

# 2008 GAME RECAPS

† **Missouri 52 Illinois 42** - St Louis. IL got a 34 yd IR TD to lead 13-10. Maclin ret'd the KO 99 yds for a TD and MO went 80/3pl and 87/10pl for TD's, the latter with :22 left 2Q. MO had a 373-144 yd 1H edge and led 31-13. Each team had a pair of TD's in a wild 3Q, 45-28. In the 4Q IL got a 65 yd TD pass, 45-35 (14:10). Williams was int'd at the MO26 and MO was SOD at the IL30. MO's Weatherspoon got a 35 yd IR TD with 3:03 left, 52-35. IL went 70/14pl and got a TD on 4th & gl at the 5 on the last play.

**ILLINOIS 47 Eastern Illinois 21** - Williams rushed for an IL QB record 174 yds but EI RB Travorus Bess had 183. After an exchange of TO's, IL drove 34/4pl for a TD. EI got a 55 yd run by Bess which set up a 66/3pl TD drive to tie it. Williams was int'd at IL's 41 but EI missed a 52 yd FG. IL went 62/14pl for a 21 yd FG and 29/9 pl for a 42 yd FG, 13-7 (10:04). IL fumbled a punt at its own 15 but EI was SOD at the 7. IL went 93/9pl for a TD (2:44) and then 49/9pl for a TD and led 26-7 at the half with a 307-92 yd edge. The Illini increased it to 47-7 early 4Q before EI got a 46/6 pl TD drive and a 9 yd FR TD for the final.

**ILLINOIS 20 Louisiana 17** - IL had a 213-132 yd 1H edge. UL fmbld at the IL35 and IL made a 51 yd FG with the wind at their backs. IL's Miller got a 27 yd FR TD, 10-0 (7:03 1Q). UL went 73/15pl but settled for a 24 yd FG. IL went 96/11pl for a TD, 17-3 (6:28). UL ret'd the KO 58 yds but missed a 47 yd FG (5:20) and IL missed a 39 yd FG with :37 left 2Q. UL was SOD at the IL36 (:20 3Q). IL was SOD at the UL25 (11:22 4Q). UL went 64/4pl for a TD, 17-10 (5:30). IL went 52/9pl and got a 27 yd FG with 1:36 left. UL went 60/8pl and on 4th & 10 got an 11 yd TD pass with :18 left but IL rec'd the onside kick.

**PENN ST 38 Illinois 24** - White Out night game. IL started with a 60/6pl TD drive but PSU answered with a 73/8pl TD drive. IL went 60/7pl for a TD which came on a 33 yd pass to Benn. PSU went 81/7pl and 57/7pl for TD's, 21-14. PSU was SOD at the IL31 (1:12 2Q) and had a 256-165 yd edge at the half. IL was SOD at 4th & 2 on its own 48 but PSU settled for a 24 yd FG, 24-14. IL went 55/13pl but missed a 33 yd FG. PSU fmbld and IL got a 43 yd FG, 24-17. Williams got a 94 yd KR TD. IL got a 54 yd TD pass to Benn but PSU answered with a 77/7pl TD drive, 38-24. PSU rec'd a fmbld at the IL36 but dropped a FD pass and punted. IL was SOD at the PSU46 and the Lions ran out the clock.

**Illinois 45 MICHIGAN 20** - UM had a 52 yd FG blk'd. UM went 48/3pl for a TD. IL went 38/7pl for a 48 yd FG but the Wolves went 61/11pl for a TD and led 14-3 after 1Q. IL then went 67/4pl for a TD and 89/8pl with a screen pass to Dufrene going 37 yds for the TD, 17-14 at the half. On 3rd & 19 to open the 3Q IL got a 77 yd TD pass. Two poss later IL went 43/8pl but had a 31 yd FG blk'd. UM went on a 6pl drive but fmbld and IL went 48/6pl for a TD, 31-14 (14:23). UM went 73/8pl for a TD, 31-20 (2ptng) but IL went 68/8pl for a TD and then UM fmbld the KO and IL went 16 yds for a TD.

**Minnesota 27 ILLINOIS 20** - UM opened with a 60/6pl TD drive and IL went 70/12pl but missed a 45 yd FG. In the 2Q IL went 57/10pl for a 33 yd FG, 7-3 at half. Dufrene fmbld at IL's 7 which set UM up for a TD, 14-3. IL went 69/9pl for a 28 yd FG, 14-6. IL went 79/10pl but was SOD on 4th & goal at the 1 as a review showed Williams' knee was down at the 1. UM went 80/6pl as Eskridge got a 46 yd TD run, 20-6. IL went 79/5pl for a TD. UM ret'd a Williams fmbld 9 yds for a TD, 27-13. IL went 79/3pl for a TD, 27-20. UM fmbld at the IL48 and the Illini got to the 25 but Williams was int'd at the 19 (1:02). IL was SOD at the UM46 and finished with a 546-312 yd edge. Williams set a Memorial Stadium record with 503 yds.

