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GAME 1

KENT STATE (0-0) at ILLINOIS (0-0)

Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 // 8:12 p.m. CT // BTN
Champaign, Ill. // Memorial Stadium (60,670)

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois/KSU game will be televised on Big Ten Network with an air time of 8 p.m. CT. **Eric Collins** (play-by-play), **Glen Mason** (color analyst) and former Illini **J Leman** (sidelines) will call the action with Jim Ressler producing and Andrew Greathouse directing.

RADIO BROADCAST

The 43-station **Fighting Illini Sports Network** will carry the radio broadcast with the pregame show beginning at 7 p.m. CT. Calling the action will be **Brian Barnhart** (play-by-play), **Martin O'Donnell** (analysis), **Carey Davis** (sidelines) and **Steve Kelly** (pregame, halftime and postgame). The broadcast also can be heard on **SIRIUS** (93) and **XM** (196) satellite radio and online via **FIGHTINGILLINI.COM**.

GAMEDAY LINKS

Gameday Information: <http://fightingillini.com/gameday>

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are available for Saturday's game against Kent State starting at \$18 and Family 4-packs are available starting at \$60 at the UI Athletic Ticket office, by calling 1-866-ILLINI-1 or online at **FIGHTINGILLINI.COM**.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 4	..... Kent State	..... 8 pm (BTN)
Sept. 12	..... Western Illinois	..... 11 am (BTN)
Sept. 19	..... at North Carolina	..... 11 am (ESPN/2)
Sept. 26	..... Middle Tennessee State	..... Time TBD
Oct. 3	..... Nebraska	..... Time TBD
Oct. 10	..... at Iowa	..... 11 am
Oct. 24	..... Wisconsin (Homecoming)	..... 2:30 pm
Oct. 31	..... at Penn State	..... Time TBD
Nov. 7	..... at Purdue	..... 11 am
Nov. 14	..... Ohio State	..... Time TBD
Nov. 21	..... at Minnesota	..... Time TBD
Nov. 28	..... Northwestern	..... Time TBD
Dec. 5	..... Big Ten Championship Game	..... Time TBD

All times Central ... rankings are AP/Coaches Poll

KENT STATE SCOREBOARD

Sept. 4	..... at Illinois	..... 8 pm (BTN)
Sept. 12	..... Delaware State	..... 5 pm (ESPN3)
Sept. 19	..... at Minnesota	..... 11 am
Sept. 26	..... Marshall	..... TBD (ESPN3)
Oct. 3	..... Miami (OH)	..... 2:30 pm
Oct. 10	..... at Toledo	..... 2 pm
Oct. 17	..... at UMass	..... 2:30 pm
Oct. 24	..... Bowling Green	..... Time TBD
Nov. 5	..... Buffalo	..... 6:30 pm
Nov. 10	..... at Ohio	..... 7 pm (ESPN2/U)
Nov. 18	..... Central Michigan	..... 7 pm (ESPN2/U)
Nov. 27	..... at Akron	..... Time TBD

FOR OPENERS

- **Kicking Off:** The Fighting Illini open their 126th year of football Friday night under the lights in primetime with Kent State coming to Memorial Stadium for an 8:12 p.m. kick.
- **Moving Forward:** The 2015 Illini are looking to continue the positive momentum generated by last season's bowl berth and the steady improvement of the team over the last three seasons. Illinois' win total has gone from 2 wins in 2012, to four wins in 2013 and to six wins and a spot in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl in 2014.
- **Cubit Takes the Reins:** Friday's game marks the first game for Bill Cubit as head coach of the Fighting Illini. The third-year offensive coordinator was named head coach on Aug. 28 after the dismissal of Tim Beckman. Cubit spent eight years as head coach at Western Michigan before coming to Illinois in 2013 and has a career head coaching record of 85-65-1.
- **Home Sweet Home:** Illinois enters 2015 with a streak of 17 consecutive home-opening wins, the third-longest streak in the Big Ten behind Nebraska (29) and Wisconsin (19). Illinois is 87-33-5 all-time in home-openers.
- **Starting Off Right:** The Illini have an all-time record of 78-42-5 in season-openers and are 55-27-4 when opening the season at home. The Illini have won their last nine season-openers at Memorial Stadium dating back to 1997.
- **Bowl Bound?** Illinois opens the 2015 season looking to reach a bowl game for the fourth time in the last six years. The Fighting Illini won the 2010 Texas Bowl (over Baylor) and 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl (over UCLA), then endured a two-year bowl drought in 2012 and 2013 before returning to postseason play in 2014.
- **O Captain, My Captain:** The Fighting Illini voted on five captains for the Kent State game: WR **Geronimo Allison**, STAR **Eric Finney**, OL **Ted Karras**, QB **Wes Lunt** and LB **Mason Monheim**.
- Senior LB **Mason Monheim** enters 2015 with 294 career tackles, the second-most among active FBS players. The Butkus and Lombardi Award candidate piled up a career-high 111 tackles in 2014, and has forced seven career fumbles, tied for fourth most in Illinois history.
- Senior RB **Josh Ferguson** is one of only three active FBS players with more than 1,500 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 other two. A Doak Walker Award candidate, Ferguson ranks sixth on the Illinois career all-purpose yards (3,486) list with a realistic chance to break Robert Holcombe's all-time UI mark of 4,737.
- Ferguson needs 122 yards to reach 2,000 career rushing yards. He enters 2015 ranked 18th on the UI all-time list, with the potential to jump into the top three with a big season.
- Senior DB/RET **V'Angelo Bentley** needs 141 kick return yards to break Pierre Thomas' UI career record of 1,495 yards. Bentley currently ranks third on the list. The Paul Hornung Award (most versatile) candidate is the first Illinois player in school history to record kick, punt, interception and fumble returns for TD in his career.
- Despite an injury-plagued 2014, junior QB **Wes Lunt** still managed to break the UI single-season QB efficiency record last season. Lunt completed 153-of-241 passes (63.5 percent) for 1,763 yards, 14 TDs and just three INTs, good for a 141.61 efficiency rating that edged Nathan Scheelhaase's mark of 140.0 set in 2013.



