



2014 IN REVIEW

2014 ILLINOIS TEAM AWARDS

Outstanding Offensive Player: Reilly O'Toole, QB

Outstanding Defensive Player: Earnest Thomas III, STAR

Outstanding Special Teams Players: Justin DuVernois, P, and Ralph Cooper, LB/Coverage

2014 Team Captains: Justin DuVernois, P; Reilly O'Toole, QB; Austin Teitsma, DL; Earnest Thomas III, STAR

Newcomer of the Year (Offense): Mike Dudek, WR

Newcomer of the Year (Defense): Jihad Ward, DE

Wright Commitment to Excellence Award: Jon Davis, TE

Bruce Capel Award: Jake Howe, DT

Unsung Hero Award (Offense): Matt LaCrosse, TE, and Donovan Young, RB

Unsung Hero Award (Defense): Davontay Kwaaning, DB, and Zane Petty, DB

Scholar-Athlete Award: Les Poole, WR

Service Above Self Award: Alex Hill, OL, and DeJazz Woods, CEO

Illini Warrior Effort Award (Weight Room): Austin Teitsma, DT

Off. Scout Team Player of the Year: Jim Nudera, TE

Def. Scout Team Players of the Year: Abe Cajuste, DT

Spec. Teams Scout Team Player of the Year: Zach Grant, WR

Illinois Point Awards (based on season production points)

Offensive Skill (QB/WR): Justin Hardee, WR

Offensive Big Skill (TE/RB/FB): Jon Davis, TE

Offensive Line: Michael Heitz, OL

Defensive Skill (CB/S): Clayton Fejedelem, DB

Defensive Big Skill (LB/Star): Mason Monheim, LB

Defensive Line: Austin Teitsma, DT

Special Teams (return/coverage): Zeph Grimes & Tyler White

2014 LETTERWINNERS

Fourth Year:

Ralph Cooper
Simon Cvijanovic
Jon Davis
Justin DuVernois
Michael Heitz
Alex Hill
Matt LaCrosse
Reilly O'Toole
Austin Teitsma
Earnest Thomas III
Donovonn Young

Kenny Nelson
Zane Petty
Teko Powell
Austin Schmidt
Dawaune Smoot
Joe Spencer
Dionte Taylor
LaKeith Walls
Tyler White
DeJazz Woods

First Year:

Geronimo Allison
BJ Bello
Abe Cajuste
James Crawford
Christian DiLauro
Mike Dudek
Nate Echard
Clayton Fejedelem
Pat Flavin
Joe Fotu
Zach Grant
Dallas Hinkhouse
Paul James
Kenny Knight
Davontay Kwaaning
Wes Lunt
Michael Martin
Marchie Murdock
Nick North
Jim Nudera
Chris O'Connor
Carroll Phillips
David Reisner
Malik Turner
Brennan VanMiegham
Jihad Ward
Jeremy Whitlow

Third Year:

V'Angelo Bentley
Josh Ferguson
Zephaniah Grimes
Justin Hardee
Jake Howe
Ted Karras
Mason Monheim
Eaton Spence
Taylor Zalewski

Second Year:

Aaron Bailey
Rob Bain
Martize Barr
Taylor Barton
Dillon Cazley
Devin Church
Tim Clary
Jarrod Clements
Caleb Day
Cedric Doxy
Eric Finney
Zach Hirth
Jevaris Little
Darius Mosely
TJ Neal

2014 SEASON IN REVIEW

6-7 overall, 3-5 Big Ten (5th – West Division)

- **Final Drive:** The 2014 Fighting Illini continued the upward trend under head coach Tim Beckman, posting six wins and earning a spot in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl. Illinois finished 6-7 overall and 3-5 in conference play, good for fifth place in the Big Ten West division.
- **Gone Bowling:** The Fighting Illini returned to a bowl game for the first time since 2011, the programs' third bowl appearance in the last five seasons, falling to Louisiana Tech, 35-18, in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl on Dec. 26 in the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. The loss ended a two-game bowl winning streak for the Illini.
- **Finishing Strong:** Illinois won its last two games and three of its last five to become bowl eligible after an emphatic 47-33 rivalry game win over Northwestern on Nov. 29. Two of those three victories came over No. 25 Minnesota, which played in the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl, and Penn State, a Pinstripe Bowl participant.
- **The Hat is Back:** With their win over in-state rival Northwestern in the regular season finale, the Fighting Illini re-claimed the "Land of Lincoln" trophy, a bronze replica of Abraham Lincoln's stovepipe hat, in the sixth battle for the relatively new rivalry trophy (it replaced the longtime Sweet Sioux Tomahawk trophy in 2009). The Illini last held the trophy in 2011 with a 38-35 come-from-behind win.
- **Super Frosh:** WR **Mike Dudek** had the most prolific season for a freshman receiver in school history. Dudek finished with 76 receptions for 1,038 yards this season, which both shattered Arrelious Benn's previous freshman marks of 54 catches and 676 yards in 2007 and place him in Illinois' season top-10 rankings. Dudek's six touchdowns tied with David Williams for the freshman TD receptions record.
 - » Dudek was a first-team Freshman All-American by ESPN.com, Scout and 247sports.
 - » Dudek led FBS freshmen in receiving yards (79.8 ypg), ranking 33th overall and third in the Big Ten.
 - » Dudek led the Big Ten in receptions (50) and receiving yards (716) during conference games.
 - » Dudek ranked fifth in the nation with 354 fourth-quarter receiving yards and tied for third nationally with 10 plays of 15+ yards in the fourth quarter.
 - » Dudek became the eighth player in school history to record a 1,000 yard season as a receiver, ranking seventh on the UI single season list with 1,038 yards.
- **O'Toole Time:** After serving as a backup for most of his Illini career, senior QB **Reilly O'Toole** put the team on his back down the stretch, leading the Illini to gutsy wins over Minnesota, Penn State and Northwestern in the final five games to lock up a bowl berth.
- **Returning History:** Junior DB/RET **V'Angelo Bentley** is the first Illinois player in school history to record a kick return, punt return, interception return and fumble return for TD in his career. He is one of 20 players in the country with two or more defensive touchdowns this season.
- **Punching It Out:** Senior STAR **Earnest Thomas III** and junior LB **Mason Monheim** both forced seven career fumbles through the 2014 season, tied for fourth place on UI's career fumbles forced list. The other four players on the list are All-Americans: Simeon Rice (13 FF), Whitney Mercilus (11), Dana Howard (8) and Kevin Hardy (7).
 - » Monheim led the Big Ten and tied for 11th in FBS with four forced fumbles in 2014
- **Fergy Fast:** Junior RB **Josh Ferguson** is one of only three active FBS players with more than 1,800 career rushing yards (1,878) and 1,000 receiving yards (1,227). Arizona State's D.J. Foster and Oregon's Byron Marshall are the others.
- **Things are looking up:** Head coach Tim Beckman has the Fighting Illini trending upward, with Illinois going to a bowl game for the first time in his three-year tenure and posting a 6-7 overall record after going 2-10 in 2012 and 4-8 in 2013.
- **Tough Slate:** Illinois' schedule ranked as the 12th most difficult in the nation and second strongest in the Big Ten, according to official NCAA statistics. The Illini faced nine bowl-eligible opponents, including all three FBS non-conference foes, tied for ninth-most in the nation and tied for most in the Big Ten.
- **Comeback Kids:** Illinois showed great fortitude throughout the season, posting five comeback wins in 2014. The Illini trailed entering the fourth quarter in four of their six wins and lost the lead against Penn State early in the final period before coming back to win all five games.
- **125 Years of Illinois Football:** Illinois celebrated 125 seasons of football during the the Oct. 4 game against Purdue. Included in the celebration was a reunion of many coaches, players and staff from throughout the Illini's rich history, which began on Oct. 2, 1890. Among the many notable names in attendance were J.C. Caroline, Dana Howard, Kurt Kittner, J Leman, Mikel Lehoure and Neil Rackers.
- **Weathering the Storm:** The Texas State game on Sept. 20 was delayed for one hour and 56 minutes due to a severe thunderstorm and lightning. Play was suspended at 3:55 p.m. with 13:35 remaining in the second quarter and the Illini trailing 14-6. Play resumed at 5:51 p.m. and halftime was abbreviated to 12 minutes. It was the first known weather delay in Illinois history.

2014 PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Following each Illini win, the coaching staff names a player of the game for each of the three phases.

GAME.....OFFENSE

Youngstown State.....Wes Lunt, QB
 Western Kentucky.....Justin Hardee, WR
 Texas State.....Ted Karras, OL
 Minnesota.....Reilly O'Toole, QB
 Penn State.....Mike Dudek, WR
 Northwestern.....Reilly O'Toole, QB

GAME.....DEFENSE

Youngstown State.....Austin Teitsma, DL
 Western Kentucky.....Taylor Barton, DB
 Texas State.....V'Angelo Bentley, DB
 Minnesota.....Earnest Thomas III, STAR
 Penn State.....Mason Monheim, LB
 Northwestern.....Jihad Ward, DE

GAME.....SPECIAL TEAMS

Youngstown State.....Joe Fotu, DL/Punt Coverage
 Western Kentucky.....Javaris Little, DB/Coverage
 Texas State.....Zeph Grimes, STAR/Coverage
 Minnesota.....DuVernois, P/Zalewski, KOS
 Penn State.....Reisner, PK/Fejedelem, Coverage
 Northwestern.....Justin DuVernois, P

2014 GAME CAPTAINS

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

YOUNGSTOWN STATE — OL Ted Karras, LB Mason Monheim, QB Reilly O'Toole, DL Austin Teitsma

WESTERN KENTUCKY — DB V'Angelo Bentley, TE Jon Davis, OL Michael Heitz, STAR Earnest Thomas III

WASHINGTON — OL Alex Hill, OL Ted Karras, DB Javaris Little, DB Zane Petty

TEXAS STATE — TE Matt LaCrosse, TE Tyler White, DL DeJazz Woods, RB Donovan Young

NEBRASKA — OL Simon Cvijanovic, P Justin DuVernois, QB Reilly O'Toole, DL Austin Teitsma

PURDUE — LB Ralph Cooper, DT Jake Howe, OL Ted Karras, LB Mason Monheim

WISCONSIN — LB Zeph Grimes, OL Alex Hill, DL DeJazz Woods

MINNESOTA — TE Jon Davis, OL Michael Heitz, DB Davontay Kwaaning, STAR Earnest Thomas III

OHIO STATE — DB V'Angelo Bentley, OL Simon Cvijanovic, QB Reilly O'Toole, STAR Earnest Thomas III

IOWA — TE Jon Davis, OL Michael Heitz, DL Austin Teitsma, RB Donovan Young

PENN STATE — P Justin DuVernois, OL Alex Hill, QB Reilly O'Toole, DL Austin Teitsma

NORTHWESTERN — P Justin DuVernois, OL Michael Heitz, QB Reilly O'Toole, STAR Earnest Thomas III

LOUISIANA TECH — P Justin DuVernois, QB Reilly O'Toole, DT Austin Teitsma, STAR Earnest Thomas III

SEASON CAPTAINS — P Justin DuVernois, QB Reilly O'Toole, DT Austin Teitsma, STAR Earnest Thomas III

BIG TEN HONORS

Senior punter **Justin DuVernois** and freshman WR **Mike Dudek** both earned second-team All-Big Ten accolades following the season, while five more Illini earned honorable mention recognition. Sophomore safety **Taylor Barton**, junior DB **V'Angelo Bentley**, junior OL **Ted Karras**, junior LB **Mason Monheim** and junior DE **Jihad Ward** all earned honorable mention recognition from the coaches, media or both. Senior quarterback **Reilly O'Toole** picked up his first Big Ten Sportsmanship Award honor.

FOURTH-QUARTER MAGIC

- Illinois has had 10 comeback wins since 2001 when trailing after three quarters. Four of those 10 came in the first eight games of the 2014 season.

ILLINOIS WINS AFTER TRAILING ENTERING FOURTH QUARTER (SINCE 2001)

Date	Opponent	Trailed (entering 4th)	Final Score	QB
10/25/2014	vs. Minnesota	21-24	28-24	O'Toole
9/20/2014	vs. Texas State	25-28	42-35	Lunt
9/6/2014	vs. Western Kentucky	21-27	42-34	Lunt
8/30/2014	vs. Youngstown State	7-9	28-17	Lunt
10/1/2011	vs. Northwestern	17-28	38-35	Scheelhaase
9/3/2005	vs. Rutgers	10-27	33-30 OT	Brasic
11/6/2004	vs. Indiana	14-22	26-22	Beutjer
11/17/2001	at Ohio State	21-22	34-22	Kittner
11/10/2001	vs. Penn State	14-21	33-28	Kittner
9/8/2001	vs. Northern Illinois	3-6	17-12	Kittner

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Illinois boasted one of the top passing offenses in the Big Ten, ranking second in the conference in passing yards per game (249.8) and completion percentage (61.21percent), and sixth in passing efficiency.
- The Illini rushed for a season-high 291 yards in the regular-season finale at Northwestern, the most since running for 308 yards at Indiana on Oct. 8, 2011. Illinois was led by two 90+-yard rushing performances in QB Reilly O'Toole (147) and RB Josh Ferguson (95).
- Illinois' 47 points scored against Northwestern is its highest total this season and most since totaling 48 against Northwestern at Wrigley Field on Nov. 20, 2010.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- The Illini defense scored four touchdowns on the season, which ranked 14th in FBS and second in the Big Ten. **V'Angelo Bentley** had both a fumble return and an interception return for touchdown in 2014 — making him one of only 20 FBS players with two or more defensive TDs — while **Mason Monheim** and **Taylor Barton** also had pick-sixes to their credit.
- All four defensive TDs were game-changing plays, as Bentley's scoop and score gave Illinois a 28-24 lead over Minnesota with 6:33 left in the game and his pick-six put the Illini ahead of Western Kentucky, 42-28 with 2:41 remaining, all but sealing the win. Barton's pick-six increased UI's lead over Western Kentucky to 35-27 with 10:15 left in the game, while Monheim's pick-six clinched bowl-eligibility for the Illini by extending their lead to 47-25 at Northwestern with less than five minutes remaining.
- Illinois forced 19 total turnovers in 2014, far surpassing last season's total of 11, and converted that into 69 points (nine touchdowns and two field goals).

