



2011 IN REVIEW

2011 ILLINOIS HONORS

OL Jeff Allen

- Second-Team All-Big Ten (media)
- Third-Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
- Rotary Lombardi Award Semifinalist
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Candidate
- Outland Trophy Watch List

LB Houston Bates

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/5)

LB Jonathan Brown

- Second-Team All-Big Ten (media, Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19)

BAN Michael Buchanan

- Second-Team All-Big Ten (coaches, media, Phil Steele)

TE Jon Davis

- Third-Team Freshman All-American (Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention Freshman All-American (College Football News)

PK Derek Dimke

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches and media)
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (9/26)
- Lou Groza Award Watch List

RB Jason Ford

- Doak Walker Award Watch List

DB Terry Hawthorne

- Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl Defensive MVP
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches and media)

WR A.J. Jenkins

- Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist
- First-Team All-Big Ten (Coaches, Media, Phil Steele)
- CFPA National WR of the Week (10/10)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (10/3)
- CFPA National WR of the Week (10/3)

DE Whitney Mercilus

- Ted Hendricks National DE of the Year Award winner
- CFPA National Defensive Player of the Year
- Bill Willis Defensive Lineman of the Year Award winner
- Consensus First-Team All-American (AP, FWAA, Walter Camp, AFCA, CBSports.com, ESPN.com, Phil Steele, SI.com, Yahoo.com)
- Honorable Mention All-American (Pro Football Weekly)
- First-Team All-Big Ten (Coaches, Media, Phil Steele)
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Finalist
- Bednarik Award and Rotary Lombardi Award Semifinalist
- CFPA National Defensive Lineman of the Week (10/10)

FB Jay Prosch

- First-Team All-American (Pro Football Weekly)

QB Nathan Scheelhaase

- Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl Offensive MVP
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award
- Manning Award, Maxwell Award & Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- Big Ten Conference 'Players to Watch' List

DT Akeem Spence

- NW Florida All Sports Association Collegiate Award winner
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Outland Trophy Watch List

Ian Thomas

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)

DB Tavon Wilson

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (10/10)
- CFPA National Defensive Player & DB of the Week (10/10)

RB Donovonn Young

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/26)

2011 SEASON IN REVIEW

KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL CHAMPIONS // 7-6 overall, 2-6 Big Ten (5th Leaders Division)

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Illinois finished the 2011 season on high note, defeating UCLA, 20-14, in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl to finish with a record of 7-6. The win, combined with the 38-14 win over Baylor in the 2010 Texas Bowl, gave the Illini bowl victories in back-to-back years for the first time in school history.
- The Illinois defense was dominating in 2011. The Illini finished the season ranked third nationally in pass defense (162.3 ypg), fourth in tackles for loss (7.9 per game), sixth in sacks (3.2 per game), seventh in total defense (286.2 ypg) and 15th in scoring defense (19.6 ppg).
- Consensus All-American **Whitney Mercilus** led the nation in sacks (16.0), sacks per game (1.23) and forced fumbles (9). The nine forced fumbles were a Big Ten single-season record and the second-most in NCAA history, just one shy of the national record of 10.
- Mercilus' 16 sacks tied Simeon Rice's school record from 1994 and his 22.5 tackles for loss tied for the third-most in school history, just behind the UI mark of 23 shared by Rice (1994) and Mike Polosky (1991).
- Mercilus won the Hendricks Award as the nation's top DE, becoming Illinois' first major national award winner since 1995, and was named the College Football Performance Awards National Defensive Player of the Year. He also was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy, which goes to the nation's top defensive player.
- Mercilus was named a first-team All-American by nine different publications, including the Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, American Football Coaches Association and Walter Camp. He is Illinois' first consensus All-American since linebacker J Leman in 2007.
- Biletnikoff Award semifinalist **A.J. Jenkins** led the Big Ten in receptions (90) and ranked among the nation's elite in both receiving yards per game (14th, 98.2) and receptions per game (16th, 6.9).
- Sophomore LB **Jonathan Brown** was a monster during the second half of the season, totaling 78 tackles, 13.5 TFLs, 4.0 sacks, two PBUs, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and three hurries in the final seven games of 2011. He ranked sixth in the nation and second in the Big Ten in TFLs per game (1.63).
- Senior PK **Derek Dimke** missed just two kicks all season, nailing 10-of-12 field goals and all 34 of his PATs in 2011. He finished his career as the most accurate kicker in Illinois history, making 39-of-46 field goals (.848) and all 89 PATs he attempted during his UI career.

ILLINI DEFENSE AMONG THE NATION'S ELITE

The Illinois defense made huge improvements in 2010 after the arrival of defensive coordinator Vic Koenning and continued to improve in 2011, becoming one of the nation's top defensive units.

ILLINOIS' DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN 2010 and 2011

Category	2009 (Nat'l Rank)	2010 (Nat'l Rank)	2011 (Nat'l Rank)
Total Defense (ypg)	403.3 (91)	351.3 (38)	286.2 (7)
Passing Defense (ypg)	248.83 (100)	220.5 (61)	162.3 (3)
Points Allowed (ppg)	30.2 (96)	23.5 (48)	19.6 (15)
Rushing Defense (ypg)	154.42 (76)	130.8 (32)	123.9 (26)
Pass Efficiency Defense	142.77 (103)	128.6 (61)	117.9 (30)

RECORDS FALL IN 2011

- Illinois broke the single-season school record for sacks in 2011. The Illini got to the quarterback 41 times on the season, breaking the old record of 40 shared by the 2007 and 2001 teams.
- The Illini also had 103 tackles for loss in 2011, the second-best in a season in school history behind only the school record of 107 in 1987.
- Junior DE **Whitney Mercilus**' 16 sacks not only led the NCAA, it also tied Simeon Rice's UI single-season sacks record, originally set in 1994.
- Mercilus came up just short of the UI single-season TFL record. He finished the season with 22.5 TFLs, just shy of the record of 23.0 that is shared by Rice (1995) and Mike Polosky (1991). Sophomore LB **Jonathan Brown** finished the season ranked seventh on the list with 19.5 TFLs.
- Mercilus set new Big Ten and Illinois single-season records with nine forced fumbles in 2011. The total is the second-highest in NCAA history, just behind Elvis Dumervil's (Louisville) FBS record of 10 forced fumbles from 2005.
- Senior WR **A.J. Jenkins** finished two yards short of David Williams' single-season receiving yardage record of 1,278 yards from 1984. Jenkins finished with 1,276 receiving yards, second-most in UI history, and 90 catches, third-most in school history.
- Senior PK **Derek Dimke** finished his career as Illinois' all-time leader in both field goal and extra point accuracy. He tops the UI record books in both categories, as his .848 career field goal accuracy (39-of-46) tops

DID YOU KNOW?

With victories in the 2010 Texas Bowl (38-14 over Baylor) and 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl (20-14 over UCLA), the Illini won bowl games in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history.

2011 ILLINOIS TEAM AWARDS

Most Valuable Player: Whitney Mercilus, DE

Red Grange Award: Jack Cornell, OL

Most Improved Player: Jonathan Brown, LB

Rookie of the Year: Reilly O'Toole, QB & Donovan Young, RB

Outstanding Position Awards

Offensive Back: Nathan Scheelhaase, QB

Wide Receiver: A.J. Jenkins, WR

Offensive Lineman: Jeff Allen, OT

Defensive Lineman: Whitney Mercilus, DE

Linebacker: Ian Thomas, LB

Defensive Back: Tavon Wilson, CB

Special Teams: Derek Dimke, PK & Jay Prosch, kick coverage

I BELIEVE Key Contributors Award: Fred Sykes, WR & Craig Wilson, DT

Wright Commitment to Excellence Award: Trulon Henry, LB

Bruce Capel Award: Troy Pollard, RB

Scholar-Athlete Award: Zach Becker, TE

Service Above Self Award: Wisdom Onyegbule, DT

Scout Team Players of the Year: Jeremy Whitlow, WR & Zeph Grimes, DB

2011 Team Captains: Jack Cornell, OL; Trulon Henry, LB; Whitney Mercilus, DE; Nathan Scheelhaase, QB; Tavon Wilson, DB

RECORDS BROKEN IN 2011

TEAM

- **Season QB Sacks:** Illinois had 41 sacks on the season, breaking the old mark of 40 shared by the 2001 and 2007 teams.

INDIVIDUAL

- **Career FG accuracy leader:** Derek Dimke broke UI career FG accuracy record, connecting on 39-of-46 FGs in his career (.848). The old record was held by Peter Christofilakos, who hit 84.0 percent of his kicks (21-of-25) from 1999-02.
- **Career PAT accuracy leader:** Dimke also established a new UI career PAT accuracy record, going a perfect 89-of-89 in his career. Christofilakos is the only other Illini with at least 65 attempts without a miss (69-of-69).
- **Season QB Sacks:** Whitney Mercilus had 16.0 sacks in 2011, tying Simeon Rice's record set in 1994.
- **Season Forced Fumbles:** Whitney Mercilus forced nine fumbles in 2011, shattering the old UI record of five shared by Kevin Hardy (1995) and Jeff Arneson (1992). Mercilus' total was also a Big Ten record and the second-best total in NCAA history.
- **Single-Game Receiving Yardage:** A.J. Jenkins hauled in 12 catches for 268 yards in the Oct. 1 win over Northwestern, breaking the old single-game yardage record of 208 held by David Williams (vs. Northwestern, 9/1/1984).
- **Single-Game TD Reception:** Jenkins also had three touchdown receptions in the Northwestern game, tying the UI single-game mark held by five others.

Peter Christofilakos' old mark of .840, and his perfect 89-of-89 PAT mark joins Christofilakos (69-of-69) as the only Illini to never miss a PAT (min. 65 attempts).

ALL-AMERICAN BOYS

Two Illini were named to All-America teams in 2011, while another was selected to a freshman All-America team. Junior defensive end **Whitney Mercilus** was a unanimous consensus All-American after being named a first-team selection on nine different All-America teams (AP, FWAA, Walter Camp, AFCA, CBSSports.com, ESPN.com, Phil Steele, SI.com, Yahoo.com). In addition, sophomore fullback **Jay Prosch** was named a first-team All-American by *Pro Football Weekly*, while freshman tight end **Jon Davis** was a third-team Freshman All-American by Phil Steele and an honorable mention selection by *College Football News*.

SIX ILLINI NAMED ALL-BIG TEN

Senior WR **A.J. Jenkins** and junior DE **Whitney Mercilus** earned first-team All-Big Ten honors by both the conference coaches and media, junior BAN **Michael Buchanan** was a second-team selection by both the coaches and media, and senior OT **Jeff Allen** and sophomore LB **Jonathan Brown** earned second-team honors by the media. Allen, Brown and senior LB **Ian Thomas** earned honorable mention honors by the coaches, senior CB **Tavon Wilson** was named honorable mention by the media, and senior K **Derek Dimke** and junior CB **Terry Hawthorne** earned honorable mention by both the coaches and media.

FIRST TEAM

A.J. Jenkins (both)
Whitney Mercilus (both)

SECOND TEAM

Michael Buchanan (both)
Jeff Allen (media)
Jonathan Brown (media)

HONORABLE MENTION

Derek Dimke (both)
Terry Hawthorne (both)
Jeff Allen (coaches)
Jonathan Brown (coaches)
Ian Thomas (coaches)
Tavon Wilson (media)

ILLINOIS BOWL FACTS

- The Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl win over UCLA, combined with the 38-14 win over Baylor in the 2010 Texas Bowl, gave Illinois bowl victories in consecutive seasons for the first time in school history.
- The Kraft Bowl win also made the Illini sophomore, junior and senior classes the first Illinois players to win two bowl games in their Illini careers.
- With the back-to-back bowl appearances in 2010 (Texas Bowl) and 2011 (Kraft Bowl) marked the first time Illinois played in a bowl game in consecutive seasons since going to five straight from 1988-92.
- With the Illini facing UCLA in San Francisco, the Kraft Bowl marked the fourth-straight bowl game where Illinois faced an opponent in its home state. In 2010, Illinois faced Baylor in Houston at the Texas Bowl; in 2008, it was USC in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl; and in 2002, the Orange and Blue faced LSU in New Orleans in the Sugar Bowl.

ILLINOIS BOWL HISTORY

The 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl marked the 17th bowl appearance in Illinois program history. The Illini are 8-9 all-time when playing in bowl games.

Jan. 1, 1947	Rose Bowl	UCLA	W, 45-14
Jan. 1, 1952	Rose Bowl	Stanford	W, 40-7
Jan. 1, 1964	Rose Bowl	Washington	W, 17-7
Dec. 29, 1982	Liberty Bowl	Alabama	L, 15-21
Jan. 2, 1984	Rose Bowl	UCLA	L, 9-45
Dec. 31, 1985	Peach Bowl	Army	L, 29-31
Dec. 29, 1988	All-American Bowl	Florida	L, 10-14
Jan. 1, 1990	Citrus Bowl	Virginia	W, 31-21
Jan. 1, 1991	Hall of Fame	Clemson	L, 0-30
Dec. 31, 1991	John Hancock Bowl	UCLA	L, 3-6
Dec. 30, 1992	Holiday Bowl	Hawaii	L, 17-27
Dec. 31, 1994	Liberty Bowl	East Carolina	W, 30-0
Dec. 30, 1999	MicronPC.com Bowl	Virginia	W, 63-21
Jan. 1, 2002	Sugar Bowl	LSU	L, 34-47
Jan. 1, 2008	Rose Bowl	USC	L, 17-49
Dec. 29, 2010	Texas Bowl	Baylor	W, 38-14
Dec. 31, 2011	Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl	UCLA	W, 20-14

TEAM STATISTICS

2011 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	REC	ATTEND
Sept. 3	Arkansas State	W	33-15	1-0	45,154
Sept. 10	South Dakota State	W	56-3	2-0	42,212
Sept. 17	#22/18 Arizona State	W	17-14	3-0	50,669
Sept. 24	Western Michigan	W	23-20	4-0	43,684
Oct. 1	Northwestern	W	38-35	5-0	53,243
Oct. 8	@ Indiana	W	41-20	6-0	41,665
Oct. 15	Ohio State	L	7-17	6-1	55,229
Oct. 22	@ Purdue	L	14-21	6-2	45,146
Oct. 29	@ #21/19 Penn State	L	7-10	6-3	97,828
Nov. 12	#22/21 Michigan	L	14-31	6-4	60,670
Nov. 19	#15/13 Wisconsin	L	17-28	6-5	45,519
Nov. 26	@ Minnesota	L	7-27	6-6	41,549
Dec. 31	vs. UCLA*	W	20-14	7-6	29,878

*Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, San Francisco, Calif.

