nov. 19, 1938 - Illinois Wesleyan at Illinois State
In the first of two-straight games played against cross-town rival Illinois Wesleyan, Illinois State scored tied the game at 7-7 in the fourth quarter when **Luke Gleason** connected with **Dick Kavanagh** to end the game in a tie.
- Nov. 19, 1949 - Illinois Wesleyan at Illinois State
The Redbirds recorded their fifth shutout of the season and ended the year with a 29-0 drubbing of cross-town rival Illinois Wesleyan.



Richard
Tate

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (HS/Previous School) | No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (HS/Previous School) |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-------|--|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|-------|--|
| 2 | Justin Lane | QB | 6-2 | 200 | FR-HS | Arlington, Wash./Lakewood HS | 55 | Eric Brunner | DL | 6-2 | 285 | SR-3L | Greendale, Wis./Greendale HS |
| 3 | Evan Frierson | LB | 6-2 | 230 | JR-TR | Washington, D.C./Illinois | 56 | Cody White | OL | 6-5 | 315 | SR-3L | Bloomington, Ill./Normal West HS |
| 4 | Nate Palmer | DE | 6-3 | 220 | JR-TR | Chicago, Ill./Illinois | 57 | Zach Smith | LB | 5-10 | 210 | FR-RS | Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Central Catholic HS |
| 5 | Ashton Leggett | RB | 5-11 | 230 | SR-1L | Muskegon, Mich./Michigan State | 58 | Patrick Dougherty | LB | 5-11 | 210 | FR-RS | Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy |
| 7 | Ben Ericksen | S | 6-1 | 195 | JR-2L | Greendale, Wis./Greendale HS | 59 | Michael Liedtke | OL | 6-3 | 280 | FR-TR | Woodstock, Ill./Western Michigan |
| 9 | Mike Zimmer | LB | 6-3 | 225 | JR-2L | Prospect Heights, Ill./Wheeling HS | 60 | Milton Owens | OL | 6-2 | 320 | SR-1L | Gary, Ind./Indiana |
| 10 | Patrick Wright | K/P | 5-11 | 190 | SO-TR | Lemont, Ill./St. Francis | 61 | Keenan Wimbley | OL | 6-2 | 295 | SR-3L | Ocoee, Fla./Edgewater HS |
| 11 | Matt Younger | WR | 6-2 | 180 | SO-1L | Cocoa, Fla./Cocoa HS | 62 | Daniel Donnelly | OL | 6-4 | 295 | FR-HS | Coconut Creek, Fla./Monarch HS |
| 12 | Tyrone Walker | WR | 5-11 | 200 | JR-2L | Indianapolis, Ind./Cardinal Ritter HS | 63 | Charles Dennis | OL | 6-3 | 325 | SR-3L | San Antonio, Texas/East Central HS |
| 13 | Matt Brown | QB | 6-4 | 215 | JR-2L | Marion, Ill./Marion HS | 64 | Josh Dabney | DL | 6-1 | 245 | FR-HS | Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township HS |
| 14 | Matt Goldsmith | S | 6-1 | 190 | SO-1L | Clinton, Md./Bishop McNamara HS | 65 | Pete Cary | OL | 6-4 | 305 | JR-1L | Cincinnati, Ohio/Turpin HS |
| 16 | Adam Rebholz | S | 6-1 | 210 | SO-SQ | Bloomington, Ill./Illinois | 68 | Charlie Booth | DL | 6-5 | 220 | SO-SQ | Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport Township HS |
| 17 | Brandon Venson | TE | 6-3 | 245 | SR-2L | Glendale Heights, Ill./College of DuPage | 69 | Tim Wright | OL | 6-5 | 320 | FR-HS | Minoka, Ill./Minooka HS |
| 18 | Tevin Allen | DB | 5-9 | 165 | FR-HS | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas | 70 | James Marrison | OL | 6-5 | 270 | FR-HS | Orlando, Fla./Colonial HS |
| 19 | Cameron Meredith | QB | 6-3 | 195 | FR-RS | Westchester, Ill./St. Joseph's HS | 71 | Rocco Ammons | OL | 6-5 | 315 | FR-RS | Warrenville, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South HS |
| 20 | Ryan Givens | DB | 5-9 | 185 | SO-1L | Milwaukee, Wis./Riverside University HS | 74 | Nick Bledsoe | OL | 6-1 | 295 | SR-2L | Wheeling, Ill./Wheeling HS |
| 21 | Otis Merrill | DB | 5-11 | 185 | SR-2L | Cleveland, Ohio/Wisconsin | 75 | Charles Cowley | OL | 6-2 | 270 | FR-RS | Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton Christian HS |
| 22 | Marvon Sanders | WR | 5-9 | 175 | SR-1L | Ypsilanti, Mich./Eastern Michigan | 76 | Casey Beck | OL | 6-8 | 280 | FR-RS | Rockford, Ill./Harlem HS |
| 23 | Austin Davis | LB | 6-1 | 220 | JR-2L | Normal, Ill./Normal Community HS | 77 | Isaac Rinehart | OL | 6-4 | 260 | FR-RS | Eagan, Minn./St. Thomas Academy |
| 24 | Mike Banks | DB | 5-7 | 165 | FR-HS | University Park, Ill./Mount Carmel HS | 78 | Vincent Arvis | DL | 6-2 | 265 | FR-HS | Riverside, Ill./Riverside Brookfield HS |
| 25 | Anthony Boddy | S | 6-1 | 195 | Fr-RS | Maywood, Ill./St. Joseph's HS | 80 | James O'Shaughnessy | TE | 6-4 | 210 | FR-RS | Naperville, Ill./Naperville North HS |
| 26 | Corey Shandrick | WR | 5-11 | 185 | SO-1L | West Lafayette, Ind./Harrison HS | 81 | Will Davis | LB | 6-2 | 190 | FR-HS | Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South HS |
| 27 | Josh Burch | S | 6-0 | 190 | FR-TR | St. Petersburg, Fla./Navy Prep | 82 | Mike Wood | K/P | 6-4 | 210 | SO-1L | Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS |
| 28 | Cameron Hunt | RB | 6-0 | 215 | SO-1L | Sammamish, Wash./Eastlake HS | 83 | Milton Colbert | WR | 6-4 | 210 | JR-TR | Villa Park, Ill./Michigan State |
| 28 | McKinley Moore | DB | 5-11 | 190 | FR-HS | Park Forest, Ill./Marist HS | 84 | Joe Farmer | TE | 6-6 | 235 | FR-HS | Snoqualmie, Wash./Mount Si HS |
| 29 | Brandon Westphal | LB | 6-1 | 220 | SO-1L | Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook HS | 85 | Lechein Neblett | WR | 6-0 | 175 | FR-RS | Madison, Wis./James Madison Memorial HS |
| 30 | Dontae McCoy | S | 6-0 | 200 | FR-HS | Palos Heights, Ill./Shepard HS | 86 | James Loughlin | WR | 6-3 | 210 | SR-TR | Lockport, Ill./Joliet JC |
| 31 | Cliffon Gordon | RB | 5-10 | 220 | SR-3L | Chicago Heights, Ill./Marian Catholic HS | 88 | Scott Kuehn | WR | 6-0 | 200 | SO-SQ | Aurora, Ill./Waubonsie Valley HS |
| 32 | Leonard Hubbard | LB | 6-0 | 235 | JR-1L | Springfield, Ill./Wisconsin | 89 | Donovan Harden | WR | 5-11 | 170 | FR-RS | Rialto, Calif./Rancho Cucamonga HS |
| 33 | Pat Meehan | LB | 6-1 | 200 | FR-HS | Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln Way East HS | 91 | Tim Dawson | DL | 6-2 | 280 | JR-TR | Crawfordville, Fla./Iowa Central CC |
| 34 | Josh Howe | LB | 6-0 | 235 | SR-3L | Chicago Heights, Ill./Marian Catholic HS | 92 | Albert Sparks | DL | 6-3 | 330 | SO-1L | Irving, Texas/Buffalo |
| 35 | Colton Underwood | DE | 6-4 | 245 | SO-1L | Washington, Ill./Washington HS | 93 | Shelby Harris | DE | 6-2 | 260 | SO-1L | Milwaukee, Wis./Wisconsin |
| 36 | Evan Pegues | LB | 6-2 | 200 | SO-SQ | Chicago, Ill./Hubbard HS | 94 | Nick Broome | DL | 6-4 | 255 | JR-2L | Columbus, Ind./East HS |
| 37 | Darrellynn Dunn | RB | 6-1 | 205 | JR-TR | Bloomington, Ill./Iowa Central CC | 95 | Nick Aussieker | K/P | 5-11 | 180 | FR-RS | Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette HS |
| 38 | Steve Nelson | DB | 6-0 | 200 | FR-RS | Arlington Heights, Ill./Hersey HS | 96 | Chris Highland | LS | 6-2 | 205 | FR-RS | Normal, Ill./Central Catholic HS |
| 39 | Bryce Kiser | DL | 6-2 | 225 | FR-RS | Royal Center, Ind./Pioneer HS | 97 | Nathan Rebholz | LS | 6-1 | 240 | SR-1L | Bloomington, Ill./Central Catholic HS |
| 40 | Alex Donnelly | LB | 6-0 | 200 | FR-HS | Kirkland, Wash./Lake Washington HS | 99 | Bradon Prate | DL | 6-4 | 245 | FR-RS | Wauconda, Ill./Wauconda HS |
| 41 | Weston Ross | RB | 5-11 | 195 | FR-TR | Wheeling, Ill./Harper JC | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Marcus Harris | S | 6-2 | 185 | SO-1L | Bloomington, Ill./Normal Community HS | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Casey Cline | TE | 6-3 | 250 | SR-3L | Gibson City, Ill./GCMS HS | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Jordan Church | TE | 6-3 | 235 | JR-1L | Batavia, Ill./Batavia HS | | | | | | | |
| 45 | Tyler Barnes | DL | 6-1 | 235 | FR-HS | Rock Falls, Ill./Rock Falls HS | | | | | | | |
| 47 | Tyler Finkbeiner | LB | 5-11 | 215 | FR-HS | Champaign, Ill./Champaign Central HS | | | | | | | |
| 48 | Jordan Neukirch | HB | 6-2 | 235 | SO-1L | Algonquin, Ill./Huntley HS | | | | | | | |
| 51 | Cal McCarthy | OL | 6-2 | 285 | SR-2L | Shorewood, Ill./Minooka HS | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Jake Wienhoff | OL | 6-3 | 275 | FR-HS | Chatham, Ill./Chatham Glenwood HS | | | | | | | |
| 53 | Rickey Simpson | DE | 6-2 | 230 | SO-1L | Naperville, Ill./Waubonsie Valley HS | | | | | | | |
| 54 | Zach Marshall | DL | 6-3 | 220 | FR-HS | Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport Township HS | | | | | | | |

START CHART

| Offense | | |
|----------|------|--------|
| Player | 2011 | Career |
| Ammons | 4 | 4 |
| Bledsoe | 9 | 31 |
| Brown | 10 | 31 |
| Cline | 2 | 7 |
| Gordon | 1 | 5 |
| Leggett | 9 | 13 |
| McCarthy | 10 | 30 |
| Neblett | 5 | 5 |
| Neukirch | 5 | 10 |
| Owens | 7 | 7 |
| Sanders | 7 | 16 |
| Venson | 8 | 15 |
| Walker | 10 | 27 |
| White | 10 | 20 |
| Wimbley | 10 | 24 |
| Younger | 5 | 7 |

| Defense | | |
|-----------|------|--------|
| Player | 2011 | Career |
| Banks | 10 | 10 |
| Brunner | 10 | 42 |
| Ericksen | 10 | 11 |
| Frierson | 9 | 9 |
| Goldsmith | 10 | 10 |
| S. Harris | 6 | 14 |
| Howe | 10 | 25 |
| Merrill | 9 | 14 |
| Nelson | 2 | 2 |
| Palmer | 10 | 10 |
| Sparks | 4 | 4 |
| Underwood | 10 | 12 |
| Zimmer | 2 | 16 |

OFFENSE

| POS | NO | NAME | HT | WT | CL | SGP | CGP | HOMETOWN |
|-----|----|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| LT | 56 | Cody White*** | 6-5 | 315 | Sr. | 10 | 42 | Bloomington, Ill. |
| | 76 | Casey Beck | 6-8 | 280 | RFr. | 6 | 6 | Rockford, Ill. |
| LG | 74 | Nick Bledsoe** | 6-1 | 295 | Sr. | 9 | 32 | Wheeling, Ill. |
| | 63 | Charles Dennis*** | 6-3 | 325 | Sr. | 5 | 20 | San Antonio, Texas |
| C | 51 | Cal McCarthy** | 6-2 | 285 | Sr. | 10 | 31 | Shorewood, Ill. |
| | 65 | Pete Cary* | 6-4 | 305 | Jr. | 9 | 16 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| RG | 61 | Keenan Wimbley*** | 6-2 | 295 | Sr. | 10 | 33 | Orlando, Fla. |
| | 71 | Rocco Ammons | 6-5 | 315 | RFr. | 5 | 5 | Warrenville, Ill. |
| RT | 60 | Milton Owens* | 6-2 | 320 | Sr. | 9 | 20 | Gary, Ind. |
| | 77 | Isaac Rinehart | 6-4 | 260 | RFr. | 1 | 1 | Eagan, Minn. |
| TE | 17 | Brandon Venson** | 6-3 | 245 | Sr. | 10 | 31 | Glendale Heights, Ill. |
| | 43 | Casey Cline*** | 6-3 | 250 | Sr. | 10 | 37 | Gibson City, Ill. |
| WR | 12 | Tyrone Walker** | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | 10 | 32 | Indianapolis, Ind. |
| | 26 | Corey Shandrick* | 5-11 | 185 | So. | 6 | 17 | West Lafayette, Ind. |
| WR | 85 | Lechein Neblett | 6-0 | 175 | RFr. | 10 | 10 | Madison, Wis. |
| | 89 | Donovan Harden | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | 9 | 9 | Rialto, Calif. |
| WR | 22 | Marvon Sanders* | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | 7 | 18 | Ypsilanti, Mich. |
| | 83 | Milton Colbert | 6-4 | 210 | Jr. | 9 | 9 | Villa Park, Ill. |
| QB | 13 | Matt Brown** | 6-4 | 215 | Jr. | 10 | 32 | Marion, Ill. |
| | 19 | Cameron Meredith | 6-3 | 195 | RFr. | 3 | 3 | Westchester, Ill. |
| RB | 5 | Ashton Leggett* | 5-11 | 230 | Sr. | 10 | 21 | Muskegon, Mich. |
| | 31 | Cliffon Gordon*** | 5-10 | 220 | Sr. | 10 | 42 | Chicago Heights, Ill. |

DEFENSE

| POS | NO | NAME | HT | WT | CL | SGP | CGP | HOMETOWN |
|-----|----|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| DE | 4 | Nate Palmer | 6-3 | 220 | Jr. | 10 | 10 | Chicago, Ill. |
| | 94 | Nick Broome** | 6-4 | 255 | Jr. | 5 | 26 | Columbus, Ind. |
| DT | 55 | Eric Brunner*** | 6-2 | 285 | Sr. | 10 | 43 | Greendale, Wis. |
| | 91 | Tim Dawson | 6-2 | 280 | Jr. | 4 | 4 | Crawfordville, Fla. |
| DT | 93 | Shelby Harris* | 6-2 | 260 | So. | 9 | 20 | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| | 92 | Albert Sparks* | 6-3 | 330 | So. | 10 | 18 | Irving, Texas |
| DE | 35 | Colton Underwood* | 6-4 | 245 | So. | 10 | 20 | Washington, Ill. |
| | 53 | Rickey Simpson* | 6-2 | 230 | So. | 3 | 7 | Naperville, Ill. |
| SLB | 3 | Evan Frierson | 6-2 | 230 | Jr. | 10 | 10 | Washington, D.C. |
| | 29 | Brandon Westphal* | 6-1 | 220 | So. | 10 | 21 | Bolingbrook, Ill. |
| MLB | 34 | Josh Howe*** | 6-0 | 235 | Sr. | 10 | 37 | Chicago, Ill. |
| | 57 | Zach Smith | 5-1 | 210 | RFr. | 9 | 9 | Loves Park, Ill. |
| WLB | 23 | Austin Davis** | 6-1 | 220 | Jr. | 10 | 31 | Normal, Ill. |
| | 9 | Mike Zimmer** | 6-3 | 225 | Jr. | 10 | 30 | Wheeling, Ill. |
| CB | 24 | Mike Banks | 5-7 | 195 | Fr. | 10 | 10 | University Park, Ill. |
| | 20 | Ryan Givens* | 5-9 | 185 | So. | 10 | 20 | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| SS | 14 | Matt Goldsmith* | 6-1 | 190 | So. | 10 | 17 | Clinton, Md. |
| | 30 | Dontae McCoy | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. | 10 | 10 | Palos Heights, Ill. |
| FS | 7 | Ben Ericksen** | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | 10 | 24 | Greendale, Wis. |
| | 42 | Marcus Harris* | 6-2 | 185 | So. | 7 | 8 | Bloomington, Ill. |
| CB | 21 | Otis Merrill** | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | 10 | 31 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| | 18 | Tevin Allen | 5-9 | 165 | Fr. | 9 | 9 | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. |

