

Opponent Previews

Purdue

QUICK FACTS

Location West Lafayette, Ind.
Enrollment 38,847
Nickname Boilermakers
Colors Old Gold & Black
Conference Big Ten
Facility Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)
President Martin C. Jischke
Athletics Director Morgan Burke
Athletics Department Phone (765) 494-3189



Joe Tiller

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 0-2-0

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 5-6
2005 Conference Record/Finish 3-5/8th

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COACHING INFORMATION

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Career Record (Yrs.) 106-73-1 (15)
Record at Purdue (Yrs.) 67-43 (9)
Record vs. Indiana State First Meeting
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Assistant Coaches

Mark Hagen, Asst. Head Coach/ST/Def. Tackles (Indiana, 1991)
Bill Legg, Offensive Coordinator/OL (West Virginia, 1985)
Brock Spack, Defensive Coordinator/LB (Purdue, 1984)
Lou Anarumo, Defensive Backs (Wagner 1990)
John McDonell, Tight Ends/Offensive Line (Carroll, 1981)
Brian Rock, Wide Receivers (Bowling Green, 1985)
Joel Thomas, Running Backs (Idaho, 1998)
Terrell Williams, Defensive Ends (East Carolina, 1998)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 41/20
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 4/7
Specialists Returning/Lost 0/2
Offensive System One Back
Defensive System 4-3

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 **INDIANA STATE**
Sept. 9 **MIAMI (OHIO)**
Sept. 16 **BALL STATE**
Sept. 23 **MINNESOTA**
Sept. 30 at Notre Dame
Oct. 7 at Iowa
Oct. 14 at Northwestern
Oct. 21 **WISCONSIN**
Oct. 28 **PENN STATE**
Nov. 4 at Michigan State
Nov. 11 at Illinois
Nov. 18 **INDIANA**
Nov. 25 at Hawaii

Eastern Illinois

QUICK FACTS

Location Charleston, Ill.
Enrollment 12,129
Nickname Panthers
Colors Blue & Grey
Conference Ohio Valley
Facility O'Brien Stadium (10,000)
President Louis V. Hencken
Athletics Director Dr. Richard McDuffie
Athletics Department Phone (217) 581-2319



Bob Spoo

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 37-39-4

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 9-3
2005 Conference Record/Finish 8-0/1st

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Bob Spoo
Alma Mater Purdue/1960
Career Record (Yrs.) 119-98-1 (20)
Record at Eastern Illinois (Yrs.) 119-98-1 (20)
Record vs. Indiana State 12-5
Office Phone (217) 581-5031

Assistant Coaches

Mark Hutson, Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator (Oklahoma, 1989)
Roc Bellantoni, Defensive Coordinator/LB (Iona College, 1993)
Shannon Jackson, Defensive Line (Indiana State, 2000)
Antoine Livingston, Offense (Eastern Illinois, 2002)
Forest Jackson, Defense (West Georgia, 2003)
Noah Joseph, Defensive Backs (Drake, 1999)
Justin Lustig, Special Teams (Bucknell, 2001)
Mike Lynch, Wide Receivers (Montana, 1999)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 37/10
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/2
Specialists Returning/Lost 1/1
Offensive System Multiple Pro-Set
Defensive System 4-3

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Illinois
Sept. 9 **INDIANA STATE**
Sept. 16 at Illinois State
Sept. 23 at Samford
Sept. 30 at Hawaii
Oct. 7 **SEMO**
Oct. 14 at Eastern Kentucky
Oct. 21 **MURRAY STATE**
Oct. 28 at UT-Martin
Nov. 4 **TENNESSEE STATE**
Nov. 11 at Tennessee Tech
Nov. 18 **JACKSONVILLE STATE**

Opponent Previews

Murray State

QUICK FACTS

Location Murray, Ky.
Enrollment 10,250
Nickname Racers
Colors Navy & Gold
Conference Ohio Valley
Facility Stewart Stadium (16,800)
President Dr. Kern Alexander
Athletics Director Allen Ward
Athletics Department Phone (270) 809-6800



Matt Griffin

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Leads 5-3

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 2-9
2005 Conference Record/Finish 0-7/9th

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COACHING INFORMATION

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Alma Mater New Hampshire/1992
Career Record (Yrs.) 10-24 (4)
Record at Murray State (Yrs.) First Season
Record vs. Indiana State 0-1
Office Phone (270) 809-6181

Assistant Coaches

Mickey Fein, Offensive Coordinator (Maine, 1999)
Rich Nagy, Defensive Coordinator (Trinity, 1987)
Kevin Cahill, Wide Receivers (Springfield, 2001)
Johnny Jernigan, Defensive Line (Stephen F. Austin, 1994)
Aaron Hutsell, Defensive Backs (McDaniel, 2003)
Mark Lister, Outside Linebackers (Tarleton State, 1999)
Mike Hayes, Offensive Line (Missouri, 2001)
Matt Wise, Tight Ends (Cornell, 2004)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 39/35
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/8
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/6
Specialists Returning/Lost 2/0
Offensive System Pro-I
Defensive System Multiple

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Missouri
 Sept. 9 at Tennessee State *
 Sept. 16 at Indiana State
Sept. 23 **ILLINOIS STATE**
Sept. 30 **TENNESSEE TECH** *
 Oct. 5 at Jacksonville State *
Oct. 14 **SAMFORD** *
 Oct. 21 at Eastern Illinois *
Oct. 28 **SEMO** *
 Nov. 4 at Eastern Kentucky *
Nov. 18 **UT-MARTIN** *

Northern Illinois

QUICK FACTS

Location DeKalb, Ill.
Enrollment 25,208
Nickname Huskies
Colors Cardinal & Black
Conference Mid-American (West)
Facility Brigham Field (28,000)
President John Peters
Athletics Director Jim Phillips
Athletics Department Phone (815) 753-1706



Joe Novak

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Leads 5-3

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 7-5
2005 Conference Record/Finish 6-2/1st

