

ILLINOIS STATE FOOTBALL

50 ALL-AMERICANS • 16 NFL DRAFT PICKS • 370 MVFC SELECTIONS • THREE-TIME MVFC CHAMPIONS • EIGHT FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

2025 REDBIRD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
Aug. 30	at Oklahoma (ESPN+/SEC+)	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	MOREHEAD STATE (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Eastern Illinois (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Sept. 20	NORTH ALABAMA (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
Oct. 4	NORTH DAKOTA STATE* (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Murray State* (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	YOUNGSTOWN STATE* (ESPN+/M)	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	at South Dakota* (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	NORTHERN IOWA* (ESPN+/M)	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Indiana State* (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
Nov. 15	at South Dakota State* (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
Nov. 22	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS* (ESPN+/M)	12 p.m.

All times Central and subject to change
SEC+ - Game aired on SEC Network+
ESPN+ - Game streamed on ESPN+
M - Game broadcast on Marquee Sports Network

REDBIRD COACHING STAFF

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
Mike Grant (f)	RB
CJ Irvin (pb)	TE
Nick Murray (pb)	Quality Control
Dru Richardson (pb)	DB
Kye Stewart (f)	OLB
Mickey Turner (f)	WR

Game location: f - field, pb - press box

REDBIRD RADIO NETWORK

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

BROADCAST TALENT

Richard Cross, play-by-play
Tyoka Jackson, analyst
Madison Hock, sideline

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#6 ILLINOIS STATE AT #18 OKLAHOMA



#6 Illinois State
0-0 Overall
0-0 MVFC



#18 Oklahoma
0-0 Overall
0-0 SEC

Date: August 30, 2025
Time: 5 p.m. CT
Site: Norman, Oklahoma
Stadium: Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 80,126
Series: First Meeting
Last: N/A
Watch/Stream: ESPN+ / SEC+
Listen: WJBC 1230 AM / 102.1 FM / 98.9 FM
WJEZ/ The Varsity Network

THE GAME

Coming off an FCS playoff appearance in 2024 and several key players returning, Illinois State heads into the 2025 season with a lot of momentum and was picked No. 6 in both FCS preseason polls. However, the Redbirds will have a tall task ahead of them in the season opener in the form of perennial FBS powerhouse No. 18 ranked Oklahoma on the road in Norman.

THE SERIES

Illinois State and Oklahoma will meet for the first time in program history, and it will be just the second game for the Redbirds against a current team from the SEC. The only other SEC team the Redbirds have faced off against in Missouri in 2007, a 38-17 loss to the Tigers in Columbia. The Redbirds are 6-38 all-time against FBS opponents, but three of those wins have come under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack: Eastern Michigan (2012), Northwestern (2016) and Colorado State (2018).

THE COACHES

Illinois State: Brock Spack (Purdue, 1983) is in his 17th season as the head coach at Illinois State (111-74). 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 six playoff appearances overall and became the program's all-time wins leader in 2021.

Oklahoma: Brent Venables (Kansas State, 1992) is in his fourth season as the head coach of the Sooners (22-17). Prior to being named head coach prior to the 2022 season, Venables won a national championship with the Sooners as an assistant coach and two more with Clemson during an ultra-successful 10-year stint as defensive coordinator.

THE REDBIRD FOOTBALL PROGRAM

- 9 FCS playoff appearances (1998, 1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2024)
- 6-time FCS quarterfinalists (1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019)
- 2-time FCS semifinalists (1999, 2014)
- 1-time FCS Championship game qualifier (2014)
- The team is 67-24 at home under Spack's guidance
- ISU is 50-18 at Hancock Stadium since 2013 renovation

2024 TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

	OKLA	ILS		OKLA	ILS
Scoring	312	373	Field Goal Good/Attempts	16/20	8/12
Points Per Game	24.0	26.6	Int. Thrown/Opp. Int. Thrown	6/9	11/15
Points Allowed Per Game	21.5	24.9	Sacks By/Allowed	35/50	34/20
First Downs	247	303	Kickoff Return Avg.	18.9	17.3
Rushing Yards Per Game	155.2	164.1	Punt Return Avg.	7.9	1.8
Rushing Defense Per Game	115.1	157.1	Fumbles Lost/Gained	15/12	9/8
Passing Yards Per Game	175.8	238.1	Penalties	69-591	65-568
Passing Defense Per Game	203.1	266.3	Avg. Time of Possession	28:59	27:58
Total Offense Per Game	331.0	402.2	3rd-Down Conversions	73/195 (37%)	94/206 (46%)
Total Defense Per Game	318.2	423.4	4th-Down Conversions	16/31 (51%)	10/25 (40%)

QUICK FACTS

Institution Illinois State University
 Location Normal, Ill.
 Founded 1857
 Enrollment 21,546
 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 12,440
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 43/31
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 4/7
 Specialist Starters Returning/Lost 2/1
 University President Dr. Aondover Tarhule
 Director of Athletics Dr. Jeri Beggs
 NCAA Faculty Representative Dr. Maria Boemgen

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Brock Spack, 111-74 (17th 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)
 Mike Grant (RB)
 CJ Irvin (TE/FB)
 Dru Richardson (DB)
 Kye Stewart (OLB)
 Mickey Turner (WR)
 Zach Bodway (OFF)
 Max Caltagerone (DEF)
 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 26 at at Noon
 Tuesday, September 2 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 6 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 16 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 23 at Noon
 Tuesday, September 30 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 7 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 14 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 21 at Noon
 Tuesday, October 28 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 4 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 11 at Noon
 Tuesday, November 18 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.