SPECIALISTS

| POS | NO | NAME | HT | WT | CL | SGP | CGP | HOMETOWN |
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| PK | 95 | Nick Aussieker | 5-11 | 180 | RFr. | 10 | 12 | Wildwood, Mo. |
| | 98 | Matt Cotiguala | 6-1 | 170 | Fr. | 0 | 0 | LaGrange, Ill. |
| KO | 95 | Nick Aussieker | 5-11 | 180 | RFr. | 10 | 12 | Wildwood, Mo. |
| | 98 | Matt Cotiguala | 6-1 | 170 | Fr. | 0 | 0 | LaGrange, Ill. |
| P | 10 | Patrick Wright | 5-11 | 190 | So. | 10 | 10 | Lemont, Ill. |
| | 82 | Mike Wood* | 6-4 | 210 | So. | 0 | 9 | Greenwood, Ind. |
| KR | 7 | Ben Ericksen** | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | 10 | 24 | Greendale, Wis. |
| | 89 | Donovan Harden | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | 9 | 9 | Rialto, Calif. |
| KR | 85 | Lechein Neblett | 6-0 | 175 | RFr. | 10 | 10 | Madison, Wis. |
| | 28 | Cameron Hunt* | 6-0 | 215 | So. | 9 | 19 | Sammamish, Wash. |
| PR | 22 | Marvon Sanders* | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | 7 | 18 | Ypsilanti, Mich. |
| | 89 | Donovan Harden | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | 9 | 9 | Rialto, Calif. |
| HO | 16 | Adam Rebholz* | 6-1 | 210 | So. | 10 | 11 | Bloomington, Ill. |
| | 82 | Mike Wood | 6-4 | 210 | So. | 0 | 9 | Greenwood, Ind. |
| LS | 97 | Nathan Rebholz* | 6-1 | 240 | Sr. | 10 | 21 | Bloomington, Ill. |
| | 96 | Chris Highland | 6-2 | 205 | RFr. | 2 | 2 | Bloomington, Ill. |

| Offense | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | WR | WR | WR | QB | RB |
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| at Eastern Illinois | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Ammons | Wimbley | Venson | Sanders | Younger | Walker | Brown | Smith |
| Morehead State | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Ammons | Wimbley | Neblett (WR) | Sanders | Younger | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| at Youngstown State | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Ammons | Wimbley | Venson | Sanders | Younger | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| South Dakota State | White | Wimbley | McCarthy | Ammons | Owens | Cline | Sanders | Neukirch (TE) | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| at North Dakota State | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Venson | Sanders | Younger | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| at Missouri State | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Venson | Neblett | Neukirch (TE) | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| South Dakota | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Venson | Neblett | Neukirch (TE) | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| Indiana State | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Venson | Neblett | Younger | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| at Southern Illinois | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Cline | Sanders | Neukirch (TE) | Walker | Brown | Leggett |
| Western Illinois | White | Bledsoe | McCarthy | Wimbley | Owens | Venson | Sanders | Neblett | Walker | Brown | Gordon |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Defense | DE | DT | DT | DE | SLB | MLB | WLB | CB | SS | FS | CB |
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| at Eastern Illinois | Palmer | Brunner | Sparks | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Nelson |
| Morehead State | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| at Youngstown State | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Zimmer | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| South Dakota State | Palmer | Brunner | Sparks | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| at North Dakota State | Palmer | Brunner | Sparks | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| at Missouri State | Palmer | Brunner | Sparks | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| South Dakota | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| Indiana State | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| at Southern Illinois | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| Western Illinois | Palmer | Brunner | S. Harris | Underwood | Frierson | Howe | Davis | Banks | Goldsmith | Ericksen | Merrill |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Specialists | KO | PK | P | HO | PR | KR | KR | LS |
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| at Eastern Illinois | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| Morehead State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| at Youngstown State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| South Dakota State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| at North Dakota State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| at Missouri State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Harden | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| South Dakota | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Harden | Ericksen | Harden | Rebholz, N. |
| Indiana State | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Harden | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| at Southern Illinois | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| Western Illinois | Aussieker | Aussieker | Wright | Rebholz,A. | Sanders | Ericksen | Neblett | Rebholz, N. |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | |

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| Allen, Tevin | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Ammons, Rocco | 6/4 | START | START | START | START | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX | XXX | ... |
| Arvis, Vince | 1/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Aussieker, Nick | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Banks, Mike | 10/10 | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| Beck, Casey | 6/- | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Bledsoe, Nick | 9/9 | START | START | START | ... | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| Boddy, Anthony | 9/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Broome, Nick | 5/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
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| Cary, Pete | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Church, Jordan | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Cline, Casey | 10/3 | XXX | XXX | XXX | START | XXX | XXX | START | XXX | START | XXX | XXX |
| Colbert, Milton | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Cowley, Charles | 1/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Davis, Austin | 10/9 | XXX | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| Dawson, Tim | 3/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
| Dennis, Charles | 5/- | ... | ... | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Finkbeiner, Tyler | 2/- | ... | ... | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
| Frierson, Evan | 10/9 | START | START | XXX | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| Givens, Ryan | 8/- | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Harden, Donovan | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Harris, Marcus | 6/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
| Harris, Shelby | 9/6 | XXX | START | START | XXX | ... | XXX | START | START | START | START | START |
| Highland, Chris | 2/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
| Howe, Josh | 10/10 | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
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| Kiser, Bryce | 5/- | XXX | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Leggett, Ashton | 10/8 | XXX | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | XXX |
| Liedtke, Mike | 1/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| McCarthy, Cal | 10/10 | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| McCoy, Dontae | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Meredith, Cameron | 2/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX |
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| Neblett, Lechein | 10/5 | XXX | START | XXX | XXX | XXX | START | START | START | START | XXX | START |
| Nelson, Steve | 6/1 | START | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
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| O'Shaughnessy, James | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Owens, Milton | 9/7 | ... | XXX | XXX | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
| Palmer, Nate | 10/10 | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START | START |
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| Prate, Bradon | 8/- | ... | XXX | XXX | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Rebholz, Adam | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| Rebholz, Nate | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Simpson, Rickey | 3/- | ... | XXX | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Smith, Zack | 9/- | ... | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Wright, Patrick | 10/- | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |
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| Zimmer, Mike | 10/2 | START | XXX | START | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX |

#18 • Tevin Allen • DB

Tackles: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Solos: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Assists: 2 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#95 • Nick Aussieker • K

Kickoffs: 9 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Kickoff Yards: 505 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Kickoff Average: 64.2 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Touchbacks: 0
 Field Goals: 1, six times
 Field Goal Attempts: 2, six times
 Long Field Goal: 40 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11

#24 • Mike Banks • DB

Tackles: 8, twice
 Solos: 7 at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11
 Assists: 3 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Interceptions: 1 at Missouri State, 10-8-11

#25 • Anthony Boddy • DB

Tackles: 2 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11
 Solos: 2 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#94 • Nick Broome • DL

Tackles: 8, twice
 Solos: 7 at Northern Iowa, 10-23-10
 Assists: 5 at Illinois, 9-12-09
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.0 at Northern Iowa, 10-23-10
 Interceptions: 0

#13 • Matt Brown • QB

Attempts: 51 vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10
 Completions: 32 at Youngstown State, 11-14-09
 Yards: 391 vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10
 Passing Touchdowns: 5, twice
 Long Pass: 81 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09
 Interceptions: 2, six times
 Rushing Yards: 57 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1, twice

#55 • Eric Brunner • DL

Tackles: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Solos: 4, four times
 Assists: 6, twice
 Sacks: 2.0, three times
 TFLs: 3.5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11

#44 • Jordan Church • TE

Receptions: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Receiving Yards: 69 at Eastern Illinois, 9-3-09
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Long Reception: 34 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09

#43 • Casey Cline • TE

Receptions: 1 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Receiving Yards: 2 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 1 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11

#83 • Milton Colbert • WR

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 43 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 43 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11

#23 • Austin Davis • LB

Tackles: 11, twice
 Solos: 8 at Northwestern, 9-11-10
 Assists: 8 vs. Western Illinois, 11-7-09
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 1 at South Dakota State, 9-18-10

#91 • Tim Dawson • DL

Tackles: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#37 • Darrellynn Dunn • RB

Rushing Yards: 70 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Rushing Attempts: 6, three times
 Rushing TDs: 1, twice
 Longest Rush: 25 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11

#7 • Ben Ericksen • WR

Tackles: 5 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Solos: 3, three times
 Assists: 3 at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Interceptions: 0
 Kick Returns: 7, twice
 Kick Return Yards: 220 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Kick Return TDs: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Longest Kick Return: 89 vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10

#3 • Evan Frierson • LB

Tackles: 11 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Solos: 7 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11
 Assists: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Sacks: 3.0 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11
 TFLs: 4.0 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11
 Interceptions: 0

#20 • Ryan Givens • DB

Tackles: 9 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Solos: 6 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-2-10
 Assists: 5 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#14 • Matt Goldsmith • DB

Tackles: 9 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Solos: 7 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Assists: 7 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Austin Peay, 9-19-09

#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: 50 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Receptions: 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-21-09
 Receiving Yards: 85 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-09
 Receiving TDs: 1, twice

#89 • Donovan Harden • WR

Receptions: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Receiving Yards: 30 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Long Reception: 30 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Punt Returns: 5 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Punt Return Yards: 83 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Long Punt Return: 45 at Missouri State, 10-8-11

#42 • Marcus Harris • DB

Tackles: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Solos: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Assists: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10

#93 • Shelby Harris • DL

Tackles: 10 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Solos: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-13-10
 Assists: 7 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Sacks: 2.0 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11
 TFLs: 2.5 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11

#34 • Josh Howe • LB

Tackles: 16 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Solos: 9 at Northwestern, 9-11-10
 Assists: 10 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Sacks: 1.0, three times
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 1, twice

#32 • Leonard Hubbard • LB

Tackles: 5 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Solos: 3 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Assists: 3 at Indiana State, 10-9-10
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#28 • Cameron Hunt • RB

Rushing Yards: 27 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Rushing Attempts: 6 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Rushing TDs: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10
 Longest Rush: 20 at Northern Iowa, 10-23-10

#39 • Bryce Kiser • DL

Tackles: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Solos: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 0

#5 • Ashton Leggett • RB

Rushing Yards: 178 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Rushing Attempts: 29 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Rushing TDs: 4 vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10
 Longest Rush: 75 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Receptions: 5 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Receiving Yards: 61 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Longest Reception: 49 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Receiving TDs: 1 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10

#30 • Dontae McCoy • DB

Tackles: 4 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#19 • Cameron Meredith • QB

Attempts: 5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Completions: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Yards: 9 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Passing Touchdowns: 0
 Long Pass: 6 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 0

#21 • Otis Merrill • DB

Tackles: 8, twice
 Solos: 6 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Assists: 4, three times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 11-5-11

#85 • Lechein Neblett • WR

Receptions: 9 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Receiving Yards: 78 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 33 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Kickoff Returns: 3, twice
 Kickoff Return Yards: 64 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Long Kickoff Return: 27, twice

#38 • Steve Nelson • DB

Tackles: 6 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Solos: 5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Assists: 3 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Interceptions: 0

#48 • Jordan Neukirch • HB

Rushing Yards: 5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Rushing Attempts: 1, twice
 Rushing TDs: 0
 Longest Rush: 5 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Receptions: 2 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Receiving Yards: 21 at Northwestern, 9-11-09
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 21 at Northwestern, 9-11-09

#80 • James O'Shaughnessy • TE

Receptions: 2, twice
 Receiving Yards: 36 at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 25 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11

#4 • Nate Palmer • DL

Tackles: 8 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Solos: 5 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11
 Assists: 5 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Sacks: 2.0 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11
 TFLs: 3.0 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11

#99 • Bradon Prate • DL

Tackles: 1, four times
 Solos: 1, twice
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 1.0 at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11
 TFLs: 1.0, twice

#22 • Marvon Sanders • WR

Receptions: 14 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Receiving Yards: 167 vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10
 Touchdowns: 1, four times
 Long Reception: 73 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Punt Returns: 3 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Punt Return Yards: 31 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Long Punt Return: 18 at Eastern Illinois 9-1-11

#26 • Corey Shandrick • WR

Receptions: 3 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-09
 Receiving Yards: 46 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-09
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-09
 Long Reception: 26 vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-09
 Kick Returns: 5 at Indiana State, 10-9-10
 Kick Return Yards: 125 at Indiana State, 10-9-10
 Longest Kick Return: 36 at Indiana State, 10-9-10

#53 • Rickey Simpson • DL

Tackles: 8 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Solos: 5 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Assists: 3 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10

#57 • Zack Smith • LB

Tackles: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Solos: 2 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 Assists: 1, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11

#92 • Albert Sparks • DL

Tackles: 4 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Solos: 1 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Assists: 3 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 at North Dakota State, 10-1-11

#35 • Colton Underwood • DL

Tackles: 6, twice
 Solos: 3, three times
 Assists: 4 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Sacks: 2.0 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11
 TFLs: 2.0, twice

#17 • 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

#12 • Tyrone Walker • WR

Receptions: 10 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Receiving Yards: 206 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Touchdowns: 3, twice
 Long Reception: 81 at Southern Illinois, 10-10-09

#29 • Brandon Westphal • LB

Tackles: 3 at South Dakota State, 9-18-10
 Solos: 2 vs. North Dakota State, 10-16-10
 Assists: 2 at South Dakota State, 9-18-10
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#92 • Mike Wood • K

Kickoffs: 7, twice
 Kickoff Yards: 391, twice
 Kickoff Average: 67.0 at Northwestern, 9-11-09
 Touchbacks: 2 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-2-10

#10 • Patrick Wright • K/P

Punts: 7 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Punting Yards: 253 vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11
 Punting Average: 42.4 at Youngstown State, 9-17-11
 Long Punt: 55 at Missouri State, 10-8-11
 Kickoffs: 1 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Kickoff Yards: 53 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Kickoff Average: 53.0 at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11
 Touchbacks: 0

#11 • Matt Younger • WR

Receptions: 3, four times
 Receiving Yards: 48 vs. Indiana State, 10-22-11
 Touchdowns: 1, five times
 Long Reception: 28, twice

#9 • Mike Zimmer • LB

Tackles: 13 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10
 Solos: 8, twice
 Assists: 5, five times
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. South Dakota State, 9-26-09
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-21-09

GAME RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Score | W/L | Attendance |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Sep 01, 2011 | at Eastern Illinois | 26-33 | L | 9,111 |
| Sep 11, 2011 | Morehead State | 52-21 | W | 8,033 |
| Sep 17, 2011 | at Youngstown State* | 27-34 | L | 18,543 |
| Sep 24, 2011 | South Dakota State* | 20-13 | W | 7,536 |
| Oct 01, 2011 | at #5 North Dakota State* | 10-20 | L | 18,904 |
| Oct 08, 2011 | at Missouri State* | 38-13 | W | 10,800 |
| Oct 15, 2011 | #14 South Dakota | 28-3 | W | 10,014 |
| Oct 22, 2011 | #16 Indiana State* | 17-14 | W | 6,867 |
| Oct 29, 2011 | at Southern Illinois | 38-30 | W | 8,129 |
| Nov 05, 2011 | Western Illinois | 31-7 | W | 10,179 |

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TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | OPP |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| SCORING | 287 | 188 |
| Points Per Game | 28.7 | 18.8 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 203 | 174 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1859 | 813 |
| Yards gained rushing | 1956 | 1201 |
| Yards lost rushing | 97 | 388 |
| Rushing Attempts | 403 | 328 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.6 | 2.5 |
| Average Per Game | 185.9 | 81.3 |
| TDs Rushing | 18 | 10 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1953 | 2239 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 178-277-7 | 177-287-3 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.1 | 7.8 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.0 | 12.6 |
| Average Per Game | 195.3 | 223.9 |
| TDs Passing | 17 | 14 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 3812 | 3052 |
| Total Plays | 680 | 615 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 5.0 |
| Average Per Game | 381.2 | 305.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 33-679 | 55-1021 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 25-247 | 9-39 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 3--3 | 7-43 |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE | 20.6 | 18.6 |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE | 9.9 | 4.3 |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE | -1.0 | 6.1 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 13-9 | 24-12 |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 57-538 | 71-615 |
| Average Per Game | 53.8 | 61.5 |
| PUNTS-Yards | 45-1723 | 58-2403 |
| Average Per Punt | 38.3 | 41.4 |
| Net punt average | 37.0 | 35.4 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 31:54 | 27:52 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 63/140 | 41/127 |
| 3rd-Down Pct | 45% | 32% |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 14/17 | 4/16 |
| 4th-Down Pct | 82% | 25% |
| SACKS BY-Yards | 35-224 | 6-34 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 7-14 | 3-5 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES | (32-37) 86% | (19-22) 86% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS | (25-37) 68% | (16-22) 73% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | (36-38) 95% | (19-24) 79% |

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Illinois State | 66 | 57 | 87 | 77 | 0 | 287 |
| Opponents | 36 | 60 | 40 | 52 | 0 | 188 |

RUSHING

| | G | Att | Gain | Loss | Net | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Leggett, Ashton | 10 | 203 | 1002 | 36 | 966 | 4.8 | 11 | 75 | 96.6 |
| Gordon, Clifton | 10 | 83 | 347 | 5 | 342 | 4.1 | 3 | 50 | 34.2 |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 9 | 44 | 250 | 4 | 246 | 5.6 | 2 | 25 | 27.3 |
| Brown, Matt | 10 | 30 | 167 | 35 | 132 | 4.4 | 2 | 50 | 13.2 |
| Smith, Erik | 5 | 10 | 77 | 1 | 76 | 7.6 | 0 | 36 | 15.2 |
| Hunt, Cameron | 7 | 14 | 55 | 3 | 52 | 3.7 | 0 | 9 | 7.4 |
| Harden, Donovan | 9 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 24 | 12.0 | 0 | 15 | 2.7 |
| Neblett, Lechein | 10 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 7.0 | 0 | 11 | 2.1 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 7 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 2.7 | 0 | 5 | 1.1 |
| Neukirch, Jordan | 10 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1.7 | 0 | 5 | 0.5 |
| Younger, Matt | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -2 | -2.0 | 0 | 0 | -0.2 |
| TEAM | 5 | 7 | 0 | 11 | -11 | -1.6 | 0 | 0 | -2.2 |
| Total..... | 10 | 403 | 1956 | 97 | 1859 | 4.6 | 18 | 75 | 185.9 |
| Opponents..... | 10 | 328 | 1201 | 388 | 813 | 2.5 | 10 | 34 | 81.3 |