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Joe Novak
Alma Mater Miami (Ohio)/1967
Career Record (Yrs.) 54-60-0 (11)
Record at Northern Illinois (Yrs.) 54-60-0 (11)
Record vs. Indiana State First Meeting
Office Phone (815) 753-1706

Assistant Coaches

Sam Pittman, Asst. HC/Offensive Line (Pittsburg State, 1986)
John Bond, Offensive Coordinator/QB (Arkansas, 1985)
Greg Bower, Tight Ends (Loras, 1993)
Carnelius Cruz, Wide Receivers (Rhode Island, 1998)
Thomas Hammock, Running Backs (Northern Illinois, 2001)
Denny Doornbos, Defensive Coordinator/LB (W. Michigan, 1978)
Jeff Phelps, Defensive Line (Ball State, 1998)
John Hauser, Secondary (Wittenberg, 2002)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 42/15
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
Specialists Returning/Lost 2/1
Offensive System One-Back
Defensive System Attack 4-3

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Ohio State
Sept. 9 **OHIO** *
Sept. 16 **BUFFALO** *
Sept. 23 **INDIANA STATE**
 Sept. 30 at Ball State *
 Oct. 14 at Western Michigan *
Oct. 21 **TEMPLE**
 Oct. 28 at Iowa
Nov. 7 **TOLEDO** *
Nov. 17 **CENTRAL MICHIGAN** *
 Nov. 24 at Eastern Michigan *

Opponent Previews

Southern Illinois

QUICK FACTS

Location Carbondale, Ill.
Enrollment 21,441
Nickname Salukis
Colors Maroon & White
Conference Gateway Football
Facility McAndrew Field (17,324)
President Dr. Walter V. Wendler
Athletics Director TBA
Athletics Department Phone (618) 453-7240



Jerry Kill

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Leads 23-20

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 9-4
2005 Conference Record/Finish 5-2/T-1st

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Jerry Kill
Alma Mater Southwestern/1983
Career Record (Yrs.) 83-51 (13)
Record at Southern Illinois (Yrs.) 34-26 (5)
Record vs. Indiana State 3-2
Office Phone (618) 453-3331

Assistant Coaches

Matt Limegrover, Offensive Coordinator (Chicago, 1991)
Tracy Claeys, Defensive Coordinator (Kansas State, 1991)
Patrick Poore, Quarterbacks (Fort Hayes State, 1986)
Tom Matukewicz, Linebackers (Fort Hayes State, 1994)
Jay Sawvel, Defensive Backs (Mount Union, 1993)
Brian Anderson, Wide Receivers (Western Illinois, 1993)
Robert Reeves, Running Backs (Saginaw Valley State, 1996)
Bryce Saia, Defensive Line (Fort Hayes State, 1995)
Carl Mauch, Tight Ends (Southern Illinois, 1968)

2005 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 39/24
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 2/9
Specialists Returning/Lost 1/1
Offensive System Multiple
Defensive System 4-2

2005 Schedule

Aug. 31 **LOCK HAVEN**
 Sept. 16 at Indiana
 Sept. 23 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Sept. 30 **INDIANA STATE ***
Oct. 7 **WESTERN ILLINOIS ***
 Oct. 14 at Illinois State *
Oct. 21 **WESTERN KENTUCKY ***
 Oct. 28 at Missouri State *
 Nov. 4 at Youngstown State *
Nov. 11 **NORTHERN IOWA ***
Nov. 18 **SOUTHERN UTAH**

Youngstown State

QUICK FACTS

Location Youngstown, Ohio
Enrollment 12,898
Nickname Penguins
Colors Red and White
Conference Gateway Football
Stadium Stambaugh Stadium (20,630)
President Dr. David Sweet
Athletics Director Ron Strollo
Athletics Department Phone (330) 941-3478



Jon Heacock

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 1-14

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 8-4
2005 Conference Record/Finish 5-2/T-1st

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Jon Heacock
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Career Record (Yrs.) 32-24 (6)
Record at Youngstown State (Yrs.) 32-24 (6)
Record vs. Indiana State 5-0
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ASSISTANT COACHES

Chris Bache, Offensive Line (Indiana, Pa., 1987)
Casey Vogt, Tight Ends (Slippery Rock, 2000)
Sam Eddy, Assistant Head Coach/ Running Backs (Taylor, 1978)
Dave Elliott, Wide Receivers (Michigan, 1975)
Mike Kolakowski, Defensive Coordinator/DB (Ohio Northern, 1986)
Jerry Olsavsky, Linebackers (Pittsburgh, 1990)
Brian White, Tight Ends/ Special Teams Assistant (Youngstown, 1999)
Brian Wright, Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks (Wooster, 1994)
Pat Pearson, Asst. Linebackers (Baldwin-Wallace, 2004)
Sherod Holmes, Asst. Defensive Backs (Youngstown St., 2005)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 38/20
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
Specialists Returning/Lost 2/0
Offensive System Multiple
Defensive System 4-3

2006 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31 **SLIPPERY ROCK**
Sept. 9 **MAINE**
 Sept. 16 at Penn State
Sept. 23 **UC-DAVIS**
 Sept. 30 at Missouri State *
Oct. 7 **INDIANA STATE ***
 Oct. 14 at Western Illinois *
Oct. 21 **UNI ***
 Oct. 28 at Illinois State *
Nov. 4 **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ***
 Nov. 11 at Western Kentucky *

Opponent Previews

UNI

QUICK FACTS

Location Cedar Falls, Iowa
 Enrollment 12,955
 Nickname Panthers
 Colors Purple & Old Gold
 Conference Gateway Football
 Facility UNI-Dome (16,324)
 President Dr. Robert Koob
 Athletics Director Rick Hartzell
 Athletics Department Phone (319) 273-2470



Mark Farley

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 4-18

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 11-4
 2005 Conference Record/Finish 5-2/T-1st

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Mark Farley
 Alma Mater UNI/1986
 Career Record (Yrs.) 44-20 (5)
 Record at UNI (Yrs.) 44-20 (5)
 Record vs. Indiana State 4-1
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Assistant Coaches