Schooners is located at 810 East Grove Street in Bloomington, and sits just off the corner of Grove and Clinton Streets.

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.

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.

OKLAHOMA GAME WEEK SCHEDULE													
Sunday	24	Monday	25	Tuesday	26	Wednesday	27	Thursday	28	Friday	29	Saturday	30
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.)		Travel Day No player/coach availability		Illinois State at Oklahoma 5 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 2025 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

- The University of Oklahoma is located in Norman, Oklahoma, and has an enrollment of 34,523. The Sooners are members of the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and play their home games at Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium (80,126).
- For the 26th consecutive season, Oklahoma is ranked in the Associated Press preseason top 25, as the Sooners check in at No. 18. Oklahoma's streak of 26 appearances in the preseason AP Top 25 is the second-longest current string behind Ohio State (37).
- OU was picked to finish 10th in the SEC Preseason Media Poll with 1,613 points and received three first-place votes (sixth most). All eight of Oklahoma's 2025 SEC opponents are among the top 12 teams in the SEC Preseason Media Poll. The Sooners will play five of the top seven teams and six of the top nine.
- Senior defensive lineman R Mason Thomas and senior running back Jaydn Ott were selected to the 2025 Preseason Media Days All-SEC Second Team and redshirt junior long snapper Ben Anderson was picked for the third team. Thomas and Ott were also named on the Preseason Media All-SEC Second Team and Anderson was also on the media's third team, which was announced following SEC Media Days in July.

BATTLING THE SEC

Illinois State has not played an active member of the SEC since 2007, when the Redbirds traveled to Columbia, Missouri, to take on the Missouri Tigers. ISU played hard for four quarters, but was unable to stop Missouri's offensive attack, as the Redbirds fell to the Tigers, 38-17, in front of 56,137 at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, Mo. The Redbirds were led by sophomore receiver Eyad Salem, who had a career day with seven catches for 106 yards. Salem also scored his first-career touchdown on a 13-yard reception late in the fourth quarter. Senior Kye Stewart had a game-high 15 tackles, while Junior Tom Nelson grabbed two interceptions, giving him six for his career.

BIRDS PICKED FOURTH; 14 REDBIRDS LAND ON MVFC WATCH LIST

The Illinois State football team was picked fourth in the annual Missouri Valley Football Conference preseason poll, as announced at the league's media day in Sioux Falls. Defending FCS national champ North Dakota State was picked as the favorite once again, as the Bison received 39 of a possible 42 first-place tallies and 417 total points to outdistance South Dakota State (355 points) and South Dakota (349 points). All three teams reached the national semifinals in 2024, and fellow NCAA playoff team Illinois State's fourth place spot (292) was its highest pre-season pick since 2019. In addition to the preseason poll, the MVFC released a player "Watch List" to highlight the league's top student-athletes heading into fall camp. Quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse, running back Wenkers Wright, tight end/fullback Scotty Presson Jr., tight end Javon Charles, offensive linemen Jake Pope and Landon Woodard, wide receivers Eddie Kasper and Daniel Sobkowicz, defensive linemen Jake Anderson and Nick Kessler, linebacker Tye Niekamp, defensive back Shadwel Nkuba II, longsnapper Dylan Calabrese and punter Hayden Futch were the 14 Redbirds named to the league's preseason "Watch List."

SIX REDBIRDS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

A group of six Illinois State standouts have been tabbed as preseason FCS All-Americans by Stats Perform on the annual list. Junior linebacker Tye Niekamp and senior longsnapper Dylan Calabrese were named First-Team selections, senior wide receiver Daniel Sobkowicz and senior running back Wenkers Wright earned Second-Team honors, and senior quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse and junior defensive lineman Jake Anderson garnered Third-Team plaudits. The six Redbirds were among 102 All-Americans, who were spread across three teams. Illinois State and UIW share the high with six selections each, while defending national champion North Dakota State and South Dakota have five each. Six players return from last year's postseason first team, including Niekamp.

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 13 seasons with .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 and has led the Redbirds to six 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.....	0-0
TOTAL.....	111-74 (.600)

WINS BREAKDOWN

Home.....	67-24
Away.....	44-49
Neutral.....	0-1
Conference (regular season).....	70-54
Non-Conference (regular season).....	33-14
FCS Playoffs.....	8-6



2025 VALLEY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	VALLEY			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
South Dakota State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
South Dakota	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Northern Iowa	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
North Dakota State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Illinois State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
North Dakota	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Youngstown State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Southern Illinois	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Missouri State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Murray State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Indiana State	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000

THIS WEEK IN VALLEY FOOTBALL

Thursday, August 28

- McKendree at Indiana State 5:00 P.M.
- Mercyhurst at Youngstown State 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 30

- North Dakota State at The Citadel 11:00 A.M.
- Butler at Northern Iowa 1:00 P.M.
- South Dakota at Iowa State 2:30 P.M.
- Murray State at East Tennessee State 4:30 P.M.
- Illinois State at Oklahoma 5:00 P.M.
- Sacramento State at South Dakota State 6:00 P.M.
- North Dakota at Kansas State 6:00 P.M.
- Thomas More at Southern Illinois 6:00 P.M.

ILLINOIS STATE NO. 6 CONSENSUS PICK IN FCS PRESEASON POLLS

After previously being selected the No. 6 team in the Stats Perform FCS preseason Top 25, the Illinois State football team found themselves in that same exact spot in the preseason AFCA FCS Coaches Poll, presented by Hudl. Illinois State appeared in every AFCA FCS Coaches Poll last season, finishing as high as No. 10 in the final one of the year. The AFCA FCS Coaches Poll and the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 will be released each Monday during the regular season and the final poll of the year comes after the FCS championship game.