PASSING

| | G | Effic | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct | Yds | TD | Lng | Avg/G |
|-------------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-----|-------|
| Brown, Matt | 10 | 140.37 | 175-271-7 | 64.6 | 1944 | 17 | 73 | 194.4 |
| Meredith, Cameron | 2 | 75.12 | 3-5-0 | 60.0 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 4.5 |
| TEAM | 5 | 0.00 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total..... | 10 | 138.68 | 178-277-7 | 64.3 | 1953 | 17 | 73 | 195.3 |
| Opponents..... | 10 | 141.21 | 177-287-3 | 61.7 | 2239 | 14 | 91 | 223.9 |

RECEIVING

| | G | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|----------------------|----|-----|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Walker, Tyrone | 10 | 52 | 703 | 13.5 | 8 | 64 | 70.3 |
| Neblett, Lechein | 10 | 35 | 325 | 9.3 | 0 | 33 | 32.5 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 7 | 31 | 373 | 12.0 | 2 | 73 | 53.3 |
| Younger, Matt | 8 | 14 | 170 | 12.1 | 2 | 24 | 21.2 |
| Leggett, Ashton | 10 | 14 | 86 | 6.1 | 0 | 13 | 8.6 |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 9 | 7 | 41 | 5.9 | 0 | 17 | 4.6 |
| Harden, Donovan | 9 | 6 | 47 | 7.8 | 1 | 30 | 5.2 |
| O'Shaughnessy, James | 9 | 5 | 76 | 15.2 | 2 | 25 | 8.4 |
| Neukirch, Jordan | 10 | 4 | 40 | 10.0 | 0 | 22 | 4.0 |
| Gordon, Clifton | 10 | 4 | 8 | 2.0 | 0 | 9 | 0.8 |
| Colbert, Milton | 9 | 2 | 56 | 28.0 | 2 | 43 | 6.2 |
| Cline, Casey | 10 | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 0 | 14 | 1.4 |
| Smith, Erik | 5 | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 5 | 1.4 |
| Shandrick, Corey | 6 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 0.8 |
| Church, Jordan | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Total..... | 10 | 178 | 1953 | 11.0 | 17 | 73 | 195.3 |
| Opponents..... | 10 | 177 | 2239 | 12.6 | 14 | 91 | 223.9 |

PUNT RETURNS

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>TD</i> | <i>Long</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Harden, Donovan | 13 | 119 | 9.2 | 0 | 45 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 9 | 105 | 11.7 | 0 | 25 |
| Neblett, Lechein | 3 | 23 | 7.7 | 0 | 14 |
| Total..... | 25 | 247 | 9.9 | 0 | 45 |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 39 | 4.3 | 0 | 10 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>TD</i> | <i>Long</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Merrill, Otis | 1 | -3 | -3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banks, Mike | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith, Zack | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 3 | -3 | -1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents..... | 7 | 43 | 6.1 | 1 | 82 |

KICK RETURNS

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>TD</i> | <i>Long</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Neblett, Lechein | 10 | 207 | 20.7 | 0 | 30 |
| Ericksen, Ben | 10 | 180 | 18.0 | 0 | 33 |
| Harden, Donovan | 9 | 218 | 24.2 | 0 | 40 |
| Allen, Tevin | 2 | 46 | 23.0 | 0 | 31 |
| Smith, Zack | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |
| Hunt, Cameron | 1 | 21 | 21.0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total..... | 33 | 679 | 20.6 | 0 | 40 |
| Opponents..... | 55 | 1021 | 18.6 | 0 | 50 |

FUMBLE RETURNS

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>TD</i> | <i>Long</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Ericksen, Ben | 1 | 30 | 30.0 | 1 | 30 |
| Palmer, Nate | 1 | 42 | 42.0 | 1 | 42 |
| Underwood, Colton | 1 | 53 | 53.0 | 1 | 53 |
| Total..... | 3 | 125 | 41.7 | 3 | 53 |
| Opponents..... | 3 | 65 | 21.7 | 1 | 40 |

SCORING

| | <i>TD</i> | <i>FGs</i> | /----- PATS -----/ | | | | | | <i>Points</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | | | <i>Kick</i> | <i>Rush</i> | <i>Rcv</i> | <i>Pass</i> | <i>DXP</i> | <i>Saf</i> | |
| Leggett, Ashton | 11 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Aussieker, Nick | 0 | 7-14 | 36-38 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Walker, Tyrone | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Gordon, Clifton | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Brown, Matt | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Colbert, Milton | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| O'Shaughnessy, James | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Younger, Matt | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Palmer, Nate | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Underwood, Colton | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Harden, Donovan | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ericksen, Ben | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Harris, Shelby | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Davis, Austin | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brunner, Eric | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 38 | 7-14 | 36-38 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 287 |
| Opponents..... | 26 | 3-5 | 19-24 | 0-0 | 1 | 1-1 | 0 | 1 | 188 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | <i>G</i> | <i>Plays</i> | <i>Rush</i> | <i>Pass</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Avg/G</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Brown, Matt | 10 | 301 | 132 | 1944 | 2076 | 207.6 |
| Leggett, Ashton | 10 | 203 | 966 | 0 | 966 | 96.6 |
| Gordon, Clifton | 10 | 83 | 342 | 0 | 342 | 34.2 |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 9 | 44 | 246 | 0 | 246 | 27.3 |
| Smith, Erik | 5 | 10 | 76 | 0 | 76 | 15.2 |
| Hunt, Cameron | 7 | 14 | 52 | 0 | 52 | 7.4 |
| Harden, Donovan | 9 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 24 | 2.7 |
| Neblett, Lechein | 10 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 2.1 |
| Meredith, Cameron | 2 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 4.5 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 7 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 1.1 |
| Neukirch, Jordan | 10 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.5 |
| Younger, Matt | 8 | 1 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -0.2 |
| TEAM | 5 | 8 | -11 | 0 | -11 | -2.2 |
| Total..... | 10 | 680 | 1859 | 1953 | 3812 | 381.2 |
| Opponents..... | 10 | 615 | 813 | 2239 | 3052 | 305.2 |

FIELD GOALS

| | <i>FGM-FGA</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>01-19</i> | <i>20-29</i> | <i>30-39</i> | <i>40-49</i> | <i>50-99</i> | <i>Lg</i> | <i>Blk</i> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Aussieker, Nick | 7-14 | 50.0 | 0-0 | 6-8 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 0-1 | 40 | 3 |

PUNTING

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>Long</i> | <i>TB</i> | <i>FC</i> | <i>I20</i> | <i>Blkd</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Wright, Patrick | 45 | 1723 | 38.3 | 55 | 1 | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Total..... | 45 | 1723 | 38.3 | 55 | 1 | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Opponents..... | 58 | 2403 | 41.4 | 68 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 1 |

KICKOFFS

| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Yds</i> | <i>Avg</i> | <i>TB</i> | <i>OB</i> | <i>Retn</i> | <i>Net</i> | <i>YdLn</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aussieker, Nick | 54 | 3252 | 60.2 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Wright, Patrick | 1 | 53 | 53.0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total..... | 55 | 3305 | 60.1 | 0 | 0 | 1021 | 41.5 | 28 |
| Opponents..... | 39 | 2428 | 62.3 | 6 | 0 | 679 | 41.8 | 28 |

ALL-PURPOSE

| | <i>G</i> | <i>Rush</i> | <i>Rec</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>KOR</i> | <i>IR</i> | <i>Tot</i> | <i>Avg/G</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Leggett, Ashton | 10 | 966 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1052 | 105.2 |
| Walker, Tyrone | 10 | 0 | 703 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 703 | 70.3 |
| Neblett, Lechein | 10 | 21 | 325 | 23 | 207 | 0 | 576 | 57.6 |
| Sanders, Marvon | 7 | 8 | 373 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 486 | 69.4 |
| Harden, Donovan | 9 | 24 | 47 | 119 | 218 | 0 | 408 | 45.3 |
| Gordon, Clifton | 10 | 342 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 35.0 |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 9 | 246 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 31.9 |
| Ericksen, Ben | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 0 | 180 | 18.0 |
| Younger, Matt | 8 | -2 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 21.0 |
| Brown, Matt | 10 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 13.2 |
| Smith, Erik | 5 | 76 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 16.6 |
| O'Shaughnessy, James | 9 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 8.4 |
| Hunt, Cameron | 7 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 73 | 10.4 |
| Colbert, Milton | 9 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 6.2 |
| Allen, Tevin | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 46 | 5.1 |
| Neukirch, Jordan | 10 | 5 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 4.5 |
| Cline, Casey | 10 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1.4 |
| Smith, Zack | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0.8 |
| Shandrick, Corey | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.8 |
| Church, Jordan | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Merrill, Otis | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | -3 | -0.3 |
| Total..... | 10 | 1859 | 1953 | 247 | 679 | -3 | 4735 | 473.5 |
| Opponents..... | 10 | 813 | 2239 | 39 | 1021 | 43 | 4155 | 415.5 |

| | GP-GS | TACKLES | | | | SACKS | | PASS DEF | | | FUMBLES | | BLKD | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|--|
| | | SOLO | AST | TOTAL | TFL/YDS | NO-YARDS | INT-YDS | BRUP | QBH | RCV-YDS | FF | KICK | SAF | |
| 34 Howe, Josh | 10-10 | 32 | 44 | 76 | 5.0-13 | . | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . | |
| 3 Frierson, Evan | 10-9 | 33 | 28 | 61 | 14.0-65 | 6.5-39 | . | . | 4 | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 23 Davis, Austin | 10-9 | 27 | 24 | 51 | 7.0-11 | 1.0-1 | . | 2 | 1 | 1-0 | 4 | . | . | |
| 24 Banks, Mike | 10-10 | 38 | 12 | 50 | 0.5-1 | . | 1-0 | 2 | . | 1-0 | . | . | . | |
| 55 Brunner, Eric | 10-10 | 21 | 29 | 50 | 11.0-47 | 4.5-28 | . | 2 | 3 | 3-0 | 1 | 1 | . | |
| 93 Harris, Shelby | 9-6 | 23 | 26 | 49 | 12.5-67 | 6.0-36 | . | . | 5 | 1-0 | . | 2 | 1 | |
| 4 Palmer, Nate | 10-10 | 21 | 22 | 43 | 9.5-60 | 8.5-57 | . | 1 | 3 | 1-42 | 2 | . | . | |
| 21 Merrill, Otis | 10-9 | 30 | 7 | 37 | 1.5-3 | . | 1-3 | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 35 Underwood, Colton | 10-10 | 16 | 19 | 35 | 8.5-61 | 6.0-44 | . | 2 | 6 | 1-53 | 3 | . | . | |
| 14 Goldsmith, Matt | 10-10 | 19 | 13 | 32 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 9 Zimmer, Mike | 10-2 | 22 | 6 | 28 | 1.0-6 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 7 Ericksen, Ben | 10-10 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 2.0-6 | . | . | 1 | . | 3-30 | 1 | . | . | |
| 38 Nelson, Steve | 6-1 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 1.0-1 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 80 O'Shaughnessy, James | 9-0 | 7 | 7 | 14 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 18 Allen, Tevin | 9-0 | 6 | 4 | 10 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 30 McCoy, Dontae | 10-0 | 8 | 2 | 10 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | |
| 92 Sparks, Albert | 10-4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2.0-6 | 0.5-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 20 Givens, Ryan | 8-0 | 5 | 2 | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 42 Harris, Marcus | 6-0 | 5 | 2 | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 25 Boddy, Anthony | 9-0 | 6 | . | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 83 Colbert, Milton | 9-0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 94 Broome, Nick | 5-0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.5-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 57 Smith, Zack | 9-0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | . | . | 1-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 48 Neukirch, Jordan | 10-4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 99 Prate, Bradon | 8-0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2.0-8 | 1.0-4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | |
| 39 Kiser, Bryce | 5-0 | 3 | . | 3 | 1.0-13 | 1.0-13 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 37 Dunn, Darrelynn | 9-0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 28 Hunt, Cameron | 7-0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 29 Westphal, Brandon | 9-0 | 3 | . | 3 | 1.0-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 43 Cline, Casey | 10-3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 53 Simpson, Rickey | 3-0 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 12 Walker, Tyrone | 10-10 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 71 Ammons, Rocco | 6-4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 31 Gordon, Clifton | 10-1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 95 Aussieker, Nick | 10-0 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | |
| 6 Smith, Erik | 5-1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | |
| 91 Dawson, Tim | 3-0 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | |
| 47 Finkbeiner, T. | 1-0 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 44 Church, Jordan | 10-0 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| TM TEAM | 5-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | |
| Total..... | 10-0 | 374 | 290 | 664 | 80-372 | 35-224 | 3--3 | 22 | 26 | 12-125 | 16 | 5 | 1 | |
| Opponents..... | 10-0 | 386 | 386 | 772 | 36.0-97 | 6-34 | 7-43 | 33 | 25 | 9-65 | 9 | 5 | 1 | |

| Game | Score | First Downs | Rushing No.-Yds.-TD | Passing C-A-I-Yds.-TD | Total Off Pl.-Yds. | Fumbles - Lost | Penalties - Yards | Third Downs | Poss.- Time |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Illinois State at Eastern Illinois | L, 26-33 | 20 21 | 29-152-2 35-63-1 | 23-35-243-1 25-35-304-3 | 64-395 70-367 | 3-2 2-1 | 7-57 5-65 | 7/13 6/13 | 25:16 34:44 |
| Morehead State at Illinois State | W, 52-21 | 23 20 | 29-(48)-1 38-223-1 | 35-53-1-371-2 15-22-0-295-5 | 82-323 60-518 | 5-2 1-1 | 6-40 10-98 | 5/20 2/11 | 30:58 29:02 |
| Illinois State at Youngstown State | L, 27-34 | 19 26 | 38-170-1 39-164-1 | 16-26-0-155-3 21-30-0-293-4 | 64-325 69-457 | 0-0 1-0 | 3-28 2-23 | 7/14 7/12 | 30:28 29:32 |
| South Dakota State at Illinois State | W, 20-13 | 16 19 | 30-71-1 44-128-2 | 18-32-0-194-0 22-34-0-214-1 | 62-265 78-342 | 6-3 2-2 | 10-85 6-42 | 4/13 10/18 | 24:16 35:44 |
| Illinois State at North Dakota State | L, 10-20 | 21 16 | 29-127-0 33-124-1 | 31-48-2-270-1 15-22-0-207-1 | 77-397 55-331 | 1-1 2-2 | 3-30 13-108 | 6/16 5/11 | 30:44 29:16 |
| Illinois State at Missouri State | W, 38-13 | 23 8 | 49-316-3 28-37-0 | 16-23-1-138-2 8-15-1-232-2 | 72-454 43-269 | 1-0 2-1 | 2-15 6-36 | 4/12 1/10 | 36:31 23:29 |
| South Dakota at Illinois State | W, 28-3 | 11 25 | 32-83-0 52-228-3 | 5-16-0-25-0 16-21-1-133-1 | 48-108 73-361 | 2-1 3-2 | 5-55 4-50 | 3/11 8/15 | 23:11 36:49 |
| Indiana State at Illinois State | W, 17-14 | 13 16 | 35-92-1 35-104-1 | 10-25-0-175-1 13-19-0-172-1 | 60-267 54-276 | 2-1 1-1 | 11-93 5-65 | 5/16 1/9 | 29:14 30:46 |
| Illinois State at Southern Illinois | W, 38-30 | 20 27 | 43-138-2 29-73-3 | 17-28-0-254-2 29-37-0-334-1 | 71-392 66-407 | 1-0 2-1 | 10-88 5-45 | 11/17 4/10 | 30:45 29:15 |
| Western Illinois at Illinois State | W, 31-7 | 13 20 | 38-154-1 46-273-3 | 11-22-1-104-0 9-21-1-79-1 | 60-258 67-352 | 0-0 0-0 | 8-65 7-65 | 1/11 7/15 | 24:48 32:59 |
| Northern Iowa at Illinois State | | | | | | | | | |

| Rushing | Leggett | Smith | Dunn | Brown | Hunt | Gordon |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| at Eastern Illinois | 19-97-2 | 6-52-0 | DNP | 1-(-2)-0 | 1-(-2)-0 | DNP |
| Morehead State | 17-110-0 | DNP | 6-70-1 | 2-(-7)-0 | 6-27-0 | 4-15-0 |
| at Youngstown State | 26-125-1 | 1-(-1)-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-6-0 | 0-0-0 | 5-23-0 |
| South Dakota State | 29-98-2 | 0-0-0 | 3-9-0 | 4-15-0 | 0-0-0 | 5-11-0 |
| at North Dakota State | 16-73-0 | 0-0-0 | 6-24-0 | 3-10-0 | 0-0-0 | 4-20-0 |
| at Missouri State | 23-178-2 | 2-10-0 | 6-28-0 | 3-0-0 | 3-9-0 | 12-84-1 |
| South Dakota | 22-121-2 | 1-8-0 | 5-27-0 | 6-30-1 | 0-0-0 | 17-44-0 |
| Indiana State | 23-57-1 | 0-0-0 | 5-27-0 | 2-10-0 | 0-0-0 | 3-12-0 |
| at Southern Illinois | 15-48-1 | 0-0-0 | 7-22-0 | 3-13-0 | 0-0-0 | 18-55-1 |
| Western Illinois | 13-59-0 | 0-0-0 | 6-39-1 | 5-57-1 | 5-16-0 | 15-78-1 |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | |

