

2014 **FIGHTING ILLINI** FOOTBALL

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 44,942
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference (Division): Big Ten (West)
President: Robert Easter
Chancellor: Phyllis Wise
Director of Athletics: Mike Thomas
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Tim Beckman
 Alma Mater: Findlay, 1988
 Record at Illinois: 6-18 (2 seasons)
 Overall Record: 27-34 (5 seasons)

Assistant Coaches:

Tim Banks: Defensive Coordinator / Secondary
Bill Cubit: Offensive Coordinator / QB
Mike Bellamy: Wide Receivers
Tom Brattan: Offensive Line
Greg Colby: Defensive Line
Alex Golesh: TE / RB / Recruiting Coordinator
Tim Salem: Special Teams Coordinator
Al Seamonson: Outside Linebackers
Mike Ward: Inside Linebackers
Robert Arnheim: Offensive Graduate Assistant
Kolby Jackson: Defensive Graduate Assistant
Tyler Johns: Defensive Graduate Assistant
LeDominique Williams: Defensive Graduate Assistant

SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Football Operations: Tim Knox
Director of Football Game Analysis: Dane Chester
Director of Player Personnel: Scott Yielding
Director of Alumni Relations: Juice Williams
Director of Student-Athlete Development: Ryan Cubit
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach: Aaron Hillman
Head Football Athletic Trainer: Jake Naas
Head Football Equipment Manager: Trent Chesnut

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2013 Record: 4-8, 1-7 (5th Big Ten Leaders)
Offensive Formation: Spread / Multiple
Defensive Formation: Multiple
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 47/17
Off: 20/9 **Def:** 24/6 **ST (PK/P/LS):** 3/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 18/7
Off: 7/4 **Def:** 8/3 **ST (PK/P/LS):** 3/0
All-Time Record (Years): 586-592-51 (124)
Big Ten Record: 334-399-32
Memorial Stadium Record: 257-221-14
Bowl Appearances (last): 17 (2011 Kraft Bowl)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-9 (.471)

FOOTBALL CONTACT INFORMATION

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2014 ILLINOIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION	2013 REC	SERIES HISTORY (LAST)
Aug. 30	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	11 am CT	MEMORIAL STADIUM	8-4	First Meeting
Sept. 6	WESTERN KENTUCKY	11 am CT	MEMORIAL STADIUM	8-4	First Meeting
Sept. 13	at Washington	3 pm CT	Seattle, Wash.	9-4	WASH leads 6-4 (2013)
Sept. 20	TEXAS STATE	TBA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	6-6	First Meeting
Sept. 27	at Nebraska	8 pm CT	Lincoln, Neb.	9-4	NEB leads 8-2-1 (2013)
Oct. 4	PURDUE	TBA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	1-11	ILL leads 43-40-6 (2013)
Oct. 11	at Wisconsin	TBA	Madison, Wis.	9-4	WIS leads 37-36-7 (2013)
Oct. 25	MINNESOTA (Homecoming)	11 am CT	MEMORIAL STADIUM	8-5	MIN leads 35-28-3 (2012)
Nov. 1	at Ohio State	7 pm CT	Columbus, Ohio	12-2	OSU leads 66-30-4 (2013)
Nov. 15	IOWA	TBA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	8-5	ILL leads 38-29-2 (2008)
Nov. 22	PENN STATE	TBA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	7-5	PSU leads 17-4 (2013)
Nov. 29	at Northwestern	TBA	Evanston, Ill.	5-7	ILL leads 54-48-5 (2013)
Dec. 6	Big Ten Championship Game	TBA	Indianapolis, Ind.		

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MEDIA SERVICES

DIA INTERVIEW PROCEDURE

To facilitate the schedules of Division of Intercollegiate Athletics coaches and administrators and to expedite media requests, the University of Illinois Athletic Communications Office requires media personnel to arrange interview requests through the Athletic Communications staff. This interview procedure is designed to enhance the availability of DIA staff members to answer questions from the media at a time which best facilitates each individual's schedule.

In most situations, student-athletes are not available on the day of scheduled intercollegiate competition until after the event is completed. Players have been instructed not to talk to media who haven't coordinated their requests through Athletic Communications. The team locker room and training room are off limits to media personnel.

PRESS BOX

ENTRANCE TO PRESS BOX Enter the press box through Gate 10 via the press elevator located near the northwest corner of Memorial Stadium (press box side of the field). Press level for all working media is Level 8.

MEDIA WILL CALL (temporary athletics tickets trailer located in State Farm Center northwest parking lot): Credentials that are not mailed may be picked up at the "Press Will Call" at the temporary State Farm Center ticket trailer located near SFC in Lot 35 (northwest parking lot). Will call opens two hours before kickoff. Persons picking up credentials will be required to provide photo identification. All credentials are non-transferable.

WORKING PRESS DECK (Level 8): This level is reserved for print media, originating and non-originating radio, network television and athletic communications personnel. Wireless internet is available free of charge to working media.

PHOTO DECK (Level 5): This deck, located on the West Balcony level, offers a limited area for all broadcast video photographers who are covering the game. This area also will be used by network television and Illini Productions. Food service for media utilizing this area is in the main press box (Level 8) or in the photo tent.

PHOTO TENT (field level/SE corner): This area, underneath the southeast corner of the Horseshoe, offers a field-level work room for photographers covering the game. In addition to work tables and power outlets, wireless internet service is provided. This area contains pregame and halftime food service for photographers. **Photo vests are obtained here and are required to shoot from the field. These vests must be returned following the game.**

SUITES AND CLUB SEATS (Levels 3/6/7): These levels contain individual suites and an club seating for the Colonnades Club and 77 Club. Levels 6 and 7 are not accessible to the media.

SIDELINES

The University of Illinois follows NCAA and Big Ten rules regarding media representatives on the sidelines. Photographers are not permitted to shoot between the 25-yard lines and they must wear both a sideline credential and a photo vest at all times. Violators of the policy will be escorted from the stadium.

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HOME-GAME CREDENTIALS

Media and photography credential and parking applications will be accepted online at fightingillini.com/media. Season credential requests should be made by Friday, Aug. 15. Single-game credential requests should be made two weeks prior to each game to ensure mail delivery, or no later than Monday before each game for Will Call or pre-game day pickup. Illinois athletic communications staff will review each application and individuals will receive an e-mail notification following that review. Please note that in the event of heavy demand for credentials for a particular game, requests will be prioritized according to published circulation numbers. Spouses, dates, non-workers and children will not be permitted in the press box. Media agencies violating this policy could have future credential requests denied. The press box is open to the media four hours prior to kickoff and will close three hours after the conclusion of the Illinois press conference.

SIDELINE: Photographers with game-day sideline credentials must enter through the press box entrance on the northwest side of Memorial Stadium (Gate 10). To secure a photo vest, photographers must go to the photo tent in the southeast corner of the playing field. **Game credential alone will not gain admittance to the sidelines during the game. You must have a photo vest.** Refreshments are available for photographers in the photo tent before the game and at halftime. Wireless passwords also can be obtained in the photo tent.

ROAD GAME CREDENTIALS

See page 3 for instructions on how to request credentials for Illinois' road contests.

CREDITS

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CREDENTIAL USE

Working credentials are subject in all respects to the Media Credential Criteria and Policies set forth by the Big Ten Conference and University of Illinois as in effect from time to time. Working credentials are issued for the sole purpose of providing facility access to an accredited agency's employee who has a legitimate working function (media or game service) in conjunction with a game or games. It is non-transferable and non-assignable, and any duplication or alteration of this document is prohibited. Any unauthorized use of this credential subjects the bearer to ejection from the facility and prosecution for criminal trespass. Any secondary use of any picture, photograph, audio description, video, film/tape, drawing or other description of a game taken or made by the accredited organization or individual to whom a credential has been issued (including, but not limited to use in delayed editorial or non-editorial advertising, sales promotion or merchandising) is prohibited without prior specific written approval of the University of Illinois or the Big Ten Conference. Nothing in these terms and conditions authorizes or allows

CREDENTIALS REQUESTS

Illinois Home Game Credentials

www.fightingillini.com/media

Road Game Credentials

Washington: Send credential and parking requests to Illinois Associate AD/Media Relations Kent Brown at kwbrown3@illinois.edu

Nebraska: www.Huskers.com/media

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bearer to violate any of the trademarks, copyright and other proprietary rights of the University of Illinois or the Big Ten Conference. A maximum of two minutes (2:00) of game video footage (without audio) may be utilized during the one week period following the conclusion of the game solely within regularly scheduled bona fide news programming distributed via television, and may not be distributed via the internet, wireless or other forms of media.

