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OPENING KICK

- The Fighting Illini (2-1) look to bounce back from their first defeat of 2014 when they host the Texas State Bobcats (1-1) this Saturday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m. CT on ESPNNews.
- Sophomore quarterback **Wes Lunt** has lived up to the hype thus far, throwing for 971 yards (11th-most in FBS) and nine touchdowns (sixth-most in FBS) during his first three games as an Illini. His 159.9 passing efficiency ranks 26th in FBS and third in the Big Ten.
- Lunt has been nearly perfect in the fourth quarter this season, completing 21-of-24 passes (87.5 percent) for 327 yards with four touchdowns and zero interceptions, good for an FBS-best 256.95 fourth-quarter efficiency rating (min. 10 att.). He also leads the nation in fourth quarter completion percentage (87.5) and is fourth in passing yards (327).
- Lunt has shown big-play ability early in the season. He ranks third nationally with eight pass plays of 30+ yards and is tied for fourth in FBS with two pass plays of 60+ yards. Interestingly enough, his eight 30+-yard plays have gone to four different receivers (Allison 4, Dudek 2, Hardee 1, LaCosse 1).
- Junior wide receiver **Geronimo Allison** had a huge day at Washington, posting 160 yards and two touchdowns on six catches, marking his first 100-yard game in an Illini uniform. Allison leads Illinois and ranks third in the Big Ten with 300 receiving yards on 16 catches (18.8 ypc), and has four 30+-yard plays to his credit, tied for eighth-most in FBS.
- Junior cornerback/kick returner **V'Angelo Bentley** leads the nation in combined return yards with 349 on 15 returns (12 KR for 324, three PR for 25) and ranks 16th nationally in kickoff return average (27.0 ypr). On Saturday at Washington, Bentley equaled the third-most kickoff return yards in a game in school history with 139 on five returns (28.0 ypr), 31 yards shy of tying current wide receivers coach Mike Bellamy's school record of 170 yards against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989.
- Senior punter **Justin DuVernois** had a career day against at Washington, booting seven punts with an average of 51.7 yards per kick. He had three punts over 50 yards, a long of 60 and one downed inside Washington's 10 yard line, which set up an Illinois safety. DuVernois ranks 13th in FBS in punting average (46.4 ypp)

and jumped up to third place on the UI all-time punting average list (41.0 ypp).

- Illinois has streaks of 64 games and 186 attempts without missing a PAT kick, which both rank as the third-longest active streaks in the nation. The Illini's last missed PAT kick was on Sept. 5, 2009, against Missouri.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2014 Season Statistics	ILL	TXST
Overall Record	2-1	1-1
Conf. Record	0-0	0-0
Total Offense	411.3	569.0
Points Scored	29.7	43.0
First Downs	19.0	31.0
Rushing Yds.	71.3	294.0
Passing Yds.	340.0	275.0
Time of Possession	26:57	27:37
3rd Down Conversion	46.0	43.0
Points Allowed	31.7	17.5
Yards Allowed	414.7	342.0
Rushing Yds. Allowed	183.7	239.5
Passing Yds. Allowed	231.0	102.5

FINISHING STRONG

- Illinois mounted fourth-quarter comebacks to win the first two games of 2014. The Illini trailed Youngstown State 9-7 after three quarters before ripping off 21 fourth quarter points to win 28-17. Against Western Kentucky, the Illini trailed 27-21 entering the fourth before scoring 21 straight on the way to the 42-34 victory. It is the first time Illinois has executed consecutive fourth-quarter comeback wins since the 2001 season. The Illini last did so against Penn State (Nov. 10, 2001) and Ohio State (Nov. 17, 2001).

TEXAS STATE SERIES NOTES

- Saturday's game will be the first meeting between the Fighting Illini and Texas State. The Bobcats are in just their third year as a member of the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and second year as a member of the Sun Belt Conference.
- Illinois has one connection with Texas State's coaching staff, as Bobcat assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Mike Schultz led the Fighting Illini offense in 2009.
- Illinois is 4-0 all-time against current Sun Belt members, holding a 3-0 mark against Arkansas State and a 1-0 record against Louisiana-Lafayette. But the

Sun Belt was one of the conferences that changed radically as a result of recent realignment, as only UL Monroe, Arkansas State, Louisiana-Lafayette and Troy have been football-playing members of the league for more than two years.

LUNT'S FAST START ONE FOR THE AGES

- Sophomore quarterback **Wes Lunt** has started his Illini career in impressive fashion, recording both the best debut as well as the best first two and three-game stretches in an Illini signal-caller's first season in school history. He completed 24-of-38 passes for 285 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions in the opener against Youngstown State, then followed that by connecting on 35-of-50 passes for 456 yards, one interception and three scores. At Washington, he added 230 yards, two touchdowns and one interception on a 16-of-26 effort.
- Lunt's 456-yard performance against WKU ranks second on the all-time Memorial Stadium passing yardage list, just six yards shy of the stadium-record 462 yards set by Juice Williams vs. Minnesota (Oct. 11, 2008). Lunt's performance stands fourth, meanwhile, on the Illini all-time single-game passing yardage list.
- Lunt's aerial display vs. WKU also broke his previous career high of 436 yards set during his true-freshman season at Oklahoma State (at Arizona on Sept. 8, 2012). And Lunt recorded the longest pass of his career against the 'Toppers, a 62-yard TD strike to Justin Hardee.
- Lunt's 285 yards in the season-opener out-paced the 257 that Eddie McGee threw for against Missouri in 2007 after entering in relief of an injured Juice Williams, which was the previous high-water mark for an Illini QB's debut.
- Lunt's 971 yards and nine TDs in his first three games obliterate the previous three-game start records among Illini quarterbacks. Tony Eason posted 630 yards in his first three starts and Jon Beutjer held the record for TDs with five, which both have been shattered by Lunt.

NOTABLE ILLINOIS QBS IN THEIR FIRST THREE STARTS

NAME	SEASON	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Wes Lunt	2014	75	114	65.8	971	9	2
Tony Eason	1981	57	93	61.3	630	2	2
Jack Trudeau	1983	58	95	61.1	584	4	4
Jason Verduzco	1990	53	76	69.7	529	3	3
Jeff George	1988	51	85	60.0	486	1	1
Juice Williams	2006	28	69	40.6	473	4	4
Jon Beutjer	2002	34	65	52.3	464	5	1
Kurt Kittner	1998	35	80	43.8	443	1	3
Nathan Scheelhaase	2010	31	57	54.4	380	3	3
Dave Wilson	1980	39	83	47.0	379	1	3

- Lunt was named the starter on Aug. 21, beating out senior **Reilly O'Toole** and sophomore **Aaron Bailey** in an offseason competition to replace four-year starter and UI all-time total offense record holder Nathan Scheelhaase.
- Lunt started five games at Oklahoma State in 2012 before transferring to Illinois during the summer of 2013 and redshirting last season. He completed 81-of-131 passes (61.8 percent) for 1,108 yards, six touchdowns and seven interceptions in six games at OSU.

BENTLEY PICKING UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF

- Junior cornerback/kick returner **V'Angelo Bentley** has already shown why he's a preseason candidate for the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the most versatile player in major college football. Bentley is averaging 27.0 yards on 12 kick returns this season, 16th-best in the nation, including a 67-yard return in the YSU victory. He leads the nation in combined kick return yardage with 349 kick and punt return yards. On defense he has tallied 15 tackles, a PBU and a fumble recovery.
- 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. He had a 100-yard kickoff return against Southern Illinois and a 67-yard punt return against Ohio State.

CUBIT KEEPS ILLINI 'O' CLIMBING

The Illinois offense made huge improvements in 2013 under OC **Bill Cubit** and continues to make strides in several areas in 2014. The Illini jumped at least 50 spots in the national rankings from 2012 to 2013 in first downs, passing offense, long scrimmage plays, total offense, passing efficiency and scoring offense, with the biggest move a 95-place jump in first downs per game. The passing game has gone up another notch in 2014, with passing offense, big plays and passing efficiency all ranking in the top-26 in FBS.

ILLINOIS' OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT UNDER CUBIT

Category	2012 (Nat'l Rk)	2013 (Nat'l Rk)	2014 (Nat'l Rk)
Passing Offense (ypg)	138.83 (107)	287.7 (22)	340.0 (14)
Scrimmage Plays of 20+ Yards	34 (122)	64 (44)	17 (21)
Passing Efficiency	113.42 (102)	140.63 (35)	159.98 (26)
Scoring Offense (ppg)	16.67 (119)	29.7 (61)	29.7 (71)
Total Offense (ypg)	296.67 (119)	426.7 (46)	411.3 (73)
First Downs (per game)	16.4 (120)	24.0 (25)	19.0 (97)

FERGUSON A DUAL THREAT

- Junior running back **Josh Ferguson**, a preseason Doak Walker Award candidate, has 208 yards from scrimmage in the first three games (126 rushing, 82 receiving) and has found the end zone both on the ground and through the air this season.
- Ferguson ranks second on Illinois' career receiving yardage list for a running back. He has 882 career receiving yards, which trails only Ty Douthard's 1,250 yards from 1993-96.
- Ferguson had a breakout year on the ground in 2013, rushing for a team-high 779 yards and seven touchdowns, but he might have been more dangerous catching passes out of the backfield. He 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.
- In 2013, Ferguson broke Kamen Bell's Illinois record for single-season receiving yards by a running back. His 535 receiving yards surpassed Bell's total of 503 yards from 1991.

NEW KIDS ON THE QUAD

A total of 16 players have made their Illini debuts this season. Below is a breakdown by class.

True-freshmen (3): Mike Dudek, Paul James III, Malik Turner

Redshirt-Freshmen (3): Christian DiLauro, Nathan Echard, Marchie Murdock

Sophomores (1): Michael Martin

Sophomore Transfers (3): Wes Lunt, Carroll Phillips, Tyrin Stone-Davis

Junior Transfers (5): Geronimo Allison, Clayton Fejedelem, Joe Fotu, Dallas Hinkhouse, Jihad Ward

Seniors (1): Davontay Kwaaning

TIM BECKMAN WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

The Tim Beckman radio show airs live from Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy every Tuesday evening of a game week from 7-8 p.m. on the Illini Sports Network. Hosted by Fighting Illini football play-by-play voice Brian Barnhart, the live show allows University of Illinois students and the Champaign-Urbana community the opportunity to meet Coach Beckman and ask questions about the Illinois football program.

FIGHTING ILLINI INSIDER WEEKLY TV SHOW

Fighting Illini Athletics produces and airs the weekly 30-minute Fighting Illini Insider television show, which starts the week of Sept. 1 and runs through the end of May. In the fall, the primary focus of the show is on Illinois football and features Coach Beckman as a regular guest. Illinois radio voice Brian Barnhart will host the majority of the fall shows, which will include game highlights, in-studio interviews, special features and Olympic sports reviews in a 30-minute magazine style format.

Check local listings for 2014-15 Fighting Illini Insider air times

BIG TEN UPDATE

WEST DIVISION

ILLINOIS

8/30	Youngstown State	W, 28-17
9/6	Western Kentucky	W, 42-34
9/13	@ Washington	L, 19-44
9/20	Texas State	
9/27	@ Nebraska	
10/4	Purdue	
10/11	@ Wisconsin	
10/25	Minnesota	
11/1	@ Ohio State	
11/15	Iowa	
11/22	Penn State	
11/29	@ Northwestern	

IOWA

8/30	Northern Iowa	W, 31-23
9/6	Ball State	W, 17-13
9/13	Iowa State	L, 17-20
9/20	@ Pittsburgh	
9/27	@ Purdue	
10/11	Indiana	
10/18	@ Maryland	
11/1	Northwestern	
11/8	@ Minnesota	
11/15	@ Illinois	
11/22	Wisconsin	
11/28	Nebraska	

MINNESOTA

8/28	Eastern Illinois	W, 42-20
9/6	Middle Tennessee St.	W, 35-24
9/13	@ TCU	L, 7-30
9/20	San Jose State	
9/27	@ Michigan	
10/11	Northwestern	
10/18	Purdue	
10/25	@ Illinois	
11/8	Iowa	
11/15	Ohio State	
11/22	@ Nebraska	
11/29	@ Wisconsin	

NEBRASKA

8/30	Florida Atlantic	W, 55-7
9/6	McNeese State	W, 31-24
9/13	@ Fresno State	W, 55-19
9/20	Miami	
9/27	Illinois	
10/4	@ Michigan State	
10/18	@ Northwestern	
10/25	Rutgers	
11/1	Purdue	
11/15	@ Wisconsin	
11/22	Minnesota	
11/28	@ Iowa	

NORTHWESTERN

8/30	California	L, 24-31
9/6	Northern Illinois	L, 15-23
9/20	Western Illinois	
9/27	@ Penn State	
10/4	Wisconsin	
10/11	@ Minnesota	
10/18	Nebraska	
11/1	@ Iowa	
11/8	Michigan	
11/15	@ Notre Dame	
11/22	@ Purdue	
11/29	Illinois	

PURDUE

8/30	Western Michigan	W, 43-34
9/6	Central Michigan	L, 17-38
9/13	vs. Notre Dame	L, 14-30
9/20	Southern Illinois	
9/27	Iowa	
10/4	@ Illinois	
10/11	Michigan State	
10/18	@ Minnesota	
11/1	@ Nebraska	
11/8	Wisconsin	
11/22	Northwestern	
11/29	@ Indiana	

WISCONSIN

8/30	vs. LSU	L, 24-28
9/6	Western Illinois	W, 37-3
9/20	Bowling Green	
9/27	South Florida	
10/4	@ Northwestern	
10/11	Illinois	
10/25	Maryland	
11/1	@ Rutgers	
11/8	@ Purdue	
11/15	Nebraska	
11/22	@ Iowa	
11/29	Minnesota	

EAST DIVISION

INDIANA

8/30	Indiana State	W, 28-10
9/13	@ Bowling Green	L, 42-45
9/20	@ Missouri	
9/27	Maryland	
10/4	North Texas	
10/11	@ Iowa	
10/18	Michigan State	
11/1	@ Michigan	
11/8	Penn State	
11/15	@ Rutgers	
11/22	@ Ohio State	
11/29	Purdue	

MARYLAND

8/30	James Madison	W, 52-7
9/6	@ South Florida	W, 24-17
9/13	West Virginia	L, 37-40
9/20	@ Syracuse	
9/27	@ Indiana	
10/4	Ohio State	
10/18	Iowa	
10/25	@ Wisconsin	
11/1	@ Penn State	
11/15	Michigan State	
11/22	@ Michigan	
11/29	Rutgers	

MICHIGAN

8/30	Appalachian State	W, 52-14
9/6	@ Notre Dame	L, 0-31
9/13	Miami (Ohio)	W, 34-10
9/20	Utah	
9/27	Minnesota	
10/4	@ Rutgers	
10/11	Penn State	
10/25	@ Michigan State	
11/1	Indiana	
11/8	@ Northwestern	
11/22	Maryland	
11/29	@ Ohio State	

MICHIGAN STATE

8/29	Jacksonville State	W, 45-7
9/6	@ Oregon	L, 27-46
9/20	Eastern Michigan	
9/27	Wyoming	
10/4	Nebraska	
10/11	@ Purdue	
10/18	@ Indiana	
10/25	Michigan	
11/8	Ohio State	
11/15	@ Maryland	
11/22	Rutgers	
11/29	@ Penn State	

OHIO STATE

8/30	vs. Navy	W, 34-17
9/6	Virginia Tech	L, 21-35
9/13	Kent State	W, 66-0
9/27	Cincinnati	
10/4	@ Maryland	
10/18	Rutgers	
10/25	@ Penn State	
11/1	Illinois	
11/8	@ Michigan State	
11/15	@ Minnesota	
11/22	Indiana	
11/29	Michigan	

PENN STATE

8/30	vs. UCF	W, 26-24
9/6	Akron	W, 21-3
9/13	@ Rutgers	W, 13-10
9/20	Massachusetts	
9/27	Northwestern	
10/11	@ Michigan	
10/25	Ohio State	
11/1	Maryland	
11/8	@ Indiana	
11/15	Temple	
11/22	@ Illinois	
11/29	Michigan State	

BIG TEN STANDINGS

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Nebraska	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
2. Illinois	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Iowa	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Minnesota	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
5. Wisconsin	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
6. Purdue	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
7. Northwestern	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Penn State	1	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
2. Maryland	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Michigan	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Ohio State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
5. Indiana	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Michigan State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
7. Rutgers	0	1	.000	2	1	.667

RUTGERS

8/28	@ Washington State	W, 41-38
9/6	Howard	W, 38-25
9/13	Penn State	L, 10-13
9/20	@ Navy	
9/27	Tulane	
10/4	Michigan	
10/18	@ Ohio State	
10/25	@ Nebraska	
11/1	Wisconsin	
11/15	Indiana	
11/22	@ Michigan State	
11/29	@ Maryland	

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Illinois provides a diverse learning environment with students and faculty members from more than 120 nations, and a choice of 150 undergraduate majors. Students have opportunities ranging from participating in research or studying abroad, to leading one of more than 1,000 student organizations.

Illinois faculty members win the most prestigious national and international awards, including Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships, Tony Awards, and National Medals of Science and Technology. Illinois alumni are similarly recognized; 11 have won Nobel Prizes.

Campus resources include one of the world's largest public university libraries, with its online resources and precious rare book collections, including the earliest specimen of printing in the world, the oldest book printed in moveable type, and the first folio of Shakespeare (1623).

World-class research facilities include the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Beckman Institute and the Siebel Center for Computer Science, and the campus community enjoys outstanding centers for the arts as well as Big Ten sports.

Finally, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the only U.S. institution of higher education ranking in the top 10 in the three key metrics of international education: international student enrollment, total number of study abroad students, and the number of federally funded Title VI National Resource Centers for international and area studies. The campus has collaborative relationships with the best institutions around the world, which benefit students and faculty alike.

In its 2014 rankings, *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* rated Illinois as the No. 11 public university and the No. 41 national university.

According to the 2014-15 *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings (unless noted otherwise):

- The Graduate School of Library and Information Science's program is 1st in the nation.
- The College of Engineering is ranked 5th in undergraduate and 6th in graduate programs nationally.
- The College of Business is ranked 16th in undergraduate programs nationally.
- The College of Education is ranked 26th in graduate programs nationally.
- The Department of Civil Engineering is 1st in graduation programs nationally.
- The campus is 1st in undergraduate engineering science and engineering physics.
- The campus ranks 1st in the study of condensed matter physics.



Top: Altgeld Hall

Left: College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Library and McFarland Memorial Bell Tower

Above: Business Instructional Facility (BIF)

Below: The Alma Mater





Above: Front view of the Illinois Main Library

Below Right: Quad view with Foellinger Auditorium

Below: Boneyard Creek, Grainger Library, Mechanical Engineering Lab on the Bardeen (Engineering) Quad

Bottom: The Main Quad, Illini Union and Altgeld Hall

HISTORIC FIRSTS AT ILLINOIS

- 1868** — first architectural instruction west of the Allegheny Mountains
- 1876** — establishment of the oldest continuous soil fertility research plots in the United States, the Morrow Plots
- 1893** — first school of library science west of the Alleghenies
- 1922** — invention of sound-on-film movies
- 1935** — discovery of the essential amino acid threonine
- 1940** — invention of the betatron for high energy physics
- 1948** — first comprehensive college program for students with severe physical disabilities
- 1952** — construction of the pioneering ILLIAC and ORDVAC computers
- 1959** — development of PLATO, the first computer used for direct education
- 1970** — construction of the first visible-spectrum semiconductor laser
- 1977** — discovery of a third life form, distinct from the forms that produce plants, animals and bacterial, called Archaea
- 1977** — development of the quantum well laser, which made compact disc players possible
- 1990** — invention of the e-mail program Eudora
- 1993** — development of the first browser for the world wide web, Mosaic, which was developed into Netscape
- 1996** — development of a processing method that extends the life of microchips as much as 50 times
- 2001** — development of self-healing plastics
- 2003** — the University Library's collection exceeds 10 million volumes, the largest collection of any public university in the world
- 2004** — development of the laser transistor
- 2005** — development of the world's fastest transistor and of a stretchable silicon that can be used to build high-performance electronic devices onto rubber substances
- 2006** — discovery of synthetic molecule that causes cancer cells to self-destruct
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HEAD COACH TIM BECKMAN

Tim Beckman begins his third season leading the University of Illinois football program. He was named the 23rd Fighting Illini head football coach by director of athletics Mike Thomas on Dec. 9, 2011.

Beckman helped the Illini double their win total in 2013 as the offense made dramatic improvements over 2012. Illinois' offensive unit jumped at least 50 spots in the national rankings from 2012 to 2013 in first downs, passing offense, long scrimmage plays, total offense, passing efficiency and scoring offense, with the biggest turnaround an 95-place jump in first downs per game.

Beckman's first Fighting Illini team produced four 2013 NFL Draft picks – OL Hugh Thornton (third round, Colts), DT Akeem Spence (fourth round, Buccaneers), DB Terry Hawthorne (fifth round, Steelers) and DE Michael Buchanan (seventh round, Patriots) – the most by any Big Ten team.

The Illini also have excelled in the classroom under Beckman's leadership. 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. The Illini also have been active in the community, hosting free weekly youth clinics during the season and making regular visits to local schools and hospitals throughout the year.

Prior to Illinois, Beckman spent three years as head coach at Toledo, where he led the Rockets to two bowl appearances and a Mid-American Conference West Division co-championship.

Beckman engineered an impressive turnaround at Toledo in his three years at the helm after inheriting a team that went 3-9 in 2008. The Rockets improved to 5-7 in 2009 before going 8-5 with a 7-1 record in the MAC and a berth in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in 2010. Toledo posted an 8-4 record in 2011, including another 7-1 MAC record, a share of the MAC West Division title and a berth in the Military Bowl. In the last two seasons, Beckman compiled a 14-2 record in MAC games, second best in the conference over that span.

He has learned under some of the finest coaches in America, including Pat Dye, Urban Meyer, Mike Gundy and Jim Tressel. When he guided the Rockets to an 8-4 regular-season record and a bowl appearance in 2010, it was UT's first bowl since 2005. In addition, his last two recruiting classes at Toledo have been widely praised, earning a No. 1 ranking among MAC teams by Rivals.com in both seasons after landing two of the three four-star prospects signed by conference schools.

Beckman sent a pair of Toledo players to the NFL in defensive back Barry Church and receiver Stephen Williams in 2010. Three players earned first-team All-MAC honors in 2011, including Eric Page, who earned first-team honors as a receiver, kick returner and punt returner.

HEAD COACH TIM BECKMAN

Before accepting Toledo's head coaching position, Beckman had 21 years of experience as an assistant coach. He served as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State (2007-08), the cornerbacks coach at Ohio State (2005-06), the defensive coordinator/assistant head coach at Bowling Green (1998-2004), the defensive coordinator at Elon (1996-97), the secondary coach/recruiting coordinator at Western Carolina (1990-95) and a graduate assistant at Auburn (1988-89).

Beckman's two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State were successful, as the Cowboys posted a 16-10 record, including a 9-4 mark in 2008 and an appearance in the Holiday Bowl. In 2007, the Cowboys went 7-6, including a win over Indiana in the Insight Bowl.

At Ohio State, Beckman mentored the Buckeye cornerbacks. During his stay at Ohio State, the Buckeyes were 22-3 and played in two BCS bowl games. Along the way, he coached six All-Big Ten defensive backs and five future NFL players. His final game as a coach with Ohio State was the 2007 BCS National Championship Game against Florida, where Beckman faced his former boss from his days at Bowling Green, Urban Meyer.

At Bowling Green, Beckman was a three-time nominee for the Frank Broyles Award, presented annually to the nation's top assistant coach. He was a finalist for the Broyles Award in 2001, and College Football News named him one of the country's top defensive coordinators. During his stay at Bowling Green, the Falcons won two bowl games, a MAC East division title and finished ranked in the national polls in 2003.

Beckman began his coaching career in 1988 as a graduate assistant at Auburn, where he earned his master's degree in education. His first full-time coaching job came at Western Carolina, where he coached the secondary and served as recruiting coordinator from 1990-95. Beckman then served as the defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Elon College from 1996-97 before moving on to Bowling Green.

Beckman started his collegiate playing career at Kentucky but transferred to Findlay and excelled under Hall of Fame head coach Dick Strahm. A 1988 graduate of Findlay, Beckman majored in physical education and lettered in 1984 and 1985 on Oiler teams that qualified for the NAIA playoffs both seasons. Prior to that, he attended Forest Park High School in Beaumont, Texas, for two years before completing high school at Berea (Ohio) High School near Cleveland.