2011 TEAM STATISTICS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
SCORING	294	255
Points Per Game	22.6	19.6
FIRST DOWNS	251	205
Rushing	123	89
Passing	109	100
Penalty	19	16
RUSHING YARDAGE	2232	1610
Yards gained rushing	2667	2061
Yards lost rushing	435	451
Rushing Attempts	550	514
Average Per Rush	4.1	3.1
Average Per Game	171.7	123.8
TDs Rushing	21	15
PASSING YARDAGE	2392	2110
Comp-Att-Int	226-362-13	180-328-10
Average Per Pass	6.6	6.4
Average Per Catch	10.6	11.7
Average Per Game	184.0	162.3
TDs Passing	14	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	4624	3720
Total Plays	912	842
Average Per Play	5.1	4.4
Average Per Game	355.7	286.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	34-534	37-843
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	24-70	21-147
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-81	13-115
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	15.7	22.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	2.9	7.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.1	8.8
FUMBLES-LOST	29-15	31-12
PENALTIES-Yards	64-549	59-501
Average Per Game	42.2	38.5
PUNTS-Yards	72-2778	80-3200
Average Per Punt	38.6	40.0
Net punt average	35.7	38.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:02	28:58
3RD-DOWN Conversions	82/194	64/185
3rd-Down Pct	42%	35%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	9/21	9/16
4th-Down Pct	43%	56%
SACKS BY-Yards	41-240	36-261
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	38	31
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-12	12-19
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-2	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(36-43) 84%	(29-38) 76%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(27-43) 63%	(23-38) 61%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(34-34) 100%	(31-31) 100%
ATTENDANCE	396380	226188
Games/Avg Per Game	8/49548	4/56547
Neutral Site Games		1/29878

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois	66	63	79	86	294
Opponents	37	93	45	80	255

2011 ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

	COACHES FIRST TEAM	COACHES SECOND TEAM
QB	Russell Wilson, WIS	Kirk Cousins, MSU
RB	Rex Burkhead, NEB	Marcus Coker, IOWA
RB	MONTEE BALL, WIS	Silas Redd, PSU
WR	A.J. Jenkins, ILL	B.J. Cunningham, MSU
WR	Marvin McNutt, IOWA	Nick Toon, WIS
C	David Molk, MICH	Mike Caputo, NEB*
		Mike Brewster, OSU*
G	Joel Foreman, MSU	Adam Gettis, IOWA
G	Kevin Zeitler, WIS	Travis Frederick, WIS
T	Riley Reiff, IOWA	Taylor Lewan, MICH
T	Josh Oglesby, WIS	Mike Adams, OSU
TE	Drake Dunsmore, NU	Brian Linthicum, MSU
K	Brett Maher, NEB	Carson Wiggs, PUR

DL	Whitney Mercilus, ILL	Michael Buchanan, ILL*
DL	Jerel Worthy, MSU	Mike Daniels, IOWA*
DL	John Simon, OSU	Mike Martin, MICH*
DL	Devon Still, PSU	William Gholston, MSU*
		Jack Crawford, PSU*
		Kawann Short, PUR*
LB	Lavonte David, NEB	Max Bullough, MSU
LB	Gerald Hodges, PSU	Andrew Sweat, OSU
LB	Chris Borland, WIS	Mike Taylor, WIS
DB	Shaun Prater, IOWA	Isaiah Lewis, MSU
DB	Johnny Adams, MSU	C.J. Barnett, OSU
DB	Alfonzo Dennard, NEB	Nick Sukay, PSU
DB	Aaron Henry, WIS	Ricardo Allen, PUR
P	Brett Maher, NEB	Cody Webster, PUR

Illinois Honorable Mention: Jeff Allen, Jonathan Brown, Derek Dimke, Terry Hawthorne, Ian Thomas

Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year: Brady Hoke, MICH

* - Additional honorees due to tie

CAPS - unanimous selection

	MEDIA FIRST TEAM	MEDIA SECOND TEAM
QB	Russell Wilson, WIS	Denard Robinson, MICH
RB	Rex Burkhead, NEB	Marcus Coker, IOWA
RB	MONTEE BALL, WIS	Silas Redd, PSU
WR	A.J. Jenkins, ILL	B.J. Cunningham, MSU
WR	Marvin McNutt, IOWA	Jeremy Ebert, NU
C	Peter Konz, WIS	David Molk, MICH
G	Joel Foreman, MSU	Spencer Long, NEB
G	Kevin Zeitler, WIS	Travis Frederick, WIS
T	Riley Reiff, IOWA	Jeff Allen, ILL
T	Josh Oglesby, WIS	Mike Adams, OSU
TE	Drake Dunsmore, NU	Jacob Pedersen, WIS
K	Brett Maher, NEB	Anthony Fera, PSU

DL	Whitney Mercilus, ILL	Michael Buchanan, ILL*
DL	Jerel Worthy, MSU	Broderick Binns, IOWA*
DL	Devon Still, PSU	Mike Martin, MICH*
DL	Kawann Short, PUR	William Gholston, MSU*
		John Simon, OSU*
LB	Lavonte David, NEB	Jonathan Brown, ILL
LB	Chris Borland, WIS	Denicos Allen, MSU
LB	Mike Taylor, WIS	Gerald Hodges, PSU
DB	Trenton Robinson, MSU	Micah Hyde, IOWA
DB	Alfonzo Dennard, NEB	Johnny Adams, MSU
DB	Brian Peters, NU	Isaiah Lewis, MSU
DB	Antonio Fenelus, WIS	Nick Sukay, PSU
P	Brett Maher, NEB	Cody Webster, PUR

Illinois Honorable Mention: Derek Dimke, Terry Hawthorne, Tavon Wilson

Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year: Montee Ball, WIS

Nagurski-Woodson D. Player of the Year: Devon Still, PSU

Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year: Braxton Miller, OSU

Dave McClain Coach of the Year: Brady Hoke, MICH

* - Additional honorees due to tie

CAPS - unanimous selection

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Scheelhaase, N.	13	191	903	279	624	3.3	6	37	48.0
Ford, Jason	12	155	629	29	600	3.9	7	18	50.0
Pollard, Troy	13	66	488	13	475	7.2	2	61	36.5
Young, Donovan	12	87	473	22	451	5.2	6	59	37.6
Ferguson, Josh	3	14	56	4	52	3.7	0	13	17.3
O'Toole, Reilly	10	13	48	1	47	3.6	0	11	4.7
Jenkins, A.J.	13	5	30	4	26	5.2	0	16	2.0
Osei, Miles	11	5	29	5	24	4.8	0	19	2.2
Prosch, Jay	12	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	9	0.8
Lankford, Ryan	13	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Stewart, Ronald	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Millines, Darius	9	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
Dimke, Derek	13	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.3
DuVernois, Justin	12	1	0	12	-12	-12.0	0	0	-1.0
TEAM	6	7	0	59	-59	-8.4	0	0	-9.8
Total	13	550	2667	435	2232	4.1	21	61	171.7
Opponents	13	514	2061	451	1610	3.1	15	65	123.8

PASSING	GP	EFF	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Scheelhaase, N.	13	133.4	184-291-8	63.2	2110	13	77	162.3
O'Toole, Reilly	10	86.5	40-67-4	59.7	270	1	20	27.0
Russell, Tim	13	-200.0	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Osei, Miles	11	125.2	1-1-0	100.0	3	0	3	0.3
Millines, Darius	9	175.6	1-1-0	100.0	9	0	9	1.0
TEAM	6	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	123.5	226-362-13	62.4	2392	14	77	184.0
Opponents	13	117.9	180-328-10	54.9	2110	15	65	162.3

RECEIVING	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Jenkins, A.J.	13	90	1276	14.2	8	77	98.2
Harris, Spencer	13	26	226	8.7	1	15	17.4
Davis, Jon	13	22	187	8.5	1	18	14.4
Millines, Darius	9	19	218	11.5	1	45	24.2
Ford, Jason	12	19	130	6.8	0	19	10.8
Lankford, Ryan	13	12	108	9.0	0	18	8.3
Wilson, Evan	13	9	89	9.9	3	36	6.8
Young, Donovan	12	8	15	1.9	0	8	1.2
Pollard, Troy	13	7	23	3.3	0	7	1.8
Viliunas, Eddie	13	4	61	15.2	0	39	4.7
Kumerow, Jake	7	3	15	5.0	0	8	2.1
Sykes, Fred	13	3	10	3.3	0	4	0.8
Ferguson, Josh	3	2	14	7.0	0	10	4.7
LaCrosse, Matt	10	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.1
Scheelhaase, Nathan	13	1	9	9.0	0	9	0.7
Total	13	226	2392	10.6	14	77	184.0
Opponents	13	180	2110	11.7	15	65	162.3

SCORING	TD	FGS	KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP	SAF	PTS
Dimke, Derek	0	10-12	34-34	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	64
Jenkins, A.J.	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Ford, Jason	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Young, Donovan	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Scheelhaase, N.	6	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1-2	0	0	36
Wilson, Evan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Pollard, Troy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Harris, Spencer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	8
Hawthorne, Terry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Henry, Trulon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Davis, Jon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Millines, Darius	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Wilson, Tavon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total	38	10-12	34-34	0-2	1	1-2	0	0	294
Opponents	31	12-19	31-31	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	255

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	PCT	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	LONG	BLK
Dimke, Derek	10-12	83.3	1-1	2-2	5-6	2-3	0-0	49	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
DuVernois, Justin	53	2029	38.3	66	3	15	17	3	0
Lankford, Ryan	19	749	39.4	59	0	2	5	7	0
TEAM	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	72	2778	38.6	66	3	17	22	10	1
Opponents	80	3200	40.0	74	1	23	27	13	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lankford, Ryan	19	33	1.7	0	11
Hawthorne, Terry	5	37	7.4	0	11
Total	24	70	2.9	0	11
Opponents	21	147	7.0	0	32

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Hawthorne, Terry	3	39	13.0	1	39
Henry, Trulon	2	27	13.5	1	27
Brown, Jonathan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Foster, Glenn	1	7	7.0	0	7
Sanni, Supo	1	7	7.0	0	7
Wilson, Tavon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hull, Steve	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	10	81	8.1	2	39
Opponents	13	115	8.8	0	43

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Pollard, Troy	19	317	16.7	0	29
Jenkins, A.J.	5	79	15.8	0	20
Millines, Darius	5	105	21.0	0	26
Osei, Miles	3	36	12.0	0	14
Prosch, Jay	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Hawthorne, Terry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	34	534	15.7	0	29
Opponents	37	843	22.8	1	99

FUMBLE RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Wilson, Tavon	2	68	34.0	1	66
Brown, Jonathan	1	28	28.0	0	28
Thomas, Ian	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	4	97	24.2	1	66
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

FG SEQUENCE	ILLINOIS	OPPONENTS
Arkansas State	(32),(19)	(49),(47),58
South Dakota State	-	(33)
Arizona State	(20)	32
Western Michigan	(39),(35),(21)	44,(26),49,(24)
Northwestern	(49)	-
Indiana	-	(44),(20)
Ohio State	-	(43)
Purdue	-	-
Penn State	42	43,(30)
Michigan	-	38,(27)
Wisconsin	(41)	-
Minnesota	-	(43),(51)
UCLA	(36),37,(37)	34

-Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Scheelhaase, Nathan	13	482	624	2110	2734	210.3
Ford, Jason	12	155	600	0	600	50.0
Pollard, Troy	13	66	475	0	475	36.5
Young, Donovan	12	87	451	0	451	37.6
O'Toole, Reilly	10	80	47	270	317	31.7
Ferguson, Josh	3	14	52	0	52	17.3
Osei, Miles	11	6	24	3	27	2.5
Jenkins, A.J.	13	5	26	0	26	2.0
Prosch, Jay	12	2	9	0	9	0.8
Millines, Darius	9	2	-2	9	7	0.8
Lankford, Ryan	13	1	2	0	2	0.2
Stewart, Ronald	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Dimke, Derek	13	1	-4	0	-4	-0.3
DuVernois, Justin	12	1	-12	0	-12	-1.0
TEAM	6	8	-59	0	-59	-9.8
Total	13	912	2232	2392	4624	355.7
Opponents	13	842	1610	2110	3720	286.2

KICKOFFS	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB	RT	NET	YDLN
Dimke, Derek	57	3542	62.1	16	0			
DuVernois, Justin	1	49	49.0	0	0			
Total	58	3591	61.9	16	0	22.8	41.9	28
Opponents	55	3497	63.6	20	0	15.7	46.6	23

ALL PURPOSE	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	IR	TOT	AVG.
Jenkins, A.J.	13	26	1276	0	79	0	1381	106.2
Pollard, Troy	13	475	23	0	317	0	815	62.7
Ford, Jason	12	600	130	0	0	0	730	60.8
Scheelhaase, Nathan	13	624	9	0	0	0	633	48.7
Young, Donovan	12	451	15	0	0	0	466	38.8
Millines, Darius	9	-2	218	0	105	0	321	35.7
Harris, Spencer	13	0	226	0	0	0	226	17.4
Davis, Jon	13	0	187	0	0	0	187	14.4
Lankford, Ryan	13	2	108	33	0	0	143	11.0
Wilson, Evan	13	0	89	0	0	0	89	6.8
Hawthorne, Terry	13	0	0	37	0	39	76	5.8
Ferguson, Josh	3	52	14	0	0	0	66	22.0
Viliunas, Eddie	13	0	61	0	0	0	61	4.7
Osei, Miles	11	24	0	0	36	0	60	5.5
O'Toole, Reilly	10	47	0	0	0	0	47	4.7
Henry, Trulon	11	0	0	0	0	27	27	2.5
Kumerow, Jake	7	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.1
LaCrosse, Matt	10	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.1
Sykes, Fred	13	0	10	0	0	0	10	0.8
Foster, Glenn	13	0	0	0	0	7	7	0.5
Sanni, Supo	13	0	0	0	0	7	7	0.5
Prosch, Jay	12	9	0	0	-3	0	6	0.5
Hull, Steve	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1
Stewart, Ronald	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Dimke, Derek	13	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.3
DuVernois, Justin	12	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-1.0
TEAM	6	-59	0	0	0	0	-59	-9.8
Total	13	2232	2392	70	534	81	5309	408.4
Opponents	13	1610	2110	147	843	115	4825	371.2

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LONGEST DRIVES
DRIVES

by # of plays	ILLINOIS
by # of yards	18 (80 yds, 6:46, TD) vs. Michigan
Time of Possession	97 (5 plays, 2:05, TD) at Indiana
	6:51 (16 plays, 61 yards, Missed FG) vs. UCLA

OPPONENT

18 (59 yards, 7:04, FG) Western Michigan
91 (13 plays, 4:33, TD) Purdue
7:11 (12 plays, 30 yards, TD) Wisconsin

RED ZONE STATS
INSIDE THE 20

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	43	38
Total Scores	36	29
Touchdowns	27	23
Field Goals	9	6
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	6	4
Lost on Missed Field Goals	1	3
End of Game or Half	0	2
Scoring Percentage	.837	.763
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	.628	.605
Percent of Total Drives	.265	.226

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	162	168
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	4,527	5,622
Average Starting Field Position	27.9	33.5
Times Started Inside the 20	43	32
Drives Started in Plus Territory	17	30

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	22	28
Total Scores	9	11
Scoring Percentage	.409	.393
Points off Turnovers	51 (6 TD, 3 FG)	65 (8 TD, 3 FG)

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2011 season	21, SDSU	17, WIS	14, SDSU	21, NU	--	56, SDSU

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NO	DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	|-----TACKLES-----|				|-----SACKS-----|		|-----PASS DEF-----|		|-----FUMBLES-----|			BLKD KICK	SAF
			UT	AT	TOTAL	FOR LOSS	NO- YDS	INT-YDS	BRUP	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF			
45	Brown, Jonathan	12	46	62	108	19.5	6.0-28	1-0	4	3	2 - 28	1	.	.	
38	Thomas, Ian	13	34	51	85	10.5	3.5 - 24	.	2	3	2 - 1	.	.	.	
3	Wilson, Tavon	13	51	30	81	6.5	1.0 - 9	1 - 0	6	1	2 - 68	1	.	.	
94	Spence, Akeem	13	18	51	69	5.5	1.5 - 8	.	.	1	1 - 0	1	.	.	
99	Buchanan, Michael	13	27	37	64	13.5	7.5 - 40	.	1	4	1 - 0	1	.	.	
1	Hawthorne, Terry	13	41	19	60	5.0	.	3 - 39	8	1	.	1	.	.	
5	Hull, Steve	12	38	20	58	.	.	1 - 1	2	.	.	1	.	.	
85	Mercilus, Whitney	13	28	29	57	22.5	16.0 - 105	.	1	6	1 - 0	9	.	.	
7	Sanni, Supo	13	27	22	49	2.0	.	1 - 7	5	.	.	1	.	.	
9	Henry, Trulon	11	16	25	41	3.5	.	2 - 27	3	.	.	.	.	.
26	Green, Justin	13	23	12	35	.	.	.	3	.	1 - 0	.	.	.	
47	Foster, Glenn	13	10	22	32	4.0	0.5 - 2	1 - 7	3	.	.	.	.	.
4	Nixon-Youman,Patrick	11	12	15	27	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
30	Bates, Houston	13	13	10	23	2.0	1.0 - 6	.	.	1	1 - 0	.	.	.	
25	Williams, Ashante	10	9	12	21	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
54	Staples, Justin	13	4	12	16	1.0	1.0 - 2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
35	Prosch, Jay	12	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Dickinson, Henry	11	1	7	8	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Kynard, Tim	12	5	3	8	3.0	1.0 - 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Onyegbule, Wisdom	13	2	4	6	1.5	1.0 - 6	.	.	.	1 - 0	.	.	.	
80	Denmark, Brandon	10	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Thomas, Earnest	11	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Ramsey, Jack	13	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Dimke, Derek	13	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Teitsma, Austin	7	2	1	3	0.5	0.5 - 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	LaCosse, Matt	10	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Cooper, Ralph	3	1	2	3	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Woods, D.J.	1	.	2	2	1.0	0.5 - 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Howe, Jake	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Scheelhaase, Nathan	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Pollard, Troy	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Wilson, Craig	13	.	1	1	0.5	- 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Cooper, Valdon	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Willett, Chris	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Pedersen, Zak	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Mitchell, Kaeman	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Viliunas, Eddie	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Wilson, Evan	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Davis, Jon	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Millines, Darius	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Becker, Zach	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	13	435	472	907	103 - 421	41 - 240	10 - 81	42	20	12 - 97	17	.	.	
	Opponents	13	523	472	995	89 - 400	36 - 261	13 - 115	34	10	15 - 0	18	1	1	

