



Illinois State Game Notes

FINAL – Illinois State 81, No. 25 Dayton 75

Dec. 7, 2013 • Redbird Arena • Normal, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE PLAYER NOTES:

- Starters: **Bobby Hunter (G)**, **Paris Lee (G)**, **Nick Zeisloft (G)**, **Daishon Knight (G)**, **John Jones (F)**.
- **Daishon Knight** scored six of the team's first 12 points in the first half. Knight led all scorers in the first half with 11 while also adding four rebounds, the most for the Redbirds. Knight finished the game leading all scorers 20 points, one point shy of a career high.
- **John Jones** fouled out with 2:24 left in the game. Jones had just two points and three rebounds. He averages 6.3 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.
- **Reggie Lynch** and **Daishon Knight** led the Redbirds with six rebounds.
- **Bobby Hunter** led all players with five steals, a career high.

ILLINOIS STATE TEAM NOTES:

- Illinois state scored two baskets in the first 29 seconds of the game. **Daishon Knight** led off the scoring with a jumper followed by a **Bobby Hunter** steal and layup.
- The Redbirds started the game with a 6-0 run in the first 1:45 of the contest.
- Illinois State went on an 8-2 run giving the Redbirds a nine-point lead, their largest lead of the game, at the 5:57 mark in the first half.
- The Redbirds closed out the first half shooting 50% from the field and 36% from three-point range.
- Illinois State led by as many as ten points. However, the Flyers chipped away at the Redbirds before taking the lead with 12:43 left. ISU quickly regained the lead after a **Nick Zeisloft** three-pointer and a **Reggie Lynch** layup, giving them a 55-50 lead with 11:09 to play.
- ISU put together a 13-2 run after a pair of **Bobby Hunter** free throws, giving them a 67-57 lead with 6:04 left in the game.
- ISU's largest lead of the game (15) came after a set of free-throws by **Daishon Knight**, giving the Redbirds the 74-59 lead with 4:16 to play in the second half.
- **Daishon Knight** led four Redbirds in double-figures with 20 while **Bobby Hunter** added 16.
- ISU shot 50% from the field for the second time this season. The previous time they shot 50% was at the USF Golden Gate Challenge Challenge tournament in their loss to Vermont.
- Illinois State extended their winning streak to four games.

DAYTON PLAYER NOTES:

- Starters: **Khari Price (G)**, **Jordan Sibert (G)**, **Dyshawn Pierre (F)**, **Devin Oliver (F)**, **Matt Kavanaugh (C)**.
- **Scoochie Smith** led the scoring for the Flyers in the first half with seven points and finished with nine, a career high for Smith.
- **Devin Oliver** had four first half rebounds for Dayton while adding a pair of free-throws.
- **Jordan Sibert** has led the Flyers with 13.6 points per game; however, Sibert was held to five first half points and finished with 13. Sibert has scored in double figures in all but two games this season.
- **Devin Oliver** has scored in double figures in five of the last six games. The Redbirds limited his scoring to only two points in the first half of action. Oliver finished with eight points, five points less from his season average.

DAYTON TEAM NOTES:

- The team ended the first half shooting 40% from the field and 20% from three-point.
- Dayton has held opponents to only 31% shooting from three-point range in their last five games, however, they allowed the Redbirds to shoot 40% from beyond the arc.
- The Flyers came out strong early-on in the second half, going on an 18-6 run before a **Zach Lofton** jumper at the 12:32 mark.
- Dayton took their first lead of the game, 50-48, after a **Vee Sanford** three-pointer with 12:43 to play in the game. The team strung together four consecutive three-point baskets over a span of 1:20 in the second half, giving Dayton a 9-3 run.
- They ended Illinois State's 13-2 run with a jumper by **Jordan Sibert**, making it 69-59 Illinois State with 5:09 left.
- Late in the game, the Flyers went on a 6-0 run after a **Khari Price** layup, cutting the Redbird lead to 74-65 with 1:35 to play.
- Dayton was able to get as close as six points to the Redbirds, 81-75, with 17 seconds in the game, but that would not be enough as they fell for the second time this season.
- The Flyers finished the game shooting 49% from the field, better than their 47% season average.
- Dayton recorded eight steals against ISU, right on with their season average at eight steals per game.

GAME NOTES:

- This was the seventh meeting between the two teams with Illinois State defeating Dayton 74-73 at UD Arena last year.
- Illinois State led the Flyers 39-32 at the conclusion of the first half. The Redbirds led the entire first half and their largest lead was ten.
- The Redbirds 81-75 win over 25th ranked Dayton marked ISU's first win over a nationally ranked opponent in Redbird Arena history.
- The attendance was 6,697.