The son of longtime college and NFL coach Dave Beckman, Tim is a native of Berea, Ohio. He and his wife, Kim, also a Findlay graduate, have three children: Tyler, Lindsay and Alex. Tyler is a member of the Fighting Illini support staff, while Lindsay is a senior at Oklahoma State. Alex is a junior quarterback at Urbana High School.



HEAD COACH TIM BECKMAN



The Beckman family in 2012 (l-r): Tyler, Kim, Tim, Lindsay, Alex.

THE BECKMAN FILE

BECKMAN'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-	University of Illinois (head coach)
2009-11	Toledo (head coach)
2007-08	Oklahoma State (defensive coordinator)
2005-06	Ohio State (cornerbacks)
1998-04	Bowling Green (defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)
1996-97	Elon (defensive coordinator/recruiting coordinator)
1990-95	Western Carolina (secondary/recruiting coordinator)
1988-89	Auburn (graduate assistant)

TIM BECKMAN'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Conf. Finish	Bowl	Final Polls (AP/Coaches)
2009	Toledo	5-7	3-5	4th (West)	---	NR/NR
2010	Toledo	8-5	7-1	2nd (West)	Little Caesars	NR/NR
2011	Toledo	8-4	7-1	T-1st (West)	Military*	NR/NR
2012	Illinois	2-10	0-8	6th (Leaders)	---	NR/NR
2013	Illinois	4-8	1-7	5th (Leaders)	---	NR/NR
Total	5 years	27-34	18-22	-	2 Bowls	

*Led Rockets to Military Bowl berth but did not coach game

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: January 19, 1965

Hometown: Berea, Ohio

Family: Wife: Kim; Sons: Tyler and Alex; Daughter: Lindsay

Education: B.S., physical education, Findlay, 1988; M.S., education, Auburn, 1994

Playing Experience: Kentucky (1983), Findlay (1984-87)





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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS MIKE THOMAS



Mike Thomas is in his fourth year at the University of Illinois in 2014-15 after being named the school's 18th director of athletics on Aug. 10, 2011, following six successful years as the director of athletics at the University of Cincinnati. A 29-year veteran of college athletics administration, Thomas is leading the Fighting Illini athletic program to national prominence.

In three years leading the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at Illinois, Thomas has executed a number of major projects. Thomas launched the three-year, \$170 million State Farm Center renovation project – including a landmark 30-year, \$60 million naming rights agreement that is the largest for a college-only venue in the country. Construction started in winter 2014 and will be completed in full before the 2016-17 season.

Thomas spearheaded a \$7.2 million project at Memorial Stadium that included a new video board, ribbon boards, auxiliary video boards, sound system and control room to enhance the fan experience at Illini football games. Along with head coach Mike Small, Thomas oversaw the fundraising for and construction of the \$5.5 million Lauritsen/Wohlers Outdoor Golf Practice Facility. In addition, the \$1.2 million second-phase renovation of Huff Hall, which featured a new floor and lower bowl bleachers among other upgrades, was completed in summer 2014. And in spring 2014, Thomas moved forward with two studies – renovating the south and east sides of Memorial Stadium and developing a master plan for Olympic sport venues – to be completed in September 2014.

On the branding front, Thomas guided Illinois through an 18-month collaboration with Nike, completed in April 2014, that resulted in a new brand and identity system including new uniforms and consistent colors, logos, lettering and numerals. He also led a group that signed a 10-year agreement with Learfield Sports estimated to be worth more than \$60 million to become DIA's exclusive marketing partner and multimedia rights holder, and launched "Illinois. Our State. Our Team." as the theme for Fighting Illini athletics.

During Thomas' tenure, the I FUND has seen impressive growth in donations fueled by the launch of the Illinois Renaissance to renovate State Farm Center, with first-year fundraising efforts for the campaign totaling nearly \$95 million in cash and pledges. Total I FUND fundraising of \$29.2 million for 2013-14 marked a record high and is 73 percent increase over 2011-12. Thomas and the I FUND also announced an ambitious long-term goal of "15 x 15 x 2020," which aspires to more than double both the donor base to 15,000 and total amount donated to scholarships to \$15 million annually by the year 2020.

On the competitive front, Illini teams have compiled one NCAA championship, six Big Ten titles, and 11 individual NCAA titles during Thomas' three years at the helm. In 2012, Thomas' first year at Illinois, the Fighting Illini finished 21st overall in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings, marking the program's second-best finish in the 21-year history of the award.

Thomas began his tenure in Champaign-Urbana by hiring Tim Beckman as the Fighting Illini head football coach in December 2011 and naming John Groce and Matt Bollant the head coaches of Illinois men's and women's basketball, respectively, in April 2012.

In the classroom, Fighting Illini student-athletes posted an impressive 3.23 overall GPA for the Fall 2013 semester and 3.14 for Spring 2014. Ten teams posted a perfect 1,000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) for the 2012-13 academic year – baseball, men's cross country, men's golf, men's gym, wrestling, women's golf, softball, women's soccer, women's tennis and volleyball – while five earned the NCAA Public Recognition Award by ranking in the top 10 percent of their sport nationally for the four-year period ending with 2012-13: baseball, men's golf, women's golf, soccer and women's tennis. For the third straight year, Fighting Illini student-athletes, coaches and staff completed over 7,000 hours of community service.

Prior to his move to Illinois, Thomas revamped and led a vibrant Cincinnati Bearcats athletic program from 2005-11, directing the school's launch into the Big East Conference and earning several Big East championships, as well as multiple Big East academic excellence awards.

In 2006, Thomas hired head football coach Brian Kelly and the Cincinnati football team made program history in the three following seasons by achieving a 34-6 record, consecutive Big East Championships and appearances in the Orange and Sugar Bowls. The 2009 season ended with UC finishing 12-0 and No. 3 in the final BCS rankings. Thomas also hired Butch Jones, who went on to ensure Cincinnati's dominance on the conference scene, sharing in a Big East title in 2011 and 2012.

Thomas brought back a Bearcat when he hired former UC assistant Mick Cronin as head men's basketball coach in 2006. Cronin returned the program to national prominence with appearances in the NCAA tournament the past four seasons.

UC grew to be one of the most recognized schools in the 16-member Big East for academic success and earning multiple Big East Academic Excellence Awards, including a league-high five Big East Academic Excellence Awards in 2009-10.

The overall APR of all Bearcats programs also increased during Thomas' tenure. In the final APR report from his tenure, five UC athletic teams earned perfect APR scores of 1,000, including men's basketball. In that same time period, the Graduate Success Rate (GSR) for student-athletes increased from 66 percent to 77 percent.

From 2006-11, UC's student-athletes emerged as community leaders, with annual community service hours growing from 1,000 to over 5,500.

On the external side, the University of Cincinnati grew at a tremendous rate. Thomas increased UC's athletic department budget 20 percent, while simultaneously reducing the annual operating deficit by more than \$6 million.

UC established single-season attendance and revenue records for football in each of the three seasons from 2008-10. Football attendance skyrocketed, with season-ticket package sales exploding by 277 percent since 2006 and resulting in record football revenues.

In terms of donor development, membership in UCATS increased by almost 300 percent during Thomas' tenure and the department raised \$70 million during his arrival. Thomas raised private funds and built the Sheakley Athletics Center, providing football and other UC athletic teams much needed additional practice and competitive space.

In 2008-09, Thomas revamped UC's multimedia rights partnership, reaching an agreement with IMG College for a new multimedia rights partnership, increasing overall revenues in this area by over \$17 million.

Prior to taking the athletic director position at UC, Thomas spent five years as the Director of Athletics at the University of Akron and seven years as associate athletic director at the University of Virginia, an institution known for achieving impressive success both academically and athletically, before bringing that model to Akron. Virginia finished in the Top 25 in the Director's Cup in each year of Thomas' tenure there while at the same time finishing in the Top 10 nationally in student-athlete graduation rates.

Under Thomas' direction, Akron rose from last place to second among Mid-American Conference schools in the Director's Cup annual rankings. Simultaneously, Akron vaulted from last to second place in the MAC Academic Achievement Awards. Thomas increased the financial base of the Akron athletics program through increasing corporate sponsorship levels by 750 percent and boosted annual giving to athletics to its highest level in the school's history. Community support was rallied, with record increases shown in both football and basketball attendance.

During this time period, the Zips won their first and only MAC football championship and participated in the program's lone FBS bowl game in history. Thomas' hire of men's basketball coach Keith Dambrot led to unparalleled success on the hardwood with Dambrot's program becoming one of the most successful in the MAC over the past 10 seasons, including eight postseason appearances. While at Akron, support services and facilities for academic support for student-athletes were significantly improved, resulting in jumps in grade point averages and graduation rates of UA student-athletes.

During his career in collegiate athletics, Thomas has coordinated over \$350 million in facility construction and renovation, including \$25 million in capital improvements at Akron that featured a new indoor fieldhouse and golf facility, a football practice complex, and a softball facility. He also spearheaded the new on-campus football stadium and was instrumental in the development and launching stages of the \$61 million facility, which opened in September of 2009.

At Virginia, Thomas served as a member of the senior staff and was sport oversight for eight programs. He served as the department liaison for the \$86 million renovation to UVA's football stadium and oversaw several other capital projects. In addition, Thomas served as the Chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee and also served on the ACC Sportsmanship Committee.

Recognized for his administrative acumen by his peers, Thomas has served on several national and conference committees, including the NCAA Division I Championship/Sports Management Cabinet (where he also served as the NCAA men's basketball liaison to the cabinet and as a member of the cabinet's four-person Administrative Committee) and the NCAA Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Thomas also previously chaired the Big East Championship and Competition Committee and served as a member of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet, the NCAA Postseason Bowl Licensing Subcommittee and the Division IA Athletics Director's Association Legislative Review Committee. He presently serves on the Big Ten Legislative Review Committee.

Twice during his career, Thomas has received distinction for his efforts and dedication as a director of athletics, garnering the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletics Director Award in 2005 at Akron and then again in April of 2008 at Cincinnati. He has been recognized by the Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network as the 2009-10 Sports Executive of the Year.

Prior to his experience at Virginia, Thomas spent seven years at the University of Denver as assistant athletic director for internal operations, serving as chief financial officer and overseeing the departments of compliance, merchandising, and facilities. He began his athletic administration career at the University of Iowa as an administrative and operations intern.

Thomas received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University in 1983, and his master's degree in athletic administration from Western Illinois University in 1986. He and his wife, Jenifer, have four children: Vince, Joey, Mick and Meredith.

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ASSISTANT COACHES

**TIM BANKS****Defensive Coordinator/Secondary**

Tim Banks is in his third season as Illinois' defensive coordinator and also works with the Illini secondary. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Three players from the 2012 Illini defense were selected in the 2013 NFL Draft, with Akeem Spence going to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fourth round, Terry Hawthorne being picked by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the fifth round and Michael Buchanan being selected by the New England Patriots in the seventh round.

Banks has spent the past six seasons as a defensive coordinator, two at Cincinnati as a co-defensive coordinator and the previous three at Central Michigan.

Under his guidance, the Bearcats improved 33 spots from 2010 to 2011 in the rushing defense national statistical rankings, from No. 39 to No. 6, and moved up 21 spots in total defense, from No. 63 to No. 42. Cincinnati led the nation in tackles for loss in 2011 after ranking No. 38 the year before and also ranked No. 2 nationally in sacks in 2011, up from No. 38 in 2010. UC improved 48 spots in scoring defense from No. 68 in 2010 to No. 20 in 2011 and jumped 110 spots in turnover margin from No. 119 in 2010 to No. 9 in 2011, largely as a result of forcing 33 turnovers in 2011 compared to 14 in 2010.

Banks' 2009 Central Michigan defense led the Mid-American Conference in scoring defense (18.9), ranked second in rushing defense (122.8), third in pass efficiency defense (117.4), and fourth in total defense (344.2) as the team went 12-2 overall and 8-0 in the MAC.

Prior to CMU, Banks spent four seasons at the University of Maryland (2003-06) before returning to his alma mater. He coached the Terrapins' secondary in 2006 after spending his first three seasons with the inside linebackers.

Prior to Maryland, Banks spent two seasons as an assistant at the University of Memphis (2001-02) and two years at Bowling Green (1999-00). At Memphis, the Tigers ranked ninth in Division I-A in pass defense in 2002 – his only season working with the cornerbacks.

Banks was a four-year letterman and two-time All-MAC second-team selection (1993-94) at Central Michigan. Banks was a co-captain for the Chippewas' 1994 MAC championship team and led the 1993 team in tackles with 105. He graduated from Central Michigan in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in industrial management.

**BILL CUBIT****Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks**

Bill Cubit is in his second season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Illinois in 2013. He was hired in January 2013 following an eight-year stint as head coach at Western Michigan. Cubit led WMU to a 51-47 overall record and three bowls during his tenure in Kalamazoo.

Cubit guided the Illini offense to a dramatic improvement in his first year, as Illinois jumped at least 50 spots in the national rankings from 2012 to 2013 in first downs, passing offense, long scrimmage plays, total offense, passing efficiency and scoring offense, with the biggest turnaround an 95-place leap in first downs per game. His 2013 unit ranked third in school history in passing yards per game (287.7) and fourth in total yards per game (426.7) and points per game (29.7).

Cubit brings 33 years of coaching experience, including 17 years as a head coach on the collegiate and high school level. He also has spent eight years as an offensive coordinator at five NCAA Division I schools working the sidelines in five of the nation's premier conferences (Big East, Big 12, Mid-American, PAC-10 and Southeastern).

Prior to returning to Western Michigan as head coach in 2004, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Stanford in 2003, directing a Cardinal offense that ranked 28th in NCAA passing (247.3 yards per game). Prior to his time at Stanford, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Rutgers (2001-02) and at Missouri in 2000.

Cubit's head coaching experience includes five seasons (1992-96) at Division III Widener University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He led the Pioneers to a 34-18-1 mark, two Middle American Conference championships and a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances while twice being named conference coach of the year.

A Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, native, Cubit (59 years old/ DOB: 10-14-1953) earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware in 1975. He played quarterback and wide receiver for the Blue Hens (1971-74), earning Associated Press All-America honorable mention in 1974. He also set school records for catches in a game (10) and a season (47), along with receiving yards in a season (787).

In 1981, he earned a master's degree in education from Saint Joseph's University. Cubit and his wife, Nancy, have three grown children: Stacey - who was married on March 3, 2007 - Sheri and Ryan, who is director of football student-athlete development for the Fighting Illini. Cubit also has three grandchildren.

**MIKE BELLAMY****Wide Receivers**

Mike Bellamy is in his third season on Tim Beckman's staff and second in a coaching role, as he was promoted to wide receivers coach in February 2013 after serving one year as assistant director of player personnel and relations.

Bellamy molded an unheralded group of receivers into one that helped Illinois record the most total passing yards in a season in school history (3,452) and third-most passing yards per game (287.7) in 2013. He guided Steve Hull's transition from defensive back to receiver in Hull's final season, helping him rank in the top 10 in school history in season receiving yards (993), season touchdown catches (seven) and season 100-yard receiving games (five). Hull also was the nation's most prolific receiver over the final four weeks of the season, posting 653 yards and six touchdowns on 40 catches (16.3 ypc) during that span.

In his role with the Fighting Illini in 2012, Bellamy coordinated all former player events, assisted with on-campus recruiting and recruiting mailings, helped coordinate the annual Illinois high school coaching clinic and coordinated all functions with Block I, fraternities and sororities. He immediately served as a bridge between Beckman's staff and former Illini players, coaches and staff across the country, building numerous relationships.

As a player at Illinois (1988 and '89), Bellamy was a second-team All-American and a first-team All-Big Ten receiver in 1989. He recorded 59 receptions for 927 yards and eight TDs for the Illini that season, the fourth-most TD catches in a season in school history and the ninth-most receiving yards. He returned 16 kickoffs for 459 yards, an average of 28.7 that ranks second in school history.

After earning a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Illinois in 1990, Bellamy was a second-round pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1990 NFL Draft, playing two seasons for the team. He also played for the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders from 1992-95 before playing for Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League in 1995-96, winning the World Bowl in 1996.

Bellamy came to Illinois after serving as the receivers and specialists coach at Clark-Atlanta University in 2011. Prior to that, was the passing game coordinator, receivers coach and specialists coach at Sprayberry High School from 2008-10.

Following his playing career and before joining the coaching ranks, Bellamy and his wife, Tanya, built a successful business in the beauty industry in the Atlanta area. The couple has three children: Mike, McKenna and McKoy.

ASSISTANT COACHES



GREG COLBY

Defensive Line

Greg Colby is in his second stint on the Fighting Illini coaching staff, returning to the Illini staff in 2013 to coach the defensive line after previously serving as an assistant at Illinois from 1988-95. Colby came to Illinois following a five-year stint as head coach at Millersville University, an NCAA Division II institution located in Millersville, Pa. He played both football and baseball for the Illini from 1970-74.

Colby is a 35-year veteran of the coaching profession, including 27 years as a collegiate coach and 10 years as a defensive coordinator at the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level. He has been on staff for two Big Ten championships and 12 bowl games. In his nine years as a high school football coach, Colby won a pair of state championships.

Prior to his head-coaching stint at Millersville, Colby spent six years as defensive coordinator at Northwestern under Randy Walker and Pat Fitzgerald. During his time there, the Wildcats posted three consecutive six-win seasons for the first time in 70 years and six-win seasons in four out of five years for the first time since 1905. Northwestern appeared in the Motor City Bowl in 2003 and the Vitalis Sun Bowl in 2005.

From 1988-95, Colby was assistant coach for outside linebackers and special teams at Illinois, helping the Fighting Illini to a Big Ten Championship in 1990 and six bowl appearances in seven years. He helped the Illini to a 53-38-3 record over that span, with trips to the Citrus Bowl, Hall of Fame Bowl, Holiday Bowl, All-American Bowl, Liberty Bowl and John Hancock Bowl.

Colby served as a graduate assistant at Michigan State from 1986-88, working with the defensive line and helping the Spartans to the 1987 Big Ten championship and a berth in the 1988 Rose Bowl. That was preceded by a seven-year stint as a high school coach. He led Danville's Schlarman High School to consecutive IHSA Class 2A state championships in 1980 and 1981, compiling a 25-1 record. He then guided Naperville Central High School to a 24-13 record from 1982-85, including a conference championship in 1983.

As a student-athlete at Illinois, Colby was a three-year starter for both the Fighting Illini football and baseball teams, serving as captain of the baseball squad as a senior in 1974. He is a native of Danville, Illinois, and graduated from Danville High School in 1970.

Colby and his wife, Janet, have two sons: Matt and Mike.



ALEX GOLESH

Tight Ends/Running Backs

Alex Golesh begins his third year on the Illinois staff as the tight ends and running backs coach, and recruiting coordinator. He came to the Illini from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Mike Ward.

Golesh guided a productive group of tight ends that combined for 52 catches, 545 yards and eight touchdowns in 2013, including four touchdowns against Miami (Ohio), the most tight end TDs in a game in school history. He also helped punter Justin DuVernois to another solid season, as the junior posted a 41.1 yard-per-punt average with 10 over 50 yards and 13 downed inside the 20.

Golesh, who was named a top-10 recruiter in the Big Ten by Rivals.com in 2013, guided DuVernois to a strong sophomore campaign in 2012 as he ranked fourth in the Big Ten in punting with a 41.9 yard-per-punt average, with a long of 72 yards, 16 fair catches, 19 punts downed inside the 20 yard line and 15 punts of 50 or more yards.

Golesh was on Beckman's staff at Toledo for three years from 2009-2011, serving as both the tight ends coach and the recruiting coordinator. Golesh aided the UT program in securing the No. 1 recruiting class in the Mid-American Conference in consecutive years. The 2010 UT class was No. 1 according to Rivals.com, while both Rivals and Scout.com rated the 2011 class No. 1.

Prior to going to Toledo, Golesh spent three seasons as a graduate assistant, two at Northern Illinois (2006-07) and one at Oklahoma State. Golesh worked with the outside linebackers at Oklahoma State in 2008, helping the Cowboys to a 9-4 record and a berth in the Holiday Bowl.

Golesh got his start in the coaching business as a student assistant coach while attending Ohio State as an undergraduate. He spent two-and-a-half years aiding the Buckeyes' defensive coaches, with responsibilities that included working with the defensive line and helping to break down film.

Golesh also spent one year as a defensive line coach in a first-year football program at newly opened Westerville Central High School in 2002.

Golesh was born in Moscow, Russia, but grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and Dublin, Ohio, where he was a three-year letterwinner in football at Dublin Scioto High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State in 2006. He and his wife, Alexis, had a daughter, Corbin, in May 2011, and welcomed a son, Barrett, in July 2014.



TOM BRATTAN

Offensive Line

Tom Brattan is in his first year as the offensive line coach at Illinois after being hired in July 2014. He spent the last 13 seasons at Maryland, where he helped the Terrapins to eight bowl games. A 37-year coaching veteran, including 31 at the collegiate level, Brattan has been a part of record-setting offenses throughout his career.

In his 13 years with the Terps, Brattan produced five players who earned six All-America honors. His linemen also garnered 17 All-ACC laurels, including seven first-team accolades. He helped guide Maryland to eight bowl games and three consecutive 10-win seasons from 2001-03. He also helped the Terps break the school's single-season scoring record in 2001 and the single-season total offense record in 2003.

Prior to coming to Maryland, Brattan spent two years (1999-00) at Stanford, where he served as the Cardinal's line coach in charge of centers and guards. Stanford went 8-4 in 1999 en route to a Rose Bowl bid. The 1999 Stanford offense scored at least 31 points in all but three games and hit the 50-point plateau three times. That year, Brattan's offensive line allowed just 15 sacks in 385 passing attempts (one sack for every 27 attempts).

Brattan took his first full-time job at the collegiate level at William & Mary in 1983 as an offensive backfield coach. After just one season, he was promoted to offensive coordinator and served the remainder of his tenure (1984-91) in that capacity. He worked with the offensive line at William & Mary. In that time, the Tribe advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs on three occasions. From 1986 to 1990, William & Mary earned national rankings in three seasons (No. 9 in 1986; No. 13 in 1989; No. 7 in 1990).

The success was largely a product of Brattan's offensive design as his unit ranked in the top 20 in offense in 1985 and 1986, while it had the top-rated attack in Division I-AA for the 1990 season and the sixth-best in '91.

Brattan took his success at the I-AA level to his next job, Northwestern, where he resided from 1992-98 as offensive line coach. In Brattan's first three years at the school, the Wildcats continued to struggle, pushing their streak of seasons without a winning mark to 23.

A native of Newark, Delaware, Brattan is a 1972 graduate of his hometown school where he earned his bachelor's degree in history and later earned his master's degree in education in 1977. He was a member of the Blue Hen football team, lettering in 1971. He and his wife, Anne, have three daughters: Kristen, Kate and Megan.

ASSISTANT COACHES

**TIM SALEM****Special Teams Coordinator**

Tim Salem is in his third season at Illinois as the special teams coordinator. He also coached running backs in 2012 and 2013. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Salem oversaw dramatic improvements in the Illini's punt return unit in 2013, as Illinois ranked 16th in the nation after standing 118th in 2012. Return man V'Angelo Bentley became the first Illini to return both a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in the same season, and he ranked sixth nationally in punt return average (15.8 ypr). Salem also guided a group of running backs that featured Josh Ferguson, who broke the school record for receiving yards by a running back in a season with 535 and also led the Illini with 11 total touchdowns.

Salem came to Illinois from UCF, where he helped guide the Knights to four bowls in eight seasons. Most recently, he spent three seasons as the Knights' tight ends coach and special teams coordinator. Salem served the previous five years as UCF's offensive coordinator.

As offensive coordinator in 2007, Salem guided UCF to one of the best seasons in program history. Behind a high-powered offense, the Knights won 10 contests, claimed the C-USA title for the first time and participated in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. UCF broke several school records in 2007, including points (502), touchdowns (62) and rushing yards (3,287).

Prior to working at UCF, Salem was the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and kicking coach at Eastern Michigan in 2003. From 1997-00, Salem was the quarterbacks coach at Ohio State, where he coached Joe Germaine to the 1998 Big Ten Player of the Year honor. Salem also worked at Purdue for six seasons as the quarterbacks coach, while also serving as the offensive coordinator for three years.

A 1985 graduate of Arizona State, Salem began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater for two seasons. Salem began his collegiate playing career at Minnesota, where he broke the Big Ten record for consecutive pass completions in 1980, before transferring to Arizona State for the 1983-84 seasons.