LIVE BLOGGING

Media Agencies and Representatives shall not transmit or display any real-time video or audio, while the event or live network presentation of the event is in progress. Photographs or any text-based accounts or descriptions of the event (including without limitation, any web log, blog, online journal or other web-based publication) during the event is only allowed with the advance written permission of the Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

WEB SITES

Media credentials are issued only for individuals who are affiliated with web sites for national or regional television and news media organizations, e.g. USA Today Online, ESPN, CNN/SI, CBS Sportsline, Rivals.com, Scout.com, etc., for institutions that are conference members and non-conference opponents, and for the Big Ten Conference. The University of Illinois reserves the right to deny media credentials to any individual whose web site is not affiliated with an official news-gathering organization.

PARKING

Media parking is located in Lot 32, which is located at the southwest corner of First and Kirby, south of Memorial Stadium. Entrance to the parking lot is off First Street. Parking credentials should be requested at the same time game-day working credentials are requested. If time permits (at least six working days), both credentials will be mailed. Those who request parking passes the week of the game should pick them up by 5 p.m. Friday at the UI Athletics Communications Office (1700 S. Fourth St., Champaign) when possible. On game day, media with credentials at will call have their names on a list to gain entrance to lot 32.

HOTEL ROOMS

The Athletic Communications Office has a limited number of rooms reserved in the Champaign-Urbana area. Please contact Athletic Communications office manager **Jennifer Fisher, 217-333-1391**, at least two weeks in advance. These rooms will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

TELEPHONES

Telephone lines in the press box must be ordered at least two weeks in advance of the game(s) for which they are needed. The orders should be addressed to AT&T (800/321-8152 or 800/443-9370 fax), during regular business hours. No telephone lines or instruments are available through the UI Athletic Communications Office. The stadium address is 1402 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Photographers are encouraged to use wireless access in the photo tent rather than installing phone lines.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Media members and photographers will have complimentary access to the internet during games through a wireless network (DIA-Private). WIFI passwords are printed on the name card at your seat in the press box or can be obtained from an athletic communications representative in the press box or photo tent.

PREGAME AND POSTGAME SERVICES

Play-by-play, halftime and complete final statistics, quote sheets, and pregame and postgame notes are all regular services on game day. Coach Tim Beckman and selected Illinois players will be available approximately 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of the game and will be brought to the interview room (located in the team room on the ground floor of the football facility in the northeast corner of Memorial Stadium). A member of the UI Athletic Communications staff will escort media members to the Illinois interview area and will leave the press box with approximately eight minutes remaining in the game. Media will be escorted to the postgame interview area through the team entrance after the team has exited the field. Those interested in audio-taping group interviews should connect their recorders to the distribution amplifier provided. Output from the device is microphone level, terminated in 1/8" two-conductor plugs and jacks, or three-pin standard microphone male connectors. The visiting team personnel will lead media to the visitor's interview area, located in the visiting locker room in the northwest corner of the stadium.

WEEKLY PRESS LUNCHEON

The best time to interview head coach Tim Beckman is each Monday at his weekly press luncheon at 1 p.m. CT in the 8th Level media area of Memorial Stadium. The press conference also can be accessed via teleconference. Full video and selected quotes will be posted on fightingillini.com by 5 p.m. on Monday. Contact the Athletics Communications Office for the conference phone number. Media parking is free in the northwest State Farm Center parking lot or at meters in the ARC lot. **The DIA is not responsible for any parking tickets received.** Illinois offers a weekly football satellite feed, with comments from head coach Tim Beckman's weekly press conference on Mondays beginning Aug. 25 and running every week (except for bye weeks) of the season. For satellite coordinates and exact time, contact Athletics Communications at (217) 333-1391.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Monday: 1:20-2pm, Press Level Memorial Stadium. Selected players along with approved requested players following Coach Beckman's weekly press luncheon. Monday player requests must be received by athletic communications staff by 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tuesday: Offensive players not involved in press conference on Monday are available, by request, after post-practice meetings (approx. 5:45 pm) in the recruiting area on the north end of Memorial Stadium. Interview requests should be submitted to Derek Neal (drneal@illinois.edu) by Noon on Tuesday.

Wednesday: Defensive players not involved in press conference on Monday are available, by request, after post-practice meetings (approx. 5:45 pm) in the recruiting area on the north end of Memorial Stadium. Interview requests should be submitted to Derek Neal (drneal@illinois.edu) by Noon on Wednesday.

Phone Interviews - Monday at press box media access and after practice on Tuesday and Wednesday if time allows. Requests should be submitted to Derek Neal (drneal@illinois.edu) at least 24 hours prior to the interview.

First-year freshmen will be available once Big Ten games begin at the discretion of Coach Beckman.

Please arrange interview requests in advance with Kent Brown, Derek Neal or Ben Taylor in the Athletic Communications Office, 217-333-1391. We will make every

effort to fulfill your request, but the student-athletes' academic and athletic requirements take priority.

COACH INTERVIEWS

Coach Beckman and coordinators are available for media interviews Mondays (except bye weeks) during the regularly scheduled press conference. Coach Beckman will begin his portion at approximately 1 pm, with players and coordinators beginning at approximately 1:20 pm. Beckman and offensive assistant coaches will be available after practice on Tuesdays, while Beckman and defensive assistant coaches will be available after practice on Wednesdays.

Coach Beckman also is available for interviews immediately before practice Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment. Contact Athletic Communications to arrange, preferably at least 24 hours in advance. Phone interviews with Coach Beckman may also be arranged through Athletic Communications following the Big Ten coaches' teleconference call that begins at 12:04 p.m. each Tuesday during the season.

Please arrange Beckman interview requests in advance with Kent Brown in the Athletics Communications Office, 217-333-1391.

COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM

Collegepressbox.com is the official media website for Big Ten football. Download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for the conference and each of its member schools. Login information will be distributed to accredited media or you can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.

BIG TEN TELECONFERENCE

The Big Ten will once again feature a weekly teleconference on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT. Coach Beckman will be available via the Big Ten teleconference every Tuesday at 12:04 pm CT. The teleconferences will begin Tuesday, Aug. 26, and conclude Nov. 25. For information on how to access the teleconference, please call Scott Chipman at the Big Ten Conference Office at (847) 696-1010.

2014 Big Ten Teleconference Schedule (CT)

11:00 a.m.	Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
11:08 a.m.	Brady Hoke, Michigan
11:16 a.m.	Gary Anderson, Wisconsin
11:24 a.m.	Bo Pelini, Nebraska
11:32 a.m.	Mark Dantonio, Michigan State
11:40 a.m.	Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
11:48 a.m.	Jerry Kill, Minnesota
11:56 a.m.	Kyle Flood, Rutgers
12:04 p.m.	Tim Beckman, Illinois
12:12 p.m.	Randy Edsall, Maryland
12:20 p.m.	Darrell Hazell, Purdue
12:28 p.m.	James Franklin, Penn State
12:36 p.m.	Urban Meyer, Ohio State
12:44 p.m.	Kevin Wilson, Indiana

FIGHTING ILLINI INSIDER

This weekly half-hour television program features highlights of the previous week's game with analysis by coach Beckman. Viewers should consult their local listings for broadcast times. Brian Barnhart, Illini Sports Network play-by-play commentator, hosts the show with Tim Beckman.

TIM BECKMAN RADIO SHOW

The "Tim Beckman Show" airs Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the Illini Sports Network. The live call-in show, originating from Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy, allows UI students and the Champaign-Urbana community the opportunity to meet Beckman and ask questions about the Illinois football program. The show is hosted by Brian Barnhart, the play-by-play voice of Fighting Illini football.