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- DuVernois a Weapon:** Senior punter **Justin DuVernois** ranked second in the Big Ten and 18th in the nation in punting average (44.0 ypp), the fourth-best single-season punting average in school history. As a team, the Illini were second in the Big Ten and ranked 18th in the nation in net punting average (39.85 ypp).
- DuVernois finished his UI career ranked second in Illinois history in career punting yards (10,571) and career punts (254), and third in career punting average (41.62 ypp). His 3,388 punting yards in 2014 are the most in a season in school history, while his 77 punts stand fourth.
- Reis(ner)-ing to the Occasion:** Sophomore PK **David Reisner** nailed a game-winning 36-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining to give the Illini a 16-14 win over Penn State Nov. 22, marking the first time since 2008 that the Illini won a game with a field goal in the last two minutes (Matt Eller, 46 yards vs. Iowa, 27-24, 11/1/08). Reisner was named co-Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for his heroics vs. PSU.
- Sophomore PK **David Reisner** was 3-of-4 on field goals, including a 36-yard game-winner, and finished with a career-high 10 points in the win over Penn State. He had made only 1-of-3 field goals on the season before the PSU game. Reisner's three field goals marked the first time since 2011 that an Illini kicker had three or more field goals in a game (Derek Dimke, 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/2011).
- As a team, the Illini ranked 18th in FBS and second in the Big Ten in net punting (39.85 ypp).

NCAA & BIG TEN STATS RANKINGS / ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS (2014)

TEAM RANKINGS (125 teams ranked)

CATEGORY	NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	111th	13th
Rushing Defense	239.2	115th
Passing Offense	249.8	48th
Passing Defense	217.2	47th
Passing Efficiency	131.54	56th
Pass Efficiency Defense	136.00	95th
Total Offense	367.2	94th
Total Defense	456.4	109th
Scoring Offense	25.0	84th
Scoring Defense	34.0	107th
Net Punting	39.85	18th
Punt Returns	7.91	51st
Kickoff Returns	19.45	102nd
Turnover Margin	-0.23	81st
Sacks Per Game	1.77	89th
Sacks Allowed Per Game	2.85	103rd
Tackles For Loss	6.3	49th

MISCELLANEOUS RANKINGS

CATEGORY	STAT	NCAA	Big Ten
First Downs	248	85th	7th
Opponent First Downs	292	101st	14th
Third-Down Conversions	36.0	98th	11th
Opponent 3rd-Down Conv.	42.3	88th	12th
Fourth-Down Conversions	38.5	106th	11th
Opponent 4th-Down Conv.	53.8	70th	11th
Penalty Yards Per Game	51.46	59th	11th
Opponent Penalty Yds/Gm.	45.8		9th
Kickoff Coverage	38.3		9th
Time of Possession	27:42	112th	13th
Red Zone Offense	74.0	107th	14th
Red Zone Defense	90.0	114th	11th

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-30)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
Combined Kick Returns	V. Bentley	815	15th
Punting	J. DuVernois	44.0	18th
Receiving Yards	M. Dudek	1,038	29th
Receiving Yards Per Game	M. Dudek	79.8	33rd
Forced Fumbles Per Game	M. Monheim	0.31	17th
Fumbles Recovered	J. Ward	4	2nd

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
Receiving Yards Per Game	M. Dudek	79.8	3rd
Receptions Per Game	M. Dudek	5.8	3rd
Receiving Touchdowns	M. Dudek	6	6th
Passing Touchdowns	R. O'Toole	10	9th
Combined Kick Returns	V. Bentley	815	3rd
Kickoff Returns	V. Bentley	21.6	9th
Punting	J. DuVernois	44.0	2nd
Total Tackles	M. Monheim	8.5	8th
	Z. Petty	8.4	10th
	T. Barton	8.3	11th
Fumbles Forced Per Game	M. Monheim	0.31	1st
	T. Barton	0.17	T-7th
Fumbles Recovered Per Game	J. Ward	0.31	T-1st
	V. Bentley	0.17	T-7th

2014 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

	BIG TEN			OVERALL		
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
#13/13 Wisconsin	7	1	.875	11	3	.786
RV/RV Nebraska	5	3	.625	9	4	.692
RV/RV Minnesota	5	3	.625	8	5	.615
Iowa	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Illinois	3	5	.375	6	7	.462
Northwestern	3	5	.375	5	7	.417
Purdue	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
#1/1 Ohio State	8	0	1.000	14	1	.933
#5/5 Michigan State	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
Maryland	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
--/RV Rutgers	2	5	.286	8	5	.617
Michigan	3	5	.375	5	7	.417
Penn State	2	6	.250	7	6	.545
Indiana	1	7	.125	4	8	.333

2014 ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

COACHES FIRST TEAM

QB	J.T. Barrett, Ohio State
RB	Tevin Coleman, Indiana
RB	MELVIN GORDON, Wisconsin
WR	Tony Lippett, Michigan State
WR	Kenny Bell, Nebraska
C	Jack Allen, Michigan State
G	Pat Elfein, Ohio State
G	Kyle Costigan, Wisconsin
T	Brandon Scherff, Iowa
T	Rob Havenstein, Wisconsin
TE	Maxx Williams, Minnesota
K	Brad Craddock, Maryland

DL	Shilique Calhoun, MSU
DL	Randy Gregory, Nebraska
DL	JOEY BOSA, Ohio State
DL	Anthony Zettel, Penn State
LB	Jake Ryan, Michigan
LB	Mike Hull, Penn State
LB	Derek Landisch, Wisconsin
DB	William Likely, Maryland
DB	Kurtis Drummond, MSU
DB	Trae Waynes, Michigan State
P	Peter Mortell, Minnesota

COACHES SECOND TEAM

QB	Connor Cook, Michigan St.
RB	David Cobb, Minnesota
RB	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska
WR	Stefon Diggs, Maryland
WR	Devin Funchess, Michigan
C	Austin Blythe, Iowa
G	Travis Jackson, Michigan State
G	Zac Epping, Minnesota
T	Jack Conklin, Michigan State
T	Taylor Decker, Ohio State
TE	Jeff Heuerman, Ohio State
K	Sam Ficken, Penn State
DL	Carl Davis, Iowa
DL	Louis Trinca-Pasat, Iowa
DL	Maliek Collins, Nebraska
DL	Michael Bennett, Ohio State
LB	Quinton Alston, Iowa
LB	Taiwan Jones, Michigan State
LB	Damien Wilson, Minnesota
DB	Brian Boddy-Calhoun, Minnesota
DB	Stanley Jean-Baptiste, Neb.
DB	Ibraheim Campbell, Northwestern
DB	Frankie Williams, PUR / Michael Caputo, WIS / Darius Hillary, WIS
P	Justin DuVernois, Illinois

Illinois Honorable Mention: V'Angelo Bentley, Mike Dudek, Ted Karras, Mason Monheim, Jihad Ward

Illinois Sportsmanship Award Honorees: Reilly O'Toole, Mark Murphy

Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year: Jerry Kill, Minnesota

MEDIA FIRST TEAM

QB	J.T. BARRETT, Ohio State
RB	Tevin Coleman, Indiana
RB	Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin
WR	Tony Lippett, Michigan State
WR	Leonte Carroo, Rutgers
C	Jack Allen, Michigan State
G	Zac Epping, Minnesota
G	Kyle Costigan, Wisconsin
T	Brandon Scherff, Iowa
T	Rob Havenstein, Wisconsin
TE	Maxx Williams, Minnesota
K	Brad Craddock, Maryland

DL	Shilique Calhoun, MSU
DL	Randy Gregory, Nebraska
DL	JOEY BOSA, Ohio State
DL	Anthony Zettel, Penn State
LB	Jake Ryan, Michigan
LB	Damien Wilson, Minnesota
LB	Mike Hull, Penn State
DB	William Likely, Maryland
DB	Brian Boddy-Calhoun, Minn.
DB	Kurtis Drummond, MSU
DB	Trae Waynes, Michigan State
P	Peter Mortell, Minnesota

MEDIA SECOND TEAM

QB	Connor Cook, Michigan St.
RB	David Cobb, Minnesota
RB	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska
WR	Mike Dudek, Illinois
WR	DaeSean Hamilton, Penn State
C	Dan Voltz, Wisconsin
G	Travis Jackson, Michigan State
G	Pat Elfein, Ohio State
T	Jack Conklin, Michigan State
T	Taylor Decker, Ohio State
TE	Jeff Heuerman, Ohio State
K	Sam Ficken, Penn State

DL	Carl Davis, Iowa
DL	Drew Ott, Iowa
DL	Andre Monroe, Maryland
DL	Michael Bennett, Ohio State
LB	Joshua Perry, Ohio State
LB	Vince Biegel, Wisconsin
LB	Derek Landisch, Wisconsin
DB	Nate Gerry, Nebraska
DB	Nick Van Hoose, Northwestern
DB	Doran Grant, Ohio State
DB	Michael Caputo, Wisconsin
P	Justin DuVernois, Illinois

Illinois Honorable Mention: Taylor Barton, V'Angelo Bentley, Ted Karras, Mason Monheim

Graham-George Off. Player of the Year: Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin

Nagurski-Woodson D. Player of the Year: Joey Bosa, Ohio State

Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year: J.T. Barrett, Ohio State

Dave McClain Coach of the Year: Jerry Kill, Minnesota

CAPS - unanimous selection

TEAM STATISTICS

2014 Illinois Football
Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Jan 26, 2015)
All games

Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
SCORING	337	442
Points Per Game	25.9	34.0
Points Off Turnovers	82	127
FIRST DOWNS	248	292
Rushing	84	152
Passing	135	117
Penalty	29	23
RUSHING YARDAGE	1527	3109
Yards gained rushing	1908	3430
Yards lost rushing	381	321
Rushing Attempts	413	617
Average Per Rush	3.7	5.0
Average Per Game	117.5	239.2
TDs Rushing	16	31
PASSING YARDAGE	3247	2824
Comp-Att-Int	287-470-12	214-370-7
Average Per Pass	6.9	7.6
Average Per Catch	11.3	13.2
Average Per Game	249.8	217.2
TDs Passing	25	20
TOTAL OFFENSE	4774	5933
Total Plays	883	987
Average Per Play	5.4	6.0
Average Per Game	367.2	456.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	40-778	27-629
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	21-191	22-174
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-203	12-272
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.5	23.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.1	7.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	29.0	22.7
FUMBLES-LOST	17-10	21-12
PENALTIES-Yards	79-669	70-595
Average Per Game	51.5	45.8
PUNTS-Yards	78-3422	63-2466
Average Per Punt	43.9	39.1
Net punt average	39.8	34.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	65-3967	80-4702
Average Per Kick	61.0	58.8
Net kick average	38.3	37.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:43	32:17
3RD-DOWN Conversions	67/186	85/201
3rd-Down Pct	36%	42%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/13	14/26
4th-Down Pct	38%	54%
SACKS BY-Yards	23-149	37-239
MISC YARDS	0	9
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	45	56
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	9-17	15-21
ON-SIDE KICKS	2-3	0-3
RED-ZONE SCORES	(37-50) 74%	(45-50) 90%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(29-50) 58%	(35-50) 70%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(38-42) 90%	(53-53) 100%
ATTENDANCE	290842	372019
Games/Avg Per Game	7/41549	5/74404
Neutral Site Games		1/31297

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Illinois	88	63	69	117	0	337
Opponents	102	130	103	107	0	442

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

2014 Illinois Football Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of Jan 26, 2015) All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ferguson, Josh	13	146	802	67	735	5.0	8	75	56.5
Young, Donovan	13	94	394	15	379	4.0	6	21	29.2
O'Toole, Reilly	13	95	412	149	263	2.8	1	28	20.2
Bailey, Aaron	5	32	156	36	120	3.8	1	29	24.0
Dudek, Mike	13	6	80	7	73	12.2	0	50	5.6
Davis, Jon	13	11	32	2	30	2.7	0	7	2.3
Church, Devin	11	9	27	14	13	1.4	0	7	1.2
TEAM	7	4	0	6	-6	-1.5	0	0	-0.9
Lunt, Wes	8	16	5	85	-80	-5.0	0	5	-10.0
Total	13	413	1908	381	1527	3.7	16	75	117.5
Opponents	13	617	3430	321	3109	5.0	31	72	239.2

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Lunt, Wes	8	141.61	153-241-3	63.5	1763	14	62	220.4
O'Toole, Reilly	13	122.28	122-206-8	59.2	1344	10	58	103.4
Bailey, Aaron	5	100.96	11-22-1	50.0	118	1	24	23.6
Dudek, Mike	13	284.80	1-1-0	100.0	22	0	22	1.7
Ferguson, Josh	13	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	131.54	287-470-12	61.1	3247	25	62	249.8
Opponents	13	136.00	214-370-7	57.8	2824	20	80	217.2

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dudek, Mike	13	76	1038	13.7	6	56	79.8
Ferguson, Josh	13	50	427	8.5	2	42	32.8
Allison, Geronimo	12	41	598	14.6	5	60	49.8
Turner, Malik	13	25	256	10.2	1	20	19.7
Young, Donovan	13	22	92	4.2	0	24	7.1
Barr, Martize	12	19	249	13.1	3	30	20.8
Hardee, Justin	13	19	240	12.6	1	62	18.5
Davis, Jon	13	15	175	11.7	3	25	13.5
LaCrosse, Matt	13	14	117	8.4	3	30	9.0
Church, Devin	11	3	21	7.0	0	20	1.9
White, Tyler	12	2	17	8.5	1	13	1.4
Murdock, Marchie	4	1	17	17.0	0	17	4.2
Total	13	287	3247	11.3	25	62	249.8
Opponents	13	214	2824	13.2	20	80	217.2

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bentley, V'Angelo	12	123	10.2	0	40
Mosely, Darius	7	49	7.0	0	14
Dudek, Mike	1	4	4.0	0	4
TEAM	1	15	15.0	0	0
Total	21	191	9.1	0	40
Opponents	22	174	7.9	0	28

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Monheim, Mason	2	52	26.0	1	49
Thomas III, Earnest	1	0	0.0	0	0
Spence, Eaton	1	15	15.0	0	15
Bentley, V'Angelo	1	45	45.0	1	45
Barton, Taylor	1	77	77.0	1	77
Neal Jr., T.J.	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	7	203	29.0	3	77
Opponents	12	272	22.7	2	69

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bentley, V'Angelo	32	692	21.6	0	67
Mosely, Darius	4	43	10.8	0	18
White, Tyler	2	26	13.0	0	17
LaCrosse, Matt	1	6	6.0	0	6
Clary, Tim	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	40	778	19.5	0	67
Opponents	27	629	23.3	1	89

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bentley, V'Angelo	2	18	9.0	1	12
Ward, Jihad	2	19	9.5	0	19
Fejedelem, Clayton	1	16	16.0	0	16
Phillips, Carroll	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	6	56	9.3	1	19
Opponents	2	147	73.5	2	95

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxd	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ferguson, Josh	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Reisner, David	-	6-11	22-24	-	-	-	-	-	40
Dudek, Mike	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Young, Donovan	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Allison, Geronimo	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Zalewski, Taylor	-	3-6	16-18	-	-	-	-	-	25
Davis, Jon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
LaCrosse, Matt	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Barr, Martize	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Bentley, V'Angelo	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Turner, Malik	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Barton, Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bailey, Aaron	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Monheim, Mason	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
White, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
O'Toole, Reilly	1	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	6
Hardee, Justin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Lunt, Wes	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	-	0
Total	45	9-17	38-42	-	-	0-3	-	1	337
Opponents	56	15-21	53-53	1-1	2	2-2	-	1	442