Salem is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and starred at the prep level at St. Thomas Academy. His father, Joe, was the head football coach at Minnesota from 1979-84. Salem and his wife, Wendy, have three children: sons, Taylor and Landan, and daughter, Kylan.

**AL SEAMONSON****Outside Linebackers**

Al Seamonson is in his second season as the outside linebackers coach at Illinois. He was hired in February 2013 following coaching stints at Central Florida, Maryland, Bowling Green State, The Citadel, Army and Wisconsin. Seamonson, who spent the 2011 coaching linebackers at UCF, works with the "LEO" and "Star" positions.

Seamonson helped LEO Houston Bates earn honorable mention All-Big-Ten honors in 2013 after ranking ninth in the conference in TFLs per game (1.0) and standing second on the team with 12.0 TFLs on the season.

In 2010, Seamonson helped Maryland go 9-4 and conclude the season with a No. 23 national ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 and a victory over East Carolina in the Military Bowl. He spent his first eight years in College Park working with the Terrapin outside linebackers before taking over as the coach for all linebackers in 2009. He served as a special teams assistant throughout his time under Ralph Friedgen and also was the Terps' defensive coordinator for the end of the 2008 season.

A 1982 graduate of Wisconsin and a two-year letterwinner at wide receiver, Seamonson got his start in coaching in Madison. In 1982, he served as a volunteer coach for Wisconsin's wide receivers. The next two years, he was a graduate assistant working with the secondary.

Seamonson's first stop after leaving Wisconsin was at the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in West Point for the 1985 and '86 seasons, helping the Cadets to a 31-29 Peach Bowl victory over Illinois in 1985. From Army, he moved to The Citadel, where he helped coach five linebackers to All-Southern Conference honors and one (J.J. Davis) to an appearance in the Senior Bowl.

In 2000, Seamonson coached at Bowling Green State under Gary Blackney and along with Tim Beckman, Tim Banks and Mike Ward, helping the Falcons rank fourth in the MAC in rushing defense and total defense. He then spent 10 years at Maryland, working mostly with strong-side linebackers and the LEOs (linebacker/end option). In 2011, he was on the staff at Central Florida with current Illini running backs coach and special teams coordinator Tim Salem.

A native of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Seamonson was a wide receiver at Stoughton High School and was a captain for the all-state shrine team in 1977. He and his wife, Kristi, have three children: Kylan, Calvin and Karter.

**MIKE WARD****Inside Linebackers**

Ward is in his third season at Illinois after joining the Fighting Illini staff as an assistant coach in December 2011, coming to Champaign from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Alex Golesh.

A 21-year veteran of the coaching profession, Ward's two pupils – Jonathan Brown and Mason Monheim – finished in the top three on the team in tackles with 119 and 97, respectively, in 2013. Brown earned second-team All-Big Ten honors, as he ranked second in the conference in tackles and fourth in tackles for loss (1.3 per game, 15.0 total), while also totaling 5.0 sacks and four PBU's. Monheim had 6.5 TFLs and one sack on the season.

Ward guided Monheim to a stellar freshman campaign in 2012, as the rookie linebacker earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from Phil Steele after leading the Illini and all Big Ten freshmen with 86 tackles.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Ward was the assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator on Beckman's staff at Toledo from 2009-11 and was instrumental in the rapid development of the Rockets' defense.

Prior to coaching at Toledo, Ward spent 17 years as an assistant at Bowling Green, including five years working with Beckman (2000-04) and the final two as the defensive coordinator. He began as the program's strength coach from 1992-99 before coaching the defensive linemen from 2000-06 and serving as the defensive coordinator in 2007-08.

Prior to becoming a Falcon, Ward was an assistant football coach and strength coach at his alma mater, Georgetown College, for two years. Ward earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Georgetown in 1984. He later earned a graduate degree in secondary education from Georgetown. As a player at Georgetown, he earned second-team NAIA Division I All-America football honors as a guard in 1983. After completing his education at Georgetown, Ward was an assistant football coach at the University of Findlay for six years. He served as the linebacker coach and the strength and conditioning coordinator for the Oilers before leaving to join BGSU in 1992.

A Mansfield, Ohio, native, Ward attended Mansfield Lexington High School. He is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist. His colleagues in the MAC twice named him as the NSCA Professional of the Year. Ward and his wife, Jody, have two children: Michaela and Addison.

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PRESIDENT ROBERT A. EASTER

Robert A. Easter was appointed president-designate of the University of Illinois in March 2012, and became the university's 19th president in July 2012.

Before becoming president, Easter spent his entire, nearly 40-year career as a senior administrator and faculty member on the university's Urbana-Champaign campus, where he earned his doctorate in animal science in 1976. He was interim chancellor from 2009-2011, serving as chief executive officer of the 42,000-student campus, and also served as interim provost and interim vice chancellor for research.

From 2002-2009, he was dean of the nationally ranked College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Before that, he served as head of the Department of Animal Sciences, where he has been a faculty member since 1976.

An expert in livestock feeding, Easter has co-authored a book on livestock production and has written more than 90 peer-reviewed articles, 11 book chapters, and numerous papers for conferences and industry publications. He also has spoken to audiences in the U.S. and 30 foreign countries on livestock feeding.

In 2006, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), and was appointed as chair of BIFAD in 2007. He also is a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science and serves on the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation and the Governor's Committee on China.

Reared on a grain and livestock farm in southwest Texas, Easter earned an undergraduate degree in agricultural education in 1970 and a master's degree in animal nutrition in 1972, both from Texas A&M University. He completed a doctorate in animal science at the University of Illinois in 1976 and immediately joined the Animal Science Department as an assistant professor of swine nutrition and management. He presently holds the rank of Professor Emeritus.

He operates a small grain farm in central Illinois and is a retired officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he served for 20 years. He also is an avid gardener and reader.

Easter and his wife Cheryl have two adult children and six grandchildren.



CHANCELLOR PHYLLIS M. WISE

Phyllis M. Wise, Ph.D., was named Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Vice President of the University of Illinois on Oct. 1, 2011.

Dr. Wise is the chief executive officer for the Urbana-Champaign campus and is responsible for all financial programs, campus policies, and priorities with the mission of ensuring a transformative educational experience for America's next generation of leaders. The Urbana-Champaign campus has a budget of \$1.5B with more than \$400M in annual research expenditures. There are 42,000 students and 3,000 faculty members. The university is renowned for its interdisciplinary collaborations, advances in human understanding, community outreach, global partnerships, and life-changing scientific developments.

Prior to this appointment Phyllis M. Wise was interim President of the University of Washington in 2010-2011. Before that appointment, she served as Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Washington, a position she held for five years. During that time Dr. Wise was a professor of physiology and biophysics, biology, and obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington.

Dr. Wise was dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the University of California-Davis for three years. Prior to that, she was professor and chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington from 1993 to 2001. Wise also was a faculty member at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from 1976 to 1993, promoted through the ranks to full professor of physiology in 1987.

A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, she holds a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College in biology and a doctorate degree in zoology from the University of Michigan.

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Donations of approximately \$1.7 million by more than 200,000 students, alumni and other friends of the university made the construction of Memorial Stadium possible. The Athletic Association (now known as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics) later allocated \$509,805 to the project for the construction of the south stands and other stadium additions. The drive was needed to add seats for the over 30,000 fans who were turned away from games.

The stadium opened Nov. 3, 1923, when Illinois defeated Chicago, 7-0, in a Homecoming victory. The stadium was dedicated officially Oct. 18, 1924, a day that Illinois not only defeated Michigan, 39-14, for a Homecoming victory, but Harold E. "Red" Grange accounted for six touchdowns in what remains the single greatest performance in Memorial Stadium history. In the first 12 minutes of that game, Grange ran for a total of 265 yards and scored four times against a Michigan team that had not lost in its last 20 games. He had his hands on the ball only six times and left the field before the end of the first quarter.

In the third quarter, Grange returned and ran 13 yards for his fifth touchdown, and in the final period he passed to Marion Leonard for his sixth score of the day. In 42 minutes of playing time, Grange gained a total of 402 yards, carried the ball 21 times and also completed six passes for 64 yards. Legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg called it "the most spectacular single-handed performance ever delivered in a major game."

A press box was added atop the west balcony in 1967, then the Ray Eliot Varsity Room, a training table and trophy display area at the southeast corner of the stadium that was built with funds donated by friends of the Athletic Association, was constructed. A million-dollar 1972 renovation project added aluminum seating and other improvements, then installation of the first artificial turf and a new lighting system was made possible through a 1974 Golden Anniversary campaign drive. The locker rooms and training facilities also underwent a facelift in 1977.

The 1994 season represented the 70th anniversary of Memorial Stadium's dedication and the historic Illinois-Michigan game. To celebrate the event, Red Grange's wife, Mrs. Margaret Grange, attended the Fighting Illini's Oct. 22 game against Michigan. She helped dedicate The Grange Rock, which sits at the north end of Zuppke Field near the Illinois locker room, as a tribute to her husband. The rock came from the same Indiana stone quarry that produced the stadium's granite columns.

During the 1980s, Memorial Stadium saw 27 consecutive sell-outs. The single-game attendance record is 78,297 for a 1984 victory over Missouri.

In April 1985, \$7 million worth of improvements began. Out of this project came installation of a new AstroTurf artificial playing surface and expansion of the football headquarters in the northeast corner of the stadium. An airtight vacuum dome completely covering the field of Memorial Stadium, more commonly known as "The Bubble," was inflated for the first time in December 1985 for the purpose of practice during the winter months. It was used for the last time during the spring season of 2000, when the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility was completed.

In 1986, Memorial Stadium was nominated among 62 other sites – including Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, the Rose Bowl and Yale Bowl – to become a national historic landmark.

The portion of the field's AstroTurf between the goal lines was replaced in the fall of 1989 after vandals burned a 40-yard swath in the middle of the field in the early-morning hours of Sept. 24. Employees from AstroTurf Industries began removing the damaged turf and padding on the 26th and worked around the clock to install a new surface in time for Illinois' Oct. 7 game against Ohio State.



Memorial Stadium underwent major renovations between November 1991 and August 1992. The \$18 million project included the replacement of all the concrete bleachers in both upper decks as well as the replacement of the top 25 rows of the main stands. The stadium's electrical and drainage systems were also brought up to code and new restroom facilities, for both men and women, were installed in the corner towers and great halls. The project was financed through the issuance of revenue bonds by the UI Auxiliary Facilities System.

Before the start of the 1994 season, a new color matrix scoreboard was added to the north end of Zuppkle Field. Renovations to the stadium surface came in the summer of 2001 with the replacement of the field's AstroTurf with AstroPlay, an artificial surface with a grass-like, non-abrasive, polyethylene fiber matrix filled with special rubber granules. The Illini played on the new surface for the first time in the 2001 home opener against Northern Illinois.

Construction took place in the winter of 2002 on the expansion of the football complex and a new state-of-the-art video replay scoreboard. Locker rooms and meeting rooms were expanded and a new sports medicine facility was built on the first floor of the Irwin complex.

In 2008, the University of Illinois unveiled a completed Memorial Stadium "Renaissance" project that encompassed two years of work and over \$121 million. The renovations to the north end zone were completed in August 2007 and the west structure, along with refurbishing of the east great hall. Among the renovation on the west side was the addition of luxury suites, indoor and outdoor club areas, and a refurbishment of the concourses. An outdoor club space, the Colonnades Club, was added under the west balcony and allows for indoor game-day hospitality, as well as outdoor chair-back seats for game viewing. In the west balcony, a three-level structure was built to house two floors of suites and an indoor club space, as well as a new press box for media seating and game day operations. The indoor club, which seats 200, has been named the "77 Club" to honor the retired number of Illinois gridiron legend Harold "Red" Grange. The premium seating areas also serve as Champaign-Urbana's premier event



Above: The 96' by 36' Daktronics HD video display in last year's game vs. SIU on Aug. 31, 2013;

Bottom: A view of Memorial Stadium during the "Stripe the Stadium" game on Oct. 15, 2011.

space, and have hosted weddings, banquets, receptions and meetings since their opening.

Also added underneath the newly enclosed north bleachers during the Illinois Renaissance project, the Illinois football complex got an expansion and refurbishing of the weight room, training facilities and meeting space. The entire project was conducted while keeping the stadium in a functioning capacity for the Illinois football team during the time of construction. The architectural firm HNTB of Kansas City, Missouri, designed the renovation and Hunt Construction Managers handled the construction.

Prior to the 2012 season, a new FieldTurf Revolution surface and banners commemorating Illinois' bowl appearances were installed. The turf features the Block I logo inside an outline of the state of Illinois at midfield and alternating shades of green every five yards.

In 2013, a new high-definition video display measuring 36 feet tall by 96 feet wide was installed in the south horseshoe, while two LED ribbon displays over 420 feet in length were added to the fascia between the seating decks on each side of the stadium, and additional

displays measuring 17 feet by 10 feet were installed on the northeast and southeast towers. In addition, the years of Illinois' national championships and Big Ten championships, plus Red Grange's and Dick Butkus' retired numbers, were installed on the west side facade.

Memorial Stadium has been the site of many other events, including the first-ever "Farm Aid." Farm Aid was organized by Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson and was held on September 22, 1985, before a crowd of 80,000 people. It raised over \$7 million for America's family farmers. Performers included Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, B.B. King, Loretta Lynn, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and many more.

Since 1999, the University of Illinois has played host to the Illinois High School Association's championship games during Thanksgiving weekend. Starting in 2012, the IHSA finals will only be hosted at Memorial Stadium in even-numbered years after the Big Ten adjusted the conference schedule to have a regular-season game on Thanksgiving weekend. In 2002, Memorial Stadium served as the home field for the Chicago Bears while Soldier Field underwent major renovations.





TOP: **DAVID DIEHL** helped the New York Giants to Super Bowl titles in 2008 and 2012 before retiring after the 2013-14 season.

ABOVE LEFT: NFL punter **STEVE WEATHERFORD**, who enters his 10th season, helped the Giants to a Super Bowl title in 2012.

ABOVE MIDDLE: Running back **MIKEL LESHORE** will play his third season with the Detroit Lions in 2014.

ABOVE RIGHT: Defensive back **VONTAE DAVIS** begins his sixth season in the NFL and third with the Indianapolis Colts in 2014.

LEFT: Linebacker **WHITNEY MERCILUS** starts his third season with the Houston Texans and has 13 career sacks in his first two years.



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– David Diehl, former left tackle, New York Giants (2003-13)



ABOVE: ALAN BALL is in his eighth year in the league and second with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

ABOVE MIDDLE: MICHAEL BUCHANAN enters his second season with the New England Patriots in 2014.

ABOVE RIGHT: GLENN FOSTER begins his second year with the New Orleans Saints.

RIGHT: AKEEM SPENCE starts his second season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

FAR RIGHT: HUGH THORNTON is in his second year with the Indianapolis Colts.



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Alan Ball	DB	Jacksonville Jaguars
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Jonathan Brown	LB	Arizona Cardinals
Michael Buchanan	DL	New England Patriots
Jack Cornell	OL	Oakland Raiders
Jeff Cumberland	TE	New York Jets
Vontae Davis	DB	Indianapolis Colts
Derek Dimke	K	New Orleans Saints
Glenn Foster	DL	New Orleans Saints
Justin Green	DB	New England Patriots
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Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	New England Patriots

A.J. Jenkins	WR	Kansas City Chiefs
Ryan Lankford	WR	Indianapolis Colts
Mikel Leshoure	RB	Detroit Lions
Corey Liuget	DL	San Diego Chargers
Brandon Lloyd	WR	San Francisco 49ers
Whitney Mercilus	LB	Houston Texans
Akeem Spence	DL	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
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Evan Wilson	TE	Miami Dolphins
Martez Wilson	LB	Dallas Cowboys
Tavon Wilson	DB	New England Patriots

ILLINI IN THE NFL

RIGHT: Tight end **MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI** is in his fifth year in the league and third with the New England Patriots.

FAR RIGHT: **TAVON WILSON** enters his third season with the New England Patriots in 2014.

MIDDLE RIGHT: **JEFF CUMBERLAND**, who had four touchdowns last year, begins his fifth season with the New York Jets.

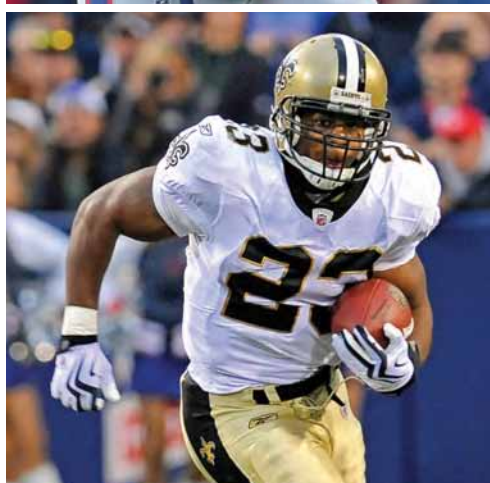
BOTTOM RIGHT: **COREY LIUGET** is in his fourth season with the San Diego Chargers and has 13.5 career sacks and 112 tackles.

MIDDLE: **A.J. JENKINS** enters his second season with the Kansas City Chiefs and third in the league.

BOTTOM MIDDLE: **MARTEZ WILSON** is in his third season in the NFL and first with the Dallas Cowboys.

RIGHT: **PIERRE THOMAS**, who begins his eighth season, helped the New Orleans Saints to a Super Bowl XLIV title in 2010.

BELOW: **JEFF ALLEN**, who enters his third season with the Kansas City Chiefs, has made 27 starts in his first two seasons.



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Doug Mills won the Varsity "I" Award of the Year in 1999.

their children, David and Rob, gave a \$1.5 million gift that endows the salary of the head football coach at the University of Illinois.

Doug and Linda both graduated from Illinois in 1962. While at the University, they had very distinguished careers. Doug earned six letters in basketball, baseball and football, and was the 1962 U of I Outstanding Athlete Award recipient. Doug graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. Doug was a two-time All-Big Ten pitcher from 1960-1962, compiling an 18-1 record and leading the Illini to the 1962 Big Ten baseball title. Doug earned two letters in basketball as a guard for Harry Combes and one letter as the starting punter and backup halfback in football as a senior.

Doug was involved as a member of the Advisory Committee for the College of Business and has spearheaded a number of projects for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics in addition to serving as a Foundation Member and President's Council member for the U of I Foundation. Doug was honored with the Varsity "I" Award of the Year in 1999 and is a charter member of the Loyalty Circle.

Linda graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, was a Bronze Tablet recipient and was recognized as the outstanding senior in education. Following graduation, she began her career with IBM, working first as a programmer and then as a systems engineer. In 1978, Linda received her MBA from Illinois.

Linda supported, with her leadership and patronage, the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and sponsored the Bagley Scholarship in the College of Education. She also served on the Board of Directors for the U of I's Friends of the Library. In 1994, she received the Athena Award from the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, an award which recognizes the achievements of outstanding professional women. In 1995, she was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Green Meadows Girl Scout Council in Urbana.

Linda was an active volunteer in the First Presbyterian Church where she served as a Financial Trustee. She served as the President of the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Chairman of the Board of the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation and President of the Junior League. In 1999, she received an honorary "I" award from the university. She passed away on Sept. 14, 2006, after a prolonged battle with cancer.

In April 1971, Doug and three of his banking friends purchased controlling interest in Busey First National Bank, Urbana, Ill. The bank had total assets of \$40 million and Doug was named Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. In 2004, Doug was named Banker of the Year by the Illinois Bankers Association. After 37 years as CEO of Busey, Doug retired from First Busey Corporation in August 2008. The bank had grown to over \$4 billion in total assets.

Doug and Linda established the Busey-Mills Community Foundation to enhance the quality of life in the communities served by the Busey organization. In 2005, Doug and Linda gave \$10 million to Carle Foundation to establish the Mills Breast Cancer Research Institute in Urbana, which opened in August 2008.

Doug and Linda raised two sons, David and Rob. David has two daughters, Madison and Ashley, and lives in Michigan. He is a Loyalty Circle member and endowed the salary of the head tennis coach at the University of Illinois with a \$1 million gift. Rob and his wife, Christen, live in San Diego. Rob is president of Mills Investments Financial, Inc.

On Sept. 1, 2012, Doug married the former Cisty Swain of Peoria, Ill. Cisty received her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1966 and a master's degree from Stanford University in 1968. Her father, Timothy W. Swain (BA '31 LLD '33), was appointed to fill Harold "Red" Grange's vacancy on the UI Board of Trustees in 1955. He served as a trustee for 20 years and was President of the Board from 1967-69. Cisty has three sons, J.R., Tim (BS '98) and Hunter (BS '01), all of whom work in investment banking. Cisty has six grandchildren.

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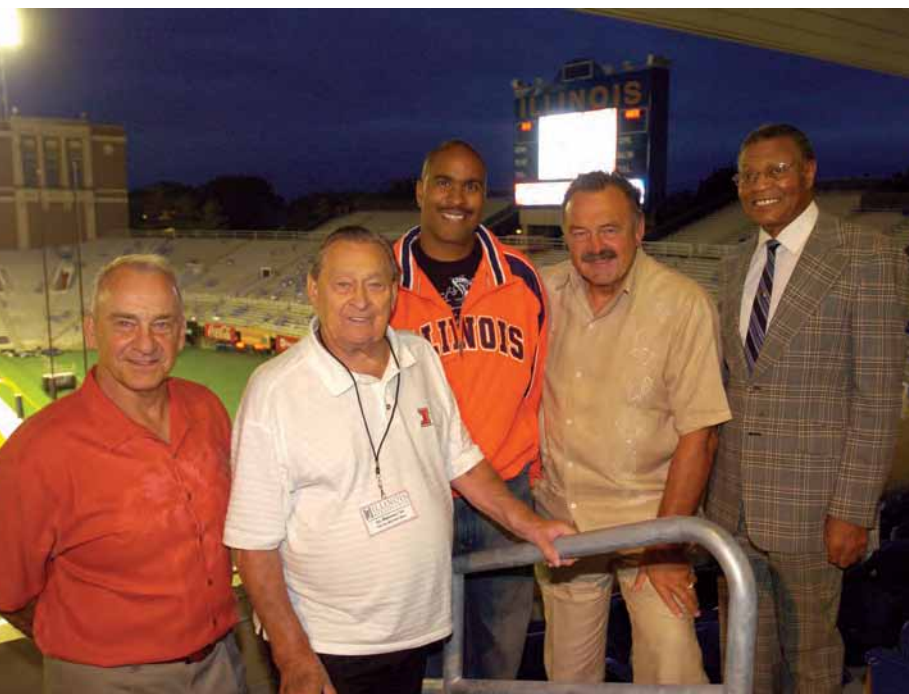
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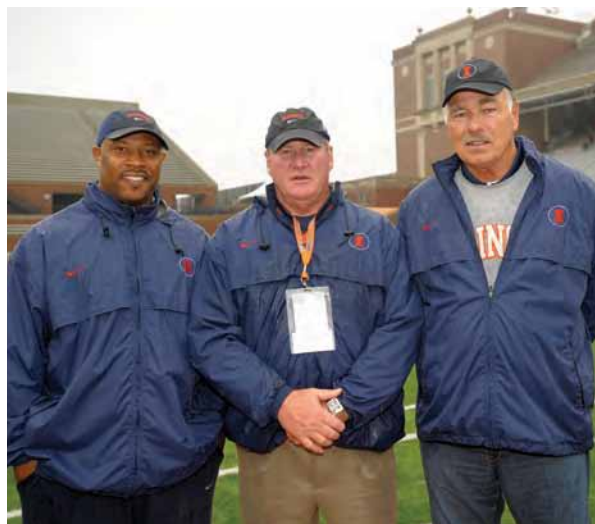
Left: Five Illini who have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (l-r): Jim Grabowski, Al Brosky, David Williams, Dick Butkus, J.C. Caroline.

Middle Left: Members of the 2001 Big Ten champion and Sugar Bowl team gathered for their 10-year reunion in July 2011.

Below: Former Illini greets Dana Howard, Tim McCarthy and Doug Dieken served as honorary coaches for the Orange team in the 2012 spring game.

Bottom Left: Former Illini and current NFL players Alan Ball (left) and Steve Weatherford were the honorary coaches at the 2011 spring game.

Bottom Right: Former Illini Rashard Mendenhall, Martez Wilson, Eric Rouse, Dino Pollock, Dana Howard, Tim Simpson and Juice Williams served as honorary coaches at the 2014 spring game.