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All Illinois media releases, statistics, live and archived press conferences, and video of coach and player interviews are available on the official University of Illinois website, www.fightingillini.com. The website also offers live audio broadcasts of all Illinois football games and the coach's radio show broadcasts.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Fighting Illini fans and media can get all the latest news on the football team on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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ILLINI SPORTS NETWORK



The 43-station Fighting Illini Sports Network brings Illinois football to fans across the state and Midwest with Brian Barnhart, Kurt Kittner and Steve Kelly calling the action.

In 2014, Barnhart will begin his 13th season as the "Voice of the Illini" after a long stint in professional baseball, including two years as the play-by-play voice of the Anaheim Angels. Barnhart serves as the voice of the Illini Sports Network, providing play-by-play coverage of football and men's basketball and as the host of the statewide "Tim Beckman Show" call-in program every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

A native of nearby Tolono, Barnhart graduated Liberty University before beginning a 15-year career in professional baseball in 1986. In 1998, Barnhart was named the play-by-play announcer for the Angels and spent two full seasons with the American League club before returning to the Champaign-Urbana area in 2000. He currently is a news and sports announcer at WDWS-AM 1400 in Champaign. During the 2007 season, Barnhart was honored by the Illinois Broadcasters Association with the "Silver Dome Award for Best Sports Play-by-Play" for his call of Illinois' football upset of No. 1 Ohio State. In 2008, Barnhart was named

"Sportscaster of the Year" in the state of Illinois by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Former Illini All-American quarterback Kurt Kittner joined the Illini Sports Network in 2007 and is in his eighth season as expert analyst. Kittner lettered at Illinois from 1998-2001, leading the Illini to a the Big Ten title, a 10-win season and a trip to the Sugar Bowl in 2001. The three-time team MVP was the signal caller for the most proficient offenses in school history. Kittner was a two-time All-Big Ten selection, won 24 games in an Illinois jersey and finished 12th in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2001. The Schaumburg, Ill. native was a fifth-round draft pick by the Atlanta Falcons.

Along with Barnhart and Kittner on the broadcast again this fall is Kelly, a veteran Illini sportscaster who handles pregame, halftime and postgame host duties. Kelly has covered Illini athletics for over two decades on television and radio. He hosts the popular "Sports Talk" show on WDWS-AM 1400 in Champaign and also hosts "Gameday" extended coverage of Illini athletics on WDWS and Lite Rock 97.5.

The statewide Fighting Illini Sports Network is managed by Fighting Illini Sports Properties and encompasses all sponsorship and operational elements. Illini Sports Network programming includes hour-long pregame and postgame shows around live football and men's basketball games, plus coverage of women's basketball, volleyball and baseball, along with the "Illini Today" daily report. The "Tim Beckman Show" can be heard statewide on the Illini Sports Network every Tuesday beginning August 26th at 6:30 p.m.

FIGHTING ILLINI
SPORTS NETWORK

2014-15 STATION LIST *(as of July 15, 2014)*

Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3	Macomb, WKXQ-FM 92.5
Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570	Mt. Carmel, WSJD-FM 100.5
Canton, WBYS-AM 1560	Murphysboro, WINI-AM 1420
Carlyle, WCXO-FM 96.7	Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9
Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400	Paxton, WPNX-FM 104.9
Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5	Peoria, WZPN-FM 96.5
Chicago, WSCR-AM 670	Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5
Danville, WDAN-AM 1490	Quincy, WTAD-AM 930
Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1	Quincy, WQCY-FM 103.9
Davenport, IA, WFXN-AM 1230	Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570
Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340	Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7
DuQuoin, WDOQ-AM 1580	Rockford, WROK-AM 1440
Dwight/Pontiac, WJEZ-FM 98.9	Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1
Effingham, WCRF-FM 95.7	Salem, WJBD-AM 1350
Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390	Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230
Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400	St. Louis, WXOS-FM 101.1
Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550	Springfield, WFMB-AM 1450
Jacksonville, WJIL-FM 102.9	Springfield, WFMB-FM 107.1
Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480	Springfield, WCVS-FM 96.7
Kewanee, WYEC-FM 93.9	Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3
Kewanee, WKEL-AM 1450	Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1
Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1	

2014-15 BOWL SCHEDULE

Bowl Game	Date/Time (ET)	Site	Matchup	Network
R-L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	Dec. 20 / 11 am	New Orleans, La.	Sun Belt vs. MWC	ESPN
Gildan New Mexico Bowl	Dec. 20 / 2:20 pm	Albuquerque, N.M.	MWC vs. C-USA	ESPN
Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl	Dec. 20 / 3:30 pm	Las Vegas, Nev.	MWC #1 vs. Pac-12 #6	ABC
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Dec. 20 / 5:45 pm	Boise, Idaho	MWC vs. MAC	ESPN
Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	Dec. 20 / 9:15 pm	Montgomery, Ala.	MAC #4 vs. Sun Belt #3	ESPN
Miami Beach Bowl	Dec. 23 / 2 pm	Miami, Fla.	BYU vs. The American	ESPN
Boca Raton Bowl	Dec. 23 / 6 pm	Boca Raton, Fla.	C-USA vs. MAC	ESPN
S.D. County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl	Dec. 23 / 9:30 pm	San Diego, Calif.	Navy vs. MWC	ESPN
Bahamas Bowl	Dec. 24 / Noon	Nassau, Bahamas	C-USA vs. MAC	ESPN
Sheraton Hawaii Bowl	Dec. 24 / 8 pm	Honolulu, Hawaii	C-USA vs. MWC	ESPN
Heart of Dallas Bowl	Dec. 26 / 1 pm	Dallas, Texas	Big Ten vs. C-USA	ESPN
Detroit Bowl	Dec. 26 / 4:30 pm	Detroit, Mich.	Big Ten vs. ACC	ESPN
Bitcoin St. Petersburg Bowl	Dec. 26 / 8 pm	St. Petersburg, Fla.	ACC vs. The American	ESPN
Military Bowl	Dec. 27 / 1 pm	Annapolis, Md.	ACC vs. The American	ESPN
Hyundai Sun Bowl	Dec. 27 / 2 pm	El Paso, Texas	ACC vs. Pac-12	CBS
Duck Commander Independence Bowl	Dec. 27 / 4 pm	Shreveport, La.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN2
New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Dec. 27 / 4:30 pm	Bronx, N.Y.	ACC vs. Big Ten	ESPN
National University Holiday Bowl	Dec. 27 / 8 pm	San Diego, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12	ESPN
AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Dec. 29 / 2 pm	Memphis, Tenn.	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Russell Athletic Bowl	Dec. 29 / 5:30 pm	Orlando, Fla.	ACC vs. Big 12	ESPN
AdvoCare Texas Bowl	Dec. 29 / 9 pm	Houston, Texas	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl	Dec. 30 / 3 pm	Nashville, Tenn.	ACC/Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
Belk Bowl	Dec. 30 / 6:45 pm	Charlotte, N.C.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN
San Francisco Bowl	Dec. 30 / 10 pm	Santa Clara, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Dec. 31 / TBA	Atlanta, Ga.	At-Large/Group of Five vs. A-L/Go5	ESPN
Fiesta Bowl	Dec. 31 / 5 pm	Glendale, Ariz.	At-Large vs. Group of Five	ESPN
Discover Orange Bowl	Dec. 31 / 8:30 pm	Miami Gardens, Fla.	ACC Champ/A-L vs. Big Ten/SEC/ND	ESPN
Capital One Bowl	Jan. 1 / 12:30 pm	Orlando, Fla.	ACC/Big Ten vs. SEC	ABC
Outback Bowl	Jan. 1 / 1 pm	Tampa, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN2
AT&T Cotton Bowl	Jan. 1 / 1 pm	Arlington, Texas	At-Large vs. Group of Five	ESPN
Rose Bowl	Jan. 1 / 5 pm	Pasadena, Calif.	Playoff Semifinal Game	ESPN
Allstate Sugar Bowl	Jan. 1 / 8:30 pm	New Orleans, La.	Playoff Semifinal Game	ESPN
Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Jan. 2 / Noon	Fort Worth, Texas	Army vs. The American	ESPN
TaxSlayer Bowl (formerly Gator)	Jan. 2 / 3:20 pm	Jacksonville, Fla.	ACC/Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
Valero Alamo Bowl	Jan. 2 / 6:45 pm	San Antonio, Texas	Big 12 vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Cactus Bowl	Jan. 2 / 10:15 pm	Tempe, Ariz.	Big 12 vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Birmingham Bowl	Jan. 3 / 1 pm	Birmingham, Ala.	SEC vs. The American	ESPN/2
GoDaddy Bowl	Jan. 4 / 9 pm	Mobile, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt	ESPN
College Football Championship Game	Jan. 12 / 8:30 pm	Arlington, Texas	Semifinal Winner vs. Semifinal Winner	ESPN