| Receiving | Sanders | Walker | Neblett | Leggett | Younger | Smith | Harden | Neukrich | Colbert | O'Shaughnessy |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|
| at Eastern Illinois | 9-89-0 | 4-26-0 | 4-62-0 | 3-31-0 | 1-24-0 | 1-7-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-4-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Morehead State | 4-127-1 | 3-120-3 | 1-12-0 | 1-6-0 | 1-21-1 | 0-0-0 | 3-10-0 | 1-6-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| at Youngstown State | 6-48-1 | 5-51-1 | 1-28-0 | 1-6-0 | 3-22-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| South Dakota State | 3-17-0 | 10-148-1 | 4-31-0 | 2-1-0 | 1-(-1)-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| at North Dakota State | 0-0-0 | 5-26-0 | 9-78-0 | 5-31-0 | 3-28-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-30-0 | 1-43-1 | 1-5-0 |
| at Missouri State | 0-0-0 | 7-73-1 | 4-32-0 | 1-4-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-7-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-13-1 | 0-0-0 |
| South Dakota | 0-0-0 | 4-46-1 | 6-44-0 | 1-7-0 | 2-28-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Indiana State | 0-0-0 | 6-75-0 | 2-14-0 | 0-0-0 | 3-48-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-35-1 |
| at Southern Illinois | 5-82-0 | 7-131-1 | 2-5-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-36-1 |
| Western Illinois | 4-10-0 | 1-12-0 | 2-19-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1-30-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | |

| 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 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 5 | - |
| Illinois State FG | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | - |
| Opponent TD | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| Opponent FG | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |

| Red-Zone Analysis | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Game | Illinois State | | | | Opponent | | | | |
| | Inside | Scores | TD/FG | Pct. | Inside | Scores | TD/FG | Pct. | |
| at Eastern Illinois | 3 | 3 | 2/1 | 100.0 | 4 | 4 | 3/1 | 100.0 | |
| Morehead State | 2 | 2 | 1/1 | 100.0 | 4 | 3 | 3/0 | 75.0 | |
| at Youngstown State | 4 | 4 | 4/0 | 100.0 | 3 | 3 | 3/0 | 100.0 | |
| South Dakota State | 2 | 2 | 2/0 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 1/0 | 50.0 | |
| at North Dakota State | 3 | 1 | 0/1 | 33.3 | 1 | 1 | 1/0 | 100.0 | |
| at Missouri State | 7 | 5 | 4/1 | 71.4 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0.0 | |
| South Dakota | 5 | 4 | 4/0 | 80.0 | 1 | 1 | 0/1 | 100.0 | |
| Indiana State | 3 | 3 | 2/1 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 1/0 | 50.0 | |
| at Southern Illinois | 5 | 5 | 4/1 | 100.0 | 4 | 4 | 3/1 | 100.0 | |
| Western Illinois | 3 | 3 | 2/1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 1/0 | 100.0 | |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 37 | 32 | 25/7 | 86.4 | 22 | 19 | 16/3 | 86.3 | |

| Time of Possession | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Opponent | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | |
| at Eastern Illinois | L, 26-33 | 25:16 | 4:33 | 5:59 | 7:41 | 7:03 | |
| Morehead State | W, 52-21 | 29:02 | 8:22 | 6:18 | 4:56 | 9:26 | |
| at Youngstown State | L, 27-34 | 30:28 | 3:38 | 7:57 | 12:15 | 6:38 | |
| South Dakota State | W, 20-13 | 35:44 | 9:19 | 9:08 | 9:28 | 7:49 | |
| at North Dakota State | L, 10-20 | 30:44 | 6:55 | 7:42 | 8:00 | 8:07 | |
| at Missouri State | W, 38-13 | 36:31 | 10:07 | 9:06 | 11:02 | 6:16 | |
| South Dakota | W, 28-3 | 36:49 | 9:43 | 5:41 | 8:24 | 13:01 | |
| Indiana State | W, 17-14 | 30:46 | 6:57 | 9:39 | 9:23 | 4:47 | |
| at Southern Illinois | W, 38-30 | 30:45 | 5:35 | 7:19 | 8:36 | 9:15 | |
| Western Illinois | W, 31-7 | 32:59 | 12:52 | 5:07 | 6:21 | 8:39 | |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | |
| Illinois State | Total | 319:04 | 78:01 | 73:56 | 86:06 | 81:01 | |
| | Avg. | 31:54 | 7:48 | 7:23 | 8:36 | 8:06 | |
| Opponents | Total | 278:43 | 71:59 | 76:04 | 63:54 | 66:46 | |
| | Avg. | 27:52 | 7:11 | 7:36 | 6:23 | 6:40 | |

WHEN ILLINOIS STATE HAS THE BALL ...

| 3rd Down and ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ | Total | Pct. |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| at Eastern Illinois | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 7-13 | 53.8 |
| Morehead State | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 2-11 | 18.2 |
| at Youngstown State | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 4-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 7-14 | 50.0 |
| South Dakota State | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 10-18 | 55.6 |
| at North Dakota State | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 6-16 | 37.5 |
| at Missouri State | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 4-12 | 33.3 |
| South Dakota | 4-4 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 8-15 | 53.3 |
| Indiana State | 0-1 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-9 | 11.1 |
| at Southern Illinois | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-6 | 11-17 | 64.7 |
| Western Illinois | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 7-15 | 46.7 |
| Northern Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 12-18 | 5-13 | 6-15 | 11-15 | 11-15 | 7-15 | 3-7 | 2-11 | 2-7 | 4-23 | 63-140 | 45.0 |
| PCT | 66.7 | 38.5 | 40.0 | 73.3 | 73.3 | 46.7 | 42.8 | 16.7 | 28.5 | 17.4 | | |

WHEN OPPONENT HAS THE BALL ...

| 3rd Down and ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ | Total | Pct. |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| at Eastern Illinois | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0-3 | 6-13 | 46.2 |
| Morehead State | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0-2 | 0-5 | 5-20 | 25.0 |
| at Youngstown State | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 7-12 | 58.3 |
| South Dakota State | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-6 | 4-13 | 30.8 |
| at North Dakota State | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 5-12 | 41.7 |
| at Missouri State | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-6 | 1-10 | 10.0 |
| South Dakota | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-11 | 27.3 |
| Indiana State | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-7 | 5-16 | 31.3 |
| at Southern Illinois | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-5 | 4-10 | 40.0 |
| Western Illinois | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-11 | 9.1 |
| Northern Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 4-8 | 2-5 | 3-11 | 2-6 | 5-7 | 8-13 | 2-4 | 7-17 | 5-15 | 3-54 | 41-127 | 32.3 |
| PCT | 50.0 | 40.0 | 27.3 | 33.3 | 71.4 | 61.5 | 50.0 | 41.2 | 33.3 | 5.5 | | |

NCAA DIVISION I FCS
NATIONAL RANKINGS

| Team Statistics | Rank | Avg. |
|-------------------------|------|--------|
| Rushing Offense | 28 | 185.90 |
| Passing Offense | 64 | 195.30 |
| Total Offense | 46 | 381.20 |
| Scoring Offense | T-42 | 28.70 |
| Rushing Defense | 5 | 81.30 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 98 | 141.24 |
| Total Defense | 14 | 305.20 |
| Scoring Defense | 12 | 18.80 |
| Net Punting | 16 | 36.98 |
| Punt Returns | 43 | 9.88 |
| Kickoff Returns | 64 | 20.58 |
| Turnover Margin | 59 | -.10 |
| Pass Defense | 86 | 223.90 |
| Passing Efficiency | 29 | 138.72 |
| Sacks | 6 | 3.50 |
| Tackles for Loss | 12 | 8.00 |
| Sacks Allowed | 3 | .60 |

Individual Statistics in the Top-50

| | | |
|--|------|--------|
| Ashton Leggett - Rushing | T-26 | 96.60 |
| Matt Brown - Passing Efficiency | 24 | 140.37 |
| Tyrone Walker - Receptions Per Game | T-36 | 5.20 |
| Tyrone Walker - Receiving Yards Per Game | 39 | 70.30 |
| Donovan Harden - Punt Returns | 26 | 9.15 |
| Nate Palmer - Sacks | 13 | 1.00 |
| Evan Frierson - Sacks | T-38 | .72 |
| Evan Frierson - Tackles For Loss | T-26 | 1.50 |

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

| Qtr. | Opponent | Time | Scoring Play | Conversion | Plays-Yds. | TOP | Score |
|------|----------|-------|--|---|------------|------|-------|
| 1 | EIU | 12:01 | TEAM safety | | | | 2-0 |
| 2 | EIU | 11:12 | Berra 33 yd field goal | | 13-69 | 5:25 | 5-0 |
| 2 | EIU | 4:16 | Hendricks 20 yd pass from Garoppolo | Berra kick | 7-61 | 3:24 | 12-2 |
| 4 | EIU | 14:18 | Garoppolo 1 yd run | Berra kick | 8-72 | 3:43 | 19-19 |
| 4 | EIU | 9:52 | Ricks 42 yd pass from Garoppolo | Berra kick | 6-57 | 2:08 | 26-19 |
| 4 | EIU | 2:38 | Wright 10 yd pass from Garoppolo | Berra kick | 8-47 | 4:15 | 33-26 |
| 3 | MOR | 8:59 | Cox 1 yd run | Duzan kick | 8-62 | 1:49 | 7-31 |
| 3 | MOR | :13 | Thomas 4 yd pass from Lewis | Duzan kick | 12-79 | 4:10 | 14-45 |
| 4 | MOR | 3:21 | Thomas 19 yd pass from Lewis | Duzan kick | 10-97 | 2:40 | 21-45 |
| 1 | YSU | 9:43 | Bryan, C. 25 yd pass from Hess, Kurt | Brown, David kick | 11-77 | 5:17 | 7-0 |
| 1 | YSU | :07 | Watts, Kevin 10 yd pass from Hess, Kurt | Brown, David kick | 14-77 | 6:00 | 14-6 |
| 2 | YSU | 7:20 | Hess, Kurt 1 yd run | Brown, David kick | 11-76 | 4:51 | 21-6 |
| 2 | YSU | :13 | Barboza, Andre 20 yd pass from Hess, Kurt | Brown, David kick | 9-78 | 2:05 | 28-13 |
| 3 | YSU | 8:05 | Barboza, Andre 44 yd pass from Hess, Kurt | Brown, David kick blkd | 5-68 | 1:49 | 34-20 |
| 2 | SDSU | 7:22 | Lien, Mike 40 yd fumble recovery | Harris, Kyle kick blkd | | | 6-13 |
| 4 | SDSU | 11:02 | Sumner, Austin 1 yd run | Harris, Kyle kick | 14-86 | 5:59 | 13-20 |
| 2 | NDSU | 8:19 | McNorton, DJ 36 yd pass from Jensen, Brock | Jastram, Ryan kick | 6-73 | 2:51 | 7-0 |
| 3 | NDSU | 7:39 | McNorton, DJ 15 yd run | Jastram, Ryan kick | 5-45 | 2:08 | 14-3 |
| 3 | NDSU | 4:46 | Ollman, Bobby 82 yd interception return | Jastram, Ryan kick blockd | | | 20-3 |
| 1 | MSU | 14:43 | Jermaine Saffold 82 yd pass from Trevor Wooden | Austin Wilmer kick failed | 1-82 | 0:17 | 6-0 |
| 1 | MSU | :08 | Jermaine Saffold 91 yd pass from Trevor Wooden | Austin Wilmer kick | 2-96 | 0:47 | 13-3 |
| 2 | USD | :58 | Robb, Kevin 20 yd field goal | | 16-91 | 6:38 | 3-7 |
| 2 | INS | 8:57 | Jones, Alex 77 yd pass from Fouch | Wozniak, Austin kick blkd | 6-87 | 2:39 | 6-3 |
| 4 | INS | 6:59 | Obaseki, Ben 1 yd run | Riston, Leonard pass from Fouch, Ronnie | 13-75 | 6:30 | 14-17 |
| 1 | SIU | 3:06 | Hampton, Jewel 6 yd run | MacLachlan, Jac kick | 9-80 | 4:20 | 7-14 |
| 2 | SIU | 1:17 | Faulkner, Kory 9 yd run | MacLachlan, Jac kick | 8-69 | 2:25 | 14-24 |
| 3 | SIU | :27 | Lewis, David 28 yd pass from Faulkner, Kory | MacLachlan, Jac kick | 10-68 | 4:20 | 21-31 |
| 4 | SIU | 9:26 | MacLachlan, Jac 33 yd field goal | | 8-47 | 3:46 | 24-31 |
| 4 | SIU | :00 | Hampton, Jewel 1 yd run | | 4-78 | 0:36 | 30-38 |
| 2 | WIU | 1:48 | Watson, Nikko 1 yd run | Smith, Pat kick | 7-55 | 3:07 | 7-17 |



ILLINOIS STATE'S SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

| Qtr. | Opponent | Time | Scoring Play | Conversion | Plays-Yds. | TOP | Score |
|------|----------|-------|---|------------------------|------------|------|-------|
| 2 | EIU | 8:44 | Harris.S. safety | | | | 5-2 |
| 2 | EIU | :46 | Leggett.A. 6 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 11-65 | 3:24 | 9-12 |
| 3 | EIU | 9:18 | Aussieker.N. 25 yd field goal | | 13-67 | 5:35 | 12-12 |
| 3 | EIU | 3:55 | Ericksen.B. 30 yd fumble recovery | Aussieker.N. kick | | | 19-12 |
| 4 | EIU | 7:03 | Leggett.A. 3 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 6-51 | 2:44 | 26-33 |
| 1 | MOR | 8:32 | Sanders.M. 73 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 1-73 | 0:11 | 7-0 |
| 1 | MOR | 7:55 | Palmer.N. 42 yd fumble recovery | Aussieker.N. kick | | | 14-0 |
| 1 | MOR | 6:21 | Walker.T. 10 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 2-12 | 0:38 | 21-0 |
| 1 | MOR | :52 | Aussieker.N. 27 yd field goal | | 7-52 | 3:49 | 24-0 |
| 3 | MOR | 10:53 | Walker.T. 46 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 5-88 | 2:01 | 31-0 |
| 3 | MOR | 7:26 | Walker.T. 64 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 3-71 | 1:27 | 38-7 |
| 3 | MOR | 4:30 | Younger.M. 21 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 3-36 | 1:09 | 45-7 |
| 4 | MOR | :53 | Dunn.D. 25 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 4-48 | 2:20 | 52-21 |
| 1 | YSU | 6:12 | Walker.T. 12 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick blkd | 8-85 | 3:26 | 6-7 |
| 2 | YSU | 2:25 | Younger.M. 5 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 10-64 | 4:49 | 13-21 |
| 3 | YSU | 9:58 | Leggett.A. 1 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 12-67 | 4:58 | 20-28 |
| 4 | YSU | 13:18 | Sanders.M. 7 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 14-88 | 7:06 | 27-34 |
| 1 | SDSU | 10:22 | Leggett.A. 4 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick blkd | 6-58 | 2:29 | 6-0 |
| 2 | SDSU | 14:16 | Leggett.A. 1 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 10-25 | 4:58 | 13-0 |
| 3 | SDSU | 11:12 | Walker.T. 29 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 11-80 | 3:48 | 20-6 |
| 2 | NDSU | 2:57 | Aussieker.N. 27 yd field goal | | 11-71 | 5:16 | 3-7 |
| 4 | NDSU | 3:07 | Colbert.M. 43 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 4-41 | 1:27 | 10-20 |
| 1 | MSU | 7:00 | Aussieker.N. 24 yd field goal | | 14-69 | 7:38 | 3-6 |
| 3 | MSU | 8:53 | Colbert.M. 13 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 13-51 | 6:00 | 10-13 |
| 4 | MSU | 14:53 | Walker.T. 17 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 3-31 | 0:47 | 17-13 |
| 4 | MSU | 10:52 | Leggett.A. 4 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 2-4 | 0:46 | 24-13 |
| 4 | MSU | 7:42 | Leggett.A. 75 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 2-78 | 0:58 | 31-13 |
| 4 | MSU | 5:19 | Gordon.C. 3 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 4-70 | 1:51 | 38-13 |
| 1 | USD | 8:55 | Brown.M. 3 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 13-79 | 6:05 | 7-0 |
| 3 | USD | 4:05 | Walker.T. 13 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 8-53 | 4:08 | 14-3 |
| 3 | USD | 1:25 | Leggett.A. 13 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 5-26 | 2:29 | 21-3 |
| 4 | USD | 1:29 | Leggett.A. 12 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 13-57 | 7:53 | 28-3 |
| 1 | INS | 1:34 | Aussieker.N. 40 yd field goal | | 11-60 | 5:12 | 3-0 |
| 2 | INS | 1:13 | Leggett.A. 1 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 6-15 | 2:53 | 10-6 |
| 3 | INS | 10:37 | O'Shaughnessy.J. 10 yd pass from Brown | Aussieker.N. kick | 8-80 | 4:23 | 17-6 |
| 1 | SIU | 12:16 | Underwood.C. 53 yd fumble recovery | Aussieker.N. kick | | | 7-0 |
| 1 | SIU | 7:31 | O'Shaughnessy.J. 18 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 6-58 | 2:29 | 14-0 |
| 2 | SIU | 13:34 | Aussieker.N. 29 yd field goal | | 12-51 | 4:26 | 17-7 |
| 2 | SIU | 9:56 | Walker.T. 19 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 6-42 | 2:29 | 24-7 |
| 3 | SIU | 9:06 | Leggett.A. 7 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 13-73 | 5:49 | 31-14 |
| 4 | SIU | 4:31 | Gordon.C. 3 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 8-58 | 4:48 | 38-24 |
| 1 | WIU | 6:42 | Aussieker.N. 26 yd field goal | | 16-72 | 8:18 | 3-0 |
| 2 | WIU | 13:59 | Brown.M. 50 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 2-50 | 0:16 | 10-0 |
| 2 | WIU | 8:41 | Dunn.D. 20 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 3-31 | 1:02 | 17-0 |
| 3 | WIU | 5:51 | Harden.D. 30 yd pass from Brown.M. | Aussieker.N. kick | 7-70 | 2:21 | 24-7 |
| 4 | WIU | 10:59 | Gordon.C. 2 yd run | Aussieker.N. kick | 13-64 | 6:33 | 31-7 |

Average Scoring Drive/Play Stats

Plays: 7.8 per drive; Yards: 56.8 per drive; 42 scoring drives; 329 plays; 2384 yards

Highs/Lows

Longest Drive (plays)

16 vs. Western Illinois (16 plays, 72 yards, Aussieker,N. 26 yd field goal)

Shortest Drive (plays)

1 vs. Morehead State (1 play, 73 yards, Sanders,M. 73 yd pass from Brown,M.)