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ILLINOIS RECORDS

**RUSHING YARDS**

Game: 330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010
Season: 1,697, Mikel Leshoure, 2010
Career: 4,105, Robert Holcombe, 1994-97
1,000-yard Seasons: 3, Robert Holcombe, 1995-97

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Game: 49, Robert Holcombe vs. East Carolina, 9/23/95
Season: 294, Robert Holcombe, 1997
Career: 943, Robert Holcombe, 1994-97

YARDS PER RUSH

Game: 25.3 (3-76), Abe Woodson vs. Iowa St., 10/1/55
Season (min. 80 att): 6.5 (127-826), John Karras, 1949
Career (min. 100 att): 6.5 (388-2,539), Rashard Mendenhall

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Game: 8, Howard Griffith vs. SIU, 9/22/90*
Season: 17, Rashard Mendenhall, 2007; Mikel Leshoure, 2010
Career: 31, Howard Griffith, 1987-90
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100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Season: 9, Mikel Leshoure, 2010
Career: 16, Robert Holcombe, 1994-97
Consecutive: 5, Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/10-12/29/10

200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Season: 2, Howard Griffith, 1990; Rashard Mendenhall, 2007
Career: 2, Red Grange, 1923-25; Howard Griffith, 1987-90; Robert Holcombe, 1994-97; Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-07

PASSING YARDAGE

Half: 344, Dave Wilson (2nd) at Ohio St., 11/8/80
Game: 621, Dave Wilson at Ohio St., 11/8/80
Season: 3,671, Tony Eason, 1982
Career: 8,725, Jack Trudeau, 1981-85

PASS ATTEMPTS

Quarter: 32, Jack Trudeau (4th) at Purdue, 10/12/85
Half: 44, Jack Trudeau (2nd) at Purdue, 10/12/85
Game: 69, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80
Season: 505, Tony Eason, 1982
Career: 1,264, Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001

PASS COMPLETIONS

Game: 43, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80
Season: 322, Jack Trudeau, 1985
Career: 797, Jack Trudeau, 1981-85

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Game (min. 20 att.): .839 (26-31), Reilly O'Toole vs. Charleston Southern, 9/15/2012
Season: .667, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2013 (287-430)
Career: .640, Jack Trudeau, 1981-85 (797-1245)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Game: 6, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80
Season: 27, Kurt Kittner, 2001
Career: 70, Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001

PASS EFFICIENCY

Game: 308.9, Tom O'Connell vs. Washington, 10/11/52
Season: 140.7, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2013
Career: 133.8, Tony Eason, 1981-82

CONSECUTIVE PASS COMPLETIONS

15, Nathan Scheelhaase vs. Northwestern, 11/30/2013

PASSING YARDS PER GAME

Season: 333.7, Tony Eason, 1982
Career: 300.4, Tony Eason, 1981-82

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Season: 6, Tony Eason, 1981
Career: 10, Tony Eason, 1981-82
Consecutive: 5, Dave Wilson, 10/18-11/15/80

400-YARD PASSING GAMES

Season: 3, Dave Wilson, 1980
Career: 3, Dave Wilson, 1980; Tony Eason, 1981-82
Consecutive: 2, Dave Wilson, 11/8-11/15/80

CONSECUTIVE PASSING STREAKS

Games with touchdown pass: 16, Jack Trudeau, 11/19/83-9/21/85
Passes without an interception: 215, Jack Trudeau, 9/21 - 11/9/85
Passes Thrown in a Game Without an Interception: 66, Jack Trudeau at Purdue, 10/12/85

Yards gained in two consecutive games: 1,024, Dave Wilson, 1980 (621 at Ohio State, 11/8/80; 403 at Indiana, 11/15/80)

TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDAGE

Game: 585, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80
Season: 3,892, Juice Williams, 2008
Career: 10,634, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010-13

RECEPTIONS

Game: 16, David Williams at Purdue, 10/12/85
Season: 101, David Williams, 1984
Career: 262, David Williams, 1983-85

RECEIVING YARDAGE

Game: 268, A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011
Season: 1,278, David Williams, 1984
Career: 3,392, David Williams, 1983-85

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

Game: 3, several, last by A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011
Season: 10, David Williams, 1985
Career: 24, David Williams, 1983-85

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Season: 6, David Williams, 1984, 1985; Brandon Lloyd, 2001
Career: 16, David Williams, 1983-85
Consecutive: 3, Mike Martin, 10/2-10/16/82

POINTS

Game: 48, Howard Griffith vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/90
Season: 122, Mikel Leshoure, 2010
Career: 267, Jason Reda, 2004-07

TOUCHDOWNS

Quarter: 4, Red Grange (1st) vs. Michigan, 10/18/24; Howard Griffith (3rd) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/90
Half: 4, Red Grange (1st) vs. Michigan, 10/18/24; Howard Griffith (1st & 2nd) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/90
Game: 8, Howard Griffith vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/90
Season: 20, Mikel Leshoure, 2010
Career: 33, Howard Griffith, 1987-90

FIELD GOALS

Game: 5, Dan Beaver vs. Purdue, 10/13/73; Mike Bass at Wisconsin, 10/23/82; Chris White vs. Wisconsin, 10/16/84; Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/90
Season: 24, Chris White, 1984; Mike Bass, 1982; Derek Dimke, 2010
Career: 53, Chris White, 1983-85

CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS

13 Mike Bass, 9/11/82-10/9/82

EXTRA POINTS

Game: 9, Doug Higgins at Northwestern 1989; Neil Rackers vs. Virginia, 12/30/99

Season: 44, Neil Rackers, 1999
Career: 114, Jason Reda, 2004-07

PUNTING AVERAGE

Game: 54.3, Bill Brown at Michigan, 11/8/58
Season: 45.4, Steve Weatherford, 2004
Career: 43.6, Steve Weatherford, 2002-05

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE

Game (min. 4): 125, Red Grange vs. Nebraska, 10/6/23
Season (min. 8): 308, Darryl Usher, 1987
Career (min. 15): 896, Eugene Wilson, 1999-02

KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE

Game: 170, Mike Bellamy vs. Indiana, 11/18/89
Season: 736, George McDonald-Ashford, 1996
Career: 1,495, Pierre Thomas, 2003-06

TACKLES

Game: 34, John Sullivan vs. Minnesota, 11/12/77
Season: 202, John Sullivan, 1977
Career: 595, Dana Howard, 1991-94

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Game: 6, Jeff Weisse vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/98
Season: 23, Mike Polosky, 1991; Simeon Rice, 1995
Career: 69, Simeon Rice, 1992-95

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Game: 5, Simeon Rice vs. Washington State, 9/1/94
Season: 16, Simeon Rice, 1994; Whitney Mercilus, 2011
Career: 44.5, Simeon Rice, 1992-95

INTERCEPTIONS

Game: 4, Mike Gow at Stanford, 9/21/74
Season: 11, Al Brosky, 1950 & 1951
Career: 30, Al Brosky,* 1950-52 (NCAA Record-29)
Consecutive Games with at Least One Pass Interception: 16, Al Brosky,* 1950-51 (NCAA record-15), began 11/11/50 (at Iowa), ended 10/18/52 (at Minnesota)
 (*NCAA did not include bowl game statistics in its records. Brosky had one interception in the 1952 Rose Bowl.)

INTERCEPTION TOUCHDOWNS

Game: 1, several, last by Terry Hawthorne vs. UCLA, 12/31/2011
Season: 2, Mike Gow (1974), Dave Edwards (1983) and Christian Morton (2001)
Career: 3, Mike Gow, 1972-74

FRESHMAN RECORDS

Rushing Yardage: 868, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010
Passing Yardage: 1,825, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010
Touchdown Passes: 17, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010
Consecutive Pass Completions: 13, Nathan Scheelhaase vs. Baylor, 12/29/2010
Passing Efficiency: 131.97, Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010
Receptions: 54, Arrelious Benn, 2007
Receiving Yardage: 676, Arrelious Benn, 2007
Touchdown Catches: 6, David Williams, 1983
Points: 84, Matt Eller, 2008
Tackles: 147, Dana Howard, 1991
Interceptions: 5, Craig Swoope, 1982
Quarterback Sacks: 9, Simeon Rice, 1992
Field Goals: 15, Matt Eller, 2008

*** ALL RECORDS ENTERING 2014 SEASON ***

ILLINOIS EXPANDS MEALS, FUELING STATIONS TO ALL VARSITY SPORTS

By Lexi Shurilla, *fightingillini.com* staff writer

Until recently, the NCAA only allowed schools to feed student-athletes one meal a day, five days a week, during the calendar school year. Within those rules, the University of Illinois only offered a training table meal to four of its athletic teams during the school year. Thankfully for all student-athletes at Illinois, legislation passed by the NCAA this past spring that deregulated student-athlete meals. With the changes, Illinois is now feeding all 19 teams within its Illini Fuel initiative; utilizing enhanced fueling stations to give student-athletes the opportunity to fuel their bodies throughout the day with proper nutrition and healthy eating habits.

Before Deregulation

Director of Sports Nutrition Chelsea Burkart is just starting her third year in her current role. When she arrived at Illinois, every school was allowed to make its own decisions within the legislation on how to handle student-athlete meal plans. Some schools might only feed football, while others might feed every team a training table meal. At Illinois, the four teams – football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball – were given the one meal a day and the only exceptions for the other sports was during an academic break where the student-athletes still had to be on campus for training or were in season.

"When I arrived, in speaking with administration at that time, I was told the goal was to eventually be feeding all of our teams," Burkart said. "But there was no timeline regarding when that change would occur. The initial approach was to grow the sports nutrition program in general from an athlete-education standpoint, with the goal of providing meals for all teams as something set off in the future."

"Those of us within the sports nutrition community expected this legislation to pass. We, as sports dietitians, have been involved with pushing the NCAA for a number of years to deregulate feeding. In the old system of only being allowed to provide one meal a day, you end up with busy athletes who tend to under fuel throughout the day and then binge on the single buffet-style meal that was provided in the evening. As you can imagine, that wasn't optimal for adequate fueling and recovery between training sessions."

New NCAA Legislation

There were a number of people who didn't believe that the new legislation would ever pass. It was a waiting game until the legislation was eventually finalized at the end of the spring semester in 2013, and Illinois was able to start doing the legwork for the new meal planning.

As soon as it passed, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics decided it was going to take this legislation to the fullest that it could and feed student-athletes with enhanced fueling stations in the morning, at lunch and then a full spread dinner for all of the student-athletes at the end of the day.

"There was never a question regarding how our administration wanted to handle the new legislation," Burkart said. "From the beginning, it was made clear that we would be offering the same fueling opportunities to all of our teams. That aspect has made me so proud to be a part of this athletic department. It was a decision by the DIA that they would find the money to make it happen. I think what's separating schools right now is that it is a choice – a choice of how to handle the new legislation and the finances an institution is willing to invest in the nutrition of its student-athletes."

In the old legislation Illinois was allowed to provide fruit, nuts, bagels, chocolate milk and protein bars 24 hours a day, which was called a fueling station. The guidelines were very specific and the school could only supply things within the legislation. Now with

the enhanced fueling stations at the Varsity Room, Illinois is able to add in deli meats, breads and cheese to make a sandwich, salads, oatmeal and yogurt, just to name a few options. So yes, Illinois is able to provide more, but at the same time it's not excessive, it's just enhanced so that student-athletes have options for grab-and-go meals.

"What the legislation says is unlimited meals and snacks incidental to participation," Burkart said. "It also comments that these meals are not to replace a meal plan for a student. We have to work within that. You don't show up for breakfast for a buffet. There are breakfast sandwiches and yogurt parfaits as some of the options."



All University of Illinois student-athletes are able to eat dinner at the Colonnades Club located inside Memorial Stadium.

The meals aren't categorized as breakfast, lunch and dinner. Instead they are morning fueling, midday fueling and dinner at night. The idea behind the fueling stations is to get the athletes the nutrients and energy they need multiple times throughout the day to keep their bodies in tune for their next workout, practice or game.

This system is not required for athletes, but obviously most of them take advantage of being able to stop by the Varsity Room to grab something for recovery on the way home or on the way to class. Burkart said that right now there are about 40 percent of athletes in the morning, 55 percent at midday and about 80 percent coming to dinner.

Morning and midday fueling stations are hosted in the Varsity Room and the meals aren't made to order. While some athletes do sit down to eat, most come in, build their meals and take it to go. With the dinner crowd being around 400 people, it's hosted in the Colonnades Club at Memorial Stadium, and is a full-fledged buffet with hot items, a carving station and make your own pasta station; anything to choose from to create a balanced meal, sit down and hang out with teammates.

Nutritional Value

To help athletes make smart decisions about what to put on their plate, one of Illinois' dietitians is at almost every meal. Burkart said the nutrition program in general continues to grow and the support from the University of Illinois has been amazing with expanding this vital program. Illinois is one of only 44 Division I schools that has a full-time sports dietitian and just recently added a second full-time position with Katie McKinney transferring her role in the Varsity Room to work as a sport dietitian.

"We see our role as somewhat of an assistant coach within each of our teams," Burkart said. "Our job is to coach their plate and help athletes understand their fueling and recovery needs in order to maximize performance. We let the athletes know that we're there to give them feedback on how to make their plate better for performance; we're not there to be the food police."

It's encouraged for athletes to eat multiple times throughout the day to meet energy needs and drive metabolism. In addition to the two fueling stations and dinner every day, many teams have a pre-workout fueling station before practice. These stations come out of each individual sport's budget and each sport tends to offer something a little different. The dietitians give advice on what should be offered as an appropriate pre-workout snack, and help coaches and athletes understand what items are the best to eat an hour before training. For example, before football there is a table set up with bagels, graham crackers, pretzels, fruit cups and fresh fruit; simple snack things that are easy to eat.

Even with the new options, the carefully selected menu hasn't really changed with the deregulation. Burkart and McKinney are able to work one-on-one with student-athletes as well. They are both involved in creating menus for the Illini Fuel initiative that include carbohydrate and protein choices, and fresh fruit and vegetables at every meal.

For those times when athletes want to splurge a little, there's still sweet options like frozen yogurt with toppings for fun food but the dietitians encourage the athletes to follow an 80/20 rule. They should have the best food for fuel and recovery 80 percent of the time and then the other 20 percent there's room for treat food.

"We had such a short time between May and August to get started and put everything together to go from feeding four teams one meal a day to 19 teams, two fueling stations and a dinner," Burkart said. "It's been awesome so far. It's been everything we had hoped it would be. We're getting great feedback from our student-athletes and it has allowed us to do exactly what we hoped to do for all of them."



Fresh fruit, yogurt, smoothies and sandwich spreads are just a few options for Illini student-athletes at the enhanced fueling stations.

ILLINOIS ROSTER

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NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
53	Nick Allegretti	OL	6-4	305	Fr.	5-4	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East	69	Ted Karras	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	2-2	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral
8	Geronimo Allison	WR	6-4	195	Jr.	3-2	Tampa, Fla./Spoto HS/Iowa Western CC	4	Darwyn Kelly	DB	6-1	210	r-Fr.	4-4	Upper Marlboro, Md./H.D. Woodson
65	Jake Angona	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	5-4	Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central	84	Nelson Lugo	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	2-2	Detroit, Mich./Country Day
25	Sean Arowolaju	DB	6-0	195	So.	3-3	Matteson, Ill./Rich South	37	Davontay Kwaaning	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	2-2	Chicago, Ill./Lindblom
15	Aaron Bailey	QB	6-2	225	So.	4-3	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook	41	Nick Kyburz	P	6-0	215	Fr.	5-4	Chesterfield, Mo./Marquette HS
96	Rob Bain	DL	6-3	305	So.	3-3	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook	11	Matt LaCrosse	TE	6-6	250	Sr.	2-1	Naperville, Ill./North
9	Martize Barr	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	1-1	Washington, D.C./Coolidge/Iowa Western CC	15	Jevaris Little	DB	6-0	190	So.	3-3	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
81	Raphael Barr	WR	6-2	190	So.	4-3	Etiwanda, Calif./Etiwanda HS/Citrus College (CA)	29	Nelson Lugo	STAR	5-11	200	So.	3-3	Franklin Park, Ill./East Leyden
3	Taylor Barton	DB	6-1	215	So.	3-3	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep	12	Wes Lunt	QB	6-5	225	So.	3-3	Rochester, Ill./Rochester HS/Oklahoma State
10	B.J. Bello	LB	6-3	225	So.	3-3	New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way West	56	Michael Martin	LS	6-4	225	So.	3-3	Champaign, Ill./Centennial
2	V'Angelo Bentley	DB	5-10	190	Jr.	3-2	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville	66	Scott McDowell	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	2-2	Hinsdale, Ill./Central
16	Man Berg	QB	6-2	200	r-Fr.	4-4	Sherman Oaks, Calif./La Salle	45	Henry McGrew	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	5-4	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley
78	Rhaphael Barr	WR	6-5	280	r-Fr.	4-4	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips	48	Chase McLaughlin	PK	6-1	165	Fr.	5-4	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Woods
55	Chris Boles	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	2-2	Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic	43	Mason Monheim	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	3-2	Orville, Ohio/Orville
92	Abe Cajuste	DL	6-3	290	Sr.	1-1	Miami, Fla./North Miami Beach/Victor Valley College	24	Darius Mosely	DB	5-11	190	So.	4-3	O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon Township
8	Dillan Cazley	DB	5-10	190	So.	4-3	Charleston, Ill./Charleston	29	T.J. Moss	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	5-4	Carpentersville, Ill./Dundee Crown
23	Devin Church	RE	5-8	190	So.	3-3	Southfield, Mich./Brother Rice	16	Marchie Murdock	WR	6-1	195	r-Fr.	4-4	Arlington, Texas/Legacy
47	Tim Clary	RB	6-2	250	Jr.	2-2	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond-Burton	52	T.J. Neal Jr.	LB	6-1	235	So.	3-3	McKeesport, Pa./McKeesport
99	Jarroed Clements	DL	6-3	290	So.	4-3	Dayton, Ohio/Trotwood Madison	58	Kenny Nelson	DL	6-6	250	Jr.	2-2	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech
42	Ralph Cooper	LB	6-1	240	Sr.	2-1	Winnsboro, S.C./Fairfield Central	31	Nick North	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	2-2	Hollywood, Fla./McArthur
5	James Crawford	STAR	6-2	215	r-Fr.	4-4	Deerfield, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	30	Jim Nudera	TE	6-1	240	Jr.	2-2	Elmhurst, Ill./York
7	Chayce Crouch	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	5-4	Granville, Ohio/Newark Catholic	73	Chris O'Connor	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	2-2	Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew
70	Peter Cvijanovic	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	5-4	Cleveland, Ohio/Benedictine HS/East Coast Prep.	4	Reilly O'Toole	QB	6-4	220	Sr.	2-1	Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South
68	Simon Cvijanovic	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	1-1	Cleveland, Ohio/Benedictine	94	Tito Odenigbo	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	5-4	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville
3	Jon Davis	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	1-1	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Eastern	21	Zane Petty	DB	6-1	205	Sr.	1-1	Corning, Calif./Corning/American River College
7	Caleb Day	DB	6-1	200	So.	4-3	Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard Darby	6	Carroll Phillips	LB	6-3	230	So.	3-3	Miami, Fla./Miami Central HS/Coiah Lincoln CC
67	Christian DiLauro	OL	6-5	295	r-Fr.	4-4	Uniontown, Ohio/Green	31	Leslie Poole	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	2-2	Schaumburg, Ill./Conant
26	Cedric Doxy	OL	6-2	220	So.	3-3	Calumet City, Ill./Thornwood	93	Teko Powell	DL	6-3	305	Jr.	3-2	Miami, Fla./Norland
18	Mike Dudek	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	5-4	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley	38	David Reisner	PK	6-0	195	So.	3-3	Bartlett, Ill./South Elgin/Navy
64	Steve Dumezich	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Mount Carmel	36	Austin Roberts	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	5-4	Rice Lake, Wis./Rice Lake
28	Jaylen Dunlap	DB	6-1	185	So.	4-3	Chicago, Ill./Crete-Monee	85	Brandon Roberts	DL	6-3	265	r-Fr.	4-4	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods
18	Justin DuVernois	P	6-1	190	Sr.	2-1	Plantation, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	57	Austin Schmidt	OL	6-6	295	So.	4-3	Galena, Ohio/Olentangy
39	Nathan Echard	LB	6-2	230	r-Fr.	4-4	Eureka, Mo./Eureka	49	Connor Schmidt	STAR	5-11	195	r-Fr.	4-4	Lincoln, Ill./Lincoln Community
20	Clayton Fejedelem	DB	6-1	195	Jr.	2-2	Lemont, Ill./Lemont/St. Xavier University	91	Dawuane Smoot	LEO	6-3	270	So.	4-3	Groveport, Ohio/Groveport Madison
6	Josh Ferguson	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	2-2	Naperville, Ill./Joliet Catholic	27	Eaton Spence	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	2-2	Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Day
14	Eric Finney	STAR	6-0	220	Jr.	2-2	Riverside, Calif./Centennial/College of the Canyons	71	Joe Spencer	OL	6-4	300	So.	3-3	Mason, Ohio/Mason
75	Patrick Flavin	OL	6-7	300	Jr.	2-2	Lisle, Ill./Benet Academy	2	Tyrin Stone-Davis	WR	6-3	195	So.	3-3	Philadelphia, Pa./Mastbaum Area VTS/Pierce Col. (CA)
25	Kendrick Foster	RB	5-9	200	r-Fr.	4-4	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods	34	Mike Svetina	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	3-2	Brunswick, Ohio/St. Ignatius
98	Joe Fotu	DL	6-3	285	Jr.	3-2	East Oakland, Calif./San Leandro HS/Laney CC	13	Dionte Taylor	WR	6-0	190	So.	4-3	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./University School
31	Ryan Frain	PK/P	6-2	220	So.	3-3	Indianapolis, Ind./Secscina	44	Austin Teitsma	DL	6-2	290	Sr.	1-1	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South
82	Kameron Fry	WR	6-1	200	So.	3-3	Urbana, Ill./Urbana	9	Ernest Thomas III	STAR	6-2	210	Sr.	1-1	Southfield, Mich./St. Mary's
46	Jason Goldsmith	STAR	6-2	215	Fr.	5-4	Highland Park, Ill./Highland Park	23	Dennis Thurow	DB	6-1	205	r-Fr.	4-4	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley
88	Zach Grant	WR	6-0	195	Jr.	3-2	Springfield, Ill./Rochester/St. Ambrose College/NIU	26	Cameron Tucker	RB	5-8	200	Jr.	2-2	River Forest, Ill./Nazareth Academy
33	Zepheniah Grimes	STAR	5-11	225	Jr.	2-2	Bamberg, S.C./Bamberg-Ehrhardt	40	Ryan Tucker	P	6-3	185	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Marist
19	Justin Hardee	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	3-2	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville	86	Malik Turner	WR	6-3	205	Fr.	5-4	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin
38	Samuel Harlib	DB	6-0	180	r-Fr.	4-4	Las Vegas, Nev./Army & Navy Academy	83	Brennen VanMieghem	PK	6-2	190	Sr.	2-1	Metamora, Ill./Metamora Township
74	Michael Heitz	OL	6-6	310	Sr.	1-1	Vermont, Ill./VIT	22	LaKeith Walls	LB	6-2	215	So.	3-3	Cleveland, Ohio/Rhodes
52	Alex Hill	OL	6-3	315	Sr.	1-1	Slidell, La./Slidell	17	Jihad Ward	DL	6-6	295	Jr.	3-2	Philadelphia, Pa./Bok Vo-Tech HS/Globe Tech (NY)
89	Dallas Hinkhouse	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	2-2	Clive, Iowa/West Des Moines Valley/Iowa Western CC	55	Tré Watson	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	5-4	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic
54	Zach Hirth	LS	6-4	220	So.	3-3	Eureka, Mo./Eureka	35	Sean White	LB	6-0	230	So.	3-3	Casey, Ill./Casey-Westfield
95	Jake Howe	DL/FB	6-3	305	Sr.	1-1	McHenry, Ill./McHenry	87	Tyler White	TE	6-5	255	So.	4-3	Kalamazoo, Mich./Plainwell
30	Julian Hyton	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	5-4	Tinley Park, Ill./Lincoln-Way North	80	Jeremy Whitlow	WR	6-2	215	Jr.	2-2	Cleveland, Ohio/Central Catholic
32	Chris James	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	5-4	Orange, Texas/West Orange-Stark	90	DeJazz Woods	LEO	6-3	255	Sr.	1-1	Tampa, Fla./Robinson
97	Paul James III	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	5-4	Miami, Fla./Norland	5	Donovonn Young	RB	6-0	220	Sr.	2-1	Houston, Texas/Katy
83	Trevor Kanteman	TE	6-4	245	r-Fr.	4-4	Woodland Hills, Calif./Royal HS/Pierce College	17	Taylor Zalewski	PK	6-3	220	Jr.	2-2	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	17	Taylor Zalewski	PK	38	Samuel Harlib	DB	70	Peter Cvijanovic	OL
2	V'Angelo Bentley	DB	18	Justin DuVernois	P	38	David Reisner	PK	71	Joe Spencer	OL
2	Tyrin Stone-Davis	WR	18	Mike Dudek	WR	39	Nathan Echard	LB	73	Chris O'Connor	OL
3	Taylor Barton	DB	19	Justin Hardee	WR	40	Ryan Tucker	P	74	Michael Heitz	OL
3	Jon Davis	TE	20	Clayton Fejedelem	DB	41	Nick Kyburz	P	75	Patrick Flavin	OL
4	Darwyn Kelly	DB	21	Zane Petty	DB	42	Ralph Cooper	LB	78	Harry Black	OL
4	Reilly O'Toole	QB	22	LaKeith Walls	LB	43	Mason Monheim	LB	80	Jeremy Whitlow	WR
5	James Crawford	STAR	23	Devin Church	RB	44	Austin Teitsma	DL	81	Raphael Barr	WR
5	Donovonn Young	RB	23	Dennis Thurow	DB	45	Henry McGrew	LB	82	Kameron Fry	WR
6	Josh Ferguson	RB	24	Darius Mosely	DB	46	Jason Goldsmith	STAR	83	Trevor Kanteman	TE
6	Carroll Phillips	LB	25	Sean Arowolaju	DB	47	Tim Clary	TE	83	Brennen VanMieghem	PK
7	Chayce Crouch	QB	25	Kendrick Foster	DB	48	Chase McLaughlin	PK	84	Kenny Knight	WR
7	Caleb Day	DB	26	Cedric Doxy	DB	49	Connor Schmidt	STAR	85	Brandon Roberts	DL
8	Geronimo Allison	WR	26	Cameron Tucker	RB	52	T.J. Neal Jr.	LB	86	Malik Turner	WR
8	Dillan Cazley	DB	27	Eaton Spence	DB	52	Alex Hill	OL	87	Tyler White	TE
9	Martize Barr	WR	28	Jaylen Dunlap	DB	53	Nick Allegretti	OL	88	Zach Grant	WR
9	Ernest Thomas III	STAR	29	Nelson Lugo	STAR	54	Zach Hirth	LS	89	Dallas Hinkhouse	TE
10	B.J. Bello	LB	29	T.J. Moss	RB	55	Chris Boles	OL	90	DeJazz Woods	LEO
11	Matt LaCrosse	TE	30	Julian Hyton	DB	55	Tré Watson	LB	91	Dawuane Smoot	LEO
12	Wes Lunt	QB	30	Jim Nudera	TE	56	Michael Martin	LS	92	Abe Cajuste	OL
13	Ryan Frain	PK/P	31	Nick North	DB	57	Austin Schmidt	OL	93	Teko Powell	DL
13	Dionte Taylor	WR	31	Leslie Poole	WR	58	Kenny Nelson	DL	94	Tito Odenigbo	OL
14	Eric Finney	STAR	32	Chris James	WR	64	Steve Dumezich	OL	95	Jake Howe	DL/FB
15	Aaron Bailey	QB	33	Zepheniah Grimes	STAR	65	Jake Angona	OL	96	Rob Bain	DL
15	Jevaris Little	DB	34	Mike Svetina	LB	66	Scott McDowell	OL	97	Paul James III	DL
16	Marchie Murdock	WR	35	Sean White	LB	67	Christian DiLauro	OL	98	Joe Fotu	DL
16	Man Berg	QB	36	Austin Roberts	DB	68	Simon Cvijanovic	OL	99	Jarroed Clements	DL
17	Jihad Ward	DL	37	Davontay Kwaaning	DB	69	Ted Karras	OL			