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Yd-TD	Passing C-A-Int-TD	Passing Yards	Total Offense	Punt	Fumbles	Penalties	Time Poss
Illinois	33	24	50-202-2	17-25-0-2	271	473	4-120	2-1	0-0	35:43
vs. Arkansas State	15	15	32-60-1	20-32-1-0	290	350	4-175	4-2	2-8	24:17
Illinois	56	27	50-364-6	16-18-0-1	155	519	2-70	0-0	5-37	34:33
vs. South Dakota St	3	6	24-25-0	11-22-2-0	71	96	7-355	0-0	4-40	25:27
Illinois	17	16	45-105-1	11-15-1-1	135	240	5-208	4-2	5-33	28:20
vs. Arizona State	14	21	34-106-1	25-45-2-1	256	362	6-217	1-1	8-91	31:40
Illinois	23	21	52-296-1	17-26-1-1	167	463	3-101	2-1	5-55	35:21
vs. Western Michigan	20	17	21-35-0	30-48-1-2	306	341	4-170	1-0	8-59	24:39
Illinois	38	23	38-82-2	21-32-1-3	391	473	4-144	2-2	8-70	29:31
vs. Northwestern	35	20	51-169-1	12-16-0-4	160	329	6-204	1-1	4-48	30:29
Illinois	41	23	55-308-2	12-22-0-3	210	518	6-226	3-2	3-24	32:25
at Indiana	20	20	42-83-1	17-36-1-0	219	302	7-303	3-1	1-5	27:35
Illinois	7	18	35-116-0	20-34-2-1	169	285	6-230	3-1	3-41	29:25
vs. Ohio State	17	14	51-211-1	1-4-0-1	17	228	7-273	3-0	7-64	30:35
Illinois	14	21	33-121-2	26-41-1-0	245	366	8-280	1-0	8-50	31:47
at Purdue	21	15	42-126-1	16-25-0-2	178	304	8-330	1-1	6-30	28:13
Illinois	7	16	50-192-0	13-24-2-1	94	286	9-342	2-2	6-50	32:51
at Penn State	10	14	41-111-1	9-28-1-0	98	209	8-287	6-2	4-30	27:09
Illinois	14	15	33-37-2	17-34-1-0	177	214	9-374	3-2	4-25	27:15
vs. Michigan	31	14	48-223-3	8-15-1-1	139	362	4-137	3-2	4-29	32:45
Illinois	17	19	34-149-2	22-31-3-0	152	301	2-76	5-1	6-63	26:36
vs. Wisconsin	28	16	45-195-3	10-13-0-1	90	285	4-193	3-1	6-52	33:24
Illinois	7	11	32-82-1	15-27-0-0	78	160	9-377	1-1	5-50	25:58
at Minnesota	27	19	53-248-2	7-15-0-1	85	333	7-190	1-0	2-30	34:02
Illinois	20	17	43-178-0	19-33-1-1	148	326	5-230	1-0	6-51	33:46
vs. UCLA	14	14	30-18-0	14-29-1-2	201	219	8-366	4-1	3-15	26:14

ILLINOIS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	WT	WG	C	SG	ST	QB	RB	FB	WR	WR	TE / WR
Arkansas St	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Ford	Prosch	Jenkins	Millines	Becker (TE)
SDSU	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Ford	Prosch	Jenkins	Millines	Harris (WR)
Arizona St	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Sykes (WR)	Prosch	Jenkins	Millines	Viliunas (TE)
W. Michigan	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Ford	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Millines	E. Wilson (TE)
Northwestern	Allen	Sands	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Ford	Prosch	Pollard (RB)	Lankford	E. Wilson (TE)
Indiana	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Ford	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Lankford	E. Wilson (TE)
Ohio State	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Pollard	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Lankford	Sykes (WR)
Purdue	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Young	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Lankford	Sykes (WR)
Penn State	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Cvijanovic	Scheelhaase	LaCosse (TE)	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Lankford	Sykes (WR)
Michigan	Allen	Hill	Pocic	Cornell	Cvijanovic	Scheelhaase	Ford	Prosch	Jenkins	Millines	E. Wilson (TE)
Wisconsin	Allen	Hill	Pocic	Cornell	Cvijanovic	Scheelhaase	Ford	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Millines	Davis (TE)
Minnesota	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Cvijanovic	Scheelhaase	Ford	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Millines	Sykes (WR)
UCLA	Allen	Thornton	Pocic	Cornell	Heitz	Scheelhaase	Pollard	Harris (WR)	Jenkins	Millines	Davis (TE)
Consecutive	47	2	26	16	1	26	1	3	8	4	1
Career	47	25	26	19	9	26	5	10	25	11	2

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT / CB	BANDIT	WLB	MLB	SLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Arkansas St	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
SDSU	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Staples	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Arizona St	Mercilus	Spence	Green (CB)	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
W. Michigan	Mercilus	Spence	Green (CB)	Buchanan	Bates	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Northwestern	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Indiana	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Bates	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Ohio State	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Green
Purdue	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Green
Penn State	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Michigan	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	Henry	T. Wilson	Hull	Sanni	Hawthorne
Wisconsin	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	A. Williams	Green	T. Wilson	Nixon-Youman	Hawthorne
Minnesota	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	A. Williams	T. Wilson	Hull	Nixon-Youman	Hawthorne
UCLA	Mercilus	Spence	Foster	Buchanan	Brown	Thomas	A. Williams	T. Wilson	Nixon-Youman	Sanni	Hawthorne
Consecutive	13	26	9	11	7	38	3	31	3	1	5
Career	15	26	11	20	11	38	5	38	3	11	17

2011 STARTER QUICK FACTS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	2	Nathan Scheelhaase (So., 6-3, 200)	Named off. player of Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl with 110 rush yds, 139 pass yds ... 2nd in Big Ten in total offense in conf games (234.0)
RB	21	Jason Ford (Sr., 6-0, 235)	Doak Walker Award candidate ... 2nd in career rush TDs in UI history (26); record is 31 ... Rushed for 83 yds, TD at Purdue
FB	35	Jay Prosch (So., 6-0, 250)	Holds Illinois' power clean weight lifting record (396 lbs, set in Summer 2011) ... Named to ESPN's "Freaks" list for workout warriors
WR	8	A.J. Jenkins (Sr., 6-0, 190)	Biletnikoff semifinalist ... 1,276 rec yds rank 2nd in UI history ... 3rd in UI career rec TDs (19) ... Leads BT in rec/gm, 2nd in rec yds/gm
WR	15	Darius Millines (So., 5-11, 185)	Had 19 catches for 218 yds, 1 TD in 2011 ... Had 5 rec for 119 yds & 1 TD vs. Ark St, 1st career 100-yard game
WR	80	Spencer Harris (So., 6-3, 195)	Had 26 catches for 226 yards in 2011 ... HS teammate of Arkansas starting QB Tyler Wilson
WR	12	Ryan Lankford (So., 6-0, 175)	Became 1st Illini to punt & return punt in same yr since 1969 ... Avg 46.0 ypp vs. UCLA, with 2 over 50 ... Ran a 10.4 100 meters in HS
TE	89	Evan Wilson (So., 6-6, 250)	Had 9 rec, 89 yds, 3 TDs in 2011 ... 6 of his 9 catches in 2011 were TDs or 1st downs ... Started 11 games & played in all 13 in 2010
WT	71	Jeff Allen (Sr., 6-5, 315)	Lombardi Award & Outland Trophy candidate ... Started 47 consecutive games ... Second-team All-Big Ten by conference media
WG	72	Hugh Thornton (Jr., 6-5, 310)	Started 10 games in 2011 & has 24 career starts ... Spent much of his younger years in Jamaica ... Lived in Idaho for 1st 3 years of HS
C	76	Graham Pocic (Jr., 6-7, 305)	Phil Steele HM Midseason All-American ... All-Big Ten honorable mention in 2010 ... Has made 26 consecutive starts at center
SG	73	Jack Cornell (Sr., 6-6, 315)	Started all 13 games in 2011 ... Finished B.S. in communication in Spring 2011 ... Interned in UI sports info office in 2011
ST	74	Michael Heitz (r-Fr., 6-5, 295)	Started 9 games in 2011, including first 8 ... Three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Started 41 straight games in HS
ST	68	Simon Cvijanovic (r-Fr., 6-5, 285)	Redshirt-frosh has started 4 games in 2011 ... Split time equally with Heitz at PSU ... Played 2nd half vs. WMU at weakside tackle

DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

BANDIT	99	Michael Buchanan (Jr., 6-6, 240)	Second-team All-Big Ten selection by coaches & media ... Ranked 4th in BT in sacks/gm (0.58) ... 9th in BT in TFL/gm (1.04)
DT	47	Glenn Foster (Jr., 6-4, 260)	Had 2 PBUs at Penn State ... Had a career-high 6 tackles, 0.5 TFLs at Purdue ... Had 3 tackles, 1 TFL, a half-sack & 1 INT vs. Az. St.
DT	94	Akeem Spence (So., 6-1, 305)	Nagurski & Outland candidate ... Had career-high 9 tackles vs. MICH & N'western ... Had 8 tackles, TFL, FF, fumble recovery at Purdue
DE	85	Whitney Mercilus (Jr., 6-4, 265)	Hendricks Award winner ... Led NCAA in sacks/gm (1.23) ... Led BT, 2nd in NCAA in TFLs/gm (1.73) ... Led NCAA in fum forced (0.69)
SLB	25	Ashante Williams (Jr., 5-11, 205)	Took over for Trulon Henry, who was shot in finger on Nov. 13, starting last 3 games of 2011 ... Had 6 tackles vs. Wisconsin
MLB	38	Ian Thomas (Sr., 6-1, 235)	Named HM All-Big Ten ... Had career-high 10.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks in 2011 ... Season-high 10 tackles vs. N'western ... Three-year starter
WLB	45	Jonathan Brown (So., 6-1, 235)	Second-team All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Def. POW on 9/19 ... 6th in NCAA, 2nd in BT in TFLs/gm (1.62) ... 64 tackles, 13.0 TFLs last 6 gms
CB	26	Justin Green (Jr., 5-11, 195)	Tied career high with 2 PBUs at Penn St. ... Had 5 tackles vs. WMU ... Had 6 tackles, PBU vs. Az. St. ... Started all 13 games in 2010
CB	3	Tavon Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 205)	Named HM All-Big Ten ... Had career yr w/81 tackles, 6.5 TFLs, 6 PBUs ... BT Defensive Player of Week on 10/10
CB	1	Terry Hawthorne (Jr., 6-0, 190)	Named HM All-Big Ten ... Def. player of game vs. UCLA after 39-yd INT ret for TD ... Had career-high 15 tackles, FF, QB hurry vs. Wisconsin
FS	7	Supo Sanni (Jr., 6-3, 220)	Had career-high 8 tackles, 0.5 TFLs at Penn State ... Had 7 tackles, 0.5 TFL at Purdue ... Had 6 tackles, 0.5 TFL, FF vs. Ark. St.
SS	5	Steve Hull (So., 6-2, 200)	6th on team with 56 tackles ... Had 7 tackles, FF vs. MICH ... Had 8 tackles, INT at Indiana ... Had 7 tackles, PBU vs. Az. St.

SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

PK	13	Derek Dimke (Sr., 6-0, 180)	Named HM All-Big Ten ... Groza Award candidate ... 9th in BT in FGs/gm (0.77) ... T-5th in NCAA in active career FG%
P	18	Justin DuVernois (Fr., 6-1, 190)	Averaged 38.3 ypp, 17 inside the 20 in 2011 ... Only 15 of his 53 punts (28%) were returned ... 1 of 9 true-frosh punters in nation
LS	46	Zak Pedersen (So., 6-2, 220)	Second-year full-time snapper ... Earned scholarship in Fall 2010 ... Plans to pursue an MBA following graduation

2011 PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Following each Illini victory, the coaching staff named a player of the game for each of the three phases.

GAME.....OFFENSE

Arkansas StateA.J. Jenkins, WR
 South Dakota State...Troy Pollard, RB
 Arizona State.....Hugh Thornton, OG
 Western MichiganTroy Pollard, DB
 Northwestern.....A.J. Jenkins, WR
 IndianaHugh Thornton, OG
 UCLANathan Scheelhaase, QB

GAME.....DEFENSE

Arkansas StateTrulon Henry, LB
 South Dakota State...Ian Thomas, LB
 Arizona State.....Jonathan Brown, LB
 Western MichiganTerry Hawthorne, CB
 Northwestern.....Ian Thomas, LB
 IndianaWhitney Mercilus, DE
 UCLATerry Hawthorne, DB

GAME.....SPECIAL TEAMS

Arkansas StateJay Prosch, FB/kick coverage
 South Dakota State...Ryan Lankford, PR
 Arizona State.....Justin DuVernois, P
 Western MichiganDerek Dimke, PK
 Northwestern.....Derek Dimke, PK
 IndianaZak Pedersen, LS
 UCLARyan Lankford, P

2011 GAME CAPTAINS

The coaching staff designates different team captains for each game week throughout the season. Here is a list of this year's game captains:

ARKANSAS STATE — OL Jeff Allen, OL Jack Cornell, LB Trulon Henry, DB Tavon Wilson

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE — PK Derek Dimke, LB Trulon Henry, WR A.J. Jenkins, C Graham Pocio

ARIZONA STATE — OL Jeff Allen, OL Jack Cornell, LB Trulon Henry, LB Ian Thomas

WESTERN MICHIGAN — OL Jeff Allen, LB Trulon Henry, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase

NORTHWESTERN — BAN Michael Buchanan, OL Jack Cornell, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase

INDIANA — OL Jack Cornell, LB Trulon Henry, QB Nathan Scheelhaase, LB Ian Thomas

OHIO STATE — OL Jack Cornell, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase, DB Tavon Wilson

PURDUE — OL Jeff Allen, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase, LB Ian Thomas

PENN STATE — RB Jason Ford, LB Trulon Henry, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase

MICHIGAN — OL Jack Cornell, LB Trulon Henry, QB Nathan Scheelhaase, DB Tavon Wilson

WISCONSIN — BAN Michael Buchanan, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase

MINNESOTA — OL Jeff Allen, OL Jack Cornell, LB Ian Thomas, DB Tavon Wilson

UCLA — OL Jack Cornell, DE Whitney Mercilus, QB Nathan Scheelhaase, DB Tavon Wilson

2011 SCORING DRIVES

ARKANSAS STATE

1st 2:06 TD Ford 15 yard run (Dimke kick)13 plays, 70 yards, 6:50
 2nd 1:24 TD Millines 45 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)5 plays, 80 yards, 1:26
 2nd 0:11 FG Dimke 32 yard field goal6 plays, 25 yards, 0:58
 3rd 14:37 TD Jenkins 72 yard pass from Scheelhaase (run failed)2 plays, 72 yards, 0:23
 3rd 5:44 TD Ford 3 yard run (Dimke kick)14 plays, 74 yards, 6:47
 4th 7:20 FG Dimke 19 yard field goal13 plays, 95 yards, 6:35

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

1st 3:58 TD Young 2 yard run (Dimke kick)10 plays, 80 yards, 5:53
 1st 0:26 TD Ford 4 yard run (Dimke kick)3 plays, 82 yards, 1:02
 1st 0:11 TD Henry 27 yard interception return (Dimke kick)-
 2nd 11:01 TD Scheelhaase 4 yard run (Dimke kick)7 plays, 71 yards, 3:38
 2nd 1:37 TD Young 41 yard run (Dimke kick)5 plays, 69 yards, 2:33
 3rd 9:55 TD Scheelhaase 3 yard run (Dimke kick)10 plays, 81 yards, 5:05
 3rd 7:06 TD Evan Wilson 8 yard pass from O'Toole (Dimke kick)4 plays, 30 yards, 1:44
 4th 7:57 TD Pollard 7 yard run (Dimke kick)12 plays, 77 yards, 5:37

ARIZONA STATE

1st 10:34 TD Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick)5 plays, 38 yards, 2:27
 1st 3:23 FG Dimke 20 yard field goal9 plays, 71 yards, 3:41
 4th 9:59 TD Jenkins 16 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)4 plays, 41 yards, 1:43

WESTERN MICHIGAN

1st 7:45 TD Evan Wilson 11 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)8 plays, 74 yards, 3:14
 2nd 8:12 FG Dimke 39 yard field goal4 plays, -6 yards, 1:58
 3rd 10:27 TD Young 14 yard run (Dimke kick)10 plays, 80 yards, 4:33
 3rd 1:37 FG Scheelhaase 35 yard field goal13 plays, 69 yards, 5:01
 4th 8:14 FG Dimke 21 yard field goal11 plays, 77 yards, 5:44

NORTHWESTERN

1st 2:28 TD Jenkins 14 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)5 plays, 32 yards, 1:59
 2nd 0:00 FG Dimke 49 yard field goal8 plays, 31 yards, 2:08
 3rd 3:51 TD Jenkins 33 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)7 plays, 74 yards, 3:20
 4th 14:53 TD Jenkins 50 yard pass from Scheelhaase (run failed)2 plays, 58 yards, 0:31
 4th 6:53 TD Young 1 yard run (Harris pass from Scheelhaase)13 plays, 95 yards, 5:52
 4th 0:13 TD Scheelhaase 1 yard run (Dimke kick)6 plays, 69 yards, 1:02

INDIANA

1st 4:22 TD Jenkins 77 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)3 plays, 76 yards, 1:33
 1st 1:34 TD T. Wilson 66 yard fumble return (Dimke kick)-
 2nd 7:18 TD Davis 3 yard pass from Scheelhaase (pass failed)9 plays, 74 yards, 3:31
 2nd 2:04 TD Jenkins 67 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)5 plays, 97 yards, 2:05
 3rd 4:57 TD Scheelhaase 9 yard run (Dimke kick)9 plays, 54 yards, 3:39
 4th 1:20 TD Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick)11 plays, 89 yards, 4:09

OHIO STATE

4th 6:22 TD E. Wilson 3 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)16 plays, 80 yards, 6:44

