

ILLINOIS STATE FOOTBALL

57 ALL-AMERICANS • 16 NFL DRAFT PICKS • 382 MVFC SELECTIONS • THREE-TIME MVFC CHAMPIONS • 10 FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

2026 REDBIRD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
A29	ST. FRANCIS (ILL.) (ESPN+)	W, 76-0
S5	at Western Illinois (ESPN+)	W, 41-10
S12	at Northern Illinois (MW+)	W, 28-24
S19	EASTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN+)	W, 49-13
S26	at Northern Iowa* (ESPN+)	L, 28-21
O3	#2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE* (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
O17	at Southern Illinois* (ESPN)	TBA
O24	INDIANA STATE* (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O31	MURRAY STATE* (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
N7	at North Dakota* (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
N14	at Youngstown State* (ESPN+)	11 a.m.
N21	SOUTH DAKOTA* (ESPN+)	12 p.m.

All times Central and subject to change
MW+ - Game aired on Mountain West Network+
ESPN+ - Game streamed on ESPN+

REDBIRD COACHING STAFF

Brock Spack (f)	Head Coach
Travis Niekamp (pb)	DC/ILB
Mickey Turner (pb)	OC/WR
Max Caltagerone (f)	DL
Keyshawn Carpenter(f)	RB
Cody Defi (f)	S
Bob Dunn (f)	QB
Harold Etheridge (f)	OL
CJ Irvin (f)	TE
Dru Richardson (f)	DB
Kye Stewart (f)	OLB
Rodrick Weaver (f)	Def.
Jake Barro (pb)	Quality Control
Zach Bodway (f)	Quality Control
Nick Murray (f)	Quality Control

Game location: f - field, pb - press box

REDBIRD RADIO NETWORK

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

TV BROADCAST TALENT

Kurt Pegler, play-by-play
Clay Harbor, analyst
Matt Sosler, sideline

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#10/11 ILLINOIS STATE VS. #2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE



#10/11 Illinois State	#2 South Dakota State
4-1 Overall	4-1 Overall
0-1 MVFC	1-0 MVFC

Date: October 3, 2026
Time: 6 p.m. CT
Site: Normal, Ill.
Facility: Jay and Lori Bergman Field at Hancock Stadium
Capacity: 12,440
Series: SDSU leads 7-6
Last: ISU won 35-21 (Nov. 15, 2026)
Watch/Stream: ESPN+
Listen: WJBC 1230 AM / 102.1 FM / 98.9 FM
WJEZ/ The Varsity Network

THE GAME

Looking to bounce back after suffering its first loss of the season, No. 10/11 Illinois State will have a tough task ahead of it on Saturday as the Redbirds (4-1, 0-1 MVFC) welcome in the No. 2 South Dakota State Jackrabbits (4-1, 1-0 MVFC) for a big time FCS Top 10 showdown at Hancock Stadium.

THE SERIES

Illinois State and South Dakota State will meet for the 14th time in program history, with the Jackrabbits leading the all-time series 7-6. The teams have split the last four games in the series, with the Redbirds winning both of their games on the road in Brookings. ISU won three of the first five games in the series, which dates back to 2008, but the Jacks have won four of the last six overall including two straight at Hancock Stadium.

THE COACHES

Illinois State: Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983) is in his 18th season as the head coach at Illinois State (127-80). Spack guided the Redbirds to back-to-back shares of the MVFC title in 2014-15 and a pair of FCS Championship game appearances (2014, 2025). He has led the ISU to seven playoff appearances overall and became the program's all-time wins leader in 2021.

South Dakota State: Dan Jackson (Nebraska-Omaha, 2008) is in his second season as the head coach at South Dakota State (13-6). During his first season at the helm in 2025, Jackson led the Jackrabbits to a 9-5 overall record, including a 4-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. SDSU also advanced to the FCS playoffs for the 14th consecutive season, falling in the second round at Montana.

THE REDBIRD FOOTBALL PROGRAM

- 10 FCS playoff appearances (1998, 1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2024, 2025)
- 7-time FCS quarterfinalists (1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2025)
- 3-time FCS semifinalists (1999, 2014, 2025)
- 2-time FCS Championship game participant (2014, 2025)
- ISU is 16-2 against FCS opponents on the road the past three seasons
- The team is 72-27 in 18 seasons at home under Spack's guidance

2026 TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	SDSU	ILS
Scoring	214	215
Points Per Game	42.8	43.0
Points Allowed Per Game	16.4	15.0
First Downs	128	128
Rushing Yards Per Game	302.4	207.4
Rushing Defense Per Game	122.4	88.6
Passing Yards Per Game	223.6	240.8
Passing Defense Per Game	186.2	186.4
Total Offense Per Game	526.0	448.2
Total Defense Per Game	308.6	275.0

	SDSU	ILS
Field Goal Good/Attempts	8/11	2/2
Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown	2/1	3/4
Sacks By/Allowed	9/4	6/7
Kickoff Return Avg.	22.6	24.5
Punt Return Avg.	19.8	16.2
Fumbles/Lost	6/2	5/2
Penalties	30-249	38-359
Avg. Time of Possession	32:09	31:20
3rd-Down Conversions	25/66 (38%)	40/64 (63%)
4th-Down Conversions	10/12 (83%)	5/7 (71%)

QUICK FACTS

Institution Illinois State University
 Location Normal, Ill.
 Founded 1857
 Enrollment 21,577
 Nickname Redbirds
 Colors Red (PMS 186) & White
 Mascot Reggie Redbird
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)
 Conference Missouri Valley Football
 Facility Jay and Lori Bergman Field at Hancock Stadium
 University President..... Dr. Aondover Tarhule
 Director of Athletics..... Dr. Jeri Beggs
 NCAA Faculty Representative Dr. Maria Boerngen
 2025 Record 12-5
 Home 5-3
 Away 9-1
 Neutral 0-1
 2025 Missouri Valley Football Record 5-3
 2025 Missouri Valley Football Finish T-3rd
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 42/27
 Starters Returning/Lost..... 9/13

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Brock Spack, 127-80 (18th Year)
 Alma Mater Purdue, 1983
 Defensive Coordinator..... Travis Niekamp (ILB)
 Offensive Coordinator..... Mickey Turner (WR)
 Assistant Coaches..... KeyShawn Carpenter (RB)
 Max Caltagerone (DL)
 Cody Deti (S)
 Bob Dunn (QB)
 Harold Etheridge (OL)
 CJ Irvin (TE/FB)
 Dru Richardson (CB)
 Kye Stewart (ST/OLB)
 Rodrick Weaver Jr. (Defensive Assistant)
 Jake Barro (Def. Quality Control)
 Zach Bodway (Off. Quality Control)
 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..... Dalton Watt

WEEKLY MEDIA PRESS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 25 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 1 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 8 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 15 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 22 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 29 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 6 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 13 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 20 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 27 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 3 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 10 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 17 at Noon

THE BROCK SPACK SHOW

Schooners hosts and WJBC 1230-AM broadcasts The Brock Spack Show each Thursday live from 6-7 p.m.

Coach Spack and guests will join co-hosts John Fitzgerald and Ted Schmitz for the hour to talk about the previous week's game and the upcoming opponent. Schooners is located at 810 East Grove Street in Bloomington, and sits just off the corner of Grove and Clinton Streets.

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.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE													
Sunday	27	Monday	28	Tuesday	29	Wednesday	30	Thursday	1	Friday	2	Saturday	3
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.		Walk Through No player/coach availability		South Dakota State at Illinois State 6 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 2026 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 & 102.1 FM, 98.9 FM WJEZ (BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL-PONTIAC)**
- **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.

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

- South Dakota State University is located in Brookings, S.D., and has an enrollment of 11,901 students. The Jackrabbits are members of the Missouri Valley Football Conference and play their home games at the Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,340).
- The Jackrabbits head into the game as the No. 2 ranked team in the country in both national polls, holding a 4-1 record following a 42-7 defeat of Eastern Illinois last week at home.
- SDSU's stable of sophomore running backs combined to run for 317 yards and five touchdowns as the Jackrabbits shook off a slow start to earn the win over the Panthers. Josiah Johnson led the way with 121 yards and two touchdowns, while James Basinger rushed for 116 and two scores in the win.
- South Dakota State quarterback Chase Mason was one of 30 players named to the initial watch list for the Walter Payton Award. Limited to nine games in 2025 due to injury, Mason led SDSU to an 8-1 record in his starts and accounted for 21 touchdowns. Currently sidelined by an injury suffered late in the first half against Youngstown State, Mason has completed 49-of-89 passes (55.1 percent) for 834 yards with four touchdowns and one interception through four games.
- Linebacker Cullen McShane leads the way for the SDSU defense as a Buck Buchanan Watch List member. McShane currently leads the team with two sacks on the year to go along with 14 tackles on the year.

LAST TIME AGAINST THE JACKRABBITS (NOV. 15, 2025)

A 28-point first-quarter scoring barrage by Illinois State stunned host South Dakota State, as the No. 13 Redbirds raced out to a 35-0 lead and held on for a 35-21 win over the No. 15 ranked Jackrabbits at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. Daniel Sobkowicz became the school's all-time receiving touchdowns leader in the game with his three scores, giving him 33 in his career and moving him past Tyrone Walker (32) for the all-time lead. Linebacker Tye Niekamp led the Redbirds with a career-high 16 tackles in the win, as he was credited with nine solo stops, a forced fumble and a pass breakup against the Jacks.

HERRERA COMES UP BIG

Just five games into his career at Illinois State following a transfer from Eastern Illinois, tight end Alex Herrera is already making an immediate impact for the Redbirds. Herrera caught his first touchdown in a Redbird uniform in the road win in Week 2 at Western Illinois, and then followed that up with the biggest catch of his ISU career to date in the road win at Northern Illinois. Down 24-21 with under two minutes to play, Herrera caught a pass in the flat and rumbled his way 16 yards into the end zone for what would be the winning score in an FBS win over the Huskies. He also added a TD catch against his former team Eastern Illinois in Week 4 and one in Week 5 at UNI to give him four in as many games for the Redbirds.