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Lunt, Wes	8	257	-80	1763	1683	210.4
O'Toole, Reilly	13	301	263	1344	1607	123.6
Ferguson, Josh	13	146	735	0	735	56.5
Young, Donovan	13	94	379	0	379	29.2
Bailey, Aaron	5	54	120	118	238	47.6
Dudek, Mike	13	7	73	22	95	7.3
Davis, Jon	13	11	30	0	30	2.3
Church, Devin	11	9	13	0	13	1.2
TEAM	7	4	-6	0	-6	-0.9
Total	13	883	1527	3247	4774	367.2
Opponents	13	987	3109	2824	5933	456.4

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Zalewski, Taylor	3-6	50.0	0-0	2-2	1-2	0-1	0-1	33	0
Reisner, David	6-11	54.5	1-1	2-2	2-4	1-3	0-1	43	1

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
Youngstown State	-	(33),(29),(36)
Western Kentucky	50,34	(41),(19)
Washington	(25)	(20),(25),(51)
Texas State	(19)	45
Nebraska	-	(29),54
Purdue	30	(20)
Wisconsin	-	47,(44)
Minnesota	-	(44),40
Ohio State	47	(44),(26)
Iowa	-	46
Penn State	(28),(25),50,(36)	-
Northwestern	(33),36,(33)	(34)
Louisiana Tech	(27),42,46,(43)	44

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
DuVernois, Justin	77	3388	44.0	74	7	17	20	20	0
Frain, Ryan	1	34	34.0	34	0	1	0	0	0
Total	78	3422	43.9	74	7	18	20	20	0
Opponents	63	2466	39.1	70	6	12	15	7	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Zalewski, Taylor	51	3160	62.0	28	2			
Reisner, David	10	590	59.0	5	1			
Frain, Ryan	4	217	54.2	1	1			
Total	65	3967	61.0	34	4	23.3	38.3	26
Opponents	80	4702	58.8	36	4	19.5	37.8	27

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ferguson, Josh	13	735	427	0	0	0	1162	89.4
Dudek, Mike	13	73	1038	4	0	0	1115	85.8
Bentley, V'Angel	12	0	0	123	692	45	860	71.7
Allison, Geronim	12	0	598	0	0	0	598	49.8
Young, Donovan	13	379	92	0	0	0	471	36.2
O'Toole, Reilly	13	263	0	0	0	0	263	20.2
Turner, Malik	13	0	256	0	0	0	256	19.7
Barr, Martize	12	0	249	0	0	0	249	20.8
Hardee, Justin	13	0	240	0	0	0	240	18.5
Davis, Jon	13	30	175	0	0	0	205	15.8
LaCosse, Matt	13	0	117	0	6	0	123	9.5
Bailey, Aaron	5	120	0	0	0	0	120	24.0
Mosely, Darius	13	0	0	49	43	0	92	7.1
Barton, Taylor	12	0	0	0	0	77	77	6.4
Monheim, Maso	13	0	0	0	0	52	52	4.0
White, Tyler	12	0	17	0	26	0	43	3.6
Church, Devin	11	13	21	0	0	0	34	3.1
Murdock, Marchi	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.2
Spence, Eaton	13	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.2
Neal Jr., T.J.	13	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.1
Clary, Tim	13	0	0	0	11	0	11	0.8
TEAM	7	-6	0	15	0	0	9	1.3
Lunt, Wes	8	-80	0	0	0	0	-80	-10.0
Total	13	1527	3247	191	778	203	5946	457.4
Opponents	13	3109	2824	174	629	272	7008	539.1

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LONGEST DRIVES DRIVES

by # of plays	ILLINOIS
	14 (64 yards, 5:16, missed FG vs. Purdue)
by # of yards	89 (12 plays, 4:13, TD vs. Iowa)
Time of Possession	5:39 (9 plays, 35 yards, Punt at Wisconsin)

OPPONENT

18 (99 yards, 5:58, TD) WKU
99 (18 plays, 5:58, TD) WKU
7:23 (16 plays, 74 yards, FG) Purdue

RED ZONE STATS (inside the 20)

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	50	50
Total Scores	37	45
Touchdowns	29	35
Field Goals	8	10
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	7	4
Lost on Missed Field Goals	5	0
End of Game or Half	1	1
Scoring Percentage	.740	.900
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	.580	.700
Percent of Total Drives	.289	.284

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	173	176
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	5,358	5,136
Average Starting Field Position	31.0	29.2
Times Started Inside the 20	28	33
Drives Started in Plus Territory	21	18

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	19	22
Total Scores	11	16
Scoring Percentage	.579	.727
Points off Turnovers	69 (9 TD, 2 FG)	96 (12 TD, 4 FG)

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2014 season	14, PUR/WIS/MIN	13, N'western	13, Purdue	21, YSU & WKU	--	47, N'western
Beckman Era	14, PUR/WIS/MIN('14)	22, SIU ('13)	17, C. Southern ('12)	21, YSU & WKU ('14)	--	47, N'western ('14)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

2014 Illinois Football
Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Jan 26, 2015)
All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
43	Monheim, Mason	13	43	68	111	6.5-16	1.0-4	2-52	2	1	1-0	4	.	.
21	Petty, Zane	13	49	60	109	1.5-3	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	.
3B	Barton, Taylor	12	44	56	100	1.0-2	.	1-77	2	.	.	2	.	.
52	Neal Jr., T.J.	13	31	67	98	6.5-16	.	1-14	4	3	.	1	.	.
9T	Thomas III, Earnest	13	36	24	60	9.5-39	4.5-25	1-0	.	2	.	1	.	.
27	Spence, Eaton	13	28	27	55	1.0-1	.	1-15	6	.	1-0	.	.	.
44	Teitsma, Austin	13	26	27	53	9.5-23	3.0-12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
17	Ward, Jihad	13	21	30	51	8.5-46	3.0-30	.	1	5	4-19	2	.	.
20	Fejedelem, Clayton	13	28	23	51	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	1-16	.	.	.
2	Bentley, V'Angelo	12	20	26	46	3.5-7	.	1-45	2	.	2-18	.	.	.
91	Smoot, Dawuane	13	17	16	33	7.5-33	2.5-18	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
90	Woods, DeJazz	13	7	24	31	4.0-14	2.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
96	Bain, Rob	13	15	14	29	4.0-17	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Mosely, Darius	13	18	10	28	2.0-9	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
42	Cooper, Ralph	13	7	18	25	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Clements, Jarrod	13	10	14	24	6.0-13	2.0-7	.	3	1	1-0	1	.	.
14	Finney, Eric	13	4	15	19	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	Walls, LaKeith	13	11	7	18	2.0-19	2.0-19	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
7	Day, Caleb	12	12	4	16	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Grimes, Zepheniah	13	8	5	13	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1L	Little, Jevaris	12	6	3	9	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Powell, Teko	3	2	6	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Howe, Jake	13	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6P	Phillips, Carroll	7	4	2	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	2	1-3	.	.	.
58	Nelson, Kenny	5	5	1	6	3.0-12	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Kwaanig, Davontay	12	2	4	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	Fotu, Joe	7	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8C	Cazley, Dillan	13	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	White, Tyler	12	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Hardee, Justin	13	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Bello, B.J.	9	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Martin, Michael	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Ferguson, Josh	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	Heitz, Michael	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1Z	Zalewski, Taylor	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
86	Turner, Malik	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Barr, Martize	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Davis, Jon	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Dudek, Mike	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
67	DiLauro, Christian	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Echard, Nathan	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	James III, Paul	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total			13	476	572	1048	82-286	23-149	7-203	38	19	12-56	12	1
Opponents			13	484	356	840	101-415	37-239	12-272	42	34	10-147	9	1

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Yd-TD	Passing C-A-Int-TD	Passing Yards	Total Offense	Punt	Fumbles	Penalties	Time Poss
Illinois	28	14	22-78-0	24-38-0-4	285	363	7-270	3-1	7-55	19:59
vs. Youngstown State	17	19	59-203-1	11-24-0-0	177	380	8-268	0-0	5-25	40:01
Illinois	42	28	35-64-2	35-50-1-3	456	520	1-52	4-2	9-69	35:06
vs. Western Kentucky	34	23	30-103-1	28-48-1-2	297	400	4-155	4-2	5-24	24:54
Illinois	19	15	26-72-0	20-31-1-2	279	351	7-362	2-2	11-110	25:47
at Washington	44	25	58-245-2	16-22-0-1	219	464	4-140	3-1	8-73	34:13
Illinois	42	21	27-219-3	25-39-1-2	266	485	7-310	0-0	4-19	22:19
vs. Texas State	35	26	52-139-1	29-43-1-4	336	475	8-380	1-0	8-63	37:41
Illinois	14	16	24-78-1	17-38-3-1	261	339	8-338	0-0	7-53	20:24
at Nebraska	45	35	70-458-5	10-21-1-1	166	624	3-113	2-1	8-70	39:36
Illinois	27	26	25-65-2	36-53-1-2	450	515	2-83	1-1	2-20	27:20
vs. Purdue	38	19	45-349-4	15-20-0-1	202	551	4-174	1-0	6-64	32:40
Illinois	28	20	39-153-2	14-24-1-2	135	288	7-334	0-0	4-50	27:39
at Wisconsin	38	22	47-401-5	10-18-0-0	97	498	5-192	0-0	4-53	32:21
Illinois	28	16	41-123-2	15-23-0-1	140	263	9-438	2-1	4-36	31:25
vs. Minnesota	24	19	41-171-2	12-30-1-1	240	411	6-265	2-2	4-30	28:35
Illinois	14	15	42-106-1	13-27-2-1	137	243	4-179	3-2	5-50	29:17
at Ohio State	55	28	44-296-3	20-34-0-4	249	545	1-35	1-1	6-56	30:43
Illinois	14	12	25-88-0	17-31-0-2	147	235	8-319	1-0	8-59	24:14
vs. Iowa	30	26	55-304-1	17-24-0-3	283	587	2-63	3-1	1-10	35:46
Illinois	16	16	27-68-0	26-42-0-1	215	283	8-330	0-0	3-30	27:09
vs. Penn State	14	15	47-172-1	8-16-0-1	93	265	7-274	1-1	5-34	32:51
Illinois	47	23	47-291-2	17-28-1-3	147	438	5-213	0-0	6-50	34:37
at Northwestern	33	19	38-154-2	24-42-3-1	218	372	5-183	2-2	4-48	25:23
Illinois	18	26	33-122-1	28-47-1-1	329	451	5-194	1-1	9-68	35:00
vs. Louisiana Tech	35	16	31-114-3	14-28-0-1	247	361	6-224	1-1	6-45	25:00

ILLINOIS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	TE
Youngstown St.	S. Cvijanovic	Heitz	Hill	Karras	Flavin	Lunt	Ferguson	Allison	Barr	Hardee	Davis
W. Kentucky	S. Cvijanovic	Hill	Spencer	Karras	Heitz	Lunt	Ferguson	Allison	LaCosse (TE)	Hardee	Davis
Washington	S. Cvijanovic	Hill	Spencer	Karras	Heitz	Lunt	Dudek (WR)	Allison	Barr	Hardee	Davis
Texas State	S. Cvijanovic	Hill	Spencer	Karras	Heitz	Lunt	Ferguson	Dudek	Turner	Hardee	Davis
Nebraska	S. Cvijanovic	Hill	Spencer	Karras	Heitz	O'Toole	Ferguson	Allison	Dudek	Hardee	Barr (WR)
Purdue	S. Cvijanovic	Heitz	Spencer	Karras	Flavin	Lunt	Ferguson	Allison	Dudek	LaCosse (TE)	Davis
Wisconsin	S. Cvijanovic	Heitz	Spencer	Karras	DiLauro	O'Toole	Ferguson	Allison	Hardee	LaCosse (TE)	Davis
Minnesota	S. Cvijanovic	Heitz	Spencer	Karras	DiLauro	O'Toole	Young	Allison	Hardee	Dudek	Church (RB)
Ohio State	S. Cvijanovic	Heitz	Spencer	Karras	DiLauro	O'Toole	Ferguson	Allison	Hardee	Dudek	Turner (WR)
Iowa	A. Schmidt	Heitz	Hill	Spencer	DiLauro	Lunt	Ferguson	Allison	LaCosse (TE)	Dudek	Davis
Penn State	A. Schmidt	Heitz	Spencer	Hill	DiLauro	Lunt	Young	Allison	Turner	Dudek	Davis
Northwestern	A. Schmidt	Heitz	Hill	Spencer	DiLauro	O'Toole	Young	Allison	Turner	Dudek	LaCosse
Louisiana Tech	A. Schmidt	Heitz	Spencer	Hill	DiLauro	O'Toole	Ferguson	Allison	Turner	LaCosse (TE)	Davis
Consecutive	4	13	4	12	7	2	1	9	3	6	1
Career	4	44	24	14	7	8	23	12	5	16	24

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT	LEO	WLB	MLB	STAR	CB	SS	FS	CB
Youngstown St.	Ward	Teitsma	Powell	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
W. Kentucky	Ward	Teitsma	Powell	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Washington	Ward	Teitsma	Powell	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Little	Barton	Spence
Texas State	Ward	Teitsma	Clements	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Nebraska	Ward	Teitsma	Clements	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Purdue	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Wisconsin	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Minnesota	Ward	Teitsma	Clements	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Ohio State	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Iowa	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Penn State	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Mosely	Petty	Barton	Spence
Northwestern	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Mosely	Petty	Fejedelem	Spence
Louisiana Tech	Ward	Teitsma	Bain	Woods	Monheim	Neal Jr.	Thomas III	Bentley	Petty	Barton	Spence
Consecutive	13	25	5	13	35	13	29	1	10	1	25
Career	13	25	7	13	35	13	34	20	19	17	27