Bill Salmon, Associate Head Coach/OC/WR (UNI, 1980)
 Mario Verduzco, Quarterbacks (San Jose State, 1988)
 Rick Nelson, Offensive Line (UNI, 1984)
 Atif Austin, Running backs (Iowa State, 2003)
 Erik Chinander, Tight Ends (Iowa, 2003)
 Jeremy Gold, Defensive Line (Central Michigan, 1999)
 Brandon Hall, Linebackers (Oklahoma, 2000)
 Chris Klieman, Defensive Backs (UNI, 1990)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 33/17
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 4/7
 Specialists Returning/Lost 2/0
 Offensive System Multiple
 Defensive System 4-3

2006 Schedule

Aug. 31 at Drake
 Sept. 16 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
 Sept. 30 at Iowa State
 Oct. 7 MISSOURI STATE *
 Oct. 14 at Indiana State *
 Oct. 21 at Youngstown State *
 Oct. 28 WESTERN ILLINOIS *
 Nov. 4 WESTERN KENTUCKY *
 Nov. 11 at Southern Illinois *
 Nov. 18 ILLINOIS STATE *

Missouri State

QUICK FACTS

Location Springfield, Mo.
 Enrollment 20,741
 Nickname Bears
 Colors Maroon & White
 Conference Gateway Football
 Stadium Plaster Field (16,300)
 President Dr. Michael Nietzel
 Athletics Director Bill Rowe
 Athletics Department Phone (417) 836-7678



Terry Allen

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 7-13

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 4-6
 2005 Conference Record/Finish 2-5/7th

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COACHING INFORMATION

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 Career Record (Yrs.) 95-59 (13)
 Record at Missouri State (Yrs.) First Season
 Record vs. Indiana State 7-1
 Office Phone (417) 836-5343

ASSISTANT COACHES

D.J. Vokolek, Asst. HC/Defensive Coordinator/LB (Neb.-Kearney, 1992)
 Steve Brickey, Offensive Coordinator/QB (Missouri, 1976)
 Rob Bolks, Defensive Backs (Iowa State, 1974)
 Andy Follett, Running Backs (Wayne State, 1998)
 Chris Kapilovic, Offensive Line (Missouri State, 1992)
 Derrick LeBlanc, Defensive Line (Northwestern State, 1997)
 Jamar Cain, Defensive Line (New Mexico State, 2002)
 Sean Coughlin, Offensive Line (Drake, 2001)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 33/25
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 10/1
 Specialists Returning/Lost 1/1
 Offensive System Multiple Pro Style
 Defensive System Multiple

2006 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 at Oklahoma State
 Sept. 9 SOUTHWEST BAPTIST
 Sept. 16 at Central Arkansas
 Sept. 23 SAM HOUSTON STATE
 Sept. 30 YOUNGSTOWN STATE *
 Oct. 7 at Northern Iowa *
 Oct. 14 WESTERN KENTUCKY *
 Oct. 21 at Indiana State *
 Oct. 28 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS *
 Nov. 4 at Illinois State *
 Nov. 11 WESTERN ILLINOIS *

Opponent Previews

Western Kentucky

QUICK FACTS

Location Bowling Green, Ky.
Enrollment 18,645
Nickname Hilltoppers
Colors Red & White
Conference Gateway Football
Facility L.T. Smith Stadium (17,500)
President Dr. Gary Ransdell
Athletics Director Dr. Camden Wood Selig
Athletics Department Phone (270) 745-3542



David Elson

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 5-12-1

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 6-5
2005 Conference Record/Finish 4-3/T-4th

MEDIA RELATIONS

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COACHING INFORMATION

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Career Record (Yrs.) 24-12 (3)
Record at Western Kentucky (Yrs.) 24-12 (3)
Record vs. Indiana State 3-0
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ASSISTANT COACHES

Willie Taggart, Assistant HC/Quarterbacks (Western Kentucky, 1998)
Mike Dietzel, Defensive Backs/ST (Otterbein, 1985)
T.J. Weist, Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Alabama, 1988)
Walter Wells, Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator (Belmont, 1993)
Cary Marquell, Inside Linebackers (Ball State, 1996)
Eric Mathies, Defensive Line (Murray State, 1998)
Mike Chism, Outside Linebackers (Kentucky, 1990)
Stuart Holt, Running Backs (North Carolina, 1995)
Steve Adams, Assistant Defensive Backs (Western Kentucky, 2000)
Andy Richman, Tight Ends (Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 2002)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 44/16
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 5/6
Specialists Returning/Lost 2/0
Offensive System Multiple
Defensive System 3-4

2006 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 at Georgia
 Sept. 9 at Eastern Kentucky
Sept. 16 CHATTANOOGA
Sept. 30 WESTERN ILLINOIS *
Oct. 7 ILLINOIS STATE *
 Oct. 14 at Missouri State *
 Oct. 21 at Southern Illinois *
Oct. 28 INDIANA STATE *
 Nov. 4 at Northern Iowa *
Nov. 11 YOUNGSTOWN STATE *
 Nov. 18 AUSTIN PEAY

Western Illinois

QUICK FACTS

Location Macomb, Ill.
Enrollment 13,550
Nickname Leathernecks
Colors Purple & Gold
Conference Gateway Football
Stadium Hanson Field (15,168)
President Dr. Alvin Goldfarb
Athletics Director Dr. Tim M. Van Alstine
Athletics Department Phone (812) 298-1190



Don Patterson

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU Trails 12-17

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record 5-6
2005 Conference Record/Finish 3-4/6th

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COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach Don Patterson
Alma Mater West Point/1973
Career Record (Yrs.) 50-31 (8)
Record at Western Illinois (Yrs.) 50-31 (8)
Record vs. Indiana State 6-1
Office Phone (309) 298-1515