FORMER ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS ADD NEW LIFE TO STAFF

By Lexi Shurilla, *fightingillini.com* staff writer

The Illinois volleyball program has elected to keep its leadership in the Illini family as the volleyball staff now includes two former players and a former volunteer assistant. 2010 AVCA All-American Hillary Haen is in her first season as an assistant coach for the Illini, while Johannah Bangert, who holds the Big Ten record for career block assists, enters her second season with her alma mater as the Director of Volleyball Operations.

Haen and Bangert were teammates from 2007-10 who helped build the culture of the program into what it is to today. Even though their roles are much different now, the former Illini are making an impact on the new faces of Illinois volleyball.

Same Team, New Roles

Haen and Bangert return to their alma mater, where they led the Orange and Blue to three straight NCAA Regional appearances in 2008-10. The pair were coached by Don Hardin as freshmen, before Kevin Hambly was promoted to head coach in 2008. Haen was the first setter Hambly worked with as head coach, and he is enjoying watching her flourish in her new position as part of his staff.

"Hillary was always kind of a coach on the floor," Hambly said. "We've had a really good relationship as far as how we communicated what needed to happen, especially when she was young. She was the first player I started to meet with regularly and try to manage what it's like to be a setter, so I think our relationship grew from there and it's been easy."

"It has been very interesting, very revealing I would say," Haen said of her coaching role. "Me and Jo always laugh, when you're a player, you know the coaches are in the gym with you and you know what they do when you see them, but you don't really have any idea what they do outside of the gym. It's a lot of hours, it's a lot of work, it's a lot of fun work, but I think we had no idea what the coaches did outside of when we saw them."

Haen was hired as an assistant coach for the Fighting Illini in January 2014. She serves as the recruiting coordinator and works directly with the setters in running the offense. The biggest change is the amount of hours that the coaches can put in depending on the week. Some weeks are very regular but once in a while they'll have a 70-80 hour week and that has its challenges.

"It's part of the job and it also makes the job fun, because you're in this grind that requires you to work really hard to beat out the competition," Haen said.

"I think she's still figuring out how to be a coach," Hambly said of Haen. "She's really embraced the teaching and the development of the setters. The reason I wanted her here is because I have three setters and I needed someone else to train them, because that's a lot."

"When she was here, there was just the one setter and I could just train her and I didn't have to worry about it and we had a good relationship. I brought her in for that and she's really embraced it. She's studied the technique of it. She was technically sound as a player, but she wasn't trying to master her technique, she was trying to win matches, which is why I liked her. She's figuring out what the technique is about and how to teach it, so that's been great."

Their relationship is similar today in that there is a lot of respect both ways. Hambly says Haen has great insight into the game and into the team dynamic. Except now she's held to a different standard and can't get away with the same things she used to as a player.

"My respect for her is growing all the time as I see her embracing her role, but our relationship is the same, it's just at a different level now," Hambly said.

Haen enjoys being able to be around the team in a different capacity and realizes how much work she used to put in as a player that she didn't even think about when she was on the team. She's still able to relate to what the team goes through, but now she enjoys watching them from the sideline.

"Once you're done, you're ready to be done," Haen said. "You just hit such a different stage in life that to imagine doing the things that they do is pretty tough. Now to imagine playing volleyball for five hours a day is like 'Wow, I don't know if I could really do that anymore.' You didn't even think twice about it when you were doing it, so it's fun to be on a different side. I don't desire to be them anymore. I like this role."

Relationship Dynamics

Bangert's role is very different than Haen's. Bangert joined the Illini volleyball staff in January 2013 as director of operations. As the director of operations, she takes care of all the day-to-day tasks of the program, arranges travel plans and keeps Hambly on schedule. Hambly jokingly said that the roles are almost flipped now with her taking care of him, when he used to take care of her, but that they have grown closer because they spend more time together than when she was a player.

Hambly had known Bangert wanted to be a director of operations since she was a sophomore in college, so when the position became available, he knew who he wanted to fill it.



Director of Volleyball Operations Johannah Bangert, assistant coach Scott Leserman, head coach Kevin Hambly and assistant coach Hillary Haen are back together on the 2014-15 Illini coaching staff.

"I love it, it's perfect for me," Bangert said. "It's very organized and detail-oriented and I have a lot of fun with it. It's stuff that I actually enjoy doing which I think is unusual for a lot of people. But I'm still at all the practices and travel and everything, so it's nice to be a part of the team and still get to know the girls, but in a different role."

"Jo and I both came back because we're super passionate about what we do here," Haen said. "We really believe in the culture, we really believe in the way that we treat our athletes. We want to win national championships and go after it in the gym and play the best volleyball we can, but we also won't sacrifice our athletes to do that. We want them to be the best students and the best people they can be too. Having that experience ourselves, we're like 'why wouldn't we want that for them?'"

Also in his first year as an assistant coach is former volunteer assistant, Scott Leserman, who was a manager and volunteer coach while earning his master's degree from Illinois in 2009-10. He returns to Champaign from Northwestern, where he served as an assistant coach during the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Because the group works so closely together, Bangert and Haen have a lot of fun with their new positions and working alongside their former coaches. The main difference is that now they get to spend a lot more time with them.

"Kevin, the two of us, and Scott, we've all been together before so our level of communication and the way we work together is really easy because we've done it before," Bangert said. "In that regard, it makes things simple. But also, when we're not working it's a lot of fun, because we really know each other and get along and we like each other."

Growing the Illinois Family

The former players both have a lot of pride for the University and even more for the volleyball program. It's something they were a part of and helped build. They came back to continue that tradition.

It's safe to say that having former players on staff has made a big impact on recruiting new Illini. When Hambly called Haen, he knew it was a no-brainer for her to come back. She had been coaching high school and club volleyball and she was ready to take it to the next level at Illinois. She jumped at the chance to coach at her alma mater.

"Recruiting-wise, it's invaluable to have her in recruiting as a former player," Hambly said. "She played for me, she had a good relationship here and helped establish the culture we have now. That's been invaluable, because she can speak from her experience of what it was like to be here at Illinois and play for me. She has been a part of the program and is really proud of how it's grown over the last several years. It's easy for her to talk about her experience, and talking about her experience is selling it enough."

Almost more than anything, the best part of having former players on staff is it makes work a blast. Haen and Bangert laughed and said that it's obviously wonderful getting to spend so much time with Coach Hambly. As members of the staff, they are more of his peers than the players, so he lets them in on more information and decision-making. Bangert said that Hambly is very open and direct when you're a player, and it's the same thing when you're on staff. They also agreed he lets his guard down a little more now, which makes for a lot of laughs for all of them.

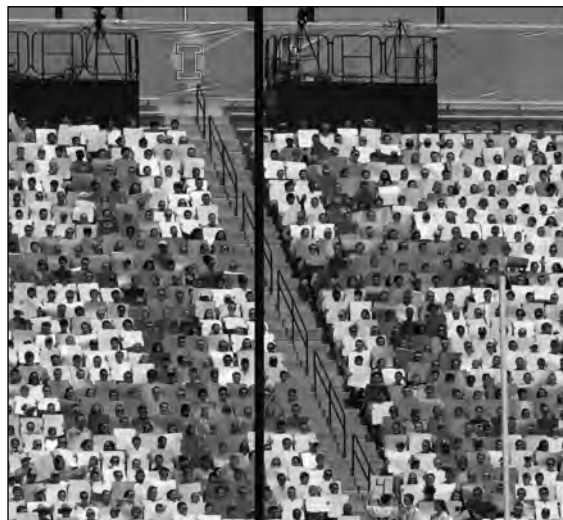
There are plenty of times when they catch themselves reminiscing about something that happened; a 'do you remember when?' or a 'I can't believe this happened...' will start a whole slew of nostalgic conversation.

"It means something different when you've played and coached here," Hambly said. "They expressed how much they wanted to come back and be a part of it and it was something I wanted them to be a part of too. I felt like there were great options out there who were Illini. I've talked to other coaches about it who have former players on their staff. It's a great connection to have and it really makes a difference in the program."

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#ILLINI SOCIAL MEDIA QUIZ

1. Can you name the Twitter handle of each @IlliniFootball coach?
2. What is the official hashtag of @IlliniAthletics?
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4. How many likes does Fighting Illini Athletics have on Facebook?
5. Where can you find Fighting Illini Athletics videos on YouTube?
6. Can you follow the Fighting Illini on Instagram?
7. What is the most followed Illinois Athletics account on Twitter?



ANSWERS:

1. Tim Beckman (@coachbeckman), Tim Banks (@CoachTimBanks), Bill Cubit (@CoachCubit), Mike Bellamy (@CoachBellamy), Tom Brattin (@CoachBrattin), Greg Colby (@coachgcolby), Alex Galesh (@CoachGalesh), Tim Salem (@CoachTimSalem), Al Seamonson (@CoachSeamonson), Mike Ward (@mkeward)
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3. fightingillini.com/socialmedia
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6. Yes: instagram.com/IlliniAthletics
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ILLINOIS OFFENSE

QB	12	Wes Lunt (6-5, 225, So.)
RB	6	Josh Ferguson (5-10, 195, Jr.)
WR	8	Geronimo Allison (6-4, 195, Jr.)
WR	9	Martize Barr (6-0, 195, Sr.)
WR	19	Justin Hardee (6-1, 195, Jr.)
TE	11	Matt LaCosse (6-6, 250, Sr.)
-AND-	3	Jon Davis (6-3, 240, Sr.)
LT	68	Simon Cvijanovic (6-6, 310, Sr.)
LG	52	Alex Hill (6-3, 315, Sr.)
C	71	Joe Spencer (6-4, 300, So.)
RG	69	Ted Karras (6-4, 310, Jr.)
RT	74	Michael Heitz (6-5, 310, Sr.)
-OR-	75	Patrick Flavin (6-7, 300, Jr.)

TEXAS STATE DEFENSE

DE	82	Kris Petersen (6-4, 242, Sr.)
NT	63	Dallas McClarty (5-11, 270, So.)
DT	42	Mershad Dillon (6-3, 300, Jr.)
DE	55	Michael Odiari (6-0, 243, Sr.)
SLB	3	David Mayo (6-2, 240, Sr.)
MLB	1	Michael Orakpo (6-1, 232, Sr.)
WS	9	Aaron Shaw (5-10, 196, Jr.)
Rover	12	Germod Williams (5-11, 192, So.)
FS	27	Colby Targun (5-11, 193, Sr.)
FC	22	David Mims II (5-11, 188, Jr.)
BC	25	Craig Mager (5-11, 196, Sr.)

ILLINOIS SPECIALISTS

K	17	Taylor Zalewski (6-3, 220, Jr.)	P	18	Justin DuVernois (6-1, 190, Sr.)	KO	17	Taylor Zalewski (6-3, 220, Jr.)
LS	56	Michael Martin (6-4, 225, So.)	PR	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)	KR	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
H	4	Reilly O'Toole (6-4, 220, Sr.)		24	Darius Mosely (5-11, 190, So.)		24	Darius Mosely (5-11, 190, So.)
-AND-	18	Justin DuVernois (6-1, 190, Sr.)						



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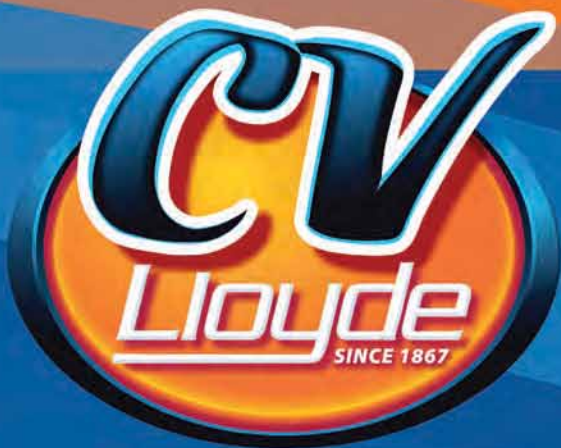
QB	2	Tyler Jones (6-2, 197, So.)
TB	28	Robert Lowe (5-10, 196, Jr.)
WR	5	Brandon Smith (6-2, 170, Jr.)
WR	9	C.J. Best (5-10, 185, Jr.)
WR	1	Ben Ijah (6-3, 208, Sr.)
TE	84	Ryan Carden (6-4, 247, Jr.)
LT	64	Adrian Bellard (6-5, 314, Jr.)
LG	62	Brandon Sarabia (6-4, 295, Jr.)
C	56	Matt Freeman (6-2, 262, Jr.)
RG	72	Charlie Will Tuttle (6-2, 315, Sr.)
RT	76	Ryan Melton (6-5, 329, So.)

ILLINOIS DEFENSE

DE	17	Jihad Ward (6-6, 290, Jr.)
NT	44	Austin Teitsma (6-2, 290, Sr.)
DT	93	Teko Powell (6-3, 305, Jr.)
LEO	90	DeJazz Woods (6-3, 255, Sr.)
-OR-	91	Dawuane Smoot (6-3, 270, So.)
WLB	43	Mason Monheim (6-1, 235, Jr.)
MLB	52	T.J. Neal Jr. (6-1, 235, So.)
STAR	9	Earnest Thomas III (6-2, 210, Sr.)
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
SS	21	Zane Petty (6-1, 205, Sr.)
FS	3	Taylor Barton (6-1, 215, So.)
CB	27	Eaton Spence (6-0, 185, Jr.)

TEXAS STATE SPECIALISTS

K	48	Jason Dann (6-0, 206, Sr.)	PR	25	Craig Mager (5-11, 196, Sr.)	KR	5	Brandon Smith (6-2, 170, Jr.)
P	38	Will Johnson (6-3, 215, Sr.)	LS	46	Inoke Langi (6-4, 247, Fr.)		80	Jafus Gaines (5-11, 175, Jr.)



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ILLINI STATISTICS



Returner V'Angelo Bentley boasts the most all-purpose yards on the Illini with 349 and has made 15 tackles on defense.



Wide receiver Geronimo Allison paces the Illini receiving corps with 16 catches for 300 yards and two touchdowns.



Linebacker Mason Monheim leads Illinois with 31 tackles through three games.

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Aug 30, 2014	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W 28-17	36234	All games	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0
Sep 06, 2014	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W 42-34	38561	Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sep 13, 2014	at Washington	L 19-44	62325	Non-Conference	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Josh	3	36	143	17	126	3.5	1	21	42.0
Young, Donovan	3	27	111	5	106	3.9	1	20	35.3
O'Toole, Reilly	3	4	13	1	12	3.0	0	7	4.0
Davis, Jon	3	3	9	1	8	2.7	0	7	2.7
Church, Devin	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Dudek, Mike	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Total	3	83	282	68	214	2.6	2	21	71.3
Opponents	3	147	641	90	551	3.7	4	31	183.7

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Lunt, Wes	3	159.88	75-114-2	65.8	971	9	62	323.7
O'Toole, Reilly	3	162.32	4-5-0	80.0	49	0	20	16.3
Ferguson, Josh	3	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	159.88	79-119-2	66.4	1020	9	62	340.0
Opponents	3	128.84	55-94-1	58.5	693	3	75	231.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Allison, Geronimo	3	16	300	18.8	2	60	100.0
Dudek, Mike	3	12	159	13.2	2	49	53.0
Turner, Malik	3	10	98	9.8	0	20	32.7
Hardee, Justin	3	9	131	14.6	1	62	43.7
Ferguson, Josh	3	8	82	10.2	1	20	27.3
Barr, Martize	3	7	101	14.4	2	29	33.7
Davis, Jon	3	6	56	9.3	1	25	18.7
Young, Donovan	3	5	19	3.8	0	7	6.3
LaCosse, Matt	3	4	50	12.5	0	30	16.7
Church, Devin	3	2	24	12.0	0	20	8.0
Total	3	79	1020	12.9	9	62	340.0
Opponents	3	55	693	12.6	3	75	231.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	61-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	lg	blk
Zalewski, Taylor	1-3	33.3	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	25	0

Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Zalewski, Taylor	-	1-3	12-12	-	-	-	-	-	15
Ferguson, Josh	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Barr, Martize	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Allison, Geronimo	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dudek, Mike	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Davis, Jon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Barton, Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Young, Donovan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hardee, Justin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Total	12	1-3	12-12	-	-	-	1	8	89
Opponents	10	8-8	9-9	1-1	-	-	-	-	95

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Illinois	10	23	14	42	0	89
Opponents	27	34	13	21	0	95

Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	57	67
Rushing	13	32
Passing	40	28
Penalty	4	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	214	551
Rushing Attempts	83	147
Average Per Rush	2.6	3.7
Average Per Game	71.3	183.7
TDs Rushing	2	4
PASSING YARDAGE	1020	693
Comp-Att-Int	79-119-2	55-94-1
Average Per Pass	8.6	7.4
Average Per Catch	12.9	12.6
Average Per Game	340.0	231.0
TDs Passing	9	3
TOTAL OFFENSE	1234	1244
Average Per Play	6.1	5.2
Average Per Game	411.3	414.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	13-342	5-129
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-54	7-67
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-77	2-56
FUMBLES-LOST	9-5	7-3
PENALTIES-Yards	27-234	18-122
PUNTS-AVG	15-45.6	16-35.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	26:57	33:03
3RD-DOWN Conversions	18/39	20/51
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	4/7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Barton, Taylor	1	77	77.0	1	77

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	ic	20	50+	blk
DuVernois, Justin	14	650	46.4	60	0	4	2	4	0	0
Frain, Ryan	1	34	34.0	34	0	1	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bentley, V'Angelo	3	25	8.3	0	14
Mosely, Darius	2	14	7.0	0	9
TEAM	1	15	15.0	0	0
Total	6	54	9.0	0	14
Opponents	7	67	9.6	0	26

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bentley, V'Angelo	12	324	27.0	0	67
Mosely, Darius	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total	13	342	26.3	0	67
Opponents	5	129	25.8	0	54

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	lr	total	avg/g
Bentley, V'Angel	3	0	0	25	324	0	349	116.3
Allison, Geronim	3	0	300	0	0	0	300	100.0
Ferguson, Josh	3	126	82	0	0	0	208	69.3

Tackles						Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
#	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	ttl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
43	Monheim, Mason	3	15	16	31	1-0-5			1					
38	Barton, Taylor	3	16	13	29			1-77	1			1		
21	Petty, Zane	3	11	16	27				2					
52	Neal Jr., T.J.	3	10	14	24	1-0-7			1					
97	Thomas III, Earnest	3	7	8	15	3-0-11	1-0-5			1				
27	Spence, Eaton	3	7	8	15	1-0-1								
2	Bentley, V'Angelo	3	6	9	15				1		1-6			
17	Ward, Jihad	3	5	9	14	2-5-20	1-5-14			1		1		
44	Teitsma, Austin	3	4	8	12	2-5-7	0-5-3			1				
42	Cooper, Ralph	3	2	8	10									
24	Mosely, Darius	3	6	4	10									
93	Powell, Teko	3	2	6	8									
91	Smoot, Dawuane	3	2	5	7	1-5-6	0-5-4		1					
99	Clements, Jarrod	3	2	4	6	0-5-3	0-5-3		2		1-0	1		
90	Woods, DeJazz	3	2	4	6	1-0-6	1-0-6							
11	Little, Javaris	3	4	1	5	1-0-4								
33	Grimes, Zephaniah	3	4	1	5									
98	Fotu, Joe	3	4	1	5									
22	Walls, LaKeith	3	2	3	5									
20	Fejedelem, Clayton	3	2	1	3									
6P	Phillips, Carroll	3	2	1	3	1-0-6	1-0-6			1	1-3			
96	Bain, Rob	3	2	1	3	2-0-6								
14	Finney, Eric	3	1	1	2				1					
74	Heitz, Michael	3	1		1									
9	Barr, Martize	3	1		1									
97	James III, Paul	1		1	1									
87	White, Tyler	3	1		1									
37	Kwaaning, Davontay	2		1	1									
TM	TEAM	3											1	1
Total		3	121	144	265	18-82	6-41	1-77	10	4	3-9	4	1	1
Opponents		3	104	86	190	17-67	8-47	2-56	11	3	5-147	5		

SOCCER (6-2-0, 1-1-0 BIG TEN)

The Illinois women's soccer team split its first two Big Ten games last week. The Illini saw their five-game winning streak come to an end at the Iowa Soccer Complex, falling 2-0 in the Big Ten opener against Iowa. Illinois rebounded with its first Big Ten win, downing defending Big Ten champion Nebraska on the road, 3-0.

Against the Hawkeyes, neither team scored in the first half, while the Hawkeyes netted two goals in a seven-minute span in the second half.

