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# 2012 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER (as 8/13/12)

| NO | NAME              | POS  | HT   | WT  | YR    | ELIG. | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL                                | NO | NAME                 | POS  |
|----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|---|----|----------------------|------|
| 37 | Austin Abner      | DB   | 6-0  | 195 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Fort Thomas, Ky./Highlands                              | 1  | Terry Hawthorne      | DB   |
| 56 | Shawn Afryl       | OL   | 6-3  | 310 | So.   | 3-3   | Skokie, Ill./Niles West                                 | 2  | V'Angelo Bentley     | DB   |
| 22 | Dami Ayoola       | RB   | 5-10 | 205 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas                | 2  | Nathan Scheelhaase   | QB   |
| 64 | Robbie Bain       | OL   | 6-3  | 290 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook                           | 3  | Taylor Barton        | DB   |
| 3  | Taylor Barton     | DB   | 6-1  | 210 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep                        | 3  | Jon Davis            | TE   |
| 30 | Houston Bates     | LB   | 6-3  | 240 | So.   | 3-3   | Covington, La./St. Paul's                               | 4  | Patrick Nixon-Youman | DB   |
| 41 | Zach Becker       | FB   | 6-3  | 250 | Sr.   | 1-1   | Homer, Ill./St. Joseph-Ogden                            | 4  | Reilly O'Toole       | QB   |
| 10 | B.J. Bello        | STAR | 6-3  | 205 | Fr.   | 5-4   | New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way West                        | 5  | Steve Hull           | DB   |
| 2  | V'Angelo Bentley  | DB   | 5-10 | 180 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville                               | 5  | Donovonn Young       | RB   |
| 55 | Chris Boles       | OL   | 6-4  | 325 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic                           | 6  | Darrius Caldwell     | DL   |
| 29 | Peter Bonahoom    | WR   | 6-2  | 200 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect                        | 6  | Josh Ferguson        | RB   |
| 45 | Jonathan Brown    | LB   | 6-1  | 235 | Jr.   | 3-2   | Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers                       | 7  | Supo Sanni           | DB   |
| 99 | Michael Buchanan  | DL   | 6-6  | 240 | Sr.   | 2-1   | Homewood, Ill./Homewood-Flossmoor                       | 7  | Hayden Daniels       | WR   |
| 6  | Darrius Caldwell  | DL   | 6-5  | 230 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Atlanta, Ga./Mays                                       | 8  | Miles Osei           | QB   |
| 21 | Devin Church      | WR   | 5-8  | 190 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Southfield, Mich./Brother Rice                          | 9  | Earnest Thomas III   | DB   |
| 42 | Ralph Cooper      | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | So.   | 4-3   | Winnsboro, S.C./Fairfield Central                       | 10 | B.J. Bello           | STAR |
| 68 | Simon Cvijanovic  | OL   | 6-5  | 295 | So.   | 3-3   | Cleveland, Ohio/Benedictine                             | 10 | Chase Haslett        | QB   |
| 7  | Hayden Daniels    | WR   | 6-4  | 200 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central                     | 11 | Matt LaCosse         | TE   |
| 3  | Jon Davis         | TE   | 6-3  | 240 | So.   | 4-3   | Louisville, Ky./Middleton Eastern                       | 11 | Jevaris Little       | DB   |
| 17 | Tommy Davis       | DB   | 5-11 | 205 | Sr.   | 1-1   | East St. Louis, Ill./Althoff Catholic/Northern Illinois | 12 | Ryan Lankford        | WR   |
| 48 | Henry Dickinson   | LB   | 6-4  | 230 | So.   | 4-3   | Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University HS                    | 13 | Ryan Frain           | PK/P |
| 60 | Tony Durkin       | OL   | 6-3  | 280 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew                                | 13 | Sean McGushin        | QB   |
| 18 | Justin DuVernois  | P    | 6-1  | 190 | So.   | 4-3   | Plantation, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas                     | 15 | Darius Millines      | WR   |
| 67 | Jake Feldmeyer    | OL   | 6-4  | 295 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Centerville, Ohio/Centerville                           | 15 | Zepheniah Grimes     | LB   |
| 6  | Josh Ferguson     | RB   | 5-10 | 185 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Naperville, Ill./Joliet Catholic                        | 17 | Tommy Davis          | DB   |
| 75 | Patrick Flavin    | OL   | 6-7  | 280 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Lisle, Ill./Benet Academy                               | 17 | James Nudera         | QB   |
| 22 | Nick Forzley      | DB   | 5-9  | 180 | So.   | 3-3   | Lemont, Ill./Lemont                                     | 18 | Justin DuVernois     | P    |
| 91 | Glenn Foster      | DL   | 6-4  | 280 | Sr.   | 1-1   | Chicago, Ill./Mount Carmel                              | 18 | Jeremey Whitlow      | WR   |
| 13 | Ryan Frain        | PK/P | 6-2  | 220 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Indianapolis, Ind./Seccina                              | 19 | Kenny Knight         | WR   |
| 28 | Ta'Jarvis Fuller  | STAR | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Fort Myers, Fla./Dunbar                                 | 20 | Fritz Rock           | WR   |
| 26 | Justin Green      | DB   | 5-11 | 195 | Sr.   | 2-1   | Louisville, Ky./Male                                    | 21 | Devin Church         | WR   |
| 15 | Zepheniah Grimes  | LB   | 5-11 | 220 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Bamberg, S.C./Bamberg-Ehrhardt                          | 21 | Jack Ramsey          | DB   |
| 24 | James Hallendorff | WR   | 6-2  | 205 | Sr.   | 1-1   | Vernon Hills, Ill./Vernon Hills                         | 22 | Dami Ayoola          | RB   |
| 84 | Justin Hardee     | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville                               | 22 | Nick Forzley         | DB   |
| 80 | Spencer Harris    | WR   | 6-3  | 195 | Jr.   | 3-2   | Greenwood, Ark./Greenwood                               | 23 | Ben Mathis           | DB   |
| 10 | Chase Haslett     | QB   | 6-1  | 195 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Clayton, Mo./Clayton                                    | 24 | James Hallendorff    | WR   |
| 1  | Terry Hawthorne   | DB   | 6-0  | 190 | Sr.   | 2-1   | East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis                     | 24 | Nelson Lugo          | DB   |
| 74 | Michael Heitz     | OL   | 6-5  | 305 | So.   | 3-3   | Vermont, Ill./VIT                                       | 25 | Ashante Williams     | STAR |
| 52 | Alex Hill         | OL   | 6-3  | 325 | So.   | 3-3   | Slidell, La./Slidell                                    | 26 | Justin Green         | DB   |
| 49 | Zach Hirth        | LS   | 6-4  | 200 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Eureka, Mo./Eureka                                      | 26 | Taylor Zalewski      | PK   |
| 95 | Jake Howe         | DL   | 6-3  | 295 | So.   | 3-3   | McHenry, Ill./McHenry                                   | 27 | Eaton Spence         | DB   |
| 5  | Steve Hull        | DB   | 6-2  | 200 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore                               | 28 | Ta'Jarvis Fuller     | STAR |
| 47 | Anthony Imanlihen | DE   | 6-2  | 220 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Chicago, Ill./Gordon Tech                               | 28 | LaKeith Walls        | RB   |
| 37 | Nick Immekus      | PK   | 6-0  | 220 | So.   | 3-3   | Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South                 | 29 | Kaeman Mitchell      | DB   |
| 36 | Brad Janitz       | P    | 6-5  | 215 | So.   | 3-3   | Cincinnati, Ohio/Walnut Hills                           | 29 | Peter Bonahoom       | WR   |
| 69 | Ted Karras        | OL   | 6-4  | 300 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral                            | 30 | Houston Bates        | LB   |
| 53 | Ryan Klachko*     | OL   | 6-4  | 290 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin/U. of Nebraska   | 31 | Nick North           | DB   |
| 19 | Kenny Knight      | WR   | 6-4  | 210 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Detroit, Mich./Country Day                              | 31 | Leslie Poole         | WR   |
| 35 | Davontay Kwaaning | WR   | 5-11 | 185 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Chicago, Ill./Lindblom                                  | 32 | Daniel Quintana      | STAR |
| 59 | Tim Kynard        | DL   | 6-3  | 260 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Toledo, Ohio/St. John's                                 | 34 | Mike Svetina         | LB   |
| 11 | Matt LaCosse      | TE   | 6-6  | 240 | So.   | 4-3   | Naperville, Ill./North                                  | 35 | Davontay Kwaaning    | WR   |
| 12 | Ryan Lankford     | WR   | 6-0  | 175 | Jr.   | 3-2   | Jacksonville, Fla./Paxon                                | 36 | Brad Janitz          | P    |
| 88 | Justin Lattimore  | TE   | 6-3  | 225 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Tampa, Fla./Gaither                                     | 37 | Austin Abner         | DB   |
| 70 | Corey Lewis       | OL   | 6-6  | 310 | Sr.   | 1-1   | Cresco, Pa./East Stroudsburg South                      | 37 | Nick Immekus         | PK   |
| 11 | Jevaris Little    | DB   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr.   | 5-4   | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood                           | 39 | Nejee Robinson       | LB   |
| 24 | Nelson Lugo       | DB   | 5-11 | 195 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Franklin Park, Ill./East Leyden                         | 40 | Beau Sullivan        | LB   |
| 85 | Tim Lukas         | WR   | 6-4  | 200 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Mt. Prospect, Ill./Hersey/Carthage College              | 41 | Zach Becker          | FB   |
| 85 | Michael Martin    | LS   | 6-4  | 210 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Champaign, Ill./Centennial                              | 42 | Ralph Cooper         | LB   |
| 23 | Ben Mathis        | DB   | 6-3  | 200 | Jr.   | 2-2   | Springfield, Ill./Springfield                           | 43 | Mason Monheim        | LB   |

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|----|----------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|--|----|--------------------|----|
| 66 | Scott McDowell       | OL   | 6-5  | 290 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Hinsdale, Ill./Central                       | 44 | Austin Teitsma     | DL |
| 13 | Sean McGushin        | QB   | 6-2  | 215 | Sr.   | 2-2 | St. Charles, Ill./North                      | 45 | Jonathan Brown     | LB |
| 15 | Darius Millines      | WR   | 5-11 | 185 | Jr.   | 3-2 | Boynton Beach, Fla./American Heritage        | 46 | Zak Pedersen       | LS |
| 29 | Kaeman Mitchell      | DB   | 5-9  | 180 | Jr.   | 2-2 | Lawrence, Kan./Champaign Centennial          | 47 | Anthony Imanlihen  | DE |
| 43 | Mason Monheim        | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Orrville, Ohio/Orrville                      | 48 | Henry Dickinson    | LB |
| 52 | T.J. Neal            | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | Fr.   | 5-4 | McKeeseport, Pa./McKeeseport                 | 49 | Zach Hirth         | LS |
| 58 | Kenny Nelson         | DL   | 6-6  | 245 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech                     | 52 | T.J. Neal          | LB |
| 4  | Patrick Nixon-Youman | DB   | 5-10 | 180 | Sr.   | 2-1 | Jacksonville, Fla./Middleburg                | 52 | Alex Hill          | OL |
| 31 | Nick North           | DB   | 6-1  | 195 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Hollywood, Fla./McArthur                     | 53 | Ryan Klachko       | OL |
| 78 | Ryan Nowicki         | OL   | 6-5  | 280 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Glendale, Ariz./Cactus/Penn State University | 54 | Justin Staples     | DL |
| 17 | James Nudera         | QB   | 6-1  | 215 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Elmhurst, Ill./York                          | 55 | Chris Boles        | OL |
| 73 | Chris O'Connor       | OL   | 6-5  | 275 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew                     | 56 | Shawn Afryl        | OL |
| 4  | Reilly O'Toole       | QB   | 6-4  | 220 | So.   | 4-3 | Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South      | 58 | Kenny Nelson       | DL |
| 8  | Miles Osei           | QB   | 6-0  | 200 | Jr.   | 3-2 | Mt. Prospect, Ill./Prospect                  | 59 | Tim Kynard         | DL |
| 46 | Zak Pedersen         | LS   | 6-2  | 230 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Joliet, Ill./Joliet Catholic                 | 60 | Tony Durkin        | OL |
| 76 | Graham Pocic         | OL   | 6-7  | 310 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Lemont, Ill./Lemont                          | 61 | Tyler Sands        | OL |
| 31 | Leslie Poole         | WR   | 5-10 | 170 | So.   | 3-3 | Schaumburg, Ill./Conant                      | 64 | Robbie Bain        | OL |
| 93 | Teko Powell          | DL   | 6-3  | 295 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Miami, Fla./Norland                          | 66 | Scott McDowell     | OL |
| 32 | Daniel Quintana      | STAR | 6-2  | 195 | So.   | 3-3 | Berwyn, Ill./Westchester St. Joseph          | 67 | Jake Feldmeyer     | OL |
| 21 | Jack Ramsey          | DB   | 5-11 | 200 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Chicago, Ill./Simeon                         | 68 | Simon Cvijanovic   | OL |
| 87 | Daniel Rhodes        | DL   | 6-3  | 290 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Charlotte, N.C./Independence                 | 69 | Ted Karras         | OL |
| 39 | Nejee Robinson       | LB   | 6-2  | 240 | Jr.   | 3-2 | Chicago, Ill./John Hope                      | 70 | Corey Lewis        | OL |
| 20 | Fritz Rock           | WR   | 6-1  | 200 | So.   | 3-3 | Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata                      | 71 | Joe Spencer        | OL |
| 86 | Tim Russell          | TE   | 6-6  | 225 | Jr.   | 2-2 | St. Charles, Ill./East                       | 72 | Hugh Thornton      | OL |
| 61 | Tyler Sands          | OL   | 6-5  | 300 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Boyertown, Pa./Boyertown Area Senior         | 73 | Chris O'Connor     | OL |
| 7  | Supo Sanni           | DB   | 6-3  | 220 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Chicago Heights, Ill./Homewood-Flossmoor     | 74 | Michael Heitz      | OL |
| 2  | Nathan Scheelhaase   | QB   | 6-3  | 200 | Jr.   | 2-2 | Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst                   | 75 | Patrick Flavin     | OL |
| 94 | Akeem Spence         | DL   | 6-1  | 305 | Jr.   | 2-2 | Ft. Walton Beach, Fla./Ft. Walton Beach      | 76 | Graham Pocic       | OL |
| 27 | Eaton Spence         | DB   | 6-0  | 180 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Day                 | 78 | Ryan Nowicki       | OL |
| 71 | Joe Spencer          | OL   | 6-4  | 290 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Mason, Ohio/Mason                            | 80 | Spencer Harris     | WR |
| 54 | Justin Staples       | DL   | 6-4  | 240 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Lakewood, Ohio/St. Edward                    | 83 | Eddie Viliunas     | TE |
| 87 | Garrett Stroup       | P    | 5-11 | 190 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Rockford, Ill./Boylan Catholic               | 83 | Brennen VanMieghem | PK |
| 40 | Beau Sullivan        | LB   | 5-11 | 215 | Jr.   | 2-2 | Decatur, Ill./Maroa-Forsyth                  | 84 | Justin Hardee      | WR |
| 34 | Mike Svetina         | LB   | 6-2  | 230 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Brunswick, Ohio/St. Ignatius                 | 85 | Tim Lukas          | WR |
| 44 | Austin Teitsma       | DL   | 6-2  | 280 | So.   | 3-3 | Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South              | 85 | Michael Martin     | LS |
| 9  | Earnest Thomas III   | DB   | 6-2  | 210 | So.   | 3-3 | Orchard Lake, Mich./St. Mary's               | 86 | Tim Russell        | TE |
| 72 | Hugh Thornton        | OL   | 6-5  | 310 | Sr.   | 2-1 | Oberlin, Ohio/Oberlin                        | 87 | Daniel Rhodes      | DL |
| 98 | John Valentine       | DL   | 6-5  | 250 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | St. Louis, Mo./MICDS                         | 87 | Garrett Stroup     | P  |
| 83 | Brennen VanMieghem   | PK   | 6-2  | 190 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Metamora, Ill./Metamora Township             | 88 | Justin Lattimore   | TE |
| 83 | Eddie Viliunas       | TE   | 6-4  | 255 | Sr.   | 1-1 | LaGrange Park, Ill./Lyons Township           | 89 | Evan Wilson        | TE |
| 28 | LaKeith Walls        | RB   | 6-2  | 195 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Cleveland, Ohio/Rhodes                       | 90 | DeJazz Woods       | DL |
| 18 | Jeremey Whitlow      | WR   | 6-2  | 200 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Cleveland, Ohio/Central Catholic             | 91 | Glenn Foster       | DL |
| 25 | Ashante Williams     | STAR | 5-11 | 205 | Sr.   | 1-1 | Mayfield, Ohio/Mayfield                      | 93 | Teko Powell        | DL |
| 97 | Vontrell Williams    | DL   | 6-4  | 300 | Fr.   | 5-4 | Chicago, Ill./Mt. Carmel                     | 94 | Akeem Spence       | DL |
| 89 | Evan Wilson          | TE   | 6-6  | 250 | Jr.   | 3-2 | Woodstock, Ga./Woodstock                     | 95 | Jake Howe          | DL |
| 90 | DeJazz Woods         | DL   | 6-3  | 255 | So.   | 3-3 | Tampa, Fla./Robinson                         | 97 | Vontrell Williams  | DL |
| 5  | Donovonn Young       | RB   | 6-0  | 220 | So.   | 4-3 | Houston, Texas/Katy                          | 98 | John Valentine     | DL |
| 26 | Taylor Zalewski      | PK   | 6-3  | 200 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg              | 99 | Michael Buchanan   | DL |

\* Klachko must sit out the 2012 season due to NCAA transfer rules (will have 3 years of eligibility left starting in 2013)

# 2012 ILLINOIS NEWCOMERS

## 2012 SIGNEES (18)

| No. | Name              | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. | Elig. | Hometown/High School                     |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| 22  | Dami Ayoola       | RB   | 5-10 | 205 | Fr. | 5-4   | Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 64  | Robbie Bain       | OL   | 6-3  | 290 | Fr. | 5-4   | Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook            |
| 3   | Taylor Barton     | DB   | 6-1  | 210 | Fr. | 5-4   | Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep         |
| 10  | B.J. Bello        | STAR | 6-3  | 205 | Fr. | 5-4   | New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way West         |
| 2   | V'Angelo Bentley  | DB   | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | 5-4   | Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville                |
| 21  | Devin Church      | WR   | 5-8  | 190 | Fr. | 5-4   | Southfield, Mich./Brother Rice           |
| 13  | Ryan Frain        | PK/P | 6-2  | 220 | Fr. | 5-4   | Indianapolis, Ind./Sccecina              |
| 28  | Ta'Jarvis Fuller* | STAR | 6-1  | 190 | Fr. | 5-4   | Fort Myers, Fla./Dunbar                  |
| 84  | Justin Hardee     | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr. | 5-4   | Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville                |
| 11  | Jevaris Little    | DB   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr. | 5-4   | St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood            |
| 43  | Mason Monheim     | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | Fr. | 5-4   | Orrville, Ohio/Orrville                  |
| 52  | T.J. Neal         | LB   | 6-1  | 230 | Fr. | 5-4   | McKeeseport, Pa./McKeeseport             |
| 93  | Teko Powell       | DL   | 6-3  | 295 | Fr. | 5-4   | Miami, Fla./Norland                      |
| 87  | Daniel Rhodes*    | DL   | 6-3  | 290 | Fr. | 5-4   | Charlotte, N.C./Independence             |
| 71  | Joe Spencer       | OL   | 6-4  | 290 | Fr. | 5-4   | Mason, Ohio/Mason                        |
| 34  | Mike Svetina      | LB   | 6-2  | 230 | Fr. | 5-4   | Brunswick, Ohio/St. Ignatius             |
| 28  | LaKeith Walls     | RB   | 6-2  | 195 | Fr. | 5-4   | Cleveland, Ohio/Rhodes                   |
| 97  | Vontrell Williams | DL   | 6-4  | 300 | Fr. | 5-4   | Chicago, Ill./Mount Carmel               |

## INCOMING TRANSFERS (3)

| No. | Name         | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   | Elig. | Hometown/High School                            |
|-----|--------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|---|
| 17  | Tommy Davis  | DB   | 5-11 | 205 | Sr.   | 1-1   | East St. Louis, Ill./Althoff Catholic/NIU       |
| 53  | Ryan Klachko | OL   | 6-4  | 290 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin/Nebraska |
| 78  | Ryan Nowicki | OL   | 6-5  | 280 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Glendale, Ariz./Cactus/Penn State               |

## 2012 WALK-ONS (7)

| No. | Name               | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   | Elig. | Hometown/High School                |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 49  | Zach Hirth         | LS   | 6-4  | 200 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Eureka, Mo./Eureka                  |
| 47  | Anthony Imanlihen  | DE   | 6-2  | 220 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Chicago, Ill./Gordon Tech           |
| 35  | Davontay Kwaaning* | WR   | 5-11 | 185 | r-Fr. | 4-4   | Chicago, Ill./Lindblom              |
| 24  | Nelson Lugo        | DB   | 5-11 | 195 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Franklin Park, Ill./East Leyden     |
| 85  | Michael Martin     | LS   | 6-4  | 210 | Fr.   | 5-4   | Champaign, Ill./Centennial          |
| 31  | Leslie Poole*      | WR   | 5-10 | 170 | So.   | 3-3   | Schaumburg, Ill./Conant             |
| 32  | Daniel Quintana*   | STAR | 6-2  | 195 | So.   | 3-3   | Berwyn, Ill./Westchester St. Joseph |

\* Participated in 2012 Spring practice

## 2012 ROSTER BY CLASS

### SENIORS (19)

Zach Becker  
Michael Buchanan  
Tommy Davis  
Glenn Foster  
Justin Green  
James Hallendorff  
Terry Hawthorne  
Corey Lewis  
Sean McGushin  
Patrick Nixon-Youman  
Zak Pedersen  
Graham Pocic  
Jack Ramsey  
Tyler Sands  
Supo Sanni  
Justin Staples  
Hugh Thornton  
Eddie Villunas  
Ashante Williams

### JUNIORS (18)

Jonathan Brown  
Jake Feldmeyer  
Spencer Harris  
Steve Hull  
Tim Kynard  
Ryan Lankford  
Justin Lattimore  
Tim Lukas  
Ben Mathis  
Darius Millines  
Kaeman Mitchell  
Miles Osei  
Nejee Robinson  
Tim Russell  
Nathan Schellhaase  
Akeem Spence  
Beau Sullivan  
Evan Wilson

### SOPHOMORES (22)

Shawn Afryl  
Houston Bates  
Ralph Cooper  
Simon Cvijanovic  
Jon Davis  
Henry Dickinson  
Justin DuVernois  
Nick Forzley  
Michael Heitz  
Alex Hill  
Jake Howe  
Nick Immekus  
Brad Janitz  
Matt LaCosse  
Reilly O'Toole  
Leslie Poole  
Daniel Quintana

Fritz Rock  
Austin Teitsma  
Earnest Thomas  
DeJazz Woods  
Donovonn Young

### REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (26)

Austin Abner  
Chris Boles  
Peter Bonahoom  
Darius Caldwell  
Hayden Daniels  
Tony Durkin  
Josh Ferguson  
Pat Flavin  
Zepheniah Grimes  
Chase Haslett  
Ted Karras  
Ryan Klachko  
Kenny Knight  
Davontay Kwaaning  
Scott McDowell  
Kenny Nelson  
Nick North  
Ryan Nowicki  
James Nudera  
Chris O'Connor  
Eaton Spence  
Garrett Stroup  
John Valentine  
Brennen VanMieghem  
Jeremy Whitlow  
Taylor Zalewski

### FRESHMEN (22)

Dami Ayoola  
Robbie Bain  
Taylor Barton  
B.J. Bello  
V'Angelo Bentley  
Devin Church  
Ryan Frain  
Ta'Jarvis Fuller  
Justin Hardee  
Zach Hirth  
Anthony Imanlihen  
Jevaris Little  
Nelson Lugo  
Michael Martin  
Mason Monheim  
T.J. Neal  
Teko Powell  
Daniel Rhodes  
Joe Spencer  
Mike Svetina  
LaKeith Walls  
Vontrell Williams

## 2012 ROSTER BY POSITION

### QUARTERBACKS (6)

Chase Haslett  
Sean McGushin  
James Nudera  
Reilly O'Toole  
Miles Osei  
Nathan Scheelhaase

### RUNNING BACKS (4)

Dami Ayoola  
Josh Ferguson  
LaKeith Walls  
Donovonn Young

### FULLBACKS (1)

Zach Becker

### WIDE RECEIVERS (14)

Peter Bonahoom  
Devin Church  
Hayden Daniels  
James Hallendorff  
Justin Hardee  
Spencer Harris  
Kenny Knight  
Davontay Kwaaning  
Ryan Lankford  
Tim Lukas  
Darius Millines  
Leslie Poole  
Fritz Rock  
Jeremy Whitlow

### TIGHT ENDS (6)

Jon Davis  
Matt LaCosse  
Justin Lattimore  
Tim Russell  
Eddie Villunas  
Evan Wilson

### OFFENSIVE LINE (18)

Shawn Afryl  
Robbie Bain  
Chris Boles  
Simon Cvijanovic  
Tony Durkin  
Jake Feldmeyer  
Pat Flavin  
Michael Heitz  
Alex Hill  
Ted Karras  
Ryan Klachko  
Corey Lewis  
Scott McDowell  
Ryan Nowicki  
Chris O'Connor  
Graham Pocic  
Tyler Sands  
Joe Spencer  
Hugh Thornton

### DEFENSIVE LINE (16)

Michael Buchanan  
Darius Caldwell  
Glenn Foster  
Jake Howe  
Anthony Imanlihen  
Tim Kynard  
Kenny Nelson  
Teko Powell  
Daniel Rhodes  
Akeem Spence  
Justin Staples  
Austin Teitsma  
John Valentine  
Vontrell Williams  
DeJazz Woods

### STARS (4)

B.J. Bello  
Ta'Jarvis Fuller  
Daniel Quintana  
Ashante Williams

### LINEBACKERS (10)

Houston Bates  
Jonathan Brown  
Ralph Cooper  
Henry Dickinson  
Zepheniah Grimes  
Mason Monheim  
T.J. Neal  
Nejee Robinson  
Beau Sullivan  
Mike Svetina

### DEFENSIVE BACKS (18)

Austin Abner  
Taylor Barton  
V'Angelo Bentley  
Tommy Davis  
Nick Forzley  
Justin Green  
Terry Hawthorne  
Steve Hull  
Jevaris Little  
Nelson Lugo  
Ben Mathis  
Kaeman Mitchell  
Patrick Nixon-Youman  
Nick North  
Jack Ramsey  
Supo Sanni  
Eaton Spence  
Earnest Thomas

### PUNTERS (3)

Justin DuVernois  
Brad Janitz  
Garrett Stroup

### PLACEKICKERS (4)

Ryan Frain  
Nick Immekus  
Brennen VanMieghem  
Taylor Zalewski

### LONG SNAPPERS (3)

Zach Hirth  
Michael Martin  
Zak Pedersen

## 37 AUSTIN ABNER

DB, 6-0, 195, r-FR.