All times Eastern and subject to change

2014 BIG TEN COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

Eastern Illinois at Minnesota
Rutgers at Washington State

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Jacksonville St. at Michigan St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

Youngstown St. at Illinois
Northern Iowa at Iowa
Florida Atlantic at Nebraska
California at Northwestern
Western Michigan at Purdue
Wisconsin vs. LSU [3]
Indiana State at Indiana
James Madison at Maryland
Appalachian State at Michigan
Ohio St. at Navy [1]
Penn St. vs. Central Florida [2]

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

Western Kentucky at Illinois
Ball State at Iowa
Middle Tennessee St. at Minnesota
McNeese St. at Nebraska
Northern Illinois at Northwestern
Central Michigan at Purdue
Western Illinois at Wisconsin
Maryland at South Florida
Michigan at Notre Dame
Michigan St. at Oregon
Virginia Tech at Ohio St.

Akron at Penn St.
Howard at Rutgers

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Illinois at Washington
Iowa State at Iowa
Minnesota at TCU
Nebraska at Fresno St.
Purdue vs. Notre Dame [4]
Indiana at Bowling Green
West Virginia at Maryland
Miami (Ohio) at Michigan
Kent St. at Ohio St.
Penn St. at Rutgers

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Texas St. at Illinois
Iowa at Pittsburgh
San Jose St. at Minnesota
Miami at Nebraska
Western Illinois at Northwestern
Southern Illinois at Purdue
Bowling Green at Wisconsin
Indiana at Missouri
Maryland at Syracuse
Utah at Michigan
Eastern Michigan at Michigan St.
Massachusetts at Penn St.
Rutgers at Navy

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Illinois at Nebraska
Iowa at Purdue
Minnesota at Michigan
Northwestern at Penn St.
South Florida at Wisconsin
Maryland at Indiana
Wyoming at Michigan St.
Cincinnati at Ohio St.
Tulane at Rutgers

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Purdue at Illinois
Nebraska at Michigan St.
Wisconsin at Northwestern
North Texas at Indiana
Ohio St. at Maryland
Michigan at Rutgers

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

Illinois at Wisconsin
Indiana at Iowa
Northwestern at Minnesota
Michigan St. at Purdue
Penn St. at Michigan

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

Iowa at Maryland
Purdue at Minnesota
Nebraska at Northwestern
Michigan St. at Indiana
Rutgers at Ohio St.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

Minnesota at Illinois
Rutgers at Nebraska
Maryland at Wisconsin
Michigan at Michigan State
Ohio State at Penn State

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Illinois at Ohio State
Northwestern at Iowa
Purdue at Nebraska
Wisconsin at Rutgers
Indiana at Michigan
Maryland at Penn State

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Iowa at Minnesota
Michigan at Northwestern
Wisconsin at Purdue
Penn State at Indiana
Ohio State at Michigan State

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

Iowa at Illinois
Ohio State at Minnesota
Nebraska at Wisconsin
Northwestern at Notre Dame
Indiana at Rutgers
Michigan State at Maryland
Temple at Penn State

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Penn State at Illinois
Wisconsin at Iowa
Minnesota at Nebraska
Northwestern at Purdue
Indiana at Ohio State
Maryland at Michigan
Rutgers at Michigan State

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

Nebraska at Iowa

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

Illinois at Northwestern
Minnesota at Wisconsin
Purdue at Indiana
Rutgers at Maryland
Michigan at Ohio State
Michigan State at Penn State

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

Big Ten Championship Game [4]

[1] - Baltimore, Md.

[2] - Dublin, Ireland

[3] - Houston, Texas

[4] - Indianapolis, Ind.



2014 OPPONENTS

YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS

Aug. 30 // 11 am CT // BTN // Champaign, Ill.

Location: Youngstown, Ohio
Enrollment: 13,381
Stadium (Surface): Stambaugh Stadium (artificial turf)
Stadium Capacity: 20,630
Conference: Missouri Valley
Athletics Website: www.YSUsports.com

Head Coach: Eric Wolford
Alma Mater, Year: Kansas State, 1994
School/Career Record: 24-21 (4) / same

2013 Record: 8-4
2013 Conf. Record: 5-3
Series: First meeting

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 41/23
Starters Returning/Lost: 15/9



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 30	.....at Illinois
Sept. 6	.....Duchesne
Sept. 13	.....Butler
Sept. 20	.....Saint Francis (Pa.)
Sept. 27	.....OPEN
Oct. 4	.....at Missouri State
Oct. 11	.....Western Illinois
Oct. 18	.....Southern Illinois
Oct. 25	.....at South Dakota State
Nov. 1	.....South Dakota
Nov. 8	.....at Illinois State
Nov. 15	.....Indiana State
Nov. 22	.....at North Dakota State

TEXAS STATE BOBCATS

Spet. 20 // Time & TV TBA // Champaign, Ill.

Location: San Marcos, Texas
Enrollment: 35,568
Stadium (Surface): Bobcat Stadium (FieldTurf)
Stadium Capacity: 30,000
Conference: Sun Belt
Athletics Website: txstatebobcats.com

Head Coach: Dennis Franchione
Alma Mater, Year: Pittsburg State, 1973
School/Career Record: 29-29 (6) / 203-121-2 (29)

2013 Record: 6-6
2013 Conf. Record: 2-5
Series: First meeting

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 45/29
Starters Returning/Lost: 14/13



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 30	.....Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Sept. 6	.....OPEN
Sept. 13	.....Navy
Sept. 20	.....at Illinois
Sept. 27	.....at Tulsa
Oct. 4	.....Idaho
Oct. 14	.....UL Lafayette
Oct. 18	.....OPEN
Oct. 25	.....at UL Monroe
Nov. 1	.....at New Mexico State
Nov. 8	.....Georgia Southern
Nov. 15	.....at South Alabama
Nov. 22	.....Arkansas State
Nov. 29	.....at Georgia State

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

Sept. 6 // 11 am CT // BTN // Champaign, Ill.

Location: Bowling Green, Ky.
Enrollment: 21,124
Stadium (Surface): Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium (FieldTurf)
Stadium Capacity: 22,113
Conference: Conference USA
Athletics Website: WKUSports.com

Head Coach: Jeff Brohm
Alma Mater, Year: Louisville, 1994
School/Career Record: 1st year / same

2013 Record: 8-4
2013 Conf. Record: 4-3
Series: First meeting

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 46/20
Starters Returning/Lost: 15/10



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 28	.....Bowling Green
Sept. 6	.....at Illinois
Sept. 13	.....at MTSU
Sept. 20	.....OPEN
Sept. 27	.....at Navy
Oct. 4	.....UAB
Oct. 11	.....OPEN
Oct. 18	.....at FAU
Oct. 25	.....Old Dominion
Nov. 1	.....at Louisiana Tech
Nov. 8	.....UTEP
Nov. 15	.....Army
Nov. 22	.....UTSA
Nov. 29	.....at Marshall

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

Sept. 27 // 8 pm CT // BTN // Lincoln, Neb.

Location: Lincoln, Neb.
Enrollment: 24,445
Stadium (Surface): Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf)
Stadium Capacity: 87,000
Conference: Big Ten (West)
Athletics Website: Huskers.com

Head Coach: Bo Pelini
Alma Mater, Year: Ohio State, 1990
School/Career Record: 58-24 (6) / Same

2013 Record: 9-4
2013 Conf. Record: 5-3
Series: NEB leads: 8-2-1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 46/30
Starters Returning/Lost: 14/13



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 30	.....Florida Atlantic
Sept. 6	.....McNeese State
Sept. 13	.....at Fresno State
Sept. 20	.....Miami (Fla.)
Sept. 27	.....Illinois
Oct. 4	.....at Michigan State
Oct. 11	.....OPEN
Oct. 18	.....at Northwestern
Oct. 25	.....Rutgers
Nov. 1	.....Purdue
Nov. 8	.....OPEN
Nov. 15	.....at Wisconsin
Nov. 22	.....Minnesota
Nov. 28	.....at Iowa

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

Sept. 13 // 3 pm CT // FOX // Seattle, Wash.