2014 STARTER QUICK FACTS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	4	Reilly O'Toole (Sr., 6-4, 220)	Led UI to 4th-qtr comebacks vs. PSU (11/22) & MINN (10/25) ... 6 starts in 2015 ... 1,344 passing yards & 59.2 completion % in 2014
QB	12	Wes Lunt (So., 6-5, 225)	Made 7 starts ... Missed 3 games w/broken fibula ... 14/3 TD/INT ratio, 1,763 passing yards and 63.5 completion % in 2014
RB	6	Josh Ferguson (Jr., 5-10, 195)	Led team with 735 rushing yards & 8 TDs ... Second on team with 50 receptions ... Had 95 rush yds & 2 TDs at Northwestern (11/29)
RB	5	Donovonn Young (Sr., 6-0, 220)	Finished UI career with 1,777 career rushing yards and 18 touchdowns ... Committed to UI after 2010 Texas Bowl
WR	8	Geronimo Allison (Jr., 6-4, 195)	Third on team with 41 receptions for 598 yards in 2014 ... Had cons. 100-yd games (160, 2 TDs at WASH, 118, 1 TD at NEB) this year
WR	86	Malik Turner (Fr., 6-3, 205)	Made 5 starts as frosh ... Had career-high six receptions for 84 yards in bowl game ... Had a 10-yd TD catch at Northwestern
WR	18	Mike Dudek (Fr., 5-11, 185)	Freshman All-American led FBS frosh in rec yards per game (79.8) ... Shattered UI freshman receiving records w/1,038 yds & 76 catches
TE	11	Matt LaCrosse (Sr., 6-6, 250)	Had 16 career starts ... 38 catches for 397 yards in UI career ... Had TD catch at OSU ... Father, Dave, played football at Ball State
TE	3	Jon Davis (Sr., 6-3, 240)	Had 24 career starts ... 71 receptions for 658 yards in UI career ... 25-yard TD rec in bowl game ... Has lined up at TE, WR, FB & RB
LT	57	Austin Schmidt (So., 6-6, 295)	Started last 4 games in place of S. Cvijanovic ... Has played in 22 career games ... Father played at Towson St.
LG	74	Michael Heitz (Sr., 6-6, 310)	Leads team with 44 career starts ... Started at LG in 9 games, incl. last 7; RT vs. WKU, WASH, TXST, NEB ... 4-time Academic All-B1G
C	71	Joe Spencer (So., 6-4, 300)	Has 14 career starts, incl. last 12 games ... UI's Uplifting Athletes chapter prez ... 2-time Academic All-B1G as a finance major
RG	52	Alex Hill (So., 6-4, 300)	Has 24 career starts, incl. 9 this year ... Started 1st 5 games of 2014 ... Played role of Santa at Big Brothers Big Sisters holiday party
RT	67	Christian DiLauro (r-Fr., 6-5, 295)	Has started last 7 games at RT ... Redshirted 2013 season after enrolling in Jan 2013 ... 3-star recruit ... Majoring in agri-accounting

DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	17	Jihad Ward (Jr., 6-6, 295)	T-8th on team w/51 tackles, team-high w/4.5 sacks ... Started all 13 games ... Tied for 2nd in FBS in fumbles recovered (4)
DT	96	Rob Bain (So., 6-3, 300)	Made 7 career starts ... Had first career sack in bowl game ... Had a career-high 6 tackles vs. PUR ... 1 of strongest players on team
DT	99	Jarrold Clements (So., 6-3, 290)	Made 3 career starts ... Had 24 tackles 6.0 TFLs and 2.0 sacks in 2014 ... Cousin, Roy Roundtree, was a WR at Michigan from 2009-12
DT	44	Austin Teitsma (Sr., 6-2, 290)	Tied for team TFLs lead (9.5) ... 7th on team with 53 tackles ... Career-high 3.5 TFLs vs. TXST ... Has a perfect 4.0 GPA in grad school
LEO	90	DeJazz Woods (Sr., 6-3, 255)	Has started all 13 gms ... 31 tackles, 4.0 TFLs and 2.0 sacks in 2014 ... Graduated in May 2014 w/degree in sport management
WLB	43	Mason Monheim (So., 6-1, 235)	Honorable mention All-B1G ... Led team & 8th in B1G with 111 tackles (8.5 tpg) ... 17th in FBS & led B1G in forced fumbles (0.31/gm)
MLB	52	T.J. Neal Jr. (So., 6-1, 235)	4th on team with 98 tackles, 6.5 TFLs ... Had 12 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, FF vs. MINN ... FF vs. MINN led to Bentley's 12-yd fumble rec TD
STAR	9	Earnest Thomas III (Sr., 6-2, 210)	Shares team lead with 9.5 TFLs ... 5th on team with 60 tackles ... 7 career forced fumbles tied for 4th in UI history
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley (Jr., 5-10, 190)	Had 46 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 2 PBUs, 2 FR & 1 pick-6 ... 12-yd FR TD vs. MINN ... Only player in UI history w/kickoff, punt, INT & fum returns for TD
SS	21	Zane Petty (Sr., 6-1, 205)	2nd on team & 10th in B1G in tackles with 109 ... Led team with 8 PBUs ... Father, Manson, played for Denver Broncos in '70s
FS	20	Clayton Fejedelem (Jr., 6-1, 195)	First career start at NW ... Leading Illini tackler vs. PSU (8) and at N'western (12) ... Walk-on transfer was awarded scholarship in Oct.
FS	3	Taylor Barton (So., 6-1, 215)	3rd on team & 11th in B1G with 100 tackles ... Missed NW game w/injury ... Had a 77-yd pick-6, 8 tackles, FF vs. WKU
CB	27	Eaton Spence (Jr., 6-0, 185)	Has 27 career starts ... 6th on team with 55 tackles ... Had a career-high 3 PBUs vs. Iowa ... INT at NW ... Had 5 tackles, FR at NEB

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

K	17	Taylor Zalewski (Jr., 6-3, 220)	Took over PK duties at NW, making 1 FG & 4 PATs ... Avg 62.5 ypk w/28 touchbacks in 2014 ... Has 86 TBs in 160 career KO (53.8 pct.)
K	38	David Reisner (So., 6-0, 195)	Hit GW 36-yd FG vs. PSU w/08 left just 3:00 after missing 50-yarder ... Made 3-of-4 FGs vs. PSU after entering game 1-of-3 on season
P	18	Justin DuVernois (Sr., 6-1, 190)	Career-best 44.0 avg in 2014, ranking 2nd in B1G & 18th in FBS ... 20 punts of 50+ yds in '14 ... T-2nd in UI career punt avg (41.6)
DS	56	Michael Martin (So., 6-4, 225)	Has served as UI's LS in all 13 games ... Champaign, Ill., native ... Mechanical engineering major

2014 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

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

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
Lunt	0	26	0	0	0	26
O'Toole	3	19	0	0	0	22
Dudek	2	1	18	0	0	21
Ferguson	6	0	7	0	0	13
Allison	0	0	9	0	0	9
M. Barr	0	0	5	0	0	5
Bentley	0	0	0	1	3	4
Young	3	0	1	0	0	4
Bailey	1	1	0	0	0	2
Turner	0	0	2	0	0	2
Davis	0	0	2	0	0	2
Barton	0	0	0	1	0	1
Church	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hardee	0	0	1	0	0	1
LaCosse	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monheim	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	15	47	47	3	3	68

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (6)

2Q	67	Bentley kick return
2Q	42	Allison reception (from Lunt)
4Q	49	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
4Q	20	Young rush
4Q	20	Turner reception (from Lunt)
4Q	29	M. Barr TD reception (from Lunt)

WESTERN KENTUCKY (8)

1Q	30	LaCosse reception (from Lunt)
1Q	32	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
2Q	30	Allison reception (from Lunt)
3Q	21	Ferguson rush
3Q	25	Davis reception (from Lunt)
4Q	62	Hardee TD reception (from Lunt)
4Q	77	Barton interception return for TD
4Q	20	M. Barr reception (from Lunt)

WASHINGTON (5)

2Q	60	Allison TD reception (from Lunt)
3Q	36	Allison reception (from Lunt)
3Q	27	Allison TD reception (from Lunt)
4Q	20	Ferguson reception (from Lunt)
4Q	20	Church reception (from O'Toole)

TEXAS STATE (10)

1Q	75	Ferguson TD rush
2Q	24	Young reception (from Lunt)
2Q	24	Barr reception (from Lunt)
3Q	40	Bentley punt return
3Q	33	Ferguson TD reception (from Lunt)
3Q	30	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
4Q	23	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
4Q	22	Ferguson rush
4Q	48	Ferguson rush
4Q	45	Bentley interception return for TD

NEBRASKA (7)

1Q	36	Allison reception (from O'Toole)
1Q	41	Ferguson TD rush
1Q	27	Dudek rush
1Q	22	Ferguson reception (from O'Toole)
2Q	58	Allison TD reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	24	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	28	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)

PURDUE (8)

1Q	30	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
1Q	41	Ferguson reception (from Lunt)
2Q	47	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
3Q	47	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
3Q	20	Dudek reception (from Lunt)
4Q	23	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	30	M. Barr reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	28	M. Barr reception (from O'Toole)

WISCONSIN (4)

2Q	26	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	30	Bentley punt return
4Q	29	Bailey TD rush
4Q	24	Dudek reception (from Bailey)

MINNESOTA (4)

1Q	20	Young rush
1Q	20	Ferguson reception (from O'Toole)
1Q	22	Allison reception (from Dudek)
3Q	28	O'Toole rush

OHIO STATE (1)

1Q	56	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)
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IOWA (2)

1Q	31	Dudek TD reception (from Lunt)
4Q	31	Dudek TD reception (from O'Toole)

PENN STATE (1)

2Q	20	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	25	Dudek reception (from O'Toole)

NORTHWESTERN (6)

1Q	42	Ferguson reception (from O'Toole)
2Q	21	Young rush
2Q	24	O'Toole rush
4Q	46	Ferguson TD rush
4Q	49	Monheim interception return for TD
4Q	25	O'Toole rush

LOUISIANA TECH (5)

1Q	50	Dudek rush
1Q	21	Ferguson reception (from O'Toole)
2Q	25	Davis reception (from O'Toole)
3Q	20	Allison reception (from O'Toole)
4Q	20	Turner reception (from Lunt)

SCORING DRIVES

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

2nd	13:15	TD	Davis 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	4 plays, 33 yards, 1:45
4th	13:58	TD	Dudek 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	6 plays, 35 yards, 1:16
4th	8:50	TD	Ferguson 15 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	6 plays, 79 yards, 2:07
4th	2:33	TD	M. Barr 29 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	10 plays, 67 yards, 3:55

WESTERN KENTUCKY

1st	11:26	TD	Ferguson 1 yard run (Zalewski kick)	4 plays, 32 yards, 0:53
2nd	0:41	TD	Dudek fumble recovery in end zone (Zalewski kick)	11 plays, 74 yards, 3:34
3rd	9:36	TD	M. Barr 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	11 plays, 65 yards, 5:24
4th	12:27	TD	Hardee 62 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	9 plays, 88 yards, 4:33
4th	10:15	TD	Barton 77 yard interception return (Zalewski kick)	
4th	1:45	TD	Young 1 yard run (Zalewski kick)	5 plays, 21 yards, 2:19

WASHINGTON

1st	5:47	FG	Zalewski 25 yard field goal	11 plays, 62 yads, 4:21
2nd	11:27	SAF	Team safety (Washington punter fumbled ball on end line)	
2nd	1:17	TD	Allison 60 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	5 plays, 80 yards, 2:08
3rd	7:34	TD	Allison 27 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick)	6 plays, 66 yards, 1:30

TEXAS STATE

1st	14:47	TD	Ferguson 75 yard run (kick failed)	1 play, 75 yards, 0:13
2nd	1:14	TD	Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick)	5 plays, 75 yards, 1:03
3rd	12:50	TD	Ferguson 33 yard pass from Lunt (pass failed)	1 play, 33 yards, 0:11
3rd	9:18	TD	Young 3 yard run (pass failed)	8 plays, 69 yards, 1:54
4th	7:42	TD	Dudek 7 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick)	10 plays, 78 yards, 4:06
4th	3:08	FG	Reisner 19 yard field goal	8 plays, 72 yards, 2:47
4th	2:41	TD	Bentley 45 yard interception return (Reisner kick)	

NEBRASKA

1st	11:24	TD	Ferguson 41 yard run (Reisner kick)	3 plays, 70 yards, 1:03
2nd	7:27	TD	Allison 58 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	4 plays, 75 yards, 1:16

PURDUE

1st	9:18	TD	White 13 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick)	10 plays, 88 yards, 3:56
1st	4:52	TD	Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick)	7 plays, 67 yards, 2:15
3rd	6:07	TD	Allison 6 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick)	13 plays, 62 yards, 3:52
3rd	1:39	TD	Young 2 yard run (kick failed)	6 plays, 54 yards, 2:12

WISCONSIN

1st	6:43	TD	LaCosse 8 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	4 plays, 31 yards, 1:38
1st	3:08	TD	Allison 5 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	5 plays, 42 yards, 1:49
4th	8:43	TD	Bailey 29 yard run (Reisner kick)	1 play, 29 yards, 0:08
4th	2:53	TD	Young 1 yard run (Reisner kick)	9 plays, 83 yards, 3:02

MINNESOTA

1st	9:31	TD	Davis 3 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	11 plays, 75 yards, 5:29
1st	2:39	TD	O'Toole 9 yard run (Reisner kick)	7 plays, 74 yards, 3:17
3rd	8:48	TD	Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick)	9 plays, 75 yards, 4:10
4th	6:33	TD	Bentley 12 yard fumble return (Reisner kick)	

OHIO STATE

3rd	1:48	TD	Young 5 yard run (Reisner kick)	11 plays, 65 yards, 5:32
4th	5:55	TD	LaCosse 7 yard pass from Bailey (Reisner kick)	8 plays, 44 yards, 2:43

IOWA

1st	2:29	TD	Dudek 31 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick)	3 plays, 34 yards, 1:13
4th	3:52	TD	Dudek 31 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	12 plays, 89 yards, 4:13

PENN STATE

2nd	0:25	TD	LaCosse 1 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	12 plays, 68 yards, 2:27
3rd	12:26	FG	Reisner 28 yard field goal	6 plays, 19 yards, 2:34
4th	8:43	FG	Reisner 25 yard field goal	11 plays, 58 yards, 4:54
4th	0:08	FG	Reisner 36 yard field goal	7 plays, 54 yards, 1:40

NORTHWESTERN

1st	1:41	TD	Turner 10 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)	11 plays, 56 yards, 4:39
1st	0:56	TD	Ferguson 1 yard run (kick failed)	3 plays, 49 yards, 0:37
2nd	12:26	FG	Reisner 33 yard field goal	5 plays, 33 yards, 1:59
2nd	5:39	FG	Zalewski 33 yard field goal	4 plays, 4 yards, 1:57
2nd	0:47	TD	Dudek 14 yard pass from O'Toole (Zalewski kick)	7 plays, 82 yards, 2:07
3rd	7:24	TD	Barr 9 yard pass from O'Toole (Zalewski kick)	11 plays, 75 yards, 5:00
4th	12:39	TD	Ferguson 46 yard run (Zalewski kick)	3 plays, 56 yards, 1:26
4th	4:58	TD	Monheim 49 yard interception return (Zalewski kick)	

LOUISIANA TECH

1st	3:46	FG	Zalewski 27 yard field goal	8 plays, 64 yards, 3:37
2nd	11:15	TD	Davis 25 yard pass from O'Toole (kick failed)	5 plays, 65 yards, 1:30
3rd	6:04	TD	Young 3 yard run (O'Toole pass failed)	9 plays, 72 yards, 4:17
4th	14:01	FG	Reisner 43 yard field goal	10 plays, 49 yards, 3:59

2014 ILLINOIS HONORS

DB Taylor Barton

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)