PURDUE

4th 8:12 TD Ford 16 yard run (Dimke kick)12 plays, 60 yards, 4:22
 4th 0:54 TD Scheelhaase 2 yard run (Dimke kick)12 plays, 90 yards, 3:03

PENN STATE

3rd 3:32 TD Harris 10 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)11 plays, 64 yards, 4:26

MICHIGAN

3rd 0:10 TD Scheelhaase 13 yard run (Dimke kick)11 plays, 75 yards, 4:12
 4th 3:12 TD Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick)18 plays, 80 yards, 6:46

WISCONSIN

2nd 13:14 TD Young 12 yard run (Dimke kick)11 plays, 51 yards, 5:14
 2nd 8:21 TD Young 1 yard run (Dimke kick)6 plays, 36 yards, 3:01
 2nd 0:02 FG Dimke 41 yard field goal13 plays, 56 yards, 2:53

UCLA

2nd 0:00 FG Dimke 36 yard field goal8 plays, 12 yards, 2:19
 3rd 0:43 TD Hawthorne 39 yard interception return (Dimke kick)-
 4th 12:17 FG Dimke 37 yard field goal6 plays, 47 yards, 2:49
 4th 5:36 TD Jenkins 60 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)5 plays, 74 yards, 3:09

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

CATEGORY	ILLINOIS TEAM HIGHS	OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS
Rushes	55 at Indiana, 10/8/11	53 Minnesota, 11/26/11
Yards Rushing	364 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	248 Minnesota, 11/26/11
Yards Per Rush	7.3 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	4.7 Minnesota, 11/26/11
TD Rushes	6 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	3 Michigan, 11/12/11; Wisconsin, 11/19/11
Pass attempts	41 at Purdue, 10/22/11	48 Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Pass completions	26 at Purdue, 10/22/11	30 Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Yards Passing	391 vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	306 Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Yards Per Pass	12.2 vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	10.0 Western Michigan, 9/24/11
TD Passes	3 vs Northwestern, 10/1/11; at Indiana, 10/8/11	4 Northwestern, 10/1/11
Total Plays	78 vs Western Michigan, 9/24/11	79 Arizona State, 9/17/11
Total Offense	519 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	362 Arizona State, 9/17/11; Michigan, 11/12/11
Yards Per Play	7.6 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	5.7 Michigan, 11/12/11
Points	56 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	35 Northwestern, 10/1/11
Sacks By	6 vs Arizona State, 9/17/11	5 Minnesota, 11/26/11
First Downs	27 vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	21 Arizona State, 9/17/11
Penalties	8 vs Northwestern, 10/1/11; at Purdue, 10/22/11	8 Arizona State, 9/17/11; Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Penalty Yards	70 vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	91 Arizona State, 9/17/11
Turnovers	4 at Penn State, 10/29/11; vs Wisconsin, 11/19/11	3 Arkansas State, 9/3/11; Arizona State, 9/17/11
		Penn State, 10/29/11; Michigan, 11/12/11
Interceptions By	2 vs South Dakota St., 9/10/11; vs Arizona St., 9/17/11	3 Wisconsin, 11/19/11
Punts	9 at Penn State, 10/29/11; vs Michigan, 11/12/11	8 Purdue, 10/22/11; Penn State, 10/29/11
		at Minnesota, 11/26/11
		UCLA, 12/31/11
Punting Avg	46.0 vs UCLA, 12/31/11	50.7 South Dakota State, 9/10/11
Long Punt	66 vs Ohio State, 10/15/11	74 Wisconsin, 11/19/11
Punts inside 20	4 at Purdue, 10/22/11	4 Arizona State, 9/17/11

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

CATEGORY	ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL HIGHS	OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL HIGHS
Rushes	24 Jason Ford at Penn State, 10/29/11	38 Montee Ball, Wisconsin, 11/19/11
Yards Rushing	133 Troy Pollard vs Western Michigan, 9/24/11	224 Montee Ball, Wisconsin, 11/19/11
TD Rushes	2 Jason Ford vs Arkansas State, 9/3/11	2 Denard Robinson, Michigan, 11/12/11
	Donovonn Young vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	2 Montee Ball, Wisconsin, 11/19/11
	Nathan Scheelhaase vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	2 MarQueis Gray, Minnesota, 11/26/11
	Young vs Wisconsin, 11/19/11	
Long Rush	61 Troy Pollard vs South Dakota State, 9/10/11	65 Fitzgerald Toussaint, Michigan, 11/12/11
Pass attempts	35 Nathan Scheelhaase at Purdue, 10/22/11	48 Alex Carder, Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Pass completions	22 Nathan Scheelhaase at Purdue, 10/22/11	30 Alex Carder, Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Yards Passing	391 Nathan Scheelhaase vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	306 Alex Carder, Western Michigan, 9/24/11
TD Passes	3 Nathan Scheelhaase vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	4 Dan Persa, Northwestern, 10/1/11
	Nathan Scheelhaase at Indiana, 10/8/11	
Long Pass	77 Nathan Scheelhaase at Indiana, 10/8/11	65 Ryan Aplin, Arkansas State, 9/3/11
Receptions	12 A.J. Jenkins vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	14 Jordan White, Western Michigan, 9/24/11
Yards Receiving	268 A.J. Jenkins vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	132 Jordan White, Western Michigan, 9/24/11
TD Receptions	3 A.J. Jenkins vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	3 Jeremy Ebert, Northwestern, 10/1/11
Long Reception	77 A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11	65 Dwayne Frampton, Arkansas State, 9/3/11
Field Goals	3 Derek Dimke vs Western Michigan, 9/24/11	2 3 times; last, Jordan Wettstein, Minnesota, 11/26/11
Long Field Goal	49 Derek Dimke vs Northwestern, 10/1/11	51 Jordan Wettstein, Minnesota, 11/26/11
Punts	9 Justin DuVernois at Penn State, 10/29/11	8 Anthony Fera, Penn State, 10/29/11
	Justin DuVernois vs Michigan, 11/12/11	Jeff Locke, UCLA, 12/31/11
	Ryan Lankford at Minnesota, 11/26/11	
Punting Avg	46.0 Ryan Lankford vs. UCLA, 12/31/11	57.0 Neely Sullivent, Arkansas State, 9/3/11
Long Punt	66 Justin DuVernois vs Ohio State, 10/15/11	74 Brad Nortman, Wisconsin, 11/19/11
Punts inside 20	4 Justin DuVernois at Purdue, 10/22/11	4 Josh Hubner, Arizona State, 9/17/11
Tackles	17 Jonathan Brown vs Ohio State, 10/15/11	19 Gerald Hodges, Penn State, 10/29/11
Sacks	3.0 Whitney Mercilus at Indiana, 10/8/11	2.5 Ryan Van Bergen, Michigan, 11/12/11
Tackles For Loss	4.0 Whitney Mercilus at Indiana, 10/8/11	4.0 John Simon, Ohio State, 10/15/11
	Jonathan Brown vs Wisconsin, 11/19/11	

BIG TEN TEAM STATISTICS

2011 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

LEGENDS DIVISION	BIG TEN			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Michigan State	7	1	.875	11	3	.786
2. Michigan	6	2	.750	11	2	.846
Nebraska	5	3	.625	9	4	.692
4. Iowa	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Northwestern	3	5	.375	7	6	.462
Minnesota	2	6	.250	3	9	.250

LEADERS DIVISION	BIG TEN			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Wisconsin	6	2	.750	11	3	.786
2. Penn State	6	2	.750	9	4	.692
3. Purdue	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
4. Ohio State	3	5	.375	6	7	.462
5. Illinois	2	6	.250	7	6	.538
6. Indiana	0	8	.000	1	11	.083

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	FG	XP	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg
1. Wisconsin	14	85	8	80	2	0	0	618	44.1
2. Michigan	13	56	13	54	0	0	2	433	33.3
3. Michigan State	14	54	18	48	3	0	1	434	31.0
4. Nebraska	13	46	19	44	1	0	0	379	29.2
5. Northwestern	13	51	6	50	1	0	0	376	28.9
6. Iowa	13	45	14	44	1	0	0	358	27.5
7. Purdue	13	42	19	39	0	0	1	350	26.9
8. Ohio State	13	39	16	36	0	0	0	318	24.5
9. Illinois	13	38	10	34	1	0	0	294	22.6
10. Indiana	12	31	13	30	1	0	0	257	21.4
11. Penn State	13	29	16	27	1	0	0	251	19.3
12. Minnesota	12	27	12	23	0	0	0	221	18.4

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	FG	XP	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg
1. Penn State	13	25	15	23	0	0	0	218	16.8
2. Michigan	13	27	12	26	1	0	0	226	17.4
3. Michigan State	14	33	8	29	2	0	1	257	18.4
4. Wisconsin	14	34	9	29	2	0	1	266	19.0
5. Illinois	13	31	12	31	0	0	1	255	19.6
6. Ohio State	13	33	13	30	2	0	1	273	21.0
7. Nebraska	13	40	8	38	0	1	0	304	23.4
8. Iowa	13	38	16	34	0	0	0	310	23.8
9. Purdue	13	43	15	40	2	0	1	349	26.8
10. Northwestern	13	45	15	41	2	0	0	360	27.7
11. Minnesota	12	51	9	47	0	0	0	380	31.7
12. Indiana	12	55	21	53	1	0	0	448	37.3

PASS OFFENSE	G	Cmp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1. Northwestern	13	289	407	9	71.0	3305	8.1	26	254.2
2. Michigan State	14	288	451	10	63.9	3535	7.8	26	252.5
3. Iowa	13	240	412	8	58.3	3052	7.4	25	234.8
4. Wisconsin	14	233	328	5	71.0	3280	10.0	34	234.3
5. Indiana	12	211	378	11	55.8	2393	6.3	10	199.4
6. Purdue	13	233	391	11	59.6	2538	6.5	17	195.2
7. Illinois	13	226	362	13	62.4	2392	6.6	14	184.0
8. Michigan	13	155	284	16	54.6	2377	8.4	22	182.8
9. Penn State	13	181	376	12	48.1	2301	6.1	10	177.0
10. Nebraska	13	164	293	8	56.0	2115	7.2	13	162.7
11. Minnesota	12	134	274	10	48.9	1804	6.6	10	150.3
12. Ohio State	13	125	245	5	51.0	1651	6.7	18	127.0

PASS DEFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1. Illinois	13	180	328	10	54.9	2110	6.4	15	162.3
2. Wisconsin	14	214	352	16	60.8	2291	6.5	15	163.6
3. Michigan State	14	216	401	18	53.9	2477	6.2	20	176.9
4. Ohio State	13	214	352	13	60.8	2366	6.7	18	182.0
5. Michigan	13	221	374	9	59.1	2476	6.6	12	190.5
6. Penn State	13	238	427	14	55.7	2478	5.8	12	190.6
7. Nebraska	13	192	361	10	53.2	2499	6.9	16	192.2
8. Indiana	12	181	302	5	59.9	2580	8.5	26	215.0
9. Minnesota	12	239	353	4	67.7	2600	7.4	23	216.7
10. Purdue	13	232	401	12	57.9	2873	7.2	17	221.0
11. Iowa	13	256	413	10	62.0	2898	7.0	21	222.9
12. Northwestern	13	216	356	12	60.7	2995	8.4	16	230.4

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Avg/P	Ret.	Avg/R	TB	Net/P
1. Iowa	13	53	2182	41.2	64	1.2	4	38.5
2. Nebraska	13	59	2626	44.5	309	5.2	3	38.3
3. Purdue	13	68	2756	40.5	124	1.8	2	38.1
4. Ohio State	13	71	2889	40.7	171	2.4	3	37.4
5. Wisconsin	14	48	1943	40.5	138	2.9	3	36.4
6. Penn State	13	72	2885	41.5	128	1.8	13	36.1
7. Illinois	13	72	2778	38.6	147	2.0	3	35.7
8. Indiana	12	71	2723	38.4	166	2.3	2	35.5
9. Northwestern	13	52	2119	40.8	114	2.2	9	35.1
10. Michigan State	14	65	2651	40.8	211	3.2	8	35.1
11. Minnesota	12	59	2158	36.6	38	0.6	5	34.2
12. Michigan	13	46	1750	38.0	193	4.2	1	33.4

TURNOVER MARGIN	G	Gained		Lost		Tot	Mar	Per/G
		Fum	Int	Fum	Int			
1. Wisconsin	14	10	16	26	5	10	+16	1.14
2. Michigan	13	20	9	29	6	22	+7	0.54
3. Michigan State	14	7	18	25	8	18	+7	0.50
4. Ohio State	13	7	13	20	10	5	+5	0.38
5. Northwestern	13	8	12	20	8	9	+3	0.23
6. Purdue	13	9	12	21	9	11	+2	0.08
Iowa	13	9	10	19	10	8	+1	0.08
Penn State	13	12	14	26	13	12	+1	0.08
9. Nebraska	13	8	10	18	11	8	-1	-0.08
10. Indiana	12	11	5	16	7	11	-2	-0.17
11. Illinois	13	12	10	22	15	13	-6	-0.46
12. Minnesota	12	5	4	9	7	10	-8	-0.67

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1. Wisconsin	14	609	3298	5.4	48	235.6
2. Michigan	13	560	2884	5.2	31	221.8
3. Nebraska	13	611	2824	4.6	31	217.2
4. Ohio State	13	563	2485	4.4	20	191.2
5. Purdue	13	535	2361	4.4	22	181.6
6. Illinois	13	550	2232	4.1	21	171.7
7. Northwestern	13	577	2166	3.8	25	166.6
8. Penn State	13	515	2150	4.2	18	165.4
9. Indiana	12	492	1932	3.9	18	161.0
10. Minnesota	12	470	1920	4.1	14	160.0
11. Michigan State	14	489	1931	3.9	21	137.9
12. Iowa	13	454	1790	3.9	18	137.7

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
1. Michigan State	14	502	1407	2.8	11	100.5
2. Illinois	13	514	1610	3.1	15	123.8
3. Michigan	13	429	1712	4.0	14	131.7
4. Penn State	13	481	1733	3.6	13	133.3
5. Ohio State	13	479	1840	3.8	13	141.5
6. Wisconsin	14	498	2139	4.3	17	152.8
7. Iowa	13	549	2028	3.7	16	156.0
8. Nebraska	13	515	2060	4.0	23	158.5
9. Purdue	13	531	2274	4.3	25	174.9
10. Northwestern	13	513	2305	4.5	27	177.3
11. Minnesota	12	459	2237	4.9	23	186.4
12. Indiana	12	552	2924	5.3	25	243.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
1. Wisconsin	14	3298	3280	937	6578	7.0	82	469.9
2. Northwestern	13	2166	3305	984	5471	5.6	51	420.8
3. Michigan	13	2884	2377	844	5261	6.2	53	404.7
4. Michigan State	14	1931	3535	940	5466	5.8	47	390.4
5. Nebraska	13	2824	2115	904	4939	5.5	44	379.9
6. Purdue	13	2361	2538	926	4899	5.3	39	376.8
7. Iowa	13	1790	3052	866	4842	5.6	43	372.5
8. Indiana	12	1932	2393	870	4325	5.0	28	360.4
9. Illinois	13	2232	2392	912	4624	5.1	35	355.7
10. Penn State	13	2150	2301	891	4451	5.0	28	342.4
11. Ohio State	13	2485	1651	808	4136	5.1	38	318.2
12. Minnesota	12	1920	1804	744	3724	5.0	24	310.3

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plys	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
1. Michigan State	14	1407	2477	903	3884	4.3	31	277.4
2. Illinois	13	1610	2110	842	3720	4.4	30	286.2
3. Wisconsin	14	2139	2291	850	4430	5.2	32	316.4
4. Michigan	13	1712	2476	803	4188	5.2	26	322.2
5. Ohio State	13	1840	2366	831	4206	5.1	31	323.5
6. Penn State	13	1733	2478	908	4211	4.6	25	323.9
7. Nebraska	13	2060	2499	876	4559	5.2	39	350.7
8. Iowa	13	2028	2898	962	4926	5.1	37	378.9
9. Purdue	13	2274	2873	932	5147	5.5	42	395.9
10. Minnesota	12	2237	2600	812	4837	6.0	46	403.1
11. Northwestern	13	2305	2995	869	5300	6.1	43	407.7
12. Indiana	12	2924	2580	854	5504	6.4	51	458.7