Location: Seattle, Wash.
Enrollment: 43,307
Stadium (Surface): Husky Stadium (FieldTurf)
Stadium Capacity: 70,138 (approximately)
Conference: Pac-12 (North)
Athletics Website: GoHuskies.com

Head Coach: Chris Peterson
Alma Mater, Year: UC Davis, 1988
School/Career Record: First season / 92-12 (8)

2013 Record: 9-4
2013 Conf. Record: 5-4
Series: WASH leads: 6-4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 49/19
Starters Returning: 15



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 30	.....at Hawaii
Sept. 6	.....Eastern Washington
Sept. 13	.....Illinois
Sept. 20	.....Georgia State
Sept. 27	.....Stanford
Oct. 4	.....OPEN
Oct. 11	.....at California
Oct. 18	.....at Oregon
Oct. 25	.....Arizona State
Nov. 1	.....at Colorado
Nov. 8	.....UCLA
Nov. 15	.....at Arizona
Nov. 22	.....Oregon State
Nov. 29	.....at Washington State

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Oct. 4 // Time & TV TBA // Champaign, Ill.

Location: West Lafayette, Ind.
Enrollment: 38,788
Stadium (Surface): Ross-Ade Stadium (Grass)
Stadium Capacity: 60,000
Conference: Big Ten (West)
Athletics Website: PurdueSports.com

Head Coach: Darrell Hazell
Alma Mater, Year: Muskingum College, 1986
School/Career Record: 1-11 (1) / 17-21 (3)

2013 Record: 1-11
2013 Conf. Record: 0-8
Series: ILL leads: 43-40-6

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 42/23
Starters Returning/Lost: 19/6



2014 Schedule	
Aug. 30	.....Western Michigan
Sept. 6	.....Central Michigan
Sept. 13	.....vs. Notre Dame
Sept. 20	.....Southern Illinois
Sept. 27	.....Iowa
Oct. 4	.....at Illinois
Oct. 11	.....Michigan State
Oct. 18	.....at Minnesota
Oct. 25	.....OPEN
Nov. 1	.....at Nebraska
Nov. 8	.....Wisconsin
Nov. 15	.....OPEN
Nov. 22	.....Northwestern
Nov. 29	.....at Indiana

2014 OPPONENTS

WISCONSIN BADGERS

Oct. 11 // Time & TV TBA // Madison, Wis.

Location: Madison, Wis.

Enrollment: 42,595

Stadium (Surface): Camp Randall Stadium (FieldTurf)

Stadium Capacity: 80,321

Conference: Big Ten (West)

Athletics Website: UWBadgers.com

Head Coach: Gary Anderson

Alma Mater, Year: Utah, 1986

School/Career Record: 9-4 (1) / 39-35 (6)

2013 Record: 9-4

2013 Conf. Record: 6-2

Series: WISC leads 37-36-7

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 48/25

Starters Returning/Lost: 11/13



2014 Schedule

Aug. 30 vs. LSU
 Sept. 6 Western Illinois
 Sept. 13 OPEN
 Sept. 20 Bowling Green
 Sept. 27 South Florida
 Oct. 4 at Northwestern
 Oct. 11 Illinois
 Oct. 18 OPEN
 Oct. 25 Maryland
 Nov. 1 at Rutgers
 Nov. 8 at Purdue
 Nov. 15 Nebraska
 Nov. 22 at Iowa
 Nov. 29 Minnesota

IOWA HAWKEYES

Nov. 15 // Time & TV TBA // Champaign, Ill.

Location: Iowa City, Iowa

Enrollment: 31,065

Stadium (Surface): Kinnick Stadium (FieldTurf)

Stadium Capacity: 70,585

Conference: Big Ten (West)

Athletics Website: Hawkeyesports.com

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

Alma Mater, Year: Connecticut, 1978

School/Career Record: 108-79 (15) / 120-100 (18)

2013 Record: 8-5

2013 Conf. Record: 5-3

Series: ILL leads 38-29-2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 41/16

Starters Returning/Lost: 14/10



2014 Schedule

Aug. 30 Northern Iowa
 Sept. 6 Ball State
 Sept. 13 Iowa State
 Sept. 20 at Pittsburgh
 Sept. 27 at Purdue
 Oct. 4 OPEN
 Oct. 11 Indiana
 Oct. 18 at Maryland
 Oct. 25 OPEN
 Nov. 1 Northwestern
 Nov. 8 at Minnesota
 Nov. 15 at Illinois
 Nov. 22 Wisconsin
 Nov. 29 Nebraska

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Oct. 25 // 11 am CT // TV TBA // Champaign, Ill.

HOME COMING

Location: Minneapolis, Minn.

Enrollment: 52,557

Stadium (Surface): TCF Bank Stadium (FieldTurf)

Stadium Capacity: 50,720

Conference: Big Ten (West)

Athletics Website: GopherSports.com

Head Coach: Jerry Kill

Alma Mater, Year: Southwestern College, 1983

School/Career Record: 17-21 (3) / 144-94 (20)

2013 Record: 8-5

2013 Conf. Record: 4-4

Series: MINN leads 35-28-3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 50/16

Starters Returning/Lost: 16/8



2014 Schedule

Aug. 28 Eastern Illinois
 Sept. 6 Middle Tennessee St.
 Sept. 13 at TCU
 Sept. 20 San Jose State
 Sept. 27 at Michigan
 Oct. 4 OPEN
 Oct. 11 Northwestern
 Oct. 18 Purdue
 Oct. 25 at Illinois
 Nov. 1 OPEN
 Nov. 8 Iowa
 Nov. 15 Ohio State
 Nov. 22 at Nebraska
 Nov. 29 at Wisconsin

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

Nov. 22 // Time & TV TBA // Champaign, Ill.

Location: University Park, Pa.

Enrollment: 46,184

Stadium (Surface): Beaver Stadium (Grass)

Stadium Capacity: 106,572

Conference: Big Ten (East)

Athletics Website: GoPSUSports.com

Head Coach: James Franklin

Alma Mater, Year: East Stroudsburg, 1995

School/Career Record: 1st season / 24-15 (3)

2013 Record: 7-5

2013 Conf. Record: 4-4

Series: PSU leads: 17-4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 41/18

Starters Returning/Lost: 15/9



2014 Schedule

Aug. 30 vs. Central Florida
 Sept. 6 Akron
 Sept. 13 at Rutgers
 Sept. 20 Massachusetts
 Sept. 27 Northwestern
 Oct. 4 OPEN
 Oct. 11 at Michigan
 Oct. 18 OPEN
 Oct. 25 Ohio State
 Nov. 1 Maryland
 Nov. 8 at Indiana
 Nov. 15 Temple
 Nov. 22 at Illinois
 Nov. 29 Michigan State

OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

Nov. 1 // 7 pm CT // TV TBA // Columbus, Ohio

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Enrollment: 57,466

Stadium (Surface): Ohio Stadium (FieldTurf)

Stadium Capacity: 102,329

Conference: Big Ten (East)

Athletics Website: OhioStateBuckeyes.com

Head Coach: Urban Meyer

Alma Mater, Year: Cincinnati, 1986

School/Career Record: 24-2 (2) / 128-25 (12)

2013 Record: 12-2

2013 Conf. Record: 8-0

Series: OSU leads: 66-30-4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 39/18

Starters Returning/Lost: 14/11



2014 Schedule

Aug. 30 vs. Navy
 Sept. 6 Virginia Tech
 Sept. 13 Kent State
 Sept. 20 OPEN
 Sept. 27 Cincinnati
 Oct. 4 at Maryland
 Oct. 11 OPEN
 Oct. 18 Rutgers
 Oct. 25 at Penn State
 Nov. 1 Illinois
 Nov. 8 at Michigan State
 Nov. 15 at Minnesota
 Nov. 22 Indiana
 Nov. 29 Michigan

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

Nov. 29 // Time & TV TBA // Evanston, Ill.