THE TROPHY STAYS WHERE IT BELONGS

In what is usually a battle between Illinois State and Eastern Illinois in the annual Mid-America Classic, this year's matchup was lopsided in favor of the Redbirds as ISU held onto the trophy for the third-straight season and have now won eight of the last nine games overall against the Panthers. ISU won the game 49-13, which was the most points scored against EIU since 2012 when it scored 54 in a win at home, and the Redbird offense racked up 556 yards of total offense. The ISU defense was particularly stingy, allowing the Panthers just 66 yards on the ground while holding EIU to just 216 yards of total offense in the contest.

LORD GOES THE DISTANCE

Not only is junior wide receiver Dylan Lord one of the most explosive receivers in the FCS, but he is also proving to be a big threat returning punts for the Redbirds. Lord is averaging 28.3 yards per return and became the first Redbird to return a punt for a touchdown since 2015, when Anthony Warrum returned one for a score, in the win over EIU. Lord tallied a 79-yard punt return for a touchdown in the win, while also leading the team with 77 yards on six receptions. That performance earned him MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

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 14 seasons with .500 or better campaigns, including a 12-5 record in 2025 on way to the FCS National Championship game. Spack guided the Redbirds to three-straight playoff appearances from 2014-16 and has led the Redbirds to seven playoff appearances overall. With his win at Missouri State on Nov. 4, 2023, Spack recorded his 100th at Illinois State making him just the fourth coach in MVFC history with 100 or more wins at a league school.

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.....	6-5
2024.....	10-4 (FCS second round)
2025.....	12-5 (FCS runner-up)
2026.....	4-1
TOTAL	127-80 (.614)

WINS BREAKDOWN

Home	72-27
Away	55-51
Neutral	0-2
Conference (regular season).....	75-58
Non-Conference (regular season).....	39-15
FCS Playoffs.....	12-7
vs. Division I Opponents.....	4-9



2026 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
North Dakota	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800
South Dakota State	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800
Southern Illinois	1	0	1.000	3	2	.600
Northern Iowa	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500
Youngstown State	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Illinois State	0	1	.000	4	1	.800
South Dakota	0	1	.000	3	2	.600
Indiana State	0	1	.000	2	3	.400
Murray State	0	1	.000	1	4	.200

THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL

Saturday, October 3

- Murray State at North Dakota 1:00 P.M.
- Indiana State at South Dakota 2:00 P.M.
- Youngstown State at Southern Illinois 4:00 P.M.
- South Dakota State at Illinois State 6:00 P.M.

REDBIRD WEEKLY MVFC HONORS

- P Hayden Futch - Special Teams 8/31
- LB Tye Niekamp - Defense 9/14
- QB Gage Roy - Newcomer 9/14
- WR/PR Dylan Lord - Special Teams 9/21

FCS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- LB Tye Niekamp - Defense 9/14



ILLINOIS BRAGGING RIGHTS ON THE LINE

As Route 66 celebrates its 100th anniversary this year in towns all across the state of Illinois, the Redbirds will be looking to cement themselves as one of the top programs in the state in 2026. For the first time since 2019, the Redbirds will take on Western Illinois, Eastern Illinois, Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois in the same season. That year, the Redbirds went 3-1 against the teams with the lone loss coming to the Huskies of NIU. This year, the Redbirds are off to a 3-0 start with wins at Western Illinois and Northern Illinois and at home against Eastern Illinois, with the lone in-state rivalry game remaining at Southern Illinois on Oct. 17.

FINDING THE END ZONE FOR THE FIRST TIME

Coming off one of the most memorable years in program history in 2025, the Redbirds returned with several key returners and some new faces on the offense. Through four games this year, nine players have scored their first career touchdowns as Redbirds. Tyler Lofton has been the biggest contributor with four rushing touchdowns and one more through the air, while Chase Kwiatkowski, Anthony Hall, and Albert Gooden III have all scored on the ground. Transfer QB Gage Roy has been stellar as well, with eight TD passes in his first four games for ISU, with three of those to transfer tight end Alex Herrera.

ROY SETTLING IN

With much uncertainty at the quarterback position headed into the season and no quarterback tabbed to be the full-time starter, transfer quarterback Gage Roy has not let that affect him a bit. Not only has he helped lead ISU to a 4-1 record and a comeback win over FBS foe Northern Illinois, but he is also near the top of the FCS in completion percentage at 72.1 which ranks sixth and ranks 14th in passing efficiency with a mark of 162.1. Despite still splitting time with Beckham Pellant, Roy seems to be settling in as great option behind center for the Redbirds.

HOMETOWN KID MAKES GOOD

Playing just across town at Normal Community High School, Mar'Quan Gary had his sights set on making big plays for the Redbirds someday. That day came against Eastern Illinois, as Gary caught the first touchdown pass of his career in the win over the Panthers. Quarterback Beckham Pellant found Gary wide open for a 37-yard TD against the Panthers, the first of what he hopes will be many in his career at Hancock Stadium for his hometown team.

ROAD WARRIORS

Over the past three seasons, Illinois State has been very comfortable going on the road picking up key victories away from home. In the past three years, ISU is 17-4 on the road with two of those losses coming to FBS foes Iowa (2024) and Oklahoma (2025). In 2024, the Redbirds won six-straight FCS road games before suffering a second-round playoff loss to UC Davis and in 2025, the Redbirds went 9-0 on the road against FCS foes. ISU's road winning streak moved to 11 in a row after the team's 28-24 road win at Northern Illinois in Week 3.

THE STREAK CONTINUES

Redbird teams have been very successful scoring on defense under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack. Thanks to a 46-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jack Oliver in the road win at NIU, the Redbirds extended their streak to 18 straight seasons with at least one defensive touchdown scored.

REDBIRD DUO EARN WEEKLY HONORS

Not only did a pair of Redbirds earn weekly honors from the MVFC following the team's road win at NIU, but linebacker Tye Niekamp was also named the Stats Perform National FCS Defensive Player of the Week. He was joined as a weekly MVFC honoree by quarterback Gage Roy, who was named the league's Newcomer of the Week. Niekamp came up huge for the Redbirds, posting 11 tackles, two sacks and 3.0 tackles-for-loss in a win over NIU. Roy earned his first career start at ISU and completed 20-of-23 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns in the victory over the Huskies, including the game-winning touchdown throw late in the fourth quarter.

FEAR THE FCS

Illinois State is one of five FCS programs to record a win over an FBS foe so far this season, following their come-from-behind 28-24 road win at Northern Illinois. The win was the fourth for the Redbirds under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack and their first since 2018, when ISU earned a road win at Colorado State. The Redbirds also have FBS wins over Eastern Michigan (2012) and at Northwestern (2016) since 2009.

GAVRIC MAKING AN IMPACT

After redshirting as a true freshman last season, Stevan Gavric had the opportunity to learn from one of the best wide receivers in FCS football in Dan Sobkowicz and hone his skills alongside one of the best to ever do it at Illinois State. That experience seems to be paying off for Gavric early on in 2026, as he has recorded a touchdown in each of the first two wins for ISU. He caught the first of his career in the opener against St. Francis, and then followed that up with a 36-yard touchdown catch from Gage Roy in the road victory at Eastern Illinois. He's averaging 15.3 yards per catch on the year early on and has added another weapon to the passing game that already includes standouts Dylan Lord and Luke Mailander.

IMPRESSIVE START TO THE YEAR

The No. 4 team in the country certainly played like that in the season opener against St. Francis (Ill.), as the Redbirds scored 76 points on way to a shutout win over the Fighting Saints. The 76 points scored are the second-most in program history (80 vs. Eureka in 1937 is the record) and the most ever scored inside Hancock Stadium. ISU racked up 589 yards of total offense in the win, with 353 of those coming on the ground. The defense also forced an interception and held the Saints to just 14 yards rushing in the contest, as 13 different players caught passes in the victory for the Redbirds. The Redbirds also started the game scoring touchdowns on its first 10 possessions and scored TDs on 11 of the 13 total drives on the game.

FIVE REDBIRDS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

A quartet of Illinois State standouts were tabbed as preseason FCS All-Americans by Stats Perform. Senior linebacker Tye Niekamp was named a First-Team selection, senior running back Victor Dawson and senior running earned Second-Team honors, and senior offensive lineman Landon Woodard and senior safety La'Shavion Brown garnered Third-Team plaudits. In addition, wide receiver Luke Mailander was named a fourth-team preseason All-American by Phil Steele.

THE WATCH IS ON FOR NIEKAMP AND DAWSON

Already a three-time All-American in his career, Illinois State linebacker Tye Niekamp has earned a spot among the best defenders in the FCS, as he was named to the Stats Perform 30-player preseason watch list for the 2026 Buck Buchanan Award, presented annually to the national defensive player of the year in Division I FCS college football. Niekamp is one of five returning finalists from 2025 on this year's watch list, as he finished eighth in the Buck Buchanan Award voting following last season. Senior running back Victor Dawson has also earned a spot among the best offensive players in the country, as he was named to the Stats Perform 30-player preseason watch list for the iconic Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually to the national offensive player of the year in Division I FCS college football and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary season. Dawson was a 2025 MVFC All-Newcomer Team selection and ranked third in the MVFC in rushing yards with 1,377 yards.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (first-place votes)	Record	Points	Prv Rank
1. Montana State (49)	5-0	1417	1
2. South Dakota State* (8)	4-1	1365	2
3. Montana	4-1	1284	5
4. Tarleton State	4-0	1273	4
5. North Dakota*	4-1	1105	7
6. Lehigh	5-0	1093	6
7. Stephen F. Austin	5-0	1078	9
8. Youngstown State*	3-2	1035	11
9. Tennessee Tech	4-0	950	12
10. ILLINOIS STATE*	4-1	905	3
11. Austin Peay	4-1	876	13
12. Idaho State	4-0	777	14
13. South Dakota*	3-2	756	8
14. Lamar	3-1	702	15
15. South Carolina State	5-0	637	16
16. UC Davis	3-2	558	10
17. West Florida	3-1	409	20
18. Campbell	4-1	385	22
19. Northern Arizona	3-2	371	18
20. Harvard	2-0	305	21
21. Southern Illinois*	3-2	249	24
22. Colgate	4-1	222	NR
23. Mercer	3-2	147	25
24. Richmond	4-1	134	NR
25. Jackson State	4-0	103	NR

