

ILLINOIS STATE FOOTBALL

46 ALL-AMERICANS • 16 NFL DRAFT PICKS • 350 MVFC SELECTIONS • THREE-TIME MVFC CHAMPIONS • EIGHT FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

2023 REDBIRD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
Sept. 2	Dayton (Marquee/ESPN+)	W, 41-0
Sept. 9	at Western Illinois* (ESPN+)	W, 34-18
Sept. 16	at Eastern Illinois (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Sept. 23	Lindenwood (ESPN+)	Noon
Oct. 7	South Dakota State* (Marquee/ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	Indiana State* (Marquee/ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Youngstown State* (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	Northern Iowa* (ESPN+)	Noon
Nov. 4	at Missouri State* (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Nov. 11	Murray State* (Marquee/ESPN+)	11 a.m.
Nov. 19	at North Dakota* (ESPN+)	11 a.m.

All times Central and subject to change

ESPN+ - Game streamed on ESPN+

Marquee - Game aired on Marquee Sports Network

ILLINOIS STATE COACHES

Brock Spack (f)	Head Coach
Travis Niekamp (pb)	DC/ILB
Tony Petersen (pb)	OC/QB
Cody Deti (f)	S
Harold Etheridge (f)	OL
Ben Black (f)	DL
CJ Irvin (pb)	TE
Tevin Madison (pb)	DB
Sam Ojuri (f)	RB
Nick Murray (pb)	Quality Control
Kye Stewart (f)	OLB
Mickey Turner (f)	WR

Game location: f - field, pb - press box

REDBIRD SPORTS NETWORK

John Fitzgerald, play-by-play
Ted Schmitz, analyst
Craig Bertsche, sideline

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#25 ILLINOIS STATE AT EASTERN ILLINOIS



#25 Illinois State
2-0 Overall
1-0 MVFC



Eastern Illinois
1-1 Overall
0-0 Big South-OVC

Date: September 16, 2023

Time: 2 p.m. CT

Site: Macomb, Illinois

Stadium: O'Brien Field

Capacity: 10,000

Series: ISU leads 59-42-9

Last: ILS won 35-7 (September 17, 2022)

Stream: ESPN+

Listen: WJBC 1230 AM / 102.1 FM / 93.7 FM /
The Varsity Network

THE GAME

One of the longest rivalries in FCS football continues today, as Illinois State (2-0, 1-0 MVFC) and Eastern Illinois (1-1, 0-0 Big South-OVC) square off for the 111th time in the Mid-America Classic in Charleston, Illinois at O'Brien Field.

THE SERIES

Illinois State and Eastern Illinois will meet for the 111th time on the gridiron, with the Redbirds holding a 59-42-9 advantage in the all-time series that dates back to 1901. The Redbirds have owned the series as of late, winning the last five meetings overall and seven of the last eight overall. ISU has won the last four matchups on the road at O'Brien Field and are 9-4 overall under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack against the Panthers. The Redbirds took home the trophy last year, thanks to a 35-7 win at home at Hancock Stadium.

THE COACHES

Illinois State: Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983) is in his 15th season as the head coach at Illinois State (97-65). Spack guided the Redbirds to back-to-back shares of the MVFC title in 2014-15 and an appearance in the 2014 FCS Championship game. He has led the ISU to five playoff appearances overall and became the program's all-time wins leader in 2021.

Eastern Illinois: Chris Wilkerson (Eastern Illinois, 1995) is in his second season as the head coach at Eastern Illinois (3-10). Wilkerson came to EIU after a successful run as the head coach at the University of Chicago, where he has posted winning seasons in seven of his eight years including an 8-2 record in 2021. He had a 51-27 career record in nine seasons as the UChicago head coach.

THE REDBIRD FOOTBALL PROGRAM

- 8 FCS playoff appearances (1998, 1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019)
- 6-time FCS quarterfinalists (1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019)
- 2-time FCS semifinalists (1999, 2014)
- The team is 60-20 at home under Spack's guidance
- ISU is 43-14 at Hancock Stadium since 2013 renovation

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	EIU	ILS		EIU	ILS
Scoring	42	75	Field Goal Good/Attempts	1/1	2/2
Points Per Game	21.0	37.5	Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown	2/4	0/0
Points Allowed Per Game	19.0	9.0	Sacks By/Allowed	3/6	10/2
First Downs	37	47	Kickoff Return Avg.	14.3	3.0
Rushing Yards Per Game	84.5	234.5	Punt Return Avg.	0.0	4.7
Rushing Defense Per Game	121.0	46.0	Fumbles Lost/Gained	1/2	4/2
Passing Yards Per Game	247.0	232.5	Penalties	11-106	10-117
Passing Defense Per Game	242.0	152.5	Avg. Time of Possession	29:49	26:13
Total Offense Per Game	331.5	467.0	3rd-Down Conversions	6/22 (27%)	12/26 (46%)
Total Defense Per Game	363.0	198.5	4th-Down Conversions	3/8 (38%)	2/2 (100%)

QUICK FACTS

Institution Illinois State University
 Location Normal, Ill.
 Founded 1857
 Enrollment 20,989
 Nickname Redbirds
 Colors Red (PMS 186) & White
 Mascot Reggie Redbird
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)
 Conference Missouri Valley Football
 Facility Hancock Stadium
 Capacity 13,391
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 55/31
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 3/8
 Interim University President Dr. Aondover Tarhule
 Interim Director of Athletics Dr. Jeri Beggs
 NCAA Faculty Representative Dr. Maria Boerngen

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Brock Spack, 97-65 (15th Year)
 Alma Mater Purdue, 1983
 Defensive Coordinator Travis Niekamp (ILB)
 Offensive Coordinator Tony Petersen (QB)
 Assistant Coaches Ben Black (DL)
 Cody Deti (S)
 Harold Etheridge (OL)
 Brian Hendricks (DL)
 CJ Irvin (TE/FB)
 Tevin Madison (DB)
 Sam Ojuri (RB)
 Kye Stewart (OLB)
 Mickey Turner (WR)
 Nick Murray (Quality Control)
 Director of Football Operations Holden Boyle
 Athletic Trainer Andrew Brubaker
 Equipment Manager Nick Watson
 Strength & Conditioning Coach Matt Nicholson
 Video Coordinator Rick Geitz

WEEKLY MEDIA PRESS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 31 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 5 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 12 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 19 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 26 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 3 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 10 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 17 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 24 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 31 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 7 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 14 at Noon

THE BROCK SPACK SHOW

Illinois State football fans mark their calendars for Thursdays during the 2023 football season, as Schooners hosts and WJBC 1230-AM broadcasts The Brock Spack Show, presented by Bud Light, each week live from 6-7 p.m.

The long-time home to the weekly coaches show, Schooners is located at 810 East Grove Street in Bloomington, and sits just off the corner of Grove and Clinton Streets.

Coach Spack and a special player guest will join co-hosts John Fitzgerald and Ted Schmitz for the hour to talk about the previous week's game and the upcoming opponent.

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 communications office at (309) 438-7748.

EASTERN ILLINOIS GAME WEEK SCHEDULE													
Sunday	10	Monday	11	Tuesday	12	Wednesday	13	Thursday	14	Friday	15	Saturday	16
Film Study and Practice No player/coach availability		OFF DAY No player/coach availability		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 10:30 a.m.) Weekly Press Conference - Noon Kaufman Football Building		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 10:30 a.m.)		Player/Coach Interviews Available after practice (approx. 10:30 a.m.) Brock Spack Show Schooners 6-7 p.m.		Travel Day No player/coach availability		Illinois State at Eastern Illinois 2 p.m. CT	

CLEAR BAG POLICY

The Illinois State Athletics Department will continue its clear bag safety policy for fans and patrons attending games at Hancock Stadium during the 2023 season. Ensuring the safety of Redbird fans and guests is a top priority for ISU Athletics. Media members **MAY STILL BRING IN BAGS**, however they **MUST** check in at the designated GATE 5 media entrance on game day and have their bag checked and tagged.

REDBIRD SPORTS NETWORK

WJBC (AM 1230, FM 102.1), the flagship station of Illinois State athletics, will serve as the host of the Redbird Sports Network.

- **WJBC AM 1230, FM 102.1, FM 93.7 NASH ICON (BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL)**
- **THE VARSITY NETWORK (ONLINE AND VIA APP)**

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 by email at least two days prior to the game. Passes that are not mailed will be available at the Will Call table at Gate 5 approximately 60 minutes prior to kickoff.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES

Most practices are open to the media, but only the first hour is 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 on field or by phone or Zoom. 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 communication office. Most interviews will be conducted after practice Tuesday-Thursday.
- **Players:** All interviews with players will take place after practice Tuesday and Wednesday. Media should request players at least 24 hours in advance.
- **Postgame:** The Illinois State locker room is closed at all times. Head coach **Brock Spack** and requested players will be made available in person or via Zoom.