DB/KR V'Angelo Bentley

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media and coaches)
- ESPN Helmet Sticker (10/25)
- Midseason First-Team All-Big Ten KR (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Third-Team All-American PR (Phil Steele)
- Paul Hornung Award Watch List (versatile)
- CFPA Punt Returner Watch List

OT Christian DiLauro

- Big Ten All-Freshman Team (ESPN.com)

WR Mike Dudek

- First Team Freshman All-American (Scout)
- First Team True-Freshman All-American (ESPN.com)
- First Team True-Freshman All-American (247sports)
- Second-Team All-Big Ten (media)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
- Big Ten All-Freshman Team (ESPN.com)
- Midseason Second-Team All-Big Ten WR (Phil Steele)
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/8)
- CFPA Freshman of the Year Watch List

P Justin DuVernois

- Second-Team All-Big Ten (media and coaches)
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (10/27)
- Midseason First-Team All-Big Ten Punter (Phil Steele)

RB Josh Ferguson

- Doak Walker Award Watch List (RB)

OL Ted Karras

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media and coaches)

TE Matt LaCrosse

- CFPA Tight End Watch List

QB Wes Lunt

- Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week (9/8)

LB Mason Monheim

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media and coaches)
- Midseason Second-Team All-Big Ten LB (Phil Steele)
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team (community service)
- Butkus Award Watch List (LB)

QB Reilly O'Toole

- Big Ten Sportsmanship Honoree
- ESPN Helmet Sticker (11/29)

PK David Reisner

- Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week (11/24)

DL Jihad Ward

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

CATEGORY	ILLINOIS TEAM HIGHS	OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS
Rushes	47 . . . at Northwestern, 11/29/14	70 at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Yards Rushing	291 . . . at Northwestern, 11/29/14	458 at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Yards Per Rush	8.1 . . . vs. Texas State, 9/20/14	8.5 at Wisconsin, 10/11/14
TD Rushes	3 . . . vs. Texas State, 9/20/14	5 2x, last at Wisconsin, 10/11/14
Pass attempts	53 . . . vs. Purdue, 10/4/14	48 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14
Pass completions	36 . . . vs. Purdue, 10/4/14	29 vs. Texas State, 9/20/14
Yards Passing	456 . . . vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	336 vs. Texas State, 9/20/14
Yards Per Pass	9.3 . . . at Washington, 9/13/14	11.8 vs. Iowa, 11/15/14
TD Passes	4 . . . vs. Youngstown State, 8/30/14	4 2x, last at Ohio State, 11/1/14
Total Plays	85 . . . vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	95 vs. Texas State, 9/20/14
Total Offense	520 . . . vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	624 at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Yards Per Play	7.3 . . . vs. Texas State, 9/20/14	8.5 vs. Purdue, 10/4/14
Points	47 . . . at Northwestern, 11/29/14	55 at Ohio State, 11/1/14
Sacks By	4 . . . 2x, last vs. Minnesota, 10/25/14	6 2x, last at Wisconsin, 10/11/14
First Downs	28 . . . vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	35 at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Penalties	11 . . . at Washington, 9/13/14	8 3x, last at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Penalty Yards	110 . . . at Washington, 9/13/14	73 at Washington, 9/13/14
Turnovers	4 . . . at Ohio State, 11/1/14	5 at Northwestern, 11/29/14
Interceptions By	3 . . . at Northwestern, 11/29/14	3 at Nebraska, 9/27/14
Punts	9 . . . vs. Minnesota, 10/25/14	8 vs. Youngstown State, 8/30/14
Punting Avg	52.0 . . . vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	47.5 vs. Texas State, 9/20/14
Long Punt	74 . . . at Nebraska, 9/27/14	70 vs. Texas State, 9/20/14
Punts inside 20	4 . . . 2x, last at Northwestern, 11/29/14	2 5x, last vs. Iowa, 11/15/14

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

CATEGORY	ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL HIGHS	OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL HIGHS
Rushes	21 . . . Reilly O'Toole at Northwestern, 11/29/14	32 Martin Ruiz, Youngstown State, 8/30/14
Yards Rushing	190 . . . Josh Ferguson vs Texas State, 9/20/14	208 Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska, 9/27/14
TD Rushes	2 . . . Josh Ferguson 2x, last at NW, 11/29/14	4 Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 10/11/14
Long Rush	75 . . . Ferguson, Josh vs Texas State, 9/20/14	72 Corey Clement, Wisconsin, 10/11/14
Pass attempts	50 . . . West Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	48 B. Doughty, Western Kentucky, 9/6/14
Pass completions	35 . . . West Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	29 Tyler Jones, Texas State, 9/20/14
Yards Passing	456 . . . West Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	336 Tyler Jones, Texas State, 9/20/14
TD Passes	4 . . . West Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	4 Tyler Jones, Texas State, 9/20/14
Long Pass	62 . . . West Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/14	80 Austin Appleby, Pur & Cody Sokol, La Tech
Receptions	11 . . . Mike Dudek vs Penn State, 11/22/14	6 Leon Allen, WKU & Michael Thomas, OSU
Yards Receiving	200 . . . Mike Dudek vs Purdue, 10/4/14	110 Jake Duzey, Iowa, 11/15/14
TD Receptions	2 . . . Allison at Washington & Dudek vs. Iowa	2 3x, last Ray Hamilton, Iowa, 11/15/14
Long Reception	62 . . . Justin Hardee vs. WKU, 9/6/14	80 Anthop, Purdue, & Dixon, La Tech
Field Goals	3 . . . David Reisner vs Penn State, 11/22/14	3 Cejudo, YSU & Van Winkle, Washington
Long Field Goal	43 . . . David Reisner vs Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14	51 C. Van Winkle, Washington, 9/13/14
Punts	9 . . . Justin DuVernois vs Minnesota, 10/25/14	8 Will Johnson, Texas State, 9/20/14
Punting Avg	52.0 . . . Justin DuVernois vs. WKU, 9/6/14	47.5 Will Johnson, Texas State, 9/20/14
Long Punt	74 . . . Justin DuVernois at Nebraska, 9/27/14	70 Will Johnson, Texas State, 9/20/14
Punts inside 20	4 . . . DuVernois vs. Minnesota & at Northwestern	2 5x, last C. Kornbrath, Iowa, 11/15/14
Tackles	15 . . . Petty at Nebraska & Monheim vs. Iowa	12 5x, last C. Ariguzo, Northwestern, 11/29/14
Sacks	2.5 . . . Earnest Thomas III vs. Minnesota, 10/25/14	4.5 Houston Bates, Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14
Tackles For Loss	3.5 . . . Austin Teitsma vs. Texas State, 9/20/14	5.5 Houston Bates, Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14

GAME SUMMARIES

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Youngstown State	3	3	3	8	17
Illinois	0	7	0	21	28

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
YSU:	Cejudo 33 yard field goal, 0:00 (10-33, 4:31)
Second Quarter	
ILL:	Davis 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 13:15 (4-33, 1:45)
YSU:	Cejudo 29 yard field goal, 0:00 (11-75, 3:52)
Third Quarter	
YSU:	Cejudo 36 yard field goal, 9:18 (12-54, 5:42)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Dudek 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 13:58 (6-35, 1:16)
YSU:	Ruiz 2 yard run (Nania rush), 10:57 (7-75, 3:01)
ILL:	Ferguson 15 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 8:50 (6-79, 2:07)
ILL:	M. Barr 29 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 2:33 (10-67, 3:55)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	YSU	ILL
First Downs	19	14
Rushes-Yards	59-203	22-78
Passing Yards	177	285
Comp-Att-Int	11-24-0	24-38-0
Total Yards	380	363
Punts-Avg	8-33.5	7-38.6
Kickoff Returns	1-27	2-87
Penalties-Yards	5-25	7-55
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Sacks By	1-7	3-17
Third-down Conv.	5-19	8-15
Time of Possession	40:01	19:59

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	
YSU - Ruiz 32-116-1, Nania 12-46, Webb 6-26, Moore 5-6, Stubbs 3-6, Hymes 1-3.	ILL - Ferguson 11-42, Young 9-39, Lunt 1-(-1), Team 1-(-2).
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	
YSU - Nania 11-24-0-0-177.	ILL - Lunt 24-38-0-4-285.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	
YSU - Berassa 4-39, Webb 2-56, Stubbs 2-12, A. Williams 1-61, Ruiz 1-6, Adams 1-3.	ILL - Turner 4-42, Ferguson 4-37-1, Dudek 3-61-1, Davis 3-24-1, Young 3-9, Allison 2-43, M. Barr 2-40-1, Hardee 2-16, LaCosse 1-13.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	
YSU - Smith 8; Childs 6; Nwadiogbu 6, 1.0-1; Thompson 5; D'Alesio 5.	ILL - Monheim 14; Barton 13; Petty 10; Teitsma 9, 2.5-7; Bentley 7; Neal Jr. 7; Thomas III 6, 2.0-7; Spence 6; Cooper 6.

GAME NOTES

- With the win over Youngstown State, the Illini have won 17 consecutive home openers, the fourth-longest streak in the Big Ten as of this afternoon. Head coach Tim Beckman is now 3-0 in home openers as head coach at Illinois.
- Illinois won its first-ever meeting with YSU and is now 14-0 all-time against FCS teams.
- Illinois scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, equaling the most points scored in the final quarter in 32 years since putting up 22 points on Oct. 2, 1982, at Minnesota. The Illini now have posted 21 points in the fourth quarter nine times since 1982.
- The Illini defense stiffened in the red zone, as it limited the Penguins to three field goals and a touchdown in four trips inside the Illinois 20-yard. On the opposite side of the ball, the UI offense found success in the red zone, earning touchdowns on all three trips.
- UI also held the advantage on third-down conversions (8-of-15, 53.3%) compared to YSU (5-of-19, 26.3%).
- Illinois wore white helmets in a game for the first time in school history.
- Sophomore QB Wes Lunt turned in the best Illini quarterback debut in terms of passing yards (285) and touchdowns (4) in school history.
- Lunt spread the wealth throughout the game, as nine different Illini receivers caught a pass and his four TD passes went to four different receivers.
- Newcomers to the Illini receiving corps – Geronimo Allison, Mike Dudek, and Malik Turner – accounted for nine receptions and 146 yards.
- Senior DT Austin Teitsma totaled a career-high nine tackles, including a career-best 2.5 TFLs and half a sack.
- Sophomore LB Carroll Phillips registered his first career sack in his Illini debut.

GAME 2	
WESTERN KENTUCKY	34
ILLINOIS	42

SEPT. 6, 2014
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 38,561

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Western Kentucky	3	14	10	7	34
Illinois	7	7	7	21	42

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
ILL:	Ferguson 1 yard run (Zalewski kick), 11:26 (4-32, 0:53)
WKU:	Schwettman 41 yard field goal, 5:35 (5-16, 1:23)
Second Quarter	
WKU:	Allen 1 yard run (Schwettman kick), 11:12 (18-99, 5:58)
WKU:	Higbee 16 yard pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick), 4:15 (8-67, 2:44)
ILL:	Dudek fumble recovery in end zone (Zalewski kick), 0:41 (11-74, 3:34)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	M. Barr 8 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 9:36 (11-65, 5:24)
WKU:	Terry 95 yard fumble recovery (Schwettman kick), 4:09
WKU:	Schwettman 19 yard field goal, 2:00 (4-5, 1:09)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Hardee 62 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 12:27 (9-88, 4:33)
ILL:	Barton 77 yard interception return (Zalewski kick), 10:15
ILL:	Young 1 yard run (Zalewski kick), 1:43 (5-21, 2:19)
WKU:	Grant 14 yard pass from Doughty (Schwettman kick), 0:26 (7-75, 1:17)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WKU	ILL
First Downs	23	28
Rushes-Yards	30-103	35-64
Passing Yards	297	456
Comp-Att-Int	28-48-1	35-50-1
Total Yards	400	520
Punts-Avg	4-38.8	1-52.0
Kickoff Returns	2-33	5-98
Penalties-Yards	5-24	9-69
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	4-2
Sacks By	1-11	2-15
Third-down Conv.	7-16	9-13
Time of Possession	24:54	35:06

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	
WKU - Allen 24-118-1, Towner 1-7, Wales 1-3, Doughty 3-(-1), Occhipinti 1-(-24).	ILL - Young 14-47-1, Ferguson 14-32-1, Dudek 1-2, Davis 1-2, Team 1-(-2), Lunt 3-(-17).
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	
WKU - Doughty 28-48-1-2-297.	ILL - Lunt 35-50-1-3-456.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	
WKU - Allen 6-56, Grant 4-58-1, McNeal 4-39, Dannerfield 3-31, Higbee 3-30-1, Taylor 3-16, German 2-35, Henry 1-20, Norris 1-11, Towner 1-1.	ILL - Allison 8-97, Hardee 6-110-1, Turner 6-56, Dudek 4-55-1, M. Barr 4-46-1, LaCosse 3-37, Davis 2-34, Ferguson 2-21.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	
WKU - Holt 12, 2.0-6; Singh 11; Terry 9, 1.0-4; Williams 8; Thomas 6; Shorter 5, 1.0-11.	ILL - Petty 9; Barton 8; Monheim 7; Mosely 7; Neal Jr. 7; Bentley 6; Thomas III 6, 1.0-4; Ward 5, 1.5-11.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois completed a fourth quarter comeback against Western Kentucky for the second-straight game, marking fourth-quarter comebacks in consecutive games for the first time since the 2001 season.
- Illinois fought back from a 10-point deficit against WKU (17-7), its first double-digit comeback win since Oct. 2, 2011, vs. Northwestern when the Illini responded from down 18 points (28-10) to claim a 38-35 victory.
- Illinois had three takeaways (two fumbles, interception) in a game for the first time since Sept. 22, 2012, against Louisiana Tech, when it recovered three fumbles.
- Quarterback Wes Lunt turned in another stellar performance. He threw for a career-high 456 yards, which ranks second on the all-time Memorial Stadium passing yardage, just six yards shy of the school 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 456 yards broke his previous career high of 436 set during his true-freshman season at Oklahoma State, against Arizona on Sept. 8, 2012. Lunt also recorded the longest pass of his career vs. WKU, a 62-yard TD strike to Justin Hardee.
- True-freshman Mike Dudek became the first Illini newcomer to tally a touchdown reception in each of his first two career games since junior college transfer Kelvin Hayden did so in 2003.