* Missouri Valley Football Conference member

2026 Illinois State opponent in bold italics

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Points	Record	Prv Rank
1. Montana State (25)	5-0	625	1
2. South Dakota State*	4-1	590	2
3. Tarleton State	4-0	568	3
4. Montana	4-1	550	4T
5. Stephen F. Austin	5-0	521	6
6. Lehigh	5-0	484	7
7. North Dakota*	4-1	467	8
8. Tennessee Tech	4-0	429	10
9. Austin Peay	4-1	420	11
10. Youngstown State*	3-2	386	13
11. ILLINOIS STATE*	4-1	370	4T
12. South Carolina St.	5-0	329	14
13. Lamar	3-1	322	15
14. Idaho State	4-0	311	16
15. UC Davis	3-2	236	9
16. South Dakota*	3-2	223	12
17. Richmond	4-1	196	19
18. West Florida	3-1	193	20
19. Northern Arizona	3-2	175	17
20. Colgate	4-1	155	23T
21. Mercer	3-2	117	23T
22. Harvard	2-0	82	25
23. Jackson State	4-0	72	NR
24. Campbell	4-1	71	NR
25. Southern Illinois*	3-2	57	NR

* Missouri Valley Football Conference member

2026 Illinois State opponent in bold italics

REDBIRDS IN THE POLLS

	STATS	COACHES
Preseason	4	4
Week 1	4	4
Week 2	5	4
Week 3	5	4
Week 4	3	4
Week 5	10	11

START CHART

OFFENSE

Player	2026	Career
Abbs	0	1
Brasfield	5	18
Dawson	3	10
Gary	1	1
Gavric	1	1
Glatz	0	1
B. Jellison	5	14
Lofton	2	2
Lord	5	19
Mailander	4	20
Pellant	2	3
Rockford	2	2
Roy	3	3
True	4	4
Wallace	5	15
Wedderburn	5	5
Woodard	5	35
Ziebarth	3	3

DEFENSE

Player	2026	Career
Boals	4	4
Brown	5	20
Coleman	5	5
DuBose	5	5
Garcia	1	1
Harman	5	9
Jones	5	5
Kaplan	5	22
D. Niekamp	5	5
T. Niekamp	5	44
Oduma	5	5
Oliver	5	5

TEAM CAPTAINS

Victor Dawson*	Offense
Tye Niekamp*	Defense
Hayden Futch*	Special Teams
Mason Kaplan	Game 1
Seth Glatz	Game 2
Landon Woodard	Game 3
Alex Herrera	Game 4

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
LT	57	Jaden Wedderburn	6-4	330	5th	5	5	Glassboro, N.J.
	55	Cooper Monk	6-6	310	So.	3	3	Manteno, Ill.
LG	68	Landon Woodard	6-5	335	5th	5	36	Waukesha, Wis.
	74	Dominic McKibbin	6-4	310	So.	3	3	Normal, Ill.
C	66	Brayden Jellison	6-4	310	Sr.	5	28	Elkhart, Ind.
	75	Caiden Abbs	6-3	320	So.	3	4	Fort Wayne, Ind.
RG	78	Ben Wallace	6-5	325	Sr.	5	30	Germantown Hills, Ill.
	60	Duncan McDonald	6-5	315	5th	3	3	Newbury, Mass.
RT	70	Logan Brasfield	6-3	320	Jr.	5	21	Yorkville, Ill.
	71	Jacob Finley	6-9	340	Sr.	5	5	Sherman, Ill.
TE	11	Max Ziebarth	6-5	250	5th	5	47	Hudson, Ill.
	7	Nick True	6-5	240	Sr.	5	10	Carpentersville, Ill.
WR	84	Luke Mailander	5-11	180	Jr.	5	22	Elmhurst, Ill.
	18	Stevan Gavric	6-3	195	So.	5	5	Libertyville, Ill.
WR	24	Andrew Rockford	6-3	205	5th	5	14	Springfield, Ill.
	3	Mar'Quan Gary	6-0	180	So.	5	13	Bloomington, Ill.
WR	4	Dylan Lord	5-9	185	Jr.	5	25	Chandler, Ariz.
	1	Ian Willis	5-9	180	So.	5	5	Naperville, Ill.
QB	12	Gage Roy	6-2	210	5th	5	5	Dallas, Texas
	-or- 8	Beckham Pellant	6-0	195	Jr.	5	14	Chandler, Ariz.
RB	5	Victor Dawson	5-11	225	6th	5	22	Akron, Ohio
	27	Tyler Lofton	5-10	225	So.	5	5	Crete, Ill.

DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
DT	92	Travis Jones	6-3	295	Sr.	5	33	Herscher, Ill.
	97	Aden Cannon	6-6	270	5th	5	5	Carmel, Ind.
NOSE	51	Wyatt Boals	6-3	300	Jr.	5	22	Middlebury, Ind.
	76	Valentino Garcia	6-3	340	Jr.	5	12	Orlando, Fla.
DE	91	Ben Harman	6-6	275	Jr.	5	12	Stoughton, Wis.
	98	Logan Jellison	6-5	275	Jr.	5	5	Elkhart, Ind.
JACK	44	Dexter Niekamp	6-3	250	Jr.	5	26	Normal, Ill.
	26	Jamaricus Thomas	6-3	240	So.	5	5	Birmingham, Ala.
SLB	6	Solomon Oduma	6-3	225	Jr.	5	22	Fort Wayne, Ind.
	22	Nio Espinoza	6-2	235	Jr.	5	22	Charlotte, N.C.
MLB	46	Tye Niekamp	6-3	245	5th	5	47	Normal, Ill.
	35	Anthony Corona	6-2	230	Jr.	5	26	Silver Lake, Wis.
WLB	14	Mason Kaplan	6-2	235	6th	5	23	Peachtree Corners, Ga.
	38	Ben Cooper	6-1	225	Jr.	5	22	Des Plaines, Ill.
CB	8	Doreon Dubose	5-11	170	Jr.	5	26	St. Louis, Mo.
	10	Key Crowell	5-11	170	Jr.	5	5	Lebanon, Tenn.
SS	4	La'Shavion Brown	6-2	220	Sr.	5	22	Fairhope, Ala.
	9	Rylan Crawford	6-3	205	5th	5	47	Leo, Ind.
FS	3	Jordan Coleman	6-0	195	5th	5	5	Saint Peters, Mo.
	18	Evan Sierra	6-0	205	Sr.	5	44	Orlando, Fla.
CB	10	Key Crowell	5-11	170	Jr.	5	5	Lebanon, Tenn.
	16	Rico Clay	6-3	195	So.	4	4	Quincy, Ill.

SPECIALISTS

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
KO	39	Drew Drzonek	5-11	185	Fr.	5	5	Orland Park, Ill.
	31	Ari Daniels	6-2	190	So.	2	2	Frankfort, Ill.
PK	80	Michael Cosentino	5-7	170	5th	5	10	Northbrook, Ill.
	39	Drew Drzonek	5-11	185	Fr.	5	5	Orland Park, Ill.
P	41	Hayden Futch	6-1	205	Sr.	5	36	Valdosta, Ga.
	31	Ari Daniels	6-2	190	So.	2	4	Frankfort, Ill.
KR	3	Mar'Quan Gary	6-0	180	So.	5	13	Bloomington, Ill.
	28	Chris Taylor	6-0	185	Sr.	5	27	Normal, Ill.
PR	4	Dylan Lord	5-9	185	Jr.	5	25	Chandler, Ariz.
	1	Ian Willis	5-9	180	So.	5	5	Naperville, Ill.
HO	41	Hayden Futch	6-1	205	Sr.	5	36	Valdosta, Ga.
	12	Gage Roy	6-2	210	5th	5	5	Dallas, Texas
LS	96	Bryce Waszczyk	5-11	200	So.	5	5	Park Ridge, Ill.
	56	Jackson Buchanan	6-1	250	Fr.	5	5	Genoa City, Wis.