FOUR REDBIRD STANDOUTS NAMED TO PRESEASON AWARD WATCH LISTS

A quartet of standout ISU players were named to FCS National Player of the Year Watch Lists during the preseason. On the offensive side, seniors Daniel Sobkowicz and Wenkers Wright were named to the Stats Perform 30-player preseason watch list for the 2025 Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually to the national offensive player of the year in Division I FCS college football. On the defensive side, juniors Tye Niekamp and Jake Anderson were named to the Stats Perform 30-player preseason watch list for the 2025 Buck Buchanan Award, presented annually to the national defensive player of the year in Division I FCS college football.

LOTS OF FAMILIAR FACES

Fans who got to see the Redbirds in person last fall will notice a lot of familiar faces and names on the field Saturday in the season opener at Oklahoma, particularly on the offensive side of the football. ISU returns 43 letterwinners and 12 starters (8 offense, 4 defense) from last year's team that advanced to the second round of the FCS playoffs. Many of those players saw significant action last season and with a full offseason in the weight room and work put in during spring and fall camp, this roster is expected to make back-to-back postseason appearances since 2015-16.

O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Voted on by the team at the conclusion of fall camp, the Redbirds selected senior quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse, junior linebacker Tye Niekamp and senior longsnapper Dylan Calabrese as their captains for the 2025 season. They will be joined at midfield by selected seniors voted on each week by the coaching staff as game captains.

THE STREAK CONTINUES

Redbird teams have been very successful in scoring on defense under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack. Thanks to a 30-yard pick six by Keondre Jackson and a 55-yard INT return for touchdown by Jake Anderson against Southeast Missouri State in the first round of the FCS playoffs, the Redbirds extended their streak to 16 straight seasons with at least one defensive TD.

RETURN TO THE POSTSEASON

For the first time since 2019, Illinois State was selected as to participate in the 24-team FCS Playoff field as the No. 12 overall seed in 2024. The Redbirds made their ninth appearance in the FCS playoffs (1998, 1999, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2024) and sixth under the leadership of head coach Brock Spack. ISU is 11-9 all-time in playoff games and Spack is 8-6 in the postseason as the head coach of the Redbirds.

RETURN TO THE POSTSEASON

Illinois State overcame a lot of adversity in 2024 on way to nine regular-season wins, with devastating injuries and three losses at home. However one place the Redbirds have felt very comfortable was on the road, where ISU went 6-2 overall with five-straight wins over FCS opponents during the regular season. The lone road setback was in the season opener at Iowa, before the Redbirds ripped off wins at North Alabama, Southern Illinois, Murray State, Northern Iowa and Indiana State to end the regular season and added one more road victory in the playoffs in Round 1 at Southeast Missouri State. The last time the Redbirds picked up six wins on the road was during the 2012 season, when they picked up wins at Eastern Michigan, Western Illinois, South Dakota, Northern Iowa and Indiana State before earning a win in the playoffs at Appalachian State.



THAT'S A TON OF YARDS

With his 111 yards receiving against UC Davis in the second round of the FCS playoffs, wide receiver Daniel Sobkowicz now has 2,418 receiving yards in his stellar career thus far. That puts him in sixth place overall on the ISU career receiving yards list, behind ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall of Famer Clarence Collins (2,498) in fifth place. He also ranks fourth in career receptions (179) and fourth in career touchdown receptions (22) at Illinois State.

SPACK AMONG FCS BEST

For the third time in his career at Illinois State, head coach Brock Spack was named a finalist for the Stats Perform Eddie Robinson Award in 2024, which is presented annually to the national coach of the year in Division I FCS college football. One of 15 national finalists in 2024, Spack was also up for the honor in 2012 and 2014 after playoff seasons. Spack led the Redbirds to a 9-3 overall record and a 6-2 mark in Missouri Valley Football Conference play during the regular season, which earned his squad the No. 12 national seed in the FCS Playoffs.

THE WRIGHT STUFF

Running back Wenkers Wright recorded three-straight 100-yard rushing performances during the non-conference portion of the schedule but had been held under the century mark through four MVFC games. However, he got back to dominant ways in the month of November, as he eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark in three of his last four games to end the regular season. Wright tallied 104 yards on just 10 carries against Youngstown State and followed that up with a 109 yard effort in a win at UNI. He capped off the regular season with 118 yards in the win over North Dakota, which put him over the 1,000 yard mark on the season for the first time in his career. On the year, he led the team with 1,123 yards and 11 touchdowns which gave him the first 1,000 plus yard season since 2019 when James Robinson went for 1,899. With his 68 yards rushing in the second round FCS playoff game at UC Davis, Wright also moved over the 2,000 yard mark in his career making him just the 13th player in school history to achieve that mark.

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UNDERWOOD 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 defensive end Colton Underwood will be inducted as part of the 2025 ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame class during Homecoming festivities. A Two-time FCS All-American, Underwood is one of three players in school history to be a two-time finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award and ranks No. 3 in career tackles-for-loss with 44 and No. 4 on the career sacks list with 21.5. A three-time All-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection and two-time First-Team pick, Underwood was a two-time College Sporting News Fabulous Fifty FCS All-America Team honoree during his career and was an All-MVFC First-Team pick as a senior, after leading the team with 12 tackles-for-loss. A 2012 First-Team All-America selection by The Walter Camp Football Foundation, The Associated Press and The Sports Network, Underwood was runner-up for MVFC Defensive Player of the Year Award in 2012, after he led the MVFC in sacks (10.5) and tackles-for-loss (19.5).