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING									KICK RETURN AVG										
		G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yds/G			G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg	Long			
1.	Ball, Montee-WIS, JR	14	307	1923	6.3	33	54	137.4	1.	Mostert, Raheem-PUR, FR	12	25	837	1	99	33.5			
2.	Coker, Marcus-IOWA, SO	12	281	1384	4.9	15	50	115.3	2.	Abdullah, Ameer-NEB, FR	13	26	763	1	100	29.3			
3.	Burkhead, Rex-NEB, JR	13	283	1357	4.8	15	52	104.4	3.	Powell, Chaz-PSU, SR	13	27	733	1	95	27.1			
4.	Redd, Silas-PSU, SO	13	244	1241	5.1	7	42	95.5	4.	Hill, Nick-MSU, FR	14	38	999	0	67	26.3			
5.	Robinson, Denard-MICH, JR	13	221	1176	5.3	16	53	90.5	5.	Hall, Jordan-OSU, JR	10	26	683	0	90	26.3			
6.	Gray, MarQueis-MINN, JR	11	199	966	4.9	6	37	87.8	6.	Abbrederis, Jared-WIS, SO	14	28	689	0	60	24.6			
7.	Toussaint, Fitzgerald-MICH, SO	12	187	1041	5.6	9	65	86.8	7.	Bernstine, Jordan-IOWA, SR	12	30	713	0	62	23.8			
8.	Bell, Le'Veon-MSU, SO	14	182	948	5.2	13	35	67.7	8.	Mark, Venric-NU, SO	13	40	915	0	63	22.9			
9.	Martinez, Taylor-NEB, SO	13	189	874	4.6	9	57	67.2	9.	Odoms, Martavious-MICH, SR	12	19	403	0	33	21.2			
10.	Houston, Stephen-IND, SO	12	151	802	5.3	8	67	66.8	10.	Wynn, Shane-IND, FR	12	48	1015	1	99	21.1			
PASSING AVG/GAME									PUNTING										
		G	Cmp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg	Yds/G		G	Punt	Yds	Long	Avg			
1.	Persa, Dan-NU, SR	10	218	297	7	73.4	2376	17	90	237.6	1.	Maher, Brett-NEB, JR	13	59	2626	69	44.5		
2.	Cousins, Kirk-MSU, SR	14	267	419	10	63.7	3316	25	69	236.9	2.	Webster, Cody-PUR, SO	13	45	1931	66	42.9		
3.	Vandenberg, James-IOWA, JR	13	237	404	7	58.7	3022	25	88	232.5	3.	Nortman, Brad-WIS, SR	14	46	1943	74	42.2		
4.	Wilson, Russell-WIS, SR	14	225	309	4	72.8	3175	33	66	226.8	4.	Fera, Anthony-PSU, SO	12	64	2685	69	42.0		
5.	Robinson, Denard-MICH, JR	13	142	258	15	55.0	2173	20	77	167.2	5.	Buchanan, Ben-OSU, SR	13	70	2889	60	41.3		
6.	Scheelhaase, Nathan-ILL, SO	13	184	291	8	63.2	2110	13	77	162.3	6.	Guthrie, Eric-IOWA, SR	13	53	2182	59	41.2		
7.	Martinez, Taylor-NEB, SO	13	162	288	8	56.2	2089	13	61	160.7	7.	Sadler, Mike-MSU, FR	13	61	2509	57	41.1		
8.	TerBush, Caleb-PUR, JR	13	171	277	6	61.7	1905	13	50	146.5	8.	Williams, Brandon-NU, SO	13	52	2119	77	40.8		
9.	Gray, MarQueis-MINN, JR	11	108	213	8	50.7	1495	8	64	135.9	9.	Pines, Adam-IND, JR	12	71	2723	57	38.4		
10.	McGloin, Matt-PSU, JR	12	125	231	5	54.1	1571	8	74	130.9	10.	DuVernois, Justin-ILL, FR	12	53	2029	66	38.3		
TOTAL OFFENSE									SCORING										
		G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G			G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	Pts	Pts/G			
1.	Robinson, Denard-MICH, JR	13	1176	2173	479	3349	257.6	1.	Ball, Montee-WIS, JR	14	39	0	0	2	236	16.9			
2.	Wilson, Russell-WIS, SR	14	338	3175	388	3513	250.9	2.	Burkhead, Rex-NEB, JR	13	17	0	0	0	102	7.8			
3.	Persa, Dan-NU, SR	10	32	2376	376	2408	240.8	3.	Maher, Brett-NEB, JR	13	0	19	43	0	100	7.7			
4.	Vandenberg, James-IOWA, JR	13	61	3022	482	3083	237.2	4.	Coker, Marcus-IOWA, SO	12	15	0	0	0	90	7.5			
5.	Cousins, Kirk-MSU, SR	14	-39	3316	456	3277	234.1	5.	Wiggs, Carson-PUR, SR	13	0	19	39	0	96	7.4			
6.	Martinez, Taylor-NEB, SO	13	874	2089	477	2963	227.9	6.	Robinson, Denard-MICH, JR	13	16	0	0	0	96	7.4			
7.	Gray, MarQueis-MINN, JR	11	966	1495	412	2461	223.7	7.	Gibbons, Brendan-MICH, SO	13	0	13	54	0	93	7.2			
8.	Scheelhaase, Nathan-ILL, SO	13	624	2110	482	2734	210.3	8.	Conroy, Dan-MSU, JR	14	0	17	48	0	99	7.1			
9.	TerBush, Caleb-PUR, JR	13	219	1905	360	2124	163.4	9.	Meyer, Mike-IOWA, SO	13	0	14	44	0	86	6.6			
10.	Miller, Braxton-OSU, FR	12	715	1159	316	1874	156.2	10.	Basil, Drew-OSU, SO	13	0	16	36	0	84	6.5			
RECEPTIONS/GAME									FIELD GOALS										
		G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Yds/G	Rec/G		G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G				
1.	Jenkins, A.J.-ILL, SR	13	90	1276	8	77	14.2	98.2	6.9	1.	Maher, Brett-NEB, JR	13	19	23	82.6	1.46			
2.	McNutt, Marvin-IOWA, SR	13	82	1315	12	88	16.0	101.2	6.3	2.	Wiggs, Carson-PUR, SR	13	19	25	76.0	1.46			
3.	Ebert, Jeremy-NU, SR	13	75	1060	11	90	14.1	81.5	5.8	3.	Basil, Drew-OSU, SO	13	16	19	84.2	1.23			
4.	Cunningham, B.J.-MSU, SR	14	79	1306	12	69	16.5	93.3	5.6	4.	Conroy, Dan-MSU, JR	14	17	23	73.9	1.21			
5.	Toon, Nick-WIS, SR	13	64	926	10	59	14.5	71.2	4.9	5.	Fera, Anthony-PSU, SO	12	14	17	82.4	1.17			
6.	Martin, Keshawn-MSU, SR	14	66	777	4	67	11.8	55.5	4.7	6.	Ewald, Mitch-IND, SO	12	13	16	81.2	1.08			
7.	McKnight, Dalon-MINN, SR	12	51	760	4	64	14.9	63.3	4.2	7.	Meyer, Mike-IOWA, SO	13	14	20	70.0	1.08			
8.	Davis, Keenan-IOWA, JR	12	50	713	4	47	14.3	59.4	4.2	8.	Gibbons, Brendan-MICH, SO	13	13	17	76.5	1.00			
9.	Abbrederis, Jared-WIS, SO	14	55	933	8	51	17.0	66.6	3.9	9.	Dimke, Derek-ILL, SR	13	10	12	83.3	0.77			
10.	Siller, Justin-PUR, SR	13	50	474	1	50	9.5	36.5	3.8	10.	Budzien, Jeff-NU, SO	13	6	10	60.0	0.46			
RECEIVE YDS/GAME									TACKLES										
		G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Rec/G	Avg/C	Yds/G		G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sacks		
1.	McNutt, Marvin-IOWA, SR	13	82	1315	12	88	6.3	16.0	101.2	1.	Taylor, Mike-WIS, JR	14	LB	60	90	150	10.7	2.0	
2.	Jenkins, A.J.-ILL, SR	13	90	1276	8	77	6.9	14.2	98.2	2.	Royston, Kim-MINN, SR	12	DB	71	52	123	10.2	1.0	
3.	Cunningham, B.J.-MSU, SR	14	79	1306	12	69	5.6	16.5	93.3	3.	David, Lavonte-NEB, SR	13	LB	65	68	133	10.2	5.5	
4.	Ebert, Jeremy-NU, SR	13	75	1060	11	90	5.8	14.1	81.5	4.	Borland, Chris-WIS, SO	14	LB	64	79	143	10.2	2.5	
5.	Toon, Nick-WIS, SR	13	64	926	10	59	4.9	14.5	71.2	5.	Morris, James-IOWA, SO	12	LB	52	58	110	9.2	0.0	
6.	Abbrederis, Jared-WIS, SO	14	55	933	8	51	3.9	17.0	66.6	6.	Brown, Jonathan-ILL, SO	12	LB	46	62	108	9.0	6.0	
7.	McKnight, Dalon-MINN, SR	12	51	760	4	64	4.2	14.9	63.3	7.	Kirksey, Christian-IOWA, SO	13	LB	62	48	110	8.5	1.0	
8.	Moye, Derek-PSU, SR	11	40	654	3	74	3.6	16.4	59.5	8.	Hodges, Gerald-PSU, JR	13		60	46	106	8.2	4.5	
9.	Davis, Keenan-IOWA, JR	12	50	713	4	47	4.2	14.3	59.4	9.	Campbell, Ibrahim-NU, FR	13	DB	54	46	100	7.7	0.0	
10.	Martin, Keshawn-MSU, SR	14	66	777	4	67	4.7	11.8	55.5	10.	Bernstine, Jordan-IOWA, SR	12	DB	44	45	89	7.4	1.0	
ALL PURPOSE									SACKS										
		G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Yds/G			G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yards	Total	Avg/G		
1.	Ball, Montee-WIS, JR	14	1923	306	0	0	2229	159.2	1.	Mercilus, W.-ILL, JR	13	DL	14	4	105	16.0	1.23		
2.	Abbrederis, Jared-WIS, SO	14	62	933	315	689	1999	142.8	2.	Allen, Denicos-MSU, SO	14	LB	10	2	69	11.0	0.79		
3.	Coker, Marcus-IOWA, SO	12	1384	157	0	0	1541	128.4	3.	Daniels, Mike-IOWA, SR	13	DL	7	2	50	8.0	0.62		
4.	Hall, Jordan-OSU, JR	10	408	114	70	683	1275	127.5	4.	Buchanan, Michael-ILL, JR	13	DL	6	3	40	7.5	0.58		
5.	Burkhead, Rex-NEB, JR	13	1357	177	19	0	1553	119.5	5.	Simon, John-OSU, JR	13	DL	7	0	47	7.0	0.54		
6.	McNutt, Marvin-IOWA, SR	13	58	1315	0	14	1387	106.7	6.	Crawford, Jack-PSU, SR	13		5	3	39	6.5	0.50		
7.	Jenkins, A.J.-ILL, SR	13	26	1276	0	79	1381	106.2		Short, Kawann-PUR, JR	13	DT	6	1	31	6.5	0.50		
8.	Wynn, Shane-IND, FR	12	37	197	0	1015	1249	104.1		Brown, Jonathan-ILL, SO	12	LB	4	4	28	6.0	0.50		
9.	Redd, Silas-PSU, SO	13	1241	40	0	0	1281	98.5		David, Lavonte-NEB, SR	13	LB	5	1	46	5.5	0.42		
10.	Cunningham, B.J.-MSU, SR	14	26	1306	0	0	1332	95.1		Van Bergen, Ryan-MICH, SR	13	DL	4	3	35	5.5	0.42		
PASS EFFICIENCY									TACKLES FOR LOSS										
		G	Cmp	Att	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Eff.		G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yards	Total	Avg/G	
1.	Wilson, Russell-WIS, SR	14	225	309	4	72.8	3175	33	66	191.8	1.	Mercilus, Whitney-ILL, JR	13	DL	18	9	123	22.5	1.73
2.	Persa, Dan-NU, SR	10	218	297	7	73.4	2376	17	90	154.8	2.	Brown, Jonathan-ILL, SO	12	LB	14	11	63	19.5	1.62
3.	Cousins, Kirk-MSU, SR	14	267	419	10	63.7	3316	25	69	145.1	3.	Borland, Chris-WIS, SO	14		13	12	39	19.0	1.36
4.	Robinson, Denard-MICH, JR	13	142	258	15	55.0	2173	20	77	139.7	4.	Allen, Denicos-MSU, SO	14	LB	15	7	86	18.5	1.32
5.	Vandenberg, James-IOWA, JR	13	237	404	7	58.7	3022	25	88	138.5	5.	Short, Kawann-PUR, JR	13	DT	13	8	53	17.0	1.31
6.	Miller, Braxton-OSU, FR	12	85	157	4	54.1	1159	13	54	138.4		Still, Devon-PSU, SR	13		15	4	77	17.0	1.31
7.	Scheelhaase, Nathan-ILL, SO	13	184	291	8	63.2	2110	13	77	133.4	7.	Simon, John-OSU, JR	13	DL	15	2	59	16.0	1.23
8.	TerBush, Caleb-PUR, JR	13	171	277	6	61.7	1905												

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1	
ARKANSAS STATE	15
ILLINOIS	33
SEPT. 3, 2011	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,154	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Arkansas State	0	8	0	7	15
Illinois	7	10	13	3	33

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
ILL:	Ford 15 yard run (Dimke kick), 2:06 (13-70, 6:50)
Second Quarter	
ASU:	Draper safety, 14:02
ASU:	Zalud 49 yard field goal, 7:29 (6-18, 2:05)
ASU:	Davis 47 yard field goal, 2:50 (6-36, 2:42)
ILL:	Millines 45 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 1:24 (5-80, 1:26)
ILL:	Dimke 32 yard field goal, 0:11 (6-25, 0:58)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	Jenkins 72 yard pass from Scheelhaase (rush failed), 14:37 (2-72, 0:23)
ILL:	Ford 3 yard run (Dimke kick), 5:44 (14-74, 6:47)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Dimke 19 yard field goal, 7:20 (13-95, 6:35)
ASU:	Jackson 1 yard run (Davis kick), 3:20 (12-70, 4:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ASU	ILL
First Downs	15	24
Rushes-Yards	32-60	50-202
Passing-Yards	290	271
Comp-Att-Int	20-32-1	17-25-0
Total Yards	350	473
Punts-Avg	4-43.8	4-30.0
Kickoff Returns	4-66	2-38
Penalties-Yards	2-8	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-1
Sacks By	3-21	2-13
Third-down Conv.	6-14	12-18
Time of Possession	24:17	35:43

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ASU - Jackson 11-39-1, Robertson 5-15, Aplin 9-11, Lawson 4-5, Team 1-(-1), Thornton 1-(-4), Smith 1-(-5). ILL - Ford 22-86-2, Young 6-39, Scheelhaase 12-24, Pollard 2-23, Ferguson 6-15, Osei 1-10, O'Toole 1-5.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ASU - Aplin 20-32-1-0-290. ILL - Scheelhaase 16-23-0-2-267, O'Toole 1-2-0-0-4.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ASU - Frampton 5-99, Stockemer 5-87, Jarobe 5-58, Muse 2-24, Kincy 1-14, Murry 1-5, Jackson 1-3. ILL - Jenkins 11-148-1, Millines 5-119-1, Ferguson 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ASU - Herrold 8, 0.5-1; Robertson 8, 1.0-4; McCray 8; Hills 7; Edwards 6; Nelms 5. ILL - Henry 8, 0.5-2; Sanni 6, 0.5-0; Brown 6, 1.0-4; Hull 5; Bates 5, 2.0-7.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois defeated Arkansas State, 33-15, in the first game of the season for both teams. The victory marks the first season-opening win for the Illini since 2006, when Illinois defeated Eastern Illinois, 42-17, on Sept. 2.
- Nathan Scheelhaase finished 16-of-23 for 267 yards and two touchdowns. During the game, Scheelhaase tossed a 72-yard completion to A.J. Jenkins to break a career high for longest pass, eclipsing his previous best of 54 yards set vs. Southern Illinois on Sept. 11, 2010.
- Scheelhaase topped his career high for passing yards against Arkansas State with 267. Scheelhaase's previous high was achieved in his last game, with 242 vs. Baylor in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 29, 2010.
- Scheelhaase now has 15 touchdowns and just one interception in his last eight games.
- The Illini had two receivers with over 100 yards each for the first time since Oct. 11, 2008, against Minnesota (Arrelious Benn [181] and Jenkins [117]). Jenkins had 148 yards on 11 receptions, while Darius Millines had 119 yards on five catches against Arkansas State. Both receivers recorded one touchdown during the contest.
- Jenkins marked a new career high for most receiving yards in a single contest against Arkansas State with 148. Jenkins' previous high of 137 was set against Minnesota on Nov. 13, 2010. Jenkins also bested his career high with 11 receptions. Jenkins' previous best was seven catches at Penn State on Oct. 9, 2010. In addition, Jenkins topped a career high for his longest catch, surpassing a previous best of 54 yards set three times, last vs. Southern Illinois on Sept. 11, 2010.