Longest Drive (yards)

88 twice, last at Youngstown State (14 plays, 88 yards, Sanders,M. 7 yd pass from Brown,M.)

Shortest Drive (yards)

4 at Missouri State (2 plays, 4 yards, Leggett, A. 4 yd run)

Longest Drive (time)

8:18 vs. Western Illinois (16 plays, 72 yards, Aussieker,N. 26 yd field goal)

Shortest Drive (time)

:11 vs. Morehead State (2 plays, 12 yards, Walker,T. 10 yd pass from Brown,M.)

DEFENSIVE TDs SINCE 2000

- 2011
 - Ben Ericksen 30-yard FR at Eastern Illinois
 - Nate Palmer 42-yard FR vs. Morehead State
 - Colton Underwood 53-yard FR at Southern Illinois
- 2010
 - Marcus Harris 42-yard INT vs. Central Missouri
- 2009
 - Chris Garrett 32-yard INT vs. Northern Iowa
 - 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

Nate Palmer



LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

| Plays by Yards | No. | TD |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 100+ | 0 | 0 |
| 90-99 | 0 | 0 |
| 80-89 | 0 | 0 |
| 70-79 | 2 | 2 |
| 60-69 | 1 | 1 |
| 50-59 | 3 | 2 |
| 40-49 | 6 | 3 |
| 30-39 | 9 | 2 |
| 20-29 | 40 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 61 | 14 |

| Plays by Type | No. | TD |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rushing | 10 | 4 |
| Passing | 24 | 7 |
| Punt returns | 5 | 0 |
| Kick returns | 19 | 0 |
| Interceptions | 0 | 0 |
| Fumble returns | 3 | 3 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 61 | 14 |

20-YARDS-PLUS BY A PLAYER

| Player | No. | TD | Type |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Harden, Donovan | 12 | 1 | 7 KR, 4 PR, 1 P |
| Walker, Tyrone | 9 | 3 | 6 P |
| Neblett, Lechein | 9 | 0 | 3 P, 6 KR |
| Sanders, Marvon | 6 | 1 | 5 P, 1 PR |
| Ericksen, Ben | 5 | 1 | 4 KR, 1 FR |
| Leggett, Ashton | 5 | 1 | 5 R |
| Younger, Matt | 3 | 1 | 3 P |
| Dunn, Darrelynn | 2 | 2 | 2 R |
| Brown, Matt | 1 | 1 | 1 R |
| Colbert, Milton | 1 | 1 | 1 P |
| Palmer, Nate | 1 | 1 | 1 FR |
| Hunt, Cameron | 1 | 0 | 1 KR |
| Neukrich, Jordan | 1 | 0 | 1 P |
| O'Shaughnessy, James | 1 | 0 | 1 P |
| Smith, Erik | 1 | 0 | 1 R |
| Gordon, Clifton | 1 | 0 | 1 R |
| Underwood, Colton | 1 | 1 | 1 FR |
| Allen, Tevin | 1 | 0 | 1 KR |
| TOTAL | 61 | 14 | 10 R, 24 P, 19 KR, 5 PR, 3 FR |

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Rushing Play | |
| 75 | Leggett, Ashton vs Missouri State (10/8/2011) |
| Rushing Touchdown | |
| 75 | Leggett, Ashton vs Missouri State (10/8/2011) |
| Passing Play | |
| 73 | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt vs Morehead State (9/10/2011) |
| Passing Touchdown | |
| 73 | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt vs Morehead State (9/10/2011) |
| Punt Return | |
| 45 | Harden, Donovan vs Missouri State (10/8/2011) |
| Kickoff Return | |
| 40 | Harden, Donovan vs Morehead State (9/10/2011) |
| Interception Return | |
| 0 | Banks, Mike vs Missouri State (10/8/2011) |
| 0 | Smith, Zack vs Morehead State (9/10/2011) |
| Fumble Return | |
| 53 | Underwood, Colton vs Southern Illinois (10/29/2011) |
| Punt | |
| 55 | Wright, Patrick vs Missouri State (10/8/2011) |
| Field Goal | |
| 40 | Aussieker, Nick vs Indiana State (10/11/2011) |

2011 ILLINOIS STATE'S 20-YARD PLAYS

| | | | |
|-----|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| *75 | Rush | Leggett, Ashton | Missouri State |
| *73 | Pass | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt | Morehead State |
| *64 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Morehead State |
| *53 | FR | Underwood, Colton | Southern Illinois |
| 50 | Rush | Gordon, Clifton | Missouri State |
| *50 | Rush | Brown, Matt | Western Illinois |
| *46 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Morehead State |
| 45 | PR | Harden, Donovan | Missouri State |
| *43 | Pass | Colbert, Milton from Brown, Matt | North Dakota State |
| 43 | Rush | Leggett, Ashton | Youngstown State |
| *42 | FR | Palmer, Nate | Morehead State |
| 40 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Morehead State |
| 36 | Rush | Smith, Erik | Eastern Illinois |
| 35 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Southern Illinois |
| 33 | Pass | Neblett, Lechein from Brown, Matt | Eastern Illinois |
| 33 | KR | Ericksen, Ben | Eastern Illinois |
| 33 | Pass | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt | Southern Illinois |
| 31 | KR | Allen, Tevin | Southern Illinois |
| 30 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | North Dakota State |
| *30 | FR | Ericksen, Ben | Eastern Illinois |
| *30 | Pass | Harden, Donovan from Brown, Matt | Western Illinois |
| 29 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Southern Illinois |
| *29 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | South Dakota State |
| 28 | Pass | Neblett, Lechein from Brown, Matt | Youngstown State |
| 28 | Pass | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt | Southern Illinois |
| 28 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | South Dakota State |
| 27 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | Eastern Illinois |
| 27 | Rush | Leggett, Ashton | Eastern Illinois |
| 27 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Missouri State |
| 27 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Indiana State |
| 27 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | Youngstown State |
| 26 | Pass | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt | Eastern Illinois |
| 26 | Rush | Leggett, Ashton | Morehead State |
| 26 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Southern Illinois |
| *25 | Rush | Dunn, Darrelynn | Morehead State |
| 25 | PR | Sanders, Marvon | Southern Illinois |
| 25 | Pass | O'Shaughnessy, James from Brown, Matt | Indiana State |
| 24 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Southern Illinois |
| 24 | Pass | Younger, Matt from Brown, Matt | Eastern Illinois |
| 24 | PR | Harden, Donovan | Missouri State |
| 23 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | Eastern Illinois |
| 23 | Pass | Walker, Tyrone from Brown, Matt | Indiana State |
| 23 | Pass | Younger, Matt from Brown, Matt | Indiana State |
| 22 | Rush | Leggett, Ashton | Morehead State |
| 22 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Southern Illinois |
| 22 | Pass | Neukrich, Jordan from Brown, Matt | North Dakota State |
| 22 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | Morehead State |
| 22 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Morehead State |
| 22 | KR | Ericksen, Ben | Southern Illinois |
| 22 | KR | Neblett, Lechein | Indiana State |
| 21 | KR | Ericksen, Ben | Eastern Illinois |
| 21 | PR | Harden, Donovan | Western Illinois |
| *21 | Pass | Younger, Matt from Brown, Matt | Morehead State |
| 21 | KR | Hunt, Cameron | Eastern Illinois |
| 21 | Pass | Sanders, Marvon from Brown, Matt | Morehead State |
| 21 | KR | Harden, Donovan | North Dakota State |
| 20 | Pass | Neblett, Lechein from Brown, Matt | North Dakota State |
| *20 | Rush | Dunn, Darrelynn | Western Illinois |
| 20 | KR | Harden, Donovan | Southern Illinois |
| 20 | KR | Ericksen, Ben | Youngstown State |
| 20 | PR | Harden, Donovan | Missouri State |

*Bold denotes touchdown play

2011 OPPONENT'S 20-YARD PLAYS

| Plays by Yards | No. | TD |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 100+ | 0 | 0 |
| 90-99 | 1 | 1 |
| 80-89 | 1 | 1 |
| 70-79 | 1 | 1 |
| 60-69 | 0 | 0 |
| 50-59 | 1 | 1 |
| 40-49 | 5 | 3 |
| 30-39 | 12 | 1 |
| 20-29 | 39 | 4 |
| Plays by Type | | |
| Rushing | 4 | 0 |
| Passing | 35 | 10 |
| Punt returns | 0 | 0 |
| Kick returns | 23 | 0 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 1 |
| Fumble returns | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 64 | 12 |

| Long Plays by Opponent | No. | TD |
|------------------------|-----|----|
| at Eastern Illinois | 9 | 2 |
| Morehead State | 10 | 0 |
| at Youngstown State | 9 | 3 |
| South Dakota State | 7 | 1 |
| at North Dakota State | 6 | 2 |
| at Missouri State | 5 | 2 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana State | 6 | 1 |
| at Southern Illinois | 8 | 1 |
| Western Illinois | 4 | 0 |
| Northern Iowa | | |

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Rushed for 100 yards | 121, Ashton Leggett vs. South Dakota, 10-15-11 |
| Rushed for 200 yards | 225, Walter Mendenhall vs. Youngstown State, 11-1-08 |
| Passed for 200 yards | 254, Matt Brown at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| Passed for 300 yards | 390, Matt Brown vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| Passed for 400 yards | 440, Luke Drone vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 |
| Had 10 receptions | 10, Tyrone Walker vs. South Dakota State, 9-24-11 |
| Had 100 yards receiving | 131, Tyrone Walker at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| Returned a punt for a TD | Tom Nelson (82 yards) at Murray State, 9-13-08 |
| Returned a kickoff for a TD | Ben Ericksen (85 yards) vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10 |
| Returned an interception for a TD | Marcus Harris (42 yards) vs. Central Missouri, 9-2-10 |
| Returned a fumble for a TD | Colton Underwood (53 yards) at Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| 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 | Jake Detmers (2 yards) vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| Rushed for three touchdowns | 4, Ashton Leggett vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10 |
| Threw three touchdown passes | 3, Matt Brown at Youngstown State, 9-17-11 |
| Caught three touchdown passes | 3, Tyrone Walker vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11 |
| Kicked three field goals | 3, Steven Fetzer vs. Missouri State, 9-25-10 |
| Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage | 75, Ashton Leggett at Missouri State, 10-8-11 |
| Had a 70-yard pass completion | 73, Matt Brown to Marvon Sanders vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11 |
| Had 20 tackles | 22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06 |
| Had a 50-yard field goal | 50, Steven Fetzer at Indiana State, 10-9-10 |
| Had a 70-yard punt | 70, Kevin Mazur vs. Northern Iowa, 11-21-09 |

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

| | |
|--|--|
| 400 yards rushing | 410 at Indiana State, 10-4-08 |
| 300 yards rushing | 316 vs. Missouri State, 10-8-11 |
| 400 yards passing | 440 vs. Indiana State, 11-12-05 |
| 300 yards passing | 390 vs. Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| 500 yards total offense | 518 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11 |
| 30 first downs | 30 at Indiana State, 10-4-08 |
| 50 points | 52 vs. Morehead State, 9-10-11 |
| Scored a safety | at Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11 |
| Posted a shutout | Illinois State 42, Murray State 0, 9-24-05 |
| Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing | 73, Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| Held an opponent under 100 yards passing | 25, South Dakota, 10-15-11 |
| Held an opponent under 200 total yards | 108, South Dakota, 10-15-11 |
| Held an opponent under 100 total yards | 87 vs. Lincoln, 9-1-84 |
| Blocked a punt | Western Illinois, 11-5-11 |
| Blocked a field goal | Eastern Illinois, 11-13-10 |
| Blocked an extra point attempt | Indiana State, 10-22-11 |

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Rushed for 100 yards | 123, Shakir Bell, Indiana State, 10-22-11 |
| Rushed for 200 yards | 371, Jemaine Cook, Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| Passed for 200 yards | 334, Kory Faulkner, Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| Passed for 300 yards | 334, Kory Faulkner, Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| Passed for 400 yards | 452, Matt Barr, Western Illinois, 10-30-10 |
| Had 10 receptions | 10, Jamorris Warren, Central Missouri, 9-2-10 |
| Had 100 yards receiving | 207, Jermaine Saffold, Missouri State, 10-8-11 |
| 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 | Bobby Ollman (82 yards), North Dakota State, 10-1-11 |
| Returned a fumble for a TD | Mike Lien (40 yards), South Dakota State, 9-24-11 |
| Returned a blocked FG for a TD | Travis Williams (66 yards), Illinois, 9-6-03 |
| Returned a blocked punt for a TD | Luke Thuston (8 yards), Southern Illinois, 10-2-10 |
| Rushed for three touchdowns | 4, Tirrell Rennie, Northern Iowa, 10-23-10 |
| Threw three touchdown passes | 4, Kurt Hess, Youngstown State, 9-17-11 |
| Caught three touchdown passes | 3, Glen Fox, South Dakota State, 11-8-08 |
| Kicked three field goals | 3, Stephen Blose, Youngstown State, 11-14-09 |
| Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage | 71, Mon Williams, Eastern Illinois, 11-13-10 |
| Had a 70-yard pass completion | 77, Ronnie Fouch to Alex Jones (TD), Indiana State, 10-22-11 |
| 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 | 353, Southern Illinois, 10-2-10 |
| 400 yards passing | 452, Western Illinois, 10-30-10 |
| 300 yards passing | 334, Southern Illinois, 10-29-11 |
| 500 yards total offense | 523, Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| 30 first downs | 33, Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| 50 points | 65, Western Illinois, 10-30-10 |
| Scored a safety | Eastern Illinois, 9-1-11 |
| Posted a shutout | Florida Atlantic 28, Illinois State 0, 11-20-04 |
| Held ISU under 100 yards rushing | 98, Youngstown State, 11-06-10 |
| Held ISU under 100 yards passing | 79, Western Illinois, 11-5-11 |
| 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 | Southern Illinois, 10-2-10 |
| Blocked a field goal | Western Illinois, 11-5-11 |
| Blocked an extra point attempt | South Dakota State, 9-24-11 |

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| | 2011 |
| Playing at home | 5-0 |
| Playing on the road | 2-3 |
| Playing on a neutral field | 0-0 |
| Playing at night | 2-1 |
| Playing during the day | 5-2 |
| ISU scores on first possession | 5-1 |
| Opponent scores on first possession | 1-1 |
| ISU scores first | 6-0 |
| Opponent scores first | 1-3 |
| ISU leads after 1st quarter | 6-0 |
| Opponent leads after 1st quarter | 1-2 |
| ISU leads at halftime | 6-0 |
| Opponent leads at halftime | 1-3 |
| ISU leads after 3rd quarter | 6-1 |
| Opponent leads after 3rd quarter | 1-2 |
| Game goes into overtime | 0-0 |
| ISU has more total yards | 6-1 |
| Opponent has more total yards | 1-2 |
| ISU has more rushing yards | 7-3 |
| Opponent has more rushing yards | 0-0 |
| ISU has more passing yards | 2-1 |
| Opponent has more passing yards | 5-2 |
| ISU has more turnovers | 1-2 |
| Opponent has more turnovers | 4-0 |
| Teams have equal turnovers | 2-1 |
| ISU has more penalties | 2-2 |
| Opponent has more penalties | 5-1 |
| Penalties are equal | 0-0 |
| ISU has more time of possession | 7-2 |
| Opponent has more time of possession | 0-1 |
| ISU has 100-yard rusher | 3-1 |
| Opponent has 100-yard rusher | 1-1 |
| ISU scores at least 20 points | 6-2 |
| Opponent scores at least 20 points | 2-3 |
| ISU throws for 300 yards | 0-0 |
| Opponent throws for 300 yards | 2-1 |
| Playing on natural grass | 0-0 |
| Playing on artificial surface | 7-3 |
| ISU defense scores | 2-1 |
| Opponent defense scores | 1-2 |
| ISU returns KO/Punt for TD | 0-0 |
| Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD | 0-0 |

Illinois State 26, Eastern Illinois 33

Sept. 1, 2011 • Charleston, Ill. • O'Brien Field
Attendance: 9,111

■ GAME SUMMARY

Late Interceptions Cost Redbirds in Opener

CHARLESTON, Ill. - Ashton Leggett rushed for 97 yards and two touchdowns, and Evan Frierson amassed 11 tackles and one sack, but two late Eastern Illinois interceptions proved the difference, as ISU lost to EIU, 33-26, in the 100th meeting between the Redbirds and Panthers.

Eastern Illinois advanced the ball to ISU's 34-yard line on its opening drive, but the Redbird defense forced the Panthers to punt on fourth down, pinning Illinois State inside its two-yard line. On the Redbirds' first snap of the game, a fumbled exchange in the endzone resulted in a safety, giving EIU the early 2-0 lead.