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
0	Dereon Crowe	LB	6-1	230	So.	Owensboro, Ken. / Owensboro Catholic HS	47	Mark Haering	LB	6-1	210	Sr.	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood HS
1	Ian Willis	WR	5-9	180	So.	Naperville, Ill. / St. Francis HS	50	Ivan Erickson	OL	6-6	280	Sr.	Batavia, Ill. / Marmion Academy
2	Seth Glatz	RB	5-11	205	5th	Morton, Ill. / Morton HS / Western Illinois	51	Wyatt Boals	DL	6-3	300	Jr.	Middlebury, Ind. / Northridge HS
3	Jordan Coleman	DB	6-0	195	5th	Saint Peters, Mo. / DeSmet Jesuit HS / Ball State	52	Mattox Kelly	DL	6-5	265	So.	Florence, Ken. / Beechwood HS
3	Mar'Quan Gary	WR	6-0	190	So.	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community HS	53	Kevin Michaelson	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / St. Patrick HS
4	La'Shavion Brown	DB	6-2	220	Sr.	Fairhope, Ala. / Fairhope HS / Hutchinson CC	54	Josh Gettemy	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS
4	Dylan Lord	WR	5-9	190	Jr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Hamilton HS	55	Cooper Monk	OL	6-6	310	So.	Manteno, Ill. / Manteno HS
5	Victor Dawson	RB	5-11	225	6th	Akron, Ohio / Hoban HS / Cincinnati	56	Jackson Buchanan	LS	6-1	250	Fr.	Genoa City, Wis. / Badger HS
6	Solomon Oduma	LB	6-3	225	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll HS	57	Jaden Wedderburn	OL	6-4	330	5th	Glassboro, N.J. / The Peddie School / Princeton
7	Nick True	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Carpentersville, Ill. / Jacobs HS / Illinois	58	Mark Helm	OL	6-6	290	Jr.	Springfield, Ill. / Glenwood HS
8	Doreon Dubose	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College HS	59	Ryan McGarry	OL	6-3	275	So.	Oak Brook, Ill. / Hinsdale Central HS
8	Beckham Pellant	QB	6-0	195	Jr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Hamilton HS	60	Duncan MacDonald	OL	6-5	315	5th	Newbury, Mass. / Milton Academy / Vanderbilt
9	Rylan Crawford	DB	6-3	205	5th	Leo, Ind. / Leo HS	62	Hunter Ducharme	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Lockport, N.Y. / Starpoint HS / Iowa Central CC
10	Key Crowell	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	Lebanon, Tenn. / Lebanon HS / East Carolina	63	Chris Hill Jr.	OL	6-3	290	5th	Braidwood, Ill. / Reed Custer HS / Millikin
10	Andrew Knight II	QB	6-0	170	Fr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. / Martin Luther King Jr. HS	64	Peter LaFleur	OL	6-2	310	Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill. / Saint Viator HS
11	Max Ziebarth	TE	6-5	250	5th	Hudson, Ill. / Normal West HS	66	Brayden Jellison	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart HS
12	Gage Roy	QB	6-2	210	5th	Dallas, Texas / Jesuit Dallas HS / USC	67	Hunter Caudill	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Parish Episcopal HS
12	Devin Viola	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago HS	68	Landon Woodard	OL	6-5	335	5th	Waukesha, Wis. / Waukesha West HS
13	Jack Oliver	DB	6-3	195	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods HS	69	Mezziahs McDaniel	OL	6-4	330	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Brownsburg HS
13	Alex Herrera	TE	6-2	240	5th	Linden, Calif. / Linden HS / Eastern Illinois	70	Logan Brasfield	OL	6-3	320	Jr.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS / Coastal Carolina
14	Mason Kaplan	LB	6-2	235	6th	Peachtree Corners, Ga. / Norcross HS / Valparaiso	71	Jacob Finley	OL	6-9	340	Sr.	Sherman, Ill. / Williamsville HS
15	Chase Kwiatkowski	QB	6-2	215	So.	Dyer, Ind. / St. Laurence HS	73	Gabriel Nege	DL	6-6	285	So.	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community HS
16	Rico Clay	DB	6-3	195	So.	Quincy, Ill. / Quincy HS	74	Dominic McKibbin	OL	6-4	310	So.	Normal, Ill. / Bloomington Central Catholic HS
17	Cooper Kmet	QB	6-2	205	So.	Barrington, Ill. / St. Viator HS	75	Caiden Abbs	OL	6-3	320	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll HS
17	Nick Ori	DB	6-2	210	Fr.	Lake Bluff, Ill. / Libertyville HS	76	Valentino Garcia	DL	6-3	340	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep HS
18	Stevan Gavric	WR	6-3	195	So.	Libertyville, Ill. / Libertyville HS	77	Jace Pankey	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Onarga, Ill. / Iroquois West HS
18	Evan Sierra	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep	78	Ben Wallace	OL	6-5	325	Sr.	Germantown Hills, Ill. / Metamora HS
19	Ethan Loss	WR	6-0	200	5th	Mahtomedi, Minn. / Mahtomedi HS / Butler	79	Zach Poole	OL	6-6	330	Fr.	Lincoln, Ill. / Lincoln Community HS
21	Kaden Leheuw	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Grace Prep Academy	80	Nick Arogundade	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy
21	Quentin Skillings	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Williams Field HS	80	Michael Cosentino	K	5-7	170	5th	Northbrook, Ill. / Glenbrook North HS / Elon
22	Nio Espinoza	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Butler HS / Limestone University	81	Luke Olson	LB	6-3	215	So.	Chicago, Illinois / Notre Dame College Prep
23	Ju'Maria Hamilton	DB	6-1	195	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Fairfield Prep HS	82	Jake Cestone	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Addison, Ill. / Nazareth Academy
24	Andrew Rockford	WR	6-3	205	5th	Springfield, Ill. / Sacred Heart Griffin HS / Monmouth College	83	Chase Markowicz	WR	6-2	170	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. / Lincoln-Way West HS
25	Albert Gooden III	RB	6-1	210	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central HS	84	Luke Mailander	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Elmhurst, Ill. / York Community HS
25	Santino Bernabei	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. / Maine South HS	85	Will Strong	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Tipp City, Ohio / Tippecanoe HS
26	Jamaricus Thomas	LB	6-3	240	So.	Birmingham, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS	86	Brady Probst	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg HS
27	Tyler Lofton	RB	5-10	225	So.	Crete, Ill. / Brother Rice HS	87	Alex Wood	TE	6-5	260	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo. / Helias Catholic HS
28	Chris Taylor	DB	6-0	185	Sr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS	88	Travis Stamm	WR	6-3	185	So.	Willow Springs, Ill. / Lyons Township HS
29	Aidan Crews	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Wildwood, Mo. / Eureka HS	89	Brady Goken	TE	6-3	235	So.	Wheaton, Ill. / Wheaton Warrenville South HS
30	Emmanuel Ofosu	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy	90	Hudson Samolinski	DL	6-3	295	Fr.	Winneconne, Wis. / Winneconne HS
31	Ari Daniels	K/P	6-2	190	So.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincolnway East HS	91	Ben Harman	DL	6-6	275	Jr.	Stoughton, Wis. / Stoughton HS
32	Wyatt Mueller	DB	6-2	205	So.	Quincy, Ill. / Quincy Notre Dame HS	92	Travis Jones	DL	6-3	295	Sr.	Herschler, Ill. / Herscher HS
32	Anthony Hall	RB	6-1	235	Sr.	Bristol, Wis. / Wilmot Union HS / Iowa Central CC	93	Jack Bochenczak	DL	6-5	265	Jr.	New Lenox, Ill. / Providence Catholic HS
33	Javien Jackson	DB	6-1	195	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton HS	94	Josh Crandall	DL	6-4	285	Fr.	Oregon, Ill. / Oregon HS
34	Dallas Amos	WR	6-0	175	So.	Evanston, Ill. / Evanston Township HS	95	Casey Roney	K	5-11	170	So.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora HS
35	Anthony Corona	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Silver Lake, Wis. / Wilmot Union HS	96	Bryce Waszczyk	LS	5-11	200	So.	Park Ridge, Ill. / Maine South HS
38	Ben Cooper	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Des Plaines, Ill. / Maine West HS	97	Aden Cannon	DL	6-6	270	5th	Carmel, Ind. / Guerin Catholic HS / Indiana
39	Drew Drzonek	K/P	5-11	185	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill. / Carl Sandburg HS	98	Logan Jellison	DL	6-5	275	Jr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart HS / Purdue
40	Diesel McFadden	LB	6-1	250	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / William Howard Taft HS	99	Owen Smith	DL	6-5	265	Fr.	Walworth, Wis. / Big Foot HS
41	Hayden Futch	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Berrien HS							
42	Draivyn Colvin	LB	6-3	240	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Staley HS							
44	Dexter Niekamp	LB	6-3	250	Jr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS							
46	Tye Niekamp	LB	6-3	245	5th	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS							

#34 • Dallas Amos • WR

Receptions: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Receiving Yards: 22 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 13 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#80 • Nick Arogundade • WR

Receptions: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Receiving Yards: 5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#51 • Wyatt Boals • DL

Tackles: 2, twice
 Solos: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Assists: 2 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Interceptions: 0

#4 • La'Shavion Brown • DB

Tackles: 9, twice
 Solos: 6, twice
 Assists: 5, four times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5, twice
 Interceptions: 1 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-1-25

#97 • Aden Cannon • DL

Tackles: 0
 Solos: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#3 • Jordan Coleman • DB

Tackles: 9 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Solos: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Assists: 6, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Interceptions: 0

#38 • Ben Cooper • LB

Tackles: 3, three times
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#35 • Anthony Corona • LB

Tackles: 8 at Southeastern Louisiana, 11-29-25
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.5, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#80 • Michael Cosentino • K

Field Goals Made: 3 at Villanova, 12-20-25
 Field Goal Attempts: 3 at Villanova, 12-20-25
 Long Field Goal: 35 at Villanova, 12-20-25

#94 • Josh Crandall • DL

Tackles: 1, twice
 Solos: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Assists: 1 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0

#9 • Rylan Crawford • DB

Receptions: 6 at South Dakota, 10-25-25
 Receiving Yards: 55 at North Dakota, 11-18-23
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 28 at North Dakota, 11-18-23

#29 • Aidan Crews • DB

Tackles: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Solos: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Assists: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#10 • Key Crowell • DB

Tackles: 6 at UNI, 9-26-29
 Solos: 3 at UNI, 9-26-29
 Assists: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#5 • Victor Dawson • RB

Rushing Attempts: 34 at Villanova, 12-20-25
 Rushing Yards: 155 at Villanova, 12-20-25
 Rushing TDs: 1, five times
 Long Rush: 69 at North Dakota State, 12-6-25
 Receptions: 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-1-25
 Receiving Yards: 23 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 24 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25

#8 • Doreon Dubose • DB

Tackles: 11 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Solos: 7 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Assists: 4 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.5 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Interceptions: 1, twice

#22 • Nio Espinoza • DB

Tackles: 6, twice
 Solos: 3, three times
 Assists: 3, three times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#41 • Hayden Futch • P

Punts: 9 at Oklahoma, 8-30-25
 Punt Yards: 397 at Oklahoma, 8-30-25
 Punt Average: 66.0 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Long Punt: 70 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Inside 20: 4 at Oklahoma, 8-30-25

#76 • Valentino Garcia • DL

Tackles: 4 vs. North Alabama, 9-20-25
 Solos: 1, twice
 Assists: 3, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#3 • Mar'Quan Gary • WR

Receptions: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Receiving Yards: 72 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Long Reception: 37 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#18 • Stevan Gavric • WR

Receptions: 4 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Receiving Yards: 56 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 40 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#2 • Seth Glatz • RB