POST GAME INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

Interviews with coaches or student-athletes will be permitted following contests. All interviews will be arranged to through the athletics communications office and will be conducted on field, in a designated press area or via Zoom.

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

- Eastern Illinois University is located in Charleston, Illinois, and has an enrollment of 8,857. The Panthers are members of the Big South-Ohio Valley Conference and play their home games at O'Brien Field (10,000).
- EIU is 1-1 to start in 2023, after a 2-9 overall record in 2022 in head coach Chris Wilkerson's first year at the helm.
- Bowling Green went up two scores midway through the second quarter and kept Eastern Illinois at a distance the remainder of the game during a 38-15 win last Saturday in Ohio. EIU ended the day with 325 yards of offense, as running back Kevin Daniels rushed for 78 yards and wideout DeAirious Smith had four catches for 83 yards.
- In the season opener at Indiana State, the Panthers defense pitched its first shutout since the final game of the 2016 season as they limited the Sycamores to just 217 yards of total offense and forced six turnovers in a 27-0 win.
- Junior linebacker Elijahwah Tolbert collected several weekly awards after his performance against the Sycamores, as he was named STATS Perform FCS National Defensive Player of the Week presented by FEDEX Ground as well as the Big South-OVC Football Association Defensive Player of the Week. Tolbert was a factor in two of the six turnovers as he had one interception and forced a fumble, and finished with a team high 11 tackles.

LAST TIME VS. THE PANTHERS (9/17/2022)

The 110th Mid-America Classic between Illinois State and Eastern Illinois was dominated by the Redbird defense, which scored twice on interceptions and forced five turnovers in a dominant 35-7 win over the Panthers at Hancock Stadium. Jeff Bowens and Deandre Lamont each recorded interception returns for touchdowns for the Redbird defense, and Zeke Vandenburg had stellar performance recording eight tackles, a sack, three tackles-for-loss, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup. The offensive output was led by quarterback Zack Annexstad, who threw accounted for three touchdowns in the victory for the Redbirds.

REDBIRDS SOAR INTO TOP 25

Coming off a 2-0 start to the 2023 campaign with a pair of convincing FCS wins, Illinois State has earned a spot in this week's AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25 Poll at No. 25. The Redbirds are one of five Missouri Valley Conference teams ranked in this week's poll, joining South Dakota State (1), North Dakota State (2), North Dakota (13) and Southern Illinois (18).

BIRTHDAY BOY BLAKEMORE

After a strong debut performance with the Redbirds in the home opener, transfer running back Mason Blakemore headed to Macomb looking to build on his strong start to the season. Maybe thanks to a bit more motivation of it being his 21st birthday, Blakemore had a performance to remember in a 34-18 win over Western Illinois. The NIU transfer rushed for a career-high 170 yards on 19 carries and scored three times to lead the way for the Redbirds over the Leathernecks. That all earned him MVFC Offensive Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career.

FLOCKING TO THE QUARTERBACK

A relentless pursuit of perfection has always been a goal for the Redbirds, however the slogan may read more like a relentless pursuit of the quarterback for the 2023 defense. Through two games, the Redbirds have already collected 10 sacks, thanks to an eye-opening seven sacks in a win over Western Illinois to begin MVFC play. The seven sacks were the most in a game for ISU since 2019, when the Redbirds picked up nine in a win at Southern Illinois. Illinois State got two sacks each from Keondre Jackson and Amir Abdullah, and one each from Dillon Gearhart, Darrell Talley and Jalan Gaines in a game that saw the Redbirds collect a staggering 12 tackles-for-loss. ISU now ranks No. 1 in the FCS team sacks per game (5.0) and No. 2 in team tackles for loss per game (11.0) early in the season.

THE BROCK SPACK FILE

When **Brock Spack** was named the 20th head coach in Illinois State football history prior to the 2009 season, it also signaled the beginning of an entirely new belief system for Illinois State. Since that time, the Redbirds have posted 11 .500 or better campaigns, including a 13-2 record in 2014 on way to the FCS National Championship game. Spack guided the Redbirds to three-straight playoff appearances from 2014-16. With his win at Eastern Illinois in September of 2021, Spack became the program's all-time wins leader and he has the best winning percentage among coaches with more than one year at the helm.

SPACK YEAR-BY-YEAR

2009.....	6-5
2010.....	6-5
2011.....	7-4
2012.....	9-4 (FCS quarterfinals)
2013.....	5-6
2014.....	13-2 (FCS runner-up)
2015.....	10-3 (FCS quarterfinals)
2016.....	6-6 (FCS first round)
2017.....	6-5
2018.....	6-5
2019.....	10-5 (FCS quarterfinals)
2021 (spring)	1-3
2021 (fall)	4-7
2022.....	6-5
2023.....	2-0
TOTAL	97-65 (.599)

WINS BREAKDOWN

Home	60-20
Away	37-44
Neutral	0-1
Conference (regular season).....	61-48
Non-Conference (regular season)	29-12
FCS Playoffs.....	7-5



2023 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Illinois State	1	0	.000	2	0	1.000
North Dakota	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
North Dakota State	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
South Dakota State	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Murray State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
South Dakota	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Youngstown State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Indiana State	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Missouri State	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Northern Iowa	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Western Illinois	0	1	.000	0	2	.000

THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL**Saturday, September 16**

■ North Dakota at Boise State	11:00 A.M.
■ Robert Morris at Youngstown State	1:00 P.M.
■ Indiana State at Ball State	1:00 P.M.
■ Lamar at South Dakota	1:00 P.M.
■ Illinois State at Eastern Illinois	2:00 P.M.
■ Central Arkansas at North Dakota State	2:30 P.M.
■ South Dakota State at Drake	2:30 P.M.
■ Northern Iowa at Idaho State	5:00 P.M.
■ Lindenwood at Western Illinois	6:00 P.M.
■ Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri	6:00 P.M.
■ Murray State at Middle Tennessee	6:00 P.M.

REDBIRD MVFC WEEKLY HONORS

- RB Mason Blakemore (Offense) - Sept. 11
- LT Hunter Zambrano (Offensive Lineman) - Sept. 12

**MUST BE A FREEPORT THING**

Freeport, Illinois, is known nationwide for its unique team name of the pretzels but it is also known for producing some exciting football players for the Redbirds. Last year's MVFC Defensive Player of the Year and Buck Buchanan Award winner Zeke Vandenburg had a legendary career for the Redbirds and it looks like he may be passing the torch as the defensive leader of the Redbirds to one of his former high school teammates in Keondre Jackson. Voted on as a team captain in 2023, Jackson has lived up to that responsibility through two games and had a career day in a win over Western Illinois, set career highs in tackles (10), sacks (2) and tackles-for-loss (4) against the Leathernecks.

SPACK NEARING THE CENTURY MARK

Now in his 15th season at the helm of the Illinois State football program, Brock Spack is nearing a significant milestone in his coaching career. Already Illinois State's program wins record holder, Spack is rolling through the 2023 campaign just three wins away from the century mark in his career. With an overall record of 97-65 (.599), Spack would become just the fourth head coach in Missouri Valley Conference history with 100 wins at a member school. With four more league victories, Spack would also move into a tie for third in MVFC history.

SUCCESS IN HOME OPENERS

The Redbirds have been very good at home under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack, especially in the home opener each season. Thanks to their dominant 41-0 win over the Flyers to open the 2023 slate, ISU is now 14-1 in the first game of the season at Hancock Stadium under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack. That mark also includes another season-opening win over Dayton by a score of 56-14 in 2012.

A PLETHORA OF OPTIONS IN THE BACKFIELD

Throughout the preseason, Illinois State head coach Brock Spack touted the talent group of running backs the Redbirds had on their roster. Touting Cole Muller, Wenkers Wright and transfer Mason Blakemore as each having the potential to be a No. 1 back, the trio certainly validated his claims in the season opener against Dayton. Each found the endzone once and combined for 163 yards on just 13 carries in a dominant effort for the Redbirds. Blakemore led the way with 75 yards on four carries, including a 71-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Wright scored the game's final touchdown and finished with 59 yards on four carries with a long of 48 yards and Mueller started the day's scoring with a 4-yard score while averaging 5.8 yards per carry on the day.

THE STREAK CONTINUES

Redbird teams have been very successful in scoring on defense under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack. Thanks to the recovery of a bad snap in the end zone for a touchdown against Dayton, the Redbirds extended their streak to 15 seasons straight with at least one defensive score.