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (first-place votes)	Record	Points	Prv Rank
1. North Dakota State* (54)	14-2	1398	1
2. Montana State	15-1	1335	2
3. South Dakota State*	12-3	1266	3
4. South Dakota*	11-3	1227	4
5. UIW	11-3	1138	6
6. Illinois State*	10-4	1015	11
7. Montana	9-5	1004	10
8. UC Davis	11-3	938	5
9. Rhode Island	11-3	928	9
10. Tarleton State	10-4	912	13
11. Mercer	11-3	824	8
12. Idaho	10-4	747	7
13. Villanova	10-4	737	12
14. Lehigh	9-4	493	20
15. Sacramento State	3-9	492	NR
16. Abilene Christian	9-5	436	14
17. Jackson State	12-2	336	18
18. Western Carolina	7-5	335	NR
19. Northern Arizona	8-5	312	22
20. Southern Illinois*	4-8	310	NR
21. Tennessee Tech	7-5	284	NR
22. Monmouth	6-6	274	NR
23. Stephen F. Austin	7-5	183	NR
24. Stony Brook	8-4	181	NR
25. Richmond	10-3	154	15

* Missouri Valley Football Conference member
2025 Illinois State opponent in bold italics

FCS COACHES POLL

Team (first-place votes)	Points	Record	Prv Rank
1. North Dakota State* (26)	650	14-2	
2. Montana State	612	15-1	
3. South Dakota State*	581	12-3	
4. UIW	541	11-3	
5. South Dakota*	521	11-3	
6. Illinois State*	466	10-4	
7. UC Davis	456	11-3	
8. Tarleton State	454	10-4	
9. Montana	447	9-5	
10. Rhode Island	416	11-3	
11. Mercer	396	11-3	
12. Idaho	371	10-4	
13. Villanova	338	10-4	
14. Sacramento State	265	3-9	
15. Lehigh	207	9-4	
16. ACU	203	9-5	
17. Jackson State	200	12-2	
18. Northern Arizona	168	8-5	
19. Western Carolina	147	7-5	
20. Southern Illinois*	132	4-8	
21. Monmouth	116	6-6	
T22. Richmond	111	10-3	
T22. Tennessee Tech	111	7-5	
24. Stephen F. Austin	82	7-5	
25. Stony Brook	69	8-4	

* Missouri Valley Football Conference member
2025 Illinois State opponent in bold italics

REDBIRDS IN THE POLLS

	STATS	COACHES
Preseason	6	6

START CHART**Offense**

Player	2025	Career
Barnhart	0	6
Charles	0	7
Jellison	0	1
E. Kasper	0	19
King	0	10
Lord	0	3
Pope	0	26
Rittenhouse	0	19
Sobkowicz	0	35
Wallace	0	3
Woodard	0	14
Wright	0	24

Defense

Player	2025	Career
Anderson	0	24
Bauer	0	2
Galloway	0	4
Harman	0	2
Kessler	0	13
McBride	0	7
Niekamp	0	22

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
LT	60	Brandon Smith	6-4	315	Sr.	0	2	Indianapolis, Ind.
	58	Mark Helm	6-6	285	RFr.	0	0	Springfield, Ill.
LG	68	Landon Woodard	6-5	330	Sr.	0	14	Waukesha, Wis.
	69	Micah Barnhart	6-4	310	Sr.	0	9	Canton, Ill.
C	65	Jack McGarry	6-4	285	Jr.	0	0	Oak Brook, Ill.
	66	Brayden Jellison	6-4	310	Jr.	0	6	Elkhart, Ind.
RG	70	Logan Brasfield	6-3	315	So.	0	0	Yorkville, Ill.
	74	Dominic McKibbin	6-4	300	Fr.	0	0	Normal, Ill.
RT	67	Jake Pope	6-7	300	Sr.	0	29	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
	78	Ben Wallace	6-5	325	So.	0	7	Germantown Hills, Ill.
TE	85	Javon Charles	6-5	245	Sr.	0	38	Glenn Heights, Texas
	11	Scotty Presson Jr.	6-3	230	Sr.	0	26	Florissant, Mo.
WR	2	Daniel Sobkowicz	6-3	205	Sr.	0	36	Arlington Heights, Ill.
	9	Rylan Crawford	6-3	205	Jr.	0	28	Leo, Ind.
WR	84	Luke Mailander	5-11	180	RFr.	0	0	Elmhurst, Ill.
	10	Kaevion Mack	6-2	210	Sr.	0	0	Peoria, Ill.
WR	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	160	Jr.	0	25	Burlington, Wis.
	4	Dylan Lord	5-9	185	RFr.	0	3	Chandler, Ariz.
QB	16	Tommy Rittenhouse	5-11	195	Sr.	0	27	Geneva, Ill.
	8	Beckham Pellant	6-0	195	RFr.	0	3	Chandler, Ariz.
RB	3	Mason King	6-2	220	Sr.	0	11	Centralia, Ill.
	(or) 32	Wenkers Wright	6-1	205	Sr.	0	37	Floyds Knobs, Ind.

DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
DT	87	Nick Kessler	6-6	265	Sr.	0	27	Marysville, Ohio
	(or) 56	Garret Steffen	6-4	275	Sr.	0	0	Altoona, Wis.
NOSE	97	Jake Anderson	6-5	290	Jr.	0	24	Davis, Ill.
	51	Wyatt Boals	6-3	290	RFr.	0	0	Middlebury, Ind.
DE	8	Christian Lorenzo	6-3	205	Jr.	0	0	DeKalb, Ill.
	92	Travis Jones	6-3	285	So.	0	11	Herscher, Ill.
JACK	10	Reese Edwards	6-3	230	Sr.	0	36	Springfield, Ill.
	44	Dexter Niekamp	6-3	245	RFr.	0	0	Normal, Ill.
SLB	13	Patrick Bauer	6-3	235	So.	0	15	Mount Prospect, Ill.
	39	Solomon Oduma	6-3	225	So.	0	0	Fort Wayne, Ind.
MLB	46	Tye Niekamp	6-3	240	Jr.	0	25	Normal, Ill.
	14	Mason Kaplan	6-2	230	Sr.	0	1	Peachtree Corners, Ga.
WLB	35	Anthony Corona	6-2	230	So.	0	5	Silver Lake, Wis.
	0	Jamarcus Smith	6-1	230	So.	0	14	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
CB	25	Cam Wilson	5-11	180	Sr.	0	35	Cedar Hill, Texas
	24	Doreon Dubose	5-11	170	RFr.	0	4	St. Louis, Mo.
SS	18	Evan Sierra	6-0	205	Jr.	0	23	Orlando, Fla.
	20	CJ Richard Jr.	6-1	190	RFr.	0	0	Houston, Texas
FS	34	Jack Dwyer	6-0	205	Sr.	0	31	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.
	3	Jordan Coleman	6-0	190	Jr.	0	0	Saint Peters, Mo.
CB	1	Shadwel Nkuba II	6-1	190	Sr.	0	0	Lewisville, Texas
	5	Trevell Mullen	6-0	170	Jr.	0	0	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

SPECIALISTS

POS	NO	NAME	HT	WT	CL	SGP	CGP	HOMETOWN
KO	31	Matt Maldonado	6-2	200	Sr.	0	0	Montgomery, Ill.
	80	Michael Cosentino	5-7	160	Jr.	0	3	Northbrook, Ill.
PK	31	Ian Wagner	6-2	215	Jr.	0	18	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
	(or) 80	Michael Cosentino	5-7	160	Jr.	0	3	Northbrook, Ill.
P	41	Hayden Futch	6-1	185	So.	0	14	Valdosta, Ga.
	98	Ari Daniels	6-2	185	Fr.	0	0	Frankfort, Ill.
KR	25	Matt Lawson	5-10	200	So.	0	12	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
	6	Tommy Donovan	5-11	185	So.	0	13	South Lyon, Mich.
PR	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	160	Jr.	0	25	Burlington, Wis.
	28	Chris Taylor	6-0	180	So.	0	10	Normal, Ill.
HO	13	Eddie Kasper	5-10	155	So.	0	14	Burlington, Wis.
	41	Hayden Futch	6-1	185	So.	0	14	Valdosta, Ga.
LS	49	Dylan Calabrese	6-1	245	Sr.	0	14	Sugar Grove, Ill.
	48	Nate Kraus	6-2	230	So.	0	0	Yorkville, Ill.

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
0	Jamarcus Smith	LB	6-1	230	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage HS
1	Shadwel Nkuba II	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	Lewisville, Texas / Lewisville HS / Louisiana
2	Daniel Sobkowicz	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Rolling Meadows HS
3	Jordan Coleman	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Saint Peters, Mo. / DeSmet Jesuit HS / Ball State
3	Mason King	RB	6-2	220	Sr.	Centralia, Ill. / Centralia HS / Northern Illinois
4	La'Shavion Brown	DB	6-2	215	Jr.	Fairhope, Ala. / Fairhope HS / Hutchinson CC
4	Dylan Lord	WR	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Hamilton HS
5	Victor Dawson	RB	5-11	220	Sr.	Akron, Ohio / Hoban HS / Cincinnati
5	Trevell Mullen	DB	6-0	170	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Coconut Creek HS / James Madison
6	Tommy Donovan	DB	5-11	185	So.	South Lyon, Mich. / South Lyon HS
7	Nick True	TE	6-5	240	So.	Carpentersville, Ill. / Jacobs HS / Illinois
8	Christian Lorenzo	DL	6-3	305	Jr.	DeKalb, Ill. / DeKalb HS / Georgia State
8	Beckham Pellant	QB	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Hamilton HS
9	Rylan Crawford	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Leo, Ind. / Leo HS
10	Reese Edwards	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Springfield, Ill. / Sacred Heart-Griffin HS
10	Kaevion Mack	WR	6-2	210	Sr.	Peoria, Ill. / Peoria HS / Western Michigan
11	Scotty Presson Jr.	FB	6-3	230	Sr.	Florissant, Mo. / East St. Louis HS
12	Jashawn Echols	DB	6-1	155	R-Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East HS
12	Mar'Quan Gary	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community HS
13	Patrick Bauer	LB	6-3	235	So.	Mount Prospect, Ill. / St. Viator HS
13	Eddie Kasper	WR	5-10	160	Jr.	Burlington, Wis. / Wheaton Academy
14	David Connors Jr.	WR	6-3	195	Jr.	Brooklyn Center, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper HS
14	Mason Kaplan	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Peachtree Corners, Ga. / Norcross HS / Valparaiso
15	Chase Kwiatkowski	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	Dyer, Ind. / St. Laurence HS
16	Rico Clay	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Quincy, Ill. / Quincy HS
16	Tommy Rittenhouse	QB	5-11	195	Sr.	Geneva, Ill. / St. Francis HS
17	Cooper Kmet	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	Barrington, Ill. / St. Viator HS
17	Christian LeBrun	S	6-0	215	So.	Cherry Hill, N.J. / Avon Old Farms HS / UMass
18	Gavin Camp	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community West HS
18	Evan Sierra	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep
20	CJ Richard Jr.	DB	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas / J. Frank Dobie HS
20	Ian Willis	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. / St. Francis HS
21	Seth Glatz	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Morton, Ill. / Morton HS / Western Illinois
21	Kaden Lehev	DB	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Arlington, Texas / Grace Prep Academy
22	Manuel Espinoza	DB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Butler HS / Limestone University
23	Ju'Maria Hamilton	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Fairfield Prep HS
24	Doreon Dubose	DB	5-11	170	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College HS
24	Andrew Rockford	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Springfield, Ill. / Sacred Heart Griffin HS / Monmouth College
25	Matt Lawson	RB	5-10	205	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Hoffman Estates HS
25	Cam Wilson	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Cedar Hill, Texas / Trinity Christian HS
26	Jamaricus Thomas	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS
27	Tyler Lofton	RB	5-10	220	Fr.	Crete, Ill. / Brother Rice HS
28	Chris Taylor	DB	6-0	180	So.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS
29	Aidan Crews	DB	6-0	180	So.	Wildwood, Mo. / Eureka HS
30	Emmanuel Ofosu	DB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy
31	Matt Maldonado	K/P	6-2	200	Sr.	Montgomery, Ill. / Yorkville HS / Murray State
32	Wyatt Mueller	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Quincy, Ill. / Quincy Notre Dame HS
32	Wenkers Wright	RB	6-1	205	Sr.	Floyds Knobs, Ind. / Floyd Central HS
33	Javien Jackson	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton HS
34	Dallas Amos	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	Evanston, Ill. / Evanston Township HS
34	Jack Dwyer	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill. / Lake Zurich HS
35	Anthony Corona	LB	6-2	230	So.	Silver Lake, Wis. / Wilmot Union HS
36	Stevan Gavric	WR	6-3	180	Fr.	Libertyville, Ill. / Libertyville HS
37	Jack Oliver	DB	6-3	185	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods HS
38	Ben Cooper	LB	6-1	220	R-Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill. / Maine West HS
39	Solomon Oduma	LB	6-3	225	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll HS
40	Kayode Amusan	LB	6-3	250	So.	Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury HS
41	Hayden Futch	K	6-1	185	So.	Valdosta, Ga. / Berrien HS