Rushing Attempts: 12 at Indiana State, 11-8-25
 Rushing Yards: 85 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Rushing TDs: 2 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Long Rush: 58 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Receptions: 2 at Murray State, 10-11-25
 Receiving Yards: 51 at Murray State, 10-11-25
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 68 at Villanova, 12-20-25

#25 • Albert Gooden III • RB

Rushing Attempts: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Rushing Yards: 41 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Rushing TDs: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Long Rush: 31 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#32 • Anthony Hall • RB

Rushing Attempts: 11 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing Yards: 70 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Rushing TDs: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Long Rush: 24 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#91 • Ben Harman • DL

Tackles: 6 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 6 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Sacks: 1.5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 TFLs: 1.5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 Interceptions: 0

#47 • Mark Haering • LB

Tackles: 5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Solos: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Assists: 4 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0

#13 • Alex Herrera • TE

Receptions: 3 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Receiving Yards: 33 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 19 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#33 • Javien Jackson • DB

Tackles: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#98 • Logan Jellison • DL

Tackles: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Solos: 2 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Assists: 1, three times
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0

#92 • Travis Jones • DL

Tackles: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Solos: 1 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Assists: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Sacks: 1.0 at Eastern Illinois, 9-13-25
 TFLs: 1.0, twice
 Interceptions: 0

#14 • Mason Kaplan • LB

Tackles: 12 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Solos: 4, three times
 Assists: 11 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Sacks: 1.0 at Oklahoma, 8-30-25
 TFLs: 1.0, four times
 Interceptions: 2 at Southeastern Louisiana, 11-29-25

#17 • Cooper Kmet • QB

Completions: 0
 Attempts: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Passing Yards: 0
 TD Passes: 0
 Longest Pass: 0
 Interceptions: 0
 Rushing Yards: 0
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0

#15 • Chase Kwiatkowski • QB

Completions: 5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Attempts: 7 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Passing Yards: 42 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 TD Passes: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Longest Pass: 13 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0
 Rushing Yards: 76 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Receptions: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Receiving Yards: 12 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#21 • Kaden Lehw • LB

Tackles: 4 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Solos: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Assists: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0.5 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0

#27 • Tyler Lofton • RB

Rushing Attempts: 15 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing Yards: 119 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Rushing TDs: 2, twice
 Long Rush: 85 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Receptions: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Receiving Yards: 21 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Long Reception: 9 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#4 • Dylan Lord • WR

Receptions: 13 vs. Montana State, 1-5-26
 Receiving Yards: 161 vs. Montana State
 Touchdowns: 2 vs. Montana State, 1-5-26
 Long Reception: 48 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Punt Returns: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Long Punt Return: 37 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Punt Return Touchdown: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#19 • Ethan Loss • WR

Receptions: 4 at UNI, 9-26-29
 Receiving Yards: 28 at UNI, 9-26-29
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 17 at UNI, 9-26-29

#84 • Luke Mailander • WR

Receptions: 5 at Eastern Illinois, 9-13-25
 Receiving Yards: 109 at Eastern Illinois, 9-13-25
 Touchdowns: 1, three times
 Long Reception: 46 at Eastern Illinois, 9-13-25

#32 • Wyatt Mueller • DB

Tackles: 5 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Solos: 2 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Assists: 4 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#44 • Dexter Niekamp • LB

Tackles: 6 at Southeastern Louisiana, 11-29-25
 Solos: 3, twice
 Assists: 5 at Indiana State, 11-8-25
 Sacks: 2.0 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 TFLs: 2.0 at South Dakota State, 11-15-25
 Interceptions: 1, three times

#46 • Tye Niekamp • LB

Tackles: 16, twice
 Solos: 11 at South Dakota, 10-25-25
 Assists: 10 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Sacks: 2.0 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 TFLs: 3.0, twice
 Interceptions: 1, five times

#6 • Solomon Oduma • LB

Tackles: 7 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Solos: 7 at UC Davis, 12-13-25
 Assists: 6 at Villanova, 12-20-25
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.0, three times
 Interceptions: 0

#30 • Emmanuel Ofosu • DB

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

#13 • Jack Oliver • DB

Tackles: 3 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Solos: 2 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Assists: 3 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 1 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26

#81 • Luke Olson • LB

Tackles: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 0

#8 • Beckham Pellant • QB

Completions: 9 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Attempts: 22 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Passing Yards: 132 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 TD Passes: 2 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Longest Pass: 48 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Interceptions: 1 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Rushing Yards: 6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0

#86 • Brady Probst • TE

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 20 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 20 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#24 • Andrew Rockford • WR

Receptions: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Receiving Yards: 18 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 15 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26

#12 • Gage Roy • QB

Completions: 20 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Attempts: 39 at UNI, 9-26-29
 Passing Yards: 193 at UNI, 9-26-29
 TD Passes: 3 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Longest Pass: 36 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
 Interceptions: 0
 Rushing Yards: 29 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0

#18 • Evan Sierra • DB

Tackles: 3 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Solos: 1 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Assists: 2 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#21 • Quentin Skillings • RB

Rushing Attempts: 7 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing Yards: 21 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Rushing TDs: 0
 Long Rush: 9 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#88 • Travis Stamm • WR

Receptions: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Receiving Yards: 18 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Long Reception: 10 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26

#26 • Jamaricus Thomas • LB

Tackles: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
 Interceptions: 0

#7 • Nick True • TE

Receptions: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Receiving Yards: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
 Long Reception: 3 vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25

#1 • Ian Willis • WR

Receptions: 3, twice
 Receiving Yards: 37 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 15 vs. St. Francis, 8-29-26

#11 • Max Ziebarth • TE

Receptions: 3 at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
 Receiving Yards: 7, twice
 Touchdowns: 1, three times
 Long Reception: 7, twice

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	119, Victor Dawson vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26
Rushed for 200 yards	210, James Robinson at Central Arkansas, 12-7-19
Passed for 200 yards	311, Tommy Rittenhouse vs. Montana State, 1-5-26
Passed for 300 yards	311, Tommy Rittenhouse vs. Montana State, 1-5-26
Passed for 400 yards	419, Brady Davis vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Had 10 receptions	12, Dylan Lord at UNI, 9-26-26
Had 100 yards receiving	161, Dylan Lord vs. Montana State, 1-5-26
Returned a punt for a TD	Dylan Lord (79 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
Returned a kickoff for a TD	Chris Taylor (91 yards) at UC Davis, 12-13-25
Returned an interception for a TD	Jack Oliver (46 yards) at Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
Returned a fumble for a TD	Cam Wilson (27 yards) vs. Morehead State, 9-6-25
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy (58 yards) vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Sy Dabney recovery (0 yards) at South Dakota State, 11-12-19
Rushed for three touchdowns	3, Wenkers Wright at Eastern Illinois, 9-13-25
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Gage Roy vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Daniel Sobkowicz at North Dakota State, 12-6-25
Made three field goals	3, Michael Cosentino at Villanova, 12-20-25
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	85 (TD), Tyler Lofton vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26
Had a 70-yard pass completion	93 (TD) Tommy Rittenhouse to Daniel Sobkowicz at UC Davis, 12-13-25
Had 20 tackles	22, Cameron Siskowic vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-16-06
Had a 50-yard field goal	51, Matt Maldonado vs. North Alabama, 9-20-25
Had a 70-yard punt	70, Hayden Futch vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	409 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-13-18
300 yards rushing	353 vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26
400 yards passing	419 vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
300 yards passing	314 at Indiana State, 11-8-25
600 yards total offense	633 at Murray State, 10-19-24
30 first downs	34 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
50 points	76 vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 8-29-26
Scored a safety	North Dakota State, 10-4-25
Posted a shutout	Illinois State 76, St. Francis (Ill.) 0, 8-29-26
Held an opponent under 100 yards rushing	52 at Western Illinois, 9-5-26
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	66 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-19-26
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	179 at North Dakota State, 12-6-25
Held an opponent under 100 total yards	30, Saint Xavier, 9-1-18
Blocked a punt	vs. Indiana State, 10-14-23
Blocked a field goal	vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
Blocked an extra point attempt	vs. Southern Illinois, 10-1-22

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	Eddie Robinson (134) & DJ Williams (134), Southern Illinois, 11-22-25
Rushed for 200 yards	200, Beau Brungard, Youngstown State, 10-18-25
Passed for 200 yards	217, Jaxon Dailey, UNI, 9-26-26
Passed for 300 yards	402, Caden Pinnick, UC Davis, 12-13-25
Passed for 400 yards	402, Caden Pinnick, UC Davis, 12-13-25
Had 10 receptions	11, DeAree Rogers, Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
Had 100 yards receiving	111, Taco Dowler, Montana State, 1-5-26
Returned a punt for a TD	52, Jackson Williams, North Dakota State, 12-6-25
Returned a kickoff for a TD	David Johnson (98 yards), Northern Iowa, 11-1-14
Returned an interception for a TD	Andruw Ellis (30 yards), Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
Returned a fumble for a TD	Michale Teason (42 yards), Missouri State, 10-12-24
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	4, DJ Williams, Southern Illinois, 11-22-25
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Caden Pinnick, UC Davis, 12-13-25
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Joe Logan, Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Made three field goals	3, Caden Palmer, Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	73, Cole Payton, North Dakota State, 9-28-24
Had a 70-yard pass completion	78, Cole Payton to Bryce Lance, North Dakota State, 12-6-25
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	Grant Burkett, Missouri State, 10-12-24

OPPONENT TEAM

400 yards rushing	413, North Dakota State, 10-25-08
300 yards rushing	307, North Dakota State, 9-28-24
400 yards passing	411, Eastern Illinois, 9-13-254
300 yards passing	328, Youngstown State, 10-18-25
500 yards total offense	561, Youngstown State, 10-18-25
30 first downs	34, Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
50 points	59, Youngstown State, 10-12-13
Scored a safety	Youngstown State, 11-2-24
Posted a shutout	Iowa 40, Illinois State 0, 8-31-24
Held ISU under 100 yards rushing	73, Southern Illinois, 11-22-25
Held ISU under 100 yards passing	34, Oklahoma, 8-30-25
Held ISU under 200 total yards	151, Oklahoma, 8-30-25
Held ISU under 100 total yards	99, North Dakota State, 10-16-21
Blocked a punt	Northern Illinois, 9-12-26
Blocked a field goal	Montana State, 1-5-26
Blocked an extra point attempt	Montana State, 1-5-26