Against the Huskers, sophomore Allison Stucky scored in the first half and senior Jannelle Flaws put two away in the second half, while sophomore goalkeeper Claire Wheatley made three saves as part of the Illini's fourth shutout of the year. The game was scoreless until the 40th minute when Stucky turned in her third goal of the season off the assist by junior Amy Feher.

Flaws posted her second multi-goal game this season and took over sole possession of fourth place on Illinois' all-time list with 32 career goals. She found the net in the 71st minute off the first career assist by freshman Katherine Ratz. Less than 10 minutes later, Flaws sent one past the keeper off the set-piece service into the box by Stucky. The Glenview, Illinois, native attempted a season-high eight shots and put four on target.

Illinois will host the ninth-annual SoccerFest on Sunday, Sept. 21, the premier promotion for Fighting Illini soccer. This year's edition will feature free food for the first 1,000 fans compliments of Jimmy John's, a bounce house, a fan zone with games and prizes, a face painting and poster-making station and postgame autographs. Doors open at noon at the Illinois Soccer Stadium with free admission for the game beginning at 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL (5-3)

Illinois traveled to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, last weekend to compete in the Blue Raider Bash. The Illini started hot, taking the first set against MTSU 25-11 and completing the sweep with 25-20 and 25-23 wins. Illinois won a marathon first set 35-33 over Virginia

Tech on Saturday afternoon and took a 2-0 lead into intermission, but the Hokies came out of intermission fired up and battled all the way back to upset the Illini in five sets. Jocelynn Birks notched her 20th career 20-kill match in the five-setter, adding a team-high 12 digs for a double-double.

Just a few hours later, the Illini took on Washington State out of the powerhouse Pac-12 and got right back to it, sweeping the Cougars 25-20, 25-20, 25-23, to claim the tournament title. Liz McMahon, Jocelynn Birks and Anna Dorn all made the All-Tournament team, as Dorn's 15 block assists on the weekend helped her move into a tie for fifth place all-time at Illinois in career block assists.

The Illini close out preconference play this weekend at the Creighton Classic in Omaha, Nebraska. Illinois opened the event against host Creighton on Friday night and will take on Colorado and South Dakota today.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Illinois women's cross country team put together an impressive performance at the Illinois State Invite last week. The Illini won the meet crown with just 33 points, outdistancing runner-up Iowa by 29 points.

Alyssa Schneider set the pace for the Illini, taking the individual crown with a time of 17:18. This marks the second competition in a row that Schneider has finished first overall. Colette Falsey (17:37) and Amanda Fox (17:47) finished third and fourth, respectively. Britten Petrey entered the chute fourth for the Illini, stopping the clock at 17:59 for an 11th-place showing. Hanna Winter was the number-five runner for the Illini, finishing 14th overall in 18:08.

Samantha Lapp (18:21) and Lindsey Rakosnik (18:32) were the sixth and seventh Illini finishers, finishing 25th and 31st, respectively. Megan Lemersal (33rd - 18:37), Kim Seger (45th - 18:55), Valerie Bobart (47th - 19:00) and Chloe Schmidt (54th - 19:17) rounded out the Illini runners who competed.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 21

Fall Softball vs. Bradley	11 a.m.
Soccer vs. Purdue (SoccerFest)	1 p.m.
Fall Softball vs. Wright State	1 p.m.

The Orange and Blue are off this weekend and will head to the Roy Griak Invite in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Saturday, Sept. 27. The starting gun for the women's race is schedule to go off at 1:10 p.m.

MEN'S GOLF

No. 6 Illinois posted the best round of the tournament on the final day of the Olympia Fields Country Club/ Fighting Illini Invitational, firing a 3-under-par 277 to run away with an 11-stroke victory over a loaded field at the ninth-annual event. Freshman Dylan Meyer shared medalist honors in his first collegiate event, firing a 1-over-par 71 to finish the tournament +3 overall, tied with Stanford's Maverick McNealy. It marks the second time that the Orange and Blue have won the OFCC/Illini Invitational, also taking the title in 2008, and only the second time an Illini has won medalist honors, as assistant coach Zach Barlow earned the title in 2008.

Illinois' counting scorers played the final nine holes at 7-under during the final round, a dramatic improvement from their back-nine performance the first two rounds of the tournament (+15). Senior Brian Campbell recorded the tournament's best round, posting a 4-under 66 to vault himself into a tie for eighth place (+7), while junior Charlie Danielson's 67 left him tied for third at +4, just one shot behind Meyer and McNealy. Freshman Nick Hardy finished tied for 12th at +8, while fellow rookie Spencer Reed was tied for 38th at +17. The Illini's final-round team score of 277 was just two strokes off the tournament record of 275 set by Oklahoma State in 2007.

The Illini are back in action this weekend at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate, where they will aim for their fifth-straight title at the event.



@ILLINIATHLETICS SOCIAL MEDIA MAKES FOLLOWING #ILLINI TEAMS EASY

By Lexi Shurilla, *fightingillini.com* staff writer

"What are you doing?" #Reading #football #Illini. Confused? Maybe not today when most people find themselves connecting to friends, family and their favorite teams through social media giants like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The sports world isn't immune to this new trend – in fact it's benefitting from it – and as @IlliniAthletics can attest to, having over 500,000 "followers" is a great way to get the Fighting Illini name out to everyone able to connect to the internet.

Social Media at Illinois

Five years ago, the athletic department at the University of Illinois joined the world of social media. Most of the pages for Illinois athletics on Facebook and Twitter were created in 2009 and starting out, there wasn't much direction on how to make the greatest impact in cyberspace.

One of the most important things about social media is feeling like you're talking with a person instead of a faceless corporation, and that's something that Illinoians wanted to make very clear. For example, on the Illinois football page on Twitter it says: Official Twitter account of U of Illinois Football, updated by Asst. SIDs Derek Neal (@IlliniDR) & Ben Taylor (@BenTaylor05).

Derek Neal, Associate Director of Athletic Communications, is also the Director of Social Media for the athletic department, managing the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for Fighting Illini Athletics, and Facebook and Twitter pages for Fighting Illini football and men's basketball, while overseeing the social media pages for all 19 sports. The day-to-day postings for the individual sport pages are run by athletics communications staff as well as some coaches and managers.

"It increases our exposure," Neal said of social media. "It makes it easier for fans to follow us. It makes it easier for us to reach fans with interesting content about our teams and student athletes, and, maybe most importantly, it allows us to listen and engage directly with fans in real time."

"Social media is a great way to pass along relevant information for Illini fans, but what resonates the most are things that evoke an emotional response and behind the scenes photos and video that you can't get somewhere else. From a fan standpoint, I think it's beneficial because it's easier than ever to follow our teams."

Content Connection

One aspect of social media is that people can voice their opinions, and Illinoians encourages this. If fans have a comment or question, the answer can be given through a link or quick response. The people behind the pages try to read as much as they can – it's hard to get to all of them – but it's nice to be able to provide real-time customer service through social media. There have been many times where something comes up in a post and it prompts the department to fix it.

One of the most important things Neal takes into account is that social media is about personal interaction, so if you're automating it, it takes that interaction away.

"I want who is posting from an account to be visible," Neal said. "I don't want an automated tweet being sent out like a robot. That's not our philosophy for our

pages. You're trying to make it conversational. Facebook and Twitter have different purposes, so you don't always want to use the same language on each one."

So what are the differences in the content of Facebook and Twitter? For one, on Twitter you have to be a little more creative because you only have 140 characters and the life of a tweet is much shorter than a post on Facebook. Twitter is for real-time updates for something happening now. During games, Illinois posts live updates, scores, pictures, as well as replying to fans as they're watching the game, commenting, retweeting and answering questions. This conversation aspect makes it almost like you're watching the game at home with your buddies. On Facebook, the post has a longer life. You can see popular items from the last couple days still on your newsfeed so there's no need to post multiple times during a game, it's more for overarching content.

As the popularity of Facebook and Twitter started to grow, the athletic department at Illinois decided it needed to form a more uniformed look across all sports. Today, Facebook remains the most popular social media platform for Illinois athletics, with Twitter coming in second. Illinois men's basketball has the most fans on Facebook with over 130,000 fans, with Illinois Athletics' page coming in at 117,000 and football holding the third spot with over 77,000 fans. The same three pages on Twitter are also the most popular.

Added Benefits

As far as student-athletes go, most of the time the coaches take care of monitoring them. The student-athletes at Illinois are already smart about it; the staff just tries to educate them that this is something that can affect you in more ways than you think. It's important to remind them that they are always representing their team, the university, and their coaches, in addition to themselves. But it's also a great tool to get their personality out there.

For bringing in new Illini, social media has also become a way of scouting out recruits. All of the football coaches are on Twitter. Alex Golesh (@CoachGolesh), the recruiting coordinator for football, said it's a great way to market the program and the players. The players really sell the program through their own social media pages.

"You talk to NFL coaches and personnel people, and that's the first thing they look at," Golesh said. "In a big way that's a way to cross somebody off the list. Give you a little more insight into what you didn't know before. You can use it in a positive way and a negative way. It gives you some inside information about the kid. It gives you some information that you wouldn't see when you meet them face-to-face."

Current Illinois players sign a contract at the beginning of every year that says they'll use it responsibly and if they don't use it responsibly, the coaching staff has the authority to cancel their social media. Golesh said that they have never had to make anybody cancel it.

"It gives you an opportunity to sell, it gives you an opportunity to interact, it gives the fans a voice to ask questions, but more than anything it markets the program and markets the players," Golesh said.

Insta-Information

A newer social media site gaining popularity is Instagram, which Illinois has only been connected with for two years (@IlliniAthletics). Instagram is simply sharing your life through pictures on a mobile device. With the younger generation – high school and college kids – Instagram is a little more "in" now than Facebook and Twitter. But most of the athletes are still on Twitter, including some very active Illinois alumni like Brandon Paul (@BP3), Nathan Scheelhaase (@NScheelhaase), Dee Brown (@deebrown11) and Steve Weatherford (@Weatherford5).

One of Illinois' teams that is a huge fan of the newer platform is the Illinois volleyball team. Senior Liz McMahon (@lizmcmahon14) loves getting the team involved in her regular tweets and Instagram posts promoting her teammates, while also encouraging fans to come out to the games.

"I like using social media because it's a common way to communicate now," McMahon said. "I like seeing what friends or people are up to that I may not normally talk to or see as much. Personally, I like to share pictures that are important to me of friends, family or volleyball, which I think Instagram and Facebook are great for. My teammates and I always post something about game day, especially to get more fans to come out or tune in for support. Just like I enjoy following my favorite teams and athletes, fans get to follow us more personally than you would



Director of Social Media Derek Neal and athletic communications staff members use TweetDeck to monitor Illinois Athletics' social media accounts.



This @IlliniFootball tweet captured linebacker Mason Monheim's good deed at Camp Rantoul and generated numerous interactions across social media.

in a newspaper or radio interview. I see social media as an opportunity to share your personal brand or image with others."

While social media brings fans even closer to the action of their favorite players and teams, there are some sponsored and promotional posts. Neal said that his goal is to keep the Fighting Illini Athletics accounts at least 75% organic content – photos, videos, stats and information – and the sport accounts as all organic content.

Why is that? Because organic posts have proven to be the most popular, and sometimes you never know where or when that content will originate. One recent post this summer drew some of the most attention in the history of the @IlliniFootball account: junior linebacker Mason Monheim helping a girl's bike in the rain at Camp Rantoul.

"That was a moment after practice where it just happened to be raining, Mason spotted a girl trying to fix her bike in the downpour, stopped to help and I just saw him and took a picture on my phone," Neal said. "The quality wasn't great, but I posted it right away. I thought it was a cool moment, but never know if that photo will get five retweets or 500. That's just one of those things that was unplanned that just took off.

"With social media, planning and strategizing is great, but at the same time you always have to have your eyes open and your head on a swivel so you're ready when one of those moments happens, like with Mason and the girl's bike. Those organic, spur-of-the-moment posts are usually the most popular ones."

One of the coolest things about social media is that it's off the cuff and you have to adjust to what's happening in the moment. If there are any rules at all, it's that you can't treat every event the same. Big events, like the Olympics, the World Cup or live award shows, are huge sources of interaction for fans while they're going on, regardless of the time of day.

"You never know what's going to pop up during the day that could be huge," Neal said. "With sports, timeliness is the biggest factor. The faster we get a win graphic out after a game, the more people it's going to reach. If it's out 30 seconds after a game versus 10 minutes after, it's a huge difference. If it's happening now, that makes it the best time to post, even if it's midnight."

"There's no set of rules that show you how to be good at social media. There are some guidelines that will help point you in the right direction, but you really just have to figure it out from experience because every audience is different. What works for a Fortune 500 company may not work best for Fighting Illini Athletics. We have to do what works for us based on past experiences. And that is something that never stops."

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

BUDDY RICH TRIBUTE

Buddy Rich Opener

Birdland

Three In One

Today's guest artist, Gregg Potter, of the Buddy Rich Band, is sponsored by Ludwig, a Division of Conn-Selmer, Inc.



Barry Houser
Marching Illini Director

In the 1920s, John Philip Sousa called the Illinois band the "world's greatest college band." Superlatives like this have come to be expected during the long and illustrious history of the University of Illinois Band.

Shortly after the University opened in 1868, a military band was organized. The military band became the Concert Band, and gave its first formal concert in 1890. The University of Illinois Bands of today are the top of a pyramid of university band organizations, both concert and marching, which regularly enroll more than 800 students.

This year's Marching Illini consists of a total of 375 members, which includes woodwinds and brass, drumline, guard, the Illinettes Dance Team, drum majors, a featured twirler and staff.

The unique style of the Marching Illini has become famous, representing a combination of past traditions and exciting innovations. The Marching Illini is at the forefront of great university bands, having received the Louis Sudler Intercollegiate Marching Band Trophy in recognition of outstanding achievement in 1983. Most recently, the Marching Illini was featured on HLN as one of the top marching bands in the country.

The Marching Illini have performed at the Rose, Sugar, All American, Citrus, Hall of Fame, Holiday, John Hancock, Kraft Fight Hunger, Liberty, Micronpc.com, Peach and Texas Bowl games. The Marching Illini also traveled to Dublin, Ireland, this past spring for the seventh time to represent the University of Illinois and the United States in the official St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition, The Marching Illini were recently chosen and plan to travel to New York City for the 2015 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Marching Illini will perform pregame and halftime shows at all seven home games in historic Memorial Stadium. The Band also will return to Soldier Field this season to play for a Chicago Bears halftime on September 28, their annual Marching Illini LIVE in Concert at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on November 16 at 3 p.m. as well as other events for our great University.

The Marching Illini is under the direction of Professor Barry L. Houser, Director of the Marching Illini & Athletic Bands.

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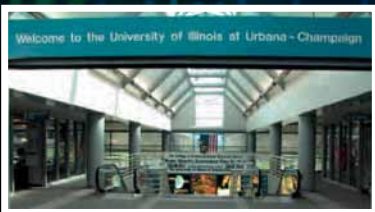
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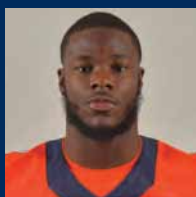
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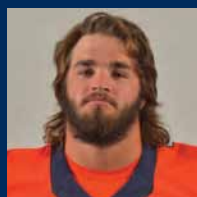
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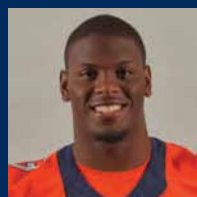
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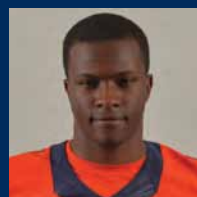
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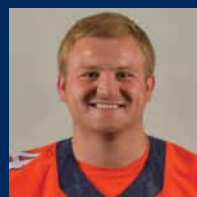
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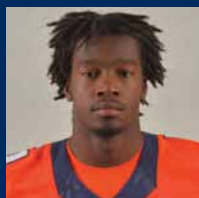
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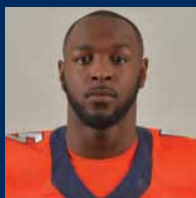
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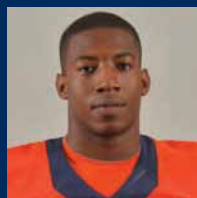
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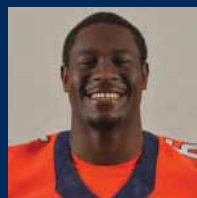
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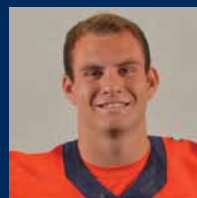
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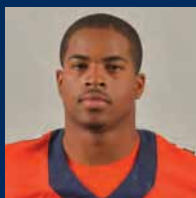
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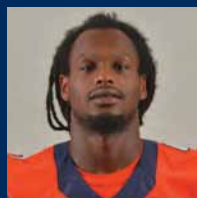
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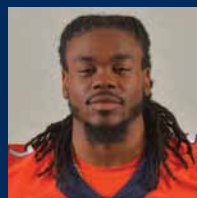
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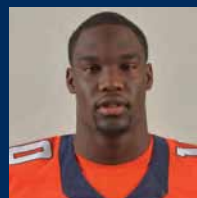
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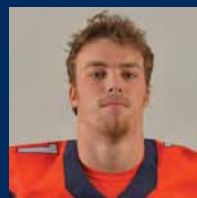
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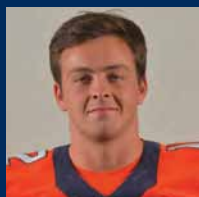
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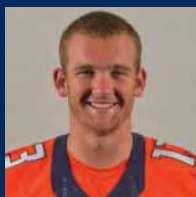
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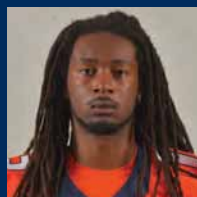
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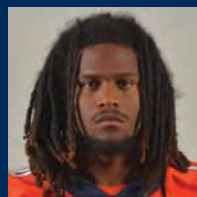
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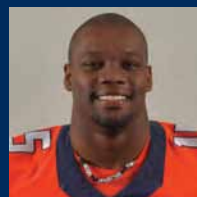
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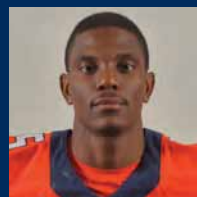
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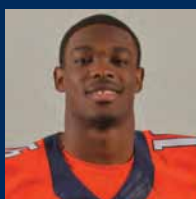
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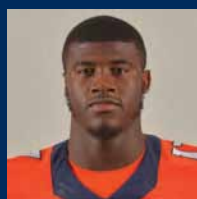
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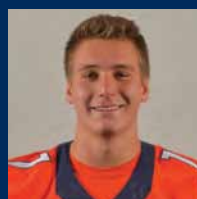
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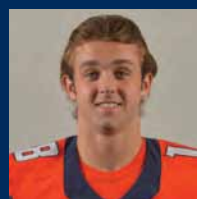
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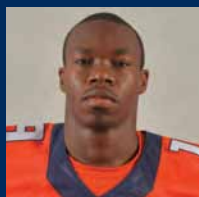
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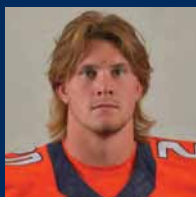
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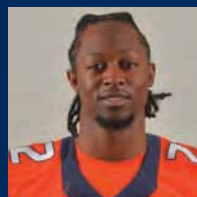
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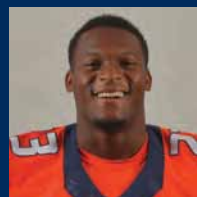
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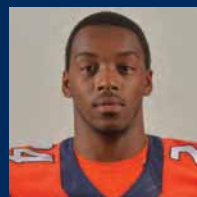
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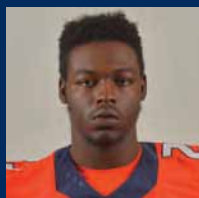
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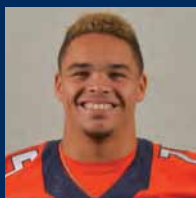
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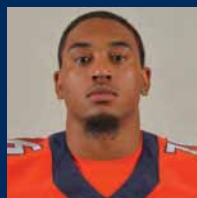
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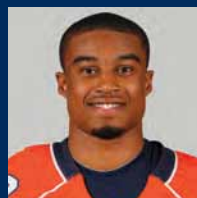
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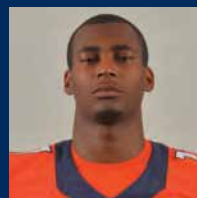
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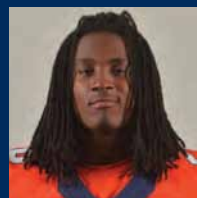
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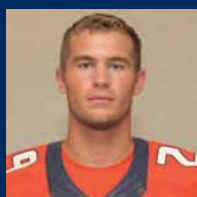


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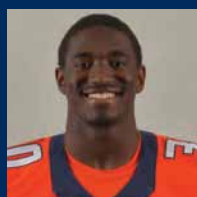
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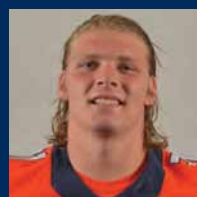
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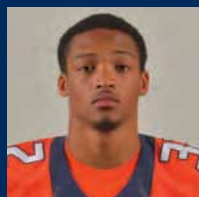
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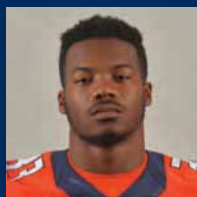
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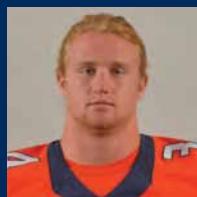
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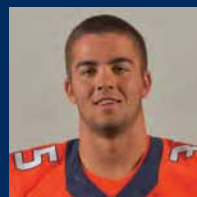
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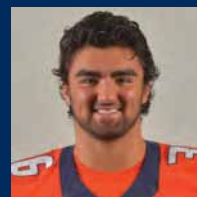
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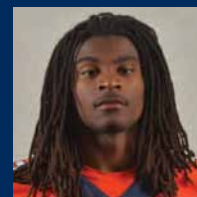
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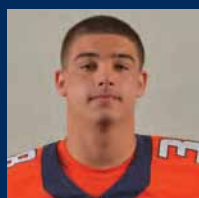
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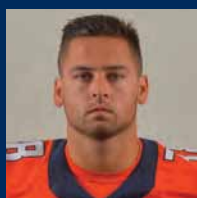
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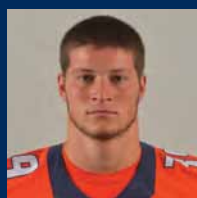
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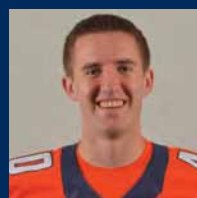
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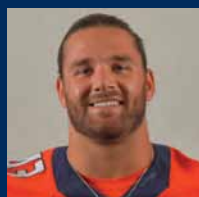
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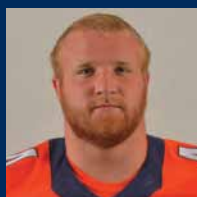
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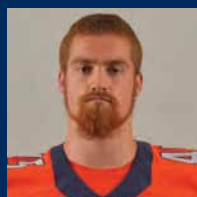
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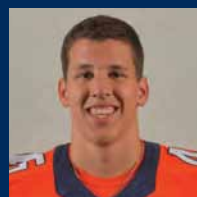
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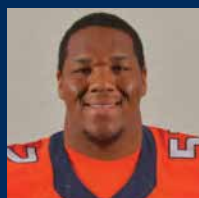
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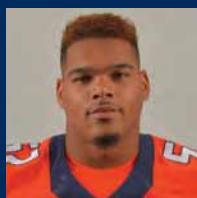
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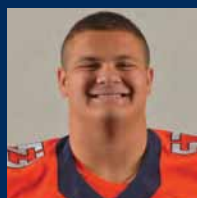
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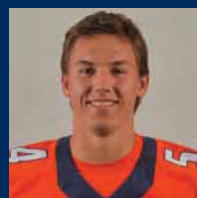
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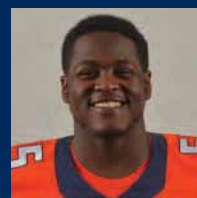
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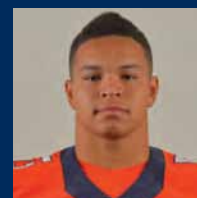
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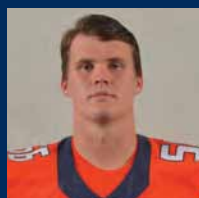
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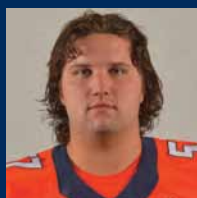
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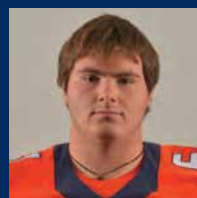
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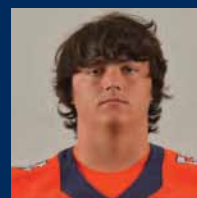
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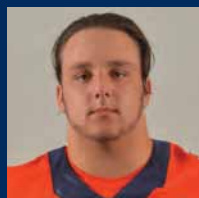
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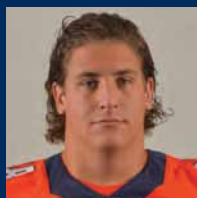
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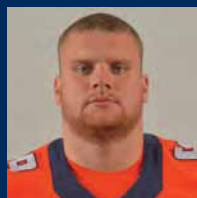
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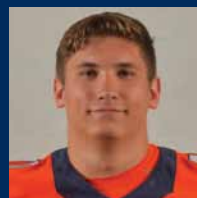
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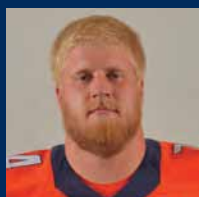