ASSISTANT COACHES

Mark Hendrickson, Asst. Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator (UNI, 1980)
Josh McCall, Offensive Line (Western Illinois, 1998)
Monte Henderson, Defensive Backs (Arkansas, 2001)
Andy Kotelnicki, Tight Ends (Wisconsin-River Falls, 2004)
Jordan Gigli, Assistant Offensive Line (Tri-State, 2003)
Tom Casey, Defensive Coordinator (Oregon State, 1995)
Steve McKane, Defensive Line (Utah, 2001)
Thad Ward, Running Backs (Central Florida, 2001)
Lee Russell, Linebackers (Western Illinois, 2003)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 41/17
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 6/5
Specialists Returning/Lost 2/0
Offensive System Pro Formation
Defensive System Multiple

2006 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31 MOREHEAD STATE
 Sept. 9 at Wisconsin
Sept. 16 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
 Sept. 23 at Northern Colorado
 Sept. 30 at Western Kentucky *
 Oct. 7 at Southern Illinois *
Oct. 14 YOUNGSTOWN STATE *
Oct. 21 ILLINOIS STATE *
 Oct. 28 at Northern Iowa *
Nov. 4 INDIANA STATE *
 Nov. 11 at Missouri State *

Opponent Preview & Series Records

Illinois State

QUICK FACTS

Location Normal, Ill.
 Enrollment 20,265
 Nickname Redbirds
 Colors Red & White
 Conference Gateway Football
 Stadium Hancock Stadium (15,000)
 President Dr. Al Bowman
 Athletics Director Dr. Sheahon Zenger
 Athletics Department Phone .. (309) 438- 3633



Denver Johnson

SERIES INFORMATION

Overall ISU leads 29-27-2

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2004 Record 7-4
 2004 Conference Record/Finish 4-3/T-4th

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COACHING INFORMATION

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 Career Record (Yrs.) 53-47 (8)
 Record at Illinois State (Yrs.) 32-35 (6)
 Record vs. Indiana State 6-2
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Assistant Coaches

Greg Laffere, Offensive Line (Miami, 2001)
 Justin Fuente, Offensive Coordinator/ QB (Murray State, 1999)
 Mike Menefee, Safeties (Tulsa, 1981)
 Chris Patton, Special Teams Coordinator/DL (Oklahoma State, 1989)
 Galen Scott, Defensive Coordinator/LB (Illinois State, 2000)
 Jim Williams, H-backs/Tight Ends (New Mexico State, 1990)
 Brad Cornelsen, Wide Receivers (Missouri Southern, 2000)
 David Ross, Cornerbacks (Central Methodist, 1982)
 Ted Smith, Running Backs (Ohio State, 1997)

2006 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost 44/17
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost 8/3
 Specialists Returning/Lost 0/0
 Offensive System Multiple
 Defensive System 4-3

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Kansas State
 Sept. 9 CENTRAL ARKANSAS
 Sept. 16 EASTERN ILLINOIS
 Sept. 23 at Murray State
 Oct. 7 at Western Kentucky *
 Oct. 14 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS *
 Oct. 21 at Western Illinois *
 Oct. 28 YOUNGSTOWN STATE *
 Nov. 4 MISSOURI STATE *
 Nov. 11 at Indiana State *
 Nov. 18 at Northern Iowa *

All-Time Series Records Versus 2006 Opponents

Purdue Series

Indiana State trails:

0-2-0

HOME: 0-0-0

AWAY: 0-2-0

NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1926	L	0-38	A
1990	L	13-41	A

Eastern Illinois Series

Indiana State trails:

37-39-4

HOME: 16-16-2

AWAY: 12-15-1

NEUTRAL: 9-8-1

1902	L	0-21	H
1902	W	10-0	A
1904	L	6-12	A
1904	T	5-5	H
1906	L	0-11	H
1906	L	0-23	A
1907	L	5-32	H
1923	L	0-16	H
1924	L	13-25	A
1925	T	10-10	H
1026	T	0-0	A
1927	W	7-6	H
1928	L	0-19	A
1929	L	6-7	H
1930	L	0-34	
1931	W	6-0	
1932	L	12-6	
1933	W	19-6	
1934	L	0-19	
1935	W	32-13	
1936	L	0-12	
1937	L	13-20	
1938	L	7-19	H
1939	W	7-6	
1940	T	7-7	
1941	W	19-6	
1942	W	26-0	
1945	W	26-6	
1946	W	13-0	
1947	W	14-13	
1948	W	21-20	
1949	L	0-33	
1950	L	0-47	
1954	W	40-7	A
1955	L	13-33	A
1956	W	13-7	H
1957	W	14-0	H
1958	L	8-30	A
1959	L	6-7	H
1960	L	0-30	A
1961	L	20-23	H
1962	L	0-13	A
1963	W	14-6	H
1964	W	25-14	A
1965	W	17-0	H

1966	W	32-0	A
1967	W	41-6	H
1968	W	23-0	A
1969	W	41-6	H
1970	W	28-18	A
1971	W	28-7	H
1972	W	17-14	A
1973	W	17-0	A
1974	W	21-6	H
1980	W	14-0	H
1981	W	27-14	A
1982	L	12-16	H
1983	W	17-13	A
1983*	W	16-13(2ot)	H
1984	W	24-17	H
1985	L	7-39	A
1986	L	14-31	H
1987	L	14-20	H
1988	W	24-12	H
1989	L	7-21	A
1990	L	22-31	H
1991	W	16-15	H
1992	L	28-31	A
1993	W	27-24	H
1994	L	21-30	A
11/18/95	L	6-27	H
9/14/96	L	16-35	A
11/1/97	L	14-21	H
8/31/00	L	24-42	H
9/8/01	L	14-44	A
09/21/02	L	19-26	A
11/27/03	W	23-7	H
09/11/04	W	33-30(ot)	A
09/01/05	L	13-24	H

Murray State

Indiana State leads:

5-3-0

HOME: 4-0-0

AWAY: 1-3-0

NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1990	W	52-0	H
08/28/97	L	0-13	A
11/21/98	W	66-10	H
09/23/00	L	24-41	A
09/28/02	W	34-31	H
09/20/03	W	17-10	A
09/18/04	W	28-21	H
09/17/05	L	15-27	A

Northern Illinois Series

Indiana State leads:

5-3-0

HOME: 0-0-0

AWAY: 0-0-0

NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1926	L	0-3	A
1927	W	27-12	H
1967	L	0-34	A
1968	W	19-7	H

Opponent Series Records

1973	L	24-42	A
1974	W	23-14	A
1975	W	21-10	H
1976	W	28-10	H

Southern Illinois Series
Indiana State leads:
23-20-0
HOME: 15-9-0
AWAY: 8-11-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1944	W	55-6	H
1947	W	21-6	H
1948	L	6-20	A
1949	W	9-7	H
1949	L	14-41	A
1950	L	0-20	A
1969	L	7-29	A
1971	W	17-3	H
1972	W	31-3	A
1973	W	36-17	H
1974	W	10-8	H
1975	W	23-21	A
1976	L	2-21	H
1977	W	14-9	A
1978	L	7-28	H
1979	L	38-41	A
1980	W	10-7	H
1981	L	3-17	H
1982	L	9-21	A
1983	L	21-34	H
1983*	L	7-23	H
1984	W	27-10	H
1985	W	41-38	H
1986	L	14-16	A
1987	W	24-15	H
1988	L	7-10	A
1989	W	35-24	H
1990	L	17-20	A
1991	L	23-30	H
1992	L	35-42	A
1993	L	35-26	H
1994	W	27-14	A
9/30/95	W	52-3	H
10/12/96	W	24-13	A
10/4/97	W	19-14	H
10/23/98	W	27-21	A
10/2/99	W	66-44	H
11/4/00	W	23-22	A
10/27/01	W	20-14	H
11/9/02	W	21-14	A
10/04/03	L	14-37	H
11/13/04	L	10-59	A
10/22/05	L	20-42	H

Youngstown State Series
Indiana State trails:
1-14-0
HOME: 0-8-0
AWAY: 1-6-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1988	L	7-25	A
1989	L	19-20	H
1992	L	24-30	H

1993	L	10-17	A
1994	L	3-14	H
10/28/95	W	13-6	A
10/4/97	L	0-31	H
9/19/98	L	14-20	A
10/2/99	L	28-31	H
10/28/00	L	7-42	A
10/6/01	L	21-35	H
10/05/02	L	16-31	A
10/30/03	L	24-30 (ot)	H
10/30/04	L	20-45	A
10/08/05	L	0-45	H

UNI Series
Indiana State trails:
4-18-0
HOME: 3-8-0
AWAY: 1-10-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1983	W	26-0	H
1985	L	7-24	A
1986	L	10-45	A
1987	L	14-38	H
1988	W	24-6	A
1989	L	21-24	H
1990	W	33-23	H
1991	L	21-49	A
1992	L	13-34	H
1993	L	10-17	A
1994	L	10-11	H
10/15/95	L	10-27	A
11/9/96	L	19-34	H
11/15/97	L	21-29 (3ot)	A
10/31/98	L	28-31	H
10/30/99	L	21-44	A
10/21/00	L	17-49	H
11/3/01	L	13-34	A
11/02/02	W	21-19	H
10/11/03	L	14-22	A
11/06/04	L	6-59	H
10/15/05	L	10-31	A

Missouri State Series
Indiana State trails:
7-13-0
HOME: 5-5-0
AWAY: 2-8-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1986	W	14-10	H
1987	L	0-42	A
1988	W	27-24	H
1989	L	10-31	A
1990	L	26-33	H
1991	L	19-68	A
1992	W	31-28	H
1993	L	21-31	A
1994	L	7-10	H
10/7/95	W	16-9	A
11/16/96	L	12-27	H
10/11/97	L	7-22	A
10/17/98	W	24-14	H
11/20/99	L	14-31	A
10/7/00	L	7-24	H
10/20/01	W	25-19	A
10/12/02	W	23-20	H

11/01/03	L	10-45	A
10/16/04	L	28-31	H
10/29/05	L	27-31	A

W. Kentucky Series
Indiana State trails:
5-12-1
HOME: 3-6-0
AWAY: 2-6-1
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1969	T	7-7	A
1970	L	6-30	H
1990	W	29-27	A
1991	W	31-14	H
1992	L	14-34	A
1993	W	41-14	H
1994	W	28-16	A
10/21/95	W	27-6	H
10/26/96	L	20-27	A
11/8/97	L	14-21	H
11/14/98	L	14-42	A
11/13/99	L	30-34	H
11/11/00	L	3-28	A
10/13/01	L	9-22	H
10/26/02	L	7-24	A
10/25/03	L	14-59	H
10/23/04	L	9-31	A
10/01/05	L	28-38	H

Western Illinois Series
Indiana State trails:
12-17-0
HOME: 9-6-0
AWAY: 3-11-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

1967	L	7-26	H
1968	W	14-10	A
1971	L	21-23	A
1972	W	41-7	H
1973	W	22-14	H
1974	L	7-32	A
1978	W	31-20	H
1979	W	17-14	A
1984	L	2-22	A
1985	W	42-24	H
1987	L	12-42	A
1988	L	21-24	H
1989	W	13-7	A
1990	L	10-28	A
1991	W	7-6	H
1992	L	30-42	A
1993	W	16-6	H
1994	L	17-38	A
9/24/95	W	30-13	H
10/5/96	W	10-7	H
10/4/97	L	3-37	H
9/19/98	L	9-26	A
10/2/99	W	39-36 (ot)	H
10/28/00	L	7-49	A
10/6/01	L	15-52	H
10/19/02	L	21-52	A
11/08/03	L	28-34	H
10/09/04	L	27-29	A
11/05/05	L	35-63	H

Illinois State Series
Indiana State leads:
29-28-2
HOME: 20-8-2
AWAY: 9-19-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