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

	2026
Playing at home	2-0
Playing on the road	2-1
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night	3-0
Playing during the day	1-1
ISU scores on first possession	2-1
Opponent scores on first possession	0-1
ISU scores first	4-0
Opponent scores first	0-1
ISU leads after 1st quarter	4-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after first quarter	0-1
ISU leads at halftime	4-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	4-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-1
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game goes into overtime	0-0
ISU has more total yards	4-0
Opponent has more total yards	1-1
ISU has more rushing yards	4-0
Opponent has more rushing yards	1-1
ISU has more passing yards	3-1
Opponent has more passing yards	1-0
ISU has more turnovers	1-1
Opponent has more turnovers	1-0
Teams have equal turnovers	2-0
ISU has more penalties	1-0
Opponent has more penalties	1-1
Penalties are equal	2-0
ISU has more time of possession	3-1
Opponent has more time of possession	1-0
ISU has 100-yard rusher	1-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-0
ISU scores at least 20 points	4-1
Opponent scores at least 20 points	0-1
ISU throws for 300 yards	0-0
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-0
Playing on natural grass	0-0
Playing on artificial surface	4-1
ISU defense scores	1-0
Opponent defense scores	1-0
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	1-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	W	76-0	1-0	0-0	3:06	9072
	09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	W	41-10	2-0	0-0	3:18	2716
	09/12/2026	at NIU	W	28-24	3-0	0-0	2:59	17582
	09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	49-13	4-0	0-0	3:05	11589
*	09/26/2026	at UNI	L	21-28	4-1	0-1	3:12	9016



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Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
Scoring	215	75
Points per game	43.0	15.0
Points Off Turnovers	31	17
First Downs	128	76
Rushing	54	26
Passing	64	37
Penalty	10	13
Rushing Yardage	1037	443
Yards gained rushing	1110	570
Yards lost rushing	73	127
Rushing attempts	189	156
Average per rush	5.5	2.8
Average per game	207.4	88.6
TDs Rushing	13	5
Passing Yardage	1204	932
Comp-Att-Int	113-166-3	83-133-4
Average per pass	7.3	7.0
Average per catch	10.7	11.2
Average per game	240.8	186.4
TDs Passing	15	3
Total offense	2241	1375
Total plays	355	289
Average per play	6.3	4.8
Average per game	448.2	275.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-147	10-163
Punt returns: #-Yards	12-194	7-68
Int returns: #-Yards	4-86	3-30
Kick return average	24.5	16.3
Punt return average	16.2	9.7
Int return average	21.5	10.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	6-2
Penalties-Yards	38-359	44-351
Average per game	71.8	70.2
Punts-Yards	12-566	29-1176
Average per punt	47.2	40.6
Net punt average	42.3	34.5
Kickoffs-Yards	36-2315	17-1083
Average per kick	64.3	63.7
Net kick average	41.8	38.9
Time of possession / game	31:20	28:40
3rd-down conversion	40/64	21/65
3rd-down pct	63%	32%
4th-down conversion	5/7	3/7



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	ILS	OPP
4th-down pct	71%	43%
Sacks by-Yards	6-36	7-38
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	30	9
Field goals - attempts	2-2	4-5
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(24-29) 83%	(8-13) 62%
Red-zone touchdowns	(22-29) 76%	(6-13) 46%
PAT-attempts	(29-30) 97%	(9-9) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	20661	29314
Games / Avg per game	2/10331	3/9771
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois St.	72	59	49	35	0	215
Opponents	10	37	7	21	0	75



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tyler Lofton	5	40	281	1	280	7.0	4	85	56.0
Chase Kwiatkowski	5	21	221	0	221	10.5	1	30	44.2
Victor Dawson	4	45	215	8	207	4.6	4	32	51.8
Seth Glatz	3	23	143	1	142	6.2	2	53	47.3
Anthony Hall	3	16	94	0	94	5.9	1	24	31.3
Albert Gooden III	1	3	41	0	41	13.7	1	31	41.0
Quentin Skillings	2	10	33	0	33	3.3	0	9	16.5
Gage Roy	5	15	62	48	14	0.9	0	37	2.8
Beckham Pellant	5	8	20	8	12	1.5	0	7	2.4
Team	5	8	0	7	-7	-0.9	0	0	-1.4
Total	5	189	1110	73	1037	5.5	13	85	207.4
Opponents	5	156	570	127	443	2.8	5	43	88.6

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Gage Roy	5	162.1	75-104-0	72.1	721	10	40	144.2
Beckham Pellant	5	146.0	29-49-2	59.2	397	4	48	79.4
Chase Kwiatkowski	5	177.5	9-11-0	81.8	86	1	15	17.2
Dylan Lord	5	-200.0	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Cooper Kmet	1	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	155.2	113-166-3	68.1	1204	15	48	240.8
Opponents	5	122.7	83-133-4	62.4	932	3	68	186.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dylan Lord	5	34	368	10.8	5	48	73.6
Stevan Gavric	5	11	157	14.3	2	40	31.4
Alex Herrera	5	10	119	11.9	4	26	23.8
Mar'Quan Gary	4	8	104	13.0	1	37	26.0
Tyler Lofton	5	8	62	7.8	1	11	12.4
Ian Willis	5	7	66	9.4	0	15	13.2
Luke Mailander	4	6	120	20.0	0	32	30.0
Andrew Rockford	5	5	49	9.8	0	15	9.8
Ethan Loss	1	4	28	7.0	0	17	28.0
Max Ziebarth	4	4	8	2.0	1	6	2.0
Brady Probst	5	3	29	9.7	0	20	5.8
Travis Stamm	2	3	21	7.0	1	10	10.5
Victor Dawson	4	2	10	5.0	0	7	2.5
Dallas Amos	1	2	22	11.0	0	13	22.0
Seth Glatz	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Nick True	5	1	12	12.0	0	12	2.4
Nick Arogundade	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Chase Kwiatkowski	5	1	12	12.0	0	12	2.4
Anthony Hall	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Quentin Skillings	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Total	5	113	1204	10.7	15	48	240.8
Opponents	5	83	932	11.2	3	68	186.4

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dylan Lord	6	170	28.3	1	79
Ian Willis	4	26	6.5	0	13
Mar'Quan Gary	1	0	0.0	0	0
Chris Taylor	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total	12	194	16.2	1	79
Opponents	7	68	9.7	0	26

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dexter Niekamp	2	40	20.0	0	21
Doreon Dubose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jack Oliver	1	46	46.0	1	46
Total	4	86	21.5	1	46
Opponents	3	30	10.0	1	30

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chris Taylor	6	147	24.5	0	37
Total	6	147	24.5	0	37
Opponents	10	163	16.3	0	21

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Nio Espinoza	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kaden Lehew	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Dylan Lord	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Michael Cosentino	-	2-2	25-26	-	-	-	-	-	31
Tyler Lofton	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Victor Dawson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Alex Herrera	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Seth Glatz	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Stevan Gavric	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Max Ziebarth	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mar'Quan Gary	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Chase Kwiatkowski	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jack Oliver	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Travis Stamm	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Albert Gooden III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Anthony Hall	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Casey Roney	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Drew Drzonek	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	30	2-2	29-30	0	0	0	0	0	215
Opponents	9	4-5	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	75

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Gage Roy	5	119	14	721	735	147.0
Beckham Pellant	5	57	12	397	409	81.8
Chase Kwiatkowski	5	32	221	86	307	61.4
Tyler Lofton	5	40	280	0	280	56.0
Victor Dawson	4	45	207	0	207	51.8
Seth Glatz	3	23	142	0	142	47.3
Anthony Hall	3	16	94	0	94	31.3
Albert Gooden III	1	3	41	0	41	41.0
Quentin Skillings	2	10	33	0	33	16.5
Team	5	0	-7	0	-7	-1.4
Total	5	355	1037	1204	2241	448.2
Opponents	5	289	443	932	1375	275.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hayden Futch	11	550	50.0	70	0	1	2	5	0
Team	1	16	16.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	12	566	47.2	70	0	1	2	5	1
Opponents	29	1176	40.6	56	4	2	2	5	0

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Michael Cosentino	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0
Opponents	4-5	80.0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-1	41	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Drew Drzonek	29	1869	64.4	23	0			
Ari Daniels	7	446	63.7	2	0			
Total	36	2315	64.3	25	0	10	41.8	23
Opponents	17	1083	63.7	11	0	6	38.9	26

FG Sequence

Team Name	Illinois St.	Opponents
St. Francis (IL)		
Western Ill.	(30),(29)	(22)
NIU		(40)
Eastern Ill.		(41),(21)
UNI		53

Numbers in parentheses indicate field goal was made



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dylan Lord	5	0	368	170	0	0	538	107.6
Tyler Lofton	5	280	62	0	0	0	342	68.4
Chase Kwiatkowski	5	221	12	0	0	0	233	46.6
Victor Dawson	4	207	10	0	0	0	217	54.3
Stevan Gavric	5	0	157	0	0	0	157	31.4
Chris Taylor	5	0	0	-2	147	0	145	29.0
Seth Glatz	3	142	0	0	0	0	142	47.3
Luke Mailander	4	0	120	0	0	0	120	30.0
Alex Herrera	5	0	119	0	0	0	119	23.8
Mar'Quan Gary	4	0	104	0	0	0	104	26.0
Anthony Hall	3	94	5	0	0	0	99	33.0
Ian Willis	5	0	66	26	0	0	92	18.4
Andrew Rockford	5	0	49	0	0	0	49	9.8
Jack Oliver	5	0	0	0	0	46	46	9.2
Albert Gooden III	1	41	0	0	0	0	41	41.0
Dexter Niekamp	5	0	0	0	0	40	40	8.0
Quentin Skillings	2	33	7	0	0	0	40	20.0
Brady Probst	5	0	29	0	0	0	29	5.8
Ethan Loss	1	0	28	0	0	0	28	28.0
Dallas Amos	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22.0
Travis Stamm	2	0	21	0	0	0	21	10.5
Gage Roy	5	14	0	0	0	0	14	2.8
Nick True	5	0	12	0	0	0	12	2.4
Beckham Pellant	5	12	0	0	0	0	12	2.4
Max Ziebarth	4	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.0
Nick Arogundade	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
Team	5	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-1.4
Total	5	1037	1204	194	147	86	2668	533.6
Opponents	5	443	932	68	163	30	1636	327.2