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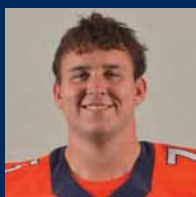


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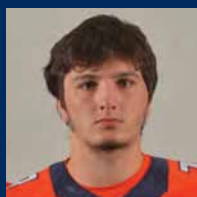
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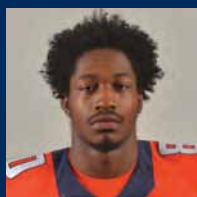
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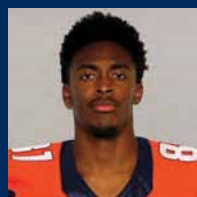
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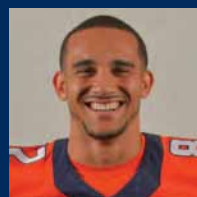
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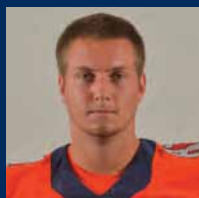
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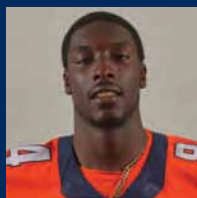
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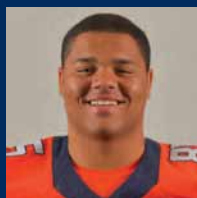
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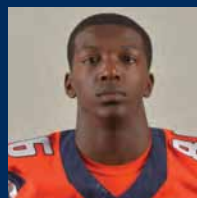
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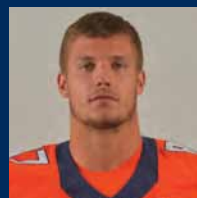
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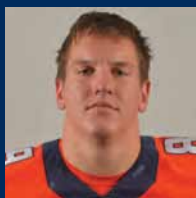
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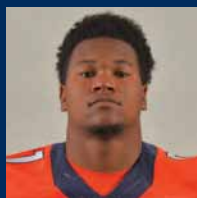
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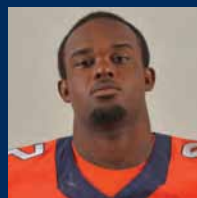
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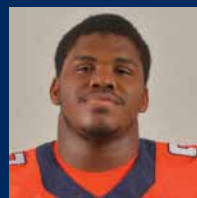
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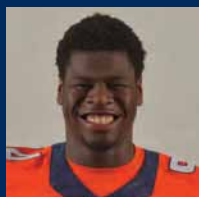
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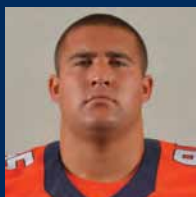
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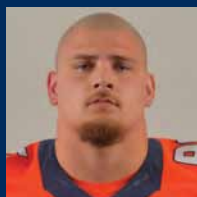
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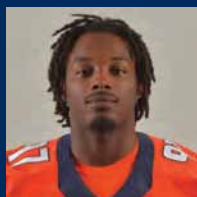
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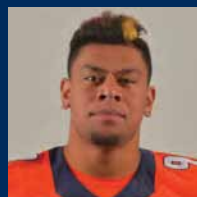
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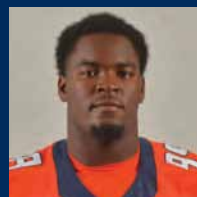
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The statue was sculpted by Illinois alumnus George Lundeen and the base was made from the same type of brick and limestone used in the construction of Memorial Stadium. The statue is roughly eight times bigger than life-size.

The Grange statue was donated by Tom Bryan in memory of his uncle, William R. "Bill" Bryan, who was a Professor of Finance and Dean of the College of Business at Illinois. During his career, Bill also served as Chairman of the Department of Finance and Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research within the College of Business, and was the past editor of the *Illinois Business Review*.

Tom Bryan is President of Bank of Rantoul, owner of Ikoniq, Inc., is a Jimmy John's and Blaze Pizza franchisee and is a Loyalty Circle member. Tom earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University before earning a master's degree in finance from the University of Illinois.

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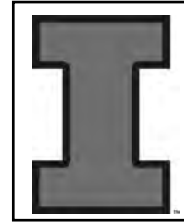
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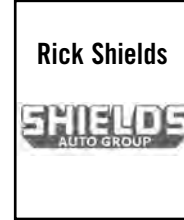
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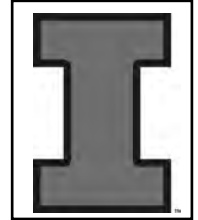
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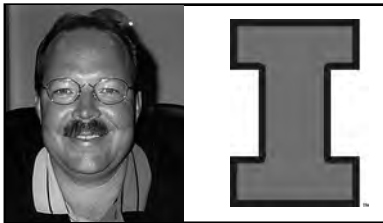
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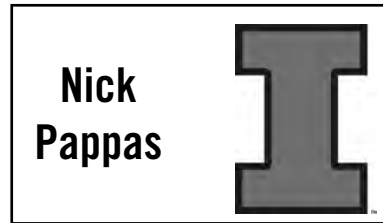
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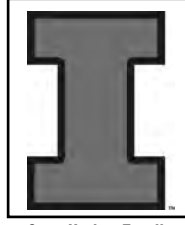
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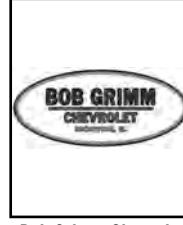
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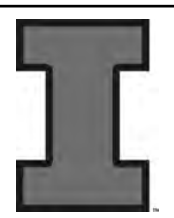


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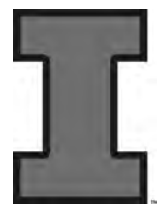


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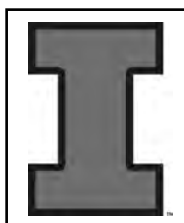
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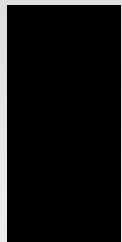
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The following information is a basic summary of the NCAA rules that apply to boosters and fans. Please read through this information. By familiarizing yourself with NCAA regulations, you can help the University avoid the problems and negative publicity that can arise when violations of NCAA rules occur.

ARE YOU A BOOSTER?

You are considered to be a booster, and the University of Illinois is responsible for your actions, if you:

- Are or have been a season ticket holder for any University of Illinois sport;
- Are or have been a member of a booster organization that supports Illinois athletics;
- Have made any financial contributions to the University of Illinois, including nonathletics donations;
- Have been involved with the recruiting of a prospect to attend Illinois to participate in intercollegiate athletics;
- Have provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or the relatives or friends of a student-athlete;
- Provided or helped arrange employment for Illinois student-athletes;
- Are the parent of a current Illinois student-athlete; or
- Participated as a varsity student-athlete at the University of Illinois.

According to NCAA rules, once an individual has been identified as a booster, he or she retains this identity forever.

WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS?

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It is permissible for boosters to contact Illinois coaches to let them know about a prospective student-athlete that the coaches might want to recruit, but it is up to the coach to make contact with the prospect.

One exception to this rule is that boosters may employ Illinois prospective student-athletes if the prospects have officially graduated from high school. Such employment arrangements must be approved in advance by the University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

What are the Consequences?

If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospective student-athlete, a current student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, the University of Illinois may face sanctions from the NCAA. In addition, the student-athlete may become ineligible for a certain number of competitions and may have to pay back the value of the benefit received. The booster may also face penalties such as disassociation from the athletics program and the loss of all benefits and privileges offered by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. For example, a disassociated booster would not be permitted to purchase season tickets to Illini athletic events.

When in Doubt, Contact Us.

We need your help! As a supporter of Illini athletics, you are part of our team and we are counting on you to follow all NCAA rules. **If you are ever unsure about the application of the rules, please contact Ryan Squire, Associate Athletics Director for Compliance** at (217) 333-5731 or squire@illinois.edu.

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The 2014 Illini Sports Network football radio crew: Kurt Kittner, Brian Barnhart and Steve Kelly

The 44-station 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.

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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.

Kittner was the starting quarterback as a sophomore for the Illini in 1999 when the Illini mounted two upset road victories at ninth-ranked Michigan and at Ohio State. That season, Illinois went on to romp Virginia 63-21 in the Micronpc.com Bowl, where the squad broke 22 records.

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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" and "Saturday Morning Sportsline" shows 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 7 p.m. live from Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy.



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ILLINOIS LOYALTY

We're loyal to you Illinois
We're "Orange and Blue," Illinois
We'll back you to stand
'Gainst the best in the land
For we know you have sand, Illinois
Rah! Rah!
So crack out that ball Illinois
We're backing you all Illinois
Our team is the fame protector;
On boys, for we expect a
Victory from you Illinois
Chehee, Cheha, Cheha-ha-ha
Go Illini Go
Chehee, Cheha, Cheha-ha-ha
Go Illini Go
Illinois, Illinois, Illinois
Fling out that dear old flag of
Orange and Blue
Lead on your sons and daughters,
Fighting for you;
Like men of old, on giants
Placing reliance, shouting defiance
Oskee-wow-wow!
Amid the broad green plains

That nourish our land,
For honest labor and for learning we stand,
And unto thee we pledge our heart and hand,
Dear Alma Mater, Illinois

OSKEE-WOW-WOW

Old Princeton yells her tiger
Wisconsin her varsity
And they give the same old
Rah! Rah! Rah!
At each university
But the yell that always thrills me,
And fills my heart with joy,
Is the good old Oskee-wow-wow,
That they yell at Illinois
Chorus
Oskee-wow-wow, Illinois
Our eyes are all on you
Oskee-wow-wow, Illinois
Wave your Orange and Blue Rah! Rah!
When your team trots out before you
Ev'ry man stand up and yell
Back the team to gain a victory
Oskee-wow-wow, Illinois

MARCH OF THE ILLINI

We are marching for dear old Illini
For the men who are fighting for you
Here's a cheer for our dear Alma Mater
May our love for her ever be true
While we're marching along life's pathways,
May the Spirit of old Illinois
Keep us marching and singing
In true Illini Spirit
For our dear old Illinois

HAIL TO THE ORANGE

Hail to the Orange. Hail to the Blue.
Hail Alma Mater, Ever so true.
We love no other, So let our motto be
Victory, Illinois, Varsity.



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Entrances... Access to ADA seating in the Horseshoe is through Gate 31 via Portal 6 on the east side of the stadium and through Gate 32 via Portal 1 on the west side of the stadium. Access to ADA seating in the North Stands is through Portal 3 on the northwest side of the stadium. Access to ADA seating in the west balcony is through Portal 1 or Portal 3.

Golf Cart Shuttle Services... are available to patrons that need assistance between the parking lots and the stadium on game days. The shuttle service will begin two hours prior to kick-off and will run continuously up to 15 minutes before kick-off. Shuttle service will resume at the end of each game as soon as pedestrian traffic allows. Patrons who would like to utilize this service prior to kick-off should wait at one of the following locations: East entrances of Lot 31 and Lot 33, Florida Avenue entrance of Lot 45, and on the corner of Oak Street and Hazelwood Drive in Research Park. Shuttle service will also be provided to patrons parked in the handicapped parking spaces in the quadrants of State Farm Center. Patrons parked in these spaces should remain by their vehicles and wait for the golf cart to approach them. The pre-game drop-off and post-game pick-up location at the stadium for the west side will be on Kirby Ave. near Portal 1 and for the east side will be on Kirby Ave. near Portal 6.

Hearing Assistance Devices... are designed to enhance the public address announcements made in Memorial Stadium. These devices can be checked out on game day at the West and East Guest Service Centers.

Parking and ADA Shuttle Lot... A limited number of handicapped parking spaces, including van accessible spaces, are provided in the four quadrants of State Farm Center. An ADA Shuttle Lot is also located in Research Park in the Yahoo Parking Lot off of First Street. An ADA accessible bus will provide transportation from this lot to the stadium prior to the game and after the game. The fee for all ADA parking is \$20 unless you have an I FUND parking pass. A disabled license plate or handicap placard is required to park in these spaces.

Seating... is located in the South Horseshoe, North Stands, and the West Balcony with chairs available for able body companions.

Elevators... Accessible elevators for the West Balcony are located in the Great West Hall near Gate 10 (North) and Gate 24 (South). Only the North elevator will be available for pregame use to the West Balcony. Postgame both the North and South elevators will be available for patrons.

EMERGENCIES

Emergencies and Evacuation Procedures... In the event of an emergency, all Event Staff, Law Enforcement and Fire Personnel will assist guests in any necessary relocation or evacuation. Information will also be provided over the public address system.

Public address announcements... are not made under most instances; however, please contact the Guest Service Centers if you need to contact someone in the event of an extraordinary circumstance.

East Guest Service Center: 217-649-3231 (this number will only be active on game day).

West Guest Service Center: 217-265-0200 (this number will only be active on game day).

GUEST SERVICES

Athletic Information... For answers to questions about ticket availability, parking, kickoff times, or upcoming opponents, please visit the University of Illinois athletics website at www.fightingillini.com or call the Illinois Athletic Ticket Office at 866-ILLINI-1.

ATMs... are located in the Great East and West Halls, and the Colonnades Club level.

Baby Changing Stations... are located in men's and women's restrooms in the Horseshoe and in the Great East and West Halls.

Fan Text Message System... Should fans need assistance while inside of the stadium, they will be able to contact event management staff by sending a text message to 69050, keyword ILLINI from their phone. Be sure to include the problem and the location of the incident, including the section number, row, and seat number (if applicable) in the message. Please note that standard SMS rates apply.

Guest Service Centers... are located near Gate 15 on the east side of the stadium and near the middle of the Great West Hall on the west side of the stadium.

Lost and Found... inquiries can be made at the East and West Guest Service Centers. Once the booths have closed, inquiries can be directed to the Event Management Office, 1700 S. Fourth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, by phone at 217-265-9274, or by email: athleticeventstaff@illinois.edu.

Restrooms... are located throughout Memorial Stadium. Portable restrooms are located throughout the parking lots.

Smoking Policy... As of January 1, 2014, smoking is prohibited on all campus property at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, both indoors and outdoors, in university-owned vehicles and in privately-owned vehicles parked on campus property. This includes Memorial Stadium and the parking lots surrounding it.

MEDICAL SERVICES

First Aid Rooms... at Memorial Stadium are located under section 105 on the east side, and in the southwest corner of the Great West Hall south of Gate 24.

IEMS (Illini Emergency Medical Services)... technicians wearing red shirts are located in the East Main Stands, East Balcony, West Main Stands, and Horseshoe in vomitories marked with red railings. These vomitories are found in sections 101/102, 104/105, and 107/108 in the East Main Stands, 203/204 and 206/207 in the East Balcony, 124/125, 127/128, and 130/131 in the West Main Stands. In the North Stands the technicians are located at the stairs to sections 132/133 and 136/137. IEMS technicians will also be available in the West Balcony.

PARKING

Parking Lot Fees... Many lots are pass only lots. There are some lots available for game day purchase. These lots are Lot 44, 46, 47, 49, and the lots in Research Park. Parking fees for these lots are \$20 per automobile. Automobiles with pull behinds are only allowed in Lot 47 for \$40. Recreational vehicles/motor homes may park in Lot 33 for \$40. Buses may park on Pennsylvania Avenue for \$50.

Overnight RV/Motorhome Parking... is available the Friday night before home games in Lot 33 starting at 6 p.m. Starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday RVs will either need to pay the \$40 to stay in the lot, or relocate to their respective pass lot.

Hours... Parking lots are open to patrons starting at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 10:00 p.m.* on game days.

*NOTE: This excludes any night games that Illinois might have in which parking lots will close 1 hour after the completion of the game.

Prohibited Items... The following items or actions are not allowed in parking lots: open fires, weapons, fireworks, saving parking places, disorderly conduct, advertising banners or displays, picketing or political campaigning, solicitation, tethered blimps, balloons, and other oversized inflatables.

PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ITEMS

Alcoholic Beverages... are strictly prohibited from being carried into Memorial Stadium. Patrons seen consuming alcohol during Illinois Football games, outside the premium seating area, will be asked to leave the Stadium. No refunds will be granted for such cases.

Backpacks and Bags... are not allowed in Memorial Stadium. Small purses and fanny packs 8.5" x 11" or smaller are allowed but are subject to being searched by University personnel.

Banners & Signs... are not allowed in Memorial Stadium.

Cameras... are restricted in Memorial Stadium: cameras with a stand or tripod are not permitted. Video cameras are not permitted. Personal snapshot pocket cameras are allowed in the stadium, however, in no instance may photography interfere with access ways, seat aisles, or other guests' enjoyment of the game. NOTE: Secondary use of any pictures, audio description, film, tape or drawing of the game are the exclusive rights of the NCAA.

Concealed-Carry... With the passage of the concealed weapons law in the state of Illinois, fans are reminded that concealed weapons are not allowed on the U of I campus and are prohibited at all collegiate sporting events.

Coolers and Containers... are not allowed in Memorial Stadium. (This includes cans, glass bottles, thermos bottles, wine skins, bota bags, and glass of any kind.)

Diaper Bags... are allowed in Memorial Stadium but are subject to being searched by University personnel.

Food and Drink... Food items contained in clear plastic bags may be carried into Memorial Stadium. Sealed plastic bottles of water, 20 ounces and smaller, may also be carried into the stadium.

Other Items... prohibited from Memorial Stadium include fireworks, noisemakers (whistles or horns), smoking, strollers, baby carriers, tri-pods, umbrellas, video cameras, and weapons of any kind (including pocket knives). Storage facilities are not available for items left at portals.

Personal Seatbacks and Seat Cushions... brought into Memorial Stadium should be 9" x 16" or smaller in size.

TENTS AND TAILGATING

Groups... can reserve tent space in the exclusive tent area in Lot 31. To be eligible for tent space, groups must purchase 50 tickets or more (available at a group discount), and order tents, food and beverages through approved vendors. For complete details and information on group tents, contact Scott Friedman at (217) 244-3212, or by e-mail: sfriedma@illinois.edu.

Individual Tailgating... is allowed in all football parking lots. All those tailgating must adhere to the policies listed in the parking section of this guide. Personal tailgating tents and awnings must be 10'x10' or smaller, and must fit within the boundary of one designated parking space. Tailgating on sidewalks or walkways is prohibited. Personal golf carts are prohibited from tailgating areas. No electrical power will be provided. Please dispose of hot used charcoal in the specified disposal containers located throughout the parking lots.

TICKET INFORMATION

Entrance Information... Six portal entrances will be used on game day. For direct and efficient access to your seat, please enter the stadium through the portal nearest your seat location.

Game Day Ticket Sales... are located on the South side of Kirby Ave. half way between First and Fourth Streets. Ticket booths open at 9 a.m. for morning and afternoon games and 12 p.m. for evening and night games.

Infants and Toddlers... ages two and under, are allowed to enter the stadium at a discounted ticket price. For \$5, fans can purchase an infant ticket, but the infant must sit in the lap of an adult during the game. Infant tickets may not be purchased for use in suites or club areas. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booths located on Kirby Avenue or at Will Call located at the Illinois Athletic Ticket Office on the west side of State Farm Center.

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Above: Austin Teitsma, Head Elf, pictured at the Big Brother Big Sisters Christmas Party at the U of I ARC. Austin dressed up and took pictures with the kids, while passing out Christmas gifts.



Above Right: Mike Svetina and Jesse Chadwell visit Dr. Howard Elementary in Champaign where they helped the "Seat of a Lifetime" organization with a program that promotes anti-bullying while awarding two lucky kids a great gameday experience at a football game.

Right: Aaron Bailey playing games with kids at Camp Grenada at Allerton Park in Monticello. Camp Grenada is a camp for kids with diabetes.



Far Right: Abe Cajuste, Christian DiLauro (pictured in Tony Durkin's jersey) and Man Berg at Barkstall Elementary in Champaign. They welcomed the kids to school on "Walk & Bike Day."



Above: Les Poole and Jake Howe at Kenwood Elementary in Champaign welcoming the kids to school on "Walk & Bike Day."

Left: Michael Martin, Les Poole, Chris Boles and Matt LaCrosse stopped by the hospital to visit with the kids at the Carle Pediatrics.

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Last season, Texas State became bowl eligible in just its second season of playing in the FBS and first season in the Sun Belt Conference, which finished the season as the toughest non-automatic qualifying conference in the nation. It also equaled the shortest time in which a school became bowl eligible in the FBS since Marshall in 1996.

Franchione enters his 29th season as a head coach and is one of four active head coaches with over 200 wins after reaching that plateau in 2013. He enters the 2014 campaign with a 203-121-2 career record, including a 29-29 mark as head coach at Texas State.

Prior to his return to Texas State, Franchione led his teams to nine conference championships and had the best divisional record during one season. In addition, his teams played in nine bowl games, four NAIA playoff games and one NCAA Division II playoff contest.

His collegiate head-coaching career began at Southwestern College in 1981, when he compiled a 14-4-2 record in two seasons. In 1982, the Builders won nine games, a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championship and beat Oklahoma Panhandle State 15-0 in the Sunflower Bowl.

It was Southwestern College's first bowl game and the nine victories tied the school's single-season record that was previously set in 1967. Following the record-setting season, Franchione went to Tennessee Tech, where he served as the offensive coordinator in 1983 and 1984 before being named head coach at his alma mater, Pittsburg State.

During the next five seasons, he led the Gorillas to a 53-6 record and four Central States Intercollegiate Conference championships and one Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association title with a combined record of 37-1. He was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year twice. His teams tied the school record with 11 victories in a season three times before breaking it with a 12-win campaign in 1989 when Pittsburg State joined the NCAA Division II ranks.

In 1990, Franchione took the reins of Texas State's football program for the first time. He led the Bobcats to a 6-5 record in his first year, and that was Texas State's first winning record as a member of the Southland Conference, the first winning season as a Division I FCS member and first winning season since 1984.

The following year, Franchione led the Bobcats to their second straight winning season, a feat that was not duplicated until Texas State had back-to-back winning seasons in 2008 and 2009. After compiling a 13-9 record at Texas State during those two years, Franchione joined the FBS head coaching ranks for the first time when he took over New Mexico's program.

During his six seasons with the Lobos, Franchione compiled an overall 33-36 record and had three winning seasons. He led the Lobos to their first winning record in 11 years with a 6-5 record in 1993. Franchione also guided New Mexico to its first back-to-back winning campaigns since 1971 when the Lobos posted a 6-5 record in 1996 and a 9-4 mark in 1997. The 1997 New Mexico team won the Western Athletic Conference's Mountain Division with a 7-1 league record and played in the Insight.com Bowl in 1997. It was the school's first bowl game since 1961. While he was at New Mexico, Franchione recruited and coached future NFL Pro Bowl linebacker Brian Urlacher during his freshman and sophomore seasons in 1996 and 1997. Urlacher recorded over 102 tackles to rank second on the team in 1997.

Following the Insight Bowl, Franchione moved to TCU in 1998 and quickly turned around the fortunes of the school's football program.