Location: Evanston, Ill.

Enrollment: 8,367

Stadium (Surface): Ryan Field (Grass)

Stadium Capacity: 47,130

Conference: Big Ten (West)

Athletics Website: NUSports.com

Head Coach: Pat Fitzgerald

Alma Mater, Year: Northwestern, 1997

School/Career Record: 55-46 (8) / Same

2013 Record: 5-7

2013 Conf. Record: 1-7

Series: ILL leads: 54-48-5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 55/14

Starters Returning/Lost: 18/6



2014 Schedule

Aug. 30 California
 Sept. 6 Northern Illinois
 Sept. 13 OPEN
 Sept. 20 Western Illinois
 Sept. 27 at Penn State
 Oct. 4 Wisconsin
 Oct. 11 at Minnesota
 Oct. 18 Nebraska
 Oct. 25 OPEN
 Nov. 1 at Iowa
 Nov. 8 Michigan
 Nov. 15 at Notre Dame
 Nov. 22 at Purdue
 Nov. 29 Illinois

2014 PRESEASON NOTES

- Head coach **Tim Beckman** enters his third season at Illinois in 2014, trying to keep the program's momentum going forward after doubling the win total between years one and two. Beckman was 21-16 in three years at Toledo before going 2-10 in his first season in Champaign-Urbana and 4-8 in his second.
- The Fighting Illini will open the 2014 season on Aug. 30, when FCS foe Youngstown State comes to Memorial Stadium for an 11 a.m. kickoff. Illinois is 13-0 all-time against FCS teams (formerly I-AA), with an average margin of victory of 28 points per game.
- Illinois enters 2014 with a streak of 16 consecutive home-opening wins, the fourth-longest streak in the Big Ten behind Ohio State (35), Nebraska (28) and Wisconsin (18). Illinois is 86-33-5 all-time in home-openers.
- Illinois has two primetime games on tap for 2014, both on the road. The Fighting Illini will travel to Nebraska on Sept. 27 for an 8 p.m. Big Ten-opening clash on BTN. They'll also face Ohio State under the lights with a Nov. 1 trip to Columbus slated for a 7 p.m. kick on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2.
- The departure of four-year starting quarterback and all-time UI total offense leader **Nathan Scheelhaase** led to one of the biggest storylines during the 2014 offseason – who will be the starting QB come Aug. 30? A three-man competition between senior **Reilly O'Toole**, sophomore **Aaron Bailey** and sophomore **Wes Lunt**, a transfer from Oklahoma State, was well-documented throughout spring practice. The trio will continue to compete for the starting job heading into 2014.
- Junior cornerback **V'Angelo Bentley** showed his dual-threat capabilities last season and enters 2014 as a preseason candidate for the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the most versatile player in major college football. Bentley was one of the top return men in the country in 2013, leading the Big Ten in punt return average (15.8 ypr) and becoming the first Illini ever to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in one season, a 100-yard kickoff return against Southern Illinois and a 67-yard punt return against Ohio State.
- Junior running back **Josh Ferguson** had a breakout year on the ground, rushing for a team-high 779 yards and seven touchdowns, but he might have been more dangerous catching passes out of the backfield. The preseason Doak Walker Award candidate caught 50 passes for 535 yards, the second-most by a running back in the nation, and added four more TDs through the air last season. His 112.6 all-purpose yards per game ranked ninth in the Big Ten.
- Junior LB **Mason Monheim** will look to follow up on two solid seasons with an even bigger 2014. A preseason Butkus Award candidate, Monheim has piled up 183 tackles, 12.5 TFLs and 2.5 sacks in his first two season. He earned second-team freshman All-America honors in 2012 after leading Illinois with 86 tackles on the season, the most among all Big Ten freshmen by a wide margin, and followed that with 97 tackles as a sophomore.
- Entering 2014, Illinois has streaks of 61 games and 174 attempts without missing a PAT kick, which both rank as the third-longest active streaks in the nation, respectively. The last time the Fighting Illini did not convert a PAT kick was on Sept. 5, 2009, against Missouri.
- Illinois returns loads of experience on defense with eight starters back, including all four defensive backs (**V'Angelo Bentley**, **Eaton Spence**, **Earnest Thomas** and **Taylor Barton/Zane Petty**) and two of three starting linebackers (**Mason Monheim** and **Mike Svetina**). Key losses include LB Jonathan Brown, LEO Houston Bates and DL Tim Kynard.
- On the offensive side, four of five offensive line starters return (**Simon Cvijanovic**, **Michael Heitz**, **Alex Hill** and **Ted Karras**), plus experienced running backs **Josh Ferguson** and **Donovonn Young**, and tight ends **Jon Davis** and **Matt LaCrosse**. The biggest holes to fill are at quarterback, with four-year starter Nathan Scheelhaase graduated, and four wide receivers who started at least five games each also departed (Spencer Harris, Steve Hull, Ryan Lankford and Miles Osei).

TRANSFER U

- For the second-straight season, Illinois welcomes six junior college transfers to the roster. In 2014, WR **Geronimo Allison**, WR **Raphael Barr**, DL **Joe Fotu**, LEO **Carroll Phillips**, WR **Tyrin Stone-Davis** and DL **Jihad Ward** all will look to make an immediate impact. They'll try to follow in the footsteps of six JC transfers that made a big impact in 2013 – WR **Martize Barr**, DL **Abe Cajuste**, STAR **Eric Finney**, TE **Dallas Hinkhouse** TE **Trevor Kanteman** and DB **Zane Petty**. All but Hinkhouse and Kanteman, who both redshirted, contributed on the field last season.
- In addition to the junior college transfers, three traditional transfers could see the field this season after sitting out 2013 due to NCAA rules. QB **Wes Lunt**, who came to Illinois after starting as a true-freshman at Oklahoma State, is the most notable, but transfers DB **Clayton Fejedelem** (St. Xavier University) and WR **Zach Grant** (St. Ambrose University/Northern Illinois University) also could earn playing time.

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	TOT
Heitz, Michael	10	12	9			31
Cvijanovic, Simon	11	11	4			26
Karras, Ted	10	12				22
Monheim, Mason	12	10				22
Thomas III, Earnest	12	9	0			21
Svetina, Mike	11	5				16
Davis, Jon	7	6	2			15
Hill, Alex	12	1	2			15
Ferguson, Josh	8	6	0			14
Spence, Eaton	12	2				14
Young, Donovan	2	10	1			13
Teitsma, Austin	12	0	0			12
LaCrosse, Matt	9	0	1			10
Bentley, V'Angelo	9	0				9
Petty, Zane	7					7
Howe, Jake	6	0	0			6
Powell, Teko	6	0				6
Barton, Taylor	5					5
Mosely, Darius	3					3
Barr, Martize	2					2
Hardee, Justin	1	1				2
O'Toole, Reilly	0	2	0			2
Spencer, Joe	2					2
Bailey, Aaron	1					1
Clary, Tim	1					1
Finney, Eric	1					1

Redshirted/did not play/not on squad; 0 = Played, didn't start

CAREER BIG PLAYS

(Rush/Pass/Rec/PR over 20 yds & KOR/Def over 40 yds)

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
Ferguson	10	1	11	0	0	22
O'Toole	0	12	0	0	0	12
Young	7	0	1	0	0	8
LaCrosse	0	0	6	0	0	6
Bentley	0	0	0	0	4	4
Hardee	0	0	4	0	0	4
Barr	1	0	2	0	0	3
Davis	0	0	2	0	0	2
Clary	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	18	13	27	0	4	62