FORT THOMAS, KY. / HIGHLANDS



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** All-State selection at linebacker in 2010 ... All-Conference in 2009 and 2010 ... High school team, Highlands, won Kentucky 5A State championship all four years ... Selected for the Best of the Bluegrass All-Star

Game ... High school coach was Dale Mueller.

**Personal:** Full given name is Austin Victor Abner ... Son of Jim and Vicki Abner ... Born on Nov. 30, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Lists his father as the most influential person in his athletic career ... Favorite athlete is Ed Reed ... Biggest thrill is being under the lights, playing in a big football game.

## 56 SHAWN AFRYL

OL, 6-3, 310, SO.

SKOKIE, ILL. / NILES WEST



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season ... Enrolled at Illinois in January 2010 and participated in 2010 spring drills.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Rated the 16th-best offensive guard nationally by Scout.com ...

Ranked the 37th-best offensive guard nationally by Rivals.com ... Rated the 18th-best prospect in the state of Illinois ... Named a Top Offensive Lineman by MaxPreps.com ... Allowed only one sack in 131 pass attempts as a senior ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... Recorded 35 tackles and one sack as a senior on the defensive line ... High school coach was Curtis Tate.

**Personal:** Son of Sue and Al Afryl ... Born on Jan. 26, 1992 ... Majoring in political science ... Chose Illinois over Indiana, Purdue and Iowa.

## 22 DAMI AYOOLA

RB, 5-10, 205, FR.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



**High school:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 18 tailback in the nation by MaxPreps.com ... Listed as the No. 27 running back in the nation and as a top-60 player in Florida by Rivals.com ... Named to the SuperPrep Florida 110 team ... Part of 2008 and 2010 state championship teams

... 2010 team was named national champions by multiple outlets ... Rushed for 549 yards and seven touchdowns in 2011,

averaging 5.7 yards per carry ... Rushed for 855 yards as a junior ... Played in the Under Armour Dade vs. Broward All-Star Football Game.

**Personal:** Born Oct. 28, 1993 ... Son of Kim Fadenipo ... Enrolled in general studies ... Plans to major in engineering ... Chose Illinois over Auburn, Boston College, Cincinnati, Iowa, Notre Dame, Wisconsin and West Virginia, among others.

## 64 ROBBIE BAIN

OL, 6-3, 290, FR.

BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Named to the 2012 SuperPrep Midwest team ... Listed as the No. 22 prospect in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Helped team to 2011 Illinois Class 8A state championship ... Named a first-team All-State selection by the *Chicago*

*Tribune* in 2011 ... Named to the 2011 Class 8A All-State team by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association ... 2011 All-Southwest Suburban Blue Conference selection ... Three-time All-Conference selection ... One of the top heavyweight wrestlers in Illinois ... High school coach was John Ivlov.

**Personal:** Son of Cynthia and Richard Bain ... Born June 9, 1994 ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Is the youngest of four brothers ... Brother, Ryan, played defensive line at Iowa and Akron ... Posted a 4.07 GPA in high school ... Undecided on a major ... Chose Illinois over Northern Illinois, Western Michigan, Ball State and Bowling Green, among others.

## 3 TAYLOR BARTON

DB, 6-1, 210, FR.

ORLANDO, FLA. / LAKE HIGHLAND PREP



**High School:** Rated a three-star recruit Rivals.com ... Named a second-team Florida Class 4A All-State selection in 2011 after posting 67 tackles, three interceptions, three sacks and forcing four fumbles ... Posted 93 tackles, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries in 2010 ... High school coach was

Tim Borcky.

**Personal:** Son of Mary and Don Barton ... Full name is Taylor Colson Barton ... Born Oct. 16, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chose Illinois over Syracuse and others.

## 30 HOUSTON BATES

LB, 6-3, 240, SO.

COVINGTON, LA. / ST. PAUL'S



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making two starts ... Had 23 tackles, 2.0 TFLs and one sack on the season ... Posted a career-high seven tackles in win over Indiana ... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after posting five tackles, two TFLs, one sack and a fumble recovery against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** Named LHSAA 5A Defensive Player of the Year, All-State and New Orleans All-Metro in 2009 ... Rated a three-star prospect by both Rivals.com and Scout.com, and an All-Region selection by Rivals.com ... Led team to 10-2 record and a District title in 2009 ... Racked up 12 sacks and 16 TFLs as a senior at defensive end ... St. Paul's advanced to state quarterfinals twice and won two District championships during Bates' career ... High school coach was Ken Sears ... Also played baseball and ran track in high school.

**Personal:** Full name is William Houston Bates ... Son of John and Fran Heaton ... Born Dec. 20, 1990 ... Majoring in community health ... Chose Illinois over LSU, Colorado and Ole Miss among others.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 7 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11

**Solos:** 7 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11

**TFL:** 2 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

**Sacks:** 1 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

**QBH:** 1 vs. Arizona State, 9/17/11

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2011 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 23  | 2.0-7   | 1.0-6   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-1   |

### BATES GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 4  | 1  | 5   | 2.0-7   | 1.0-6   | 0      | 0   | 0-1   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 7  | 0  | 7   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 2  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0      | 0   | 0-0   |

\*Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

## 41 ZACH BECKER

FB/TE, 6-3, 250, SR.

HOMER, ILL. / ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN



**2011:** Broke his leg against South Dakota State, the second game of the season, and missed the rest of the season ... Played tight end against Arkansas State and recorded one special teams tackle ... Received the team's Scholar-Athlete Award at the annual postseason banquet with a 3.83 G.P.A. in kinesiology ...

Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Played in only three games in 2010 because of injuries ... Missed first five games of the season with a foot injury and missed the final five games after re-aggravating the injury in early November ... Started at tight end against Indiana, securing one reception for a career-high seven yards ... Earned the team's Scholar-Athlete Award with a 3.83 GPA in kinesiology.

**2009:** Played in all 12 games at fullback, tight end and on special teams ... Recorded eight special teams tackles and returned four kickoffs for a total of 50 yards on the season ... Earned the Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence during the 2009-10 academic year.

**2008:** Played in 11 games on special teams and at fullback as a walk-on true-freshman ... Caught a two-yard touchdown pass at Wisconsin, his only catch of the season ... Recorded five special teams tackles, including a season-high of two against Eastern Illinois.

**High School:** Earned All-Conference and All-Area honors at linebacker as a junior and senior ... Academic All-State in football ... Holds multiple school records on defense ... Was All-Conference at forward in basketball in 2008 ... Also All-Area and All-Conference in baseball as both a pitcher and shortstop ... Earned 10 varsity letters in football, baseball and basketball ... High school coach was Dick Duval.

**Personal:** Full given name is Zachary Matthew Becker ... Born June 18, 1991 ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Son of William and Marla Becker.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 1, twice (last vs. Indiana, 10/23/10)  
**Receiving Yards:** 7 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**Receiving Touchdowns:** 1 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08  
**Long Reception:** 7 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**Kickoff Returns:** 3 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09  
**Kickoff Return Yards:** 31 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09  
**Long Return:** 19 vs. Northwestern, 11/14/09  
**Special Teams Tackles:** 2, twice (last at Cincinnati, 11/27/09)

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2008  | 11 | 1  | 2   | 2.0 | 0.2 | 1  | 2  |
| 2009  | 12 | 0  | 0   | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0  | -- |
| 2010  | 3  | 1  | 7   | 7.0 | 2.3 | 0  | 7  |
| 2011  | 2  | 0  | 0   | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0  | -- |
| TOTAL | 28 | 2  | 9   | 4.5 | 0.4 | 1  | 7  |

#### KICK RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2009  | 4  | 50  | 12.5 | 0  | 19 |
| 2010  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | -  |
| 2011  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | -  |
| TOTAL | 4  | 50  | 12.5 | 0  | 19 |

#### BECKER GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD | LG            | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|----|---------------|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0-0     | 0  | -             | 0-0     | 0  | -  |
| SDSU   | 0-0     | 0  | -             | 0-0     | 0  | -  |
| ASU    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| WMU    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| NU     |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| IND    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| OSU    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| PUR    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| PSU    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| MICH   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| WIS    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| MINN   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| UCLA*  |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |

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| 2010  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG            | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|---------------|---------|----|----|
| MU    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| SIU   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| NIU   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| OSU   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| @PSU  |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| @MSU  | 0-0     | 0  | 0             | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 0-0     | 0  | 0             | 1-7     | 0  | 7  |
| PUR   | 0-0     | 0  | 0             | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @MICH |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| MINN  |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| NW    |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| @FS   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| BU*   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |

\*Texas Bowl

| 2009 | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| MU   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |

|       |     |   |    |     |   |    |
|-------|-----|---|----|-----|---|----|
| ISU   | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| @OSU  | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| PSU   | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| MSU   | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| @IND  | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| @PUR  | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| MICH  | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| @MINN | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| NW    | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| @CIN  | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |
| FS    | 0-0 | 0 | -- | 0-0 | 0 | -- |

| 2008  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| EIU   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| ULL   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @PSU  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @MICH | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MINN  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| IND   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @WIS  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 1-2     | 1  | 2  |
| IOWA  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @WMU  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| OSU   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @NW   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |

## 10 BJ BELLO

STAR, 6-3, 205, FR.

NEW LENOX, ILL. / LINCOLN-WAY WEST



**High school:** Rated a two-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Named All-Area by the *Joliet Herald-News* ... Had 81 tackles, three TFLs, one forced fumble and one interception in 2011, leading Lincoln-Way West to a second-straight IHSA Class 5A playoff appearance ... High school coach was Mark Vanderkooi ... Also an All-State track performer.

**Personal:** Son of Adebukola and Lawrence Bello ... Born Oct. 31, 1994 ... Majoring in community health ... Full given name is Amin Babajide Bello ... Cousin of Illini defensive back Suppo Sanni ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota, Western Michigan, Toledo, Ball State and Bowling Green.

## 2 V'ANGELO BENTLEY

DB, 5-10, 180, FR.

CLEVELAND, OHIO / GLENVILLE



**High School:** Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Rated as the No. 19 cornerback nationally by Tom Lemming ... Played in the Semper Fi All-America Game in Arizona ... Glenville won 2011 Cleveland city championship ... Member of 2009 team that played in the Division 1 state title

game ... Runs a 4.47 40-yard dash ... Also was a key member of Glenville's track and field squad ... High school teammate of fellow Illini signee Justin Hardee ... High school coach was Ted Ginn, Sr.

**Personal:** The son of Vernon Bentley and Angela Pope ... Full name is V'Angelo Demerius Bentley ... Born Nov. 4, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chose Illinois over Iowa, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Air Force, Toledo, Ohio, Kent State and Bowling Green ... Mother, Angela, served two terms in the Afghanistan war and retired from the Air Force after 25 years of service.

## 55 CHRIS BOLES

OL, 6-4, 325, r-FR.

TOLEDO, OHIO / CENTRAL CATHOLIC



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... High school coach was Greg Dempsey ... Was first-team All-NW District selection as an offensive guard in 2010 ... Second-team All-Ohio Division II choice by AP in

2010 ... Rated one of the Top 50 players in the state of Ohio ... Ranked as No. 8 offensive lineman in state of Ohio by ScoutingOhio.com ... Played on both lines in high school ... Helped Central Catholic to an 8-2 record and second round of Division II playoffs in 2009... Played in the 2010 NUC All-World Gridiron Classic game ... All-Midwest choice by SuperPrep and PrepStar ... High school coach was Greg Dempsey.

**Personal:** The son of Veronica Joshaway and Citris Boles Sr. ... Born March 14, 1993 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Wisconsin, Cincinnati, Memphis, Miami (Ohio), Syracuse and Toledo.

## 29 PETER BONAHOOM

WR, 6-2, 200, r-FR.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL. / PROSPECT



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Earned All-State honors in 2010 ... Three-time all-area selection ... Rushed for a school-record 353 yards in a game in high school ... Earned seven varsity letters, four in football and three in baseball ... High school coach was Brent Pearlman.

**Personal:** Full name is Peter Lawrence Bonahoom ... Son of Richard Bonahoom and Jane Bonahoom ... Born on Nov. 4, 1992 ... Majoring in political science ... Plans to attend law school after graduating.



## 45 JONATHAN BROWN

LB, 6-1, 235, JR.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Butkus Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American (Fourth Team)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (First Team)



**2011:** Named second-team All-Big Ten by the media and was an honorable mention selection by the coaches ... Ranked sixth in the nation in TFLs with 1.63 per game ... Led the Big Ten in TFLs in conference games with 2.07 per game ... Named the team's Most Improved Player at the annual postseason banquet ... Played in 12

games, making 11 starts at outside linebacker ... Led team with 108 tackles and had 19.5 TFLs, 6.0 sacks, four pass break-ups, three hurries, two fumble recoveries, one interception and one forced fumble on the season ... Notched six tackles, a half-TFL and a QB hurry in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Recorded 14 tackles, including a career-high nine solos, along with a half-sack against Minnesota ... Had 10 tackles, a career-high 4.0 TFLs, a 28-yard fumble return, one sack and one QB hurry against Wisconsin ... Recorded nine tackles, 3 TFLs and one QB hurry against Michigan ... Led Illinois with 11 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, one sack, two PBUs, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery against Penn State ... Had a team-high 11 tackles and a half-TFL against Purdue ... Notched a career-high 17 tackles, 2.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks against Ohio State, the most tackles by an Illini since 2008 ... Led the team with 11 tackles against Northwestern ... Earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after posting seven tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 1.5 sacks and intercepting a pass against Arizona State ... Made first career start against Arkansas State, recording six tackles and one TFL.

**2010:** Played in 12 games as a true freshman, totaling 31 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, a half-sack, one interception and one forced fumble ... Tallied five tackles, a half-sack and first career forced fumble in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Tied team high with a career-best eight tackles, including five solos and first career TFL, in win over Purdue ... Returned the first interception of his career 66 yards for a touchdown in win over Indiana ... Aided the Illini defense in holding Penn State's offense to under 70 yards rushing ... Made his first career appearance in win over Southern Illinois, recording five tackles.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named to The *Memphis Commercial Appeal* "Best of the Preps" team ... *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region ... Named to the Tennessee Football Coaches Association All-State team ... Rated the ninth-best prospect in the state of Tennessee ... 2009 All-Metro team ... A three-star recruit by Scout.com ... Rated the 24th-best linebacker by Rivals.com ... Tennessee Sports Writers Association 2009 All-State Team ... Registered 96 tackles, 12 for loss, three sacks, two passes broken up and one interception as a senior ... Rushed for 678 yards and 12 touchdowns ... Ranked the 40th-best linebacker by Scout.com ... Touchdown Club of Memphis Defensive 2009 Player of the Year ... Recorded a 350 bench press and 300 power clean ... High school coach was Kevin Locastro.

**Personal:** Son of Candace Kinley and Rod Brown ... Born June 22, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois

over Ole Miss, Arkansas, Memphis, Kentucky, Texas Tech and Mississippi State.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 17 vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11  
**Solos:** 9 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**QB Sack:** 1.5, twice (last vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11)  
**TFL:** 4.0 vs. Wisconsin, 11/19/11  
**INT:** 1, twice (last vs. Arizona State, 9/17/11)  
**INT Return Yards:** 66 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**Touchdown:** 1 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**Forced Fumble:** 1, twice (last time vs. Penn State, 10/29/11)  
**Forced Recovery:** 1 vs. Penn State, 10/29/11  
**PBU:** 1 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2010  | 12 | 17 | 14 | 31  | 1.5-5   | 0.5-4   | 1-66    | 0   | 1-0   |
| 2011  | 12 | 46 | 62 | 108 | 19.5-63 | 6.0-19  | 1-0     | 4   | 1-2   |
| TOTAL | 24 | 63 | 76 | 139 | 21.0-68 | 6.5-32  | 2-66    | 4   | 2-2   |

### BROWN GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD          | QBS-YDS | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|-----------------|---------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 2  | 4  | 6   | 1.0-4           | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0             | 0-0     | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 3  | 4  | 7   | 3.5-12          | 1.5-5   | 1-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 2  | 2  | 4   | 0-0             | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 3  | 8  | 11  | 1.5-6           | 0.5-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    |    |    |     | DNP - Suspended |         |        |     |       |
| OSU    | 8  | 9  | 17  | 2.5-12          | 1.5-11  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 5  | 6  | 11  | 0.5-1           | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 3  | 8  | 11  | 2.5-7           | 1.0-5   | 0-0    | 2   | 1-1   |
| MICH   | 2  | 7  | 9   | 3.0-8           | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 5  | 5  | 10  | 4.0-13          | 1.0-3   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-1   |
| MINN   | 9  | 5  | 14  | 0.5-0           | 0.5-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 3  | 3  | 6   | 0.5-0           | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

\*Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS   | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    |    |    |     | DNP    |       |        |     |       |
| SIU   | 3  | 2  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 1-66   | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 5  | 3  | 8   | 1-1    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0   | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 2  | 3  | 5   | 0.5-4  | 0.5-4 | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |

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## 99 MICHAEL BUCHANAN

DL, 6-6, 240, SR.

HOMECWOOD, ILL. / HOMECWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Ted Hendricks Award Preseason Watch List
- Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Second Team)



**2011:** Named second-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media ... Played in all 13 games, making 12 starts ... Second on the team with 7.5 sacks and also had 64 tackles, 13.5 TFLs and four hurries on the season ... Had four tackles, one sack and recovered a fumble in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

... Recorded five tackles and a half-sack against Minnesota ... Posted four tackles and one TFL against Wisconsin ... Recorded five tackles and a half-TFL against Michigan ... Posted seven tackles and a sack against Penn State ... Posted eight tackles, 1.5 TFLs and a half-sack against Ohio State ... Recorded a career-high 10 tackles along with three TFLs in win over Northwestern ... Posted five tackles, a sack, 1.5 TFLs, forced a fumble and three QB hurries against Western Michigan ... Recorded four tackles, including a career-best 1.5 sacks and a

QB hurry in the win over Arizona State ... Tallied a sack and two tackles against South Dakota State.

**2010:** Played in 11 games, including eight starts at the bandit position ... Totaled 40 tackles on the season, including 5.5 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, two PBUs, two hurries and one fumble recovery ... Had five tackles, 1.5 TFLs, one QB hurry and a half-sack in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Posted four tackles and a career-high two TFLs at Fresno State ... Had five tackles, including a career-best four solos, and a half-sack, at Michigan ... Recorded first career sack against Michigan State ... Tallied a career-high seven tackles against Ohio State ... Sat out the Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois games due to a suspension ... Made first career start in season opener against Missouri.

**2009:** Played in 10 games, recording a quarterback hurry and pass break up against Illinois State.

**High School:** Member of the *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State team ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 14 defensive end nationally by Rivals.com ... Posted over 100 tackles, 15 TFLs and five sacks in just nine games as a senior ... Had 75 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest team ... Named the No. 52 defensive end nationally by Scout.com ... Ranked as the No. 59 prospect in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked as a top-100 defensive end by ESPN ... High school coach was Kenneth Smith ... Also a member of the Homewood-Flossmoor basketball team.

**Personal:** Born Jan. 24, 1991 ... Son of Michael Buchanan Sr., and Lolita Jordan ... Majoring in communication ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Supo Sanni ... Chose Illinois over Purdue and Vanderbilt.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 10 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11  
**Solos:** 6 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11  
**TFL:** 3 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11  
**QB Sack:** 1.5 vs. Arizona State, 9/17/11  
**QB Hurries:** 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11  
**PBU:** 1, four times (last vs. Indiana, 10/8/11)  
**Fumble Recovery:** 1, three times (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | PBU | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2009  | 10 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 1   | 1   | 0-0   |
| 2010  | 11 | 18 | 22 | 40  | 5.5-22  | 2.0-14  | 2   | 2   | 0-1   |
| 2011  | 13 | 27 | 37 | 64  | 13.5-72 | 7.5-40  | 1   | 4   | 1-1   |
| TOTAL | 34 | 45 | 59 | 104 | 19.0-94 | 9.5-54  | 4   | 7   | 1-2   |

### BUCHANAN GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 1  | 3  | 4   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 1-10    | 1.0-10  | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 7  | 3  | 10  | 1.5-5   | 1.5-5   | 1   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 3  | 2  | 5   | 1.5-7   | 1.0-7   | 3   | 1-0   |
| NU     | 6  | 4  | 10  | 3.0-6   | 1.0-2   | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 8  | 8   | 1.5-6   | 0.5-2   | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 3  | 1  | 4   | 1.0-3   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 3  | 4  | 7   | 1.0-7   | 1.0-7   | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 5  | 5   | 0.5-2   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 2  | 2  | 4   | 1.0-19  | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 3  | 2  | 5   | 0.5-1   | 0.5-1   | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 2  | 2  | 4   | 1.0-6   | 1.0-6   | 0   | 0-1   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 3  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| NIU   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| OSU   | 3  | 4  | 7   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 3  | 0  | 3   | 1-7    | 1-7    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 4  | 1  | 5   | 0.5-4  | 0.5-4  | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 1  | 3  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-1   |
| @FS   | 2  | 2  | 4   | 2-6    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 2  | 3  | 5   | 1.5-5  | 0.5-3  | 1   | 0-0   |

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| 2009 | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ISU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @IND | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

|       |   |   |   |     |     |   |     |
|-------|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| @PUR  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| MICH  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| @MINN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| NW    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| @CIN  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |

## 6 DARRIUS CALDWELL

DL, 6-5, 230, r-FR.