Before his arrival, the Horned Frogs had finished the previous season with a 1-10 record. In his first year at the helm, Franchione led them to a 7-5 mark and a 28-19 victory over USC in the Sun Bowl. The Horned Frogs scored a school-record six defensive touchdowns, intercepted 12 passes and held opponents to an average of 19.6 points per game – the lowest average in over 30 years. His offense featured running back Basil Mitchell, who gained 1,111 yards and scored six touchdowns. Mitchell rushed for 185 yards and two touchdowns in the 28-19 win over USC.

The next season, Franchione also led TCU to the inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl when LaDainian Tomlinson burst onto the national scene by leading the nation in rushing with 1,850 yards and 18 touchdowns on 268 carries. TCU won the WAC championship and upset No. 20 East Carolina 28-14 in the bowl game as Tomlinson ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns. In 2000 defensively, the Horned Frogs allowed only 245.0 total yards and 9.6 points per game, ranking first in the nation in both categories.

Following the 2000 campaign, Franchione was named the head coach at Alabama after the Crimson Tide finished the previous season with a 3-8 record. In his first season, he led the Tide to a 7-5 record and a 14-13 victory over Iowa State in the Independence Bowl, giving Alabama its first bowl victory in five years.

In 2002, he led the Crimson Tide to a 10-3 mark and placed first in the SEC West Division with a 6-2 league record. However, previous NCAA sanctions made Alabama ineligible to play in a bowl game and the SEC Championship Game. Following Alabama's victory over Hawaii at the end of the regular season, Franchione returned to the State of Texas when he was named head coach at Texas A&M.

During the next five seasons, his Aggies posted three winning records and played in three bowl games. Texas A&M finished the 2004 season with a 7-5 mark and played in the Cotton Bowl, the Aggies' first bowl game in three seasons. His best season at the school came in 2006 when the Aggies won nine games and played in the Holiday Bowl. Franchione resigned as head coach prior to the 2007 bowl game and ended his tenure at the school with a 32-28 record.

Franchione also worked in broadcasting for three years prior to his return to coaching at Texas State, including two seasons as an analyst for ESPN Radio in 2008 and 2009.

Born March 28, 1951 in Girard, Kan., he is a graduate of Pittsburgh State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and received an Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award. He and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Ashley and Libby. He also has a son, Brad. Brad and his wife, Rebecca, have two sons Wyatt and Gunnar and a daughter, Isabella. Franchione and Kim also formed the Coach Fran Charities, a nonprofit organization assists children with special needs and other charitable causes.



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HEAD COACH DENNIS FRANCHIONE

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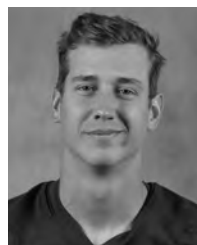
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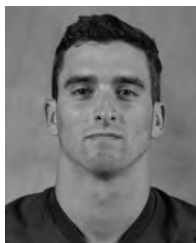
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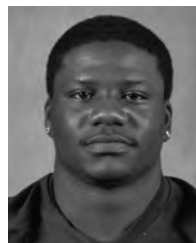
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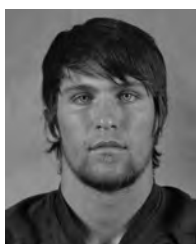
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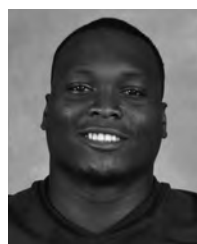
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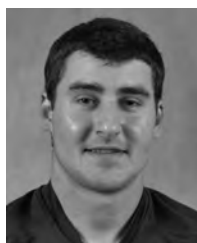
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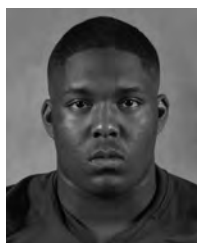
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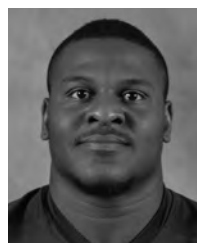
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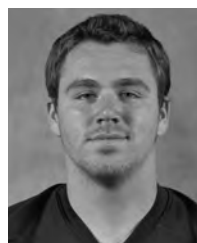
55 Michael Odiari
Sr. // DE



56 Matt Freeman
Jr. // OL



57 Karee Berry
Fr. // DE



62 Brandon Sarabia
Jr. // OL



63 Dallas McClarty
So. // DT



64 Adrian Bellard
Jr. // OT



72 Charlie Will Tuttle
Sr. // G



80 Jafus Gaines
Jr. // WR



82 Kris Petersen
Sr. // DE



84 Ryan Carden
Jr. // TE

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
17	Damani Alexcee	S	6-2	175	So.	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS
8	P.J. Anderson	WR	6-2	184	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas/Taft HS
5	Andrew Aneke	CB	6-0	180	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas/Elkins HS
83	Lucas Askew	TE	6-6	224	Fr.	Big Sandy, Texas/Harmony HS
41	Jeff Banks	DE	6-5	208	Fr.	Killeen, Texas/Killeen HS
64	Adrian Bellard	OT	6-5	345	Jr.	Brenham, Texas/Brenham HS
57	Karee Berry	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	Spring Branch, Texas/Smithson Valley HS
9	C.J. Best	WR	5-10	172	Jr.	Smyrna, Ga./Diablo Valley College
10	Tyler Blades	S	6-0	194	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas/S.A. Christian HS
17	Brennan Blakemore	WR	5-8	170	So.	Wimberley, Texas/Blinn CC
6	Camryn Brown	S	5-11	192	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas/Ridge Point HS
84	Ryan Carden	TE	6-4	235	Jr.	San Diego, Calif./Mt. San Antonio CC
66	Cody Casey	DE	6-4	255	Fr.	Pearland, Texas/Dawson HS
21	Donta Clanton	S	5-10	191	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa./L.A. Pierce CC
49	Patrick Cook	DS	5-11	200	Jr.	Whitehouse, Texas/Tyler JC
75	Will Copa	OL	6-8	310	Fr.	Austin, Texas/Westlake HS
54	Jack Costello	OL	6-4	299	Jr.	The Woodlands, Texas/College Park HS
58	Zach Crawford	OL	6-2	302	Jr.	Austin, Texas/Westwood HS
20	Russell Cuellar	S	6-0	170	So.	Katy, Texas/Cinco Ranch HS
35	Darnell Dailey	LB	6-1	300	Jr.	San Pablo, Calif./Contra Costa CC
90	Marcus Dallas, Jr.	DE	6-4	236	Sr.	Griffin, Ga./Reedley CC
48	Jason Dann	PK/P	6-0	205	Sr.	Richardson, Texas/Nebraska
42	Mershad Dillon	DT	6-1	300	Jr.	Santa Maria, Calif./Allan Hancock CC
23	Devondrick Dixon	CB	5-11	177	Fr.	Gilmer, Texas/Gilmer HS
11	Justin Eberly	WR	5-9	190	So.	Conroe, Texas/Caney Creek HS
98	Steven Eddings	DE	6-4	285	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn./Jones County JC
59	Dondre Elvoid	DT	6-4	301	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Garden City CC
99	Thomas Evans	DE	6-4	250	Sr.	Davis, Calif./American River City CC
33	David Farris	CB	5-9	175	Sr.	Pearland, Texas/UTSA
50	Collin Fissell	OL	6-2	297	Sr.	Katy, Texas/Seven Lakes HS
20	Terrence Franks	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Angleton, Texas/Angleton HS
56	Matt Freeman	OL	6-2	271	Jr.	Abilene, Texas/Cooper HS
80	Jafus Gaines	WR	5-11	170	Jr.	Houston, Texas/Chavez HS
97	Cedric Gambrell	DE	6-6	242	Fr.	Cleveland, Texas/Cleveland HS
16	Trey Garrett	S	6-0	177	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif./Golden West CC
89	Ryan Garrey	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Plano, Texas/Plano East HS
37	Tim Gay	RB	5-11	231	Jr.	Houston, Texas/Chavez HS
69	Herbert Gonzales	DT	6-0	295	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas/UTEP
18	Frankie Griffin	S	6-0	185	Fr.	Spring, Texas/Klein Collins HS
93	Brian Guendling	DE	6-4	235	So.	Poway, Calif./Palomar CC
13	Clarence Guidry, III	CB	5-11	165	Fr.	Pflugerville, Texas/Pflugerville HS
88	Brice Gunter	WR	6-3	201	Fr.	Stephenville, Texas/Stephenville HS
51	Andrew Hamilton	LB	6-0	220	Sr.	Hickory Creek, Texas/Lake Dallas HS
31	Brixx Hawthorne	S	5-10	180	Sr.	Weimar, Texas/Mary Hardin Baylor
94	Darius Hood	DT	6-0	280	So.	Plano, Texas/Plano East HS
70	Jackson Hoskins	OL	6-5	316	Fr.	Dripping Springs, Texas/Dripping Springs HS
1	Ben Ijah	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	San Diego, Calif./Southwestern College
60	Spencer Ince	OL	6-3	300	So.	Hempstead, Texas/Blinn CC
74	Stephan Jacobs	DT	6-3	269	Jr.	Houston, Texas/Nimitz HS
4	Jerrid Jeter-Gilmon	LB	6-1	229	Jr.	Brenham, Texas/Brenham HS
19	Stephan Johnson	S	6-0	178	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas/College Park HS
38	Will Johnson	K	6-3	209	Sr.	Bryan, Texas/Rudder HS
11	Brandon Jones	S	6-2	209	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C./Santa Rosa CC
24	Matthew Jones	RB	5-9	180	So.	Galena Park, Texas/Galena Park HS
2	Tyler Jones	QB	6-2	197	So.	Stephenville, Texas/Stephenville HS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
81	Cameron Knight	TE	6-3	250	Fr.	Shallowater, Texas/Shallowater HS
18	Kolby Kolek	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	LaGrange, Texas/LaGrange HS
47	Evan Koltzur	PK	5-10	170	Fr.	Cibolo, Texas/Steele HS
73	Hayden Lambert	OL	6-5	286	So.	Aledo, Texas/Aledo HS
87	David Lewis	TE	6-4	257	Sr.	Kingsville, Texas/H.M. King HS
28	Robert Lowe	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	Waxahachie, Texas/Waxahachie HS
36	Tomas Luna	S	5-9	194	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Hightower HS
68	Kanon Mackey	OL	6-4	288	Fr.	Silsbee, Texas/Silsbee HS
25	Craig Mager	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	Luling, Texas/Luling HS
26	Stedman Mayberry	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Cedar Park, Texas/Vista Ridge HS
3	David Mayo	LB	6-2	228	Sr.	Scappoose, Ore./Santa Monica CC
63	Dallas McClarty	DT	5-11	294	So.	League City, Texas/Clear Springs HS
29	Brandon McDowell	CB	5-10	179	Fr.	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto HS
39	Trey McGowen	LB	6-0	228	Jr.	Kerens, Texas/West Texas A&M
91	Chris Meadows	DL	6-2	225	Fr.	Round Rock, Texas/Round Rock HS
76	Ryan Melton	OL	6-5	339	So.	Liberty, Texas/Liberty HS
10	Demun Mercer	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	La Marque, Texas/La Marque HS
14	Bradley Miller	TE	6-5	229	Sr.	Sealy, Texas/New Mexico
22	David Mims II	CB	5-11	198	Jr.	Dangerfield, Texas/Dangerfield HS
67	Tryston Mizerak	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Garland, Texas/North Garland HS
92	Rusmin Nikoceciv	DT	6-4	240	Jr.	Simi Valley, Calif./Pierce CC
15	Fred Nixon	QB	6-3	200	So.	Willis, Texas/Willis HS
30	Chris Nutall	RB	5-8	190	Jr.	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated HS
55	Michael Odiari	DE	6-0	245	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas/West Texas A&M
1	Michael Orakpo	LB	6-1	226	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Colorado State
95	Roosevelt Pearson	DE	6-5	255	Jr.	Perris, Calif./Mt. San Jacinto CC
61	Drew Peterson	DE	6-1	228	Fr.	Dripping Springs, Texas/Dripping Springs HS
82	Kris Petersen	DE	6-4	232	Sr.	Newark, Calif./Chabot CC
6	Randy Price	QB	6-3	206	Jr.	Waco, Texas/Tyler JC
52	Toni Pulu	DE	6-3	300	Jr.	Provo, Utah/Mesa CC
16	Jack Rhoades	WR	6-3	201	Sr.	Cameron, Texas/C.J. Yoe HS
77	Felix Romero	OL	6-4	303	So.	Cedar Park, Texas/Cedar Park HS
15	Dila Rosemond	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Springs HS
19	Louis Rubin	RB	5-9	223	Fr.	Pearland, Texas/Pearland HS
26	Devante Sanders	DB	5-10	172	So.	Arlington, Texas/Evangel University
62	Brandon Sarabia	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Bakersfield, Calif./Bakersfield CC
79	Kian Schoenborn	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./The Bolles HS
32	Gabe Schrade	TE	6-4	225	Fr.	Deland, Fla./Deland HS
65	Josh Sell	C	6-2	290	Sr.	Liberty, Texas/Liberty HS
43	James Sherman	K/P	5-10	190	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala./Montgomery Catholic HS
5	Brandon Smith	WR	6-2	170	Jr.	Prattville, Ala./Prattville HS
86	Shea Smith	WR	6-2	180	Jr.	Hurst, Texas/L.D. Bell HS
40	Stephen Smith	LB	6-3	214	So.	Missouri City, Texas/Dulles HS
13	Blaire Sullivan	QB	6-4	210	So.	San Antonio, Texas/UTEP
27	Colby Targun	S	5-11	190	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Chaparral HS
3	Montreal Taylor	WR	5-9	167	Fr.	Mansfield, Texas/Mansfield HS
53	Will Trevillion	DT	6-1	280	Fr.	Buda, Texas/Hays HS
7	Sam Trotter	S	5-10	185	Sr.	Plano, Texas/Louisiana Tech
72	Charlie Will Tuttle	G	6-2	297	Sr.	Wimberley, Texas/Wimberley HS
24	Zach Velliquette	S	5-10	195	Sr.	Katy, Texas/Houston
12	Connor White	QB	6-5	195	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga./Fork Union Military Academy
85	Lawrence White	TE	6-7	270	Jr.	Wake Forest, N.C./Ridgewater CC
12	Germold Williams	S	5-11	189	So.	Conroe, Texas/Oak Ridge HS
34	Dominique Williamson	S	6-2	208	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas/John Paul Stevens HS
2	Demetrius Woodard	S	6-2	210	Jr.	Houston, Texas/Blinn CC

COACHING STAFF: Dennis Franchione - Head Coach; Mike Schultz - Assistant Head Coach/co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Jeff Conway - Co-Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs and Tight Ends; Brad Bedell - Offensive Line; Jason Johnson - Wide Receivers; John Thompson - Defensive Coordinator; Brad Franchione - Linebackers Coach/Special Teams Coordinator; Mike Hudson - Defensive Line; Kyle Tatum - Defensive Tackles; Jason Washington - Secondary

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	16	Jack Rhoades	WR	39	Louis Rubin	RB	70	Jackson Hoskins	OL
1	Ben Ijah	WR	17	Damani Alexcee	S	40	Stephen Smith	LB	72	Charlie Will Tuttle	G
1	Michael Orakpo	LB	17	Brennan Blakemore	WR	41	Jeff Banks	DE	73	Hayden Lambert	OL
2	Tyler Jones	QB	18	Frankie Griffin	S	42	Mershad Dillon	DT	74	Stephan Jacobs	OL
2	Demetrius Woodard	S	18	Micah Thomas	QB	43	James Sherman	K/P	75	Will Copa	OL
3	David Mayo	LB	19	Stephan Johnson	S	45	Justin Ackerman	LB	76	Ryan Melton	OL
4	Jerrid Jeter-Gilmon	LB	19	Kolby Kolek	WR	46	Inoke Langi	DS/TE	77	Felix Romero	OL
5	Andrew Aneke	CB	20	Terrence Franks	RB	48	Jason Dann	PK/P	79	Kian Schoenborn	OL
5	Brandon Smith	WR	21	Donta Clanton	CB	50	Collin Fissell	OL	80	Jafus Gaines	WR
6	Brandon McDowell	CB	22	David Mims II	CB	51	Andrew Hamilton	LB	81	Cameron Knight	TE
6	Randy Price	WR	23	Clarence Guidry III	CB	52	Trey McGowen	LB	82	Kris Petersen	DE
7	Trey Garrett	S	23	A.J. Krawczyk	RB	53	Will Trevillion	DT	83	Lucas Askew	TE
7	Montreal Taylor	WR	24	Zach Velliquette	S	54	Jack Costello	OL	84	Ryan Carden	TE
8	P.J. Anderson	WR	25	Craig Mager	CB	55	Michael Odiari	DE	85	Lawrence White	TE
9	C.J. Best	WR	26	Stedman Mayberry	RB	56	Matt Freeman	OL	86	Tyler Watts	WR
9	Aaron Shaw	DB	27	Colby Targun	S	57	Karee Berry	DE	87	David Lewis	TE
10	Tyler Blades	S	28	Robert Lowe	RB	58	Zach Crawford	OL	88	Brice Gunter	WR
10	Demun Mercer	WR	29	Camryn Brown	S	59	Dondre Elvoid	DT	89	Ryan Garrey	WR
11	Justin Eberly	WR	30	Chris Nutall	RB	60	Spencer Ince	OL	90	Marcus Dallas, Jr.	DE
11	Brandon Jones	S	31	Brixx Hawthorne	S	61	Drew Peterson	DE	92	Rusmin Nikoceciv	DT
12	Connor White	QB	32	Gabe Schrade	TE	62	Brandon Sarabia	OL	93	Brian Guendling	DE
12	Germold Williams	S	33	David Farris	CB	63	Dallas McClarty	DT	94	Darius Hood	DT
13	Blaire Sullivan	QB	34	Dominique Williamson	S	64	Adrian Bellard	OT	97	Cedric Gambrell	DE
14	Bradley Miller	TE	35	Darnell Dailey	LB	65	Josh Sell	C	99	Thomas Evans	DE
15	Fred Nixon	QB	36	Tomas Luna	S	67	Tryston Mizerak	OL			
15	Dila Rosemond	DB	37	Tim Gay	RB	68	Kanon Mackey	OL			
16	Devondrick Dixon	CB	38	Will Johnson	K	69	Herbert Gonzales	DT			

TEXAS STATE BOBCATS

2014 SEASON STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	W	L	Score	Att.
Aug 30, 2014	UAPB			65-0	17613
Sep 13, 2014	NAVY			21-35	32007

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Lowe,Robert	2	30	242	0	242	8.1	2	51	121.0
Jones,Tyler	2	25	138	5	133	5.3	1	20	66.5
Best,C.J.	2	6	63	0	63	10.5	1	17	31.5
Mayberry,S	1	12	63	9	54	4.5	0	12	54.0
Franks,T	2	10	46	1	45	4.5	1	13	22.5
Rubin,Louis	1	4	20	0	20	5.0	2	9	20.0
White,Connor	2	3	20	0	20	6.7	0	14	10.0
Nixon,Fred	1	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
Jones,M	1	2	7	2	5	2.5	0	7	5.0
Gaines,Jafus	2	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-2.5
Total	2	94	611	22	589	6.3	7	51	294.5
Opponents	2	96	511	32	479	5.0	3	63	239.5

Passing	gp	effc	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Jones,Tyler	2	167.63	45-61-1	73.8	509	5	71	254.5
White,Connor	2	148.88	4-5-0	80.0	41	0	14	20.5
Total	2	166.21	49-66-1	74.2	550	5	71	275.0
Opponents	2	127.93	14-28-1	50.0	205	2	67	102.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Gaines,Jafus	2	8	174	21.8	2	71	87.0
Miller,Bradley	2	8	70	8.8	0	16	35.0
Lowe,Robert	2	6	62	10.3	0	20	31.0
Ijah,Ben	2	5	34	6.8	0	13	17.0
Smith,Brandon	2	5	32	6.4	0	8	16.0
Best,C.J.	2	4	22	5.5	0	9	11.0
Franks,T	2	3	42	14.0	2	16	21.0
Gunter,Brice	2	3	36	12.0	0	14	18.0
Carden,Ryan	2	3	35	11.7	0	17	17.5
Mercer,Demun	2	1	16	16.0	1	16	8.0
Rhoades,Jack	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
Mayberry,S	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Lewis,David	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Total	2	49	550	11.2	5	71	275.0
Opponents	2	14	205	14.6	2	67	102.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Dann,Jason	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	31	0

Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Franks,T	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Dann,Jason	-	1-2	10-11	-	-	-	-	-	13
Rubin,Louis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Gaines,Jafus	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Lowe,Robert	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mercer,Demun	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Best,C.J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jones,Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Johnson,Will	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	12	1-2	11-12	-	-	-	-	-	86
Opponents	5	0-1	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	35

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics	TXST	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	62	31
Rushing	32	18
Passing	27	9
Penalty	3	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	589	479
Rushing Attempts	94	96
Average Per Rush	6.3	5.0
Average Per Game	294.5	239.5
TDs Rushing	7	3
PASSING YARDAGE	550	205
Comp-Att-Int	49-66-1	14-28-1
Average Per Pass	8.3	7.3
Average Per Catch	11.2	14.6
Average Per Game	275.0	102.5
TDs Passing	5	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	1139	684
Average Per Play	7.1	5.5
Average Per Game	569.5	342.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	4-70	9-149
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-43	2-5
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	1-17
FUMBLES-LOST	4-1	3-2
PENALTIES-Yards	19-214	12-87
PUNTS-AVG	5-43.4	10-40.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:37	32:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	10/22	13/28
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/3	0/2

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Williams,G	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Johnson,Will	5	217	43.4	53	0	0	1	1	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mager,Craig	2	43	21.5	0	35
Total	2	43	21.5	0	35
Opponents	2	5	2.5	0	4

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Smith,Brandon	4	70	17.5	0	25
Total	4	70	17.5	0	25
Opponents	9	149	16.6	0	28

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Lowe,Robert	2	242	62	0	0	0	304	152.0
Gaines,Jafus	2	-5	174	0	0	0	169	84.5
Jones,Tyler	2	133	0	0	0	0	133	66.5
Smith,Brandon	2	0	32	0	70	0	102	51.0
Franks,T	2	45	42	0	0	0	87	43.5
Best,C.J.	2	63	22	0	0	0	85	42.5
Miller,Bradley	2	0	70	0	0	0	70	35.0



Quarterback Tyler Jones has thrown for 509 yards and five touchdowns in his first two games in 2014.



Running back Robert Lowe has rushed for 242 yards and two touchdowns along with tallying six receptions for 62 yards in 2014.



Wide receiver Jafus Gaines leads the team with eight catches for 174 yards and two touchdowns.

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense	Fumbles	blkd
3	Mayo,David	2	15	10	25	0.5-3	0.5-3			
40	Smith,Stephen	2	7	4	11	1.0-1	1.0-1			
25	Mager,Craig	2	7	4	11			1		
52	McGowen,Trey	2	8	2	10					
57	Berry,Karee	2	6	1	7					
22	Mims,David	2	6		6			1		
27	Targun,Colby	2	4	2	6	1.0-6	1.0-6			
17	Alexcee,Damani	2	4	1	5			1		
10	Orakpo,Michael	2	2	3	5	1.0-8	1.0-8	1		
42	Dillon,Mershad	2	3	2	5	1.0-3		1		
4	Jeter-Gilmon,J	2	2	3	5	1.0-5	1.0-5			
18	Williams,G	2	2	2	4			1-0	1-0	
41	Banks,Jeff	2	2	2	4	0.5-4	0.5-4			
92	Nikocevic,R	1	2	1	3					
55	Odiari,Michael	2	3		3			1		
93	Guendling,B	2	2		2					
94	Hood,Darius	1	2		2	1.0-1			1-0	
9A	Shaw,Aaron	2	2		2			1		
51	Hamilton,Drew	2	2		2					
63	McClarty,D.	2	1	1	2					
34	Williamson,D	2	1		1					
59	Elvoid,Dondre	2	1		1					
20	Franks,T	2	1		1					
12	White,Connor	2		1	1					
82	Petersen,Kris	2	1		1					
2A	Woodard,D	2	1		1					1
69	Gonzales,H	1	1		1					
88	Gunter,Brice	2	1		1					
53	Trevillion,W	2		1	1					
36	Luna,Tomas	2	1		1					
Total		2	90	40	130	7-31	5-27	1-0	3	4
Opponents		2	115	16	131	7-22	2-5	1-17	4	1



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