Eastern added to its lead mid-way through the second quarter, as Cameron Berra connected on a 33-yard field goal. Illinois State got on the board with 8:44 to play because of a safety forced by Colton Underwood, which was the Redbirds' first two-point score since 2009. After taking over offensively, EIU quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo connected with Sam Hendricks for a 20-yard giving EIU a 12-2 advantage with 4:16 remaining before halftime.

Illinois State responded with an 11-play, 65-yard scoring drive, capped off by a six-yard carry up the middle by Leggett for ISU's first touchdown of the evening, with 46 seconds remaining before halftime to make the score 12-9.

After ISU received the ball to start the second half, the Redbirds settled for a 25-yard field goal, tying the game, 12-12, with 9:18 to play in the third quarter. The Redbirds' next offensive drive was highlighted by a 36-yard Eric Smith rush, but the Redbirds were ultimately forced to attempt a 49-yard field goal, which Aussieker missed just low and to the right.

The Panthers took over after the missed attempt, but on their first play from scrimmage, a bad snap went over Garoppolo's head and was returned 30 yards by Ben Ericksen for a go-ahead touchdown. Aussieker's extra point was good, giving ISU a 19-12 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, Eastern Illinois tied the game up when Garoppolo punched the ball in from one yard out. Illinois State attempted to regain the lead, but after a 26-yard pass from Brown to Marvin Sanders moved the Redbirds to near midfield, Smith fumbled, and EIU recovered on its own 43-yard line. The Panthers turned the turnover into points, with Garoppolo connecting from 42-yards with Lorence Ricks for a touchdown and a 26-19 with 9:52 to play.

But the Redbirds quickly responded as Leggett scored from two yards out to tie game, 26-26 with 7:03 left. EIU took the lead for good on an eight-play, 47-yard drive, ending in a 10-yard completion from Garoppolo to Chris Wright. As the Redbirds looked to respond, Brown's pass was intercepted by Nick Martinez, and returned to midfield. The Illinois State defense forced the Panthers to punt with 1:55 to play, and the Redbirds proceeded to march down the field. But on first-and-ten from Eastern's 30-yard line, Martinez intercepted another pass by Brown, and EIU ran out the clock.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|------------------------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| ILLINOIS STATE (0-1) | 0 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 26 |
| Eastern Illinois (1-0) | 2 | 10 | 0 | 21 | 33 |

FIRST QUARTER

EIU - Team Safety, 12:01

SECOND QUARTER

EIU - Berra 33-yard field goal, 11:12

ILS - Shelby Harris safety, 8:44

EIU - Hendricks 20-yard pass from Garoppolo (Berra kick), 4:16

ILS - Leggett 6-yard run (Aussieker kick), :46

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Aussieker 25-yard field goal, 9:18

ILS - Ericksen 30-yard fumble recovery, 3:55

FOURTH QUARTER

EIU - Garoppolo 1-yard run (Berra kick), 14:18

ILS - Ricks 42-yard pass from Garoppolo (Berra kick), 9:52

ILS - Leggett 3-yard run (Aussieker kick), 7:03

EIU - Wright 10-yard pass from Garoppolo (Berra kick), 2:38

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | EIU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 20 | 21 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 29-152 | 35-63 |
| Passing | 23-35-2 | 25-35-0 |
| Passing Yards | 243 | 304 |
| Total Offense | 64-395 | 70-367 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 7-57 | 5-65 |
| Time of Possession | 25:16 | 34:44 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Leggett 19-97-2, Smith 6-52, Sanders 2-7, Brown 1-(-2), Younger 1-(-2). (EIU) - Woodson 14-52, Walker 9-19, Lera 4-17, Team 2-(-2), Garoppolo 6-(-23).

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 23-35-2-243-0. (EIU) - Garoppolo 25-34-304-3.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Sanders 9-89, Neblett 4-62, Walker 4-26, Leggett 3-31, Younger 1-24, Smith 1-7, Neukirch 1-4. (EIU) - Ricks 7-114-1, Wright 5-46-1, Whitaker 4-57, Hendricks 4-42-1, Rykard 2-27, Drake 1-13, Wise 1-9, Walker 1-(-4).

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Frierson 6-5-11, Howe 4-7-11, Harris 3-7-10, Davis 3-4-7, Nelson 3-3-6. (EIU) - Leman 6-5-11, Beard 5-1-6, Houllhan 2-4-6, Taylor 4-0-4, Bland 3-1-4.

Illinois State 52, Morehead State 21

Sept. 10, 2011 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 8,003

■ GAME SUMMARY

Redbirds Roll in Home Opener Over Eagles, 52-21

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State quarterback Matt Brown tied his career-high with five touchdown passes, and the Redbird defense limited Morehead State to negative 48 rushing yards, as the Redbirds (1-1) beat Morehead State (1-1), 52-21, in ISU's home-opener Saturday night at Hancock Stadium.

The Redbirds scored their first touchdown later in the first half, as Brown connected with a streaking Sanders for a 73-yard touchdown play, which was a career-long reception for the junior from Indianapolis. It was the lone play of the drive, and Nick Aussieker's extra point kick was good, giving ISU a 7-0 lead.

Illinois State added seven more points on Morehead State's next possession, as Otis Merrill forced a fumble, and Nate Palmer picked up the loose ball and returned it 42 yards for the score. Aussieker's point-after was through the uprights to give ISU a 14-0 lead. ISU's defense again stepped up on the Eagles' next possession, as Colton Underwood forced a Morehead State fumble, which was recovered by Eric Brunner and returned to the Eagles' 12-yard line. Two plays later, Matt Brown fired a 10-yard pass to Tyrone Walker, who made a one-handed grab for the touchdown. Aussieker's kick gave ISU a 21-0 lead with 6:21 left in the first quarter.

Aussieker increased ISU's advantage to 24-0 at the end of the first quarter with a 27-yard field goal that capped off a seven-play, 52-yard drive. Aussieker kicked another field goal in the second quarter, but the 43-yard attempt missed wide to the right. Morehead State threatened to score near the end of the first half, but on fourth-and-nine, a 29-yard field goal attempt by Rainer Duzan missed wide to the left, giving Illinois State a 24-0 halftime advantage.

The Redbirds added to their lead on their first offensive drive of the second half, consisting of five plays and 88 yards. Brown connected with Walker for a 46-yard touchdown to cap the drive. Walker's second touchdown of the night and Aussieker's extra point extended ISU's lead to 31-0. The Eagles responded with their first score on a one-yard touchdown run by Desmond Cox and a Duzan extra point. The eight-play, 62-yard drive cut the Redbird lead to 31-7.

Illinois State quickly answered, as Brown found Walker for the third time. A 64-yard reception and an Aussieker PAT increased ISU's advantage to 38-7 with 7:26 remaining in the third quarter. The Redbirds added to their lead with another Brown touchdown pass, this time to Matt Younger for a 21-yard completion. The extra point made it 45-7. Later in the quarter, with 13:2 seconds remaining, Lewis threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Thomas trim ISU's lead to 45-14. Lewis connected with Thomas again with 3:21 to play in the game, as Lewis grabbed a 19-yard reception to finish a 10-play, 97 yard drive, making the score 45-21.

The Redbirds scored their final touchdown with a 25-yard run by Darrellynn Dunn, his first ISU-career touchdown. The extra point gave ISU a 52-21 lead, which was ultimately the final score.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|----------------------|----|---|----|---|-------|
| Morehead State (1-1) | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 21 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (1-1) | 24 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 52 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Sanders 73-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 8:32

ILS - Palmer 42-yard fumble return (Aussieker kick), 7:55

ILS - Walker 10-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 6:21

ILS - Aussieker 27-yard field goal, :52

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Walker 46-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 10:53

MOR - Cox 1-yard run (Duzan kick), 8:59

ILS - Walker 64-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 7:26

ILS - Younger 21-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 4:30

MOR - Thomas 4-yard pass from Lewis (Duzan kick), :13

FOURTH QUARTER

MOR - Thomas 19-yard pass from Lewis (Duzan kick), 3:21

ILS - Dunn 25-yard run (Aussieker kick), :53

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | MOR | ILS |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs | 23 | 20 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 29-(-48) | 38-223 |
| Passing | 35-53-1 | 15-22-0 |
| Passing Yards | 371 | 295 |
| Total Offense | 323 | 518 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 5-2 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-40 | 10-98 |
| Time of Possession | 30:58 | 29:02 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (MOR) - Cox 13-18-1, Bornhauser 3-5, Mashcharya 1-(-1), Jackson 2-(-9), Lewis 10-(-61). (ILS) - Leggett 17-110, Dunn 6-71-1, Hunt 6-27, Gordon 4-15, Neukirch 1-5, Neblett 1-4, Brown 2-(-7).

PASSING: (MOR) - Lewis 35-35-1-371-2. (ILS) - Brown 12-17-0-268-5, Meredith 3-5-0-9-0.

RECEIVING: (MOR) - McDermott 8-96, Thomas 5-43-2, Cox 4-23, Yoshimura 4-18, Stanley 3-55, Jackson 3-46, Lewis 2-30, Bornhauser 2-13, Sawyer 2-2, Banks 1-40, Brooks 1-5. (ILS) - Sanders 4-127-1, Walker 3-120-3, Harden 3-10, Younger 1-21-1, Neblett 1-12, Neukirch 1-6, Leggett 1-6, Gordon 1-(-7).

TACKLE LEADERS: (MOR) - Keaton 1-7-8, Manley 3-4-7, Bachman 3-3-6, Blackburn 5-0-5, Geohagan 2-3-5. (ILS) - Zimmer 7-1-8, Davis 6-2-8, Brunner 4-3-7, Howe 3-4-7, Underwood 3-3-6.

Illinois State 27, Youngstown State 34

Sept. 17, 2011 • Youngstown, Ohio • Stambaugh Stadium
Attendance: 18,543

■ GAME SUMMARY

Comeback Effort Falls Short in Loss at Youngstown State

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio. - Illinois State (1-2, 0-1 MVFC) running back Ashton Leggett rushed for 125 yards on 26 carries and scored a touchdown, but Youngstown State (2-1, 1-0 MVFC) scored on its first five possessions Saturday to defeat the Redbirds, 34-27, at Stambaugh Stadium.

Redbird quarterback Matt Brown was 16-for-26 with 155 yards and three touchdowns in the losing effort, while Penguin quarterback Kurt Hess finished 21-for-29 with 293 yards and four touchdowns.

The scoring started early, as the Penguins got on the board during their first possession of the afternoon on third down and eight, with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Hess to Christian Bryan putting Youngstown State ahead 7-0 early. But, the Redbirds responded immediately, marching 85 yards on eight plays, and scoring their first touchdown on a 12-yard pass from Brown to Tyrone Walker. The ensuing extra point kick attempt was blocked by the Penguins, allowing Youngstown State to remain in front by one, 7-6.

YSU added to its lead just before the end of the first quarter with another touchdown completion from Hess, this time a 10-yarder to Kevin Watts. After the Redbirds were forced to punt on their next possession, the Penguins scored again on a one-yard touchdown run by Hess that made the score 21-6, with 7:20 remaining in the first half.

The Redbirds reduced their deficit later in the second quarter with a five-yard touchdown pass from Brown to a diving Matt Younger, which pulled Illinois State within 21-13, with 2:25 to play in the first half. However, it took Youngstown State just over two minutes to regain a 15-point lead with a 20-yard touchdown completion from Hess to Andre Barboza, which gave the Penguins a 28-13 halftime advantage.

Illinois State received the ball to start the second half, and the Redbirds capitalized with a 12-play, 67-yard drive that resulted in a one-yard touchdown-smash up the middle by Leggett that trimmed ISU's deficit to 28-20. The Penguins wasted no time in responding, as Hess hooked up with Barboza two minutes later for a 44-yard touchdown pass to make the score 34-20 after the extra point attempt was blocked.

The Redbirds faced fourth-and-one from the Youngstown State 14-yard line to start the fourth quarter, and Leggett was able to get just enough for the first down to keep the drive alive. Illinois State proceeded to capitalize with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Marvin Sanders to reduce the Penguins' lead to 34-27.

Neither team could muster much offense from that point on and Youngstown State sealed the game with a 35-yard pass from Hess to Jelani Berassa for a first down with under two minutes play, allowing the Penguins to run out the clock for the win.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|------------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| ILLINOIS STATE (1-2) | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 27 |
| Youngstown State (2-1) | 14 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 34 |

FIRST QUARTER

YSU - Bryan 25-yard pass from Hess (Brown kick), 9:43

ILS - Walker 12-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick blocked), 6:12

YSU - Watts 10-yard pass from Hess (Brown kick), :07

SECOND QUARTER

YSU - Hess 1-yard run (Brown kick), 7:20

ILS - Younger 5-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 2:25

YSU - Barboza 20-yard pass from Hess (Brown kick), :13

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Leggett 1-yard run (Aussieker kick), 9:58

YSU - Barboza 44-yard pass from Hess (Brown kick blocked), 8:05

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Sanders 7-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 13:18

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | YSU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 19 | 26 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 38-170 | 39-164 |
| Passing | 16-26-0 | 21-30-0 |
| Passing Yards | 155 | 293 |
| Total Offense | 65-325 | 69-457 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-28 | 2-23 |
| Time of Possession | 30:28 | 29:32 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Leggett 26-125-1, Gordon 5-23, Neblett 2-17, Brown 1-6, Sanders 1-1, Neukirch 1-0, Smith 1-(-1). (YSU) - Cook 30-122, Hess 6-17-1, Thompson 2-17, Watts 1-8.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 16-26-0-155-3. (YSU) - Hess 21-29-0-293-4.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Sanders 6-48-1, Walker 5-51-1, Younger 3-22-1, Neblett 1-28, Leggett 1-6. (YSU) - Watts 5-68-1, Bryan 5-64-1, Barboza 3-74-2, Berassa 3-46, Rogers 2-14, Disher 1-10, Cook 1-9, Sharbaugh 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Zimmer 8-1-9, Goldsmith 7-2-9, Howe 3-6-9, Davis 3-5-8, Banks 4-2-6. (YSU) - Garner 8-3-11, Edwards 4-3-7, Williams, Tr. 2-5-7, Williams, Te. 6-0-6, Stewart 5-1-6.

Illinois State 20, South Dakota State 13

Sept. 24, 2011 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 7,536

■ GAME SUMMARY

Walker Leads Redbirds Past South Dakota State, 20-13

NORMAL, Ill. - Tyrone Walker set a career-high with 10 catches for 143 yards and one touchdown, as Illinois State held off South Dakota State for a 20-13 victory at Hancock Stadium. The Redbirds improved to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, while the Jackrabbits fell to 1-3 and 0-1.

Redbird cornerbacks Otis Merrill and Mike Banks each set career-highs with eight and seven tackles, respectively. Ashton Leggett led the Redbird rushing attack with 29 carries for 98 yards and two touchdowns.

Leggett put the Redbirds on the board early, scoring with a four-yard touchdown run to finish ISU's opening six-play, 58-yard drive. The extra point attempt by Nick Aussieker was blocked by SDSU to keep the score at 6-0.

Near the end of the first quarter, ISU advanced the ball inside South Dakota State's one-yard line, but on the first play of the second quarter, the Jackrabbits held the Redbirds out of the end zone on third-and-goal. However, the Redbirds scored on fourth down, as Leggett powered through the middle for a touchdown. This time Aussieker's kick was good, increasing Illinois State's lead to 13-0.

South Dakota State scored its first touchdown later in the second quarter, as Leggett fumbled a pitch from Brown, and SDSU's Mike Lien returned it 40 yards for the score. With less than three minutes to play before halftime, the ISU defense forced its first turnover of the night. Colton Underwood sacked SDSU quarterback Austin Sumner, and Eric Brunner recovered the ball at the Jackrabbits' 48-yard line. However, neither team added points before halftime, making the score 13-6.

Illinois State started the second half with an 11-play, 80-yard drive that ended in a 29-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Walker. Aussieker's kick increased ISU's lead to 20-6. With rain beginning to fall at Hancock Stadium on SDSU's next possession, Austin Davis forced Kool to fumble, and Ben Ericksen recovered on the Jackrabbits' 37-yard line. However, SDSU got the ball back on a fumble by Leggett, and South Dakota State's Erich Feller returned it to the nine-yard line.

The Jackrabbits could not get the ball past ISU's 40 yard line before they were forced to punt. But after the Redbirds punted on their next possession, SDSU marched the ball 86 yards on 14 plays for a one-yard touchdown drive by Sumner. Kyle Harris' kick was good, pulling South Dakota State within 20-13 with 11:02 to play in the game.

Then with the Jackrabbits threatening to tie the game, Erickson forced SDSU's Brandon Hubert to fumble the ball on ISU's four-yard line, and Banks recovered with 6:08 left. The Redbirds advanced the ball to their own 30 before punting on fourth down to finish 1:58 to play. ISU's defense held the Jackrabbits, and ultimately forced South Dakota State to turn the ball over on downs at the ISU 39-yard line with 1:36 to play.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| South Dakota State (1-3) | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 13 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (2-2) | 6 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 20 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Leggett 4-yard run (Aussieker kick blocked), 10:22

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Leggett 1-yard run (Aussieker kick), 14:16

SDSU - Lien 40-yard fumble recovery (Harris kick blocked), 7:22

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Walker 29-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 11:12

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Sumner 1-yard run (Harris kick), 11:02

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | SDSU | ILS |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 16 | 19 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 30-71 | 44-128 |
| Passing | 18-32-0 | 22-34-0 |
| Passing Yards | 194 | 214 |
| Total Offense | 265 | 342 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 6-3 | 2-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-85 | 6-42 |
| Time of Possession | 24:16 | 35:44 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (SDSU) - Kool 10-47, Zenner 12-46, Sumner 8-(22)-1. (ILS) - Leggett 29-98-2, Brown 4-15, Gordon 5-11, Dunn 3-9.

PASSING: (SDSU) - Sumner 18-32-0-194-0. (ILS) - Brown 22-34-0-214-1.