GAME 3	
ILLINOIS	19
WASHINGTON	44

SEPT. 13, 2014
HUSKY STADIUM // SEATTLE, WASH. // 62,325

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	3	9	7	0	19
Washington	21	17	0	6	44

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
WASH:	Callier 3 yard run (Van Winkle kick), 10:16 (12-46, 4:44)
ILL:	Zalewski 25 yard field goal, 5:47 (11-62, 4:21)
WASH:	Ross 75 yard pass from Miles (Van Winkle kick), 5:34 (1-75, 0:13)
WASH:	Thompson 36 yard interception return (Van Winkle kick), 4:11)
Second Quarter	
WASH:	Washington 12 yard run (Van Winkle kick), 14:53 (8-75, 2:39)
ILL:	Safety, 11:27
WASH:	Thompson 52 yard fumble recovery (Van Winkle kick), 10:33
ILL:	Allison 60 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 1:17 (5-80, 2:08)
WASH:	Van Winkle 20 yard field goal, 0:00 (8-89, 1:01)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	Allison 27 yard pass from Lunt (Zalewski kick), 7:34 (6-66, 1:30)
Fourth Quarter	
WASH:	Van Winkle 25 yard field goal, 14:54 (9-42, 4:13)
WASH:	Van Winkle 51 yard field goal, 6:21 (11-43, 6:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	WASH
First Downs	15	25
Rushes-Yards	26-72	58-245
Passing Yards	279	219
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-1	16-22-0
Total Yards	351	464
Punts-Avg	7-51.7	4-35.0
Kickoff Returns	6-157	2-69
Penalties-Yards	11-110	8-73
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-1
Sacks By	1-9	6-29
Third-down Conv.	1-11	8-16
Time of Possession	25:47	34:13

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD):	
ILL - Ferguson 11-52, Young 4-20, O'Toole 4-12, Davis 2-6, Church 1-4, Lunt 4-(-22).	WASH - Washington 11-58-1, Miles 9-55, Callier 10-53-1, Coleman 18-46, Cooper 4-16, Thompson 3-16, Mickens 1-9, Durkee 1-(-1), Ross 1-(-7).
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds):	
ILL - Lunt 16-26-1-2-230, O'Toole 4-5-0-0-49, Ferguson 0-0-0-0-0.	WASH Miles 15-20-0-1-191, Hall 1-1-0-0-28, Mickens 0-1-0-0-0.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):	
ILL - Allison 6-160-2, Dudek 5-43, Church 2-24, Ferguson 2-24, Young 2-10, M. Barr 1-15, Hardee 1-5, Davis 1-(-2).	WASH - Mickens 5-75, Daniels 3-39, Ross 2-74-1, Cooper 2-7, Coleman 2-(-5), Campbell 1-25, Taylor 1-4.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):	
ILL - Monheim 10, 1.0-5; Neal Jr. 10, 1.0-7; Barton 8; Petty 8; Spence 6, Ward 4, 1.0-9; Cooper 4; Clements 4.	WASH - Kikaha 6, 3.5-22; Hudson 5, 2.0-2; King 5, 0.5-1; Thompson 4.

GAME NOTES

- Geronimo Allison posted 160 yards and two touchdowns on six catches, marking his first 100-yard game in an Illini uniform. It is Illinois' second-straight game with a 100-yard receiver and sixth in its last seven games dating back to 2013.
- V'Angelo Bentley equaled the third-most kickoff return yards in a game in school history with 139 on five returns (28.0 ypr). That ties Greg Foster's performance at Syracuse on Sept. 30, 1978. It was 31 yards shy of tying Mike Bellamy's school record of 170 yards against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989.
- Justin DuVernois had a career day against the Huskies, booting six punts with an average of 52.2 yards per kick. He had three punts over 50 yards and one downed inside Washington's 20 yard line. It is a career best for single-game average for the senior and the second time in his career that he has booted three punts over 50, equaling his output from the 2013 Washington game.
- The Fighting Illini scored on a safety in the second quarter when Washington punter Korey Durkee fumbled the ball in the back of his own end zone and it bounced out of bounds. That marked the first safety for Illinois since Oct. 5, 2013, at Nebraska.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 4

TEXAS STATE.....	35
ILLINOIS.....	42

SEPT. 20, 2014

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 41,019

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Texas State	14	7	7	7	35
Illinois	6	7	12	17	42

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Ferguson 75 yard rush (kick failed), 14:47 (1-75, 0:13)
TXST: Ijah 4 yard pass from Jones (Dann kick), 9:16 (8-55, 2:58)
TXST: Gaines 11 yard pass from Jones (Dann kick), 3:38 (11-72, 4:18)

Second Quarter

TXST: Jones 1 yard run (Dann kick), 2:17 (13-90, 4:42)
ILL: Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick), 1:14 (5-75, 1:03)

Third Quarter

ILL: Ferguson 33 yard pass from Lunt (pass failed), 12:50 (1-33, 0:11)
ILL: Young 3 yard run (pass failed), 9:18 (8-69, 1:54)
TXST: Ijah 12 yard pass from Jones (Dann kick), 6:26 (2-13, 0:31)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Dudek 7 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick), 7:42 (10-78, 4:06)
ILL: Reisner 19 yard field goal, 3:08 (8-72, 2:47)
ILL: Bentley 45 yard interception return (Reisner kick), 2:41
TXST: Smith 9 yard pass from Jones (Dann kick), 1:12 (9-75, 1:29)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	TXST.....	ILL.....
First Downs.....	26.....	21
Rushes-Yards.....	52-139.....	27-219
Passing Yards.....	336.....	266
Comp-Att-Int.....	29-43-1.....	25-39-1
Total Yards.....	475.....	485
Punts-Avg.....	8-47.5.....	7-44.3
Kickoff Returns.....	3-79.....	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	8-63.....	4-19
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0.....	0-0
Sacks By.....	1-4.....	4-28
Third-down Conv.....	10-20.....	4-14
Time of Possession.....	37:41.....	22:19

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): TXST - Lowe 26-117, Jones 17-11-1, Franks 7-8, Best 1-5, Team 1-(2). ILL - Ferguson 14-190-2, Young 9-19-1, Davis 3-14, Lunt 1-(4).
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): TXST - Jones 29-43-1-4-336. ILL - Lunt 25-39-1-2-266.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): TXST - Ijah 5-65-2, Carden 4-56, Lowe 4-55, Miller 4-43, Smith 4-39-1, Gaines 3-27-1, Best 2-43, Mercer 2-5, Franks 1-3. ILL - Dudek 7-90-1, Hardee 5-49, Young 4-43, Ferguson 4-43-1, Barr 3-36, LaCosse 1-3, Turner 1-2.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): TXST - Mayo 11; Jeter-Gilmon 7, 1.0-3; Odiani 5; Shaw 5; Targun 5; Mims 4; Williams 4. ILL - Barton 14, 0.5-1; Petty 8; Monheim 8, 2.5-5; Neal Jr. 8, 1.0-1; Thomas III 6, 1.0-1; Smoot 6, 2.0-14; Woods 5, 1.0-3; Teitsma 5, 3.5-9; Ward 5, 1.0-6; Clements 4, 1.0-1; Walls 4; Spence 4.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois mounted its third fourth-quarter comeback win this season, overcoming a 28-25 deficit entering the final stanza to win, 42-35. It equals the Illini's most fourth-quarter comeback victories in a season since 2001, when UI also had three. Illinois overcame a 9-7 deficit against Youngstown State in its season-opener and won 28-17, then beat Western Kentucky 42-34 after trailing 27-21 entering the fourth quarter.
- After falling behind 21-6 late in the second quarter, Illinois out-scored the Bobcats 36-14 including a 17-0 spurt in the fourth quarter to take control of the game.
- Illinois recorded two one-play scoring drives in today's game, marking the first time it has done that since the 67-65 triple-overtime loss at Michigan on Nov. 6, 2010. Junior running back Josh Ferguson was the catalyst on both drives today, scoring on a 75-yard rush (a backward screen pass) on the Illini's first play from scrimmage and on a 33-yard screen pass in the third quarter.
- Junior running back Josh Ferguson went off against the Bobcats, recording career highs in rushing yards (190), all-purpose yards (233) and total touchdowns (3 - two rushing, one receiving). It marked the fifth 100-yard game of his career. The last Illini player to record three total touchdowns in a game was A.J. Jenkins on Oct. 1, 2011, when he caught three touchdown passes in Illinois' 38-35 win over Northwestern.
- The game included a storm/lightning delay that lasted a total of 1:56. Play was suspended at 3:55 p.m. and resumed at 5:51 p.m. Halftime also was abbreviated to 12 minutes.

GAME 5

ILLINOIS.....	14
#21 NEBRASKA.....	45

SEPT. 27, 2014

MEMORIAL STADIUM // LINCOLN, NEB. // 91,255

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	7	0	0	14
Nebraska	7	24	7	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

NEB: Abdullah 12 yard run (Brown kick), 12:27 (7-75, 2:33)
ILL: Ferguson 41 yard run (Reisner kick), 11:24 (3-70, 1:03)

Second Quarter

NEB: Abdullah 8 yard run (Brown kick), 13:21 (10-80, 3:50)
NEB: Abdullah 2 yard run (Brown kick), 9:52 (3-2, 1:22)
NEB: Bell 63 yard pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown kick), 8:43 (1-63, 0:08)
ILL: Allison 58 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 7:27 (4-75, 1:16)
NEB: Brown 29 yard field goal, 2:48 (11-70, 4:34)

Third Quarter

NEB: Cross 4 yard run (Brown kick), 7:56 (11-68, 5:31)

Fourth Quarter

NEB: Newby 6 yard run (Brown kick), 4:58 (10-64, 3:48)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	ILL.....	NU.....
First Downs.....	16.....	35
Rushes-Yards.....	24-78.....	70-458
Passing Yards.....	261.....	166
Comp-Att-Int.....	17-38-3.....	10-21-1
Total Yards.....	339.....	624
Punts-Avg.....	8-42.2.....	3-37.7
Kickoff Returns.....	1-28.....	1-4
Penalties-Yards.....	7-53.....	8-70
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0.....	2-1
Sacks By.....	2-13.....	4-28
Third-down Conv.....	3-14.....	7-15
Time of Possession.....	20:24.....	39:36

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Ferguson 11-61-1, Dudek 1-27, Young 5-17, Davis 1-(1), O'Toole 6-(26). NU - Abdullah 22-208-3, Cross 22-109-1, Armstrong Jr. 10-66, Nelson 5-35, Newby 9-34-1, Fyfe 2-6.
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - O'Toole 17-38-3-1-261. Armstrong Jr. 10-21-1-1-166, Fyfe 0-0-0-0-0.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Dudek 6-90, Allison 5-118-1, Ferguson 3-29, Barr 2-17, Young 1-7. NU - Bell 5-105-1, Westerkamp 2-31, Newby 2-21, Moore 1-9.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Petty 15; Monheim 12; Barton 11; Neal Jr. 10; Ward 6, 1.0-0; Fejedelem 6, 1.0-2; Spence 5; Bentley 5. NU - Anderson 9, 3.0-13; Gregory 7, 3.0-17; Kalu 7; Gerry 5, 1.0-2; Mitchell 4; Cooper 3.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' offense continued to rack up big plays, posting seven on the night. The Illini now have 36 on the season, including 32 long scrimmage plays (20-plus yards), which is tied for seventh in the country.
- The Illini defense notched 11 more tackles for loss against the Huskers, giving Illinois back-to-back games with 10-plus TFLs. The Orange and Blue now rank 11th nationally in TFLs, averaging 8.0 per game.
- Junior wide receiver Geronimo Allison recorded his second-straight 100-yard game with 118 yards and one touchdown on five catches (23.6 ypc). He posted 160 yards and two TDs on six catches at Washington on Sept. 13 before missing the Texas State game with an injury.
- Senior punter Justin DuVernois booted a career-long 74-yard punt in the first quarter, besting his previous long of 72 against Western Michigan on Sept. 1, 2012. For the game, DuVernois averaged 42.2 yards on eight punts with two traveling over 50 yards.
- Sophomore linebacker T.J. Neal Jr. snagged his first career interception in the first quarter and returned it 14 yards. Neal finished the game with 10 tackles, an interception, a PBU and a QB hurry.

GAME 6

PURDUE.....	38
ILLINOIS.....	27

OCT. 4, 2014

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,046

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Purdue	7	10	14	7	38
Illinois	14	0	13	0	27

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: White 13 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick), 9:18 (10-88, 3:56)
PUR: Mostert 44 yard run (Griggs kick), 7:07 (5-75, 2:11)
ILL: Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick), 4:52 (7-67, 2:15)

Second Quarter

PUR: Hunt 54 yard run (Griggs kick), 8:58 (3-77, 1:34)
PUR: Griggs 20 yard field goal, 0:06 (16-74, 6:54)

Third Quarter

PUR: Anthorp 80 yard pass from Appleby (Griggs kick), 9:59 (2-81, 0:51)
ILL: Allison 6 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick), 6:07 (13-62, 3:52)
PUR: Appleby 1 yard run (Griggs kick), 3:51 (6-75, 2:16)
ILL: Young 2 yard run (kick failed), 1:39 (6-54, 2:12)

Fourth Quarter

PUR: Appleby 1 yard run (Griggs kick), 13:39 (6-75, 3:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	PUR.....	ILL.....
First Downs.....	19.....	26
Rushes-Yards.....	45-349.....	25-65
Passing Yards.....	202.....	450
Comp-Att-Int.....	15-20-0.....	36-53-1
Total Yards.....	551.....	515
Punts-Avg.....	4-43.5.....	2-41.5
Kickoff Returns.....	3-42.....	7-88
Penalties-Yards.....	6-64.....	2-20
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0.....	1-1
Sacks By.....	3-22.....	0-0
Third-down Conv.....	7-14.....	11-16
Time of Possession.....	32:40.....	27:20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): PUR - Hunt 30-177-1, Appleby 7-76-2, Green 3-51, Mostert 3-48-1, Team 2-(3). ILL - Ferguson 15-60-1, Young 5-18-1, Davis 1-3, O'Toole 2-1, Lunt 2-(17).
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): PUR - Appleby 15-20-0-1-202. ILL - Lunt 27-39-0-2-332, O'Toole 9-14-1-0-118.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): PUR - Hunt 4-22, Anthorp 3-99-1, Sinza 1-25, Hart 1-12, Phillips 1-11, Holmes 1-9, Yancey 1-8, Appleby 1-7, Knaut 1-6, Green 1-3. ILL - Ferguson 10-79, Dudek 8-200, Allison 5-31-1, Young 5-16, Barr 3-69, Davis 2-21, Hardee 2-21, White 1-13-1.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): PUR - Williams 12, 1.5-6; L. Feichter 12; Herman 8; Bentley 7; Brown 6, 0.5-; Lewis 6; Richards 5; Robinson 5. ILL - Monheim 11, 1.0-3; Petty 9; Teitsma 8, 0.5-0; Neal Jr. 7, 1.0-2; Bain 6; Fejedelem 5; Ward 4; Barton 4.