DEFENSE POSTS THE SHUTOUT

For the first time since 2018, the Illinois State defense was able to hold their opponents scoreless as the Redbirds defeated the Dayton Flyers 41-0 in the season opener. The previous shutout came during the 2018 season opener against Saint Xavier, which was a 46-0 win for ISU. The Flyers had chances, missing a pair of field goals in the loss, but the Redbird defense was able to hold the rest of the way for their first blanking in five seasons.

NIKAMP TO THE RESCUE

Starting in his first career game at middle linebacker, Tye Niekamp led the Redbird defense with a strong effort in a 41-0 win over the Dayton Flyers. The redshirt freshman from Normal, Illinois, was forced into action due to injury and made the most of his opportunity by leading the team with nine tackles, a half sack and two tackles for loss in the victory over Dayton. Niekamp was also credited with a pass breakup in the shutout win for the Redbirds.

ANNEXSTAD ON TARGET

Quarterback Zack Annexstad and the Redbird offense came out firing and scored on five of the first six drives of the game in a 41-0 rout of Dayton in the season opener. The sixth-year senior completed finished the game 23-for-30 (76.6 percent) while throwing for 255 yards and a touchdown, highlighted by a 47-yard touchdown strike to wideout Daniel Sobkowicz.

FEELING THE PRESSURE

The Illinois State defense ranked No. 10 in the country in total defense (and second in the MVFC) in 2022 and much of that was due to the amount of success the Redbirds had getting to the quarterback. ISU ranked No. 5 in the country in team sacks per game at 3.18 per contest. A total of 14 of those came from All-American and Buck Buchanan Award winner Zeke Vandenburg, who led the FCS in sacks and tackles for loss per game. The loss of Vandenburg to graduation will be a big hole to fill for the Redbird defense, however 10 players with significant playing time last year return from on the two-deep along with some talented transfers that will look to keep the Redbird defense one of the best in the country.

SENDING THE SENIORS OUT STRONG

It was certainly a string of ups and downs for the Redbirds in 2022, as a streak of five wins in six contests was followed by a three-game losing streak to even the team's record at 5-5 heading into the season finale against Western Illinois. However, the Redbirds rallied to send their seniors out on a high note with a victory over their in-state rival Leathernecks. With the win, the Redbirds finished with six wins and a winning record, marking the 11th time in the last 14 seasons under coach Brock Spack the Redbirds have finished with a .500 record or better.

LOCKDOWN SECONDARY

The Redbird defensive secondary was one of the question marks headed into the 2022 season, with losses from graduation, the transfer portal and young players coming back in key roles. With addition of three key transfers in the secondary and another year of experience for returning, the Redbird secondary became one of the best in the MVFC and country. The Redbirds finished the season ranked No. 5 in the country in passing yards allowed with 169.8 per game, which also ranked first in the MVFC. That group has also aided in ISU ranking No. 10 in the country in total defense, allowing just 318.5 yards per game, and No. 11 in scoring defense at 20.4 points per game to opponents on the season. With the loss of eight starters on defense headed into 2023, the secondary will once again be a strength for the Redbirds with safeties Dillon Gearhart and Keondre Jackson leading the charge.

EIGHT REDBIRDS EARN PRESEASON HONORS

A total of eight Illinois State players were selected to the MVFC Preseason All-Conference team, as the Redbirds were picked seventh in the preseason poll voted on by league coaches, media, and sports information directors. Offensive tackle Hunter Zambrano, safety Dillon Gearhart and wide receiver/kick returner Jalen Carr were selected as MVFC preseason second-team picks, while running back Cole Mueller, safety Keondre Jackson, defensive tackle Josh Dinga, cornerback Jeff Bowens and Carr (as a return specialist) were named honorable mention selections.

SISKOWIC TO JOIN ILLINOIS STATE'S BEST ON HOMECOMING

One of Illinois State's football's best will take his place amongst the University's all-time greats in October, as former All-American linebacker Cameron Siskowic will be inducted as part of the 2023 ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame class during Homecoming festivities. Siskowic ended his career as a two-time All-American and was twice named a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award in 2005 and 2006, which is awarded to the top defensive player in FCS football. The 2006 MVFC Defensive Player of the Year, Siskowic was a three-year starter for the Redbirds and was a two-time All-MVFC selection. As a senior in 2006, he led the team with 140 tackles which ranked him No. 2 nationally and led the MVFC in total tackles for the second-straight season.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS

■ SEPT. 29, 1962

Paul Whitmore's 91-yard punt return was the only score in this 6-0 Redbird victory. It still remains the longest punt return for a touchdown in Illinois State history.

■ NOV. 26, 2006

Two months after facing each other in the regular season, ISU and EIU met each other in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs. ISU's **Jason Tate** (41 yards) and **Jesse Caesar** (45 yards) each returned interceptions for touchdowns in the 24-13 Redbird win.

■ SEPT. 15, 2012

A 25-yard touchdown pass from **Matt Brown** to **Tyrone Walker** sealed No. 15 ISU's come-from-behind 54-51 double-overtime victory over EIU. The 105 combined points scored were the most between the two teams in the 103-year history of the rivalry. Brown set Illinois State single-game records for passing yards (473) and completions (42), and tied his career high with five touchdown passes in the contest.

■ SEPT. 19, 2015

Placekicker **Sean Slattery** hit a 32-yard game-winning field in overtime, as the Redbirds sealed a 34-31 win over Eastern Illinois in the 104th Mid-America Classic.

**MATT
BROWN**



START CHART

Offense

Player	2023	Career
Z. Annexstad	2	10
Asche	0	13
Bussone	2	17
J. Carr	0	5
Grandy	2	2
Gudaitis	2	8
C. Mueller	2	12
Nelson	1	2
Pope	2	4
Rios	2	9
Rittenhouse	0	3
Sobkowicz	2	8
Stewart	1	1
Wright	0	8
Zambrano	2	19

Defense

Player	2023	Career
Abdullah	2	2
Anderson	1	1
Bowens	2	8
Campos	0	7
Cannon	2	2
Cross	1	1
Dinga	2	11
Gaines	2	3
Gearheart	2	17
Hodgdon	1	1
K. Jackson	2	13
McCoy	2	7
Monrrow	1	1
Niekamp	2	2
White	0	4

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
LT	57	Hunter Zambrano	6-5	300	Jr.	2	19	Weston, Fla.
	63	Daniel Forystek	6-8	305	So.	1	6	Green Bay, Wis.
LG	76	Kobe Rios	6-6	315	Sr.	2	10	Rock Island, Ill.
	68	Landon Woodard	6-5	305	So.	1	1	Waukesha, Wis.
C	66	Peter Bussone	6-2	305	Sr.	2	19	Normal, Ill.
	54	Justin Bromagen	6-4	290	So.	1	5	Farmersville, Ohio
RG	75	Ryan Gudaitis	6-4	295	So.	2	10	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	62	Peyton Asche	6-8	305	Jr.	2	19	Pearl City, Ill.
RT	67	Jake Pope	6-7	295	Jr.	2	6	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
	74	Ron Carr	6-5	295	Jr.	1	1	Solon, Ohio
TE	89	Cam Grandy	6-5	260	Sr.	2	2	Benon, Ill.
	85	Javon Charles	6-5	260	Jr.	2	15	Glenn Heights, Texas
WR	2	Daniel Sobkowicz	6-3	200	So.	2	15	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	15	Rylan Crawford	6-3	195	RFr.	2	5	Leo, Ind.
WR	7	Camo Nelson	6-0	190	So.	2	6	Dallas, Texas
	1	I'Shawn Stewart	5-10	180	Jr.	2	2	Bolingbrook, Ill.
WR	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	155	RFr.	2	5	Burlington, Wis.
	0	Jalen Carr	5-9	160	Jr.	1	21	Orlando, Fla.
QB	5	Zack Annexstad	6-3	220	Sr.	2	10	Norseland, Minn.
	16	Tommy Rittenhouse	5-11	190	So.	2	7	Geneva, Ill.
RB	4	Cole Mueller	6-0	210	Jr.	1	13	Wentzville, Mo.
	3	Mason Blakemore	6-1	215	Jr.	2	2	Centralia, Ill.

DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
DT	58	D'Marco Cross	6-3	255	Jr.	2	13	Lafayette, Ind.
	97	Jake Anderson	6-5	270	RFr.	2	2	Davis, Ill.
NOSE	51	Jalen Monrrow	6-4	315	RFr.	2	9	Lafayette, Ind.
	90	Greg Galloway	6-2	275	So.	2	2	Oconomowoc, Wis.
DE	91	Josh Dinga	6-6	265	Sr.	2	32	Sun Prairie, Wis.
	87	Nick Kessler	6-6	265	So.	2	4	Marysville, Ohio
JACK	50	Jalan Gaines	6-4	235	Sr.	2	5	Chicago, Ill.
	10	Reese Edwards	6-3	220	So.	2	13	Springfield, Ill.
SLB	22	Amir Abdullah	6-3	215	Jr.	2	2	Chicago, Ill.
	20	Darrell Talley III	6-3	215	So.	2	13	Fort Worth, Texas
MLB	46	Tye Niekamp	6-3	230	RFr.	2	2	Normal, Ill.
	33	Connor Leyden	6-2	235	So.	1	12	Park Ridge, Ill.
WLB	1	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy	6-1	235	Jr.	2	19	Flossmoor, Ill.
	53	Darius Walker	6-2	240	Jr.	2	8	Fairview Heights, Ill.
CB	17	Mark Cannon Jr.	6-3	205	So.	2	2	Skokie, Ill.
	25	Cam Wilson	5-11	180	Jr.	2	12	Cedar Hill, Texas
SS	3	Keondre Jackson	6-3	210	Jr.	2	19	Freeport, Ill.
	4	CJ Hodgdon	6-2	210	Jr.	2	2	Henderson, Nev.
FS	16	Dillon Gearhart	6-0	200	Jr.	2	20	St. Charles, Ill.
	34	Jack Dwyer	6-0	200	So.	2	6	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.
CB	21	Jeff Bowens	5-9	170	Jr.	2	23	Southfield, Mich.
	6	Nigel White	5-9	175	Jr.	2	28	Lauderhill, Fla.

SPECIALISTS

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
KO	31	Ian Wagner	6-2	215	So.	2	9	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
	96	Josh Jasek	6-1	160	So.	2	9	Iowa City, Iowa
PK	31	Ian Wagner	6-2	215	So.	2	9	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
	96	Josh Jasek	6-1	160	So.	2	9	Iowa City, Iowa
P	31	Ian Wagner	6-2	215	So.	2	9	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
	96	Josh Jasek	6-1	160	So.	2	9	Iowa City, Iowa
KR	0	Jalen Carr	5-9	160	Jr.	2	22	Orlando, Fla.
	21	Jeff Bowens	5-9	170	So.	2	23	Southfield, Mich.
KR	32	Wenkers Wright	6-1	200	So.	2	14	Floyds Knobs, Ind.
	3	Mason Blakemore	6-1	215	Jr.	2	2	Centralia, Ill.
PR	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	155	So.	2	5	Burlington, Wis.
	21	Jeff Bowens	5-9	170	Jr.	2	23	Southfield, Mich.
HO	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	155	So.	2	5	Burlington, Wis.
	16	Tommy Rittenhouse	5-11	190	So.	2	7	Geneva, Ill.
LS	64	Peyton Cramer	6-3	235	Jr.	2	4	Pontiac, Ill.
	99	Claude Strnad	6-3	265	Fr.	0	0	Wilmette, Ill.

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
0	Jalen Carr	WR	5-9	160	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep HS	47	Mark Haering	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood HS
1	LaVoise-Deontae McCoy	LB	6-1	235	So.	Flossmoor, Ill. / Homewood-Flossmoor HS	48	Nate Kraus	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS
1	I'Shawn Stewart	WR	5-10	180	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. / Bolingbrook HS / Eastern Michigan	49	Jacob Bellizzi	LB	6-0	235	Sr.	Des Plaines, Ill. / Maine West HS
2	Daniel Sobkowicz	WR	6-3	200	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Rolling Meadows HS	50	Jalan Gaines	DL	6-4	235	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Oak Lawn HS / Dubuque
3	Mason Blakemore	RB	6-1	215	Jr.	Centralia, Ill. / Centralia HS / Northern Illinois	51	Jalen Monrow	DL	6-4	315	R-Fr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson-Lafayette / Cincinnati
3	Keondre Jackson	DB	6-3	210	Jr.	Freeport, Ill. / Freeport HS	52	Jordan Greuel	OL	6-4	300	So.	Greendale, Wis. / Greendale HS
4	CJ Hodgdon	DB	6-2	210	Jr.	Henderson, Nev. / Green Valley HS / Ventura College	53	Darius Walker	LB	6-2	240	Jr.	Fairview Heights, Ill. / East St. Louis HS
4	Cole Mueller	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	Wentzville, Mo. / Holt HS	54	Justin Bromagen	OL	6-4	290	So.	Farmersville, Ohio / Valley View HS
5	Zack Annexstad	QB	6-3	220	R-Sr.	Norseland, Minn. / IMG Academy / Minnesota	56	Koby Sarna	DL	6-5	265	Jr.	Mesa, Ariz. / Red Mountain HS / Santa Barbara City College
6	Nigel White	DB	5-9	175	Jr.	Lauderhill, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas HS	57	Hunter Zambrano	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Weston, Fla. / University HS
7	Camo Nelson	WR	6-0	190	So.	Dallas, Texas / Kimball HS	58	D'Marco Cross	DL	6-3	255	Jr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson HS
9	Braden Contreras	WR	6-4	195	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill. / Hinsdale Central HS / Valparaiso	59	Steven Curtis	DL	6-5	225	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Cardinal Newman HS
10	Reese Edwards	LB	6-3	220	So.	Springfield, Ill. / Sacred Heart-Griffin HS	60	Boden Turner	OL	6-4	280	R-So.	Manteno, Ill. / St. Rita HS
11	Scotty Presson Jr.	FB	6-3	240	Jr.	Florissant, Mo. / East St. Louis HS	61	Aaron Effert	OL	6-4	305	Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. / Brookfield Central HS
12	Tommy Donovan	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	South Lyon, Mich. / South Lyon HS	62	Peyton Asche	OL	6-8	315	Sr.	Pearl City, Ill. / Pearl City-Eastland HS
13	Eddie Kasper	WR	5-10	155	R-Fr.	Burlington, Wis. / Wheaton Academy	63	Daniel Forystek	OL	6-8	305	R-So.	Green Bay, Wis. / Bay Port HS
14	Mason Kaplan	QB	6-2	225	So.	Peachtree Corners, Ga. / Norcross HS / Valparaiso	64	Peyton Cramer	LS	6-3	235	Jr.	Saunemin, Ill. / Pontiac HS
15	Rylan Crawford	WR	6-3	195	R-Fr.	Leo, Ind. / Leo HS	65	Cody Zugenbuehler	DL	6-4	325	Jr.	Essex, Ill. / Herscher HS
16	Dillon Gearhart	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	St. Charles, Ill. / St. Charles East HS	66	Peter Bussone	OL	6-2	305	R-Sr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS
16	Tommy Rittenhouse	QB	5-11	190	So.	Geneva, Ill. / St. Francis HS	67	Jake Pope	OL	6-7	295	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas HS / Kentucky
17	Mark Cannon Jr.	DB	6-3	205	So.	Skokie, Ill. / Evanston Township HS	68	Landon Woodard	OL	6-5	305	So.	Waukesha, Wis. / Waukesha West HS
17	Jimmy Makuh	QB	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / John Hersey HS	69	Micah Barnhart	OL	6-4	315	So.	Canton, Ill. / Canton HS / Wyoming
18	Evan Sierra	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep	71	Jacob Finley	OL	6-9	330	Fr.	Sherman, Ill. / Williamsville HS
19	David Connors Jr.	WR	6-3	195	R-Fr.	Brooklyn Center, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper HS	73	Brayden Jellison	OL	6-4	325	Fr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart HS
20	Joshua Ficklin	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Bentonville, Ark. / Bentonville HS	74	Ron Carr	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	Solon, Ohio / Solon HS / Duke
20	Darrell Talley III	LB	6-3	215	So.	Fort Worth, Texas / Crowley HS	75	Ryan Gudaitis	OL	6-4	295	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Hersey HS
21	Jeff Bowens	DB	5-9	170	So.	Southfield, Mich. / Southfield A&T HS	76	Kobe Rios	OL	6-6	315	R-Sr.	Rock Island, Ill. / Rock Island / Iowa Western CC
22	Amir Abdullah	LB	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Whitney Young HS / Nebraska-Kearney	77	John Golden Jr.	OL	6-4	285	So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill. / Glenbard South HS / Eastern Michigan
23	Paul Omodia	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Richmond, Texas / George Bush HS	78	Ben Wallace	OL	6-5	320	Fr.	Germantown Hills, Ill. / Metamora HS
24	Josh Robinson	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. / Bolingbrook HS	80	Michael Cosentino	K	5-7	155	R-Fr.	Northbrook, Ill. / Glenbrook North HS / Elon
25	Cam Wilson	DB	5-11	180	Jr.	Cedar Hill, Texas / Trinity Christian HS	81	Brett Spaulding	TE	6-6	230	So.	Franklin, Wis. / Franklin HS
26	Teon Parks	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King Jr. HS	82	Max Ziebarth	TE	6-5	240	R-Fr.	Hudson, Ill. / Normal West HS
27	Christian Kirenga	DB	6-0	175	So.	Kettering, Ohio / Archbishop Alter HS	83	Jack Tippmann	TE	6-4	240	So.	New Haven, Ind. / Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger HS
28	Chris Taylor	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS	84	Tyreke Fortney	WR	5-9	160	So.	Peru, Ill. / Saint Bede Academy
29	Dalonte Butcher	DB	5-10	160	Fr.	Romeoville, Ill. / Plainfield East HS	85	Javon Charles	TE	6-5	260	Jr.	Glenn Heights, Texas / DeSoto HS
30	Brad Vierneisel	WR	6-1	200	Fr.	Mt. Prospect, Ill. / Prospect HS	86	Brady Probst	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Brownsville, Ind. / Brownsville HS
31	Ian Wagner	K	6-2	215	So.	Sierra Vista, Ariz. / O'Fallon (Ill.) HS	87	Nick Kessler	DL	6-6	265	So.	Marysville, Ohio / Marysville HS
32	Cade Campos	LB	6-1	210	Jr.	Lemont, Ill. / Lemont HS	88	Nick Hawkins	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Lemont, Ill. / Lemont HS
32	Wenkers Wright	RB	6-1	200	R-So.	Floyds Knobs, Ind. / Floyd Central HS	89	Cam Grandy	TE	6-5	260	Sr.	Benson, Ill. / Fieldcrest HS / Missouri Western
33	Connor Leyden	LB	6-2	235	R-So.	Park Ridge, Ill. / Maine South HS	90	Greg Galloway	DL	6-2	275	So.	Oconomowoc, Wis. / Oconomowoc HS
34	Jack Dwyer	DB	6-0	200	So.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill. / Lake Zurich HS	91	Josh Dinga	DL	6-6	265	R-Sr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie HS
34	Christian Keyhea	WR	6-2	170	So.	Mt. Zion, Ill. / Mt. Zion HS	92	Travis Jones	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	Herscher, Ill. / Herscher HS
35	Anthony Corona	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	South Lakes, Wis. / Wilmot Union HS	93	D'Marion Alexander	DL	6-5	260	R-Fr.	China Spring, Texas / China Spring HS / Kansas
36	Zion Granville	LB	6-6	245	So.	Sugarland, Texas / Fort Bend Christian HS	94	Ivan Erickson	DL	6-6	280	Fr.	Batavia, Ill. / Marmion Academy
37	Camden Maas	DB	6-3	190	R-Fr.	Towanda, Ill. / Normal Community HS	95	Kylan Stevens	DL	6-3	265	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas HS
38	Frank Schmitt	DB	6-1	200	So.	Chicago, Ill. / Saint Rita HS	96	Josh Jasek	K	6-1	160	So.	Iowa City, Iowa / Iowa City West HS / Iowa Western CC
39	Solomon Oduma	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll HS	97	Jake Anderson	DL	6-5	270	R-Fr.	Davis, Ill. / Durand HS
40	Kayode Amusan	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury HS	98	Jake Siegal	DL	6-3	280	Jr.	Sycamore, Ill. / Sycamore HS / Washington State
41	Hayden Futch	K	6-1	175	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Berrien HS	99	Claude Strnad	LS	6-3	265	Fr.	Wilmette, Ill. / Loyola Academy
42	Jamarcus Smith	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage HS							
43	Patrick Bauer	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Mount Prospect, Ill. / St. Viator HS							
44	Brad Gothelf	FB	6-2	225	So.	Vernon Hills, Ill. / Vernon Hills HS							
45	Cal Martine	FB	5-11	235	R-Fr.	Appleton, Wis. / Appleton North HS							
46	Tye Niekamp	LB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS							