GAME 2	
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	3
ILLINOIS	56
SEPT. 10, 2011	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 42,212	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
South Dakota State	0	3	0	0	3
Illinois	21	14	14	7	56

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
ILL:	Young 2 yard run (Dimke kick), 3:58 (10-80, 5:53)
ILL:	Ford 4 yard run (Dimke kick), 0:26 (3-82, 1:02)
ILL:	Henry 27 yard interception return (Dimke kick), 0:11
Second Quarter	
ILL:	Scheelhaase 4 yard run (Dimke kick), 11:01 (7-71, 3:38)
SDSU:	Harris 33 yard field goal, 4:10 (11-36, 6:51)
ILL:	Young 41 yard run (Dimke kick), 1:37 (5-69, 2:33)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	Scheelhaase 3 yard run (Dimke kick), 9:55 (10-81, 5:05)
ILL:	E. Wilson 8 yard pass from O'Toole (Dimke kick), 7:06 (4-30, 1:44)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Pollard 7 yard run (Dimke kick), 7:57 (12-77, 5:37)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	SDSU	ILL
First Downs	6	56
Rushes-Yards	24-25	50-364
Passing-Yards	71	155
Comp-Att-Int	11-22-1	16-18-0
Total Yards	96	519
Punts-Avg	7-50.7	2-35.0
Kickoff Returns	7-175	2-30
Penalties-Yards	4-40	5-37
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	2-6	3-21
Third-down Conv.	2-12	9-11
Time of Possession	25:27	34:33

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): SDSU - T. Kool 11-32, Zenner 5-11, Clare 5-3, Sumner 1-(-5), O'Brien 2-(-16). ILL - Pollard 8-101-1, Scheelhaase 9-93-2, Young 7-65-2, Ford 11-48-1, Ferguson 8-37, Osei 4-14, O'Toole 2-7, Stewart 1-(-1).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): SDSU - O'Brien 8-18-2-0-37, Sumner 3-4-0-0-34. ILL - O'Toole 9-9-0-1-50, Scheelhaase 6-8-0-0-102, Osei 1-1-0-0-3.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): SDSU - Sheehan 2-4, Zenner 2-2, Clare 1-21, T. Kool 1-13, Rollin 1-10, Schneider 1-7, Gant 1-6, Hubert 1-5, Tiefenthaler 1-3. ILL - Jenkins 5-71, Millines 3-38, Lankford 2-7, Harris 1-14, Ferguson 1-10, E. Wilson 1-8-1, Davis 1-5, Young 1-2, Ford 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): SDSU - Lien 8; Luxa 7, 1.0-5; Mink 7; Kilgore 6; Bowers 6, 0.5-0; W. Wright 6; Wise 5; D. Kool 5; Shafrath 5; Helm 5. ILL - Thomas 5, 1.0-6; Henry 5; T. Wilson 5; Denmark 4; Dickinson 3, 0.5-0; Spence 3, 1.0-1.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois defeated South Dakota State, 56-3, to improve to 2-0 for the first time since 2005. The Illini's 53-point margin of victory today is its largest since 1944, when the Illini defeated Illinois-Normal (Illinois State), 79-6.
- Today's total of 364 rushing yards marks the most at Memorial Stadium since Oct. 31, 2009, when Illinois had 377 rushing yards against Michigan.
- The Illini also totaled 519 total yards, marking the third time in their last five games that they have topped 500 yards.
- Illinois rushed for six touchdowns against South Dakota State, equaling a mark last reached during the 2006 season, when the Illini tallied six rushing touchdowns against Eastern Illinois during a 42-17 victory (Sept. 2).
- Illinois' three quarterbacks combined to complete 16-of-18 (.889) passes, breaking the school record for single-game completion percentage. The previous record was 20-of-24 (.833) against Arkansas State on Sept. 14, 2002.
- In two games during the 2011 season, the Illinois defense has allowed only 18 total points (9.0 ppg), including only one touchdown. That marks the first time since the beginning of the 1999 season that the Illini held its first two opponents to fewer than 18 total points (13 combined points between Arkansas State and San Diego State).
- Illinois held South Dakota State to 96 total offensive yards today, the first time since 1998 that the Illini defense kept an opponent under 100 total offensive yards. In 1998, the Illini limited Middle Tennessee State to 69 yards of offense on the game (Sept. 12).
- Troy Pollard had a career day against South Dakota State, totaling 101 yards on eight attempts (12.6 ypr), including a touchdown, to mark Illinois' eighth-straight game with a 100-yard rusher. Pollard's previous career high was 92 yards, achieved against Syracuse on Sept. 15, 2007.

GAME 3	
#22/18 ARIZONA STATE	14
ILLINOIS	17
SEPT. 17, 2011	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 50,669	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Arizona State	7	0	0	7	14
Illinois	10	0	0	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
ILL:	Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick), 10:34 (5-38, 2:27)
ASU:	Robinson 21 yard pass from Osweiler (Garoutte kick), 7:04 (11-80, 3:30)
ILL:	Dimke 20 yard field goal, 3:23 (9-71, 3:41)
Fourth Quarter	
ASU:	Osweller 14 yard run (Garoutte kick), 14:54 (5-45, 1:54)
ILL:	Jenkins 16 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 9:59 (4-41, 1:43)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ASU	ILL
First Downs	21	16
Rushes-Yards	34-106	45-105
Passing-Yards	256	135
Comp-Att-Int	25-45-2	11-15-1
Total Yards	362	240
Punts-Avg	6-36.2	5-41.6
Kickoff Returns	3-78	3-66
Penalties-Yards	8-91	5-33
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Sacks By	2-13	6-23
Third-down Conv.	7-17	5-13
Time of Possession	31:40	28:20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ASU - Marshall 13-69, Middlebrooks 6-17, Osweiler 13-17-1, Miles 2-3. ILL - Scheelhaase 18-67, Ford 21-58-1, Young 2-8, Pollard 1-3, Team 3-(-31).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ASU - Osweiler 25-45-2-1-256. ILL - Scheelhaase 11-15-1-1-135.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ASU - Robinson 8-88-1, Pflugrad 7-75, Willie 3-65, Middlebrooks 2-2, Marshall 2-1, Pickens 1-11, Coyle 1-9, Miles 1-5. ILL - Jenkins 6-103-1, Harris 2-13, Millines 1-9, Ford 1-6, Sykes 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ASU - Elder 10; Irabor 9; Burfict 9; Parker 8, 0.5-3; Coleman 7, 0.5-4; Aaron 5, 1.0-3; Lyons 5. ILL - Hawthorne 8, 1.0-3; T. Wilson 8, 0.5-1; Hull 7; Brown 7, 3.5-12; Green 6; Thomas 6, 0.5-1; Henry 5, 1.0-5; Mercilus 5, 2.0-8; Buchanan 4, 1.5-5, Spence 4, 0.5-3.

GAME NOTES

- With the victory, the Illini improve to 3-0 on the season for the first time since 2001. They also have their first four-game winning streak since 2007.
- Illinois also improves to 14-7 all-time in night games at Memorial Stadium and has now won four consecutive prime-time match-ups. The victory also marked the Illini's first win against Arizona State in school history after ASU won games in 1987 and 1988.
- In beating No. 22 Arizona State, Illinois defeated a team ranked in the AP poll for the first time since beating No. 1 Ohio State on Nov. 10, 2007. The Illini had dropped nine straight games to ranked teams following the win over the Buckeyes. Illinois also recorded its first win over a ranked non-conference opponent since beating No. 25 Louisville, 34-10, on Sept. 22, 2001.
- The Illini defeated a Pac-12 opponent for the first time since Sept. 1, 2001, when they beat California, 44-17. Tonight's win also marked head coach Ron Zook's first career victory over a Pac-12 team.
- The Illinois defense came up big tonight, holding Arizona State to 14 points with three takeaways (two interceptions and one fumble recovery). Coming into tonight, Arizona State was averaging 42.5 points per game. Illinois now has forced eight turnovers in three games in 2011.
- The Illini sacked Arizona State quarterback Brock Osweiler six times, marking its best total since tallying seven sacks against Minnesota on Nov. 7, 2009.
- Senior wide receiver A.J. Jenkins had another big game, catching six passes for 103 yards, one of which was the game-winning touchdown. Jenkins now has two 100-yard games this year and five for his career, tying Arrelious Benn (2007-09) for seventh all-time at Illinois.
- With 67 rushing yards today, sophomore quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase joins the Illini list of career 1,000-yard rushers. Scheelhaase now has 1,052 rushing yards, 36th all-time at Illinois, and is only the second QB in school history to surpass the 1,000-yard barrier.
- Junior defensive tackle Glenn Foster's interception in the first quarter was the first of his career. It was the first Illini interception by a lineman since Doug Pilcher on Sept. 12, 2009, against Illinois State.
- Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Brown had a career game with seven tackles and 3.5 TFLs. Brown also tallied 1.5 sacks and grabbed his second career interception. The TFLs and sacks both were career highs.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 4

WESTERN MICHIGAN20
#24/RV ILLINOIS23

SEPT. 24, 2011

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 43,684

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Western Michigan	3	10	0	7	20
Illinois	7	3	10	3	23

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: E. Wilson 11 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 7:45 (8-74, 3:14)
WMU: Potter 26 yard field goal, 0:41 (18-59, 7:04)

Second Quarter

ILL: Dimke 39 yard field goal, 8:12 (4-[-6], 1:58)
WMU: Potter 24 yard field goal, 3:26 (13-66, 4:46)
WMU: Ravenell 35 yard pass from Carder (Potter kick), 1:42 (3-39, 0:15)

Third Quarter

ILL: Young 14 yard run (Dimke kick), 10:27 (10-80, 4:33)
ILL: Dimke 35 yard field goal, 1:37 (13-69, 5:01)

Fourth Quarter

WMU: White 7 yard pass from Carder (Potter kick), 13:58 (7-69, 2:39)
ILL: Dimke 21 yard field goal (11-77, 5:44)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WMU	ILL
First Downs	17	21
Rushes-Yards	21-35	52-296
Passing Yards	306	167
Comp-Att-Int	30-48-1	17-26-1
Total Yards	341	463
Punts-Avg	4-42.5	3-33.7
Kickoff Returns	6-160	3-65
Penalties-Yards	8-59	5-55
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Sacks By	3-17	2-14
Third-down Conv.	4-15	8-18
Time of Possession	24:39	35:21

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): WMU - Drake 5-18, Fields 8-18, Scriven 2-0, Carder 6-(-1). ILL - Pollard 14-133, Young 12-100-1, Scheelhaase 17-40, Ford 8-23, Prosch 1-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): WMU - Carder 30-48-1-2-306, Scheelhaase 14-20-1-1-133, O'Toole 3-6-0-0-34.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): WMU - White 14-132-1, Ravenell 5-72-1, Arnheim 4-66, Monette 4-20, Hammond 1-11, Prom 1-10, Fields 1-(-5). ILL - Jenkins 6-43, E. Wilson 3-33-1, Ford 3-21, Viliunas 1-39, Davis 1-9, Harris 1-9, Millines 1-8, Young 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): WMU - Simon 11, 0.5-2; Zajac 11; Nowak 11, 1.5-7; Wiggins 10; Pettway 9; Winchester 8, 1.0-3; Toler 6, 1.0-3; ILL - Hawthorne 9; I. Thomas 7, 2.5-8; T. Wilson 7; Hull 5; Green 5; Buchanan 5, 1.5-7; Mercilus 4, 1.0-7, Brown 4.

GAME NOTES

- With the win over Western Michigan, Illinois improves to 4-0 to start the season for the first time since 1951. It also is the Illini's first win as a ranked team since a 20-17 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette on Sept. 13, 2008.
- The Illini now have won five in a row dating back to the 2010 Texas Bowl victory. This consecutive wins total equals the longest of the Ron Zook era and most since 9/8-10/6/2007.
- Illinois had two turnovers today but held Western Michigan scoreless following both miscues. The Illini defense has not allowed an opponent to score following any of Illinois' six turnovers in 2011.
- With an interception against Western Michigan, the Illinois defense now has forced at least one turnover in 19 consecutive games, dating back to the Nov. 14, 2009, game against Northwestern.
- Illinois continued its strong rush defense, holding Western Michigan to 35 yards on 21 carries (1.7 ypc). The Illini now are allowing opponents to rush for 56.5 yards per game.
- Senior running back Troy Pollard produced a career-high 133 rushing yards on a career-best 14 attempts (9.5 ypc). Pollard's previous best was 101 rushing yards against South Dakota State two weeks ago.
- Freshman running back Donovan Young ran for 100 yards on 12 attempts (8.3 ypr), scoring one touchdown - the first 100+ yard rushing game of his career. It also was the first 100-yard game by an Illini freshman since Jason Ford rushed for 172 yards against Indiana on Oct. 18, 2008.
- With both Pollard and Young topping the 100-yard mark, Illinois had two rushers over 100 yards in the same game since Dec. 3, 2010, against Fresno State. In that game, Mikel Leshoure ran for 142 yards and Nathan Scheelhaase had 131 rushing yards.

GAME 5

NORTHWESTERN35
#24/22 ILLINOIS38

OCT. 1, 2011

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 53,243

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Northwestern	0	14	14	7	35
Illinois	7	3	7	21	38

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Jenkins 14 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 2:28 (5-32, 1:59)

Second Quarter

NU: Dunsmore 6 yard pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 12:31 (12-69, 4:57)
NU: Ebert 3 yard pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 2:08 (5-36, 2:18)
ILL: Dimke 49 yard field goal, 0:00 (8-31, 2:08)

Third Quarter

NU: Ebert 39 yard pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 11:42 (7-80, 3:18)
NU: Ebert 4 yard pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 7:11 (8-39, 3:26)
ILL: Jenkins 33 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 3:51 (7-74, 3:20)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Jenkins 50 yard pass from Scheelhaase (run failed), 14:53 (2-58, 0:31)
ILL: Young 1 yard run (Harris pass from Scheelhaase), 6:53 (13-95, 5:52)
NU: Schmidt 6 yard run (Budzien kick), 1:15 (5-36, 1:43)
ILL: Scheelhaase 1 yard run (Dimke kick), 0:13 (6-69, 1:02)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	NU	ILL
First Downs	20	23
Rushes-Yards	51-169	38-82
Passing Yards	160	391
Comp-Att-Int	12-16-0	21-32-1
Total Yards	329	473
Punts-Avg	6-34.0	4-36.0
Kickoff Returns	4-49	6-72
Penalties-Yards	4-48	8-70
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Sacks By	4-25	4-17
Third-down Conv.	5-13	7-13
Time of Possession	30:29	29:31

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): NU - Green 17-67, Trumpy 12-63, Colter 6-29, Schmidt 6-14-1, Smith 1-(-1), Persa 9-(-3). ILL - Scheelhaase 20-35-1, Young 8-29-1, Pollard 3-9, Ford 7-9.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): NU - Persa 10-14-0-4-123, Colter 2-2-0-0-37. ILL - Scheelhaase 21-32-1-3-391.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): NU - Ebert 5-76-3, Schmidt 3-40, Dunsmore 3-26-1, Fields 1-5, Colter 0-13. ILL - Jenkins 12-268-3, Harris 6-63, Ford 2-24, E. Wilson 1-36.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): NU - Peters 13; Campbell 10, 0.5-0; Nwabuisi 9, 2.0-3; DiNardo 6, 1.0-8; Matthews 5. ILL - Brown 11, 1.5-6; Buchanan 10, 3.0-6; I. Thomas 10; Spence 9; Hull 7; T. Wilson 6, 0.5-1; Mercilus 6, 1.5-6; Sanni 5.

GAME NOTES

- With the win over Northwestern, Illinois improves to 5-0 to start the season for the first time since 1951. The Illini also retained the "Land of Lincoln" rivalry trophy after topping the Wildcats for the second year in a row. Today also marks the first time that Illinois remained undefeated after a Homecoming game since 1963, when it was 3-0-1 after beating Minnesota 16-6.
- The Illini now have won six consecutive games dating back to the 2010 Texas Bowl victory. Illinois' longest winning streak since a seven-game string from 9/8-10/6/2007.
- The Illini mounted an 18-point comeback after facing their largest deficit of the season, which marks the largest comeback by an Illinois team since 2005 when they trailed Rutgers 27-7 and came back to win, 33-30 in overtime.
- Illinois scored 28 of the game's final 35 points, including 21 in the fourth quarter, tying the most points scored in the fourth quarter during the Zook era (at Michigan, 10/4/08).
- The Illini snapped a streak of three straight losses in conference openers, winning their Big Ten opener for the first time since defeating Indiana, 27-14, in 2007.
- Senior wide receiver A.J. Jenkins posted a school-record 268 receiving yards on a career-high 12 receptions, breaking David Williams' previous record of 208 yards. It ranks as the third-most receiving yards in a Big Ten game in conference history and the fourth-best mark in conference history in all games. His three TDs also tie the UI single-game receiving TDs record.
- Nathan Scheelhaase set career highs in completions, attempts and passing yards, connecting on 21-of-32 passes for 391 yards. He finished with four total TDs (3 passing, 1 rushing), matching his career high for TDs in a game.