ATLANTA, GA. / MAYS



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Rated a four-star recruit by ESPN and Scout.com and a three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... *SuperPrep* All-Dixie Region selection ... All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar* ... High school coach was Dominic Calloway ... MVP

of the 2011 Metro Atlanta All-Star game... Selected as one of Georgia's Fab 50 recruits by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... Honorable mention Class AAAA All-State ... Selected No. 27 on Rivals.com's Georgia Top 30 list.

**Personal:** Full name is Darrius Ze'Andre Caldwell ... The son of Tuesday Caldwell and the late Corey Lundy ... Born on Feb. 9, 1993 ... Majoring in communication ... Plans to major in psychology ... Lists Deion Sanders as his favorite athlete because he played with confidence ... Plans to become a high school football coach after finishing school ... Juice Williams was his Fighting Illini hero growing up ... Chose Illinois over Georgia Tech, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, South Carolina and West Virginia.

## 21 DEVIN CHURCH

WR, 5-8, 190, FR.

SOUTHFIELD, MICH. / BROTHER RICE



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 22 overall prospect in the state of Michigan by Rivals.com ... Named to Detroit Free Press Dream Team and played in Michigan East/West All-Star Game ... Rushed for a school-record 1,919 yards in 2011, including 938 yards

in five playoff games ... Rushed for 244 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries in the MHSAA Division 2 state championship game to lead Brother Rice to a state title ... High school coach was Al Fracassa.

**Personal:** The son of Monica and Donald Church ... Full name is Devin Lamar Church ... Born Sept. 7, 1993 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Boston College, Northern Illinois, Toledo and Bowling Green.

## 42 RALPH COOPER

LB, 6-1, 230, SO.

WINNSBORO, S.C. / FAIRFIELD CENTRAL



**2011:** Played three games on the season in a reserve role, recording three tackles and a half-TFL on the season ... Had one solo tackle against Indiana ... Saw first action as an Illini in win over South Dakota State, recording two tackles and a half-TFL.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked as one of the Top 30 players in South Carolina ... Selected to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas ... Earned second-team All-State honors as a linebacker ... *SuperPrep* All-Mid Atlantic selection ... All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Helped Griffins to 12-2 record in 2010, finishing as the Class 3-AAA Upper State runner-up ... Only two losses came to the state champions ... Totaled 154 tackles (14.0 avg) in 2010 ... Ranked as South Carolina's leading tackler in total tackles and fourth in sacks with 0.7 per game ... Had 120 tackles with six sacks and three interceptions as a junior in 2009 ... High school coach was Reggie Kennedy.

**Personal:** Son of Ralph Cooper Sr., and Cathy Cooper ... Born on Feb. 6, 1993 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism ... Lists Ray Lewis as his favorite athlete because of his undying passion for the game ... Dedicated Beta Club member ... Chose Illinois over Georgia Tech.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 2 vs. South Dakota State (9/10/11)

**TFL:** 0.5 vs. South Dakota State (9/10/11)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2011 | 3 | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0.5-1   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

### R. COOPER GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| SDSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0.5-1   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| WMU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| NU     |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| IND    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| PUR    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| PSU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| MICH   |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| WIS    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| MINN   |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

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## 68 SIMON CVIJANOVIC

OL, 6-5, 295, SO.

CLEVELAND, OHIO / BENEDICTINE



**2011:** Played in eight games, starting at strong-side tackle against Penn State, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota ... Helped the Illini to 301 total yards and 149 rushing yards against Wisconsin ... Started at strong-side tackle against Michigan ... Made first career start at strong-side tackle against

Penn State ... Played most of the game at strong-side tackle at Purdue ... Played the entire second half at weak-side tackle against Western Michigan, helping Illinois to 296 rushing yards

and 463 total yards ... Made his Illini debut in win over South Dakota State.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** Two-star recruit by both Rivals.com and Scout.com ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... High school coach was Art Bortnik.

**Personal:** Son of Anne Marie and Frank Cvijanovic ... Born on June 30, 1992 ... Majoring in agricultural and consumer economics - financial planning ... Chose Illinois over Toledo, Ohio and Bowling Green.

## 7 HAYDEN DANIELS

WR, 6-4, 200, r-FR.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NAPERVILLE CENTRAL



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Two-time DuPage Valley All-Conference selection ... Two-time letterwinner in football, basketball and track ... Earned academic all-state honors in football his junior and senior years ... High school coach was Mike Stone.

**Personal:** Full name is Hayden Christiansen Daniels ... Son of Jerry and Bridget Daniels ... Born on May 9, 1993 ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Has three siblings, all of whom played college athletics ... Brother, Owen, played football at Wisconsin and plays for the Houston Texans ... Sister, Meredith, played water polo for Brown ... Brother, Harrison, played football at Princeton ... Plans on attending chiropractic school after graduation ... Chose Illinois over Central Michigan, Miami (Ohio) and Buffalo.

## 3 JON DAVIS

TE, 6-3, 240, SO.

LOUISVILLE, KY. / MIDDLETON EASTERN



**2011:** Third-Team Freshman All-American by Phil Steele ... Played in all 13 games as a true-freshman, making two starts ... Third on the team with 22 receptions on the season for 187 yards and one touchdown ... Had one catch in Illinois' Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl victory ... Recorded five catches for 53 yards, both career highs,

against Wisconsin ... Posted four receptions for 28 yards against Michigan ... Posted four receptions for 28 yards against Purdue ... Recorded three receptions for 37 yards against Ohio State ... Had a three-yard TD catch, the first of his career, in victory over Indiana ... Recorded first career catch for five yards in win over South Dakota State ... Made Illini debut in season-opener against Arkansas State.

**High School:** Four-star prospect by Scout.com ... No. 7 tight end prospect in the nation by Scout.com ... Top-ranked player in Kentucky by Scout.com ... Ranked in the ESPN Top 150 as No. 138 ... A *PrepStar* All-American as a tight end ... Rushed for 934 yards (averaging 14 yards per carry) and 16 TDs, and had 24 catches for 334 yards and two TDs ... In his career, he ran for 1,742 yards (averaging 9 yards per carry) and had 93 receptions



for 1,273 yards and 13 TDs ... Member of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth ... Second-team all-state pick by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* ... High school coach was Ken Whalen ... No. 3 on Rivals.com's Kentucky Top 30 list ... Also won three letters in basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Jonathan A. Davis ... Goes by Jon ... The son of Reggie and Juanette Davis ... Born on Sept. 9, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Has three siblings, all of whom played college athletics ... His favorite athlete is Tony Gonzalez, "best TE ever." ... Hobbies include video games and basketball ... The most influential person on Davis's athletic career is his father, for putting the helmet on his head ... Chose Illinois over Kentucky, Purdue, Oregon and Louisville.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 5 vs. Wisconsin (11/19/11)  
**Receiving Yards:** 53 vs. Wisconsin (11/19/11)  
**Long Reception:** 18 vs. Wisconsin (11/19/11)

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG  | TD | LG |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2011 | 13 | 22 | 187 | 8.5 | 14.4 | 1  | 18 |

#### DAVIS GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| SDSU   | 1   | 5   | 0  | 5  |
| ASU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| WMU    | 1   | 9   | 0  | 9  |
| NU     | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| IND    | 1   | 3   | 1  | 3  |
| OSU    | 3   | 37  | 0  | 17 |
| PUR    | 4   | 28  | 0  | 9  |
| PSU    | 1   | 16  | 0  | 16 |
| MICH   | 4   | 28  | 0  | 11 |
| WIS    | 5   | 53  | 0  | 18 |
| MINN   | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8  |
| UCLA*  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0  |

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## 17 TOMMY DAVIS

DB, 5-11, 205, SR.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / ALTHOFF CATHOLIC / N. ILLINOIS

#### • Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List



**2012:** Transferred to Illinois from Northern Illinois and will be immediately eligible to play.

#### At Northern Illinois

**2011:** Played in all 14 games, starting five ... Recorded nine punt returns for 53 yards and nine kick returns for 145 yards ... Posted 38 tackles ... Ended NIU career third in school

history with 1,398 career kickoff return yards and eighth in career punt return yardage with 331.

**2010:** Started all 14 games at free safety and led NIU and co-led the MAC with four fumble recoveries ... Had 73 tackles, fourth highest on the team, and added one interception, two pass break-ups and one-half tackle for loss ... Named third-team All-MAC as a return specialist ... Top return man on the NIU squad with 18 punt returns for 142 yards, a 7.9-yard average, and 23 kickoff returns for 553 yards to average 24.0 yards per return ... Kick return totals rank fourth on the NIU single-season lists ... Scored second career TD on a season-long 83-yard kickoff return against Toledo (Nov. 9).

**2009:** Saw action in all 13 games, totaling eight tackles, with at least one stop in six games ... Earned third-team All-MAC honors as a punt returner ... Returned the opening kickoff vs. Eastern Michigan (11-5) 86 yards for a touchdown to record the first TD of his career ... Ranked sixth in the MAC and 38th in the nation in punt returns, averaging 8.0 yards a return. Ranked third in the MAC in kickoff returns, averaging 24.1 yards per return ...

His 700 kickoff return yards ranks ninth all-time on NIU's career leader list and fourth on NIU's single season list ... Garnered Academic All-MAC football team honors.

#### 2008: Redshirted.

**High School:** Earned first-team All-Conference recognition at both defensive back and wide receiver as a senior ... Named the city's most valuable player and earned second team all-metro honors at wide receiver ... Collected 27 receptions for 470 yards, made 52 tackles and returned three kicks for touchdowns in his final season ... Participated in track.

**Personal:** Born Nov. 11, 1990 ... Son of Mia and Tommy Davis Jr. ... Father, Tommy Davis, Jr., was a running back at Iowa State ... Cousin Peerless Price is a former NFL wideout ... Pursuing a master's degree in educational policy studies.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 10, at Illinois, 9/18/10  
**Long Kickoff Return:** 86, vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/5/09  
**Long Punt Return:** 52, at Ball State, 11/20/10  
**Touchdowns:** 1, vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/5/09  
**Interceptions:** 1, twice last vs. Toledo, 11/9/10

## 48 HENRY DICKINSON

LB, 6-4, 230, SO.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / MEMPHIS UNIVERSITY HS



**2011:** Played in 11 games, primarily on special teams ... Posted one tackle against Penn State, Ohio State, Indiana, Western Michigan and Arizona State ... Saw first career action against South Dakota State, recording three tackles and a half-TFL.

#### High School: A three-star

recruit by Rivals.com and ESPN ... Two-star recruit by Scout.com ... Won Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Lineman of the Year Award for Division 2-AA, the same award won by current Illini linebacker Jonathan Brown in 2009 ... Named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Division II All-State team ... One of five captains selected by his teammates ... Registered 116 tackles, 12 for loss, forced four fumbles, had four interceptions and blocked one kick in 2010 ... Played in the AutoZone Liberty High School All-Star game in Memphis ... One of five finalists for the Tennessee Defensive Best of the Preps award ... Helped lead Owls to perfect 13-0 record and state title in 2009, finishing among nation's Top 10 teams ... Also a starter and captain for the lacrosse team and played high school basketball ... High school football coach was Bobby Alston.

**Personal:** Full name is Henry Thompson Dickinson ... Son of Chelsey and David Porteous ... Born on June 6, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Secretary/treasurer of the student council in high school ... Participated in the Civic Service Organization ... Chose Illinois over Ole Miss and Southern Mississippi.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 3 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Solos:** 1 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**TFL:** 0.5 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2011 | 11 | 1  | 7  | 8   | 0.5-0   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

#### DICKINSON GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YDS | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|---------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST |    |    |     | DNP    |         |        |     |       |
| SDSU   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0.5-0  | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0     | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

|       |   |   |   |     |     |     |   |     |
|-------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|
| OSU   | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| PUR   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| PSU   | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| MICH  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| WIS   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| MINN  |   |   |   | DNP |     |     |   |     |
| UCLA* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |

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## 60 TONY DURKIN

OL, 6-3, 280, R-FR.

TINLEY PARK, ILL. / ANDREW



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked among the top 26 prospects in the state of Illinois and one of the top 12 centers in the nation by *Scout* ... *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-Midwest selection ... First-team all-conference as a junior and

senior ... First-team All-Area by the *Southtown Star* newspaper ... Special mention All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* ... No. 26 prospect on *Rivals.com*'s Illinois postseason Top 30 list ... Also an all-conference performer in baseball ... High school football coach was Jim Zimmer ... Was high school teammates with fellow Illini newcomer Chris O'Connor.

**Personal:** Full name is Anthony William Durkin ... Son of Michelle and Dan Durkin ... Born on Nov. 12, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Hobbies include playing video games, hanging out with friends and singing ... Names his dad as the most influential person on his athletic career ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota, Arizona, Cincinnati and Northern Illinois.

## 18 JUSTIN DUVERNOIS

P, 6-1, 190, SO.

PLANTATION, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



**2011:** One of 10 true-freshman starting punters in the nation in 2011 ... Played and started in 11 games on the season ... Averaged 38.3 yards per kick on 53 punts in 2011, including 17 inside the 20 and three over 50 ... Set career-high 374 total yards on nine punts for an average of 41.6 yards per

punt with a long of 61 against Michigan ... Punted nine times for an average of 38.0 yards and three inside the 20 at Penn State ... Had four of eight punts land inside the 20 against Purdue ... Had six punts for a 38.3 average, including a career-long of 66 yards and three inside the 20, against Ohio State ... Punted six times for a 37.7 average, including three inside the 20, in win over Indiana ... Posted five punts for an average of 41.6 yards against Arizona State ... Made his Illini debut with three punts for an average of 37.7 yards and had a free kick for 49 yards against Arkansas State.

**High School:** First-team All-Broward County in 2010 ... Kicked and punted in Broward/Dade Counties All-Star Game ... Averaged 39.7 yards per punt as a senior ... 11 of his 29 punts were downed inside the 20 yard line ... Helped St. Thomas Aquinas to Florida 5A state championships and national high school championships in 2008 and 2010 ... Had a 71-yard punt

in the state title game in 2010 ... All-Southeast Region selection by *PrepStar* ... High school coach was George Smith.

**Personal:** The son of Michelle and Dennis DuVernois ... Born on Nov. 25, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chosen to Broward County All-Star Academic Team ... Attended Super Bowl XLII (Patriots vs. Giants) ... Favorite athlete is Donovan McNabb ... Chose Illinois over Kansas, Syracuse and Miami (Fla.).

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Punts:** 9, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 11/12/11)  
**Yardage:** 374 vs. Michigan, 11/12/11  
**Average:** 41.6, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 11/12/11)  
**Long Punt:** 66 vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11  
**Inside 20:** 4 vs. Purdue, 10/22/11  
**Touchbacks:** 1, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11)

#### PUNTING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS   | AVG  | TB | FC | I20 | 50+ | LG |
|------|----|----|-------|------|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 2011 | 11 | 53 | 2,029 | 38.3 | 3  | 15 | 17  | 3   | 66 |

#### DUVERNOIS GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

| 2011   | NO | YDS | AVG  | LG  | BK | TB | FC | 50+ | I20 |
|--------|----|-----|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| ARK ST | 3  | 113 | 37.7 | 40  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0   |
| SDSU   | 2  | 70  | 35.0 | 38  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0   |
| ASU    | 5  | 208 | 41.6 | 48  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0   | 1   |
| WMU    | 1  | 30  | 30.0 | 30  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| NU     | 3  | 117 | 39.0 | 47  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   |
| IND    | 6  | 226 | 37.7 | 49  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0   | 3   |
| OSU    | 6  | 230 | 38.3 | 66  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1   | 3   |
| PUR    | 8  | 280 | 35.0 | 44  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0   | 4   |
| PSU    | 9  | 342 | 38.0 | 47  | 0  | 1  | 3  | 0   | 3   |
| MICH   | 9  | 374 | 41.6 | 61  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2   | 1   |
| WIS    | 1  | 37  | 37.0 | 37  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   |
| MINN   |    |     |      | DNP |    |    |    |     |     |
| UCLA*  |    |     |      | DNP |    |    |    |     |     |

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## 67 JAKE FELDMAYER

OL, 6-4, 295, JR.

CENTERVILLE, OHIO / CENTERVILLE



**2011:** Saw the first playing time of his career against South Dakota State.

**2010:** Member of UI squad.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Earned honorable mention All-State honors ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Team ... Garnered

accolades for first team All-Southwest Ohio ... Named to the *Dayton Daily News* All-State first-team ... First-team All-Great Western Ohio Conference ... Was team captain as a senior ... Named to *Ohio Varsity Magazine's* Top-10 interior lineman ... High school coach was Ron Ullery.

**Personal:** Son of Teresa and Brian Feldmeyer ... Majoring in finance ... Born on Dec. 21, 1990 ... Had a 3.83 high school GPA ... Three-year Scholar-Athlete ... Scored a 31 on his ACT.

## 6 JOSH FERGUSON

RB, 5-10, 185, r-FR.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / JOLIET CATHOLIC



**2011:** Played in the first three games before suffering a hamstring injury and missing the last 10 games of the season ... Received a medical hardship waiver ... Had a career-high eight carries for 38 yards and one catch for 10 yards in win over South Dakota State ... Made his

Illini debut against Arkansas State, gaining 15 yards on six carries and catching one pass for four yards.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State selection ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Area selection ... MVP of the East Suburban Catholic League ... *Joliet Herald News* Co-MVP and Player of the Year in 2010 ... Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Class 5A All-State ... Carried 145 times for 1,868 yards (12.9 yards per carry) and 25 touchdowns for a team that reached the Class 5A quarterfinals and was the 2009 5A state runner-up ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State special mention selection ... All-Midwest selection by *PrepStar* ... High school coach was Dan Sharp.

**Personal:** Son of Danielle and Collin Ferguson ... Born on May 23, 1993 ... Honor roll student all four years of high school ... Favorite athlete is LaMichael James ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Chose Illinois over Air Force, Ball State, East Carolina, Memphis, Ohio and Toledo.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Carries:** 8 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Rushing Yards:** 38 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Long Run:** 13 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Receptions:** 1, twice (last vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11)  
**Receiving Yards:** 10 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Long Reception:** 10 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | YPG  | TD | LG |
|------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2011 | 3 | 14  | 52  | 3.7 | 17.3 | 0  | 13 |

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 3 | 2  | 14  | 7.0 | 4.7 | 0  | 10 |

#### FERGUSON GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD            | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|---------------|----|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 6-15    | 0             | 10 | 1-4     | 0  | 4  |
| SDSU   | 8-37    | 0             | 13 | 1-10    | 0  | 10 |
| ASU    | 0-0     | 0             | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| WMU    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| NU     |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| IND    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| OSU    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| PUR    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| PSU    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| MICH   |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| WIS    |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| MINN   |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |
| UCLA*  |         | DNP - Injured |    |         |    |    |

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## 75 PATRICK FLAVIN

OL, 6-7, 280, r-FR.

LISLE, ILL. / BENET ACADEMY



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit and rated one of the top 10 recruits in Illinois by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked among top 30 offensive tackles in the nation by *Rivals* ... All-Midwest choice by *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... *Chicago Tribune* second-team All-

State pick ... All-conference selection as a junior and senior ... All-area selection as a junior and senior ... Earned all-state recognition as a junior and senior ... No. 11 on *Rivals.com's* Illinois Postseason Top 30 list ... Also All-Conference and All-Area performer in track and field ... High school football coach was Pat New.

**Personal:** Full name is Patrick Michael Flavin ... Son of Karen and Michael Flavin ... Born on Sept. 7, 1992 ... Majoring in political science ... Plans to attend law school after graduation ... Chose Illinois over Oregon, Arizona, Baylor, Boise State,

California, Louisville, Kentucky, North Carolina State and Purdue among others.

## 22 NICK FORZLEY

DB, 5-9, 180, SO.

LEMONT, ILL. / LEMONT



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season ... Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2010 season.

**High School:** Honorable mention All-Conference selection ... Played in two state title games (2007, 2008) ... High school coach was Eric Michaelsen

... Also lettered in basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Samuel Forzley ... Son of Sam and Michelle Forzley ... Born on Oct. 23, 1991 ... Has three sisters ... Majoring in sport management.

## 91 GLENN FOSTER

DL, 6-4, 280, SR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / MOUNT CARMEL



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making 11 starts at defensive tackle ... Tallied 32 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, a half-sack, three PBUs and had one interception on the season ... Recorded a career-high seven tackles, including 1.5 TFLs, against Minnesota ... Posted three tackles along with a career-high two PBUs against Penn

State ... Recorded six tackles and posted 0.5 TFL against Purdue ... Posted a career-high three solo tackles in victory over Indiana ... Recorded four tackles, along with 0.5 TFLs, against Northwestern ... Posted three tackles, grabbed an INT and had one TFL against Arizona State ... Recorded one PBU in his first career start during season-opener against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Played in all 13 games and registered 10 tackles, 1.5 TFLs and 1.0 sack on the season ... Recorded a career-high two tackles in win over Indiana ... Tallied first career TFL and sack in win at Penn State ... Recorded his first career tackle in win over Southern Illinois.

**2009:** Played in three games but did not record any statistics.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season.

**High School:** Ranked the 12th-best recruit in the state of Illinois by *Rivals.com* ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette* Special Mention All-State team ... Rated the No. 14 weakside defensive end in the nation by *Rivals.com* ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-American ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Recorded 44 tackles, including six for a loss of 43 yards, despite an injury-shortened senior season ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Listed as the No. 47 defensive end in the country by Scout.com ... High school coach was Frank Lenti.

**Personal:** Son of Sabrina and Glenn Foster ... Born on May 31, 1990 ... Majoring in agricultural and consumer economics ... Chose Illinois over Nebraska, Michigan State and Colorado.

**CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 7 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11**Solos:** 3, three times (last vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11)**TFL:** 1.5, three times (last vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11)**QB Sack:** 1 at Penn State, 10/9/10**PBU:** 2 vs. Penn State, 10/29/11**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2009  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   |
| 2010  | 13 | 3  | 7  | 10  | 1.5-11  | 1-10    | 0   |
| 2011  | 13 | 10 | 22 | 32  | 4.0-7   | 0.5-2   | 0   |
| TOTAL | 29 | 13 | 29 | 42  | 5.5-18  | 1.5-12  | 0   |

**FOSTER GAME-BY-GAME**

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 3  | 3   | 1.0-3  | 0.5-2  | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| NU     | 0  | 4  | 4   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| IND    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 3  | 3  | 6   | 0.5-1  | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 3  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0.5-1  | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 3  | 4  | 7   | 1.5-2  | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0-0 | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1-10   | 1-10   | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0.5-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2009 | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ISU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

**13 RYAN FRAIN****PK/P, 6-2, 220, FR.****INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / SCECINA**

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked the No. 15 kicker in the nation by Scout.com ... Ranked the No. 13 kicker and No. 2 punter nationally by Kornblue Fab 50 ... Named to the 2011 Indianapolis All-City team ... Helped Sccecina Memorial to an IHSAA Class 1A state runner-up finish in 2011 ...

Named to the IHSAA Class 1A All-State team ... Participated in the 2011 Kohl's National Scholarship camp, finishing 10th in field goals ... Averaged 40.3 yards per punt, had touchdowns on 51 of 71 kickoffs and made field goals of 49, 48, 46 and 43 yards in 2011 ... Two-time All-Conference selection for soccer ... High school coach was Ott Hurrel.

**Personal:** The son of Barbara and Nick Frain... Born Feb. 4, 1994 ... Undecided on a major ... Chose Illinois over Georgia Tech.

**28 TA'JARVIS FULLER****STAR, 6-1, 190, FR.****FORT MYERS, FLA. / DUNBAR**

**2012:** Early enrollee participated with team in 2012 spring practice.

**High School:** A three-star prospect by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... 2012 *Parade* All-American ... Ranked the No. 44 outside linebacker prospect in the nation by ESPN ... Named a Florida Class 4A All-State selection

in 2011 ... Named the *Fort Myers News-Press* 2011 Defensive Player of the Year ... Totaled 166 tackles, six sacks, seven PBUs, five forced fumbles and two interceptions in 2011 ... Named MVP of the South team in the John Carrigan Rotary South All-Star Classic.

**Personal:** The son of Shanika Idlette and Tyrone Fuller ... Born Nov. 16, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chose Illinois over Wisconsin, Louisville, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Minnesota, Indiana and Iowa State, among others.