RECEIVING: (SDSU) - Moss 9-98, Hubert 4-54, Kool 4-23, Rollin 1-19. (ILS) - Walker 10-143-1, Neblett 4-31, Sanders 3-17, Leggett 2-1, Dunn 1-17, Gordon 1-6, Younger 1-(1).

TACKLE LEADERS: (SDSU) - Lien 2-8-10, Mink 1-9-10, Helm 7-1-8, Wright 6-2-8, Feller 2-6-8. (ILS) - Merrill 6-2-8, Banks 5-2-7, Underwood 2-4-6, Howe 2-4-6, Palmer 2-3-5.

#5 North Dakota State 20, Illinois State 10

Oct. 1, 2011 • Fargo, N.D. • Fargodome
Attendance: 18,904

■ GAME SUMMARY

Comeback Effort Falls Short in Loss at Youngstown State

FARGO, N.D. - Two North Dakota State interceptions with Illinois State threatening deep in NDSU territory helped lift the #5/6 Bison to a 20-10 win at the Fargodome.

The Redbirds received the ball to open the game, but were ultimately forced to punt on their first possession. Then, as the Bison attempted to drive early in the first quarter with a 37-yard pass from Brock Jensen to Warren Holloway, ISU's Austin Davis forced a fumble following Holloway's reception, and Ben Ericksen recovered. The turnover was NDSU's first of the season. However, Illinois State was unable to capitalize, as the Redbirds again had to punt.

North Dakota State became the first team to score in the game in the second quarter, as the Bison engineered a six-play, 73-yard drive that resulted in a 36-yard completion from Jensen to DJ McNorton for a touchdown. Ryan Jastram's extra point attempt was good, giving the Bison a 7-0 lead with 8:19 remaining in the first half. Illinois State responded with its first scoring drive of the game, as the Redbirds moved the ball 71 yards to the NDSU 17-yard line on 11 plays, resulting in a 27-yard field goal by Nick Aussieker to cut the Bison lead to 7-3, with 2:57 left in the first half.

Illinois State's defense again forced NDSU to punt, and the Redbirds took over with 1:10 to play in the second quarter. The Redbirds advanced the ball to the North Dakota State 34-yard line, where with six seconds to play in the first half, Aussieker attempted a 51-yard field goal. However, the kick was blocked as time expired, allowing the Bison to retain a 7-3 halftime advantage.

NDSU got the ball to start the second half, but the Illinois State defense forced another Bison turnover. This time, Evan Frierson caused Jensen to fumble and Davis recovered at the North Dakota State 31-yard line. The Redbirds advanced the ball to NDSU's nine-yard line, but on third and goal, Brown's pass was intercepted in the endzone by Marcus Williams and returned to the ISU 45-yard line. The Bison cashed in on the turnover with a 15-yard touchdown run by McNorton increasing the Bison advantage to 14-3, with 7:34 remaining in the third quarter.

NDSU added six more points on another defensive play. With the Redbirds at the NDSU 25-yard line, Bobby Olman picked off a pass from Matt Brown and returned it 82-yards for a touchdown, making the score 20-3, with 4:46 left in the third quarter.

After consuming two more minutes late in the fourth quarter, North Dakota State punted, and the Redbirds took over at the NDSU 43-yard line. Facing fourth-down and 12 later in the drive, Brown found Milton Colbert for a 43-yard touchdown. Aussieker's extra point was good, trimming Illinois State's deficit to 20-10 with 3:07 remaining. The Bison retained possession for the remainder of the game, securing the NDSU victory.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|--------------------------|---|---|----|---|-------|
| ILLINOIS STATE (2-3) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10 |
| North Dakota State (4-0) | 0 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 20 |

SECOND QUARTER

NDSU - McNorton 36-yard pass from Jensen (Jastram kick), 8:19

ILS - Aussieker 27-yard field goal, 2:57

THIRD QUARTER

NDSU - McNorton 15-yard run (Jastram kick), 7:39

NDSU - Olman 82-yard interception return (Jastram kick blocked), 4:46

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Colbert 43-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 3:07

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | NDSU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 21 | 16 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 29-127 | 33-124 |
| Passing | 31-48-2 | 15-22-0 |
| Passing Yards | 270 | 207 |
| Total Offense | 77-397 | 55-331 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 2-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-30 | 13-108 |
| Time of Possession | 30:44 | 29:16 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Leggett 16-73, Dunn 6-24, Gordon 4-20, Brown 3-10. (NDSU) - McNorton 17-56-1, Ojuri 5-31, Jensen 8-28, Smith 1-11.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 31-48-2-270-1. (NDSU) - Jensen 15-22-0-207-1.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Neblett 9-78, Leggett 5-31, Walker 5-26, Younger 3-28, Neukirch 2-30, Colbert 1-43-1, Cline 1-14, Dunn 1-8, O'Shaughnessy 1-5, Shandrick 1-5, Church 1-2, Gordon 1-0. (NDSU) - Holloway 6-70, Veldman 4-40, Gebhart 2-31, McNorton 1-36-1, Smith 1-18, Wahlo 1-12.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Frierson 5-4-9, Banks 5-3-8, Palmer 3-5-8, Howe 1-6-8, Goldsmith 1-7-8. (NDSU) - Dudzik 7-5-12, Jimerson 5-6-11, Willaism 4-5-9, Willson 5-3-8, Olman 1-5-6.

Illinois State 38, Missouri State 13

Oct. 8, 2011 • Springfield, Mo. • Plaster Field
Attendance: 10,800

■ GAME SUMMARY

Redbirds Score 35-Unanswered Points in Win Over Bears

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - Illinois State running back Ashton Leggett rushed for a career-high 178 yards on 23 carries with two touchdowns, and the Redbirds overcame a 10-point deficit to beat Missouri State, 38-13, at Plaster Field.

After winning the coin toss and electing to receive, Missouri State scored on its first snap. Trevor Wooden connected with Jermaine Saffold for an 82-yard touchdown pass, but Austin Wilmer's ensuing extra point attempt missed wide to the right, and the Bears led early, 6-0.

The Redbirds responded on their first possession with a 24-yard field goal by Nick Aussieker that cut ISU's deficit to 6-3.

Following an unsuccessful Illinois State possession, the Bears manufactured a two-play, 96-yard drive, highlighted by a 91-yard touchdown pass from Wooden to Saffold. This time, Wilmer's extra point was good, increasing the MSU advantage to 13-3 at the end of the first quarter.

The Redbirds drove the ball down to Missouri State's nine yard line to start the second quarter, but as Aussieker attempted a field goal on fourth down, MSU's Mikel Ruder blocked and the score remained 13-3 at halftime.

Illinois State received to start the second half, and Donovan Harden returned the ball 27 yards to mid-field. Later in the drive, Matt Brown found Milton Colbert wide open in the right corner of the endzone, and Aussieker's extra point pulled the Redbirds within 13-10 with 8:53 to play in the third.

ISU regained possession a minute later, as Austin Davis forced Wooden to fumble, and Eric Brunner recovered the ball on Missouri State's 43-yard line. However, ISU could not convert the turnover into points as a 28-yard Aussieker field goal attempt missed wide to the left.

Following the failed try, Missouri State went three-and-out, and Harden returned MSU's punt 24 yards to the Bears' 29-yard line. The Redbirds took their first lead of the game with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Brown to a streaking Tyrone Walker, who managed to get one foot in the endzone for the score. The Redbird defense again forced the Bears to punt on their next possession, and Harden returned the ball 45 yards to the Missouri State four-yard line. Two plays later Leggett punched the ball in from four yards out, and Aussieker's kick was through the uprights to extend ISU's lead to 24-13 with 10:52 to play. After another Bears punt, Leggett scored again with a 75-yard touchdown run to cap off a two-yard drive to increase the Redbirds' advantage to 31-13.

On Missouri State's next possession, Mike Banks intercepted a pass thrown by Wooden, and returned it to ISU's 30-yard line. On the first play of the series, Gordon broke free for a 50-yard run and he finished the drive with a three-yard touchdown run, and Aussieker's kick improved ISU's lead to 38-13, which proved to be the final score.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|----------------------|----|---|---|----|-------|
| ILLINOIS STATE (3-3) | 3 | 0 | 7 | 28 | 38 |
| Missouri State (0-6) | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |

FIRST QUARTER

MSU - Saffold 82-yard pass from Wooden (Wilmer kick failed), 14:43

ILS - Aussieker 24-yard field goal, 7:00

MSU - Saffold 91-yard pass from Wooden (Wilmer kick), :08

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Colbert 13-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 8:53

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Walker 17-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 14:53

ILS - Leggett 4-yard run (Aussieker kick), 10:52

ILS - Leggett 75-yard run (Aussieker kick), 7:42

ILS - Gordon 3-yard run (Aussieker kick), 5:19

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | MSU |
|------------------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs | 23 | 8 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 49-316 | 28-37 |
| Passing | 16-23-1 | 8-15-1 |
| Passing Yards | 138 | 232 |
| Total Offense | 454 | 269 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 2-15 | 6-36 |
| Time of Possession | 36:31 | 23:29 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Leggett 23-178-2, Gordon 12-84-1, Dunn 6-28, Smith 2-17, Hunt 3-9, Brown 3-0. (MSU) - Johnston 6-27, Scott 2-9, Douglas 11-5, Wooden 9-(4).

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 16-23-1-138-2. (MSU) - Wooden 8-15-1-232-2.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Walker 7-73-1, Neblett 4-32, Colbert 1-13-1, Gordon 1-9, Harden 1-7, Leggett 1-4, Dunn 1-0. (MSU) - Saffold 5-207-2, Dolsen 1-22, Buford 1-9, Douglas 1-(6).

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Howe 2-5-7, Palmer 3-3-6, Brunner 3-3-6, Frierson 1-4-5, Harris 3-1-4. (MSU) - Ingram 5-9-14, Schaffitzel 7-5-12, Crutcher 2-8-10, Callender 3-6-9, Canavan 2-7-9.

Illinois State 28, #14 South Dakota 3

Oct. 15, 2011 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,014

■ GAME SUMMARY

Defense Stiffes No. 14 Coyotes in 28-3 Homecoming Victory

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State linebacker Evan Frierson recorded a team-high eight tackles, four tackles-for-loss and three sacks to lead the Redbird defense in a 28-3 Homecoming victory over No. 14 South Dakota in front of 10,014 at Hancock Stadium. ISU improves to 4-3, while the Coyotes drop to 4-3.

Redbird quarterback Matt Brown was 16-for-20 for 133 yards, including 30 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Ashton Leggett led the ISU ground-attack with 121 yards and two touchdowns, while Tyrone Walker caught four passes for 46 yards and one score. South Dakota quarterback Dante Warren was 5-for-16 for 25 yards, and running back Marcus Sims finished with 37 total yards.

Brown scored his first-career rushing touchdown to give Illinois State the early lead. Facing fourth-and-goal from the three-yard line, Brown faked a handoff and ran three yards, untouched, for the score on a naked bootleg. The 13-play, 79-yard drive was capped by Nick Aussieker's extra point. After the Redbird defense forced South Dakota to punt on its first possession, the Coyotes regained the ball with an interception by Adam Broders at South Dakota's 37-yard line.

The Coyotes again had to punt, but Redbird returner Donovan Harden fumbled and South Dakota recovered at ISU's 23-yard line. However, Illinois State's defense forced the Coyotes backward with a tackle by Shelby Harris for a six-yard loss on a Jeremy Blount carry. South Dakota went for it on fourth-down, but a pass from Warren to Dustin Nowotny was incomplete, allowing the Redbirds to take over on downs at the Coyotes' 25-yard line.

However, Illinois State could not capitalize on the turnover, and South Dakota scored on its next possession. The 16-play, 91-yard drive resulted in a 20-yard field goal by Kevin Robb. The Redbirds had a chance to answer before halftime, but Darrelynn Dunn fumbled at South Dakota's 20-yard line with eight seconds remaining. The Coyotes recovered the loose ball and ran out the clock, making the Redbird halftime advantage 7-3.

Illinois State extended its lead in the third quarter on an eight play, 53-yard drive, including a fourth-down conversion by Leggett for a two-yard gain. The next play resulted in a one-handed touchdown grab by Walker from Brown, and Aussieker's kick made the score 14-3. On the ensuing kickoff, ISU's Eric Smith forced Blount to fumble, and Smith recovered at South Dakota's 26-yard line. Five plays later, Leggett scampered 13 yards for the score. The extra point by Aussieker was good, improving Illinois State's lead to 21-3 with 1:25 remaining in the third quarter.

The Redbirds added to their lead in the fourth quarter with a 13-play, 57-yard play that resulted in a 12-yard rushing touchdown by Leggett and an extra point by Aussieker. Illinois State recovered the ball on the ensuing kickoff, and the Redbirds ran out the clock to secure the victory.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|----------------------|---|---|----|---|-------|
| South Dakota (4-3) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (4-3) | 7 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 28 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Brown 3-yard run (Aussieker kick), 8:55

SECOND QUARTER

USD - Robb 20-yard field goal, :58

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Walker 13-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 4:05

ILS - Leggett 13-yard run (Aussieker kick), 1:25

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Leggett 12-yard run (Aussieker kick), 1:29

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | USD | ILS |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 11 | 25 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 32-83 | 52-228 |
| Passing | 5-16-0 | 16-21-1 |
| Passing Yards | 25 | 133 |
| Total Offense | 48-108 | 73-361 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-55 | 4-50 |
| Time of Possession | 23:11 | 36:49 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (USD) - Sims 10-37, Warren 16-37, Ganious 5-15, Blount 1-(-6). (ILS) - Leggett 22-121-2, Gordon 14-44, Brown 6-30-1, Dunn 5-27, Smith 1-8.

PASSING: (USD) - Warren 5-16-0-25-0. (ILS) - Brown 16-20-1-133-1.

RECEIVING: (USD) - Powell 1-9, Sims 1-6, Nowotny 1-4, Williams 1-3, Ganious 1-3. (ILS) - Neblett 6-44, Walker 4-46-1, Younger 2-28, Dunn 2-8, Leggett 1-7, Harden 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS: (USD) - Potter 9-8-17, Broders 5-3-8, Frierson 6-1-7, Williams 2-5-7, Eaton 3-3-6. (ILS) - Frierson 7-1-8, Harris 3-4-7, Brunner 3-3-6, Howe 3-3-6, Palmer 2-3-5.

Illinois State 17, #16 Indiana State 14

Oct. 22, 2011 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 6,867

■ GAME SUMMARY

Redbirds Hold Off No. 16 Indiana State, 17-14

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State beat a ranked opponent for the second-consecutive week, as the Redbirds topped No. 16 Indiana State, 17-14, at Hancock Stadium.

The Redbirds (5-3, 3-2 MVFC) were led by Nate Palmer who recorded two sacks, three tackles-for-loss and five total tackles.

The Redbird offense was keyed by Ashton Leggett, who carried 23 times for 57 yards and one touchdown, while Shakir Bell led the Sycamores (5-3, 3-2) with 123 yards.

After a defensively-dominated opening quarter, the Redbirds got on the board for the first time with a career-long, 40-yard field goal by Nick Aussieker which gave Illinois State the early, 3-0, lead. Indiana State responded with a six-play, 87-yard second-quarter drive that resulted in a 77-yard pass from Fouch to Alex Jones, who dove past a defender for the touchdown. However, the extra point attempt by Austen Wozniak was blocked by Shelby Harris.

Illinois State had to punt on its next possession, but the Redbirds quickly got the ball back. A powerful sack by Nate Palmer forced a Ronnie Fouch to fumble, and Shelby Harris recovered on Indiana State's 15-yard line. The Redbirds engineered a six-play drive and found the endzone on a one-yard run by Leggett, increasing Illinois State's lead to 10-6 at halftime.

The Redbirds added to their lead on their first possession of the second half. Illinois State marched the ball 80 yards, and ended the drive with a 10-yard pass from Matt Brown to a wide-open James O'Shaughnessy for a touchdown. Aussieker's extra point made the score 17-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Indiana State got back in the game with a 13-play touchdown drive, which ended when Ben Obaseki punched the ball in from one yard out, and the two-point conversion pass from Fouch to Riston was good, cutting Illinois State's lead to 17-14 with 6:51 remaining in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Illinois State's Lechein Neblett fumbled the ball and Indiana State recovered on the Redbirds' 14-yard line. However, a tackle-for-loss, an offensive holding penalty, and two incompletions forced the Sycamores to attempt a 41-yard play. Tanner Fritschie's kick fell short, and the Redbirds took over at their own 23-yard line.

After the Redbirds went three-and-out, the Sycamores took over at their own 41-yard line with 3:45 to play. However, two penalties forced Indiana State to lose yardage, and the Sycamores faced fourth down and 28 from their own 23-yard line. Fouch attempted a pass to Hilton, which Eric Brunner hurried, and Indiana State turned the ball over on downs with 1:33 remaining.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Indiana State (5-3) | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 14 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (5-3) | 3 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 17 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Aussieker 40-yard field goal, 1:34

SECOND QUARTER

INS - Jones 77-yard pass from Fouch (Wozniak kick blocked), 8:57

ILS - Leggett 1-yard touchdown run (Aussieker kick), 1:13

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - O'Shaughnessy 10-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 10:37

FOURTH QUARTER

INS - Obaseki 1-yard run (Riston pass from Fouch), 6:59

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | INS | ILS |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 13 | 16 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 35-92 | 35-104 |
| Passing | 10-25-0 | 13-19-0 |
| Passing Yards | 175 | 172 |
| Total Offense | 267 | 276 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 11-93 | 5-65 |
| Time of Possession | 29:14 | 30:46 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (INS) - Bell 27-123, Glass 1-3, Harris 1-2, Obaseki 1-1-1, Fouch 5-(-37). (ILS) - Leggett 23-57-1, Dunn 5-27, Gordon 3-12, Brown 2-10, Neukirch 1-0.