GAME 6

#19/16 ILLINOIS41
INDIANA20

OCT. 8, 2011

MEMORIAL STADIUM // BLOOMINGTON, IND. // 41,665

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	13	7	7	41
Indiana	10	3	0	7	20

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IND: Wynn 99 yard kickoff return (Ewald kick), 14:48
IND: Ewald 44 yard field goal, 5:55 (6-26, 2:01)
ILL: Jenkins 77 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 4:22 (3-76, 1:33)
ILL: T. Wilson 66 yard fumble return (Dimke kick), 1:34

Second Quarter

IND: Ewald 20 yard field goal, 10:49 (4-0, 1:42)
ILL: Davis 3 yard pass from Scheelhaase (pass failed), 7:18 (9-74, 3:31)
ILL: Jenkins 67 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 2:04 (5-97, 2:05)

Third Quarter

ILL: Scheelhaase 9 yard run (Dimke kick), 4:57 (9-54, 3:39)

Fourth Quarter

IND: Roberson 2 yard run (Ewald kick), 5:29 (11-85, 3:21)
ILL: Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick), 1:20 (11-89, 4:09)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	IND
First Downs	23	20
Rushes-Yards	55-308	42-83
Passing Yards	210	219
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-0	17-36-1
Total Yards	518	302
Punts-Avg	6-37.7	7-43.3
Kickoff Returns	4-73	5-160-1
Penalties-Yards	3-24	1-5
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-1
Sacks By	5-38	3-24
Third-down Conv.	6-13	5-18
Time of Possession	32:25	27:35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Pollard 9-92, Scheelhaase 18-88-1, Young 12-73, Ford 16-55-1. IND - Houston 14-68, Roberson 14-36-1, Perez 4-12, Team 1-(-14), Kiel 9-(-19).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - Scheelhaase 12-22-0-3-210. IND - Kiel 6-19-0-0-71, Roberson 11-17-1-0-148.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Jenkins 6-182-2, Harris 3-22, Sykes 1-4, Davis 1-3-1, Young 1-(-1). IND - Houston 3-70, Bolser 3-54, Belcher 3-15, Wilson 3-15, Muhammad 2-16, Hughes 1-27, Roberts 1-14, Wynn 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - T. Wilson 11, 3.5-13; Hull 8; Bates 7; Mercilus 5, 4.0-28; Spence 5; Sanni 4. IND - Hardin 12; Thomas 9; Murphy 8; Barnett 6; Adkins 4; Replogle 4, 2.0-10; Richardson 4, 1.0-14.

GAME NOTES

- With the win today, Illinois improved to 6-0, continuing its best start since 1951 when the Illini started the season 7-0. Illinois has now won seven in a row dating back to their Texas Bowl victory to end 2010.
- Illinois topped the 500-yard mark for the second time this season and the 400-yard mark for the fifth time in six games this season, racking up 518 total yards on the day. The Illini also rushed for 308 yards, the second time this season that they have eclipsed 300 rushing yards and fourth time they've topped 200.
- Meanwhile, the Illini defense held Indiana to 302 total yards and 83 rushing yards, the fourth time this season Illinois has held its opponent under 100 rushing yards.
- Biletnikoff Award candidate A.J. Jenkins caught six passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns today, marking his fourth 100-yard receiving game this season and the seventh of his career. He now stands tied with Walter Young for fifth on the career 100-yard receiving games record list and he is tied for seventh on the single-season record list for 100-yard receiving games.
- With his 182 yards today, Jenkins has 450 yards over the past two games, the most by an Illinois receiver in consecutive games. David Williams previously held that record with 344 yards on Sept. 1 and 8, 1984.
- Jenkins scored on a 77-yard touchdown pass-and-run from QB Nathan Scheelhaase in the first quarter, career longs for both players and Illinois' longest pass play since a 77-yard strike from Juice Williams to Jeff Cumberland at Michigan on Oct. 4, 2008.
- Jenkins later scored on a 67-yard pass from Scheelhaase in the second quarter, giving the duo three touchdown passes of 65-plus yards, the first time in school history that a quarterback and receiver have combined for multiple TD passes of 65-plus yards in their careers.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 7				
OHIO STATE	.....	17		
#16/15 ILLINOIS	.....	7		
OCT. 15, 2011				
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 55,229				

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Ohio State	3	0	7	7	17
Illinois	0	0	0	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
OSU:	Basil 43 yard field goal, 9:04 (10-45, 5:56)
Third Quarter	
OSU:	Herron 12 yard run (Basil kick), 14:06 (1-12, 0:07)
Fourth Quarter	
OSU:	Stoneburner 17 yard pass from Miller (Basil kick), 13:06 (3-22, 1:14)
ILL:	E. Wilson 3 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 6:22 (16-80, 6:44)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	OSU	ILL
First Downs	14	18
Rushes-Yards	51-211	35-116
Passing Yards	17	169
Comp-Att-Int	1-4-0	20-34-2
Total Yards	228	285
Punts-Avg	7-39.0	6-38.3
Kickoff Returns	1-22	3-33
Penalties-Yards	7-64	3-41
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	3-1
Sacks By	2-12	4-25
Third-down Conv.	3-12	5-12
Time of Possession	30:35	29:25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	OSU - Herron 23-114-1, Hall 12-56, Miller 12-34, Hyde 3-8, Team 1-(-1). ILL - Scheelhaase 16-49, Ford 6-30, Pollard 5-24, Young 8-13.
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	OSU - Miller 1-4-0-1-17. ILL - Scheelhaase 20-34-2-1-169.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	OSU - Stoneburner 1-17-1. ILL - Jenkins 8-80, Davis 3-37, Lankford 3-27, Young 2-9, Pollard 2-8, Harris 1-5, E. Wilson 1-3-1.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	OSU - Hankins 9, 2.0-5; Simon 8, 4.0-16; Barnett 8; Sabino 7; Sweat 6; Moeller 5; Bryant 5. ILL - Brown 17, 2.5-12; Mercilus 9, 2.5-14; Buchanan 8, 1.5-6; T. Wilson 6; Hull 6; Henry 6, 1.0-3; I. Thomas 5, 0.5-1; Spence 5, 1.0-5.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois dropped its first game of the season, ending the Illini's seven-game winning streak dating back to the 2010 Texas Bowl.
- Illinois' streak of 21 consecutive games forcing a turnover, which was the longest active streak in the nation, was snapped today against the Buckeyes.
- Ohio State completed only one pass on the day. The last time an OSU team only had one completion was in 1976 vs. Missouri.
- With the Buckeyes only attempting four passes and finishing with 17 yards, the Illini held OSU to less than 100 passing yards for the fourth-straight time.
- Linebacker Jonathan Brown notched a career-high 17 tackles after matching his previous career high of 11 tackles in the first half. That marks the most tackles by an Illini since Brit Miller tallied 17 on Nov. 8, 2008, vs. Western Michigan. Brown also had 2.5 TFLs and 1.5 sacks on the day.
- Illinois' defense, which entered the game ranked 15th nationally in total defense, held Ohio State to 228 total yards, the first time the Illini have held an FBS opponent under 300 yards this season.
- Illinois held Ohio State to 3-of-12 on third-down conversions on the day after entering the game ranked 23rd nationally in opponent third-down conversions.
- Defensive lineman Whitney Mercilus recorded 1.5 sacks and reached double digits in total sacks (10) on the year, which is tied for fourth on Illinois' single season list.
- Tight end Evan Wilson caught his third touchdown of the season. He had two TD catches in 13 games last season.
- Wide receiver A.J. Jenkins caught eight passes for 80 yards, vaulting him into the top 10 for single-season receiving yards by an Illini. He is currently ninth on the list with 895 receiving yards this season.
- With his extra point today, kicker Derek Dimke moved past Red Grange on the UI career scoring list, moving into sole possession of ninth on the all-time list with 187 points.
- Punter Justin DuVernois booted six punts with an average of 38.3 yards, including three downed inside the 20 and one touchback. He also booted a career-best 66-yard punt in the first quarter.

GAME 8				
#23/21 ILLINOIS	.....	14		
PURDUE	.....	21		
OCT. 22, 2011				
ROSS-ADE STADIUM // WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. // 45,146				

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	0	14	14
Purdue	7	14	0	0	21

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
PUR:	Siller 6 yard pass from TerBush (Wiggs kick), 3:25 (13-91, 4:33)
Second Quarter	
PUR:	Mostert 21 yard run (Wiggs kick), 11:41 (9-88, 3:19)
PUR:	Crank 4 yard pass from TerBush (Wiggs kick), 7:48 (4-14, 2:19)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Ford 16 yard run (Dimke kick), 8:12 (12-60, 4:22)
ILL:	Scheelhaase 2 yard run (Dimke kick), 0:54 (12-90, 3:03)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	PUR
First Downs	21	15
Rushes-Yards	33-121	42-126
Passing Yards	245	178
Comp-Att-Int	26-41-1	16-25-0
Total Yards	366	304
Punts-Avg	8-35.0	8-41.2
Kickoff Returns	1-15	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-50	6-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Sacks By	1-12	4-21
Third-down Conv.	6-17	5-14
Time of Possession	31:47	28:13

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	ILL - Ford 10-83-1, Young 7-32, Scheelhaase 13-16-1, Pollard 1-3, Team 2-(-13). PUR - Shavers 8-29, Bolden 12-28, Mostert 1-21-1, Crank 4-19, Siller 3-13, TerBush 10-12, Edison 2-4, Pegram 1-2, Team 1-(-2).
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	ILL - Scheelhaase 22-35-0-0-217, O'Toole 4-5-1-0-28. PUR - TerBush 16-25-0-2-178.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	ILL - Jenkins 8-92, Harris 6-39, Ford 5-69, Davis 4-28, Lankford 1-13, Pollard 1-2, E. Wilson 1-2. PUR - Ross 3-45, Siller 3-45-1, Edison 3-33, Holmes 2-25, Bush 2-10, Wright 1-16, Crank 1-4-1, Bolden 1-0.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	ILL - Brown 11, 0.5-1; Thomas 9, 1.0-12; Spence 8, 1.0-2; Hull 7, Sanni 7, 0.5-0; Foster 6, 0.5-1. PUR - Beckford 11, 0.5-3; Holland 11, 0.5-2; Allen 10; Short 6, 3.5-14; Johnson 5; Evans 5.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois out-gained Purdue 366-304, marking the seventh time in eight games in 2011 that the Illini have out-gained their opponents. Arizona State is the only team that out-gained Illinois.
- Running back Jason Ford scored a 16-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter, his 25th career rushing touchdown. That moves him into a tie for second place on the UI career rushing touchdown record list with Robert Holcombe and Thomas Rooks.
- Ford had his best all-around game of the season, gaining 83 yards on 10 carries (8.3 ypc) and catching a career-high five passes for a career-best 69 yards.
- After catching three passes for 37 yards last week against Ohio State, tight end Jon Davis hauled in a career-high four passes for 28 yards against the Boilers. Wide receiver Spencer Harris also tied a career high with six catches.
- Linebacker Jonathan Brown continued his excellent play, posting a team-high 11 tackles and a half-TFL against Purdue. He now has 28 tackles in the last two games.
- Safety Supo Sanni marked a career high with seven tackles against Purdue while also notching a half-TFL. Defensive tackle Glenn Foster also notched a career-high six tackles against the Boilers.

GAME 9				
ILLINOIS	.....	7		
#21/19 PENN STATE	.....	10		
OCT. 29, 2011				
BEAVER STADIUM // UNIVERSITY PARK, PA. // 97,828				

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	7	0	7
Purdue	0	0	0	10	10

SCORING SUMMARY

Third Quarter	
ILL:	Harris 10 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 3:32 (11-64, 4:26)
Fourth Quarter	
PSU:	Fera 30 yard field goal, 7:00 (10-18, 5:24)
PSU:	Redd 3 yard run (Fera kick), 1:08 (10-80, 1:57)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	PSU
First Downs	16	14
Rushes-Yards	50-192	41-111
Passing Yards	94	98
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-2	9-28-1
Total Yards	286	209
Punts-Avg	9-38.0	8-35.9
Kickoff Returns	2-29	2-51
Penalties-Yards	6-50	4-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	6-2
Sacks By	4-25	2-17
Third-down Conv.	7-18	3-15
Time of Possession	32:51	27:09

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	ILL - Ford 24-100, Scheelhaase 14-89, Young 5-4, Pollard 5-2, O'Toole 1-0, Jenkins 1-(-3). PSU - Redd 30-137-1, Zordich 2-3, Beachum 2-1, Team 1-(-1), Bolden 2-(-9), McGloin 4-(-20).
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	ILL - Scheelhaase 9-16-0-1-63, O'Toole 4-7-1-0-31, Russell 0-1-1-0-0. PSU - McGloin 9-24-1-0-98, Bolden 0-4-0-0-0.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	ILL - Jenkins 6-43, Harris 2-24-1, Ford 2-5, Davis 1-16, Lankford 1-12, Millines 1-(-6). PSU - Brown 3-50, Smith 3-17, Moya 2-29, Zordich 1-2.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	ILL - Brown 11, 2.5-7; Sanni 8, 0.5-0; Buchanan 8, 1.0-7; Henry 7; Thomas 7, 0.5-3; Spence 6, 1.0-1; Mercilus 6, 1.5-10. PSU - Hodges 19, 1.0-8; Still 10, 3.5-17; Hill 10, 1.0-1; Stupar 9; Astorino 7, 2.0-8; Carson 5, 1.0-4.

GAME NOTES

- The game marked the first measurable snowfall for a Penn State home game in October and the first snowy PSU home game since Nov. 2, 1996, against Northwestern.
- It also is Illinois' first game with measurable snowfall during a game since the Illini's contest at Northwestern on Nov. 18, 2000.
- Illinois' defense continued to be stout after turnovers, holding Penn State scoreless after four Illini miscues today. The Illini have now allowed 34 points after 19 turnovers in 2011.
- It marked Illinois' lowest-scoring contest since a 10-6 loss at Iowa in 2007.
- Illinois held Penn State to 209 total yards of offense, Illinois' fewest against an FBS team this year and fewest since limiting Purdue to 205 yards on Oct. 30, 2010. The Illini also held PSU to 98 passing yards, the third time this year and second time in the last three weeks that Illinois has kept an opponent under 100 passing yards.
- Illinois also held PSU to 3-of-15 on third downs. The Illini entered the game 18th nationally and second in the Big Ten in opponent third-down conversion percentage at 32.2.
- Biletniikoff candidate A.J. Jenkins caught six passes for 43 yards, giving him 1,030 yards for the season and making him the seventh receiver in school history to top the 1,000-yard milestone. His six catches also give him 68 for the season, which ranks fifth in school history, vaulting him five spots.
- Running back Jason Ford rushed for 100 yards, passing Ty Douthard and Lonnie Perrin on Illinois' career rushing list and moving into 16th place all-time. Ford now has 1,854 career rushing yards.
- All-America and Bednarik candidate Whitney Mercilus totaled 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks on the day, moving into a tie for third place with Simeon Rice's 11.5 sacks from 1995 on Illinois' single-season sacks record list. He also now has 17 tackles for loss, tying for 10th in a season in UI history along with Jerry Schumacher (2001) and Mikki Johnson (1993).
- Linebacker Jonathan Brown led the Illini with 11 tackles, including 3.0 TFLs, one sack, two PBUs, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Punter Justin DuVernois booted a career-high nine punts for 324 yards, an average of 38.0 yards per punt, with a long of 47 and three downed inside the 20.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 10

#22/21 MICHIGAN31
ILLINOIS.....14

NOV. 12, 2011

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,670

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan	7	7	3	14	31
Illinois	0	0	7	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

MICH: D. Robinson 9 yard run (Gibbons kick), 13:15 (4-80, 1:45)

Second Quarter

MICH: D. Robinson 2 yard run (Gibbons kick), 12:49 (7-41, 3:59)

Third Quarter

MICH: Gibbons 27 yard field goal, 4:31 (7-23, 2:52)
ILL: Scheelhaese 13 yard run (Dimke kick), 0:19 (11-75, 4:12)

Fourth Quarter

MICH: Odoms 27 yard pass from Gardner (Gibbons kick), 9:58 (3-22, 0:54)
ILL: Ford 1 yard run (Dimke kick), 3:12 (18-80, 6:46)
MICH: Toussaint 27 yard run (Gibbons kick), 2:24 (2-40, 0:48)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	UM	ILL
First Downs	14	15
Rushes-Yards	48-223	33-37
Passing Yards	139	177
Comp-Att-Int	8-15-1	17-34-1
Total Yards	362	214
Punts-Avg	4-34.2	9-41.6
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-14
Penalties-Yards	4-29	4-25
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Sacks By	4-49	1-8
Third-down Conv.	6-14	5-17
Time of Possession	32:45	27:15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): UM - Toussaint 27-192-1, D. Robinson 12-30-2, Gardner 2-9, Shaw 3-4, Smith 1-0, Team 3-(-12). ILL - Ford 11-26-1, Scheelhaase 16-14-1, Pollard 5-11, Team 1-(-14).