**26 JUSTIN GREEN****DB, 5-11, 195, SR.****LOUISVILLE, KY. / MALE**

**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making five starts ... Had 35 tackles and three PBUs on the season ... Posted five tackles against Wisconsin ... Recorded four tackles against Michigan ... Posted three tackles and two PBUs at Penn State ... Started and recorded three tackles against Ohio State ... Posted five tackles

against Western Michigan ... Started and posted a season-high six tackles and one PBU vs. Arizona State ... Had four tackles and recovered a fumble against Arkansas State ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Moved to cornerback two weeks before the 2010 season after spending freshman year as a running back ... Started all 13 games and was seventh on the team with 55 tackles ... Also had four PBUs, a half-TFL, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery on the season ... Had five tackles in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Posted a career-best 10 tackles, including six solos and a half-TFL against Minnesota ... Tallied two solo tackles and had first career fumble recovery at Michigan ... Had first career forced fumble in victory over Purdue ... Recorded eight tackles and two PBUs in victory over Northern Illinois ... Posted five tackles and one PBU and returned first kick for 19 yards in win over Southern Illinois ... Started at cornerback in the season-opener against Missouri, tallying six tackles and registering one PBU ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2009:** Played in all 12 games at running back and on special teams ... Rushed for 88 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries on the season ... Had a career-best eight carries for 25 yards and caught one pass for five yards against No. 5 Cincinnati ... Had a two-yard touchdown run in Illinois' win over Minnesota ... Rushed for 56 yards on seven carries against Illinois State, scoring his first career touchdown ... Made his college debut against Missouri with one carry and one reception.

**High School:** Ranked No. 82 on the Rivals.com top-100 list ... Ranked No. 83 on *PrepStar's* Dream Team ... Helped lead high school to the 6A semifinals in 2008 ... Recorded 155 carries for 1,069 yards, while also catching 18 passes for 272 yards in 2008 ... Scored 21 touchdowns as a senior ... Named to the EA Sports All-America team ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Named first-team All-State by the *Associated Press* ... Ranked the top player in the state of Kentucky by ESPN ... Posted 2,000 all-purpose yards and 30 touchdowns as a junior ... Rated the No. 1 player in the state of Kentucky by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the 19th-best athlete in the nation by ESPN ... Earned second-team All-America honors by MaxPreps ... Played in the U.S. Army All-American game ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Named to the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-Southern team ... Rated the ninth-best cornerback nationally by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 23rd-best cornerback by Scout.com ... Timed at a 4.4 40-yard dash ... Two-time Kentucky state champion in the 100 meters with a 10.6 performance ... Also won the 200-meter dash as a junior with a 22.0 mark ... High school coach was Bob Redman.

**Personal:** Born on Feb. 26, 1991 ... Son of William and Linda Green ... Majoring in sport management ... Brother, Marcus, played defensive line at Ohio State from 2002-05 ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State, Alabama, Kentucky and Clemson.

**CAREER HIGHS****Tackles:** 10 vs. Minnesota, 11/13/10**Solos:** 6 vs. Minnesota, 11/13/10**PBU:** 2, twice (last time vs. Penn State, 10/29/11)**TFL:** 0.5 vs. Minnesota, 11/13/10**Carries:** 8 at Cincinnati, 11/27/09**Rushing Yards:** 56 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09**Rushing TD:** 1, twice (last at Minnesota, 11/7/09)**Long Run:** 22 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09**Receptions:** 1, three times (last at Cincinnati, 11/27/09)**Receiving Yards:** 6 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09**Long Reception:** 6 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09**Kickoff Returns:** 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10**Kickoff Return Yardage:** 19 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10**Long Kickoff Return:** 19 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10**Forced Fumble:** 1 vs. Purdue, 10/30/10**Fumble Recovered:** 1 at Michigan, 11/6/10**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2009  | 12 | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| 2010  | 13 | 30 | 25 | 55  | 0.5-2   | 0-0     | 4   | 1-1   |
| 2011  | 13 | 22 | 12 | 34  | 0-0     | 0-0     | 3   | 0-1   |
| TOTAL | 38 | 52 | 39 | 91  | 0.5-2   | 0-0     | 7   | 1-2   |

**RUSHING STATISTICS**

| YEAR | G  | ATT | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2009 | 12 | 19  | 88  | 4.6 | 7.3 | 2  | 22 |

**RECEIVING STATISTICS**

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2009 | 12 | 3  | 15  | 5.0 | 1.2 | 0  | 6  |

**KICK RETURN STATISTICS**

| YEAR | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2010 | 1  | 19  | 19  | 0  | 19 |

**GREEN GAME-BY-GAME (DEFENSE)**

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 5  | 1  | 6   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 3  | 2  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 1  | 3  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 3  | 2  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 1  | 5  | 6   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 2  | 3  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 3  | 5  | 8   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 3  | 4  | 7   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |
| @MICH | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-1   |
| MINN  | 6  | 4  | 10  | 0.5-2  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |



|     |   |   |   |     |     |   |     |
|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| NW  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| @FS | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| BU* | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |

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## GREEN GAME-BY-GAME (OFFENSE)

| 2009  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| MU    | 1-(1)   | 0  | 0  | 1-6     | 0  | 6  |
| ISU   | 7-56    | 1  | 22 | 1-4     | 0  | 4  |
| @OSU  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PSU   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MSU   | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @IND  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @PUR  | 1-5     | 0  | 5  | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MICH  | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @MINN | 1-2     | 1  | 2  | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| NW    | 0-0     | 0  | -- | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| @CIN  | 8-25    | 0  | 9  | 1-5     | 0  | 5  |
| FS    | 1-1     | 0  | 1  | 0-0     | 0  | -  |

## GREEN GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

| 2010  | NO | YDS | TD | LONG |
|-------|----|-----|----|------|
| MU    | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| SIU   | 1  | 19  | 0  | 19   |
| NIU   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| OSU   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| @MSU  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| IND   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| PUR   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| @MICH | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| MINN  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| NW    | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| @FS   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |

## 15 ZEPHENIAH GRIMES

LB, 5-11, 220, r-FR.

BAMBERG, S.C. / BAMBERG-EHRHARDT



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Named to the Class A All-State team by the High School Sports Report ... A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Rated one of the top 30 players in South Carolina

by *Rivals.com* ... As a junior, piled up 80 tackles, including 38 tackles for loss, 18 sacks, along with two interceptions ... Chosen for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game against all-stars from North Carolina and the NUC All-World Gridiron Classic All-Star game ... All-Mid-Atlantic choice by *SuperPrep* ... Selected No. 27 on *Rivals.com's* South Carolina Top 30 list ... High school coach was Butch Crosby.

**Personal:** Son of Terrie Johnson and James Grimes ... Born on Dec. 28, 1992 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Favorite athlete is Ricky Sapp ... Was a logger in a past summer job ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Colorado, Northwestern, Ole Miss, Arkansas and Tulsa.

## 24 JAMES HALLENDORFF

WR, 6-2, 205, SR.

VERNON HILL, ILL. / VERNON HILLS



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Member of the UI squad ... Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2010 season.

**High School:** High school coach was Tony Monken.

**Personal:** Son of Jacki and Douglas Hallendorff ... Born on March 27, 1990 ... Majoring in financial engineering.

## 84 JUSTIN HARDEE

WR, 6-1, 190, FR.

CLEVELAND, OHIO / GLENVILLE



**High School:** A two-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Third-team Northeast Lakes All-District selection in 2011 ... Played in Next Level Northeast Ohio All-Star Game ... Glenville won 2011 Cleveland city championship ... Member of 2009 team that played in the Division 1 state title game ... High school

teammate of fellow Illini freshman V'Angelo Bentley ... Also ran track at Glenville, winning a 2011 OHSAA State Championship in the 4x400m relay ... High school coach was Ted Ginn Sr.

**Personal:** The son of Estella Perryman and Arthur Hardee ... Born Feb. 7, 1994 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Cousin, Cordale Scott, played football at Illinois and Toledo ... Chose Illinois over Akron, Bowling Green, Kansas, Marshall and Toledo, among others.

## 80 SPENCER HARRIS

WR, 6-3, 195, JR.

GREENWOOD, ARK. / GREENWOOD



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making nine starts ... Second on the team in both receptions (26) and receiving yardage (226) and had one touchdown on the season ... Had two catches for 24 yards, including the only TD of the game for the Illini in the snow at Penn State ... Matched his career high with six catches for 39

yards against Purdue ... Had three catches for 22 yards against Indiana ... Had a career-high six catches for 63 yards in win over Northwestern ... Posted two catches for 13 yards in victory over Arizona State ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Played in eight games as a true freshman, including one start ... Caught four passes for 48 yards, including one touchdown, on the season ... Had two receptions for a career-high 30 yards, including his first career touchdown on a career-long 17-yard catch against Minnesota ... Made first collegiate start at wide receiver against Purdue, securing one reception for 10 yards ... Recorded first career reception for eight yards in win over Indiana ... Made collegiate debut at Michigan State.

**High School:** Earned 5A All-State honors as a junior and senior ... Named the Player of the Year by the *Southwest Times* ... Hauled in 185 career catches for 3,363 yards and 39 touchdowns ... Two-time 5A West All-Conference selection ... Ranks fifth in the state of Arkansas for career receiving yards, sixth in career receptions and seventh in career touchdown catches ... Also played basketball ... Senior year statistics of 112 receptions, 2,097 yards and 15 touchdowns rank sixth in the state in single-season yards, and ninth in single-season touchdowns ... Helped lead team to a 10-2 record and a conference championship in 2009 ... Also led team to a 5A West Conference title in 2008 ... Selected to the Southwest 50

team by VYPE ... Team won the 5A State Championship in 2007 ... Named the Arkansas Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore ... Has a 35-inch vertical jump ... High school coach was Rick Jones.

**Personal:** Son of Donna and Jon Harris ... Majoring in earth, society and environment ... Born on Oct. 26, 1991 ... Chose Illinois over Arkansas.

## CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 6, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 10/22/11)

**Receiving Yards:** 63 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11

**Long Reception:** 17 vs. Minnesota, 11/13/10

**Touchdowns:** 1 vs. Minnesota, 11/13/10

**Tackles:** 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/20/10

## RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 8  | 4  | 48  | 12.0 | 6.0  | 1  | 17 |
| 2011  | 13 | 26 | 226 | 8.7  | 17.4 | 1  | 15 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 30 | 274 | 9.1  | 13.0 | 2  | 17 |

## HARRIS GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| SDSU   | 1   | 14  | 0  | 14 |
| ASU    | 2   | 13  | 0  | 7  |
| WMU    | 1   | 9   | 0  | 9  |
| NU     | 6   | 63  | 0  | 15 |
| IND    | 3   | 22  | 0  | 9  |
| OSU    | 1   | 5   | 0  | 5  |
| PUR    | 6   | 39  | 0  | 8  |
| PSU    | 2   | 24  | 1  | 14 |
| MICH   | 1   | 14  | 0  | 14 |
| WIS    | 1   | 12  | 0  | 12 |
| MINN   | 1   | 5   | 0  | 5  |
| UCLA*  | 1   | 6   | 0  | 6  |

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| 2010  | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| SIU   |     | DNP |    |    |
| NIU   |     | DNP |    |    |
| OSU   |     | DNP |    |    |
| @PSU  |     | DNP |    |    |
| @MSU  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8  |
| PUR   | 1   | 10  | 0  | 10 |
| @MICH | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| MINN  | 2   | 30  | 1  | 17 |
| NW    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @FS   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |

\*Texas Bowl

## 10 CHASE HASLETT

QB, 6-1, 195, r-FR.

CLAYTON, MO. / CLAYTON



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Threw for 1,451 yards and accounted for 12 touchdowns as a senior ... Also played baseball and turned down a scholarship offer at Evansville to play football at Illinois ... High school coach was Sam Horrell.

**Personal:** Full name is James Ira Chase Haslett ... Son of Beth and Jim Haslett ... Born on Aug. 13, 1992 ... Majoring in sport management ... Father, Jim, won the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1979 and NFL Coach of the Year in 2000, when he was the head coach of the New Orleans Saints ... Plans to major in nutrition.

# 1 TERRY HAWTHORNE

DB, 6-0, 190, SR.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS

- Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Third Team)



**2011:** Honorable Mention All-Big Ten by the coaches and media ... Played in all 13 games, making 11 starts ... Had 60 tackles, 5.0 TFLs, a team-high three interceptions and a team-high 11 passes defended on the season ... Tied for the Big Ten lead in passes defended per game (0.85) ... Earned Defensive Player

of the Game honors in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl after scoring the go-ahead touchdown on a 39-yard interception return ... Also recorded five tackles, 1.5 TFLs and a PBU, and returned four punts for 31 yards against UCLA ... Recorded three tackles, a half-TFL and two PBUs against Minnesota ... Led the Illini with a career-high 15 tackles, one forced fumble and one QB hurry against Wisconsin ... Posted two tackles and one TFL and returned his first punt for six yards against Michigan ... Recorded three tackles and one interception against Penn State ... Led team with nine tackles, including a career-high eight solos, along with an interception and a career-high three PBUs against Western Michigan ... Shared the team lead with eight tackles, including one TFL and a PBU in win over Arizona State ... Recorded one tackle and one TFL against South Dakota State ... Posted four tackles in season-opener against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Played in eight games on the season, making one start ... Missed five games (the first four games and the Minnesota game) due to injury ... Had 28 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, three PBUs and one interception on the season ... Made his first start of the season in the Texas Bowl, where he led the team with a career-high nine tackles, including seven solos, and 1.5 TFLs in the win over Baylor ... Had four tackles and a half-TFL at Fresno State ... Tallied two tackles and a PBU in win over Northwestern ... Recorded three tackles and two PBUs at Michigan ... Secured his only interception of the season and had four tackles and one TFL in win over Indiana ... Tallied three tackles, including his first TFL of the season against Michigan State ... Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by *Phil Steele's College Football Preview* ... Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by *Athlon Sports*.

**2009:** Earned Freshman All-Big Ten honors from *The Sporting News* ... Played in all 12 games, making five starts ... Had 30 tackles, five PBUs and one interception which was returned for a TD on the season ... Recorded four tackles and a career-best three PBUs against No. 5 Cincinnati ... Recorded first career interception and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown in win over Minnesota ... Also had a career-high five solo tackles and a PBU against Gophers ... Recorded season-best six tackles, including a touchdown saver from behind in win over Michigan ... Returned four kickoffs for 74 yards, including a long of 22 against Penn State.

**High School:** *Parade* All-American ... Named nation's top receiver by *Parade Magazine* ... *USA Today* All-American ... Listed as the 58th-best player in the country by Rivals.com ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... *SuperPrep* Midwest Offensive Player of the Year ... *Champaign News-Gazette* Player of the Year ... *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* first-team All-State and All-Metro Defensive Player of the Year ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State ... Ranked No. 54 on *PrepStar's* Dream Team ... Named the No. 3 player in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... MaxPreps first-team All-American ... Named to the EA Sports All-America

team ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... MaxPreps top-100 player ... Ranked the No. 6 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com ... Three-year starter for East St. Louis ... No. 1 player in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... A four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Scored 28 touchdowns and recorded 1,009 receiving yards as a senior ... Also ran back four interceptions for touchdowns ... Averaged 21 yards per catch in 2008 ... Played receiver, defensive back, punter and returned punts as both a junior and senior ... Rated the 11th-best receiver by Scout.com ... Registered 1,100 yards receiving as a junior and scored 15 touchdowns ... Recorded 118 tackles and eight interceptions, three returned for touchdowns ... Also posted a 44.8 punting average, 263 punt return yards and scored 132 points for his Illinois 7A State Championship team ... Ranked the No. 12 receiver nationally by Tom Lemming ... High school coach was Darren Sunkett.

**Personal:** Born on Jan. 1, 1990 ... Son of Diane Hawthorne and Ricky McGary ... Majoring in sport management ... Nickname is Black Cat ... Chose Illinois over Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

## CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 15 vs. Wisconsin, 11/19/11  
**Solos:** 8 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11  
**TFL:** 1.5, twice (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Interception:** 1, five times (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Interception Return Yards:** 44 at Minnesota, 11/7/09  
**Touchdown:** 1 at Minnesota, 11/7/09  
**PBU:** 3, twice (last vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11)  
**Kickoff Returns:** 4 vs. Penn State, 10/3/09  
**Kickoff Return Yardage:** 74 vs. Penn State, 10/3/09  
**Long Kickoff Return:** 22 vs. Penn State, 10/3/09  
**Punt Returns:** 4 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**Punt Return Yardage:** 31 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**Long Punt Return:** 11 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2009  | 12 | 24 | 6  | 30  | 0-0     | 1-44    | 5   |
| 2010  | 8  | 19 | 9  | 28  | 3.5-10  | 1-0     | 3   |
| 2011  | 13 | 41 | 19 | 60  | 5.0-18  | 3-39    | 7   |
| TOTAL | 33 | 84 | 34 | 118 | 8.5-28  | 5-83    | 15  |

## PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 5  | 37  | 7.4 | 0  | 11 |

## KICK RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2009  | 5  | 92  | 18.4 | 0  | 22 |
| 2010  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | -  |
| 2011  | 1  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL | 6  | 92  | 15.3 | 0  | 22 |

## HAWTHORNE DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 2  | 2  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1-0-4  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 7  | 1  | 8   | 1-0-3  | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 8  | 1  | 9   | 0-0    | 1-0    | 3   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 1-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 1-0-5  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 7  | 8  | 15  | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |
| MINN   | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-5-1  | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 3  | 2  | 5   | 1-5-8  | 1-39   | 1   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD        | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| SIU   |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| NIU   |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| OSU   |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| @PSU  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-5-3         | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 3  | 1  | 4   | 1-2           | 1-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| MINN  |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| NW    | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 2  | 2  | 4   | 0-5-0         | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 7  | 2  | 9   | 1-5-5         | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2009 | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ISU  | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @OSU | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

|       |   |   |   |     |      |   |     |
|-------|---|---|---|-----|------|---|-----|
| MSU   | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 0 | 0-0 |
| @IND  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 0 | 0-0 |
| @PUR  | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 0 | 0-0 |
| MICH  | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 1 | 0-0 |
| @MINN | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0-0 | 1-44 | 1 | 0-0 |
| NW    | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 0 | 0-0 |
| @CIN  | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 3 | 0-0 |
| FS    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0  | 0 | 0-0 |

# 74 MICHAEL HEITZ

OL, 6-5, 305, SO.

VERMONT, ILL. / VIT



**2011:** Made nine starts on the season, starting at strong-side tackle in the first eight games and against UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Paved the way for 518 total yards, including 308 rushing yards, in win over Indiana ... Helped Illinois to 473 total yards against Northwestern ... Aided Illinois in 296

rushing yards and 463 total yards against Western Michigan ... Helped Illinois to 364 rushing yards and 519 total yards in win against South Dakota State ... Recorded first career start in helping the Illini to 202 rushing yards and 473 total yards during the season-opener against Arkansas State ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... Named All-Area by the *Peoria Journal Star* ... All-State offensive lineman ... Two-time All-Conference selection on both offense and defense as a junior and senior ... Started 41 straight games ... Helped lead team to the state quarterfinals in 2009 ... High school coach was Dave Wilson.

**Personal:** Son of Kelly and Chris Heitz ... Born on Sept. 30, 1991 ... Was the salutatorian of his senior class ... Majoring in agricultural and consumer economics ... Earned Academic All-State honors ... Chose Illinois over Wisconsin.

# 52 ALEX HILL

OL, 6-3, 325, SO.

SLIDELL, LA. / SLIDELL



**2011:** Played in four games on the season, starting two ... Recorded first career start against Michigan and also started at weak-side guard against Wisconsin ... Made his Illini debut against South Dakota State.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 17th-best center in the nation by Rivals.com ... Rated as the 34th-best prospect in the state of Louisiana by Rivals.com ... *PrepStar* All-Southeast Region ... Earned All-District honors ... Played in the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl and the Nike Bayou Bowl All-Star Game.

**Personal:** Son of Synthia Hill ... Born on Jan. 20, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Duke and Arizona.



## 49 ZACH HIRTH

LS, 6-4, 200, FR.

EUREKA, MO. / EUREKA



**High School:** Ranked as second-best long snapper in the nation by ESPN ... Five-star snapper rating by Kohl's Professional Camps and the best overall long snapper ... A two-star recruit by Scout.com ... Under Armour All-American selection.

**Personal:** Son of Robin and William Hirth ... Born Aug.

9, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Four-year honor roll student in high school.

## 95 JAKE HOWE

DL, 6-3, 295, SO.

MCHEENRY, ILL. / MCHEENRY



**2011:** Played in the first 11 games of the season, primarily on special teams ... Recorded first solo tackle of Illinois career against NU ... Made Illini debut in season-opener Arkansas State ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** 2009 Fox Valley All-Conference ... Earned all-area honors by the *Northwest Herald* as a junior and senior ... Rushed for 523 yards on 97 carries, while also recording 41 catches for 414 yards ... Posted 50 tackles, three sacks and four forced fumbles ... Named team's Defensive Lineman of the Year ... Competed in shot put and discus on the track team ... High school coach was Tim Beagle.

**Personal:** Son of Gretchen and Warren Howe ... Born on April 12, 1992 ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Chose Illinois over Arizona and Wisconsin.

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | PBU | QBH | FF-FR |
|------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2011 | 11 | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0   | 0-0   |

## HOWE GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| UCLA*  |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |

\*Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

## 5 STEVE HULL

DB, 6-2, 200, JR.

CINCINNATI, OHIO / SYCAMORE



**2011:** Played and started in 11 games on the season ... Had 58 tackles, two PBUs and one interception on the season ... Missed the Wisconsin and UCLA games with a back injury ... Posted seven tackles and one forced fumble against Michigan ... Posted seven tackles against Purdue ... Recorded six tackles

against Ohio State ... Notched a career-best eight tackles, all solo, and had his first career interception in win over Indiana ... Had seven tackles against Northwestern ... Had five solo tackles and one PBU in win over Western Michigan ... Had seven tackles and one PBU against Arizona State ... Recorded five tackles against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Moved to safety two weeks before the 2010 season after spending redshirt year as a receiver ... Played in eight games, including one start, and had 19 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL and one PBU on the season ... Had his first career QB sack in win over Northwestern ... Had one tackle and a PBU in first game back from injury against Minnesota ... Sat out five games in midseason with an ankle injury ... Made collegiate debut against Missouri, recording seven tackles.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season while practicing as a receiver.

**High School:** Caught 36 passes for 802 yards, averaging 22.3 yards per catch and scored 11 touchdowns as a senior ... Earned first-team All-Ohio honors ... Ranked third in the Greater Miami Conference in receiving yards and led the league in punt average ... Was first-team All-State, All-Conference and All-District ... Listed as a top-60 prospect in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com ... Ranked as a top-150 prospect in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest team ... Earned 11 varsity letters at Sycamore High School: four in football, four in track and three in basketball ... Won the conference championship in the long jump and placed seventh at the state championships ... High school coach was Scott Dattilo.

**Personal:** Born on July 20, 1990 ... Son of Charlie and Joyce Hull ... Majoring in communication ... Has three brothers and a sister ... Chose Illinois over Cincinnati and Louisville.

## CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 8 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11  
**Solos:** 8 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11  
**TFL:** 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/20/10  
**QB Sacks:** 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/20/10  
**PBU:** 1, three times (last vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11)  
**INT:** 1 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11  
**FF:** 1, vs. Michigan, 11/12/11

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2010  | 8  | 13 | 6  | 19  | 1-3     | 0-0     | 1   |
| 2011  | 11 | 38 | 20 | 56  | 0-0     | 1-1     | 2   |
| TOTAL | 19 | 51 | 26 | 75  | 1-3     | 1-1     | 3   |

## HULL GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD        | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 5  | 0  | 5   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 3  | 4  | 7   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 5  | 0  | 5   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 4  | 3  | 7   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 8  | 0  | 8   | 0-0           | 1-1    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 4  | 2  | 6   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 5  | 2  | 7   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 2  | 5  | 7   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |
| WIS    |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |

|      |   |   |   |               |     |   |     |
|------|---|---|---|---------------|-----|---|-----|
| MINN | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0-0           | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| UCLA |   |   |   | DNP - Injured |     |   |     |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD        | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 4  | 3  | 7   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| @MSU  |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| IND   |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| PUR   |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| @MICH |    |    |     | DNP - Injured |        |     |       |
| MINN  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 4  | 0  | 4   | 1-3           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0           | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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## 37 NICK IMMEKUS

PK, 6-0, 220, SO.