#22 • Amir Abdullah • LB

Tackles: 8 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 2.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 TFLs: 2.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Interceptions: 0

#97 • Jake Anderson • DL

Tackles: 5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 0

#5 • Zack Annexstad • QB

Completions: 29 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Attempts: 47 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 Passing Yards: 274 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 TD Passes: 2, four times
 Longest Pass: 56 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Interceptions: 2, twice
 Rushing Attempts: 11 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 Rushing Yards: 34 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 TD Rushes: 2 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Longest Rush: 20 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-17-22

#49 • Jacob Bellizzi • LB

Tackles: 7 vs. Butler, 9-4-21
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 4 vs. Butler, 9-4-21
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 0

#3 • Mason Blakemore • RB

Rushing Attempts: 19 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Rushing Yards: 170 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Rushing TDs: 3 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Long Rush: 71 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 8 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 8 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23

#21 • Jeff Bowens • LB

Tackles: 10 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Solos: 8 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Assists: 2 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1, twice

#32 • Cade Campos • LB

Tackles: 6 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 Solos: 3 vs. Butler, 9-4-21
 Assists: 4 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22

#17 • Mark Cannon Jr. • DB

Tackles: 6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 3 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 4 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#0 • Jalen Carr • WR

Receptions: 6, twice
 Receiving Yards: 99 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Touchdowns: 1 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Long Reception: 56 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Long Rush: 13 at Western Michigan, 9-11-21
 Kick Returns: 1 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
 Kick Return Yards: 98 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
 Kick Return Touchdowns: 1 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22

#85 • Javon Charles • TE

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#9 • Braden Contreras • WR

Receptions: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receiving Yards: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#15 • Rylan Crawford • WR

Receptions: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receiving Yards: 6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#64 • Peyton Cramer • LS

Tackles: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Solos: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#58 • D'Marco Cross • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 1 vs. Butler, 9-4-21
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-17-22
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-17-22
 Interceptions: 0

#59 • Steven Curtis • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 0

#91 • Josh Dinga • DL

Tackles: 3 at North Dakota State, 3-13-21
 Solos: 2, three times
 Assists: 1, three times
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.0 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22

#34 • Jack Dwyer • S

Tackles: 4 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#10 • Reese Edwards • LB

Tackles: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#50 • Jalan Gaines • DL

Tackles: 4 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 1.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 TFLs: 1.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Interceptions: 0

#90 • Greg Galloway • DL

Tackles: 5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 0

#16 • Dillon Gearhart • DB

Tackles: 9 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Solos: 5, four times
 Assists: 4, twice
 Sacks: 2.0 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
 TFLs: 3.0 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22

#89 • Cam Grandy • TE

Receptions: 6 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Receiving Yards: 56 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Touchdowns: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Long Reception: 15 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#4 • CJ Hodgdon • DB

Tackles: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#3 • Keondre Jackson • DB

Tackles: 10 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Solos: 9 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 7 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22
 Sacks: 2.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 TFLs: 4.0 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Interceptions: 1 at Indiana State, 10-22-22

#13 • Eddie Kasper • WR

Receptions: 6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receiving Yards: 73 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 28 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Punt Returns: 2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Punt Return Yards: 13 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Long Punt Return: 13 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#87 • Nick Kessler • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.3
 Interceptions: 0

#33 • Connor Leyden • LB

Tackles: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Solos: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#1 • Lavoise-Deontae McCoy • LB

Tackles: 10 at North Dakota State, 10-29-22
 Solos: 6 at North Dakota State, 10-29-22
 Assists: 4 at North Dakota State, 10-29-22
 Sacks: 0.5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-17-22
 TFLs: 0.5 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Interceptions: 0

#45 • Cal Martine • RB

Rushing Yards: 18 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Rushing Attempts: 4 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Rushing TDs: 0
 Longest Rush: 9 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#4 • Cole Mueller • RB

Rushing Yards: 178 at South Dakota, 10-23-21
 Rushing Attempts: 25 at South Dakota, 10-23-21
 Rushing TDs: 3 at Western Illinois, 10-30-21
 Longest Rush: 80 vs. Butler, 9-4-21

#7 • Camo Nelson • WR

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 10 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 10 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#46 • Tye Niekamp • LB

Tackles: 9 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos: 5 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists: 6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0.5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 0

#16 • Tommy Rittenhouse • QB

Completions: 9 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Attempts: 20 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Passing Yards: 103 vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-22
 TD Passes: 0
 Longest Pass: 25 vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-22
 Interceptions: 1 at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
 Rushing Yards: 81 vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-22
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2 vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-22

#24 • Josh Robinson • RB

Rushing Yards:8 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Rushing Attempts:3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Rushing TDs:
 Longest Rush:6 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#98 • Jake Siegal • DL