PASSING: (INS) - 10-25-0-175-1. (ILS) - Brown 13-19-0-172-1.

RECEIVING: (INS) - Jones 3-92-1, Spencer 3-23, Riston 1-22, Bell 1-22, Maridis 1-9, Hilton 1-7. (ILS) - Walker 6-75, Younger 3-48, O'Shaughnessy 2-35, Neblett 2-14.

TACKLE LEADERS: (INS) - Burnett 9-2-11, Washington 3-5-8, Sewall 5-2-7, Roberts 5-2-7, Archie 2-4-6. (ILS) - Howe 4-4-8, Harris 3-3-6, Palmer 5-0-5, Underwood 4-1-5, Frierson 3-2-5.

#22 Illinois State 38, Southern Illinois 30

Oct. 29, 2011 • Carbondale, Ill. • Saluki Stadium
Attendance: 8,129

■ GAME SUMMARY

Comeback Effort Falls Short in Loss at Youngstown State

CARBONDALE, Ill. - For the first time since 2005, Illinois State beat Southern Illinois, 38-30, in Carbondale at Saluki Stadium.

Colton Underwood and the Illinois State defense scored the first points of the game during Southern Illinois' opening possession, as Evan Frierson put pressure on Faulkner who fumbled a lateral pitch. Colton Underwood picked up the bouncing ball and returned it 53 yards, untouched, for the touchdown. Nick Aussieker's extra point was good, giving ISU an early 7-0 lead.

ISU extended the lead to 14-0, after Matt Brown connected with James O'Shaughnessy for an 18-yard touchdown pass on the team's first offensive possession of the day.

Southern Illinois responded during its third possession, as Jewel Hampton scored on a six-yard touchdown run to cap off a nine-play drive. SIU's Jackson MacLachlan's extra point was good, trimming ISU's lead to 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Redbirds marched the ball down to SIU's 12-yard line to start the second quarter, but the Saluki defense forced Illinois State to settle for a 29-yard field goal by Aussieker, making the score 17-7.

The Redbirds added to their lead later in the second quarter with a six-play, 42-yard drive that resulted in a highlight-reel, one-handed touchdown grab by Tyrone Walker on a 19-yard pass from Brown, building a 24-7 Redbird lead with 9:56 remaining in the first half.

After beginning at their own 30-yard line, the Salukis manufactured an eight-play drive that ended with a nine-yard touchdown run by Kory Faulkner. The extra point decreased ISU's lead to 24-14. ISU attempted to score once more before halftime, but a 46-yard field goal attempt by Aussieker missed wide to the left with nine seconds remaining.

Illinois State received the ball to begin the second half, and the Redbirds manufactured a 13-play, 73-yard drive, that consumed 5:49 and resulted in a seven-yard touchdown run up the middle by Ashton Leggett, increasing ISU's lead to 31-14. The Salukis pulled within 10 points late in the third quarter, when Faulkner completed a 28-yard touchdown pass to David Lewis. The Salukis then pulled within a touchdown after a 33-yard field goal by MacLachlan made it 31-24.

Illinois State responded with a crucial, eight-play, 58-yard drive that consisted of a 35-yard pass-play from Brown to Walker to move the Redbirds down to Southern Illinois' 21-yard line. Six plays later, Gordon broke free for a three-yard touchdown run, and Aussieker's extra point was good, increasing Illinois State's advantage to 38-24 with 4:23 remaining. Southern Illinois turned the ball over on downs on its next possession, and the Redbirds ran the clock down to 36 seconds before SIU took over on downs. Hampton scored on a one-yard touchdown run as time expired to make the final score, 38-30.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| ILLINOIS STATE (6-3) | 14 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 38 |
| Southern Illinois (4-2) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 30 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Underwood 53-yard fumble return (Aussieker kick), 12:16

ILS - O'Shaughnessy 18-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 7:31

SIU - Hampton 6-yard run (MacLachlan kick), 3:06

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Aussieker 29-yard field goal, 13:34

ILS - Walker 19-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 9:56

SIU - Faulkner 9-yard run (MacLachlan kick), 1:17

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Leggett 7-yard run (Aussieker kick), 9:06

SIU - Lewis 28-yard pass from Faulkner (MacLachlan kick), :27

FOURTH QUARTER

SIU - MacLachlan 33-yard field goal, 9:26

ILS - Gordon 3-yard run (Aussieker kick), 4:31

SIU - Hampton 1-yard run (MacLachlan kick), :00

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILS | SIU |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 20 | 27 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 43-138 | 29-73 |
| Passing | 17-28-0 | 29-37-0 |
| Passing Yards | 254 | 334 |
| Total Offense | 71-392 | 66-407 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-88 | 5-45 |
| Time of Possession | 30:45 | 29:15 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (ILS) - Gordon 18-55-1, Leggett 15-48-1, Dunn 7-22, Brown 3-16. (SIU) - Faulkner 17-44-1, Hampton 11-30-2.

PASSING: (ILS) - Brown 17-28-0-254-2. (SIU) - Faulkner 29-37-334-1.

RECEIVING: (ILS) - Walker 7-131-1, Sanders 5-82, O'Shaughnessy 2-36-1, Neblett 2-5, Dunn 1-0. (SIU) - Lantz 7-64, Pruitt 6-91, Fuller 5-92, Strother 3-22, Hampton 3-7, Lewis 2-32-1, Stadford 2-22, Flood 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS: (ILS) - Banks 7-1-8, Frierson 5-3-8, Merrill 4-4-8, Harris 4-3-7, Howe 4-2-6. (SIU) - Rodgers 6-4-10, Okon 2-6-8, Wilson 3-4-7, DiManche 4-2-6, Swanson 4-2-6.

Illinois State 31, Western Illinois 7

Nov. 5, 2011 • Normal, Ill. • Hancock Stadium
Attendance: 10,179

■ GAME SUMMARY

Walker Leads Redbirds Past South Dakota State, 20-13

NORMAL, Ill. - Illinois State defensive tackle Shelby Harris recorded one sack, 2.5 tackles-for-losses and six total tackles to lead the No. 17 Redbirds past Western Illinois, 31-7, in front of a 10,179 sell-out crowd at Hancock Stadium.



Illinois State opened the game with its longest scoring drive of the season, a 16-play, 72-yard series that took 8:18 and resulted in a 26-yard field goal by Nick Aussieker. An apparent Redbird touchdown by Darrelynn Dunn was annulled

because of a holding penalty against Cal McCarthy during the drive, forcing ISU to settle for three points. The Leathernecks and the Redbirds proceeded to each punt twice before the first quarter ended with Illinois State leading, 3-0.

The Redbirds scored the game's first touchdown at the beginning of the second quarter to increase their advantage to 10-0. Quarterback Matt Brown faked a handoff to Dunn and broke free for a 50-yard touchdown run, which was Brown's longest-career rushing touchdown.

Later in the second quarter, Aussieker attempted a 45-yard field goal, which was blocked by Western Illinois' Mike Garoppolo, and recovered by Maurice Hood who was tackled at the one-yard line. The Leathernecks went three-and-out and punted 23 yards to their own 31-yard line. Three plays later, Dunn sliced through the middle for a 20-yard touchdown run, increasing ISU's lead to 17-0 with 8:41 to play.

After advancing the ball into Redbird territory during the next drive, the Leathernecks turned the ball over with a pass by Hudson that was intercepted by ISU's Otis Merrill, his first-career pick. However, ISU went three-and-out, and Western Illinois started from its own 45-yard line. Seven plays later, the Leathernecks got on the board for the first time, when Nikko Watson found an opening for a one-yard touchdown, cutting Illinois State's halftime lead to 17-7.

In the third quarter, Western Illinois drove the ball to ISU's 30-yard line, but turned the ball over on downs with a failed fourth-down attempt with four yards to gain. After taking over on downs, the Redbirds drove 70 yards on seven plays, and scored with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Donovan Harden, which increased Illinois State's lead to 24-7 at the end of the third quarter.

The Redbirds added to their lead early in the fourth quarter with a 13-play, 64-yard drive that resulted in a two-yard touchdown run by running back Clifton Gordon. Aussieker's extra point was once again good, increasing the advantage to 31-7, which proved to be the final score.

■ SCORING SUMMARY

| SCOREBOARD | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | FINAL |
|------------------------|---|----|---|---|-------|
| Western Illinois (2-7) | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| ILLINOIS STATE (7-3) | 3 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 31 |

FIRST QUARTER

ILS - Aussieker 26-yard field goal, 6:42

SECOND QUARTER

ILS - Brown 50-yard run (Aussieker kick), 13:59

ILS - Dunn 20-yard run (Aussieker kick), 8:41

WIU - Watson 1-yard run (Smith kick), 1:48

THIRD QUARTER

ILS - Harden 30-yard pass from Brown (Aussieker kick), 5:51

FOURTH QUARTER

ILS - Gordon 2-yard run (Aussieker kick), 10:59

■ TEAM STATISTICS

| | WIU | ILS |
|------------------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs | 13 | 20 |
| Rushing Attempts-Yards | 38-154 | 46-273 |
| Passing | 11-22-1 | 9-21-1 |
| Passing Yards | 104 | 79 |
| Total Offense | 258 | 352 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 8-65 | 7-65 |
| Time of Possession | 24:48 | 32:59 |

■ INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: (WIU) - Watson 15-60-1, Ray 14-53, Hudson 3-26, Daughtry 1-16, Reardon 5-9. (ILS) - Gordon 15-78-1, Leggett 13-59, Brown 5-57-1, Dunn 6-39-1, Harden 2-24, Hunt 5-16.

PASSING: (WIU) - Reardon 6-11-0-39-0, Hudson 5-11-1-65-0. (ILS) - Brown 9-21-1-79-1.

RECEIVING: (WIU) - Crump 6-64, Daughtry 3-27, Chestnut 1-7, Morgan 1-6. (ILS) - Sanders 4-10, Neblett 2-19, Harden 1-30-1, Walker 1-12-0, Dunn 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS: (WIU) - Dixon 6-7-13, Palermo 2-8-10, Hood 5-3-8, Harris 3-5-8, Davis 4-2-6. (ILS) - Howe 6-3-9, Davis 3-6-9, Brunner 4-3-7, Harris 2-4-6, Palmer 3-2-5.

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (2-9, 1-7)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------------|----------|
| S1 | ILLINOIS STATE | W, 33-26 |
| S10 | at Northwestern | L, 21-42 |
| S17 | TENNESSEE TECH* | L, 20-31 |
| S24 | at Jacksonville State* | L, 21-28 |
| O1 | at Southeast Missouri State* | L, 30-37 |
| O8 | EASTERN KENTUCKY* | L, 16-48 |
| O15 | at Murray State* | L, 27-36 |
| O22 | UT-Martin* | L, 23-24 |
| O29 | at Austin Peay* | W, 19-10 |
| N5 | TENNESSEE STATE* | L, 17-18 |
| N12 | at Southern Illinois | L, 24-45 |
| N19 | OPEN | |

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS (5-6, 4-4)

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------|
| S3 | SOUTHERN UTAH | W, 29-28 |
| S10 | at Illinois | L, 3-56 |
| S17 | at Cal Poly | L, 14-48 |
| S24 | at Illinois State* | L, 13-20 |
| O1 | INDIANA STATE* | L, 28-38 |
| O8 | at Youngstown State* | W, 35-28 |
| O15 | NORTHERN IOWA* | L, 14-31 |
| O22 | NORTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 14-38 |
| O29 | at Missouri State* | W, 43-36 |
| N5 | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* | W, 45-34 |
| N12 | at Western Illinois* | W, 27-7 |
| N19 | OPEN | |

SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES (6-4, 2-1)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------|
| S3 | at Air Force | L, 20-37 |
| S10 | EASTERN WASHINGTON | W, 30-17 |
| S17 | NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE | W, 48-10 |
| S24 | at Wisconsin | L, 10-59 |
| O1 | LINDENWOOD | W, 30-0 |
| O8 | SOUTHERN UTAH* | W, 24-19 |
| O15 | at Illinois State | L, 3-28 |
| O22 | UC-DAVIS* | W, 27-24 |
| O29 | at Cal Poly* | L, 24-27 |
| N5 | OPEN | |
| N12 | MISSOURI S&T | W, 48-14 |
| N19 | at North Dakota* | 1 p.m. |

WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS (2-8, 1-6)

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------|
| S1 | at Sam Houston State | L, 6-20 |
| S10 | JACKSONVILLE | W, 35-21 |
| S17 | at Missouri | L, 0-69 |
| S24 | at Northern Iowa* | L, 10-38 |
| O1 | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* | W, 27-21 |
| O8 | OPEN | |
| O15 | at Indiana State* | L, 24-46 |
| O22 | MISSOURI STATE* | L, 17-31 |
| O29 | at Youngstown State* | L, 14-56 |
| N5 | at Illinois State* | L, 7-31 |
| N12 | SOUTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 7-27 |
| N19 | NORTH DAKOTA STATE* | 1 p.m. |

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES (2-8, 1-6)

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------|
| S1 | KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN | W, 67-0 |
| S10 | at Illinois State | L, 21-52 |
| S17 | at St. Francis (Pa.) | L, 49-50 |
| S24 | SAN DIEGO* | L, 44-48 |
| O1 | at Valparaiso* | W, 38-14 |
| O8 | DRAKE* | L, 26-41 |
| O15 | at Jacksonville* | L, 14-50 |
| O22 | DAYTON* | L, 28-30 |
| O29 | OPEN | |
| N5 | at Campbell* | L, 31-41 |
| N12 | at Davidson* | L, 24-48 |
| N19 | BUTLER* | Noon |

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON (9-1, 6-1)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------|
| S3 | LAFAYETTE (PA) | W, 42-6 |
| S10 | ST. FRANCIS (PA) | W, 56-3 |
| S17 | OPEN | |
| S24 | at Minnesota | W, 37-24 |
| O1 | ILLINOIS STATE* | W, 20-10 |
| O8 | at Southern Illinois* | W, 9-3 |
| O15 | MISSOURI STATE* | W, 51-21 |
| O22 | at South Dakota State* | W, 38-14 |
| O29 | NORTHERN IOWA* | W, 27-19 |
| N5 | at Indiana State* | W, 27-16 |
| N12 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE* | L, 24-27 |
| N19 | at Western Illinois* | 1 p.m. |

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (6-4, 4-3)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----------|
| S3 | at Penn State | L, 7-41 |
| S10 | BUTLER | W, 48-34 |
| S17 | at Western Kentucky | W, 44-16 |
| S24 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE* | W, 37-35 |
| O1 | at South Dakota State* | W, 38-28 |
| O8 | at Northern Iowa* | L, 9-23 |
| O15 | WESTERN ILLINOIS* | W, 46-24 |
| O22 | at Illinois State* | L, 14-17 |
| O29 | OPEN | |
| N5 | NORTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 16-27 |
| N12 | at Missouri State* | W, 28-20 |
| N19 | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* | 1:05 p.m. |

NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (8-2, 6-1)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------|
| S3 | at Iowa State | L, 19-20 |
| S10 | at Stephen F. Austin | W, 34-23 |
| S17 | OPEN | |
| S24 | WESTERN ILLINOIS* | W, 38-10 |
| O1 | at Missouri State* | W, 42-7 |
| O8 | INDIANA STATE* | W, 23-9 |
| O15 | at South Dakota State* | W, 31-14 |
| O22 | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* | W, 17-10 |
| O29 | at North Dakota State* | L, 19-27 |
| N5 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE* | W, 21-17 |
| N12 | SOUTHERN UTAH | W, 34-21 |
| N19 | at Illinois State* | 11 a.m. |

YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS (6-4, 4-3)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------|
| S2 | at Michigan State | L, 6-28 |
| S10 | VALPARAISO | W, 77-13 |
| S17 | ILLINOIS STATE* | W, 34-27 |
| O24 | at Indiana State* | L, 35-37 |
| O1 | OPEN | |
| O8 | SOUTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 28-35 |
| O15 | at Southern Illinois* | W, 35-23 |
| O22 | ST. FRANCIS (PA) | W, 49-23 |
| O29 | WESTERN ILLINOIS* | W, 56-14 |
| N5 | at Northern Iowa* | L, 17-21 |
| N12 | at North Dakota State* | W, 27-24 |
| N19 | MISSOURI STATE* | Noon |

MISSOURI STATE BEARS (1-9, 1-6)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------|
| S3 | at Arkansas | L, 7-51 |
| S10 | at Eastern Kentucky | L, 24-28 |
| S17 | at Oregon | L, 7-56 |
| S24 | at Southern Illinois* | L, 18-20 |
| O1 | NORTHERN IOWA* | L, 7-42 |
| O8 | ILLINOIS STATE* | L, 13-38 |
| O15 | at North Dakota State* | L, 21-51 |
| O22 | at Western Illinois* | W, 31-17 |
| O29 | SOUTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 36-43 |
| N5 | OPEN | |
| N12 | INDIANA STATE* | L, 20-28 |
| N19 | at Youngstown State* | Noon |

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS (3-7, 1-6)

| | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------|
| S3 | at Southeast Missouri State | W, 38-10 |
| S10 | at Mississippi | L, 24-42 |
| S17 | OPEN | |
| S24 | MISSOURI STATE* | W, 20-18 |
| O1 | at Western Illinois* | L, 21-27 |
| O8 | NORTH DAKOTA STATE* | L, 3-9 |
| O15 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE* | L, 23-35 |
| O22 | at Northern Iowa* | L, 10-17 |
| O29 | ILLINOIS STATE* | L, 30-38 |
| N5 | at South Dakota State* | L, 34-45 |
| N12 | EASTERN ILLINOIS | W, 45-24 |
| N19 | at Indiana State* | 1:05 p.m. |