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
42	Dereon Crowe	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	Owensboro, Ken. / Owensboro Catholic HS
44	Dexter Niekamp	LB	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS
45	Cal Martine	FB	5-11	230	Sr.	Appleton, Wis. / Appleton North HS
46	Tye Niekamp	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS
47	Mark Haering	LB	6-1	210	So.	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood HS
48	Nate Kraus	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS
49	Dylan Calabrese	LS	6-1	245	Sr.	Sugar Grove, Ill. / Kaneland HS / Western Michigan
51	Wyatt Boals	DL	6-3	290	R-Fr.	Middlebury, Ind. / Northridge HS
52	Mattox Kelly	DL	6-5	235	Fr.	Florence, Ken. / Beechwood HS
54	Josh Gettemy	LB	6-2	220	So.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS
55	Cooper Monk	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Manteno, Ill. / Manteno HS
56	Garret Steffen	DL	6-4	275	Sr.	Altoona, Wis. / Altoona HS / Western Illinois
58	Mark Helm	OL	6-6	285	R-Fr.	Springfield, Ill. / Glenwood HS
59	Ryan McGarry	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	Oak Brook, Ill. / Hinsdale Central HS
60	Brandon Smith	OL	6-4	315	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central HS / Western Michigan
62	Hunter Ducharme	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Lockport, N.Y. / Starpoint HS / Iowa Central CC
63	Chris Hill Jr.	OL	6-3	290	Sr.	Braidwood, Ill. / Reed Custer HS / Millikin
65	Jack McGarry	OL	6-4	285	Jr.	Oak Brook, Ill. / Hinsdale Central HS / Missouri
66	Brayden Jellison	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart HS
67	Jake Pope	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / St. Thomas Aquinas HS / Kentucky
68	Landon Woodard	OL	6-5	330	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis. / Waukesha West HS
69	Micah Barnhart	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Canton, Ill. / Canton HS / Wyoming
70	Logan Brasfield	OL	6-3	315	So.	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS / Coastal Carolina
71	Jacob Finley	OL	6-9	345	So.	Sherman, Ill. / Williamsville HS
73	Gabriel Nege	OL	6-6	275	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community HS
74	Dominic McKibbin	DL	6-4	300	Fr.	Normal, Ill. / Bloomington Central Catholic HS
75	Caiden Abbs	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll HS
76	Valentino Garcia	DL	6-3	335	So.	Orlando, Fla. / Orlando Christian Prep HS
77	Jace Pankey	OL	6-3	315	So.	Onarga, Ill. / Iroquois West HS
78	Ben Wallace	OL	6-5	325	So.	Germantown Hills, Ill. / Metamora HS
79	Luke Johnsen	OL	6-4	285	So.	Geneseo, Ill. / Geneseo HS
80	Nick Arogundade	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy
80	Michael Cosentino	K	5-7	160	Jr.	Northbrook, Ill. / Glenbrook North HS / Elon
81	Luke Olson	WR	6-3	205	Fr.	Chicago, Illinois / Notre Dame College Prep
82	Max Ziebarth	TE	6-5	235	Jr.	Hudson, Ill. / Normal West HS
83	Jack Tippmann	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	New Haven, Ind. / Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger HS
84	Luke Mailander	WR	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Elmhurst, Ill. / York Community HS
85	Javon Charles	TE	6-5	245	Sr.	Glenn Heights, Texas / DeSoto HS
86	Brady Probst	TE	6-4	240	So.	Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg HS
87	Nick Kessler	DL	6-6	265	Sr.	Marysville, Ohio / Marysville HS
88	Travis Stamm	WR	6-3	180	Fr.	Willow Springs, Ill. / Lyons Township HS
89	Brady Goken	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Wheaton, Ill. / Wheaton Warrenville South HS
89	Ari Daniels	K/P	6-2	185	Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincolnway East HS
90	Greg Galloway	DL	6-2	295	Jr.	Oconomowoc, Wis. / Oconomowoc HS
91	Ben Harman	DL	6-6	270	R-Fr.	Stoughton, Wis. / Stoughton HS
92	Travis Jones	DL	6-3	285	So.	Herscher, Ill. / Herscher HS
93	Jack Bochenczak	DL	6-5	265	R-Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. / Providence Catholic HS
94	Ivan Erickson	DL	6-6	275	So.	Batavia, Ill. / Marmion Academy
95	Casey Roney	K	5-11	170	Fr.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora HS
96	Bryce Waszczyk	LS	5-11	185	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. / Maine South HS
97	Jake Anderson	DL	6-5	295	Jr.	Davis, Ill. / Durand HS
98	Logan Jellison	DL	6-5	265	R-Fr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart HS / Purdue
99	Donovan McBride	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	Grain Valley, Mo. / Grain Valley HS / Murray State