WHEATON, ILL. / WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH



**Spring 2012:** Hit game-winning 47-yard field goal on final play of spring game to give the Blue a 13-12 win.

**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season ... Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2010 season.

**High School:** Named to the 2009 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Class 7A All-State team ... 2009 *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State selection ... Named to the 2009 *Chicago Sun Times*, *Daily Herald* and ESPN All-Area teams ... *Champaign News-Gazette* honorable mention All-State selection ... Two-time Dupage Valley All-Conference selection ... Kicked IHSA class 7A record 47-yard field goal in 2009 7A state championship game ... High school coach was Ron Muhitch.

**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Scott Immekus ... Son of Scott and Patricia Immekus ... Born on April 11, 1992 ... Majoring in communication.

## 36 BRAD JANITZ

P, 6-5, 215, SO.

CINCINNATI, OHIO / WALNUT HILLS



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season ... Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2010 season.

**High School:** Three-time letterwinner in soccer ... All-Conference and All-Southwest Ohio goalkeeper in 2009 ... Lettered in football in 2009 ... High

school coach was George Koutsis.

**Personal:** Full name is Bradley Larson Janitz ... Son of Chuck and Kathy Janitz ... Born on Jan. 22, 1992 ... Majoring in business.

## 69 TED KARRAS

OL, 6-4, 300, r-FR.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / CATHEDRAL



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* and two-star by *Scout.com* ... High school coach was Rick Streiff ... All-Midwest Region pick by *PrepStar* ... Rated one of the Top 25 offensive guard prospects and a three-star recruit by ESPN.com ... Earned Indiana *Associated Press* Class 4A All-State honors in 2009 and 2010 ... Named to the Catholic All-American team ... Indiana Digest Top 15 selection ... Named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association Top 50 All-State team ... Selected No. 15 on *Rivals.com*'s Indiana Top 30 list ... Helped Cathedral to 4A state titles in 2008 and 2010.

**Personal:** Son of Jennifer and Ted Karras ... Born on March 15, 1993 ... Majoring in communication ... Also known as TK3 ... Seventh member of his family to play football in the Big Ten, including his great-uncle, Alex Karras, who won the Outland Trophy as a defensive tackle at Iowa and was named to the Pro Bowl four times in the NFL with the Detroit Lions before going into acting, including a starring role in the 1980s sitcom "Webster." ... Grandfather, Ted Karras, played defensive tackle at Indiana and five of his nine seasons in the NFL with the Chicago Bears, helping Bears to '63 World Championship ... Father, Ted Karras Jr. (now the coach at Marian University), was a defensive tackle at Northwestern and played briefly with the Washington Redskins ... Great-uncle, Paul Karras, played at Iowa; great-uncle, Lou Karras, played at Purdue and three seasons with the Washington Redskins; uncle, Tony Karras, played at Northwestern ... Chose Illinois over Indiana, Iowa State, Wyoming and UCLA among more than 15 offers.

## 53 RYAN KLACHKO

OL, 6-4, 290, r-Fr.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. / SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN / NEBRASKA



**2012:** Transferred to Illinois in August 2012 and must sit out 2012 season due to NCAA transfer rules ... Will have three years of eligibility remaining starting in 2013.

### At Nebraska

**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Four-star recruit and ranked among

the top 15 offensive guards in the country by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com* ... *Rivals.com* listed him among the top 10 players in the state of Illinois and among the top 250 overall prospects in the nation ... As a senior, earned *Chicago Tribune* all-state and Central State Eight all-conference honors after helping the team average 44.6 points per game en route to an 8-2 record and a trip to the Class 5A state playoffs ... As a junior, helped SHG to a perfect regular season and a trip to the Class 5A quarterfinals ... High school coach was Ken Leonard.

**Personal:** Son of Michael and Paula Klachko ... Born May 25, 1993 ... Was born in Boston before his family moved to Illinois when he was 12 years old.

## 19 KENNY KNIGHT

WR, 6-4, 210, r-FR.

DETROIT, MICH. / COUNTRY DAY



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star wide receiver by *Scout.com* ... Earned All-State honors as a senior after catching 42 passes for 560 yards and seven touchdowns ... Helped the Yellowjackets to a 10-1 record ... Rated as one of the Top 15 prospects

in state of Michigan by *Rivals.com* and No. 21 Blue Chip prospect by *Detroit News* ... All-Midwest choice by *SuperPrep* ... As a junior, was a starter on Country Day's Class B state championship basketball squad, and was team's starting forward and top defensive stopper this year for the state's top-ranked team ... High school coach was Dan MacLean.

**Personal:** Full name is Kenneth David Knight ... The son of Daphne and Ken Knight ... Born on Feb. 3, 1993 ... Majoring in business ... Nickname is "Knighttime" ... Favorite athletes are Calvin Johnson and Brandon Marshall ... Hobbies include video games and hanging out ... Chose Illinois over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Purdue, Northwestern, Stanford, Cincinnati and Indiana.

## 35 DAVONTAY KWAANING

WR, 5-11, 185, R-FR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / LINDBLOM



**2012:** Joined team during 2012 Spring practice.

**High School:** High school coach was Charles Frazier.

**Personal:** Son of Kenyatta Rule and Gerard Kwaaning ... Born Aug. 28, 1993 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

## 59 TIM KYNARD

DL, 6-3, 260, JR.

TOLEDO, OHIO / ST. JOHN'S



**2011:** Played in 11 games in a reserve role ... Had eight tackles, 3.0 TFLs and one sack on the season ... Posted first career sack in win over Northwestern ... Had one TFL against Western Michigan ... Had one tackle and a half-TFL in win over Arizona State ... Had three tackles and a half-TFL against Arkansas

State.

**2010:** Played in 12 games on the season, recording three tackles ... Tallied a tackle against Purdue and Michigan State ... Made first collegiate appearance against Southern Illinois, tallying a solo tackle.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Earned first-team All-Ohio honors ... Recorded 11.5 sacks and scored two defensive touchdowns as a senior ... Earned first-team All-City and All-District honors as a senior ... Was a team captain for both football and basketball ... Named second-team All-City and All-District at defensive end as a junior ... Helped lead football team to the playoffs in 2006 and 2007 ... High school coach was Doug Pearson ... Earned three varsity letters in both football and basketball.

**Personal:** Son of Amy and Tim Kynard Sr. ... Born on Aug. 12, 1990 ... Has three sisters and a brother ... Majoring in sociology ... Participated in the weightlifting club, ultimate frisbee and the Big Brother/Big Sister program while in high school ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 3 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

**Solos:** 2 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

**TFL:** 1, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11)

**Sack:** 1 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2010  | 12 | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   |
| 2011  | 11 | 5  | 3  | 8   | 3.0-9   | 1.0-5   | 0   |
| TOTAL | 23 | 6  | 5  | 11  | 3.0-9   | 1.0-5   | 0   |

### KYNARD GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0.5-3  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1.0-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1.0-5  | 1.0-5  | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| MICH   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| SIU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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## 11 MATT LACOSSE

TE, 6-6, 240, SO.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NORTH



**2011:** Played in 10 games during true-freshman season, making one start ... Caught first career pass for 11 yards at Minnesota ... Made two special teams tackles in win over Northwestern ... Made Illini debut in win over South Dakota State.

**High School:** *Chicago*

*Tribune* honorable mention All-State ... Rated a three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Named to *The Champaign News-Gazette's* All-State special mention team as a quarterback ... Earned IHSFCA All-State honors ... *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection ... No. 23 on *Rivals.com's* Illinois Postseason Top 30 list ... Won eight varsity letter in high school: three in football, three in basketball and two in baseball ... High school coach was Sean Drendal.

**Personal:** Full name is Matt Robert LaCrosse ... Son of Kim and Dave LaCrosse ... Born on Sept. 21, 1992 ... Majoring in advertising ... Father, Dave, played football at Ball State ... Honor roll student in high school ... Lists his dad as the most influential person in his athletic career ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota, Purdue and Michigan.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 1 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Receiving Yards:** 11 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Long Reception:** 11 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11

#### LACOSSE'S RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|----|----|-----|------|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 10 | 1  | 11  | 11.0 | 1.1 | 0  | 11 |

#### LACOSSE GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST |     | DNP |    |    |
| SDSU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| ASU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| WMU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| NU     | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| IND    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| OSU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| PUR    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| PSU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| MICH   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| WIS    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| MINN   | 1   | 11  | 0  | 11 |
| UCLA*  | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |

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## 12 RYAN LANKFORD

WR, 6-0, 175, JR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / PAXON



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making five starts ... Had 12 catches for 108 yards on the season ... Also saw time as punter, averaging 39.4 yards on 19 kicks, and punt returner, recording 33 return yards on 19 attempts ... Caught three passes for 25 yards against UCLA in the Kraft

Fight Hunger Bowl and also

averaged 46.0 yards on five punts with two over 50 yards and two downed inside the 20 ... Recorded a career-high nine punts for 377 yards for an average of 41.9, including four over 50 yards, three downed inside the 20 and a career-long 59-yarder at Minnesota ... Made one catch for 18 yards against Michigan ... Had a spectacular 12-yard tip-toe catch on the sideline at Penn State ... Had three catches for 27 yards against Ohio State ... Returned four punts for 19 yards, including a career-long 11 yarder, against Indiana ... Punted twice for 71 yards, including a 50-yarder, against Western Michigan ... Punted once and returned a punt against Arkansas State to become the first Illini to punt and return a punt in the same season since Bob Bess in 1969.

**2010:** Played in 12 games on the season, making six catches for 129 yards and one touchdown ... Had one reception for a career-best 52 yards in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Recorded his first career touchdown on a 33-yard reception at Michigan ... Secured a career-high two receptions for 19 yards in win over Indiana ... Made first collegiate appearance against Southern Illinois, tallying one reception for 10 yards.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... *SuperPrep* All-Southeast Region ... Finished senior year with 17 touchdowns ... Led the district in punting with an average of 45.3 yards ... Named to the *Florida Times Union's* Super 24 team ... Played receiver, defensive back, kicker, punter, kick returner and punt returner ... Caught 28 passes for 650 yards and six touchdowns as a junior ... Also lettered in track and field ... Recorded a 10.8 in the 100-meters at the Florida state

high school meet and has a best of 24-6 in the long jump ... High school coach was Willie Offord.

**Personal:** Son of Wanda and Paul Lankford ... Born on Dec. 9, 1991, in Miami ... Father, Paul, played defensive back for the Miami Dolphins ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Louisville, Central Florida, Connecticut and Central Michigan among others.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 3, twice (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Receiving Yards:** 52 vs. Baylor, 12/29/10  
**Long Reception:** 52 vs. Baylor, 12/29/10  
**Touchdowns:** 1 at Michigan, 11/6/10  
**Punts:** 9 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Yardage:** 377 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Punting Average:** 46.0 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**Long Punt:** 59 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Punt Returns:** 5 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Long Punt Return:** 11 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 12 | 6  | 129 | 21.5 | 10.8 | 1  | 52 |
| 2011  | 13 | 12 | 108 | 9.0  | 8.3  | 0  | 18 |
| TOTAL | 25 | 18 | 237 | 13.2 | 9.5  | 1  | 52 |

#### PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 19 | 33  | 1.7 | 0  | 11 |

#### PUNTING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TB | FC | I20 | 50+ | LG |
|------|----|----|-----|------|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 2011 | 13 | 19 | 749 | 39.4 | 0  | 2  | 5   | 7   | 59 |

#### LANKFORD GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| SDSU   | 2   | 7   | 0  | 4  |
| ASU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| WMU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| NU     | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| IND    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OSU    | 3   | 27  | 0  | 15 |
| PUR    | 1   | 13  | 0  | 13 |
| PSU    | 1   | 12  | 0  | 12 |
| MICH   | 1   | 18  | 0  | 18 |
| WIS    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| MINN   | 1   | 6   | 0  | 6  |
| UCLA*  | 3   | 25  | 0  | 11 |

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| 2010  | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| SIU   | 1   | 10  | 0  | 10 |
| NIU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @PSU  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @MSU  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 2   | 19  | 0  | 11 |
| PUR   | 1   | 15  | 0  | 15 |
| @MICH | 1   | 33  | 1  | 33 |
| MINN  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| NW    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @FS   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 1   | 52  | 0  | 52 |

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#### LANKFORD GAME-BY-GAME (PUNT RETURN)

| 2011   | NO | YDS | TD | LONG |
|--------|----|-----|----|------|
| ARK ST | 1  | -2  | 0  | -2   |
| SDSU   | 5  | 21  | 0  | 8    |
| ASU    | 1  | 2   | 0  | 2    |
| WMU    | 1  | -2  | 0  | -2   |
| NU     | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| IND    | 4  | 19  | 0  | 11   |
| OSU    | 2  | -2  | 0  | 0    |
| PUR    | 3  | -5  | 0  | 0    |
| PSU    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| MICH   | 1  | 2   | 0  | 2    |
| WIS    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| MINN   | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |

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#### LANKFORD GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

| 2011   | NO | YDS | AVG  | LG | BK | TB | FC | 50+ | I20 |
|--------|----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| ARK ST | 1  | 7   | 7.0  | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| WMU    | 2  | 71  | 35.5 | 50 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0   |
| NU     | 1  | 27  | 27.0 | 27 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| IND    | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| WIS    | 1  | 37  | 37.0 | 37 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |

|       |   |     |      |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---|-----|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| MINN  | 9 | 377 | 41.9 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| UCLA* | 5 | 230 | 46.0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

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## 88 JUSTIN LATTIMORE

TE, 6-3, 225, JR.

TAMPA, FLA. / GAITHER



**2011:** Played in four games on the season, seeing time on special teams in wins over UCLA, Northwestern and Indiana ... Saw first action of season against South Dakota State.

**2010:** Played in six games, including one start ... Had one catch for 33 yards and a touchdown on season ...

Had one special teams tackle in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Notched first career TD on his first career catch, a 33-yarder, against Southern Illinois.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Averaged 17.2 yards per catch and scored three touchdowns as a senior ... Ranked as the No. 58 tight end nationally according to ESPN ... Caught 22 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns ... Named to Florida Varsity's Top-100 players list in the state of Florida ... Earned All-Conference and All-County honors ... *PrepStar* All-Southeast Team ... Named second-team All-County by the *Tampa Tribune* ... High school coach was Mark Kantor.

**Personal:** Son of Charles and Lora Lattimore ... Born on Nov. 7, 1990 ... Majoring in sport management ... Earned Gaither High School's Scholar-Athlete award ... Chose Illinois over Iowa.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**Receiving Yards:** 33 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**Long Reception:** 33 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**Touchdowns:** 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**Tackles:** 1 vs. Baylor, 12/29/10

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|-----|----|----|
| 2010  | 6  | 1  | 33  | 33.0 | 5.5 | 1  | 33 |
| 2011  | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | -  |
| TOTAL | 10 | 1  | 33  | 33.0 | 3.7 | 1  | 33 |

#### LATTIMORE GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST |     | DNP |    |    |
| SDSU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| ASU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| WMU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| NU     | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| IND    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| OSU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| PUR    |     | DNP |    |    |
| MICH   |     | DNP |    |    |
| WIS    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| MINN   |     | DNP |    |    |
| UCLA*  | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |

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| 2010  | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| SIU   | 1   | 33  | 1  | 33 |
| NIU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   |     | DNP |    |    |
| @PSU  |     | DNP |    |    |
| @MSU  |     | DNP |    |    |
| IND   |     | DNP |    |    |
| PUR   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @MICH | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| MINN  |     | DNP |    |    |
| NW    |     | DNP |    |    |
| @FS   |     | DNP |    |    |
| BU*   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |

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## 70 COREY LEWIS

OL, 6-6, 310, SR.

CRESCO, PA. / EAST STROUDSBURG SOUTH



**2011:** Sat out the 2011 season with ACL injury.

**2010:** Sat out 2010 season after tearing ACL in his left knee during 2010 spring practice ... Was granted a medical hardship waiver.

**2009:** Played in all 12 games ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

**2008:** Logged 94 offensive snaps as a true-freshman, playing in four games - Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Western Michigan.

**High School:** Named to the *Associated Press* All-State team ... Earned first-team Class AAAA All-State honors ... Aided his team by averaging 6.5 yards per carry and scoring 27 rushing touchdowns as a senior ... Team averaged 182 yards rushing per game, posting over 2,200 yards for the season ... Ranks among the top-40 players in the state of Pennsylvania by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked the No. 78 offensive tackle nationally by *Rivals.com* ... Bench presses 300 pounds and squats 450 pounds ... High school coach was Ed Christian ... Also a starter on the basketball team.

**Personal:** Full name is Corey Leonard Lewis ... Son of Lisa and Steven Lewis ... Born on Oct. 16, 1989 ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Chose Illinois over Virginia and Penn State.

## 11 JEVARIS LITTLE

DB, 6-1, 180, FR.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / LAKEWOOD



**High School:** A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... First-team *Tampa Bay Times* All-Pinellas County selection ... Honorable mention *Tampa Bay Times* All-Suncoast team ... Played in the *Tampa Bay Times* senior all-star game ... High school coach was Cory Moore.

**Personal:** Son of Valencia Bell and Albert Little ... Full name is Jevaris Rashad Little ... Born Jan. 10, 1994 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Indiana, Kansas and Toledo, among others.

## 24 NELSON LUGO

DB, 5-11, 195, FR.

FRANKLIN PARK, ILL. / EAST LEYDEN



**High School:** ESPN All-State Illinois 2011-2012 ... West Suburban All-Conference 2009-2012 ... Northwest All-Area 2010-2012 ... Recorded 238 solo tackles in three varsity seasons ... Track & Field West Suburban All-Conference 2009-2012 ... High School Coach was Tom Cerasani.

**Personal:** Born Feb. 4, 1994 ... Son of Susan and Nelson Lugo Sr. ... Enrolled in general studies.

## 85 TIM LUKAS

WR, 6-4, 200, JR.

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. / HERSEY / CARTHAGE COLLEGE



**2011:** Joined team in the spring of 2011 ... Member of UI squad.

**At Carthage:** Played in 11 games over two years ... Caught 20 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns ... Career-high six catches for 93 yards against Lakeland ... Named to the Fall 2009 Dean's List and

the Fall 2009 Carthage Athletic Director's honor roll.

**High School:** Lettered twice and coached by Mark Gunther ... Three-year member of the baseball team ... Mid-Suburban League all-academic and honor student.

**Personal:** Full name is Timothy Daniel Lukas ... Son of Rhonda and Jerry Lukas ... Born on Dec. 29, 1990 ... Favorite athlete is Derrick Rose ... Majoring in sport management.

## 85 MICHAEL MARTIN

LS, 6-4, 210, FR.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. / CENTENNIAL



**High School:** High school coach was Mike McDonnell.

**Personal:** Born Dec. 2, 1993 ... Son of Karen and Gregory Martin ... Has three brothers ... Both parents swam at Illinois ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

## 23 BEN MATHIS

DB, 6-3, 200, JR.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. / SPRINGFIELD



**2011:** Walk-on played in three games on the season ... Saw action against Purdue, Arizona State and South Dakota State but did not record any statistics.

**2010:** Saw action in one game, against Indiana, but did not record any statistics.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Garnered All-Conference honors in football as a junior and senior ... Was a special mention All-State selection in 2008 ... Totaled 120 tackles and three interceptions in 2008 and 126 stops, eight interceptions and two sacks as a junior ... Also earned second-team All-Conference honors in basketball his senior year ... Earned six letters in football and basketball

... Was an Academic All-State and All-Conference selection in high school.

**Personal:** Son of Stephen and Diane Mathis ... Born on Oct. 29, 1990 ... Majoring in communication ... Has two brothers.

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2010  | 1 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| 2011  | 3 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| TOTAL | 4 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

### MATHIS GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| SDSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| NU     |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| IND    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| OSU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| MICH   |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| WIS    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| MINN   |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| UCLA*  |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |

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## 66 SCOTT McDOWELL

OL, 6-5, 290, R-FR.

HINSDALE, ILL. / CENTRAL



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... First-team all-conference as a senior ... All-Area DuPage County ... Honorable-mention All-State by *Chicago Tribune* ... All-Midwest choice by *SuperPrep* ... High school coach was Mike DiMatteo ... Also lettered in basketball and track and field.

**Personal:** Full name is Scott Matthew McDowell ... Son of Sheila and Roger McDowell ... Born Dec. 23, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Favorite athlete is Derrick Rose ... Fighting Illini hero growing up was Rashard Mendenhall ... Chose Illinois over Cincinnati, Miami (Ohio), Toledo and Northern Illinois.

## 13 SEAN MCGUSHIN

QB, 6-2, 215, SR.

ST. CHARLES, ILL. / NORTH



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Member of UI squad.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Earned second-team All-Conference honors as a senior and was an honorable mention pick as a junior ... Named academic

All-Conference all three seasons with football program ... Was the team captain for both football and lacrosse in 2008-09 ... Two-time lacrosse team MVP ... Garnered three All-Conference accolades ... Earned seven letters in football and lacrosse ... High school football coach was Mark Gould.

**Personal:** Full name is Sean William McGushin ... Born on April 4, 1991 ... Majoring in community health ... Son of Dennis and Maureen McGushin ... Grandfather, William McGushin, played football at the University of North Dakota.

## 15 DARIUS MILLINES

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.

BOYNTON BEACH, FLA. / AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL



**2011:** Played in nine games on the season, making eight starts ... Caught two passes for 18 yards and completed a nine-yard pass to Nathan Scheelhaase in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Posted four catches for 27 yards against Wisconsin ... Returned to action at Penn State on Oct. 29 after

missing the previous four games with a foot injury ... Recorded 38 yards on three catches against South Dakota State ... Posted five catches for a career-high 119 yards, including a 45-yard TD, during season-opener against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Played in all 13 games, including three starts ... Had two catches for 42 yards and one touchdown on the season ... Also returned 22 kicks for 430 yards ... Secured one reception for a career-best 32 yards in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Handled all kick return duties at Fresno State, tallying a career-best 85 yards on five returns ... Tallied the first touchdown of his career on the first reception of his career, a 10-yard catch, and also had a career-long 43-yard kick return in victory over Purdue ... Made his first career start at WR and returned three kicks for 56 yards in win over Northern Illinois.

**High School:** A three-star wide receiver by Scout.com ... Rated the 56th-best receiver by Scout.com ... A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 62nd-best wide receiver by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 66th-best prospect in the state of Florida ... Voted the 1A Player of the Year in his district by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association ... Recorded a 4.42 40-yard dash and a 33-inch vertical jump ... High school coach was Willie Bueno.