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
46	Tye Niekamp	5	11	24	35	6.5-28	3-18	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14	Mason Kaplan	5	3	21	24	1.5-2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
22	Nio Espinoza	5	12	12	24	1-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
3	Jordan Coleman	5	7	15	22	1-6	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
6	Solomon Oduma	5	9	12	21	1.5-7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
44	Dexter Niekamp	5	3	17	20	2.5-8	.	2-40	.	3	.	.	.	.
35	Anthony Corona	5	6	12	18	2-13	1-10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
91	Ben Harman	5	3	14	17	3-9	1-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	La'Shavion Brown	5	3	13	16	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Doreon Dubose	5	13	3	16	1.5-3	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
10	Key Crowell	5	7	8	15	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
13	Jack Oliver	5	5	7	12	.	.	1-46	2	.	.	.	.	.
32	Wyatt Mueller	4	3	8	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Ben Cooper	5	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76	Valentino Garcia	5	2	6	8	1-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jamaricus Thomas	4	.	8	8	1.5-2	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
92	Travis Jones	5	4	4	8	1.5-2	.	.	3	2	.	.	.	.
98	Logan Jellison	5	3	5	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
51	Wyatt Boals	5	2	4	6	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Mark Haering	4	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Kaden Lehew	3	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
33	Javien Jackson	4	.	5	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Aden Cannon	3	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Rylan Crawford	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Evan Sierra	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Josh Crandall	5	2	1	3	1-3	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
42	Draivyn Colvin	5	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Luke Olson	3	2	.	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Rico Clay	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
29	Aidan Crews	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
30	Emmanuel Ofosu	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Owen Smith	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Kevin Michaelsen	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Gabriel Nege	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Tyler Lofton	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Mattox Kelly	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Chris Taylor	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Josh Gettemy	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	5	112	234	346	29-89	6-36	4-86	17	15	2-0	1	0	0
	Opponents	5	150	232	382	15-51	7-38	3-30	11	12	2-0	3	1	0



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	31	353	5	85	21	236	6	48	21-24-0	236	6	48	1	36	0	36	5	43	0	22	589
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	47	239	3	28	16	257	2	37	16-35-1	257	2	37	1	23	0	23	4	49	0	37	496
09/12/2026	at NIU	36	101	1	14	21	153	2	20	21-27-2	153	2	20	1	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	254
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	45	226	3	37	25	330	3	40	25-33-0	330	3	40	0	0	0	0	2	92	1	79	556
09/26/2026	at UNI	30	118	1	15	30	228	2	26	30-47-0	228	2	26	3	72	0	37	1	10	0	10	346
Illinois St.		189	1037	13	85	113	1204	15	48	113-166-3	1204	15	48	6	147	0	37	12	194	1	79	2241
Opponents		156	443	5	43	83	932	3	68	83-133-4	932	3	68	10	163	0	21	7	68	0	26	1375

Illinois St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
5	5.5	10.7	155.2	24.5	16.2	533.6	448.2

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	24	48	72	10.0-21	1-3	0	2-0	1-21	7	4	0	10-11	0	0	0	21	76
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	26	30	56	3.0-9	0-0	0	0-0	1-19	1	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	41
09/12/2026	at NIU	23	70	93	8.0-31	3-23	0	0-0	2-46	1	0	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	13	56	69	5.0-16	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	6	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	0	49
09/26/2026	at UNI	26	30	56	3.0-12	2-10	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Illinois St.		112	234	346	29.0-89	6-36	1	2-0	4-86	15	17	0	29-30	0	0	0	31	215
Opponents		150	232	382	15.0-51	7-38	3	2-0	3-30	12	11	1	9-9	0	0	0	17	75

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	2	132	66.0	70	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	12	761	63.4	5	0
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	2	99	49.5	57	0	0	0	1	0	2-2	30	0	8	519	64.9	6	0
09/12/2026	at NIU	5	198	39.6	54	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	5	324	64.8	4	0
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	8	516	64.5	7	0
09/26/2026	at UNI	3	137	45.7	55	0	0	1	1	1	0-0	0	0	3	195	65.0	3	0
Illinois St.		12	566	47.2	70	1	0	1	5	2	2-2	30	0	36	2315	64.3	25	0
Opponents		29	1176	40.6	56	0	4	2	5	2	4-5	41	0	17	1083	63.7	11	0



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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			
St. Francis (IL)	76-0	20 / 9	10 / 3	10 / 4	0 / 2	31-353 / 37-14	21-24-0 / 9-20-1	236 / 106	55-589 / 57-120	100 / 119	0 / 3
Western Ill.	41-10	29 / 15	14 / 3	14 / 11	1 / 1	47-239 / 23-52	16-35-1 / 23-40-1	257 / 263	82-496 / 63-315	91 / 17	1 / 1
NIU	28-24	19 / 20	8 / 10	9 / 7	2 / 3	36-101 / 36-112	21-27-2 / 23-30-2	153 / 196	63-254 / 66-308	62 / 108	2 / 2
Eastern Ill.	49-13	34 / 14	14 / 2	16 / 8	4 / 4	45-226 / 26-66	25-33-0 / 15-26-0	330 / 150	78-556 / 52-216	92 / 12	1 / 0
UNI	21-28	26 / 18	8 / 8	15 / 7	3 / 3	30-118 / 34-199	30-47-0 / 13-17-0	228 / 217	77-346 / 51-416	82 / 5	1 / 0
Totals	215-75	128 / 76	54 / 26	64 / 37	10 / 13	189-1037 / 156-443	113-166-3 / 83-133-4	1204 / 932	355-2241 / 289-1375	427 / 261	5 / 6

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
St. Francis (IL)	3-6 / 2-14	0-0 / 0-0	26:03 / 33:57	-07:54	11.4 / 0.4	9.8 / 5.3	10.7 / 2.1	2-66.0 / 11-33.1	10-93.0 / 10-65.0	1 / 0
Western Ill.	11-16 / 4-15	1-1 / 2-4	34:11 / 25:49	08:22	5.1 / 2.3	7.3 / 6.6	6.0 / 5.0	2-49.5 / 5-44.0	6-55.0 / 10-76.0	0 / 3
NIU	9-14 / 6-15	0-0 / 1-2	31:16 / 28:44	02:32	2.8 / 3.1	5.7 / 6.5	4.0 / 4.7	5-39.6 / 5-43.4	6-77.0 / 9-85.0	3 / 3
Eastern Ill.	8-12 / 4-12	3-3 / 0-0	34:15 / 25:45	08:30	5.0 / 2.5	10.0 / 5.8	7.1 / 4.2	0-0.0 / 6-51.0	8-61.0 / 5-44.0	0 / 1
UNI	9-16 / 5-9	1-3 / 0-1	30:57 / 29:03	01:54	3.9 / 5.9	4.9 / 12.8	4.5 / 8.2	3-45.7 / 2-34.5	8-73.0 / 10-81.0	2 / 0
Totals	40-64 / 21-65	5-7 / 3-7	156:42 / 143:18	13:24	5.5 / 2.8	7.3 / 7.0	6.3 / 4.8	12-47.2 / 29-40.6	38-359.0 / 44-351.0	6 / 7

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



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	W	76-0	3-6 50.0	2-2 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	W	41-10	11-16 68.8	5-7 71.4	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
09/12/2026	at NIU	W	28-24	9-14 64.3	2-2 100.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	4-4 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	49-13	8-12 66.7	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	3-3 100.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/26/2026	at UNI	L	21-28	9-16 56.3	1-1 100.0	3-6 50.0	3-4 75.0	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
Illinois St.				40-64 62.5	12-15 80.0	9-16 56.3	9-14 64.3	10-19 52.6	0-0 0.0
Opponents				21-65 32.3	5-16 31.3	6-21 28.6	4-14 28.6	6-14 42.9	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	W	76-0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	W	41-10	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/12/2026	at NIU	W	28-24	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	49-13	3-3 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/26/2026	at UNI	L	21-28	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
Illinois St.				5-7 71.4	2-2 100.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
Opponents				3-7 42.9	0-0 0.0	2-2 100.0	0-4 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	W	76-0	26:03	04:53	05:20	05:20	10:30	00:00
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	W	41-10	34:11	12:08	06:13	05:47	10:03	00:00
09/12/2026	at NIU	W	28-24	31:16	04:56	09:15	08:42	08:23	00:00
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	W	49-13	34:15	06:11	09:13	05:57	12:54	00:00
09/26/2026	at UNI	L	21-28	30:57	05:25	09:17	09:23	06:52	00:00
Illinois St.				Total	156:42	33:33	39:18	48:42	00:00
				Avg.	31:20	06:43	07:52	09:44	00:00
Opponents				Total	143:18	29:50	47:19	33:31	00:00
				Avg.	28:40	05:58	09:28	06:42	00:00



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Illinois St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	47	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	353	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	11.4	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TD RUSHES	5	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	47	at UNI (09/26/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	at UNI (09/26/2026)
YARDS PASSING	330	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	10.0	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
TD PASSES	6	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	82	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	589	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	10.7	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
POINTS	76	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
SACKS BY	3	at NIU (09/12/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	34	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PENALTIES	10	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	93	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TURNOVERS	2	at NIU (09/12/2026)
PUNTS	5	at NIU (09/12/2026)
PUNTING AVG	66.0	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG PUNT	70	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	at UNI (09/26/2026)
	1	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	79	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)