2014-15 BIG TEN BOWL POSSIBILITIES

Jan. 1	CFB Playoff Semifinals
Dec. 31	Discover Orange Bowl vs. ACC/At-Large
Jan. 2	Taxslayer (Gator) Bowl B1G/ACC vs. SEC
Jan. 2	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl vs. AAC/Army
Jan. 1	Capital One Bowl vs. SEC
Jan. 1	Outback Bowl vs. SEC
Dec. 30	Franklin American Music City Bowl B1G/ACC vs. SEC
Dec. 30	San Francisco Bowl vs. Pac-12
Dec. 27	New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. ACC/ND
Dec. 27	National University Holiday Bowl vs. Pac-12
Dec. 26	Detroit Bowl vs. ACC
Dec. 26	Heart of Dallas Bowl vs. C-USA

ILLINI NCAA & BIG RANKINGS (2013)

TEAM RANKINGS (123 teams ranked)

CATEGORY.....	NCAA.....	Big Ten
Rushing Offense.....	139.0.....	92nd.....10th
Rushing Defense.....	238.6.....	116th.....12th
Passing Offense.....	287.7.....	22nd.....2nd
Passing Defense.....	242.9.....	81st.....9th
Passing Efficiency.....	140.63.....	35th.....3rd
Pass Efficiency Defense.....	156.03.....	112th.....12th
Total Offense.....	426.7.....	46th.....5th
Total Defense.....	481.5.....	110th.....11th
Scoring Offense.....	29.7.....	61st.....6th
Scoring Defense.....	35.4.....	104th.....10th
Net Punting.....	37.98.....	36th.....4th
Punt Returns.....	12.95.....	16th.....3rd
Kickoff Returns.....	19.52.....	93rd.....10th
Turnover Margin.....	-0.8.....	112th.....11th
Sacks Per Game.....	1.25.....	112th.....11th
Tackles For Loss.....	5.6.....	81st.....8th
Sacks Allowed Per Game.....	2.50.....	93rd.....9th

MISCELLANEOUS RANKINGS

CATEGORY.....	STAT.....	NCAA.....	Big Ten
First Downs.....	288.....	43rd.....	5th
Opponent First Downs.....	284.....	93rd.....	9th
Third-Down Conversions.....	47.6.....	16th.....	1st
Opponent 3rd-Down Conv.....	45.2.....	104th.....	10th
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	33.3.....	108th.....	11th
Opponent 4th-Down Conv.....	50.0.....	53rd.....	7th
Penalty Yards Per Game.....	46.92.....	65th.....	10th
Opponent Penalty Yds/Game.....	57.1.....	1st.....	1st
Kickoff Coverage.....	24.79.....	113th.....	12th
Time of Possession.....	29:11.....	82nd.....	10th
Red Zone Offense.....	79.2.....	89th.....	10th
Red Zone Defense.....	84.2.....	73rd.....	5th

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-25)

CATEGORY.....	PLAYER.....	STAT.....	RANK
Completions Per Game.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	23.92.....	11th
Completion Percentage.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	66.7.....	15th
Passing Yards.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	3,272.....	23rd
Passing Yards/Game.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	272.7.....	19th
Total Offense.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	295.3.....	22nd
Punt Return Yards/Game.....	V. Bentley.....	18.9.....	20th

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY.....	PLAYER.....	STAT.....	RANK
Total Offense.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	295.2.....	1st
Passing Avg. Per Game.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	272.7.....	1st
Passing Efficiency.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	140.7.....	6th
Completion Percentage.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	66.7.....	1st
Completions Per Game.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	23.92.....	1st
Passing Touchdowns.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	21.....	4th
Points Responsible For.....	N. Scheelhaase.....	152.....	3rd
Receptions Per Game.....	S. Hull.....	4.9.....	5th
.....	J. Ferguson.....	4.2.....	9th
Receiving Yards Per Game.....	S. Hull.....	82.8.....	5th
Receiving Touchdowns.....	S. Hull.....	7.....	7th
Scoring (kick).....	T. Zalewski.....	6.2.....	8th
All-Purpose Yards Per Game.....	J. Ferguson.....	112.6.....	9th
Punt Return Yards/Game.....	V. Bentley.....	15.8.....	1st
Punting.....	J. DuVernois.....	41.1.....	6th
Field Goals.....	T. Zalewski.....	1.0.....	7th
Field Goals.....	T. Zalewski.....	70.6.....	7th
Tackles Per Game.....	J. Brown.....	9.9.....	2nd
.....	E. Thomas III.....	8.4.....	7th
.....	M. Monheim.....	8.1.....	9th
Tackles For Loss Per Game.....	J. Brown.....	1.25.....	4th
.....	H. Bates.....	1.00.....	8th
Fumbles Forced.....	E. Thomas III.....	0.25.....	4th
Fumbles Recovered.....	K. Nelson.....	0.18.....	4th
.....	H. Bates.....	0.17.....	3rd

ILLINI PRESEASON HONORS

A number of Fighting Illini players have earned mention on award watch lists. Below is a list of the honors that Illinois players have earned heading into 2014 (through July 18):

V'Angelo Bentley, CB/KR/PR - Paul Hornung Award (versatile), CFPA Punt Returner Watch List, Third-team All-American (PR, Phil Steele)

Josh Ferguson, RB - Doak Walker Award (RB)

Matt LaCrosse, TE - CFPA Tight End Watch List

Mason Monheim, LB - Butkus Award (LB), Allstate AFCA Good Works Team (community service)

NEW LOOK FOR THE FIGHTING ILLINI

Illinois athletics completed a large-scale, 18-month brand evaluation program with Nike in 2014. The collaboration began in January 2013 and resulted in an updated brand and identity system starting in 2014-15, including logos, marks, uniforms, equipment, lettering, numerals and consistent colors for all 19 Fighting Illini sports and the Division of Intercollegiate as a whole. The rebranding was unveiled on April 16, 2014, at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Get a look at the new Fighting Illini identity here: <http://www.fightingillini.com/identity>.

GETTING IT DONE IN THE CLASSROOM

The Illini once again excelled in the classroom in 2013-14, continuing a three-year trend under head coach Tim Beckman. Twenty-one players earned degrees in 2014 after 16 did so in 2013 and 15 in 2012. For four consecutive semesters, at least 40 football student-athletes have posted at least a 3.0 grade-point-average: 42 in fall 2012, a program-record 51 in spring 2013, 43 in fall 2013 and 41 in spring 2014. As a team, the Illini posted a 2.84 cumulative GPA in fall 2013 and a 2.90 in spring 2014, up from 2.71 and 2.87, respectively, a year ago. In addition, 21 Fighting Illini earned Academic All-Big Ten status in fall 2013, up from 18 in 2012.

ILLINI HOLD LIFT FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Fighting Illini players raised nearly \$8,000 for acoustic neuroma, which ended the career of former Illini offensive lineman **Andrew Carter**, with their third annual Lift for Life fundraiser through Uplifting Athletes on June 27, 2014. Acoustic neuroma is a rare, slow-growing tumor of the nerve that connects the ear to the brain. Sophomore offensive lineman **Joseph Spencer** serves as president of the UI chapter of Uplifting Athletes and helped organize the event, which featured the entire Fighting Illini team participating in a strongman competition at Memorial Stadium. Find more on Andrew Carter's story here: <http://bit.ly/CarterFeature>.

ALL OVER THE NFL

Illinois had 26 former players on 2013 NFL active rosters, tied for second-most among Big Ten teams behind only Ohio State (31). The 26 for players was tied with Iowa and ahead of Penn State (25), Wisconsin (25), Michigan (23), Nebraska (23), Purdue (18), Michigan State (15), Northwestern (7), Indiana (5) and Minnesota (4). Heading into 2014, a total of 30 Illini were on NFL training camp rosters.