**Personal:** Son of Cassandra and Eric Millines ... Born on Feb. 19, 1992 ... Majoring in communications ... Chose Illinois over Florida, Miami (FL), Mississippi, Wake Forest, West Virginia, Tennessee and Minnesota among others.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 5 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11  
**Receiving Yards:** 119 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11  
**Long Reception:** 45 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11  
**Touchdowns:** 1, twice (last time vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11)  
**Carries:** 1, three times (last time vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Pass Attempts:** 1 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**Completions:** 1 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**Passing Yards:** 9 vs. UCLA, 12/31/11  
**KO Returns:** 5 at Fresno State, 12/3/10  
**KO Return Yards:** 85 at Fresno State, 12/3/10  
**Long KO Return:** 43 vs. Purdue, 10/30/10

### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 13 | 2  | 42  | 21.0 | 3.2  | 1  | 32 |
| 2011  | 9  | 19 | 218 | 11.5 | 24.2 | 1  | 45 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 21 | 260 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 2  | 45 |

### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 13 | 2   | -15 | -7.5 | -1.2 | 0  | 0  |
| 2011  | 9  | 1   | -2  | -2.0 | -0.2 | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL | 22 | 3   | -17 | -5.7 | -0.2 | 0  | 0  |

### PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | COMP | PCT   | YDS | TD | INT | LG | YPG |
|-------|----|-----|------|-------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 2010  | 13 | 0   | 0    | 0.0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | -- | 0.0 |
| 2011  | 9  | 1   | 1    | 100.0 | 9   | 0  | 0   | 9  | 1.0 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 1   | 1    | 100.0 | 9   | 0  | 0   | 9  | 0.4 |

### KICK RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 22 | 430 | 19.5 | 0  | 43 |
| 2011  | 5  | 105 | 21.0 | 0  | 26 |
| TOTAL | 27 | 535 | 19.8 | 0  | 43 |

### MILLINES RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 5-119   | 1  | 45 |
| SDSU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 3-38    | 0  | 31 |
| ASU    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-9     | 0  | 9  |
| WMU    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-8     | 0  | 8  |

NU DNP - Injured  
 IND DNP - Injured  
 OSU DNP - Injured  
 PUR DNP - Injured

| 2010 | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| PSU  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-(-6)  | 0  | 0  |
| MICH | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| WIS  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 4-27    | 0  | 12 |
| MINN | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 2-5     | 0  | 3  |
| UCLA | 1-(-2)  | 0  | 0  | 2-18    | 0  | 11 |

| 2010  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| MU    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| SIU   | 1-(-12) | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| NIU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @PSU  | 1-(-3)  | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @MSU  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| PUR   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-10    | 1  | 10 |
| @MICH | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| MINN  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| NW    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @FS   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-32    | 0  | 0  |

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### MILLINES GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

| 2011   | NO | YDS | TD | LONG |
|--------|----|-----|----|------|
| ARK ST | 1  | 15  | 0  | 15   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 19  | 0  | 19   |
| ASU    | 1  | 25  | 0  | 25   |
| WMU    | 2  | 46  | 0  | 26   |

NU DNP - Injured  
 IND DNP - Injured  
 OSU DNP - Injured  
 PUR DNP - Injured

|       |   |   |   |    |
|-------|---|---|---|----|
| PSU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| MICH  | 0 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| WIS   | 0 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| MINN  | 0 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| UCLA* | 0 | 0 | 0 | -- |

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| 2010  | NO | YDS | TD | LONG |
|-------|----|-----|----|------|
| MU    | 1  | 14  | 0  | 14   |
| SIU   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| NIU   | 3  | 56  | 0  | 22   |
| OSU   | 3  | 57  | 0  | 29   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| @MSU  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| IND   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| PUR   | 1  | 43  | 0  | 43   |
| @MICH | 3  | 76  | 0  | 36   |
| MINN  | 1  | 23  | 0  | 23   |
| NW    | 2  | 28  | 0  | 20   |
| @FS   | 5  | 85  | 0  | 20   |
| BU*   | 3  | 48  | 0  | 20   |

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## 29 KAEMAN MITCHELL

DB, 5-9, 180, JR.

LAWRENCE, KAN. / CHAMPAIGN CENTENNIAL



**2011:** Walk-on played in first two games, recording a tackle in win over South Dakota State ... Make Illini debut against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Member of UI squad.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Totaled 76 tackles, three tackles for loss and three pass breakups as a senior ... Earned team's Defensive Back of the Year award ... High school coach was Mike McDonnell.

**Personal:** Son of Reggie and Andrea Mitchell ... Full name is Kaeman Devair Mitchell ... Born on June 19, 1991 ... Majoring in communication ... Had a liver transplant when he was one year old and his mother, Andrea, was the donor ... Graduated with honors from Centennial High School ... Father is former Illinois running backs coach Reggie Mitchell.

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2010  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| 2011  | 2 | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| TOTAL | 2 | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

### MITCHELL GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

|       |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| ASU   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WMU   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NU    | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| IND   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OSU   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PUR   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PSU   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MICH  | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WIS   | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MINN  | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UCLA* | DNP |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## 43 MASON MONHEIM

LB, 6-1, 230, FR.

ORRVILLE, OHIO / ORRVILLE



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 33 inside linebacker in the nation by Scout.com ... Two-time Division IV Defensive Player of the Year and two-time *Associated Press* Division IV first-team All-State ... 2011 Ohio Cardinal Conference Defensive Player of the Year

... Had 129 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and three sacks in 2011 ... Set the area's single-season tackles record with 191 in 2010 ... Is Orrville's career leader tackles ... Played in the Ohio/Pennsylvania Big 33 All-Star Game ... High honor roll student with a 4.0 grade point average ... High school coach was Doug Davavil.

**Personal:** Son of Jan and John Monheim ... Born Dec. 16, 1992 ... Has two brothers and two sisters ... Majoring in kinesiology.

## 52 T.J. NEAL

LB, 6-1, 230, FR.

MCKEESPORT, PA. / MCKEESPORT



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 24 inside linebacker in the nation and the No. 16 player in Pennsylvania by Scout.com ... Ranked the No. 16 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals.com and the No. 28 prospect in the state by *SuperPrep* ... Pennsylvania Sports Writers

Class 4A All-State team in 2011 ... Also named to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Fabulous 22 team, the East Regional Fabulous 22 team and the All-Foothills Conference team at linebacker



in 2011 ... Also played fullback, rushing for 190 yards and four touchdowns on 27 carries (7.0 ypc) in 2011.

**Personal:** First name is Tyrone ... The son of Mia Piri and Tyrone Neal ... Born Dec. 18, 1993 ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism.

## 58 KENNY NELSON

DL, 6-6, 245, r-FR.

DETROIT, MICH. / CASS TECH



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Earned second-team All-Metro Detroit honors as a defensive end by Detroit News for his play on an 11-1 Technicians team ... Named No. 20 Blue Chip Recruit from Michigan by

Detroit News ... High school coach was Thomas Wilcher.

**Personal:** Full name is Kenneth Kewan Nelson ... Son of Linda Meredith and Kenneth Nelson ... Born March 12, 1993 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Western Michigan.

## 4 PATRICK NIXON-YOUMAN

DB, 5-10, 180, SR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / MIDDLEBURG



**2011:** Played in 11 games, making three starts ... Had 27 tackles and one PBU on the season ... Started and recorded four tackles and one PBU in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Set career highs in tackles (10) and solo tackles (five) against Minnesota ... Started and had four tackles against

Wisconsin ... Made six tackles against Michigan.

**2010:** Played in 11 games ... Had 15 tackles, two interceptions, one forced fumble and one touchdown on the season ... Had three tackles in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Had an interception and first career PBU at Michigan ... Had a career-high five tackles and returned his first career interception 68 yards for a TD against Indiana, the 15th-longest interception return for a TD in school history ... Recorded four tackles and a forced fumble in win over Southern Illinois.

**2009:** Played in nine games on special teams, recording a tackle vs. Fresno State in the season finale.

**2008:** Enrolled at Illinois in January 2009.

**High School:** Named to ESPN.com's Top 150 ... Named to the *Florida Times Union* Super 11 list ... Posted 84 solo tackles, two interceptions and two defensive touchdowns in 2007 ... Ranked as the 34th-best recruit in the state of Florida by Rivals.com ... Rated among the top-40 athletes in the nation by Rivals.com ... *Florida Times Union* Super 24 selection ... No. 53 cornerback nationally by Scout.com ... Had 71 tackles and seven interceptions as a junior ... High school coach was Rob Justino.

**Personal:** Son of Joyce Murphy and grandson of Leola Youman ... Born June 16, 1988 ... Full name is Patrick James Nixon-Youman ... Majoring in community health ... Chose Illinois over Florida, South Florida, LSU and West Virginia.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 10 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Solos:** 5 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Forced Fumble:** 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**INT:** 1, twice (last time at Michigan, 11/6/10)  
**INT Return Yards:** 68 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**Touchdown:** 1 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**PBU:** 1, twice (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2009  | 9  | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| 2010  | 11 | 11 | 4  | 15  | 0-0     | 2-72    | 1   | 1-0   |
| 2011  | 11 | 12 | 15 | 27  | 0-0     | 0-0     | 1   | 0-0   |
| TOTAL | 31 | 23 | 20 | 43  | 0-0     | 2-72    | 2   | 1-0   |

### NIXON-YOUMAN GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| IND    | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 1  | 5  | 6   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 4  | 4   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 5  | 5  | 10  | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 1   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 2  | 3  | 5   | 0-0    | 1-68   | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 1-4    | 1   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| BU*   | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2009  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| @OSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PUR  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MINN | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @CIN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| FS    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

## 31 NICK NORTH

DB, 6-1, 195, r-FR.

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. / MCARTHUR



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com, Scout.com and ESPN ... Earned All-Broward County honors as a junior and senior after recording five interceptions as a junior and compiling 85 tackles, one interception, six forced fumbles, eight

PBUs, five tackles for loss and five sacks as a senior ... Participated in track as well ... Has been timed at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash ... High school coach was Michael Zaara.

**Personal:** Son of Linda and Willis North ... Born Dec. 13, 1992 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Favorite athlete is Ed Reed ... Chose Illinois over Kansas, Kansas State, Rutgers, TCU, Central Florida, Memphis and New Mexico.

## 78 RYAN NOWICKI

OL, 6-5, 280, r-FR.

GLENDALE, ARIZ. / CACTUS / PENN STATE UNIVERSITY



**2012:** Transferred to Illinois in August 2012 and is immediately eligible to play due to NCAA sanctions against Penn State.

### At Penn State

**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Ranked as the No. 31 prep tackle in the nation by Rivals.com ...

Helped Cactus High School to a 10-2 record in his senior year ... Two-time first-team Class 4A-II All-State selection ... Member of the Arizona Football Coaches Association (AzFCA) All-State Top 25 ... Named first-team 4A All-Region and first-team 4A-II All-State by the AzFCA, and 4A-II all-state by Scout.com as a junior in 2009 ... High school coach was Larry Fetkenheir.

**Personal:** Full name is Ryan Christopher Nowicki ... Son of Christopher and Wendy Nowicki ... Born February 26, 1993, in Elgin, Ill. ... Has a brother, Zachary, and two sisters, Brittney and Taylor ... Father played football at Purdue and an uncle, Charles Nowicki, played football at Ohio University ... Enjoys working out and spending time with friends ... Is interested in a career in hospital management.

## 17 JAMES NUDERA

QB, 6-1, 215, R-FR.

ELMHURST, ILL. / YORK



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** All-Conference (West Suburban Silver) and All-Area selection in 2010 ... Academic All-State selection in 2010 ... High school coach was Bill Lech ... Three-year letterwinner in wrestling.

### Personal:

Goes by Jim ... Son of Linda and Jim Nudera ... Has one brother and two sisters ... Born July 14, 1993 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Lists former Illini wrestlers Mike Poeta and John Dergo as childhood heroes.

## 73 CHRIS O'CONNOR

OL, 6-5, 275, r-FR.

TINLEY PARK, ILL. / ANDREW



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A three-star recruit by Scout.com, ESPN and Rivals.com ... SuperPrep and PrepStar All-Midwest selection ... First-team all-conference as a junior and senior ... First-team All-Area by *Southtown Star* newspaper ... Academic All-State pick ... High school teammate of fellow

Illini class member Tony Durkin ... High school coach was Jim Zimmer.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Michael O'Connor ... Son of Cindy and Kevin O'Connor ... Born Nov. 1, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Favorite athlete is Julius Peppers ... High honors student all four years of high school ... Academic All-State ... Chose Illinois over Air Force and Colorado State.

## 4 REILLY O'TOOLE

QB, 6-4, 220, SO.

WHEATON, ILL. / WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH



**2011:** Shared team honors for Rookie of the Year with RB Donovan Young ... Saw action in 10 games at quarterback ... Completed 59.7 percent of his passes on the season and threw for 270 yards in a complementary role to starter Nathan Scheelhaase ... Completed 11-of-21 passes for 63 yards against

Minnesota ... Went 7-of-12 for 53 yards passing against Wisconsin ... Completed 4-of-7 passes for 31 yards against Penn State ... Was 4-of-5 passing for 28 yards against Purdue ... Completed 3-of-6 passes for 34 yards against Western Michigan ... Threw one pass against Arizona State that drew a pass interference penalty ... Was 9-for-9 passing for 50 yards against South Dakota State, including his first career passing touchdown ... Made Illini debut against Arkansas State, going 1-for-2 for four yards, with five rushing yards on one carry.

**High School:** Rated a top 100 player by Tom Lemming ... A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... 2010 *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Champaign News-Gazette* Illinois Player of the Year and first-team All-State selection by all three ... *Arlington Heights Daily Herald* Player of the Year ... ESPNU Illinois Player of the Year ... Gatorade Player of the Year ... NCSA Player of the Year ... Illinois High School Coaches' Association Class 7A All-State ... Helped lead the Tigers to Illinois Class 7A states titles in 2009 and 2010 ... Completed 186 of 252 (74 percent) passes for 3,187 yards and 42 scores with just three interceptions in 2010 ... Rushed for 393 yards on 70 carries with six touchdowns as a senior ... Rated the top QB in the state of Illinois in 2010 ... *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection ... No. 10 player on *Rivals.com*'s Illinois postseason Top 30 list ... Completed 62 percent of his passes for 2,119 yards and 24 touchdowns with three interceptions as a junior ... High school coach was Ron Muhitch ... Also a regular on the Wheaton-Warrenville South basketball team.

**Personal:** Son of Jenny and Michael O'Toole ... Born April 5, 1992 ... Majoring in sport management ... Favorite athlete is Peyton Manning ... Hobbies include golf, video games and basketball ... Attended same high school as Red Grange ... Chose Illinois over Iowa and Northwestern.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Attempts:** 21 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Completions:** 11 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Passing Yards:** 63 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Long Pass:** 20 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11  
**Carries:** 6 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Rushing Yards:** 26 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11  
**Long Rush:** 11 vs. Minnesota, 11/26/11

### PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ATT | COMP | PCT  | YDS | TD | INT | LG | YPG  | EFF.  |
|------|----|-----|------|------|-----|----|-----|----|------|-------|
| 2011 | 10 | 67  | 40   | 59.7 | 270 | 1  | 4   | 20 | 27.0 | 86.54 |

### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ATT | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 10 | 13  | 47  | 3.6 | 4.7 | 0  | 11 |

### O'TOOLE PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 2   | 1   | 0   | 4   | 0  | 4  |
| SDSU   | 9   | 9   | 0   | 50  | 1  | 10 |
| ASU    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| WMU    | 6   | 3   | 0   | 34  | 0  | 20 |
| NU     |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| IND    |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| OSU    |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| PUR    | 5   | 4   | 1   | 28  | 0  | 12 |
| PSU    | 7   | 4   | 1   | 31  | 0  | 14 |
| MICH   | 3   | 1   | 0   | 7   | 0  | 7  |
| WIS    | 12  | 7   | 2   | 53  | 0  | 15 |
| MINN   | 21  | 11  | 0   | 63  | 0  | 14 |
| UCLA*  | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |

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## 8 MILES OSEI

QB, 6-0, 200, JR.

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT



**2011:** Played in 10 games as a back-up quarterback and on special teams ... Returned one kick for 13 yards at Penn State ... Saw action on special teams against Purdue, Ohio State, Indiana and Northwestern ... Recorded 14 rushing yards and completed a pass against South Dakota State ... Rushed for 10 yards

against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Played in three games on the season, serving as the backup to starting QB Nathan Scheelhaase ... Rushed for six yards and attempted one pass on the season ... Had four carries for five yards, including a career-best 12-yard run, at Michigan State ... Made collegiate debut against Southern Illinois, tallying one yard rushing and attempting one pass.

**High School:** *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... Rated a three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette*'s All-State team ... Earned IHSA All-State honors ... Passed for 4,498 yards and 38 touchdowns as a junior and senior, while rushing for another 2,426 yards and 39 touchdowns ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... A Top Combo Passer by *MaxPreps.com* ... Led his team to four straight playoff appearances ... High school coach was Brent Pearlman.

**Personal:** Son of Lou Ann and Johnson Osei ... Majoring in psychology ... Born on March 12, 1992 ... Chose Illinois over C. Michigan, Air Force, N. Illinois, Navy and Ball St. among others.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Attempts:** 1, twice (last vs. South Dakota, 9/10/11)  
**Carries:** 4, twice (last time vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11)  
**Rushing Yards:** 14 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Long Rush:** 19 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Kick Returns:** 1, three times (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Kick Return Yards:** 14 vs. Michigan, 11/12/11  
**Long Kick Return:** 14 vs. Michigan, 11/12/11

### PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | COMP | PCT   | YDS | TD | INT | LG | YPG |
|-------|----|-----|------|-------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 2010  | 3  | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| 2011  | 10 | 1   | 1    | 100.0 | 3   | 0  | 0   | 3  | 0.4 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 2   | 1    | 50.0  | 3   | 0  | 0   | 3  | 0.4 |

### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2010  | 3  | 5   | 6   | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0  | 12 |
| 2011  | 10 | 5   | 24  | 4.8 | 3.4 | 0  | 19 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 10  | 30  | 3.0 | 4.3 | 0  | 19 |

### KICK RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | -- |
| 2011  | 3  | 36  | 12.0 | 0  | 14 |
| TOTAL | 3  | 36  | 12.0 | 0  | 14 |

### OSEI PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| SDSU   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 3   | 0  | 3  |

| ASU | WIS | MINN | UCLA* | DNP |
|-----|-----|------|-------|-----|
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   |

| 2010  | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| SIU   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| NIU   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| OSU   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| @PSU  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| @MSU  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| IND   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| PUR   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| @MICH |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| MINN  |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| NW    |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| @FS   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |
| BU*   |     |     | DNP |     |    |    |

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### OSEI RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 1-10    | 0  | 9  |
| SDSU   | 4-14    | 0  | 19 |
| ASU    | DNP     |    |    |
| WMU    | DNP     |    |    |
| NU     | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| IND    | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| OSU    | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PUR    | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PSU    | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MICH   | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| WIS    | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MINN   | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| UCLA*  | 0-0     | 0  | -- |

| 2010  | CAR-YDS | TD  | LG |
|-------|---------|-----|----|
| MU    |         | DNP |    |
| SIU   | 1-1     | 0   | 1  |
| NIU   |         | DNP |    |
| OSU   |         | DNP |    |
| @PSU  | 0-0     | 0   | 0  |
| @MSU  | 4-5     | 0   | 12 |
| IND   |         | DNP |    |
| PUR   |         | DNP |    |
| @MICH |         | DNP |    |
| MINN  |         | DNP |    |
| NW    |         | DNP |    |
| @FS   |         | DNP |    |
| BU*   |         | DNP |    |

\*Texas Bowl

### OSEI GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

| 2011   | NO | YDS | TD | LONG |
|--------|----|-----|----|------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| WMU    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| NU     | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| IND    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| PSU    | 1  | 13  | 0  | 13   |
| MICH   | 1  | 14  | 0  | 14   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| MINN   | 0  | 0   | 0  | --   |
| UCLA*  | 1  | 9   | 0  | 9    |

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## 46 ZAK PEDERSEN

LS, 6-2, 230, SR.

JOLIET, ILL. / JOLIET CATHOLIC



**2011:** Handled long-snapping duties in all 13 games.

**2010:** Handled the long-snapping duties in all 13 games ... Was key in punter Anthony Santella and kicker Derek Dimke both having career years in 2010 ... Notched first

career tackle against Northern Illinois ... Named Most Improved Walk-on during 2010 spring drills.

**2009:** Member of UI squad.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season.

**High School:** Recorded 96 total snaps in 2007 in helping Joliet Catholic win the IHSA 6A state championship ... Also played left guard ... Recorded tackles on 27 percent of all punt snaps in 2007 ... 2007 All-Area selection ... Helped JCA to East Suburban Catholic Conference championships in 2006 and 2007 ... Ranked third in the nation by Kohl's Kicking and Snapping Camps in December 2007 ... High school coach was Dan Sharp ... Earned two varsity letters.

**Personal:** Full given name is Zachary David Pedersen ... Born on Oct. 23, 1989 ... Son of William and Mary Pedersen, and Diane Pedersen and Bart Caponi ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Plans to pursue an MBA after graduation ... Cousin, Dan Sharp, plays football for St. Ambrose ... Lists his biggest thrill in sports as winning the 2007 IHSA 6A state title ... Member of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and National Society of High School Scholars ... Volunteered with the Special Olympics as well as Meals on Wheels.

## 76 GRAHAM POCIC

OL, 6-7, 310, SR.  
LEMONT, ILL. / LEMONT

- Outland Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Second Team)



**2011:** Started at center in all 13 games ... Helped the Illini to 301 total yards and 149 rushing yards against Wisconsin ... Aided the Illini in 518 yards of total offense, including 308 rushing in win over Indiana ... Helped Illinois to 473 total yards against Northwestern ... Helped the Illini to 296 rushing yards and 463 total

yards against Western Michigan ... Paved the way for 519 yards of total offense, including 364 rushing in win over South Dakota State ... Started at center and helped the Illini to 202 rushing yards and 473 total yards against Arkansas State.

**2010:** All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media) ... *Phil Steele's* third-team All-Big Ten ... Started all 13 games at center ... Helped pave the way for the top rushing offense in the Big Ten and the 11th-best in the nation (246.1 ypg) ... The Illini offense broke school records for points in a season (423) and points per game (32.54) in addition to producing the fourth-most total yards (5,162) and second-most rushing yards (3,199) in school history ... Aided Illini offense in posting 533 yards of total offense in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Paved the way for 559 yards of total offense, including a season-high 519 rushing, in win over Northwestern ... Helped Illinois' offense record a season-high 561 yards of total offense, including 315 rushing, at Michigan ... Paved the way for 437 total yards, including 282 yards rushing, in win at Penn State ... Aided the Illini offense in racking up 319 rushing yards in victory over Northern Illinois ... Named co-Most Improved Offensive Player during 2010 spring drills.

**2009:** Played in 10 games on the season ... Illini offense ranked 18th in the NCAA in rushing and second in the Big Ten ... Offense rushed for over 300 yards three times: vs. Illinois State, Michigan and Fresno State.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season ... Enrolled at Illinois in January 2008.

**High School:** *PrepStar* Magazine Dream Team ... Named to the *Chicago Sun Times* All-Area team ... Earned first-team All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named to the Rivals 250 team ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Team broke 6A record for rushing yards in a playoff game vs. Highland Park ... Also broke school records for points per game (35), points in a season (490), total offense in a season (4,863) and rushing yards per game (295.2) ... Listed as the 16th-best offensive tackle in the nation by Scout.com ... Ranked the fifth-best player in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 23 among offensive linemen nationally by Rivals.com ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Led Lemont team to the school's first appearance in the Illinois state finals in 2007 ... Named team captain ... Had 26 scholarship offers ... Played in the Offense-Defense All-Star game in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after his senior season ... High school coach was Eric Michaelsen.

**Personal:** Full given name is Graham Patrick Pocić ... Born on April 5, 1990 ... Son of Kim and Gary Pocić ... Majoring in sport management ... Chose Illinois over Michigan, Florida, Penn State, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

## 31 LESLIE POOLE

WR, 5-10, 170, SO.  
SCHAUMBURG, ILL. / CONANT



**2012:** Joined team during 2012 spring practice.

**High School:** Two-time letterwinner ... Played cornerback and safety ... Graduated among the top 25 in his class ... High school coach was Bill Modelski ... Also a two-year letterwinner in baseball.

**Personal:** Goes by Les ... Son of Margaret and Les Poole ... Born Nov. 19, 1992 ... Majoring in business.

## 93 TEK0 POWELL

DL, 6-3, 295, FR.  
MIAMI, FLA. / NORLAND



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... First-team Florida Class 5A All-State selection in 2011 ... Helped Norland to the Class 5A state championship in Florida with a 15-0 record ... Had 107 tackles in 2011 ... Played in the Under Armour Dade vs. Broward All-Star Football Game in Florida

and the Semper Fi All-America Game in Arizona.

**Personal:** Guardian is Geneva McIntosh ... Born April 19, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chose Illinois over Louisville, Washington State, West Virginia and Wisconsin, among others.

## 32 DANIEL QUINTANA

STAR, 6-2, 195, SO.  
BERWYN, ILL. / WESTCHESTER ST. JOSEPH



**2012:** Joined team during 2012 spring practice.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner ... High school coach was Mark Zavagnin ... Also lettered in wrestling.

**Personal:** Son of Emelina and Pablo Quintana ... Born Oct. 9, 1992 ... Majoring in mathematics ... Brother, Martin, played football at

Notre Dame for three years.

## 21 JACK RAMSEY

DB, 5-11, 200, SR.  
CHICAGO, ILL. / SIMEON



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams ... Recorded two tackles against South Dakota State.

**2010:** Played in all 13 games at wide receiver, cornerback and as a kick/punt returner, making one start ... Finished eighth in the Big Ten in punt return

average (2.9 ypr) ... Moved to cornerback two weeks before 2010 season opener after spending his first two seasons at receiver, only to move back to receiver heading into week three and then back to cornerback prior to the Texas Bowl ... Returned one punt for a career-high 21 yards at Michigan ... Led team with a career-high three kickoff returns for 78 yards against Missouri.