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RUSHES	20	Victor Dawson at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	119	Tyler Lofton vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TD RUSHES	2 2 2	Tyler Lofton vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026) Victor Dawson at Western Ill. (09/05/2026) Tyler Lofton vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG RUSH	85	Tyler Lofton vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	39	Gage Roy at UNI (09/26/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24	Gage Roy at UNI (09/26/2026)
YARDS PASSING	193	Gage Roy at UNI (09/26/2026)
TD PASSES	3	Gage Roy vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG PASS	48	Beckham Pellant vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
RECEPTIONS	12	Dylan Lord at UNI (09/26/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	88	Dylan Lord at UNI (09/26/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Dylan Lord vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	48	Dylan Lord vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTS	4	Hayden Futch at NIU (09/12/2026)
PUNTING AVG	66.0	Hayden Futch vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG PUNT	70	Hayden Futch vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1	Hayden Futch at UNI (09/26/2026) Hayden Futch vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	79	Dylan Lord vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	37	Chris Taylor at UNI (09/26/2026)
TACKLES	12	Mason Kaplan at NIU (09/12/2026)
SACKS	2	Tye Niekamp at NIU (09/12/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Tye Niekamp at NIU (09/12/2026)



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	37	14	0	12	9	106	0	49	9	20	1	106	0	49	7	117	0	21	1	2	0	2	120
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	23	52	1	11	23	263	0	47	23	40	1	263	0	47	1	15	0	15	1	2	0	2	315
09/12/2026	at NIU	36	112	1	18	23	196	1	36	23	30	2	196	1	36	1	19	0	19	4	59	0	26	308
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	26	66	1	10	15	150	0	34	15	26	0	150	0	34	1	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	216
09/26/2026	at UNI	34	199	2	43	13	217	2	68	13	17	0	217	2	68	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	416
Opponents		156	443	5	43	83	932	3	68	83	133	4	932	3	68	10	163	0	21	7	68	0	26	1375
Illinois St.		189	1037	13	85	113	1204	15	48	113	166	3	1204	15	48	6	147	0	37	12	194	1	79	2241

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
5	2.8	11.2	122.7	16.3	9.7	327.2	275.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	25	30	55	0.0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	37	44	81	7.0-10	3-6	0	0-0	1-0	7	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
09/12/2026	at NIU	34	32	66	5.0-28	3-21	0	0-0	2-30	0	1	1	3-3	0	0	0	14	24
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	28	72	100	1.0-11	1-11	1	1-0	0-0	2	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
09/26/2026	at UNI	26	54	80	2.0-2	0-0	2	1-0	0-0	3	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Opponents		150	232	382	15.0-51	7-38	3	2-0	3-30	12	11	1	9-9	0	0	0	17	75
Illinois St.		112	234	346	29.0-89	6-36	1	2-0	4-86	15	17	0	29-30	0	0	0	31	215

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/29/2026	St. Francis (IL)	11	364	33.1	46	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	61	61.0	0	0
09/05/2026	at Western Ill.	5	220	44.0	48	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	22	0	3	193	64.3	2	0
09/12/2026	at NIU	5	217	43.4	55	0	2	0	1	0	1-1	40	0	4	250	62.5	3	0
09/19/2026	Eastern Ill.	6	306	51.0	56	0	2	0	4	1	2-2	41	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
09/26/2026	at UNI	2	69	34.5	36	0	0	1	0	0	0-1	0	0	5	319	63.8	2	0
Opponents		29	1176	40.6	56	0	4	2	5	2	4-5	41	0	17	1083	63.7	11	0
Illinois St.		12	566	47.2	70	1	0	1	5	2	2-2	30	0	36	2315	64.3	25	0



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RUSHES	37	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	199	at UNI (09/26/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.9	at UNI (09/26/2026)
TD RUSHES	2	at UNI (09/26/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	at NIU (09/12/2026)
	23	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
YARDS PASSING	263	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	12.8	at UNI (09/26/2026)
TD PASSES	2	at UNI (09/26/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	66	at NIU (09/12/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	416	at UNI (09/26/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.2	at UNI (09/26/2026)
POINTS	28	at UNI (09/26/2026)
SACKS BY	3	at NIU (09/12/2026)
	3	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	20	at NIU (09/12/2026)
PENALTIES	10	at UNI (09/26/2026)
	10	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
	10	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	85	at NIU (09/12/2026)
TURNOVERS	3	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTS	11	St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTING AVG	51.0	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
LONG PUNT	56	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	at NIU (09/12/2026)



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RUSHES	22	Telly Johnson Jr. at NIU (09/12/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	83	Telly Johnson Jr. at NIU (09/12/2026)
TD RUSHES	1	Jaxon Dailey at UNI (09/26/2026)
	1	Xavier Terrell at UNI (09/26/2026)
	1	Cole LaCrue vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Telly Johnson Jr. at NIU (09/12/2026)
	1	Cason Carswell at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
LONG RUSH	43	Xavier Terrell at UNI (09/26/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	27	Taron Dickens at NIU (09/12/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	22	Taron Dickens at NIU (09/12/2026)
YARDS PASSING	217	Jaxon Dailey at UNI (09/26/2026)
TD PASSES	2	Jaxon Dailey at UNI (09/26/2026)
LONG PASS	68	Jaxon Dailey at UNI (09/26/2026)
RECEPTIONS	11	DeAree Rogers at NIU (09/12/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	83	Mason Hackman vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Ayden Price at UNI (09/26/2026)
	1	Kai Black at UNI (09/26/2026)
	1	DeAree Rogers at NIU (09/12/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	68	Taj Hughes at UNI (09/26/2026)
FIELD GOALS	2	Drew Schiller vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
LONG FIELD GOALS	41	Drew Schiller vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PUNTS	9	Adrian Guerrero vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
PUNTING AVG	51.0	Cade Cox vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
LONG PUNT	56	Cade Cox vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Cade Cox vs Eastern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Luke Droegemueller at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	DeAree Rogers at NIU (09/12/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	21	Credell Prather vs St. Francis (IL) (08/29/2026)
TACKLES	12	Jack Murray at NIU (09/12/2026)
SACKS	2	Avery Jones at NIU (09/12/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Avery Jones at NIU (09/12/2026)
	2	Nick Reinicke at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Andruw Ellis at NIU (09/12/2026)
	1	Yassine Falke at NIU (09/12/2026)
	1	Jouvenson Romulus at Western Ill. (09/05/2026)



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0	Dereon Crowe	2/0	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
1	Ian Willis	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
2	Seth Glatz	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
3	Jordan Coleman	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
3	Mar'Quan Gary	4/2	START	...	XXX	XXX	START
4	Dylan Lord	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
4	La'Shavion Brown	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
5	Victor Dawson	4/3	START	START	START	...	XXX
6	Solomon Oduma	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
7	Nick True	5/2	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Beckham Pellant	5/2	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Doreon Dubose	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
9	Rylan Crawford	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	Key Crowell	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	Andrew Knight II	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
11	Max Ziebarth	4/3	XXX	...	START	START	START
12	Gage Roy	5/3	XXX	XXX	START	START	START
12	Devin Viola	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
13	Alex Herrera	5/1	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX
13	Jack Oliver	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
14	Mason Kaplan	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
15	Chase Kwiatkowski	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
16	Rico Clay	2/0	...	XXX	...	XXX	...
17	Cooper Kmet	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
17	Nick Ori	1/0	...	...	XXX	...	...
18	Evan Sierra	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	Stevan Gavric	5/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
19	Ethan Loss	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX
21	Kaden Lehew	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...
21	Quentin Skillings	2/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
22	Nio Espinoza	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
23	Ju'Maria Hamilton	2/0	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
24	Andrew Rockford	5/1	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
25	Santino Bernabei	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
25	Albert Gooden III	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
26	Jamaricus Thomas	4/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
27	Tyler Lofton	5/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
28	Chris Taylor	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
29	Aidan Crews	4/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
30	Emmanuel Ofosu	2/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...
31	Ari Daniels	2/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
32	Wyatt Mueller	4/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
32	Anthony Hall	3/0	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
33	Javien Jackson	4/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
34	Dallas Amos	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
35	Anthony Corona	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
38	Ben Cooper	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
39	Drew Drzonek	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
40	Diesel McFadden	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
41	Hayden Futch	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
42	Draivyn Colvin	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
44	Dexter Niekamp	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
46	Tye Niekamp	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
47	Mark Haering	4/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
50	Ivan Erickson	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
51	Wyatt Boals	5/4	START	START	START	START	XXX
52	Mattox Kelly	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
53	Kevin Michaelsen	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
54	Josh Gettemy	4/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
55	Cooper Monk	1/0	...	...	...	XXX	...



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56	Jackson Buchanan	2/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...
57	Jaden Wedderburn	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
58	Mark Helm	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
59	Ryan McGarry	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
60	Duncan MacDonald	1/0	...	...	...	XXX	...
62	Hunter Ducharme	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
63	Chris Hill Jr.	1/0	...	...	...	XXX	...
64	Peter LaFleur	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
66	Brayden Jellison	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
67	Hunter Caudill	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
68	Landon Woodard	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
69	Mezziahs McDaniel	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
70	Logan Brasfield	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
71	Jacob Finley	3/0	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
73	Gabriel Nege	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
74	Dominic McKibbin	1/0	...	...	...	XXX	...
75	Caiden Abbs	2/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
76	Valentino Garcia	5/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
77	Jace Pankey	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
78	Ben Wallace	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
79	Zach Poole	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
80	Michael Cosentino	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
80	Nick Arogundade	2/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
81	Luke Olson	3/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX
82	Jake Cestone	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
83	Chase Markowicz	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
84	Luke Mailander	4/4	START	START	START	START	...
85	Will Strong	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
86	Brady Probst	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
87	Alex Wood	1/0	...	...	XXX	...	...
88	Travis Stamm	2/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	...
89	Brady Goken	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
90	Hudson Samolinski	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
91	Ben Harman	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
92	Travis Jones	5/5	START	START	START	START	START
93	Jack Bochenczak	0/0	...	...	...	...	...
94	Josh Crandall	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	Casey Roney	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...
96	Bryce Waszczyk	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX
97	Aden Cannon	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...
98	Logan Jellison	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
99	Owen Smith	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...