#40 • Kayode Amusan • LB

Tackles: 3 vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-24
 Solos: 1 vs. North Dakota State, 9-28-24
 Assists: 2, twice
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#97 • Jake Anderson • DL

Tackles: 8, three times
 Solos: 4, twice
 Assists: 5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Interceptions: 1 at Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24

#13 • Patrick Bauer • LB

Tackles: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
 Solos: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
 Assists: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
 TFLs: 2.0 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
 Interceptions:

#85 • Javon Charles • TE

Receptions: 3 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Receiving Yards: 24 at Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 24 at Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24

#35 • Anthony Corona • LB

Tackles: 1 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Solos: 1 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Assists: 0
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#9 • Rylan Crawford • WR

Receptions: 4 at North Dakota, 11-18-23
 Receiving Yards: 55 at North Dakota, 11-18-23
 Touchdowns: 1, twice
 Long Reception: 28 at North Dakota, 11-18-23

#6 • Tommy Donovan • DB

Receptions: 2 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Receiving Yards: 14 vs. Missouri State, 10-12-24
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 14 vs. Missouri State, 10-12-24

#24 • Doreon Dubose • DB

Tackles: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Solos: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Assists:
 Sacks:
 TFLs:
 Interceptions:

34 • Jack Dwyer • S

Tackles: 4, twice
 Solos: 4 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Assists: 3 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#10 • Reese Edwards • LB

Tackles: 7 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Solos: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Assists: 6 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
 Interceptions: 0

#41 • Hayden Futch • P

Punts: 8 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Punt Yards: 329 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Punt Average: 54.0 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Long Punt: 63 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Inside 20: 3 at Murray State, 10-19-24

#90 • Greg Galloway • DL

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

#21 • Seth Glatz • RB

Rushing Attempts: 7, twice
 Rushing Yards: 51 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Rushing TDs: 1, twice
 Long Rush: 26 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24

#91 • Ben Harman • DL

Tackles: 5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 Solos: 2, twice
 Assists: 3 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 Sacks: 1.5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 TFLs: 1.5 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24
 Interceptions: 0

#92 • Travis Jones • DL

Tackles: 2 at Murray State, 10-19-24
 Solos: 0
 Assists: 1 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#13 • Eddie Kasper • WR

Receptions: 11 at UC Davis, 12-7-24
 Receiving Yards: 84 at Missouri State, 11-4-23
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Lindenwood, 9-23-23
 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: 5 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Solos: 3 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Assists: 4 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Sacks: 1.0, twice
 TFLs: 1.5 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Interceptions: 0

#3 • Mason King • RB

Rushing Attempts: 25 at Missouri State, 11-4-23
 Rushing Yards: 170 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Rushing TDs: 3, twice
 Long Rush: 71 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Receptions: 2 at Missouri State, 11-4-23
 Receiving Yards: 8 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 8 at Western Illinois, 9-9-23

#25 • Matt Lawson • RB

Rushing Attempts: 16 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Rushing Yards: 84 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Rushing TDs: 1, three times
 Longest Rush: 29 at Southern Illinois, 10-5-24

#4 • Dylan Lord • WR

Receptions: 6 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Receiving Yards: 52 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 28 at North Alabama, 9-7-24

#45 • Cal Martine • RB

Rushing Attempts: 4 vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
 Rushing Yards: 19 vs. Indiana State, 10-14-23
 Rushing TDs:
 Longest Rush: 19 vs. Indiana State, 10-14-23

#99 • Donovan McBride • DL

Tackles: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Solos:
 Assists: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
 Sacks:
 TFLs:
 Interceptions:

#46 • Tye Niekamp • LB

Tackles: 12 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Solos: 8 vs. Youngstown State, 11-2-24
 Assists: 10 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Sacks: 1.0, four times
 TFLs: 2.5, twice
 Interceptions: 1, four times

#8 • Beckham Pellant • QB

Completions: 2 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Attempts: 2 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Passing Yards: 7 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 TD Passes: 0
 Longest Pass: 4 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Interceptions: 0
 Rushing Yards: -11 at Iowa, 8-31-24
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0

#11 • Scotty Presson Jr. • FB/TE

Receptions: 3 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Receiving Yards: 58 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 41 at Northern Iowa, 11-9-24