10/18/24	W	47-0	H
9/26/36	T	0-0	H
10/3/37	L	0-21	A
10/12/40	W	6-0	H
10/11/41	W	19-6	A
9/26/42	W	14-0	H
9/25/43	L	7-18	A
9/30/44	W	33-13	H
10/21/44	W	13-7	A
10/6/45	L	6-13	H
9/21/46	W	13-0	A
9/27/47	L	7-20	A
9/25/48	W	9-7	H
9/24/49	L	0-28	A
9/23/50	T	0-0	H
9/22/51	L	7-27	A
9/20/52	W	33-7	H
9/28/63	W	20-7	A
9/26/64	W	20-7	H
10/2/65	W	42-21	A
10/1/66	W	25-6	H
11/1/69	W	42-25	H
10/30/70	W	28-7	A
10/16/71	L	19-23	H
10/14/72	W	32-8	A
11/10/73	L	17-21	H
11/9/74	L	7-16	A
10/25/75	W	42-13	H
10/23/76	L	14-24	A
10/22/77	W	20-10	H
11/11/78	L	14-27	A
10/27/79	W	23-21	H
10/25/80	L	0-9	A
10/24/81	W	34-14	H
10/30/82	W	24-7	H
10/1/83	L	20-37	A
9/22/84	W	19-7	H
11/16/85	L	21-24	A
10/18/86	L	28-38	H
10/24/87	W	10-3	A
10/22/88	W	26-18	H
10/21/89	L	13-15	A
11/3/90	L	24-28	H
10/5/91	L	3-6	A
9/19/92	W	12-7	H
10/16/93	L	3-27	A
9/24/94	W	12-7	H
11/11/95	L	0-25	A
10/19/96	W	23-7	H
10/25/97	W	16-13	A
10/3/98	L	20-24	H
10/9/99	L	17-20	A
10/14/00	L	0-21	H
11/10/01	L	17-31	A
11/16/02	L	12-20	H
11/15/03	L	3-38	A
10/02/04	W	41-38 (ot)	H
11/12/05	L	28-70	A

Series Records

All-Time Series Breakdowns

Series Records vs. 2006 Opponents

Opponent	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	GFC
Purdue	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	— —
Eastern Illinois	37-39-4	16-16-2	12-15-1	9-8-1	3-6-0
Murray State	5-3-0	4-0-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	— —
Northern Illinois	5-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	— —
Southern Illinois	23-20-0	15-9-0	8-11-0	0-0-0	11-9-0
Youngstown State	1-14-0	0-8-0	1-6-0	0-0-0	0-9-0
UNI	4-18-0	3-8-0	1-10-0	0-0-0	3-17-0
Missouri State	7-13-0	5-5-0	2-8-0	0-0-0	7-13-0
Western Kentucky	5-12-1	3-6-0	2-6-1	0-0-0	0-5-0
Western Illinois	12-17-0	9-6-0	3-11-0	0-0-0	6-13-0
Illinois State	29-27-2	20-8-2	9-19-0	0-0-0	7-13-0

Series Records vs. 2006 Opponent Coaches

Opponent	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	GFC
vs. Joe Tiller	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	— —
vs. Bob Spoo	5-12-0	4-5-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	3-6-0
vs. Matt Griffin	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	— —
vs. Joe Novak	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	— —
vs. Jerry Kill	2-3-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	2-3-0
vs. Jon Heacock	0-5-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-5-0
vs. Mark Farley	1-4-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	1-4-0
vs. Terry Allen	1-7-0	1-4-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	1-7-0
vs. David Elson	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-3-0
vs. Don Patterson	1-6-0	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	1-6-0
vs. Denver Johnson	2-6-0	2-2-0	0-4-0	0-0-0	1-5-0

All-Time Series Records

Opponent	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Won	Lost	Tied	Opponent	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Won	Lost	Tied
Air Force	1993	1993	0	1	0	Manchester College	1927	1933	2	1	1
Akron	1968	1980	5	6	0	Marshall	1947	1981	1	1	0
Anderson College	1956	1957	1	1	0	Mars Hill	1995	1996	2	0	0
Arkansas State	1973	1976	1	1	0	Maryland	1982	1982	0	1	0
Austin Peay	1989	1989	1	0	0	McNeese State	1977	1982	1	1	0
Ball State	1924	2003	23	38	1	Middle Tennessee State	1984	1984	0	1	0
Boston University	1987	1987	0	1	0	Millikin College	1920	1936	0	3	0
Bowman Field	1943	1943	0	1	0	Minnesota	1989	1993	0	2	0
Bradley	1939	1939	0	1	0	Mississippi	1995	1995	0	1	0
Buffalo State	1986	1986	1	0	0	Missouri State	1986	2005	7	13	0
Butler	1904	1974	7	25	2	Murray State	1990	2005	5	3	0
Central Florida	1984	1984	1	0	0	Nebraska-Omaha	1975	1975	1	0	0
Central Michigan	1944	1983	0	9	0	New Mexico State	1978	1982	4	1	0
Central Missouri State	1983	1991	5	0	0	North Texas	1997	1997	0	1	0
Chicago	1929	1929	0	1	0	Northeast Louisiana	1978	1983	2	2	0
Cincinnati	1972	1988	1	3	0	Northern Illinois	1926	1976	5	3	0
Concord College	1991	1991	1	0	0	UNI	1983	2005	4	18	0
Cumberland	2002	2002	1	0	0	Oakland City	1923	1932	7	2	0
Danville Normal	1924	1946	6	0	0	Oklahoma	1999	1999	0	1	0
Dayton	1975	1976	1	1	0	Oklahoma City	1949	1949	0	1	0
Delaware	1975	1975	0	1	0	Oklahoma State	1992	1992	1	0	0
DePauw	1898	1968	9	15	1	Purdue	1926	1990	0	2	0
Drake	1971	1985	8	2	0	Ripon College	1953	1953	1	0	0
Eastern Illinois	1901	2005	37	39	4	Rose-Hulman Institute	1920	1934	6	2	0
Eastern Kentucky	1926	2000	1	7	0	St. Cloud State	1985	1986	2	0	0
Eastern Michigan	1934	2001	3	9	0	St. Francis (Ind.)	2005	2005	0	1	0
Evansville	1923	1972	23	12	2	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1924	1998	15	12	0
Florida	1983	1988	0	2	0	Salem College	1987	1988	2	0	0
Florida International	2003	2003	1	0	0	Southern Illinois	1944	2005	23	20	0
Franklin College	1925	1955	8	6	1	Southeast Missouri State	1935	1999	3	2	0
Gary	1933	1933	1	0	0	Stephen F. Austin	2001	2001	0	1	0
George Field	1944	1944	1	0	0	Tampa	1967	1967	1	0	0
Georgia Tech	1987	1987	0	1	0	Texas Tech	2005	2005	0	1	0
Glenville State	1992	1995	2	0	0	Toledo	1994	1994	0	1	0
Grand Rapids	1940	1941	1	1	0	Truman State	1930	1930	0	1	0
Hanover College	1920	1959	7	3	1	Tulsa	1975	2001	0	6	0
Heidelberg College	1951	1951	0	1	0	Union Christian	1920	1920	2	0	0
Hillsdale College	1949	1949	0	1	0	Valparaiso	1928	1968	12	20	1
Illinois "B"	1931	1931	0	1	0	Vincennes	1923	1925	3	0	0
Illinois State	1936	2005	29	27	2	Virginia Military Institute	1976	1976	0	1	0
Illinois Wesleyan	1943	1948	2	1	0	Wabash College	1926	1946	0	7	1
Indiana	1925	2003	0	2	0	Wayne State (Mich.)	1984	1984	1	0	0
Indiana "B"	1928	1928	0	1	0	Western Carolina	1974	1977	0	2	0
Indianapolis	1923	1962	5	1	0	West Texas A&M	1977	1985	2	5	0
Iowa State	1986	1999	0	2	0	West Virginia Tech	1993	1994	2	0	0
Kansas	1985	1986	0	2	0	Western Illinois	1967	2005	12	17	0
Kansas State	1991	1998	0	3	0	Western Kentucky	1969	2005	5	12	1
Kentucky State	1997	1997	1	0	0	Western Michigan	2000	2002	0	2	0
Lawrence	1939	1940	1	1	0	Wichita State	1976	1983	4	2	1
Liberty	1996	1996	1	0	0	Youngstown State	1988	2005	1	14	0
Lock Haven	1992	1994	2	0	0						
Louisville	1939	1984	3	5	1						