GAME NOTES

- Freshman wide receiver Mike Dudek posted the fourth 200-yard receiving game in school history, with exactly 200 yards on a career-high eight receptions (25.0 ypc). He recorded the most receiving yards by an Illini this season and highest output since Steve Hull turned in 224 yards at Indiana (Nov. 9, 2013) last year. Dudek also notched three big plays over 30 yards.
- Sophomore quarterback Wes Lunt went over 300 yards passing for the second time in an Illinois uniform, finishing 27-of-39 for 332 yards and two touchdowns.
- Lunt, who entered the day tied for 12th nationally in pass plays of 30-plus yards, added to his total with four big plays, giving him 14 on the season. He hit Dudek for three big plays (30, 47, 47 yards) and Josh Ferguson for one (41 yards).
- Junior running back Josh Ferguson equaled his career-high with 10 receptions, totaling 79 receiving yards to go along with 60 yards on the ground and a rushing touchdown.
- Sophomore tight end Tyler White caught a touchdown for his first career reception, a 13-yard grab, for Illinois' first score of the game.
- Illinois eclipsed 500 yards of total offense for the second time this season, finishing with 515 total yards (450 passing, 65 rushing). It also marked the Illini's second game with 450 or more passing yards.
- The Illini were 11-of-16 on third down and held a 26-19 edge in first downs over Purdue.
- Illinois scored on its opening possession for the fifth straight game. Lunt was 5-of-7 for 59 yards and hit five different receivers on that drive.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 7	
ILLINOIS.....	28
WISCONSIN.....	38
OCT. 11, 2014	
CAMP RANDALL STADIUM // MADISON, WIS. // 80,341	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	0	0	14	28
Wisconsin	7	17	7	7	38

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
WIS:	Gordon 15 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 12:12 (6-80, 2:48)
ILL:	LaCosse 8 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 6:43 (4-31, 1:38)
ILL:	Allison 5 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 3:08 (5-42, 1:49)

Second Quarter

WIS:	Gordon 6 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 12:56 (10-75, 5:11)
WIS:	Gordon 30 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 2:14 (2-64, 0:28)
WIS:	Gaglianone 44 yard field goal, 0:03 (5-52, 1:13)

Third Quarter

WIS:	Gordon 1 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 1:08 (9-90, 4:31)
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Fourth Quarter

WIS:	Clement 72 yard run (Gaglianone kick), 14:50 (1-72, 0:10)
ILL:	Bailey 29 yard run (Reisner kick), 8:43 (1-29, 0:08)
ILL:	Young 1 yard run (Reisner kick), 2:53 (9-83, 3:02)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	ILL.....	UW.....
First Downs.....	20.....	22.....
Rushes-Yards.....	39-153.....	47-401.....
Passing Yards.....	135.....	97.....
Comp-Att-Int.....	14-24-1.....	10-18-0.....
Total Yards.....	288.....	498.....
Punts-Avg.....	7-47.7.....	5-38.4.....
Kickoff Returns.....	6-135.....	2-39.....
Penalties-Yards.....	4-50.....	4-53.....
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0.....	0-0.....
Sacks By.....	0-0.....	6-39.....
Third-down Conv.....	5-13.....	4-13.....
Time of Possession.....	27:39.....	32:21.....

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Bailey 12-75-1, Ferguson 11-33, O'Toole 11-29, Church 2-10, Young 3-6-1. UW - Gordon 27-175-4, Clement 13-164-1, Doe 1-34, Jamerson 1-23, McEvoy 1-12, Erickson 1-(-3), Team 1-(-4).	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - O'Toole 12-19-0-2-96, Bailey 2-5-1-0-39. UW - Stave 7-14-0-0-73, McEvoy 3-4-0-0-24.	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Dudek 4-59, Allison 4-20-1, Ferguson 3-30, LaCosse 2-23-1, Barr 1-3. UW - Arneson 4-48, Erickson 2-18, Doe 1-16, Fumagali 1-12, Fredrick 1-3, Gordon 1-0.	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Spence 9; Bentley 8, 2.0-4; Petty 6; Barton 5; Neal Jr. 5. UW - Jacobs 12, 2.0-11; Caputo 8, 1.0-5; Landisch 7, 2.0-12; Biegel 6, 2.5-3; Schobert 6; Jean 5.	

GAME NOTES

- Sophomore quarterback Aaron Bailey made his season debut, rushing 12 times for a team-high 75 yards and one touchdown, and completing 2-of-5 passes for 39 yards.
- Junior receiver Geronimo Allison caught his team-leading fifth touchdown of the season in the first quarter, a five-yard pass from Reilly O'Toole.
- Senior punter Justin DuVernois had an incredible day, punting seven times with an average of 47.7 yards per punt and a long of 72. He downed three punts inside the Badger 20 and four boots traveled over 50 yards.
- Illinois held Wisconsin to only 97 passing yards on the day, marking the fewest by an Illini opponent since Miami (Ohio) had 95 on Sept. 28, 2013.

GAME 8	
MINNESOTA.....	24
ILLINOIS.....	28
OCT. 25, 2014	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 44,437	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Minnesota	0	3	21	0	24
Illinois	14	0	7	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
ILL:	Davis 3 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 9:31 (11-75, 5:29)
ILL:	O'Toole 9 yard run (Reisner kick), 2:39 (7-74, 3:17)

Second Quarter

MINN:	Santoso 44 yard field goal, 12:53 (10-48, 4:46)
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Third Quarter

MINN:	Fruechte 52 yard pass from Leidner (Santoso kick), 12:58 (1-52, 0:06)
ILL:	Ferguson 2 yard run (Reisner kick), 8:48 (9-75, 4:10)
MINN:	Cobb 1 yard run (Santoso kick), 6:02 (6-75, 2:46)
MINN:	Cobb 13 yard run (Santoso kick), 2:40 (2-80, 0:42)

Fourth Quarter

ILL:	Bentley 12 yard fumble return (Reisner kick), 6:33
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TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	MINN.....	ILL.....
First Downs.....	19.....	16.....
Rushes-Yards.....	41-171.....	41-123.....
Passing Yards.....	240.....	140.....
Comp-Att-Int.....	12-30-1.....	15-23-0.....
Total Yards.....	411.....	263.....
Punts-Avg.....	6-44.2.....	9-48.7.....
Kickoff Returns.....	1-25.....	0-0.....
Penalties-Yards.....	4-30.....	4-36.....
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2.....	2-1.....
Sacks By.....	3-20.....	4-23.....
Third-down Conv.....	4-16.....	4-14.....
Time of Possession.....	28:35.....	31:25.....

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): MINN - Cobb 22-118-2, Maye 5-43, Edwards 1-4, Leidner 11-3, Kirkwood 2-3. ILL - O'Toole 17-59-1, Ferguson 15-48-1, Young 3-35, Davis 1-1, Bailey 1-(-1), Dudek 1-(-7), Church 2-(-12).	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): MINN - Leidner 12-30-1-1-240. ILL - O'Toole 14-21-0-1-118, Dudek 1-1-0-0-22, Bailey 0-1-0-0-0.	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): MINN - Fruechte 3-105-1, Maye 3-14, Williams 2-33, Cobb 2-7, Jones 1-46, Wolitarsky 1-35. ILL - Dudek 5-41, Ferguson 3-39, Davis 3-36-1, Allison 2-30, Young 1-(-3), Church 1-(-3).	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): MINN - Campbell 11, 2.5-13; Wilson 10, 3.5-12; Thompson 8; Wells 7; Murray 4; Richardson 4. ILL - Neal Jr. 12, 2.5-5; Monheim 8, 1.0-2; Thomas III 6, 2.5-15; Woods 6, 1.0-3; Petty 5, 0.5-1; Barton 4; Smoot 4, 2.0-4; Ward 4; Spence 4; Clements 4, 0.5-3.	

GAME NOTES

- With Minnesota entering the game ranked No. 24 in the USA Today Coaches Poll, Illinois' win marks its first over an opponent ranked in either the Associated Press or USA Today coaches poll since a 17-14 victory over No. 22 Arizona State on Sept. 17, 2011.
- Trailing 24-21 after three quarters, Illinois mounted its fourth fourth-quarter comeback this season, surpassing the 1992 and 2001 seasons when the Illini had three fourth-quarter comeback wins. Illinois overcame a 9-7 deficit against Youngstown State in its season opener and won 28-17; then beat Western Kentucky 42-34 after trailing 27-21 entering the fourth quarter; UI also trailed 28-25 entering the final quarter against Texas State before winning 42-35.
- Illinois had three takeaways (two fumbles, one interception) in a game for the second time this season. Today's total equals the most takeaways since notching four in the season-opener against Western Michigan on Sept. 1, 2012.
- In addition to forcing three turnovers, the Illini defense came up big throughout the day, forcing five three-and-outs on the day and holding the Gophers to just 86 total yards in the first half. UI forced a three-and-out on four of Minnesota's first five possessions.
- While the Gophers ended up with 411 yards of offense, more than half of that total came on just a handful of plays. Minnesota tallied 223 yards on five big plays. Of the remaining 66 plays, the Gophers accounted for 188 yards, an average of just 2.8 yards per play.
- With his 12-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown, junior V'Angelo Bentley became the first Illinois player in school history to record a kick return, punt return, interception return and fumble return for a touchdown in his career. His game-changing play gave the Illini a 28-24 lead with 6:33 remaining in the fourth quarter, which UI held onto for its fourth win of the season.

GAME 9	
ILLINOIS.....	14
#13 OHIO STATE.....	55
NOV. 1, 2014	
OHIO STADIUM // COLUMBUS, OHIO // 106,961	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	7	7	14
Ohio State	17	14	17	7	55

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter	
OSU:	Samuel 23 yard run (Nuemberger kick), 11:25 (3-38, 0:38)
OSU:	Nuemberger 44 yard field goal, 6:47 (9-48, 2:54)
OSU:	Smith 32 yard pass from Barrett (Nuemberger kick), 1:30 (9-71, 3:47)

Second Quarter

OSU:	Samuel 1 yard run (Nuemberger kick), 11:43 (6-24, 2:41)
OSU:	Smith 8 yard pass from Barrett (Nuemberger kick), 0:20 (2-25, 0:14)

Third Quarter

OSU:	Wilson 27 yard pass from Jones (Nuemberger kick), 11:56 (8-79, 3:04)
OSU:	Nuemberger 26 yard field goal, 9:31 (4-5, 1:37)
OSU:	Marshall 30 yard run (Nuemberger kick), 7:20 (3-51, 0:54)
ILL:	Young 5 yard run (Reisner kick), 1:48 (11-65, 5:32)

Fourth Quarter

OSU:	Thomas 19 yard pass from Jones (Nuemberger kick), 14:21 (7-50, 2:20)
ILL:	LaCosse 7 yard pass from Bailey (Reisner kick), 5:55 (8-44, 2:43)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category.....	ILL.....	OSU.....
First Downs.....	15.....	28.....
Rushes-Yards.....	42-106.....	44-296.....
Passing Yards.....	137.....	249.....
Comp-Att-Int.....	13-27-2.....	20-34-0.....
Total Yards.....	243.....	545.....
Punts-Avg.....	4-44.8.....	1-35.0.....
Kickoff Returns.....	5-60.....	3-87.....
Penalties-Yards.....	5-50.....	6-56.....
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-2.....	1-1.....
Sacks By.....	1-2.....	3-19.....
Third-down Conv.....	6-15.....	7-12.....
Time of Possession.....	29:17.....	30:43.....

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): MINN - ILL - Bailey 16-39, Ferguson 8-34, Young 8-22-1, Church 3-9, O'Toole 7-2. OSU - Elliott 9-69, Samuel 9-63-2, Jones 7-47, Marshall 5-42-1, Barrett 7-38, Ball 7-37.	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - Bailey 9-16-0-1-79, O'Toole 4-11-2-0-58. OSU - Barrett 15-24-0-2-167, Jones 5-9-0-2-82, Marshall 0-1-0-0-0.	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Dudek 3-68, Turner 3-27, LaCosse 2-10-1, Ferguson 2-4, Hardee 1-19, Allison 1-5, White 1-4. OSU - Thomas 6-67-1, Wilson 4-42-1, Smith 3-72-2, Spencer 2-22, Marshall 1-18, Greene 1-13, Brown 1-9, Heurman 1-7, Elliott 1-(-1).	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Monheim 11, 1.0-1; Petty 9, 0.5-1; Barton 9; Day 5; Fejedelem 5; Neal Jr. 5; Thomas III 4. OSU - Perry 7; Powell 5, 1.0-2; Bosa 4, 3.0-12; Miller 4, 3.0-13; McMillan 4; Williams 4, 0.5-0; Holmes 4, 0.5-1.	

GAME NOTES

- Mike Dudek broke the record for receiving yards by an Illinois freshman with his 56-yard catch in the first quarter, and finished the game with 707 yards in 2014, topping Arrelious Benn's 676 yards from 2007. He needs 10 more catches to break Benn's record for receptions by a freshman.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 10

IOWA	30
ILLINOIS	14

NOV. 15, 2014

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 50,373

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Iowa	2	7	7	14	30
Illinois	7	0	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IOWA: Trinca-Pasat safety, 4:55
ILL: Dudek 31 yard pass from Lunt (Reisner kick), 2:29 (3-34, 1:13)

Second Quarter

IOWA: Hamilton 1 yard pass from Rudock (Koehn kick), 10:56 (5-67, 2:22)

Third Quarter

IOWA: Hamilton 6 yard pass from Rudock (Koehn kick), 2:56 (10-71, 4:30)

Fourth Quarter

IOWA: Rudock 6 yard run (Koehn kick), 13:41 (7-66, 3:08)
IOWA: Powell 19 yard pass from Beathard (Koehn kick), 8:05 (7-86, 3:50)
ILL: Dudek 31 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 3:52 (12-89, 4:13)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	IOWA	ILL
First Downs	26	12
Rushes-Yards	55-304	25-88
Passing Yards	283	147
Comp-Att-Int	17-24-0	17-31-0
Total Yards	587	235
Punts-Avg	2-31.5	8-39.9
Kickoff Returns	2-32	3-41
Penalties-Yards	1-10	8-59
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Sacks By	1-3	0-0
Third-down Conv.	10-15	6-16
Time of Possession	35:46	24:14

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): IOWA – Weisman 23-134, Canzeri 12-68, Rudock 8-39-1, Parker 3-34, Bullock 3-18, Wadley 5-11, Beathard 1-0. ILL – O'Toole 5-29, Ferguson 9-29, Young 5-25, Bailey 1-6, Davis 1-3, Dudek 1-1, Lunt 3-(-5).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): IOWA – Rudock 14-21-0-2-210, Beathard 3-3-0-1-73. ILL – Lunt 14-25-0-1-102, O'Toole 3-6-0-1-45.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): IOWA – Hamilton 4-20-2, Duzey 3-110, Smith 3-46, Martin-Manley 2-56, Powell 2-25-1, Plewa 2-19, Bullock 1-7. ILL – Dudek 6-80-2, Ferguson 6-12, Davis 1-15, Turner 1-11, Allison 1-11, Hardee 1-10, Barr 1-8.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): IOWA – Lowdermilk 7; 1.0-5; Meier 7, 0.5-1; Mabin 6, 1.0-1; Lomax 6, 1.0-4; Jewell 5; Alston 5; Ott 4, 1.0-7. ILL – Monheim 15; Petty 13, 0.5-1; Barton 12; Neal Jr. 7; Thomas III 6; Bentley 5, 1.0-2; Fejedelem 5; Teitsma 5.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois forced three turnovers on downs in today's game, stopping the Hawkeyes on fourth down in each of the first three quarters. Mason Monheim stacked up Mark Weisman at the goal line in the first quarter, Iowa tight end Macon Plewa fell one yard short of the marker in the second quarter, and Eaton Spence broke up a short pass in the third quarter to end Iowa drives.
- The Fighting Illini took advantage of an Iowa turnover in the first quarter, converting a Jihad Ward fumble recovery into a 31-yard touchdown strike from Wes Lunt to Mike Dudek that put Illinois ahead 7-2. The fumble recovery gives Illinois 12 turnovers forced on the season, surpassing the season total from 2013 (11).
- Junior cornerback Eaton Spence notched three passes broken up (PBUs) on the day, marking a career high for the Belle Glades, Florida, native. It also equals the most by an Illini since 2002 when Alan Ball had four PBUs against Indiana on Oct. 14, 2002.