**2009:** Played in all 12 games at wide receiver, starting three ... Had 16 catches for 182 yards (11.4 ypc) on the season ... Tied career-high with three catches against Northwestern ... Had three catches for 39 yards in win over Minnesota ... Made his first career start against Purdue ... Had a career day with three catches for a career-high 44 yards at Purdue ... Caught a pass for a career-long 24 yards against Penn State ... Caught two passes for 20 yards in the season opener against Missouri ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season.

**High School:** Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Named to 2007 *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Public League Team ... Rated the No. 16 athlete nationally by ESPN.com ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Passed for over 1,500 yards, threw 20 touchdown passes and rushed for another 250 yards on offense in 2007 ... Also recorded 25 tackles and five interceptions ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Ranked the 11th-best recruit in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-American ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Listed as the 36th-best cornerback recruit in the nation by Scout.com ... Rated the No. 37 athlete nationally by Rivals.com ... Passed for over 2,200 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior ... High school coach was Jesse Chick ... Also a member of the track team, running the 100 meters and relay events ... High school teammate of former Illini Martez Wilson.



**Personal:** Son of Carol Ramsey and Jackyl Smith ... Born on Jan. 28, 1989 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Cincinnati and Kansas State.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 2, twice (last vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11)  
**Receptions:** 3, three times (last vs. Northwestern, 11/14/09)  
**Receiving Yards:** 44 at Purdue, 10/24/09  
**Long Reception:** 24 vs. Penn State, 10/3/09  
**KO Returns:** 3 vs. Missouri, 9/4/10  
**KO Return Yards:** 78 vs. Missouri, 9/4/10  
**Long KO Return:** 30 vs. Missouri, 9/4/10  
**Punt Returns:** 4 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**Punt Return Yards:** 21 at Michigan, 11/6/10  
**Long Punt Return:** 21 at Michigan, 11/6/10

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2010  | 13 | 1  | 3  | 4   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   |
| 2011  | 13 | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   |
| TOTAL | 26 | 4  | 4  | 8   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   |

#### PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2009  | 4  | 19  | 4.8 | 0  | 15 |
| 2010  | 13 | 38  | 3.2 | 0  | 21 |
| 2011  | 0  | 0   | 0.0 | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL | 17 | 57  | 3.6 | 0  | 21 |

#### KICK RETURN STATISTICS

| YEAR  | NO | YDS | AVG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 5  | 96  | 19.2 | 0  | 30 |
| 2011  | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL | 5  | 96  | 19.2 | 0  | 30 |

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2009  | 12 | 16 | 182 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 0  | 24 |
| 2010  | 13 | 1  | 3   | 3.0  | 0.2  | 0  | 3  |
| 2011  | 13 | 0  | 0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL | 38 | 17 | 185 | 10.9 | 4.9  | 0  | 24 |

#### RAMSEY GAME-BY-GAME (DEFENSE)

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

\*Texas Bowl

#### RAMSEY GAME-BY-GAME (RETURNS)

| 2010  | KR-YDS | TD | LG | PR-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| MU    | 3-78   | 0  | 30 | 1-3    | 0  | 3  |
| SIU   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 4-15   | 0  | 15 |
| NIU   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 1-(1)  | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   | 1-6    | 0  | 6  | 2-1    | 0  | 2  |
| @PSU  | 1-12   | 0  | 12 | 2-(1)  | 0  | 0  |
| @MSU  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 1-0    | 0  | 0  |
| PUR   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  |
| @MICH | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 1-21   | 0  | 21 |
| MINN  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  |
| NW    | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 1-0    | 0  | 0  |
| @FS   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 0-0    | 0  | 0  | 0-0    | 0  | 0  |

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| 2009 | KR-YDS | TD | LG | PR-YDS | TD | LG |
|------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| MU   | 0-0    | 0  | -- | 1-1    | 0  | 1  |
| @PUR | 0-0    | 0  | -- | 2-15   | 0  | 15 |
| MINN | 0-0    | 0  | -- | 1-3    | 0  | 3  |

#### RAMSEY GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

| 2010 | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|------|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -  |

|       |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| SIU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| NIU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| OSU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| @PSU  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| @MSU  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| IND   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| PUR   | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| @MICH | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| MINN  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| NW    | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| @FS   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| BU*   | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

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| 2009  | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    | 2   | 20  | 0  | 12 |
| ISU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -  |
| @OSU  | 2   | 11  | 0  | 7  |
| PSU   | 1   | 24  | 0  | 24 |
| MSU   | 1   | 8   | 0  | 8  |
| @IND  | 1   | 9   | 0  | 9  |
| @PUR  | 3   | 44  | 0  | 15 |
| MICH  | 0   | 0   | 0  | -  |
| @MINN | 3   | 39  | 0  | 17 |
| NW    | 3   | 27  | 0  | 12 |
| @CIN  | 0   | 0   | 0  | -  |
| FS    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -  |

## 87 DANIEL RHODES

DL, 6-3, 290, FR.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. / INDEPENDENCE



**2012:** Enrolled at Illinois in January 2012 and participated in spring practice.

**High School:** A two-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Played both tight end and offensive tackle in high school ... Named first-team All-State in 2010 ... Head 15 catches

for 312 yards and two touchdowns as a tight end in 2010 ... Originally committed to Illinois for the 2011 season, but his enrollment was delayed to spring 2012.

**Personal:** The son of Danny and Donteia Rhodes ... Born Nov. 12, 1992 ... Majoring in communication.

## 39 NEJEE ROBINSON

LB, 6-2, 240, JR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / JOHN HOPE



**2011:** Member of UI squad.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season ... Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2010 season.

**High School:** Attended John Hope College Prep School ... Named academic and athletic student-athlete of the year ... High school coach was Jason Burns.

**Personal:** Son of Donnette Newman-Parkinsons and Gary Robinson ... Born Jan. 13, 1991 in Jamaica ... Full given name Nejee Oshea Robinson ... Majoring in community health ... Has an older sister, Peatra, and an older brother, Jason.

## 20 FRITZ ROCK

WR, 6-1, 200, SO.

PLYMOUTH, MINN. / WAYZATA



**2011:** Made his Illini debut against South Dakota State ... Moved to wide receiver during 2011 spring practice.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season while practicing as a safety.

**High School:** Earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior

... Earned All-Classic Lake Conference honors as a senior ... Led Wayzata to a Minnesota Class 5A state championship as a senior, both catching and throwing touchdown passes and recording eight tackles on his way to earning MVP honors ... Was a three-star recruit by both Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Played in the 2009 Offense/Defense All-Star Game ... Also was a two-time All-State performer in track and field ... High school coach was Brad Anderson.

**Personal:** Son of Lourdes and Vixamar (deceased) Rock ... Born on May 9, 1991 ... Is one of seven children ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 1 | 0  | 0   | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0  | 0  |

#### ROCK GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST |     | DNP |    |    |
| SDSU   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| ASU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| WMU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| NU     |     | DNP |    |    |
| IND    |     | DNP |    |    |
| OSU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| PUR    |     | DNP |    |    |
| PSU    |     | DNP |    |    |
| MICH   |     | DNP |    |    |
| WIS    |     | DNP |    |    |
| MINN   |     | DNP |    |    |
| UCLA*  |     | DNP |    |    |

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## 86 TIM RUSSELL

WR, 6-6, 225, JR.

ST. CHARLES, ILL. / EAST



**2011:** Served as the holder for field goals and extra points in all 13 games ... Made Illini debut against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Member of UI squad.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Named to the *Arlington Heights Daily Herald* All-Area honorable

mention team in basketball ... Earned six letters, two each in football, basketball and baseball ... Twice earned high honors and academic All-Conference accolades ... High school coach was Ted Monken.

**Personal:** Full name is Timothy Egan Russell ... Son of Timothy and Kathleen Russell ... Born on Aug. 17, 1991 ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

## 61 TYLER SANDS

OL, 6-5, 300, SR.

BOYERTOWN, PA. / BOYERTOWN AREA



**2011:** Saw action in 12 games, primarily on special teams and in short-yardage situations, making one start ... Started at weak-side guard against Northwestern ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Member of UI squad.

**2009:** Played in three games, starting against Purdue ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season.

**High School:** *PrepStar* Magazine All-American ... Earned first-team AAAA All-State honors from the *Associated Press* and *PAFootballNews.com* ... Recorded 84 tackles, two forced fumbles, three recovered fumbles and four passes broken up as a senior ... Rated the No. 20 player in the state of Pennsylvania by *Rivals.com* ... First-team All-County as an offensive lineman and second team as a defensive lineman ... Earned first-team All-League honors as an offensive lineman, defensive lineman and punter ... Ranked the 33rd-best offensive tackle nationally by *Rivals.com* ... Named to the East Hot 100 list by *Scout.com* ... Garnered first-team All-Area accolades for offensive line and punter and second-team as a defensive lineman ... Named to the *Harrisburg Patriot News* "Platinum 33" team ... Ranked the No. 43 offensive tackle in the nation by *Scout.com* ... Picked for the Big 33 All-Star game (featuring the best Pennsylvania and Ohio seniors) ... Earned first-team All-League and All-County Academic Team honors ... High school coach was Ron Zeiber.

**Personal:** Full name is Tyler Adam Sands ... Son of Dawne von Czoernig and Jeff Sands ... Born on Sept. 23, 1989 ... Majoring in advertising ... Chose Illinois over Nebraska and Boston College.

## 7 SUPO SANNI

DB, 6-3, 220, SR.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. / HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making 11 starts ... Made 49 tackles on the season and had 2.0 TFLs, five PBUs and one interception on the season ... Notched three tackles and a half-TFL in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Posted a career-high eight tackles and a half-TFL against Penn

State ... Recorded seven tackles, including a half-TFL against Purdue ... Tied career highs with four solo tackles and two PBUs in victory over Indiana ... Posted five total tackles, including four solos, in win over Northwestern ... Recorded two tackles and one PBU in win over Western Michigan ... Posted three tackles and two PBUs in win over Arizona State ... Had his first-career INT against South Dakota State ... Made first start and recorded six tackles, a half-TFL and a forced fumble against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Sat out the 2010 season after rupturing his right Achilles in August 2010. Was granted a medical hardship waiver and will have two years of eligibility remaining starting with the 2011 season.

**2009:** Played in 11 games, making 11 tackles and recording one PBU on the season ... Played safety for three quarters at Indiana, logging four tackles and a pass break up ... Recorded a career-best tying four tackles against Illinois State.

**2008:** Played in all 12 games, seeing 126 snaps primarily on special teams ... Recorded nine tackles on the season, including six solo stops ... Had a career-high four tackles, including three solos, against Ohio State.

**High School:** Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-Region ... Led team in receiving in 2007 with 25 catches for 601 yards and six touchdowns ... Also recorded 94 tackles, 74 solo stops, four interceptions and one forced fumble in 2007 ... Earned All-Area honors by the *Southtown Star* ... Rated among the top-15 recruits in the state of Illinois by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked the No. 51 wide receiver nationally by *Scout.com* ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by *Scout.com* ... Listed as the No. 53 outside linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com* ... Took Homewood-Flossmoor to the state semifinals in football in 2007 ... As a junior, recorded 417 yards receiving and posted 53 solo tackles and two interceptions ... High school coach was Kenneth Smith ... Member of the 2007 Homewood-Flossmoor basketball team, which was ranked 17th in the nation by *USA Today*.

**Personal:** Son of Sesis and Olatunji Sanni ... Born on Sept. 8, 1989 ... Majoring in agricultural leadership education ... Family hails from Nigeria ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Michael Buchanan ... Chose Illinois over Iowa and West Virginia.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 8 vs. Penn State, 10/29/11

**Solos:** 4, four times (last time vs. Indiana, 10/8/11)

**PBU:** 2, twice (last time vs. Indiana, 10/8/11)

**Forced Fumble:** 1 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

**TFL:** 0.5, four times (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)

**INT:** 1 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT         | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-------------|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2008  | 12 | 6  | 3  | 9           | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| 2009  | 11 | 8  | 3  | 11          | 0-0     | 0-0     | 1   | 0-0   |
| 2010  |    |    |    | DNP-Injured |         |         |     |       |
| 2011  | 13 | 27 | 22 | 49          | 2.0-3   | 1-7     | 5   | 1-0   |
| TOTAL | 36 | 41 | 28 | 69          | 2.0-3   | 1-7     | 6   | 1-0   |

### SANNI GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 3  | 3  | 6   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 1-7    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 4  | 1  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 4  | 0  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 2   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 3  | 0  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 3  | 4  | 7   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 3  | 5  | 8   | 0.5-0  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0.5-3  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2009  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ISU   | 2  | 2  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @OSU  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @IND  | 3  | 1  | 4   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| @PUR  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MINN | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @CIN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| FS    | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

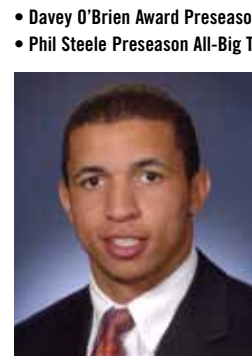
| 2008  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | INT-YD | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| EIU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| ULL   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @WIS  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

|      |   |   |   |     |     |   |     |
|------|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| IOWA | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| WMU  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| OSU  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| @NU  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |

## 2 NATHAN SCHEELHAASE

QB, 6-3, 200, JR.

KANSAS CITY, MO. / ROCKHURST



• Davey O'Brien Award Preseason Watch List

• Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Fourth Team)

**2011:** Team captain ... Started all 13 games ... Named team's Outstanding Offensive Back at the annual postseason banquet ... Earned Offensive Player of the Game honors in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl after rushing for 110 yards and completing 18-of-30 yards for 139 yards and one

touchdown ... Completed 16-of-31 passes for 170 yards and had one rushing touchdown against Michigan ... Set career highs in completions and attempts at Purdue, going 22-of-35 for 217 yards ... Completed 12-of-22 passes for 210 yards and three TDs, including a career-long 77-yard completion, and rushed for 88 yards and another TD against Indiana ... Set career high in passing yards against Northwestern, connecting on 21-of-32 passes for 391 yards and three TDs and had the game-winning rushing TD with 0:13 left ... Completed 6-of-8 passes for 102 yards and rushed for 93 yards on nine attempts, including a career-high two rushing TDs, against South Dakota State ... Finished 16-of-23 for 267 yards and two TDs in season-opener against Arkansas State ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Fourth-team Freshman All-American by *Phil Steele* and honorable mention Freshman All-American by *CollegeFootballNews.com* ... Six-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week ... Named team's Rookie of the Year ... Finished seventh in the Big Ten in total offense and 10th in rushing (66.8 ypg) ... Started all 13 games at quarterback ... Completed 155-of-264 passes on the season (58.7 percent) for 1,825 yards, an Illinois freshman record ... Tossed 17 touchdowns against eight interceptions on the season for an efficiency rating of 132.0 ... Rushed for a UI freshman record and Illinois QB record 868 yards on 185 carries (4.7 ypc) with five TD on the season ... Completed a career-best 18 passes on 23 attempts for a career-high 242 yards and rushed for 53 yards and one TD in the Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... In the Texas Bowl, he completed his first 13 passes of the game, the longest completion streak to start a game and third-longest streak in school history ... Recorded one rushing TD and career bests in carries (24) and rushing yards (131), the fifth-best rushing total by a QB in school history, at Fresno State, earning him Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors for the sixth time ... Had 21 carries for 101 yards and one TD at Michigan while throwing for 211 yards and three TDs, earning Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors ... Named Big Ten Offensive Player and Freshman of the Week after posting a season high in total offense (313) and tossing a career high four touchdown passes in victory over Purdue ... Also had a career-best 80-percent completion percentage (16-for-20) and a QB rating of 227.9 against the Boilermakers ... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after completing 13-of-16 passes for 123 yards and two TDs in win over Indiana ... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after completing 15-of-19 passes for 151 yards and one TD, and rushing for 61 yards in Illinois' first-ever win at Penn State ... Had his first career reception for 23 yards against No. 2 Ohio State ... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after completing 14-of-18 passes for 229 yards and two



TD in the win over Southern Illinois ... Became third redshirt-freshman in UI history to start a season opener when he took the field against Missouri on Sept. 4 ... Named the starter on June 2, 2010 ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season ... Earned Faculty Award for exemplary leadership in community, classroom and on field for 2009-10 academic year.

**High School:** A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... SuperPrep All-American ... *Kansas City Star* Metro Player of the Year ... Listed as the seventh-best quarterback nationally by Rivals.com ... Earned the 2007 Simone Award as the best player in the Kansas City metro area ... Earned first-team All-State honors from the Kansas City football writers as a senior ... Passed for 1,726 yards and 17 touchdowns, while rushing for 864 yards and 18 scores as a senior ... *PrepStar* All-American ... A four-star recruit by Scout.com ... A Rivals250 player ... Rated a top-20 national quarterback by Scout.com ... Ranked the No. 7 combo passer quarterback by Tom Lemming ... Two-time first-team All-Metro ... Rated the No. 3 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com ... Ranked as the No. 11 prospect in the Midlands by *SuperPrep* ... 2007 Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year ... 2007 *Kansas City Star* Metro Offensive Player of the Year ... Earned first-team All-State honors from the Kansas City football writers and coaches as a junior ... Won Missouri state title as a junior with a 13-0 record and followed up with a 10-2 senior season ... High school coach was Tony Severino.

**Personal:** Son of LouAnn Scheelhaase and Nate Creer, who was a three-year football starter at Iowa at defensive back ... Born on Nov. 8, 1990 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Completions:** 22 vs. Purdue, 10/22/11  
**Attempts:** 35, vs. Purdue, 10/22/11  
**Yards:** 391 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11  
**Passing Touchdowns:** 4 vs. Purdue, 10/30/10  
**Long Pass:** 77 vs. Indiana, 10/8/11  
**Carries:** 24 at Fresno State, 12/3/10  
**Rushing Yards:** 131 at Fresno State, 12/3/10  
**Rushing Touchdowns:** 2 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11  
**Long Rush:** 55 vs. Baylor, 12/29/10  
**Receptions:** 1, twice (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)  
**Receiving Yards:** 23 vs. Ohio State, 10/2/10  
**Long Reception:** 23 vs. Ohio State, 10/2/10

#### PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | CMP | PCT  | YDS   | TD | INT | LG | YPG   | EFF.   |
|-------|----|-----|-----|------|-------|----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| 2010  | 13 | 264 | 155 | 58.7 | 1,825 | 17 | 8   | 54 | 140.4 | 132.0  |
| 2011  | 13 | 291 | 184 | 63.2 | 2,110 | 13 | 8   | 77 | 162.3 | 133.38 |
| TOTAL | 26 | 555 | 339 | 61.1 | 3,935 | 30 | 16  | 77 | 151.3 | 132.71 |

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ATT | YDS   | AVG | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|-----|-------|-----|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 13 | 185 | 868   | 4.7 | 66.8 | 5  | 55 |
| 2011  | 13 | 191 | 624   | 3.3 | 48.0 | 6  | 37 |
| TOTAL | 26 | 376 | 1,492 | 4.0 | 57.4 | 11 | 55 |

#### SHEELHAASE PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 23  | 16  | 0   | 267 | 2  | 72 |
| SDSU   | 8   | 6   | 0   | 102 | 0  | 34 |
| ASU    | 15  | 11  | 1   | 135 | 1  | 45 |
| WMU    | 20  | 14  | 1   | 133 | 1  | 39 |
| NU     | 32  | 21  | 1   | 391 | 3  | 50 |
| IND    | 22  | 12  | 0   | 210 | 3  | 77 |
| OSU    | 34  | 20  | 2   | 159 | 1  | 21 |
| PUR    | 35  | 22  | 0   | 217 | 0  | 20 |
| PSU    | 16  | 9   | 0   | 63  | 1  | 20 |
| MICH   | 31  | 16  | 1   | 170 | 0  | 32 |
| WIS    | 19  | 15  | 1   | 99  | 0  | 18 |
| MINN   | 6   | 4   | 0   | 15  | 0  | 7  |
| UCLA*  | 30  | 18  | 1   | 139 | 1  | 60 |

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| 2010  | ATT | CMP | INT | YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| MU    | 23  | 9   | 3   | 81  | 1  | 24 |
| SIU   | 18  | 14  | 0   | 229 | 2  | 54 |
| NIU   | 16  | 8   | 0   | 70  | 0  | 14 |
| OSU   | 22  | 12  | 1   | 109 | 0  | 29 |
| @PSU  | 19  | 15  | 0   | 151 | 1  | 32 |
| @MSU  | 27  | 15  | 3   | 141 | 0  | 39 |
| IND   | 21  | 13  | 0   | 123 | 2  | 29 |
| PUR   | 20  | 16  | 0   | 195 | 4  | 26 |
| @MICH | 25  | 14  | 0   | 211 | 3  | 33 |
| MINN  | 21  | 10  | 0   | 172 | 2  | 38 |
| NW    | 13  | 6   | 1   | 40  | 1  | 11 |
| @FS   | 16  | 5   | 0   | 61  | 1  | 23 |

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#### SHEELHAASE RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 12-24   | 0  | 16 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| SDSU   | 9-93    | 2  | 23 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| ASU    | 18-67   | 0  | 15 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| WMU    | 17-40   | 0  | 8  | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| NU     | 20-70   | 1  | 22 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| IND    | 18-88   | 1  | 27 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| OSU    | 16-49   | 0  | 13 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PUR    | 13-22   | 1  | 17 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PSU    | 14-89   | 0  | 19 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MICH   | 16-14   | 1  | 13 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| WIS    | 8-28    | 0  | 15 | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MINN   | 8-29    | 0  | 5  | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| UCLA*  | 22-110  | 0  | 37 | 1-9     | 0  | 9  |

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| 2010  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| MU    | 16-76   | 0  | 20 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| SIU   | 8-13    | 0  | 7  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| NIU   | 16-115  | 1  | 28 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   | 11-12   | 1  | 7  | 1-23    | 0  | 23 |
| @PSU  | 8-61    | 0  | 28 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @MSU  | 7-11    | 0  | 13 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 6-45    | 0  | 25 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| PUR   | 21-118  | 0  | 13 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @MICH | 21-101  | 1  | 14 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| MINN  | 19-35   | 0  | 14 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| NW    | 19-97   | 0  | 21 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @FS   | 24-131  | 1  | 46 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 9-53    | 1  | 55 | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |

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## 94 AKEEM SPENCE

DL, 6-1, 305, JR.

FT. WALTON BEACH, FLA. / FT. WALTON BEACH

- Outland Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Second Team)



**2011:** Started all 13 games on the season ... Fourth on the team with 69 tackles on the season, including 5.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks ... Notched two tackles and a half-sack in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Recorded seven tackles against Minnesota ... Tied career

high with nine tackles and a half-TFL against Michigan ... Recorded six tackles and one TFL at Penn State ... Posted eight tackles, one TFL and forced and recovered a fumble at Purdue ... Recorded five tackles, one TFL and a half-sack against Ohio State ... Posted a career-high nine tackles in win over Northwestern ... Posted four tackles, including a half-TFL and half-sack, against Arizona State ... Notched three tackles, including a TFL and a QB hurry, in win over South Dakota State.

**2010:** First-team Freshman All-American by *Phil Steele* and Rivals.com and second-team Freshman All-American by CollegeFootballNews.com ... Named to the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) Freshman All-America Team ... Started all 13 games at defensive tackle alongside All-American Corey Liuget ... Shared team's Most Improved Award with Jarred Fayson ... Had 45 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, 1.0 sacks, two hurries and one fumble recovery on the season ... Recorded first career fumble recovery in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Had three tackles and one QB hurry in win over Northwestern ... Had three tackles and one TFL against Minnesota ... Tallied six tackles at Michigan ... Posted eight tackles, including four solos and a half-TFL, in victory over Purdue ... Recorded three tackles, one TFL and first career QB hurry against Michigan State ... Recorded seven tackles and a half-TFL against Ohio State ... Tallied two tackles, one QB sack and one TFL in win over Southern Illinois

... Started at defensive tackle in his collegiate debut against Missouri.