2006 SEASON OPPONENTS IN BOLD

The Gateway Football Conference

Fresh off its fourth national championship game appearance in the past nine years, the Gateway Football Conference has high expectations this season, as the nation's premier I-AA league enters its 22nd year in 2006.

There's not much that has eluded the Gateway Football Conference in its first two decades of existence. The league's first 21 years have included national championships, national players of the year, national coaches of the year, No. 1 national rankings, and countless All-Americans.

Last year, UNI became the fourth Gateway school to reach the I-AA championship game since 1997, while Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky combined to hold the nation's No. 1 ranking in the top-25 polls for five weeks.

In 2004, Southern Illinois spent a league-record 11 weeks as the nation's top-ranked team, while all eight Gateway teams received votes for the Top 25 at some point in the season. LB Boomer Grigsby of Illinois State earned a National Defensive Player of the Year honor, while SIU's Jerry Kill was National Coach of the Year.

Three years ago, four Gateway teams represented the league in the 16-team NCAA I-AA playoffs, marking the first time any league has sent that many to the playoffs in the same year. And in 2002, Western Kentucky won the I-AA national championship.

Strong coaching and great players have helped make the league a national force, but the stability and leadership of Commissioner Patty Viverito — the only commissioner the league has ever known — has helped make the Gateway Conference a standard bearer on the I-AA scene. Indeed, all signs point to continued national prominence for the league as it enters its 22nd season.

The Gateway Conference has two recent national championships (Western Kentucky - 2002; Youngstown State - 1997), and Gateway members YSU (3) and Southern Illinois (1) own additional titles prior to their Gateway membership, meaning six I-AA championship trophies are housed on Gateway campuses, in addition to three (Youngstown State twice and UNI last year) second-place awards. Only five I-AA leagues possess more than a single I-AA championship trophy, and the Gateway Conference is among that elite.

In recent years, the Gateway has established itself as a leader among Division I-AA conferences. During the past 10 years, the league has two national championships, and six other semifinal trips. The Gateway's 28-20 playoff mark in that span is second only to the Southern Conference (38-20), and the Gateway has had four teams reach the title game, topped only by the Southern Conference's five championship game appearances since 1997.

Additionally, the Gateway's 20 playoff berths in the past eight years trails only the Atlantic-10 (23) for I-AA supremacy, and the Gateway has had two representatives each of the past 11 seasons. Also, the Gateway is the only I-AA conference to have each of its members make the playoffs.

The Gateway's success is not limited to the immediate past. During the decade of the 1990s, current members of the Gateway compiled a 34-19 mark in the I-AA playoffs, bettered only by the Southern Conference, whose members were 37-19 in that decade.

Last year, the league was an impressive 22-15 against non-conference teams, which included a 15-5 record against I-AA teams. Three of those five I-AA losses came against teams that reached the I-AA playoffs.

Team accomplishments have helped solidify the Gateway as a I-AA elite, but individuals at the league's member institutions are the real source of pride within the conference. Last year, four Gateway student-athletes were finalists for the I-AA's top awards, while more than a dozen Gateway players earned All-America honors. In addition, UNI's Mark Farley and Youngstown State's Jon Heacock were finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the nation's top I-AA football mentor. Thanks to strong coaching, the Gateway has reached and will maintain its place among the I-AA best.

During the past nine seasons, the Gateway has compiled a 235-150 record in non-conference games. Of the 150 losses, 120 came against ranked I-AA or I-A opponents. Said another way: Only 30 times in those 385 games did a Gateway team lose to a non-ranked I-AA team or to a non-I-A team. Notably, the Gateway has posted 52 wins against top-25 I-AA teams in the past 10 years alone. Last year, despite tough scheduling, five teams in the Gateway Conference had winning records, setting an all-time high. The Gateway has had four teams with better than .500 records in the same season 12 times now, including the past eight seasons. A minimum of two league teams have won at least nine games in each of the past four seasons.