FUTURE ILLINOIS SCHEDULES

2015 // Final

Sept. 5	Kent State
Sept. 12	Western Illinois
Sept. 19	@ North Carolina
Sept. 26	Middle Tennessee St.
Oct. 3	Nebraska
Oct. 10	@ Iowa
Oct. 17	OPEN
Oct. 24	Wisconsin
Oct. 31	@ Penn State
Nov. 7	@ Purdue
Nov. 14	Ohio State
Nov. 21	@ Minnesota
Nov. 28	Northwestern
Dec. 5	BIG Championship

2016 // Final

Sept. 1	Kent State
Sept. 8	Western Illinois
Sept. 15	South Florida
Sept. 22	Penn State
Sept. 29	OPEN
Oct. 6	@ Rutgers
Oct. 13	Purdue
Oct. 20	@ Wisconsin
Oct. 27	@ Maryland
Nov. 3	Minnesota
Nov. 10	@ Nebraska
Nov. 17	Iowa
Nov. 24	at Northwestern
Dec. 1	BIG Championship

2016 // Final

Sept. 3	Murray State
Sept. 10	North Carolina
Sept. 17	Western Michigan
Sept. 24	OPEN
Oct. 1	@ Nebraska
Oct. 8	Purdue
Oct. 15	@ Rutgers
Oct. 22	@ Michigan
Oct. 29	Minnesota
Nov. 5	Michigan State
Nov. 12	@ Wisconsin
Nov. 19	Iowa
Nov. 26	@ Northwestern
Dec. 3	BIG Championship

2019 // 2 non-conference TBA

Aug. 31	TBA
Sept. 7	@ UConn
Sept. 14	TBA
Sept. 21	Nebraska
Sept. 28	TBA
Oct. 5	@ Minnesota
Oct. 12	Michigan
Oct. 19	Wisconsin
Oct. 26	@ Purdue
Nov. 2	Rutgers
Nov. 9	@ Michigan State
Nov. 16	TBA
Nov. 23	@ Iowa
Nov. 30	Northwestern
Dec. 7	BIG Championship

2017 // Final

Sept. 2	Ball State
Sept. 9	@ South Florida
Sept. 16	Western Kentucky
Sept. 23	OPEN
Sept. 30	Nebraska
Oct. 7	@ Iowa
Oct. 14	Rutgers
Oct. 21	@ Minnesota
Oct. 28	Wisconsin
Nov. 4	@ Purdue
Nov. 11	Indiana
Nov. 18	@ Ohio State
Nov. 25	Northwestern
Dec. 2	BIG Championship

2020 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 12 UConn

2021 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 11 @ Virginia

2022 // 3 non-conference TBA

Sept. 10 Virginia

2023 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 9 @ Kansas

2024 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 7 Kansas

2014 DEPTH CHART

Post-2014 Spring Practice - does not include incoming freshmen except for early enrollees

OFFENSE

LT	68	Simon Cvijanovic (6-6, 310, Sr.)
	75	Patrick Flavin (6-7, 300, Jr.)
	67	Christian DiLauro (6-5, 280, r-Fr.)
LG	74	Michael Heitz (6-5, 305, Sr.)
	52	Alex Hill (6-3, 315, Sr.)
	60	Tony Durkin (6-3, 290, Jr.)
C	71	Joe Spencer (6-4, 300, So.)
	52	Alex Hill (6-3, 315, Sr.)
	78	Harry Black (6-5, 270, r-Fr.)
RG	69	Ted Karras (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	73	Chris O'Connor (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	55	Chris Boles (6-4, 320 Jr.)
RT	57	Austin Schmidt (6-6, 290, So.)
	66	Scott McDowell (6-5, 290, Jr.)
	76	Jesse Chadwell (6-5, 275, r-Fr.)
QB	4	Reilly O'Toole (6-4, 220, Sr.)
- OR -	12	Wes Lunt (6-5, 215, So.)
- OR -	15	Aaron Bailey (6-2, 220, So.)
	7	Chayce Crouch (6-4, 225, Fr.*)
RB	6	Josh Ferguson (5-10, 195, Jr.)
	5	Donovonn Young (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	23	Devin Church (5-8, 185, So.)
	25	Kendrick Foster (5-9, 195, r-Fr.)
WR-X	8	Geronimo Allison (6-3, 185, Jr.**)
	19	Justin Hardee (6-1, 195, Jr.)
	84	Kenny Knight (6-4, 225, Jr.)
WR-T	18	Mike Dudek (5-11, 180, Fr.*)
	13	Dionte Taylor (6-0, 180, So.)
	88	Zach Grant (5-11, 190, Jr.)
WR-Z	9	Martize Barr (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	16	Marchie Murdock (6-1, 190, r-Fr.)
	80	Jeremy Whitlow (6-2, 215, Jr.)
TE	11	Matt LaCosse (6-6, 245, Sr.)
	3	Jon Davis (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	47	Tim Clary (6-1, 245, Jr.)
	87	Tyler White (6-5, 245, So.)
	89	Dallas Hinkhouse (6-5, 275, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	58	Kenny Nelson (6-6, 250, Jr.)
	97	Paul James III (6-4, 240, Fr.*)
NT	44	Austin Teitsma (6-2, 290, Sr.)
	64	Robbie Bain (6-3, 300, So.)
	98	Joe Fotu (6-3, 275, Jr.**)
DT	93	Teko Powell (6-3, 295, Jr.)
	95	Jake Howe (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	99	Jarrold Clements (6-3, 285, So.)
	92	Abe Cajuste (6-3, 290, Sr.)
LEO	90	Delazz Woods (6-3, 255, Sr.)
	91	Dawuane Smoot (6-3, 250, So.)
WLB	43	Mason Monheim (6-1, 235, Jr.)
	34	Mike Svetina (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	10	B.J. Bello (6-3, 215, So.)
	22	LaKeith Walls (6-2, 210, So.)
MLB	52	T.J. Neal (6-1, 235, So.)
	42	Ralph Cooper (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	35	Taylor White (5-11, 235, So.)
STAR	9	Earnest Thomas III (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	14	Eric Finney (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	33	Zepheniah Grimes (5-11, 225, Jr.)
	5	James Crawford (6-2, 205, r-Fr.)
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	24	Darius Mosely (5-11, 185, So.)
	37	Davontay Kwaaning (5-11, 185, Sr.)
SS	21	Zane Petty (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	20	Clayton Fejedelem (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	26	Cedric Doxy (6-1, 200, So.)
FS	3	Taylor Barton (6-1, 215, So.)
	15	Jevaris Little (6-1, 185, So.)
	4	Darwyn Kelly (6-1, 200, r-Fr.)
	8	Dillan Cazley (5-10, 190, So.)
CB	27	Eaton Spence (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	7	Caleb Day (6-1, 195, So.)
	28	Jaylen Dunlap (6-1, 175, So.)

* Early enrollee, Jan. 2014
 ** Junior College transfer, Jan. 2014

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	17	Taylor Zalewski (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	83	Brennen VanMieghem (6-2, 190, Sr.)
	13	Ryan Frain (6-2, 220, So.)
P	18	Justin DuVernois (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	13	Ryan Frain (6-2, 220, So.)
LS	54	Zach Hirth (6-4, 220, So.)
	56	Michael Martin (6-4, 225, So.)
H	18	Justin DuVernois (6-1, 190, Sr.)
KO	17	Taylor Zalewski (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	13	Ryan Frain (6-2, 220, So.)
PR	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
KR	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nick Allegretti	al-uh-GRET-ee
Jake Angona	an-GO-na
Sean Arowolaju	a-ROE-WOAH-la-joo
Martize Barr	mar-TEZ
V'Angelo Bentley	vee-AN-juh-low
Abe Cajuste	ka-JUST
Simon & Peter Cvijanovic	sve-YAWN-oh-vich
Mike Dudek	DOO-deck
Steve Dumezich	DOO-much-zich
Justin DuVernois	doo-vern-WAH
Clayton Fejedelem	FEJ-uh-lem
Patrick Flavin	FLAH-vin
Joe Fotu	FOE-too
Zepheniah Grimes	zeff-uh-NY-uh
Michael Heitz	heights
Trevor Kantemen	CANT-men
Ted Karras	CARE-us
Davontay Kwaaning	QUAN-ing
Jevaris Little	juh-VAR-is
James Nudera	new-DARE-uh
Tito Odenigbo	oh-DEN-ig-bo
Dawuane Smoot	duh-WON
Eaton Spence	sounds like eaten
TYRIN Stone-Davis	ty-RIN
Mike Svetina	sve-TEE-na
Dionte Taylor	dee-ON-tay
Austin Teitsma	TIGHTS-muh
Malik Turner	ma-LEEK
Brennen VanMieghem	van-MEE-gum
Jihad Ward	jee-HODD
Taylor Zalewski	zuh-LESS-key
Tom Brattan	sounds like latin
Alex Golesh	GOAL-esh