Tackles:3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos:1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists:2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#18 • Evan Sierra • DB

Tackles:1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos:0
 Assists:1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#2 • Daniel Sobkowicz • WR

Receptions:6, twice
 Receiving Yards:96 vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-22
 Touchdowns:1, four times
 Long Reception:47 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#81 • Brett Spaulding • TE

Receptions:2 vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
 Receiving Yards:4 vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
 Touchdowns:1 at North Dakota, 11-13-21
 Long Reception:28 at North Dakota, 11-13-21

#1 • I'Shawn Stewart • WR

Receptions:2 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Receiving Yards:14 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Touchdowns:0
 Long Reception:11 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#20 • Darrell Talley III • LB

Tackles:1, three times
 Solos:1 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Assists:1, twice
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#30 • Brad Veirneisel • WR

Receptions:2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receiving Yards:24 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Touchdowns:0
 Long Reception:10 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#31 • Ian Wagner • K

Field Goal Attempts:4 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Field Goal Makes:3 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Long Field Goal:45 vs. South Dakota, 10-15-22
 Extra Points Made:5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Points Scored:11, twice
 Punts:6 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Punt Yards:215 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Punt Average:35.8 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Long Punt:44 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23

#53 • Darius Walker • LB

Tackles:5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos:1, twice
 Assists:5 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:1.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions:0

#6 • Nigel White • DB

Tackles:2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos:2 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists:0
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#25 • Cam Wilson • DB

Tackles:1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Solos:1 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Assists:0
 Sacks:0
 TFLs:0
 Interceptions:0

#32 • Wenkers Wright • RB

Rushing Attempts:36 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Rushing Yards:180 at Indiana State, 10-22-22
 Rushing TDs:1, twice
 Long Rush:48, twice
 Receptions:6 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Receiving Yards:55 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Touchdowns:0
 Long Reception:35 at Wisconsin, 9-3-22

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	170, Mason Blakemore at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
Rushed for 200 yards	210, James Robinson at Central Arkansas, 12-7-19
Passed for 200 yards	255, Zack Annexstad vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
Passed for 300 yards	318, Jackson Waring vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
Passed for 400 yards	419, Brady Davis vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Had 10 receptions	12, Andrew Edgar vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Had 100 yards receiving	107, Jabari Khepera vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
Returned a punt for a TD	Anthony Warrum (62 yards) vs. Abilene Christian, 9-21-13
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Jalen Carr (98 yards) vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
Returned an interception for a TD	Deandre Lamont (3 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-17-22
Returned a fumble for a TD	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy (0 yards) vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
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	Sy Dabney recovery (0 yards) at South Dakota State, 11-12-19
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Mason Blakemore at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Jackson Waring vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Anthony Warrum at South Dakota State, 11-7-15
Kicked three field goals	3, Ian Wagner at UNI, 10-8-22
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	71, Mason Blakemore vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
Had a 70-yard pass completion	75 (TD) Jackson Waring to Jabari Khepera vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had a 50-yard field goal	51, Sean Slattery at Northern Arizona, 10-7-17
Had a 70-yard punt	75, JT Bohlken vs. North Dakota State, 10-5-19

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	409 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-13-18
300 yards rushing	340 at Southeast Missouri, 11-30-19
400 yards passing	419 vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
300 yards passing	318 vs. Missouri State, 10-2-21
500 yards total offense	534 vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
30 first downs	31 vs. Butler, 9-2-17
50 points	67 vs. Morgan State, 9-12-15
Scored a safety	Saint Xavier, 9-1-18
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 41, Dayton 0, 9-2-23
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	97 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	-5 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	200 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	30, Saint Xavier, 9-1-18
Blocked a punt	at South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Blocked a field goal	vs. Valparaiso, 9-10-22
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	148, Braelon Allen, Wisconsin, 9-3-22
Rushed for 200 yards	233, Tommy Schuster, North Dakota, 11-13-21
Passed for 200 yards	283, Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Passed for 300 yards	319, Jason Shelley, Missouri State, 10-2-21
Passed for 400 yards	440, Chris Streveler, South Dakota, 10-21-17
Had 10 receptions	Landon Lenoir (11), Southern Illinois, 9-25-21
Had 100 yards receiving	129, Jadon Janke, South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Returned a punt for a TD	85, Jayden Price, North Dakota State, 3-13-21
Returned a kickoff for a TD	David Johnson (98 yards), Northern Iowa, 11-1-14
Returned an interception for a TD	John Torchio (100 yards), Wisconsin, 9-3-22
Returned a fumble for a TD	Caleb Rao (0 yards), Valparaiso, 9-10-22
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Travis Williams (66 yards), Illinois, 9-6-03
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Mack Weaver (15 yards), Eastern Illinois, 9-16-17
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Tobias Little, Missouri State, 10-2-21
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Connor Sampson, Western Illinois, 10-30-21
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Joe Logan, Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Kicked three field goals	3, Mason Laramie, Western Illinois, 10-30-21
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	96, Braelon Allen, Wisconsin, 9-3-22
Had a 70-yard pass completion	74, Graham Mertz to Chimere Dike, Wisconsin, 9-3-22
Had 20 tackles	22, L.J. Fort, Northern Iowa, 11-19-11
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	440, South Dakota, 10-21-17
300 yards passing	319, Missouri State, 10-2-21
500 yards total offense	513, Missouri State, 10-2-21
30 first downs	33, South Dakota, 10-21-17
50 points	59, Youngstown State, 10-12-13
Scored a safety	Missouri State, 10-17-15
Posted a shutout	Wisconsin 38, Illinois State 0, 9-3-22
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	45, South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	55, South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Held ISU under 200 total yards	100, South Dakota State, 11-12-22
Held ISU under 100 total yards	99, North Dakota State, 10-16-21
Blocked a punt	Missouri State, 10-2-21
Blocked a field goal	Indiana State, 10-22-22
Blocked an extra point attempt	Indiana State, 10-22-22

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

	2023
Playing at home	1-0
Playing on the road	1-0
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night	0-0
Playing during the day	2-0
ISU scores on first possession	1-0
Opponent scores on first possession	0-0
ISU scores first	1-0
Opponent scores first	1-0
ISU leads after 1st quarter	1-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after first quarter	1-0
ISU leads at halftime	2-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0
Tied at halftime	0-0
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	2-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-0
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game goes into overtime	0-0
ISU has more total yards	2-0
Opponent has more total yards	0-0
ISU has more rushing yards	2-0
Opponent has more rushing yards	0-0
ISU has more passing yards	2-0
Opponent has more passing yards	0-0
ISU has more turnovers	1-0
Opponent has more turnovers	0-0
Teams have equal turnovers	1-0
ISU has more penalties	1-0
Opponent has more penalties	1-0
Penalties are equal	0-0
ISU has more time of possession	0-0
Opponent has more time of possession	2-0
ISU has 100-yard rusher	1-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-0
ISU scores at least 20 points	2-0
Opponent scores at least 20 points	0-0
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0
Playing on natural grass	0-0
Playing on artificial surface	2-0
ISU defense scores	1-0
Opponent defense scores	0-0
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/02/2023	Dayton	W	41-0	1-0	0-0	2:59	6740
*	09/09/2023	at Western Ill.	W	34-18	2-0	1-0	3:16	3648



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Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
Scoring	75	18
Points per game	37.5	9.0
Points Off Turnovers	7	3
First Downs	47	33
Rushing	18	11
Passing	23	17
Penalty	6	5
Rushing Yardage	469	92
Yards gained rushing	483	215
Yards lost rushing	14	123
Rushing attempts	65	75
Average per rush	7.2	1.2
Average per game	234.5	46.0
TDs Rushing	7	1
Passing Yardage	465	305
Comp-Att-Int	47-63-0	39-71-0
Average per pass	7.4	4.3
Average per catch	9.9	7.8
Average per game	232.5	152.5
TDs Passing	2	1
Total offense	934	397
Total plays	128	146
Average per play	7.3	2.7
Average per game	467.0	198.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-6	5-94
Punt returns: #-Yards	3-14	2-53
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kick return average	3.0	18.8
Punt return average	4.7	26.5
Int return average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	4-2
Penalties-Yards	10-117	10-77
Average per game	58.5	38.5
Punts-Yards	9-312	13-480
Average per punt	34.7	36.9
Net punt average	26.6	34.3
Kickoffs-Yards	14-865	6-232
Average per kick	61.8	38.7
Net kick average	39.0	36.7
Time of possession / game	26:13	33:47
3rd-down conversion	12/26	14/38
3rd-down pct	46%	37%
4rd-down conversion	2/2	2/5