**2009:** Redshirted the 2009 season.

**High School:** Rated the No. 34 defensive tackle nationally by ESPN ... Recorded 80 tackles and five sacks as a senior ... Ranked the No. 88 defensive tackle by Scout.com ... Helped lead team to a 10-2 record and district championship ... Played in the Florida state all-star game ... Posted 67 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and two sacks in 2007 ... Threw shot put and discus in track ... High school coach was Mike Owens.

**Personal:** Son of Floyd and Karen Spence ... Born on Nov. 29, 1991 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Iowa State, Syracuse, N.C. State and South Florida.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 9, twice (last vs. Michigan, 11/12/11)  
**Solos:** 4, twice (last at Michigan, 11/6/10)  
**QB Sacks:** 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/10  
**QB Hurry:** 1, three times (last vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11)  
**TFL:** 1, six times (last vs. Penn State, 10/29/11)  
**Fumble Recovery:** 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 10/22/11)  
**Forced Fumble:** 1 vs. Purdue 10/22/11

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| 2010  | 13 | 15 | 30 | 45  | 4.0-8   | 1.0-2   | 2   | 0-1   |
| 2011  | 13 | 18 | 51 | 69  | 5.5-16  | 1.5-8   | 1   | 1-1   |
| TOTAL | 26 | 33 | 81 | 114 | 9.5-24  | 2.5-10  | 3   | 1-2   |

#### SPENCE GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 1.0-1  | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 1  | 3  | 4   | 0.5-3  | 0.5-3  | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 2  | 7  | 9   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 2  | 3  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 5  | 5   | 1.0-5  | 0.5-3  | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 1  | 7  | 8   | 1.0-2  | 0-0    | 0   | 1-1   |
| PSU    | 1  | 5  | 6   | 1.0-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 3  | 6  | 9   | 0.5-2  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 1  | 4  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 4  | 3  | 7   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0.5-2  | 0.5-2  | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 2  | 0  | 2   | 1-2    | 1-2    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NIU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 1  | 6  | 7   | 0.5-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 5  | 5   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 3  | 3   | 1-2    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR   | 4  | 4  | 8   | 0.5-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 4  | 2  | 6   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 1-2    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-1   |

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## 27 EATON SPENCE

DB, 6-0, 180, r-FR.

BELLE GLADE, FLA. / GLADES DAY



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** A two-star recruit by *Rivals* ... Played running back, receiver and defensive back during senior season, while helping Glades Day to back-to-back state championships in the Florida 1-B Division ... A three-sport athlete at

Glades Day, also played basketball and ran track ... High school coach was Pete Walker.

**Personal:** Son of Gaynell and Eaton Spence Sr. ... Born Oct. 9, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies... Chose Illinois over

Northern Illinois, Florida International, Western Michigan and West Virginia.

## 71 JOE SPENCER

OL, 6-4, 290, FR.

MASON, OHIO / MASON



**High School:** Three-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 14 center in the nation by ESPN ... Named to the Rivals.com Ohio Top 60 ... Named an *Associated Press* Division I second-team All-District selection in 2011 ... Earned first-team All-Greater Miami Conference honors in 2011 ... Played in

Ohio North/South Game and the Big 33 All-Star Game ... High school coach was Tim Racki.

**Personal:** Son of Kristen and Jeff Spencer ... Born June 13, 1994 ... Majoring in business.

## 54 JUSTIN STAPLES

DL, 6-4, 240, SR.

LAKEWOOD, OHIO / ST. EDWARD



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, making one start ... Had 16 tackles, one sack and two PBUs on the season ... Had two tackles against Minnesota, Michigan, Western Michigan, Arizona State and Arkansas State ... Had a sack at Indiana ... Had PBUs vs. Western Michigan and South Dakota State.

**2010:** Played in all 13 games, making three starts at the bandit position ... Had 26 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, two forced fumbles, one PBU and one hurry on the season ... Posted three tackles and 1.5 TFLs in victory over Purdue ... Tallied a career-high two TFLs and forced a fumble in win over Indiana ... Recorded first career QB hurry against Michigan State ... Posted two tackles and one PBU in win at Penn State ... Tallied a career-high six tackles in victory over Northern Illinois ... Recorded first career QB sack, tackle for loss and forced fumble in win over Southern Illinois ... Earned team's Best Effort Defense award during 2010 spring drills.

**2009:** Played in 10 games, primarily on special teams ... Forced a fumble against Ohio State.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season.

**High School:** *PrepStar* Magazine All-American ... Rated the 19th-best recruit in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 30 among outside linebackers nationally according to Rivals.com ... Named to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* All-State team ... Recorded 92 tackles, seven sacks, one interception, 11 pass break-ups, six forced fumbles and two recovered fumbles as a senior ... Listed as the No. 33 weakside linebacker nationally by Scout.com ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Picked for the Big 33 All-Star game (featuring the best Pennsylvania and Ohio seniors) ... Posted 52 tackles, four sacks and four fumble recoveries as a junior, and 28 tackles and two sacks as a sophomore ... High school coach was Scot Niedzwiecki.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Ikeem Staples ... Son of Shelley and Lenson Staples ... Born Dec. 10, 1989 ... Majoring in agricultural leadership education ... Chose Illinois over Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan State.

### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 6 vs. Northern Illinois, 9/18/10  
**Solos:** 2, twice (last time vs. Indiana, 10/23/10)  
**Forced Fumble:** 1, twice (last time vs. Indiana, 10/23/10)  
**Fumble Recovered:** 1 at Ohio State, 9/26/09  
**QB Sacks:** 1, twice (last time vs. Indiana, 10/8/11)  
**QB Hurry:** 1 at Michigan State, 10/16/10  
**TFL:** 2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/10  
**PBU:** 1, three times (last time vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | PBU | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2009  | 11 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0   | 0-1   |
| 2010  | 13 | 11 | 15 | 26  | 4.5-15  | 1.0-11  | 1   | 1   | 2-0   |
| 2011  | 13 | 4  | 12 | 16  | 1.0-2   | 1.0-2   | 0   | 2   | 0-0   |
| TOTAL | 37 | 15 | 27 | 42  | 5.5-17  | 2.0-13  | 1   | 3   | 2-1   |

### STAPLES GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WMU    | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| NU     | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| IND    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1.0-2   | 1.0-2   | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2010  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| MU    | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| SIU   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1.0-11 | 1.0-11 | 0   | 1-0   |
| NIU   | 1  | 5  | 6   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| OSU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PSU  | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 1   | 0-0   |
| IND   | 2  | 1  | 3   | 2-3    | 0-0    | 0   | 1-0   |
| PUR   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 1.5-1  | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MICH | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN  | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @FS   | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| BU*   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

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| 2009  | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ISU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @OSU  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-1   |
| PSU   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @IND  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @PUR  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @MINN | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| NW    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| @CIN  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |
| FS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0    | 0-0    | 0   | 0-0   |

## 87 GARRET STROUP

P, 5-11, 190, r-FR.

ROCKFORD, ILL. / BOYLAN CATHOLIC



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Part of the 2010 6A State championship-winning team ... Averaged 42 yards per punt his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Garrett Corrigan Stroup ... Son of Kate and Bob Stroup ... Born June 17, 1992 ...

Majoring in kinesiology ... Held better than a 3.5 GPA every year of high school ... Plans to attend medical school.

## 40 BEAU SULLIVAN

LB, 5-11, 215, JR.

DECATUR, ILL. / MAROA-FORSYTH



**2011:** Member of the UI squad.

**2010:** Member of the UI squad ... Joined the team during 2010 spring drills.

**2009:** Was enrolled at Illinois, but not a member of the team.

**High School:** Named first team All-Area and All-Conference in 2007 ... Led

Maroa-Forsyth to 2006 IHSA 2A state title and was named defensive player of the game in the title game at Illinois' Memorial Stadium ... Helped team to a 45-4 record and four conference titles during career ... High school coach was Josh Jostes ... Also played baseball and basketball, helping the team to the 2007 1A State Championship and a 33-1 record.

**Personal:** Full name is Beau Franklin Sullivan ... Son of Joe and Debbie Sullivan ... Born on Sept. 10, 1990 ... Majoring in community health ... Has three brothers: Luke, Drew and Reed ... Brother, Reed, played football at Aurora University from 2006-10 and brother, Drew, was a cheerleader at Illinois from 2003-07 ... Was an intern in the Illinois sports information office during summer 2012.

## 34 MIKE SVETINA

LB, 6-2, 230, FR.

BRUNSWICK, OHIO / ST. IGNATIUS



**High School:** A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Led St. Ignatius to an OHSA state title in 2011 ... Racked up 111 tackles, four sacks and three interceptions in 2011 ... Named the 2011 *Cleveland Plain-Dealer* Defensive Player of the Year ... Named the 2011 Ohio Division I Co-Defensive Player of the Year ... High

school coach was Chuck Kyle.

**Personal:** Son of Angela and Mike Svetina, and Susie Reardon ... Born Jan. 13, 1994 ... Majoring in business.

## 44 AUSTIN TEITSMA

DL, 6-2, 280, So.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / GLENBARD SOUTH



**2011:** Played in seven games, primarily on special teams ... Had two tackles against Michigan ... Made Illini debut against SDSU, recording a half-sack ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** Named Western Sun Defensive Player of the Year in 2009 ... Earned

All-State honors as a junior ... Garnered All-Conference honors in three seasons on varsity ... Also lettered in track and wrestling ... Was runner-up in the heavyweight division at the IHSA 2A State wrestling finals at the Assembly Hall, finishing the season with a 28-1 record ... Also advanced to the state championships in wrestling in 2009, finishing the season 35-1 ... State qualifier in track in throws as a junior ... High school football coach was Dan Starkey.

**Personal:** Son of Doris Van Byssum and Jack Teitsma ... Born on May 23, 1991 ... Majoring in sport management ... Chose Illinois over Indiana, Northern Illinois, Ball State and Central Michigan.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 2 vs. Michigan, 11/12/11

**Solos:** 2 vs. Michigan, 11/12/11

**QB Sacks:** 0.5 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

**TFL:** 0.5 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2011 | 7 | 2  | 1  | 3   | 0.5-2   | 0.5-2   | 0   |

#### TEITSMAN GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | PBU | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| SDSU   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0.5-2   | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| WMU    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| NU     |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| IND    |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| OSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PUR    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| PSU    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MICH   | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| WIS    | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| MINN   |    |    |     | DNP     |         |     |       |
| UCLA*  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

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## 9 EARNEST THOMAS III

DB, 6-2, 210, So.

ORCHARD LAKE, MICH. / ST. MARY'S



**2011:** Played in eight games, recording six tackles on the season ... Had one solo tackle against Indiana ... Made two tackles against South Dakota State ... Made Illini debut against Arkansas State, recording one tackle.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** Recorded 100 tackles, seven tackles for loss, forced a fumble and had one interception as a senior ... A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... Ranked as the 46th-best safety nationally by Rivals.com ... Rated as the 13th-best prospect in the state of Michigan by Rivals.com ... A three-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked No. 13 on *The Detroit News* Blue Chip list ... Had 480 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns on the offensive side as a senior ... Ranked the 54th-best safety in the nation by Scout.com ... Helped lead his team to the Michigan Div. III championship game.

**Personal:** Son of Sonya and Earnest Thomas Jr. ... Born on Dec. 19, 1991 ... Had over a 3.0 GPA in high school ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Missouri, Louisville, Wisconsin, Stanford and Penn State among others.

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | PBU | FF-FR |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2011 | 8 | 1  | 5  | 6   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0   | 0-0   |

#### THOMAS GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |
| SDSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0   | 0-0   |

|       |   |   |   |     |     |   |     |
|-------|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| ASU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| WMU   | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| NU    | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| IND   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| OSU   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| PUR   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| PSU   |   |   |   | DNP |     |   |     |
| MICH  |   |   |   | DNP |     |   |     |
| WIS   |   |   |   | DNP |     |   |     |
| MINN  |   |   |   | DNP |     |   |     |
| UCLA* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 |

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## 72 HUGH THORNTON

OL, 6-5, 310, SR.

OVERLIN, OHIO / OVERLIN

• Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (Fourth Team)



**2011:** Played in 11 games and started at weak-side guard in 10 games ... Missed the Wisconsin and Michigan games with a lower-leg injury ... Helped the Illini to 308 rushing yards and 518 total yards against Indiana ... Paved the way for 473 total yards against Northwestern ... Helped Illinois to 296

rushing yards and 463 total yards against Western Michigan ... Paved the way for 364 yards rushing in win against South Dakota State ... Helped the Illini to 473 total yards against Arkansas State.

**2010:** Played in all 13 games, starting eight at weakside guard ... Helped pave the way for the top rushing offense in the Big Ten and the 11th-best in the nation (246.1 ypg) ... The Illini offense broke school records for points in a season (423) and points per game (32.54) in addition to producing the fourth-most total yards (5,162) and second-most rushing yards (3,199) in school history ... Aided the Illini offense in posting 533 yards of total offense in Texas Bowl win over Baylor ... Helped Illini tally 318 yards rushing at Fresno State ... Paved the way for 559 yards of total offense, including a season-high 519 rushing, in win over Northwestern ... Helped Illinois' offense record a season-high 561 yards of total offense, including 315 rushing, at Michigan ... Paved the way for 437 total yards, including 282 yards rushing, in win at Penn State ... Aided the Illini offense in racking up 319 rushing yards in victory over Northern Illinois.

**2009:** Started seven games at right tackle ... Illini offense ranked 18th in the NCAA in rushing and second in the Big Ten ... Helped the Illini to 331 rushing yards and 548 total yards in the season finale against Fresno State ... Aided Illini in racking up 476 total yards at No. 5 Cincinnati ... Helped lead Illinois to 500 yards of total offense and 377 yards rushing in win over Michigan ... Started at Indiana, his first career game played ... Helped the Illini log 443 yards of total offense vs. the Hoosiers.

**High School:** Earned first-team All-State honors as well as first-team All-Conference and All-County ... Ranked as the No. 34 offensive tackle nationally by Rivals.com ... Was named the Lorain County lineman of the year ... Listed as the 29th best player in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com ... Ranked as the No. 87 prospect in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... High school coach was Dave McFarland ... Two-time Idaho state heavyweight wrestling champion ... Ranked third in the state of Ohio in wrestling at heavyweight.

**Personal:** Legal guardian is aunt, Lydia Nord ... Majoring in sociology ... Born on June 28, 1991 ... Moved to Oberlin from Idaho for his senior year of high school ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Indiana, Oregon State and Washington State.

## 98 JOHN VALENTINE

DL, 6-5, 250, r-FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / MICDS



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High school:** *St. Louis Today* third-team All-Metro ... MaxPreps first-team All-Conference selection ... Seven-time letterwinner, four in football and three in track and field ... High school coach was Josh Smith.

**Personal:** Full name is John Dee Valentine ... Born July 19, 1992 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Son of Trudy and the late John Valentine.

## 83 BRENNEN VANMIEGHEM

PK, 6-2, 190, r-FR.

METAMORA, ILL. / METAMORA TOWNSHIP



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Helped Metamora to two state championships ... Holds state records for most points scored in a season by a kicker, most PATs in a season and most PATs in a career ... Lettered all four years ... High school coach was Pat Ryan.

**Personal:** Son of Kim and Rod VanMieghem ... Born March 13, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Hobbies include fishing and hunting.

## 83 EDDIE VILIUNAS

TE, 6-4, 255, SR.

LAGRANGE PARK, ILL. / LYONS TOWNSHIP



**2011:** Played in all 13 games, mostly in two-tight end sets ... Caught two passes for 15 yards in win over UCLA in Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl ... Had one catch for seven yards against Michigan ... Made first catch of career for 39 yards against Western Michigan.

**2010:** Played in 12 games, mostly in two-tight end sets ... Helped pave the way for Illinois' single-season rushing leader, Mikel Leshoure, and the Big Ten's top rushing offense in 2010.

**2009:** Member of the UI squad ... Moved from quarterback to tight end during the season.

**2008:** Redshirted the 2008 season, practicing as a quarterback.

**High School:** Passed for 2,400 yards and 32 touchdowns while rushing for 1,100 yards and 22 touchdowns in his high school career ... Named to the 2006 and 2007 Suburban Life All-Area team ... Named to the 2006 and 2007 All-West Suburban Silver







**2010:** Played in all 13 games and started 11 at tight end ... Had 10 catches for 135 yards and two touchdowns on the season while also blocking for the Big Ten's top rushing offense ... Tallied a career-high three receptions for 20 yards in victory over Purdue ... Secured a 29-yard pass for his second career TD reception in win over Indiana ... Recorded first career TD reception, a four-yarder, in win at Penn State ... Made first career catch, a 34-yard reception, in win over Southern Illinois ... Started in his collegiate debut against Missouri.

**High School:** Caught 13 passes for 400 yards and four touchdowns as a senior ... Two-year letterwinner, leading his team to the state playoffs both seasons ... High school coach was Mike O'Brien.

**Personal:** Son of Vanessa and Lamont Wilson ... Born on Feb. 13, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Chose Illinois over Air Force, Florida International, Middle Tennessee State, Marshall and Eastern Michigan.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** 3, twice (last time vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11)

**Long Reception:** 36 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11

**Receiving Yards:** 36 vs. Northwestern, 10/1/11

**Touchdowns:** 1, four times (last time vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11)

**Tackles:** 1 at Michigan State, 10/16/10

**Solos:** 1 at Michigan State, 10/16/10

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR  | G  | NO | YDS | AVG  | YPG  | TD | LG |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2010  | 13 | 10 | 135 | 13.5 | 10.4 | 2  | 34 |
| 2011  | 13 | 9  | 89  | 9.9  | 6.8  | 3  | 36 |
| TOTAL | 26 | 19 | 224 | 11.8 | 8.6  | 5  | 36 |

#### WILSON GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | REC | YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| ARK ST | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| SDSU   | 1   | 8   | 1  | 8  |
| ASU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| WMU    | 3   | 33  | 1  | 11 |
| NU     | 1   | 36  | 0  | 36 |
| IND    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| OSU    | 1   | 3   | 1  | 3  |
| PUR    | 1   | 2   | 0  | 2  |
| PSU    | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| MICH   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| WIS    | 2   | 7   | 0  | 6  |
| MINN   | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |
| UCLA*  | 0   | 0   | 0  | -- |

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| 2010  | CAR-YDS | TD | LG | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|-------|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| MU    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| SIU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-34    | 0  | 34 |
| NIU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| OSU   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| @PSU  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 2-8     | 1  | 4  |
| @MSU  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| IND   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-29    | 1  | 29 |
| PUR   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 3-20    | 0  | 10 |
| @MICH | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-14    | 0  | 14 |
| MINN  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| NW    | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-5     | 0  | 5  |
| @FS   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 0-0     | 0  | 0  |
| BU*   | 0-0     | 0  | 0  | 1-25    | 0  | 0  |

\*Texas Bowl

## 90 DEJAZZ WOODS

DL, 6-3, 255, SO.

TAMPA, FLA. / ROBINSON



**2011:** Made Illini debut against South Dakota State, posting two tackles, including a half-sack and a TFL.

**2010:** Redshirted the 2010 season.

**High School:** Recorded 51 tackles, 29 for loss and nine sacks ... Earned All-Hillsborough County

as a defensive lineman and wrestler ... Two-time Western Conference Champion in wrestling.

**Personal:** Son of DeAndre Woods and Sabrina Watson ... Born on May 31, 1992 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Has four siblings.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 2 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

**QB Sacks:** 0.5 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/11

**TFL:** 1 vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/11

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2011 | 1 | 0  | 2  | 2   | 1.0-4   | 0.5-3   | 0   |

#### WOODS GAME-BY-GAME

| 2011   | UA | AS | TOT | TFL-YD | QBS-YD | QBH | FF-FR |
|--------|----|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|-------|
| ARK ST |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| SDSU   | 0  | 2  | 2   | 1.0-4  | 0.5-3  | 0   | 0-0   |
| ASU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| WMU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| NU     |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| IND    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| OSU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| PUR    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| PSU    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| MICH   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| WIS    |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| MINN   |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |
| UCLA*  |    |    |     | DNP    |        |     |       |

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## 5 DONOVONN YOUNG

RB, 6-0, 220, SO.

HOUSTON, TEXAS / KATY



**2011:** Played in 12 games, making one start as a true-freshman ... Fourth on the team with 451 rushing yards and was tied for second on the team with six rushing touchdowns ... Shared team honors for Rookie of the Year with QB Reilly O'Toole ... Rushed 12 times for 45 yards in Illinois' win over UCLA in the Kraft

Fight Hunger Bowl ... Missed Minnesota game with a lower-leg injury ... Recorded eight carries for 43 yards, including two TDs, tying his career-high against Wisconsin ... Had 32 yards on seven carries against Purdue ... Had 73 yards on 12 carries in victory over Indiana ... Had eight carries for 29 yards and one touchdown in victory over Northwestern ... Had 100 yards rushing and one TD on 12 carries against Western Michigan, his first-career 100-yard rushing game ... Had seven carries for 65 yards and two TDs, including a 41-yard TD run, in win over South Dakota State ... Rushed six times for 39 yards against Arkansas State in Illini debut.

**High School:** Three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*

... Houston Touchdown Club Player of the Year Finalist for 2010 after rushing for 2,332 yards (nine yards per carry) and scoring 36 touchdowns ... First-team All-Greater Houston selection by *Houston Chronicle* ... Set Katy HS single-season rushing touchdown record with 36 in 2010 while helping his team to a 13-1 record ... Ranked 23rd in the nation in rushing and 28th in the nation in scoring in 2010 ... All-District first-team selection in 2010 and was District 19-5A's co-MVP ... Rushed for 238 yards in 38-35 regional final loss to Pearland in front of 41,000 fans at Rice Stadium ... Second-team All-District 17-5 pick as a sophomore (at Humble HS) and as a junior when he rushed for 665 yards and 10 TDs at Katy ... High school coach was Gary Joseph ... Academic All-America selection.

**Personal:** Full name is Donovan Cartrell Young ... Son of Cartrell Young ... Born Nov. 30, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Cousin, Sammy Davis, played at Texas A&M and later in the NFL ... Chose Illinois over North Texas and McNeese State.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Carries:** 12, three times (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)

**Rushing Yards:** 100 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11

**Rushing TDs:** 2, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 11/19/11)

**Long Run:** 59 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/11

**Receptions:** 2, twice (last vs. UCLA, 12/31/11)

**Receiving Yards:** 9 vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11

**Long Reception:** 8 vs. Ohio State, 10/15/11

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | ATT | YDS | AVG | YPG  | TD | LG |
|------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2011 | 12 | 87  | 451 | 5.2 | 37.6 | 6  | 59 |

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G  | NO | YDS | AVG | YPG | TD | LG |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| 2011 | 12 | 8  | 15  | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0  | 8  |

#### YOUNG GAME-BY-GAME (RUSHING/RECEIVING)

| 2011   | CAR-YDS | TD | LG            | REC-YDS | TD | LG |
|--------|---------|----|---------------|---------|----|----|
| ARK ST | 6-39    | 0  | 24            | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| SDSU   | 7-65    | 2  | 41            | 1-2     | 0  | 2  |
| ASU    | 2-8     | 0  | 6             | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| WMU    | 12-100  | 1  | 59            | 1-5     | 0  | 5  |
| NU     | 8-29    | 1  | 14            | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| IND    | 12-73   | 0  | 17            | 1-(-1)  | 0  | -1 |
| OSU    | 8-13    | 0  | 6             | 2-9     | 0  | 8  |
| PUR    | 7-32    | 0  | 9             | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| PSU    | 5-4     | 0  | 2             | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MICH   | 0-0     | 0  | 0             | 1-0     | 0  | 1  |
| WIS    | 8-43    | 2  | 22            | 0-0     | 0  | -- |
| MINN   |         |    | DNP - Injured |         |    |    |
| UCLA*  | 12-45   | 0  | 19            | 2-(-1)  | 0  | 0  |

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## 26 TAYLOR ZALEWSKI

PK, 6-3, 200, r-FR.

ORLAND PARK, ILL. / CARL SANDBURG



**2011:** Redshirted the 2011 season.

**High School:** Ranked No. 17 kicker in the class of 2011 by ESPN.com ... Second-team All-State selection by the *Chicago Tribune* ... 2010 EdgyTim.com All-State selection ... Two-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Recorded touchbacks on 85

percent of his kickoffs ... High school coach was Dave Wierzal ... Three-year letterwinner in soccer.

**Personal:** Son of Melissa and William Zalewski ... Born July 5, 1993 ... Enrolled in general studies.