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): UM - D. Robinson 6-10-1-0-92, Gardner 2-5-0-1-47, Scheelhaase 16-31-1-0-170, O'Toole 1-3-0-0-7.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): UM - Hemingway 3-43, Odoms 2-46-1, Koger 2-42, Gallon 1-8. ILL - Jenkins 8-103, Davis 4-28, Lankford 1-18, Harris 1-14, Vilnius 1-7, Pollard 1-6, Young 1-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): UM - Martin 9, 0.5-8; Morgan 8; Demens 7, 1.0-14; Van Bergen 7, 3.0-28; Kovacs 5, 1.0-4; Floyd 4; Ryan 4, 0.5-0. ILL - T. Wilson 11; Spence 9, 0.5-2; Brown 9, 3.0-8; Thomas 9, 1.5-9; Hull 7; Nixon-Youman 6; Buchanan 5, 0.5-2; Green 4.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois entered the game ranked sixth nationally in TFLs (8.0 per game) and recorded nine more against the Wolverines.
- Bednarik candidate Whitney Mercilus, who entered today's game leading the nation in sacks, added another to his total in the second quarter. Mercilus now has 12.5 sacks on the season, moving him into sole possession of third place on the Illini single-season list. He also enters the Illini career top 10 sacks list, tied for 10th with 14.5 career sacks.
- Mercilus also entered today's contest as the national leader in forced fumbles and added another when he forced a fumble on his sack. Mercilus' total of seven forced fumbles increases his school-record single-season total and is tied for the second-highest mark in Big Ten history in a season.
- Biletnikoff candidate A.J. Jenkins recorded his fifth 100-yard receiving game of the season with his 103 yards on a game-high eight catches. That ties the fourth-most 100-yard games by a UI receiver in a season in school history. He also is tied for fourth with eight career 100-yard receiving games.
- Jenkins' eight catches gives him 76 on the season (now fourth on UI single season list) and 153 for his career (now sixth on the UI all-time list).
- Jenkins improves his total to 1,133 yards receiving this season, moving him up to third place on the Illini single-season list. Jenkins now stands just 146 yards from breaking David Williams' UI record of 1,278 receiving yards, set in 1984.
- In addition, Jenkins' 2,289 career receiving yards to improve to fifth on the Illini career list.
- Jason Ford scored his 26th career rushing touchdown with his 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. That moves him into sole possession of second place on the all-time UI list. Ford trails only school-record holder Howard Griffith (31).
- Tavon Wilson led the Illini with a game-high 11 tackles, which also equaled his season high against Indiana (Oct. 8).

GAME 11

#15/13 WISCONSIN28
ILLINOIS.....17

NOV. 19, 2011

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,519

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Wisconsin	0	7	14	7	28
Illinois	0	17	0	0	17

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

ILL: Young 12 yard run (Dimke kick), 13:14 (11-51, 5:14)
ILL: Young 1 yard run (Dimke kick), 8:21 (6-36, 3:01)
WIS: Ball 1 yard run (Welch kick), 2:55 (2-2, 0:40)
ILL: Dimke 41 yard field goal, 0:02 (13-56, 2:53)

Third Quarter

WIS: Ball 5 yard pass from Wilson (Welch kick), 6:27 (12-30, 7:11)
WIS: Wilson 1 yard run (Welch kick), 0:00 (4-44, 1:22)

Fourth Quarter

WIS: Ball 17 yard run (Welch kick), 12:12 (4-39, 2:02)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WIS	ILL
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Yards	45-195	34-149
Passing Yards	90	152
Comp-Att-Int	10-13-0	22-31-3
Total Yards	285	301
Punts-Avg	4-48.2	2-38.0
Kickoff Returns	2-17	1-(-3)
Penalties-Yards	6-52	6-63
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-1
Sacks By	1-7	2-10
Third-down Conv.	5-11	3-11
Time of Possession	33:24	26:36

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): WIS - Ball 38-224-2, White 1-(-1), Wilson 4-(-6), Team 2-(-22). ILL - Young 8-43-2, Ford 8-39, Pollard 3-28, Scheelhaase 8-28, Jenkins 3-13, O'Toole 2-8, Lankford 1-2, DuVernois 1-(-12).

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): WIS - Wilson 10-13-0-1-90. ILL - Scheelhaase 15-19-1-0-99, O'Toole 7-12-2-0-53.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): WIS - Toon 6-67, Ball 2-(-1)-1, Abbrederis 1-15, Duckworth 1-9. ILL - Davis 5-53, Jenkins 4-33, Millines 4-27, Ford 3-7, Pollard 2-11, E. Wilson 2-7, Harris 1-12, Sykes 1-2.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): WIS - Borland 16, 1.5-5; Taylor 13, 1.0-1; Henry 9; Claxton 6, 1.0-1; Fenelus 6, 0.5-2; Johnson 6. ILL - Hawthorne 15; Brown 10, 4.0-13; T. Wilson 7, 1.0-3; Thomas 7; A. Williams 6; Green 5; Spence 5.

GAME NOTES

- The Illinois defense held Wisconsin's offense, which entered the contest averaging 499 yards per game, to 285 total yards, 214 fewer than the Badgers' average. The 285 yards today marks Wisconsin's lowest yardage in a game since the Badgers accumulated 230 against Iowa on Oct. 17, 2009.
- The Illini also limited Wisconsin to 28 points, its lowest output of the season. The Badgers' previous low was 29 against Ohio State and they average 46.5 per game. Their 28 points today is Wisconsin's lowest scoring total in a Big Ten game since finishing with 24 last year at Michigan State (Oct. 2, 2010).
- The Illini held the Badgers scoreless in the first quarter for the first time this season. Their seven first-half points tied their season low, first set at Ohio State (Oct. 29). In addition, the Illini held Wisconsin to 93 total yards in the first half, while UI racked up 224 yards of offense.
- During Wisconsin's four scoring drives, the Badgers totaled only 115 yards – an average of just 28.75 yards per score.
- The Illini defense also allowed only 90 yards passing, the lowest total since Wisconsin threw for 75 yards vs. Akron on Aug. 30, 2008. It marks the fourth time this year and third time in Big Ten play that Illinois has held its opponent under 100 yards through the air.
- Cornerback Terry Hawthorne led the Illinois defense with 15 tackles, a career-high for the junior. Hawthorne's previous career best of nine was achieved twice, most recently against Western Michigan on Sept. 24, 2011.
- Sophomore Jonathan Brown also finished in double-digits in tackles with 10, including a career-high 4.0 TFLs. Brown's tackles for loss total surpassed a previous career-high of 3.5, set against Arizona State on Sept. 17, 2011.
- Nagurski Trophy finalist Whitney Mercilus, who entered the contest as the national leader in sacks, added another to his season total to reach 13.5 in 2011. Mercilus' sack today moves the junior into seventh place all-time on the UI career sacks list.
- When Mercilus sacked Wisconsin's Russell Wilson, Mercilus forced his eighth forced fumble of the season, tying him with Jonal Saint-Dic (Michigan State, 2007) for the most fumbles forced in a single season in Big Ten history.

GAME 12

ILLINOIS.....7
MINNESOTA27

NOV. 26, 2011

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	7	0	7
Minnesota	0	20	7	0	27

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

MINN: Gray 16 yard run (Wettstein kick), 12:40 (1-16, 0:06)
MINN: Rabe 8 yard pass from Gray (Wettstein kick), 6:59 (7-46, 3:36)
MINN: Wettstein 43 yard field goal, 1:17 (8-61, 4:06)
MINN: Wettstein 51 yard field goal, 0:01 (5-26, 0:23)

Third Quarter

MINN: Gray 14 yard run (Wettstein kick), 8:59 (7-57, 4:00)
ILL: Pollard 11 yard run (Dimke kick), 4:25 (12-80, 4:34)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MINN
First Downs	11	19
Rushes-Yards	32-82	53-248
Passing Yards	78	85
Comp-Att-Int	15-27-0	7-15-0
Total Yards	160	333
Punts-Avg	9-41.9	7-27.1
Kickoff Returns	4-80	2-50
Penalties-Yards	5-50	2-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Sacks By	2-7	5-34
Third-down Conv.	2-15	8-16
Time of Possession	25:58	34:02

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Ford 11-43, Pollard 6-33-1, O'Toole 6-26, Prosch 1-9, Scheelhaase 8-(-29). MINN - Gray 27-167-2, Bennett 23-57, Kirkwood 3-24.

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - O'Toole 11-21-0-0-63, Scheelhaase 4-6-0-0-15.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Jenkins 4-30, Kumerow 3-15, Millines 2-5, Ford 2-(-2), LaCosse 1-11, Davis 1-8, Lankford 1-6, Harris 1-5. MINN - McKnight 4-46, McGarry 1-17, Green 1-14, Rabe 1-8-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Brown 14, 0.5-0; Nixon-Youman 10; Thomas 7; Spence 7; T. Wilson 7; Foster 7, 1.5-2; A. Williams 6; Buchanan 5, 0.5-1. MINN - Royston 13, 1.0-7; Henderson 9, 1.0-5; Hill 8; Tinsley 6, 1.0-3; Cooper 5, 1.5-10; Lewis 5, 1.0-1.

GAME NOTES

- The Illinois defense held Minnesota to 85 yards passing, marking the fifth time this season that the Illini have held an opponent under 100 yards through the air.
- The Illini defense totaled four tackles for loss on the day, giving them 92 for the season and moving them into a third-place tie on the school single-season record list with the 1999 defense.
- Nagurski Trophy finalist Whitney Mercilus forced his Big Ten-record ninth fumble of the season in the third quarter when he sacked Gopher QB MarQueis Gray. That gives Mercilus' 14.5 sacks on the season, within 1.5 of tying Simeon Rice's school record 16 sacks in 1994.
- Senior WR A.J. Jenkins grabbed four passes for 30 yards on the day, moving him into third place on Illinois' career receptions list with 161.
- During Minnesota's five scoring drives, the Gophers totaled only 206 yards – an average of just 41.2 yards per score.
- Senior K Derek Dimke's PAT in the third quarter pushed him into a sixth-place tie with Howard Griffith and Dan Beaver on the UI career points record list with 198.
- Sophomore LB Jonathan Brown recorded a game-high 14 tackles and a half-TFL, marking the sixth time in his last seven games that he has recorded double-digit tackles. In Big Ten play, Brown ranked second with 11.9 tackles and led the league in tackles for loss with 2.07 per game. He also ranked seventh with 0.64 sacks per game in conference play.
- Junior safety Patrick Nixon-Youman posted a career-high 10 tackles after starting in place of an injured Supo Sanni. Nixon-Youman bested his previous high of six tackles set two weeks earlier against Michigan.
- Sophomore WR/P Ryan Lankford had a career day punting the ball with nine punts for an average of 41.9. He had four boots of 50-plus yards (59, 58, 51, 51) and three downed inside the 20.

KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL GAME SUMMARY



Terry Hawthorne turned the tide of the game with his 39-yard interception return touchdown near the end of the third quarter.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Waiting 12 weeks between wins was hard enough for Illinois. Terry Hawthorne and a stingy defense made sure the Illini didn't have to wait an entire offseason as well.

Hawthorne returned an interception 39 yards for Illinois' first touchdown late in the third quarter and the Illini snapped a six-game losing streak by beating UCLA 20-14 in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl.

"It's definitely a relief," said All-American defensive end Whitney Mercilus, who tied Simeon Rice's school record for sacks in a season with 16. "We've been pent up with a lot of anxiety, a little bit of anger with what happened throughout the season and what went wrong. It's a great feeling overall. I'm just ecstatic right now."

Nathan Scheelhaase added a 60-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Jenkins midway through the fourth quarter to seal the first victory for Illinois (7-6) since beating Indiana on Oct. 8.

It also gave the Illini bowl wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history. The players celebrated it by dumping Gatorade on interim coach Vic Koenning during a postgame celebration.

"It feels great to come out with a win. It's why we came here," Scheelhaase said. "Coach Vic said the first night out here, we came here to win. We've been through some tough times but we have an amazing belief in our locker room in each other."

The game between two six-win teams who have already fired their head coaches matched the underwhelming expectations as there was little excitement before Hawthorne's third-quarter touchdown that gave Illinois its first lead.

UCLA (6-8) was held to 18 yards rushing in its third straight loss. Kevin Prince threw two TD passes, including one in the closing minute to Nelson Rosario after the game had been decided.

"This is not the way we wanted to go out, to send our seniors out," tight end Joseph Fauria said. "I guess there's some sort of relief for guys that have another year and looking forward to new beginnings. At the same time, this is going to be a bad taste in our mouth for these next six months or something. But we're excited for new beginnings."

It was an earlier pass by Prince that proved decisive. Three plays after Derek Dimke missed a 37-yard field goal for Illinois, Prince dropped back and threw to his left looking for Shaquelle Evans.

Hawthorne read the play perfectly and stepped in front of the throw for the interception and had a clear path to the end zone for the score that gave the Illini a 10-7 lead.

"The corner just jumped it," Prince said. "It was a little hitch route. I was anticipating him playing in the quarters-type look, where he's going to be off, cover-two look. And he just picked the ball off. Good play by him, and brain fart by me."

Dimke added a 37-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter and Scheelhaase and Jenkins combined on their big play to make it 20-7 with 5:36 to go. Scheelhaase finished 18 for 30 for 139 yards with 110 yards rushing to lead the Illinois offense.

GAME 13 - KRAFT BOWL

ILLINOIS.....	20
UCLA	14

DEC. 31, 2011

AT&T PARK // SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. // 29,878

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	7	10	20
UCLA	0	7	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

UCLA: Embree 16 yard pass from Prince (Gonzalez kick), 10:02 (5-44, 2:18)
ILL: Dimke 36 yard field goal, 0:00 (8-12, 2:19)

Third Quarter

ILL: Hawthorne 39 yard interception return (Dimke kick), 0:43

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Dimke 37 yard field goal, 12:17 (6-47, 2:49)
ILL: Jenkins 60 yard pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick), 5:36 (5-74, 3:09)
UCLA: Rosario 38 yard pass from Prince (Gonzalez kick), 0:29 (9-84, 1:55)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	UCLA
First Downs	17	14
Rushes-Yards	43-178	18-30
Passing Yards	148	201
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-1	14-29-1
Total Yards	326	219
Punts-Avg	5-46.0	8-45.8
Kickoff Returns	2-22	1-15
Penalties-Yards	6-51	3-15
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-1
Sacks By	5-27	1-15
Third-down Conv	7-18	5-14
Time of Possession	33:46	26:14

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Scheelhaase 22-110, Young 12-45, Jenkins 1-16, Pollard 4-13, O'Toole 1-1, Team 1-(-1), Millines 1-(-2), Dimke 1-(-4). UCLA - Coleman 9-39, Franklin 8-29, James 2-(-6), Team 1-(-13), Prince 10-(-31).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - Scheelhaase 18-30-1-139, O'Toole 0-2-0-0-0, Millines 1-1-0-0-9, UCLA - Prince 14-29-1-2-201.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Jenkins 6-80-1, Lankford 3-25, Millines 2-18, Vilunas 2-15, Young 2-(-1), Scheelhaase 1-9, Harris 1-6, Davis 1-0, Pollard 1-(-4). UCLA - Fauria 5-36, Smith 3-60, Rosario 3-55-1, Evans 1-29, Embree 1-16-1, Coleman 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - T. Wilson 7, 1.0-5; Thomas 7, 2.0-6; Brown 6, 0.5-0; Hawthorne 5, 1.5-8; Mercilus 5, 3.0-17. UCLA - Zumwalt 10, 2.0-2; Kendrick 10, 0.5-1; Love 8, 2.0-19; Hillard 7; Graham 6.

GAME NOTES

- With the win today, Illinois finished the season 7-6 for the second-straight year and won consecutive bowl games for the first time in school history after beating Baylor 38-14 in the 2010 Texas Bowl. It also made the Illini sophomore, junior and senior classes the first Illinois players to win two bowl games in their Illini careers.
- The Illinois victory also breaks a four-game losing streak to UCLA and marks Illinois' first win over the Bruins since a 26-7 triumph in Champaign in 1964.
- The Illini limited UCLA to only 18 rushing yards on 30 carries, a season-low by an FBS opponent and the fewest by an Illini opponent since San Jose State had 15 on Sept. 10, 2005.
- Illinois' defense, which entered the game ranked seventh in the nation in total defense, held UCLA to 219 total yards and limited the Bruins to only 14 first downs. That marked the second-fewest total yards by an FBS Illini opponent (Penn State, 209) and tied the fewest first downs this season by an FBS team against the Illini (OSU, PSU, Michigan).
- Illinois broke the single-season school record for sacks in today's game with five. The previous record was 40 sacks, shared by the 2007 and 2001 teams.
- The Illini also had 11 tackles for loss, pushing their season total to 103, the second-best in a season in school history. The school record is 107 in 1987.
- Consensus All-American Whitney Mercilus tied the Illinois single-season sacks record with 1.5 sacks today and 16.0 sacks for the season, equalling Simeon Rice's total from 1994. He also had 3.0 TFLs today, giving him 22.5 for the season, the second-highest total in school history (Rice and Mike Poloskey share the record with 23 TFLs in 1995 and 1991, respectively).
- Senior receiver A.J. Jenkins caught six passes for 80 yards and one touchdown today, giving him 1,276 receiving yards for the season, the second-best total in school history. David Williams' record of 1,278 yards from 1984 remains the school record.
- Junior cornerback Terry Hawthorne gave the Illini the lead in the third quarter with his 39-yard interception return for a touchdown. It was the second pick-six in KFBH history and the second of Hawthorne's career, as he also took back a 44-yard interception return at Minnesota on Nov. 7, 2009.