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	ILS	OPP
4rd-down pct	100%	40%
Sacks by-Yards	10-70	2-13
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	10	2
Field goals - attempts	2-2	2-4
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(7-7) 100%	(4-6) 67%
Red-zone touchdowns	(5-7) 71%	(2-6) 33%
PAT-attempts	(9-10) 90%	(0-1) 0%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-1) 0%
Attendance	6740	3648
Games / Avg per game	1/6740	1/3648
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois St.	21	23	17	14	0	75
Opponents	0	9	0	9	0	18



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Mason Blakemore	2	23	245	0	245	10.7	4	71	122.5
Cole Mueller	2	16	83	0	83	5.2	2	15	41.5
Wenkers Wright	2	8	73	1	72	9.0	1	48	36.0
Zack Annexstad	2	7	33	13	20	2.9	0	17	10.0
Cal Martine	2	4	18	0	18	4.5	0	9	9.0
Tommy Rittenhouse	2	3	13	0	13	4.3	0	7	6.5
I'Shawn Stewart	2	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Josh Robinson	1	3	8	0	8	2.7	0	6	8.0
Total	2	65	483	14	469	7.2	7	71	234.5
Opponents	2	75	215	123	92	1.2	1	13	46.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Zack Annexstad	2	151.0	41-56-0	73.2	440	2	47	220.0
Tommy Rittenhouse	2	115.7	6-7-0	85.7	25	0	10	12.5
Total	2	147.1	47-63-0	74.6	465	2	47	232.5
Opponents	2	95.7	39-71-0	54.9	305	1	43	152.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Daniel Sobkowicz	2	10	167	16.7	1	47	83.5
Cam Grandy	2	9	80	8.9	1	15	40.0
Eddie Kasper	2	8	107	13.4	0	32	53.5
Jalen Carr	1	5	40	8.0	0	26	40.0
I'Shawn Stewart	2	3	25	8.3	0	11	12.5
Cole Mueller	2	2	-3	-1.5	0	0	-1.5
Mason Blakemore	2	2	10	5.0	0	8	5.0
Brad Vierneisel	1	2	14	7.0	0	10	14.0
Brett Spaulding	1	1	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Javon Charles	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Braden Contreras	2	1	2	2.0	0	2	1.0
Camo Nelson	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Wenkers Wright	2	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Rylan Crawford	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Total	2	47	465	9.9	2	47	232.5
Opponents	2	39	305	7.8	1	43	152.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Eddie Kasper	3	14	4.7	0	13
Total	3	14	4.7	0	13
Opponents	2	53	26.5	0	45

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Javon Charles	1	6	6.0	0	6
Scotty Presson Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	6	3.0	0	6
Opponents	5	94	18.8	0	42

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lavoise-Deontae McCoy	1	0	0.0	1	0
Daniel Sobkowicz	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	4	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Mason Blakemore	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Cole Mueller	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ian Wagner	-	2-2	5-6	-	-	-	-	-	11
Cam Grandy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lavoise-Deontae McCoy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Daniel Sobkowicz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Wenkers Wright	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Jasek	-	-	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	10	2-2	9-10	0	0	0	0	0	75
Opponents	2	2-4	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	18

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Zack Annexstad	2	63	20	440	460	230.0
Mason Blakemore	2	23	245	0	245	122.5
Cole Mueller	2	16	83	0	83	41.5
Wenkers Wright	2	8	72	0	72	36.0
Tommy Rittenhouse	2	10	13	25	38	19.0
Cal Martine	2	4	18	0	18	9.0
I'Shawn Stewart	2	1	10	0	10	5.0
Josh Robinson	1	3	8	0	8	8.0
Total	2	128	469	465	934	467.0
Opponents	2	146	92	305	397	198.5

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Ian Wagner	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	43	0
Opponents	2-4	50.0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	37	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ian Wagner	9	312	34.7	44	1	4	2	0	0
Total	9	312	34.7	44	1	4	2	0	0
Opponents	13	480	36.9	56	1	1	2	2	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Illinois St.	Opponents
Dayton	(28),(43)	39,42
Western Ill.		(20),(37)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Ian Wagner	11	677	61.5	7	0			
Josh Jasek	3	188	62.7	2	0			
Total	14	865	61.8	9	0	4	39	26
Opponents	6	232	38.7	0	1	1	36.7	28

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Mason Blakemore	2	245	10	0	0	0	255	127.5
Daniel Sobkowicz	2	0	167	0	0	0	167	83.5
Eddie Kasper	2	0	107	14	0	0	121	60.5
Cole Mueller	2	83	-3	0	0	0	80	40.0
Cam Grandy	2	0	80	0	0	0	80	40.0
Wenkers Wright	2	72	-1	0	0	0	71	35.5
Jalen Carr	1	0	40	0	0	0	40	40.0
I'Shawn Stewart	2	10	25	0	0	0	35	17.5
Zack Annexstad	2	20	0	0	0	0	20	10.0
Cal Martine	2	18	0	0	0	0	18	9.0
Brad Vierneisel	1	0	14	0	0	0	14	14.0
Tommy Rittenhouse	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
Javon Charles	2	0	5	0	6	0	11	5.5
Camo Nelson	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
Josh Robinson	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Rylan Crawford	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	3.0
Brett Spaulding	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	3.0
Braden Contreras	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1.0
Total	2	469	465	14	6	0	954	477.0
Opponents	2	92	305	53	94	0	544	272.0



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Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
46	Tye Niekamp	2	8	6	14	3-11	0.5-3	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
3	Keondre Jackson	2	10	3	13	4-30	2-20	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
1	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy	2	6	7	13	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
22	Amir Abdullah	2	7	4	11	3.5-22	3-21	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
21	Jeff Bowens	2	9	.	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
16	Dillon Gearhart	2	7	2	9	2-10	1-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
17	Mark Cannon Jr.	2	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Jalan Gaines	2	5	3	8	2-11	1-9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Jake Anderson	2	2	4	6	2-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
49	Jacob Bellizzi	2	4	2	6	1-3	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
53	Darius Walker	2	.	5	5	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Greg Galloway	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Josh Dinga	2	1	3	4	1-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jack Dwyer	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Steven Curtis	2	1	2	3	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jake Siegal	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
58	D'Marco Cross	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
87	Nick Kessler	2	.	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Reese Edwards	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Nigel White	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Connor Leyden	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Darrell Talley III	2	1	1	2	1-3	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
25	Cam Wilson	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	CJ Hodgdon	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Jalen Monrrow	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Evan Sierra	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Peyton Cramer	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Daniel Sobkowicz	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
	Totals	2	77	66	143	22-101	10-70	0-0	8	10	2-0	1	0	0
	Opponents	2	74	64	138	5-18	2-13	0-0	6	1	4-0	3	0	0



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
09/02/2023	Dayton	24	193	3	71	29	280	1	47	29	37	0	280	1	47	0	0	0	0	2	13	0	13	473
09/09/2023	at Western Ill.	41	276	4	51	18	185	1	45	18	26	0	185	1	45	2	6	0	6	1	1	0	1	461
Illinois St.		65	469	7	71	47	465	2	47	47	63	0	465	2	47	2	6	0	6	3	14	0	13	934
Opponents		75	92	1	13	39	305	1	43	39	71	0	305	1	43	5	94	0	42	2	53	0	45	397

Illinois St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	7.2	9.9	147.1	3.0	4.7	477.0	467.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble ff fr-yds		Pass Defense int-yds qbh brup			blkd kick	PAT attempts kick rush rcv			off saf t/o pts	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds												
09/02/2023	Dayton	35	56	91	10.0-30	3-18	0	1-0	0-0	4	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	7 41
09/09/2023	at Western Ill.	42	10	52	12.0-71	7-52	1	1-0	0-0	6	4	0	4-5	0	0	0	0 34
Illinois St.		77	66	143	22.0-101	10-70	1	2-0	0-0	10	8	0	9-10	0	0	0	7 75
Opponents		74	64	138	5.0-18	2-13	3	4-0	0-0	1	6	0	0-1	0	0	0	3 18

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/02/2023	Dayton	3	97	32.3	44	0	0	2	0	1	2-2	43	0	8	492	61.5	5	0	
09/09/2023	at Western Ill.	6	215	35.8	44	0	1	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	6	373	62.2	4	0	
Illinois St.		9	312	34.7	44	0	1	4	0	2	2-2	43	0	14	865	61.8	9	0	
Opponents		13	480	36.9	56	0	1	1	2	2	2-4	37	0	6	232	38.7	0	1	