**ILLINOIS 55 Indiana 13** - Indy was w/o QB Lewis and IL true frosh RB Ford rushed for 172 yds. IL got a 60 yd pass on its 1st play which set up a TD. Indy missed 38 & 45 yd FG's. IL went 72/7pl for a TD, 14-0. Indy went 76/5pl for a TD, 14-7. IL went 63/7pl and 75/3pl for TD's and led 28-7 at the half with a 306-145 yd edge. IL got a 80/5pl TD drive, 34-7 (xpng). Indy went 63/10pl but settled for a 23 yd FG, 34-10. IL went 76/8pl for a TD and after rec a fmbld went 31/8pl for a TD, 48-10. Indy fmbld at the IL9, got a 31 yd FG and was SOD at the IL32 on their final 3 poss while the Illini added a 96 yd KR TD with 5:52 left.

**WISCONSIN 27 Illinois 17** - UW fmbld at its own 44 but Williams was int'd at the 18 and ret'd 51 yds which set UW up for a 40 yd FG. IL went 92/11pl for a TD, 7-3. UW went 44/7pl for a TD, 10-7. IL's Benn ret'd the KO 63 yds to the UW28 which set up a 47 yd FG, 10-10 at the half. IL opened the 3Q with a 70/8pl TD drive, 17-10 scoring on 3rd & 9. UW went 80/8pl and on 3rd & 17 got a 49 yd TD pass, 17-17. Williams was int'd at the UW17. UW ret'd it 47 yds to the IL36 and got a 38 yd FG for the lead 6pl later, 20-17. UW then went 80/10pl for a TD, 27-17 (3:48). IL was SOD at the UW33 (2:22) and UW ran out the clock.

**ILLINOIS 27 Iowa 24** - IL went 82/10pl for a TD. Iowa went 72/15pl for a 26 yd FG. Iowa went 43/6pl but missed a 30 yd FG. After an IR to the IL22, Iowa hit a 19 yd FG and trailed 7-6 despite 3 drives inside the IL11. Iowa was int'd at the IL36. IL got a 41 yd FG with :34 left 1H to lead 10-6. Iowa got a 67/11pl drive for a 27 yd FG, 10-9. On 3rd & 10 IL got a 50 yd TD pass, 17-9. Iowa's Stanzi was sk'd & IL got a 7 yd FR TD, 24-9. Iowa went 64/4pl for a TD, 24-16. IL fmbld at its own 36 (4:10 left 4Q). Iowa got a TD and 2 pt conv to tie it at 24 (2:46). IL went 51/12pl and got a 46 yd FG with :24 left for the win.

† **W Michigan 23 Illinois 17** - Detroit's Ford Field. WM went 56/10pl for a 31 yd FG. IL went 69/5pl for a TD including a 61 yd pass to the 5, 7-3. WM went 70/12pl for a 22 yd FG, 7-6. Williams was int'd and ret'd to the IL39. Four plays later WM had a TD, 13-7. IL got to the WM35 but Williams was int'd at the 13 and ret'd 44 yds. WM went 44/5pl and Simmons scored, 20-7. At the half WM had a 235-139 yd edge. IL had a 45/8pl drive but missed a 43 yd FG. After a 31 yd PR by Benn IL started at the WM47 but was SOD at the 38. IL went 75/8pl for a FG, 20-10. WM ret'd the KO 39 yds and went 34/8pl for a 45 yd FG, 23-10. IL went 60/10pl for a TD incl a 4th & 4 conv at the WM15, 23-17. IL went 81/9pl but was SOD on 4th & 10 at the WM17 (:48).

**Ohio St 30 ILLINOIS 20** - 40° & windy. Williams fmbld at the IL18 which led to an OSU TD. IL went 82/8pl for a TD to tie it. OSU blk'd a punt for a safety and then drove 43/5pl for a TD, 16-7. IL went 70/11pl but Williams was int'd at the 6 and OSU went 76/6pl for a TD, 23-7. IL went 60/9pl for a 28 yd FG and 47/6pl for a 44 yd FG and trailed 23-13 at the half despite having a 292-182 yd edge. OSU went 62/9pl but Wells fmbld at the 18. OSU went 84/8pl for a TD, 30-13. Later OSU was SOD at the IL25. With McGee at QB IL was SOD at the OSU33 but later went 76/7pl for a garbage TD with :42 left. OSU rec'd the onside kick.

**NORTHWESTERN 27 Illinois 10** - NU went 77/13pl (xpng) and 60/8pl for TD's, 13-0. IL drove to the NU46 but Williams was int'd at the 3. NU had a 213-86 yd edge at the half. IL opened the 3Q with an 80/11pl TD drive. NU was int'd at the IL10. IL went 38/7pl for a 28 yd FG, 16-7. IL went 77/10pl for a 21 yd FG. NU got a 51 yd PR which set up a TD 2pl later, 24-10 (2pt). IL was sk'd & fmbld at its own 44 and NU got a 24 yd FG, 27-10. IL went 59/15pl to the NU21 but was SOD.