GAME 11

PENN STATE	14
ILLINOIS	16

NOV. 22, 2014

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 35,172

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Penn State	7	0	0	7	14
Illinois	0	7	3	6	16

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

PSU: Godwin 18 yard pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick), 8:24 (9-52, 4:49)

Second Quarter

ILL: LaCrosse 1 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 0:25 (12-68, 2:27)

Third Quarter

ILL: Reisner 28 yard field goal, 12:26 (6-19, 2:34)

Fourth Quarter

PSU: Lynch 47 yard run (Ficken kick), 13:37 (8-77, 4:14)
ILL: Reisner 25 yard field goal, 8:43 (11-58, 4:54)
ILL: Reisner 36 yard field goal, 0:08 (7-54, 1:40)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PSU	ILL
First Downs	15	16
Rushes-Yards	47-172	27-68
Passing Yards	93	215
Comp-Att-Int	8-16-0	26-42-0
Total Yards	265	283
Punts-Avg	7-39.1	8-41.2
Kickoff Returns	1-21	1-7
Penalties-Yards	5-34	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Sacks By	2-14	2-20
Third-down Conv.	6-15	2-16
Time of Possession	32:51	27:09

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): PSU – Lynch 28-137-1, Bars 1-32, Hamilton 3-14, Chiappiale 3-8, Belton 6-6, Lewis 1-1, Team 2-(-10), Hackenberg 3-(-16). ILL – Young 14-62, Ferguson 5-9, O'Toole 4-8, Church 1-2, Bailey 1-1, Lunt 2-(-14).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): PSU – Hackenberg 8-16-0-1-93. ILL – O'Toole 18-25-0-1-157, Lunt 8-17-0-0-58.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): PSU – Lynch 2-35, Godwin 1-18-1, James 1-9, Lewis 1-9, Belton 1-9, Gesicki 1-7, Hamilton 1-6. ILL – Dudek 11-115, Ferguson 3-18, LaCrosse 3-14-1, Allison 3-11, Turner 2-19, Young 2-12, Murdock 1-17, Davis 1-9.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): PSU – Hull 10; Allen 9; Wartman 9, 1.0-3; Lucas 6, 0.5-0; Cabinda 5, 0.5-1; Johnson 5, 0.5-1, Amos 4, 0.5-0. ILL – Fejedelem 8; Barton 8; Neal Jr. 8; Teitsma 7; Petty 6; Thomas III 6; Ward 6, 2.0-16; Monheim 5; Smoot 4.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' defense stonewalled Penn State in today's game, holding the Nittany Lions to 265 total yards and only 93 yards through the air. It marks the fewest total yards by an Illini opponent since UI held UCLA to 219 yards in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, and the fewest passing yards by an Illinois opponent since UI held Minnesota to 78 passing yards on Nov. 10, 2012. Penn State's 93 passing yards marked its fewest passing yards since being held to 88 yards at Ohio State on Nov. 19, 2011.
- Illinois kept PSU from moving the ball significantly on all except two of its drives, holding the Lions to 138 yards on 46 plays (2.9 yards per play) on its 10 non-scoring drives not counting the kneel-down at the end of the first half. The Illini limited PSU to 1-of-2 inside the red zone and held the Lions to only three plays over 20 yards on the day.
- Illinois saved its best for last, recording 140 yards – just under half of its game total of 283 yards – in the fourth quarter. The Illini also posted eight of their 16 first downs in the final 15 minutes, holding the ball for 9:20 in the fourth quarter.
- Eight different Illini receivers caught at least one pass in today's game and six players caught at least two passes.
- Illinois went the entire game without committing a turnover, marking its second-straight game without one. Illinois won the turnover battle (1-0), marking the second-straight week and third time in the last four games that UI has won the turnover battle.
- Kicker David Reisner nailed a game-winning 36-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining, marking the first time since 2008 that the Illini have won a game with a field goal in the last two minutes. Reisner was 3-of-4 on field goals on the day after entering the game just 1-of-3 on the season
- Wide receiver Mike Dudek had a career-high 11 receptions for 115 yards (10.5 ypc), including a game-high 25-yard catch on Illinois' final drive. His 11 catches break Illinois' freshman record for receptions as he now has 62 catches for 902 yards on the season. The 115 yards mark his second career 100-yard game and his fourth with 90-plus yards.

GAME 12

ILLINOIS	47
NORTHWESTERN	33

NOV. 29, 2014

RYAN FIELD // EVANSTON, ILL. // 31,137

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	13	13	7	14	47
Northwestern	0	7	10	16	33

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Turner 10 yard pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick), 1:41 (11-56, 4:39)
ILL: Ferguson 1 yard run (kick failed), 0:56 (3-49, 0:37)

Second Quarter

ILL: Reisner 33 yard field goal, 12:26 (5-33, 1:59)
ILL: Zalewski 33 yard field goal, 5:39 (4-4, 1:57)
NU: Vault 89 yard kickoff return (Mitchell kick), 5:24
ILL: Dudek 14 yard pass from O'Toole (Zalewski kick), 0:47 (7-82, 2:07)

Third Quarter

NU: Mitchell 34 yard field goal, 12:24 (9-24, 2:29)
ILL: Barr 9 yard pass from O'Toole (Zalewski kick), 7:24 (11-75, 5:00)
NU: Jackson 5 yard run (Mitchell kick), 3:56 (10-75, 3:28)

Fourth Quarter

NU: Jackson 35 yard run (Dickerson pass from Oliver), 14:05 (10-83, 2:47)
ILL: Ferguson 46 yard run (Zalewski kick), 12:39 (3-56, 1:26)
ILL: Monheim 49 yard interception return (Zalewski kick), 4:58
NU: Green 4 yard pass from Oliver (Jones pass from Oliver), 1:28 (16-75, 3:30)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	NU
First Downs	23	19
Rushes-Yards	47-291	38-154
Passing Yards	147	218
Comp-Att-Int	17-28-1	24-42-3
Total Yards	438	372
Punts-Avg	5-42.6	5-36.6
Kickoff Returns	1-11	2-95-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	4-48
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Sacks By	2-3	0-0
Third-down Conv.	5-14	7-17
Time of Possession	34:37	25:23

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL – O'Toole 21-147, Ferguson 15-95-2, Young 9-51, Dudek 1-0, Team 1-(-2). NU – Jackson 24-130-2, Green 8-26, Oliver 6-(-2).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL – O'Toole 17-28-1-3-147. NU – Oliver 23-38-3-1-221, Alviti 1-3-0-0-(-3), Scanlan 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL – Dudek 7-63-1, Ferguson 2-37, LaCrosse 2-17, Turner 2-15-1, Barr 2-15-1, Young 2-0. NU – Jones 4-50, McHugh 4-37, Jackson 3-46, Youngblood-Ary 3-29, Dickerson 3-10, Vitale 2-12, Green 2-4-1, Carr 1-21, Taylor 1-5, Vault 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL – Fejedelem 12; Neal Jr. 7; Spence 6; Petty 6; Monheim 5; Teitsma 4, 2.0-5; Ward 4, 1.0-2; Cooper 4. NU – Ariguizo 12, 1.5-6; Hall 11; Campbell 9; Walker 8, 2.0-2; Smith 8, 0.5-1; Lowry 6, 1.0-2.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois improved to 6-6 on the season with today's win, clinching bowl eligibility for the first time since 2011 and for the third time in the last five years after winning the 2010 Texas Bowl (over Baylor) and 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl (over UCLA).
- Illinois re-claimed the "Land of Lincoln" trophy in the sixth battle for the relatively new rivalry trophy. The Illini last held the trophy in 2011 with a 38-35 come-from-behind win. With today's victory, Illinois leads the all-time series against Northwestern with a 55-48-5 record.
- The Illini rushed for a season-high 291 yards, the most since running for 308 yards at Indiana on Oct. 8, 2011. Illinois was led by two plus 90-yard rushing performances in QB Reilly O'Toole (147) and RB Josh Ferguson (95).
- Illinois' 47 total points scored is the highest total this season and most since totaling 48 against Northwestern at Wrigley Field on Nov. 20, 2010.
- The Orange and Blue forced five turnovers – with three interceptions and two fumbles – good for the their season high in takeaways. The Illini last had five takeaways in a game at Michigan on Nov. 6, 2010.
- Mike Dudek continued his stellar freshman season, adding seven receptions for 63 yards and one touchdown. His total of 69 receptions moved him into a tie for fifth the UI season receptions list with Hall of Famer David Williams (69 catches in 1983). He also moved to ninth in season receiving yardage at 965 yards, passing WR coach Mike Bellamy (927 yards in 1989) and David Williams (958 yards in 1983). With his 14-yard touchdown catch late in the second quarter, Dudek tied David Williams' freshman TD receptions record of six. Dudek already owns UI freshman marks for receptions and receiving yards.

2014 ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL RECAP



QB Reilly O'Toole threw for 295 yards and a touchdown in the bowl defeat.

DALLAS (AP) - Reilly O'Toole threw for 295 yards and a touchdown for the Fighting Illini and fellow seniors Jon Davis and Donovan Young each found the end zone in their final game in Orange and Blue.

But special teams and big plays burned Illinois in a 35-18 loss in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl on Friday afternoon.

Illinois (6-7) struggled early with penalties and missed field goals, but got within three points on David Reisner's 43-yard field goal early in the fourth quarters. But Kenneth Dixon scored his second TD from one yard out with six minutes left to make it 28-18 and the Illini couldn't answer.

The Bulldogs (9-5) also got touchdown runs of 16 yards from Jarred Craft and 28 yards from Blake Martin on a dark, overcast day at the Cotton Bowl stadium.

Louisiana Tech's Houston Bates had a career day against his former team -- his 4 1/2 sacks in the Heart of Dallas Bowl matched the number he had in three seasons at Illinois.

Bates, who graduated and transferred to finish his eligibility closer to home, was chosen MVP of the game.

Illinois appeared to have gotten a break when LaKeith Walls sacked Cody Sokol, causing him to fumble. Jihad Ward returned it 19 yards before Dixon forced a fumble and Sokol recovered. That drive was capped by Dixon's TD.

Tech led 21-9 lead at halftime after Reilly O'Toole's pass was returned for a touchdown by Woods midway through the second, but Illinois responded with a 3-yard scoring run by Donovan Young. The 2-point conversion failed, though, but Reisner banked in a field goal to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 3.

O'Toole threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jon Davis early in the second quarter. He was 24 of 39 for a season-high 295 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

GAME 13

Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

ILLINOIS..... 18
LOUISIANA TECH 35

DEC. 26, 2014

COTTON BOWL // DALLAS, TEXAS // 31,297

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	3	6	6	3	18
Louisiana Tech	14	7	0	14	35

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

LT: Craft 16 yard run (Barnes kick), 7:29 (6-63, 1:26)
ILL: Zalewski 27 yard field goal, 3:46 (8-64, 3:37)
LT: Dixon 8- yard pass from Sokol (Barnes kick), 3:28 (1-18 0:12)

Second Quarter

ILL: Davis 25 yard pass from O'Toole, (kick failed) 11:15 (5-65, 1:30)
LT: Woods 69 yard interception return (Barnes kick), 7:20

Third Quarter

ILL: Young 3 yard run (O'Toole pass failed), 6:04 (9-72, 4:17)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Reisner 43 yard field goal, 14:01 (10-49, 3:59)
LT: Dixon 1 yard run (Barnes kick), 6:15 (5-84-2:20)
LT: Martin 28 yard run (Barnes kick), 1:36 (6-49, 1:36)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	LT
First Downs	26	16
Rushes-Yards	33-122	31-114
Passing Yards	329	247
Comp-Att-Int	28-47-1	14-28-0
Total Yards	451	361
Punts-Avg	5-38.8	6-37.3
Kickoff Returns	3-66	4-76
Penalties-Yards	9-68	6-45
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Sacks By	2-19	6-43
Third-down Conv.	3-15	3-13
Time of Possession	35:00	25:00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Ferguson 7-50, Dudek 1-50, Young 6-18-1, O'Toole 18-2-0, Davis 1-2. LT - Dixon 13-63-1, Martin 4-38-1, Craft 5-16-1, Henderson 3-11, Lee 1-0, Team 2-(-4), Sokol (3-(-10)).

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - O'Toole 24-39-1-1-295, Lunt 4-8-0-0-34. LT - Sokol 14-28-0-1-247.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Dudek 7-73, Turner 6-84, Ferguson 6-54, Al-lison 4-72, Davis 2-38-1, Young 2-(-2), Hardee 1-10. LT - Henderson 4-93, Dixon 4-79-1, Turner 3-38, Taylor 2-20, Lee 1-17.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Thomas III 5, Neal, Jr. 5, 1.0-1, Petty 5. LT - Villemez 10, 0.5-2, 1.5-5, Woods 9, Liggins 9, 1.0-7, Brice 6, 1.0-9, 1.0-9, Bates 6, 5.5-35, 4.5-32.

GAME NOTES

- Mike Dudek became the first freshman in Illini history to surpass the 1,000-yard mark in reception yardage. He finished the season with 76 catches, 1,038 yards and six touchdown receptions. The number of catches and yardage are both school records, while the six TDs tied the freshman record. Dudek became the eighth Illini receiver to reach 1,000 yards in a season.
- Dudek's 76 catches on the season ranks fifth on the Illini single-season list and his 1,038 yards ranks seventh.
- Illinois finished the season with a 6-7 record after advancing to its third bowl game in five seasons, and first since 2011.
- Senior quarterback Reilly O'Toole completed 24-of-39 passes for 295 yards and a touchdown.
- Former Illini Houston Bates, who transferred to Louisiana Tech prior to the 2014 season, earned Zaxby's Heart of Texas Bowl MVP honors with five quarterback sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss during the game.