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Dayton	41-0	23 / 16	5 / 9	15 / 6	3 / 1	24-193 / 46-97	29-37-0 / 17-31-0	280 / 106	61-473 / 77-203	13 / 45	1 / 1
Western Ill.	34-18	24 / 17	13 / 2	8 / 11	3 / 4	41-276 / 29--5	18-26-0 / 22-40-0	185 / 199	67-461 / 69-194	7 / 102	3 / 1
Totals	75-18	47 / 33	18 / 11	23 / 17	6 / 5	65-469 / 75-92	47-63-0 / 39-71-0	465 / 305	128-934 / 146-397	20 / 147	4 / 2

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Dayton	6-12 / 5-19	0-0 / 2-4	23:21 / 36:39	-13:18	8.0 / 2.1	7.6 / 3.4	7.8 / 2.6	3-32.3 / 7-30.6	4-45.0 / 5-35.0	3 / 1
Western Ill.	6-14 / 9-19	2-2 / 0-1	29:05 / 30:55	-01:50	6.7 / -0.2	7.1 / 5.0	6.9 / 2.8	6-35.8 / 6-44.3	6-72.0 / 5-42.0	7 / 1
Totals	12-26 / 14-38	2-2 / 2-5	52:26 / 67:34	-15:08	7.2 / 1.2	7.4 / 4.3	7.3 / 2.7	9-34.7 / 13-36.9	10-117.0 / 10-77.0	10 / 2

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



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RUSHES	19	Mason Blakemore at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	170	Mason Blakemore at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
TD RUSHES	3	Mason Blakemore at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
LONG RUSH	71	Mason Blakemore vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	30	Zack Annexstad vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	Zack Annexstad vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
YARDS PASSING	255	Zack Annexstad vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
TD PASSES	1 1	Zack Annexstad at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Zack Annexstad vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
LONG PASS	47	Zack Annexstad vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
RECEPTIONS	6 6 6	Cam Grandy at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Daniel Sobkowicz vs Dayton (09/02/2023) Eddie Kasper vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
YARDS RECEIVING	90	Daniel Sobkowicz vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
TD RECEPTIONS	1 1	Cam Grandy at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Daniel Sobkowicz vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
LONG RECEPTION	47	Daniel Sobkowicz vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
PUNTS	6	Ian Wagner at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PUNTING AVG	35.8	Ian Wagner at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
LONG PUNT	44 44	Ian Wagner at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Ian Wagner vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1	Ian Wagner at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Ian Wagner vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Eddie Kasper vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	6	Javon Charles at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
TACKLES	9 9	Keondre Jackson at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Tye Niekamp vs Dayton (09/02/2023)
SACKS	2 2	Amir Abdullah at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Keondre Jackson at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	4	Keondre Jackson at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)



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RUSHES	41	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	276	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	8.0	Dayton (09/02/2023)
TD RUSHES	4	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Dayton (09/02/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	29	Dayton (09/02/2023)
YARDS PASSING	280	Dayton (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	7.6	Dayton (09/02/2023)
TD PASSES	1 1	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Dayton (09/02/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	67	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	473	Dayton (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.8	Dayton (09/02/2023)
POINTS	41	Dayton (09/02/2023)
SACKS BY	7	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	24	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PENALTIES	6	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	72	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
TURNOVERS	3	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PUNTS	6	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
PUNTING AVG	35.8	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023)
LONG PUNT	44 44	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Dayton (09/02/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1	at Western Ill. (09/09/2023) Dayton (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Dayton (09/02/2023)



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##	Player	GP-GS	UD	WU
0	Jalen Carr	1/0	XXX	...
1	I'Shawn Stewart	2/1	XXX	START
1	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy	2/2	START	START
2	Daniel Sobkowicz	2/2	START	START
3	Keondre Jackson	2/2	START	START
3	Mason Blakemore	2/0	XXX	XXX
4	Cole Mueller	2/2	START	START
4	CJ Hodgdon	1/0	XXX	...
5	Zack Annexstad	2/2	START	START
6	Nigel White	2/0	XXX	XXX
7	Camo Nelson	2/1	START	XXX
9	Braden Contreras	2/0	XXX	XXX
10	Reese Edwards	2/0	XXX	XXX
11	Scotty Presson Jr.	2/0	XXX	XXX
12	Tommy Donovan	0/0	...	...
13	Eddie Kasper	2/2	START	START
14	Mason Kaplan	0/0	...	...
15	Rylan Crawford	2/0	XXX	XXX
16	Dillon Gearhart	2/2	START	START
16	Tommy Rittenhouse	2/0	XXX	XXX
17	Jimmy Makuh	0/0	...	...
17	Mark Cannon Jr.	2/2	START	START
18	Evan Sierra	2/0	XXX	XXX
19	David Connors Jr.	0/0	...	...
20	Darrell Talley III	2/0	XXX	XXX
20	Joshua Ficklin	0/0	...	...
21	Jeff Bowens	2/2	START	START
22	Amir Abdullah	2/2	START	START
23	Paul Omodia	0/0	...	...
24	Josh Robinson	1/0	XXX	...
25	Cam Wilson	2/0	XXX	XXX
26	Teon Parks	2/0	XXX	XXX
27	Christian Kirenga	1/0	XXX	...
28	Chris Taylor	1/0	XXX	...
29	Dalonte Butcher	0/0	...	...
30	Brad Vierneisel	1/0	XXX	...
31	Ian Wagner	2/0	XXX	XXX
32	Cade Campos	0/0	...	...
32	Wenkers Wright	2/0	XXX	XXX
33	Connor Leyden	1/0	...	XXX
34	Jack Dwyer	2/0	XXX	XXX
34	Christian Keyhea	0/0	...	...
35	Anthony Corona	0/0	...	...
36	Zion Granville	0/0	...	...
36	Anthony Rockford	0/0	...	...
37	Camden Maas	0/0	...	...
38	Frank Schmitt	0/0	...	...
39	Solomon Oduma	0/0	...	...
40	Kayode Amusan	0/0	...	...
41	Hayden Futch	0/0	...	...
42	Trathon Tims	0/0	...	...
42	Jamarcus Smith	0/0	...	...
43	Patrick Bauer	0/0	...	...
44	Brad Gothelf	1/0	...	XXX
45	Cal Martine	2/0	XXX	XXX
46	Tye Niekamp	2/2	START	START
47	Mark Haering	0/0	...	...
48	Nate Kraus	1/0	XXX	...
49	Jacob Bellizzi	2/0	XXX	XXX
50	Jalan Gaines	2/2	START	START



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##	Player	GP-GS	UD	WIU
51	Jalen Monrrow	1/0	...	XXX
52	Jordan Greuel	0/0
53	Darius Walker	2/0	XXX	XXX
54	Justin Bromagen	1/0	XXX	...
56	Koby Sarna	1/0	XXX	...
57	Hunter Zambrano	0/0	...	...
58	D'Marco Cross	2/1	START	XXX
59	Steven Curtis	2/0	XXX	XXX
60	Boden Turner	0/0	...	...
61	Aaron Effert	0/0	...	...
62	Peyton Asche	2/0	XXX	XXX
63	Daniel Forystek	1/0	XXX	...
64	Peyton Cramer	2/0	XXX	XXX
65	Cody Zugenbuehler	0/0	...	...
66	Peter Bussone	0/0	...	...
67	Jake Pope	1/1	...	START
68	Landon Woodard	1/0	XXX	...
69	Micah Barnhart	0/0	...	...
71	Jacob Finley	0/0	...	...
72	Larry Ross	0/0	...	...
73	Brayden Jellison	0/0	...	...
74	Ron Carr	1/0	XXX	...
75	Ryan Gudaitis	0/0	...	...
76	Kobe Rios	0/0	...	...
77	John Golden	0/0	...	...
78	Ben Wallace	0/0	...	...
80	Michael Cosentino	0/0	...	...
81	Brett Spaulding	1/0	XXX	...
82	Max Ziebarth	2/0	XXX	XXX
83	Jack Tippmann	0/0	...	...
84	Tyreke Fortney	0/0	...	...
85	Javon Charles	2/0	XXX	XXX
86	Brady Probst	0/0	...	...
87	Nick Kessler	2/0	XXX	XXX
88	Nick Hawkins	0/0	...	...
89	Cam Grandy	2/2	START	START
90	Greg Galloway	2/0	XXX	XXX
91	Josh Dinga	2/2	START	START
92	Travis Jones	0/0	...	...
93	D'Marion Alexander	0/0	...	...
94	Ivan Erickson	0/0	...	...
95	Kylan Stevens	0/0	...	...
96	Josh Jasek	2/0	XXX	XXX
97	Jake Anderson	2/1	XXX	START
98	Jake Siegal	1/0	XXX	...
99	Claude Strnad	0/0	...	...