#16 • Tommy Rittenhouse • QB

Completions: 30 at UC Davis, 12-7-24
 Attempts: 48 at UC Davis, 12-7-24
 Passing Yards: 347 at Murray State, 10-19-24
 TD Passes: 3, twice
 Longest Pass: 84 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Interceptions: 1, seven times
 Rushing Yards: 128 at Murray State, 10-19-24
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2, three times
 Long Rush: 71 at North Alabama, 9-7-24

#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

#2 • Daniel Sobkowicz • WR

Receptions: 11 at Youngstown State, 10-21-23
 Receiving Yards: 170 at Youngstown State, 10-21-23
 Touchdowns: 3 at Youngstown State, 10-21-23
 Long Reception: 84 at Indiana State, 11-16-24

#0 • Jamarcus Smith • LB

Tackles: 4 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Solos: 1, twice
 Assists: 3 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
 Sacks: 0
 TFLs: 0
 Interceptions: 0

#25 • Cam Wilson • DB

Tackles: 1, twice
 Solos: 1, twice
 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: 2, twice
 Long Rush: 56 at Youngstown State, 10-21-23
 Receptions: 6 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Receiving Yards: 55 at UNI, 10-8-22
 Touchdowns: 0
 Long Reception: 52 at Murray State, 10-19-24

#82 • Max Ziebarth • TE

Receptions: 1, twice
 Receiving Yards: 7, twice
 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Lindenwood, 9-23-23
 Long Reception: 7, twice

ILLINOIS STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 100 yards	118, Wenkers Wright vs. North Dakota, 11-23-24
Rushed for 200 yards	210, James Robinson at Central Arkansas, 12-7-19
Passed for 200 yards	233, Tommy Rittenhouse at UC Davis, 12-7-24
Passed for 300 yards	319, Tommy Rittenhouse at Indiana State, 11-16-24
Passed for 400 yards	419, Brady Davis vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Had 10 receptions	Eddie Kasper (11) and Daniel Sobkowicz (10) at UC Davis, 12-7-24
Had 100 yards receiving	111, Daniel Sobkowicz at UC Davis, 12-7-24
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	Keondre Jackson (30 yards) at Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
Returned a fumble for a TD	Lavoise-Deontae McCoy (0 yards) vs. Dayton, 9-2-23
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, Mason King vs. Murray State, 11-11-23
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Tommy Rittenhouse at Indiana State, 11-16-24
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Daniel Sobkowicz at Youngstown State, 10-21-23
Kicked three field goals	3, Ian Wagner at UNI, 10-8-22
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage	71 (TD), Tommy Rittenhouse at North Alabama, 9-7-24
Had a 70-yard pass completion	84 (TD) Tommy Rittenhouse to Daniel Sobkowicz at Indiana State, 11-16-24
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	71, Ian Wagner at Eastern Illinois, 9-18-23

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM

400 yards rushing	409 vs. Southern Illinois, 10-13-18
300 yards rushing	325 at North Alabama, 9-7-24
400 yards passing	419 vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
300 yards passing	319 at Indiana State, 11-16-24
600 yards total offense	633 at Murray State, 10-19-24
30 first downs	31 at Murray State, 10-19-24
50 points	51 vs. Western Illinois, 9-14-24
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	35 at Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
Held an opponent under 100 yards passing	87 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	192 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-21-24
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	104, Lan Larrison, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Rushed for 200 yards	273, Pierce Holley, Eastern Illinois, 9-18-23
Passed for 200 yards	403, Miles Hastings, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Passed for 300 yards	403, Miles Hastings, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Passed for 400 yards	403, Miles Hastings, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Had 10 receptions	Donnie Cheers (12), Cam Pedro (10), Tristan Smith (10), Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
Had 100 yards receiving	104, CJ Hutton, UC Davis, 12-7-24
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	Garret Ollendieck (27 yards), Indiana State, 10-14-23
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	3, Lan Larrison, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Threw three touchdown passes	3, Miles Hastings, UC Davis, 12-7-24
Caught three touchdown passes	3, Joe Logan, Northern Arizona, 9-21-19
Kicked 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	72, Mitch Davidson to CJ Charleston, Youngstown State, 10-21-23
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	403, UC Davis, 12-7-24
300 yards passing	567, Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
500 yards total offense	558, UC Davis, 12-7-24
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	45, Southeast Missouri State, 11-30-24
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	Murray State, 11-11-23
Blocked an extra point attempt	Lindenwood, 9-23-23

ILLINOIS STATE SITUATIONAL STATS

	2025
Playing at home	0-0
Playing on the road	0-0
Playing on a neutral field	0-0
Playing at night	0-0
Playing during the day	0-0
ISU scores on first possession	0-0
Opponent scores on first possession	0-0
ISU scores first	0-0
Opponent scores first	0-0
ISU leads after 1st quarter	0-0
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after first quarter	0-0
ISU leads at halftime	0-0
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0
Tied at halftime	0-0
ISU leads after 3rd quarter	0-0
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-0
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game goes into overtime	0-0
ISU has more total yards	0-0
Opponent has more total yards	0-0
ISU has more rushing yards	0-0
Opponent has more rushing yards	0-0
ISU has more passing yards	0-0
Opponent has more passing yards	0-0
ISU has more turnovers	0-0
Opponent has more turnovers	0-0
Teams have equal turnovers	0-0
ISU has more penalties	0-0
Opponent has more penalties	0-0
Penalties are equal	0-0
ISU has more time of possession	0-0
Opponent has more time of possession	0-0
ISU has 100-yard rusher	0-0
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-0
ISU scores at least 20 points	0-0
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	0-0
ISU defense scores	0-0
Opponent defense scores	0-0
ISU returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0
Opponent returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0