In 1997, Youngstown State grabbed the crowned jewel for the Gateway, as the league had one of its most successful seasons. In addition to claiming the league's first national championship, the Penguins finished the year ranked No. 1, marking the first time a league member has held that spot in a season-ending poll. That year,



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CURRENT GATEWAY MEMBERSHIP

Illinois State	1985
Indiana State	1986
UNI	1985
Southern Illinois	1985
Missouri State	1985
Western Illinois	1985
Western Kentucky	2001
Youngstown State	1997

The Gateway Football Conference

Western Illinois was at No. 6, marking the first time the Gateway ended the year with two teams ranked among the top six.

In 1999, the Gateway trumped that, as YSU finished the year No. 2, and Illinois State was No. 3. UNI, too, finished in the top 20 in both nationally recognized polls.

In 2002, Western Kentucky added to the league's national championship trophy case with a I-AA crown, while both WKU (No. 1) and WIU (No. 5) finished among the nation's top five in the season-ending polls.

On the subject of national polls, the Gateway has had two teams ranked among the Top 10 in the same poll 100 times (including 11 times last year) with 99 of the 100 coming post-1996.

In 1999, five Gateway teams (Illinois State, UNI, Southern Illinois, Western Illinois, and Youngstown State) were ranked in the same poll for the first time in league history. Five teams were ranked in the same top-25 poll twice in 2005 and a total of five times in league history.

Three times in the past three years (9/13/04, 9/22/03, and 9/29/03) four Gateway teams were ranked in the Top 25, and four more Gateway teams were receiving votes — meaning all eight teams in the league were receiving votes or were ranked during the same week. Prior to 2003, the last time that happened was Sept. 6, 1999, but no I-AA league (including the Gateway Conference) has had that happen as late as Sept. 29 in a season.

Four Gateway teams were in the Top 15 of the ESPN/USA Today Coaches top-25 rankings of Oct. 1, 2001 (Youngstown State-5; Western Kentucky-11; Western Illinois-14; and UNI-15). That marked the first time in league history that four league teams were in the Top 15 the same week. That's happened 17 times in league history, including three times last season.

Last year, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky held the top two spots in the national poll in back-to-back weeks (Sept. 12-19), marking the first time the Gateway has held the national No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the same week. Notably, the league has had two of the top three spots in the top-25 rankings on seven occasions, including four times in 2005.

A minimum of four Gateway teams have been ranked in the same top-25 poll 50 times in league history, including a league-record 11 times in 2003.

And in 2003, all four playoff teams (UNI, SIU, WIU, and WKU) represented the Gateway Conference in the Top 10 in the final national rankings — marking the first time that's ever happened in league history. Including the season-ending poll, those four teams represented the Gateway in same-week top-10 polls a total of five times.

Certainly, the Gateway will be hard-pressed to continue its non-conference success, particularly because the league schedules tough opponents year after year. Tough scheduling is not an aberration for the Gateway. This year's schedule features nine games against I-A opponents. Last year, the Gateway had nine I-A foes, while all league teams played at least three or more ranked teams a season ago.

The original Gateway Conference was founded as a women's athletic organization in August 1982, following the dissolution of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. In September of that year, Patty Viverito was named the first commissioner of the newly founded conference, a position she maintains today. Before moving to its permanent headquarters in St. Louis, the Gateway spent three organizational months on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

In July of 1992, the 10-team conference disbanded as its women's programs realigned with their men's teams in their respective conferences. The league assumed its new name on July 1, 1992, becoming the Gateway Football Conference, an NCAA I-AA football league comprised of seven Midwest institutions.

The Gateway Conference football division was born on August 21, 1985, when the Gateway Conference President's Council voted to add a I-AA football division for six of its members to the previously all-women's athletics organization. Founding members of the football division were Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, UNI,

Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State), and Western Illinois. The creation of the Gateway football division marked the first time in college annals that football was added to a women's conference. In June of 1986, Indiana State became the seventh member of the Gateway Conference.

In the 21 years of the football division, league membership has been stable — with only three fluctuations since 1986. Eastern Illinois left the Gateway to join the Ohio Valley Conference in 1996, while Youngstown State joined the Gateway for 1997 to return league membership to its original seven-member status. League membership reached an all-time high of eight members for the start of the 2001 season with the addition of Western Kentucky.

The Gateway is among eight I-AA conferences that receive automatic bids to the NCAA I-AA Championship. Those other leagues include the Atlantic-10 Conference (formerly the Yankee), the Big Sky Conference, the Mideastern Athletic Conference, the Ohio Valley Conference, the Patriot League, the Southern Conference, and the Southland Football League. The Gateway Conference has had an automatic bid since 1986, as the I-AA Football Committee waived the league's two-year waiting period and granted the league an automatic bid after just one year. The Gateway Conference is the only automatic I-AA qualifying conference that sponsors football as its only sport, as the league completed its service to women's athletics following the 1991-92 season. Although the league no longer sponsors women's sports, the Gateway has an historical place in the development of intercollegiate women's athletics.

The 10 founders of the original Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference currently belong to three conferences. Eight members joined their men's programs in the Missouri Valley: Bradley, Drake, Illinois State, Indiana State, Missouri State, UNI, Southern Illinois, and Wichita State. Eastern Illinois is in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Western Illinois competes in the Mid-Continent; Youngstown State's sports, other than football, are in the Horizon League, while Western Kentucky's home for non-football sports is in the Sun Belt. In its decade of operation, the Gateway sponsored championships in ten women's sports and football. The women's sports were basketball, cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track & field, swimming and diving, tennis, softball, volleyball and, early on, field hockey.

Past Gateway Champions

1985	UNI
1986	Eastern Illinois
1987	UNI
1988	Western Illinois
1989	Missouri State
1990	Missouri State / UNI
1991	UNI
1992	UNI
1993	UNI
1994	UNI
1995	UNI
1996	UNI
1997	Western Illinois
1998	Western Illinois
1999	Youngstown State
2000	Western Illinois
2001	UNI
2002	Western Illinois
2003	Southern Illinois/UNI
2004	Southern Illinois
2005	UNI