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KENT STATE GAME PROMOTIONS

- **ORANGE OUT** - Fans should wear ORANGE to the game
- **Grand Opening of Grange Grove** - 5-8 pm (Interactive games, food trucks and music by Johnnie 6/90)
- **Illini Walk** - 5:30 pm through Grange Grove
- **Family 4-Pack Tickets** - 4 tickets and \$20 concessions voucher starting at \$60

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ILLINOIS WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE // KENT STATE GAME

31 MONDAY	1 TUESDAY	2 WEDNESDAY	3 THURSDAY	4 FRIDAY	5 SATURDAY	6 SUNDAY
Cubit Press Conference (1 pm, Press Box, L8)	Cubit B16 Teleconference (12:04 pm)	No availability	No availability	GAME DAY Illinois vs. Kent State (8:12 pm CT, BTN)	No availability	No availability
Coordinators and Select Players Available (1:15 pm, Press Box, L8)	Post-practice availability - Off/Def players & staff who weren't at Monday availability. (approx. 5:20 pm)	Official injury report released in evening		Postgame player/coach availability		

MEDIA INFORMATION

MONDAY'S SELECTED PLAYERS

Illini coordinators and players will be available on Monday at about 1:15 pm following head coach Bill Cubit's press conference on the 8th floor of the Memorial Stadium Press Box. The players this week are **DB V'Angelo Bentley**, **RB Josh Ferguson**, **OL Ted Karras** and **QB Wes Lunt**.

POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS

The first 30 minutes of practice are open to the media on Tuesday this week (3:20-3:50 p.m.). Interviews will take place after practice and post-practice meetings at about 5:20 p.m. Media are asked to wait in the recruiting area on the north end of the stadium until practice is over (enter through the alley between ARC and Memorial Stadium).

PHONE INTERVIEWS

The best time for phone interviews is on Monday between 1:15 and 2 p.m. after Cubit's press conference, or on Tuesday after practice (approx. 5:20 p.m.) if time allows. Other arrangements can be made with advance notice. **Requests for phone interviews must be made at least 24 hours in advance to Derek Neal** (drneal@illinois.edu).

PRESS CONFERENCE VIDEO

Video files (MP4 and MXF files) of Coach Cubit's weekly press conference will be available for download on Box.com by 3 p.m. CT each Monday. Please email drneal@illinois.edu for the link to download.

TELECONFERENCE ACCESS

Contact the UI Athletic Communications Office (217-333-1391) for Illinois teleconference access information.

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KENT STATE CONNECTIONS

- Saturday will be the first meeting on the gridiron between the Fighting Illini and Kent State.
- Illinois interim head coach **Bill Cubit** spent eight seasons in the MAC as head coach at Western Michigan (2005-12). During his time at WMU, Cubit faced Kent State four times, going 2-2 in those meetings.
- The Golden Flash went 2-9 in 2014 and posted a 1-6 mark in the MAC East.

IT'S ALL ABOUT EXPERIENCE

- Illinois' 22 projected starters (see depth chart on page 9), 20 are upperclassmen. There are nine seniors, 11 juniors and two sophomores listed as starters on the initial depth chart.
- The projected offensive starters are made up of four seniors, five juniors and two sophomores (WR Malik Tuner and RT Christian DiLauro).
- The defensive side is made up of all upperclassmen, with five seniors and six juniors making up Friday's projected starters.

GETTING IT DONE IN THE CLASSROOM

The Illini have excelled in the classroom over the last three seasons, a major focus of the staff's program-building.

- A total of 38 football student-athletes earned degrees in 2014-15, including 13 that are on the 2015 roster pursuing second degrees or master's degrees.
- Since 2012, the number of football graduates has gone from 15 (2012), to 16 (2013) to 21 (2014) to 38 (2015).
- Illinois has broken its school record for Academic All-Big Ten selections in each of the last three seasons in Champaign. Prior to 2012, the school record was 12 (2000 & 2009). Since then, the Illini have had 18 (2012), 21 (2013) and now 29 in 2014.
- For four consecutive semesters, at least 40 football student-athletes have posted at least a 3.0 grade-point-average, including a high of 60 in Spring 2015. In the same time frame, Illinois' team GPA also has risen steadily from 2.71 in fall 2012 to 2.98 in spring 2015.

Semester	3.0+ GPAs	Team GPA
Fall 2012	42	2.71
Spring 2013	51	2.87
Fall 2013	43	2.84
Spring 2014	41	2.90
Fall 2014	56	2.97
Spring 2015	60	2.98

SCHEELHAASE, O'TOOLE RETURN TO ALMA MATER

- A pair of (very) recent Fighting Illini quarterbacks have joined the coaching ranks at their alma mater. **Nathan Scheelhaase**, a four-year starter from 2010-13, is the team's running backs coach after initially being tabbed as assistant director of football operations in May. Scheelhaase moved into the on-field coaching role after Bill Cubit was named interim head coach just before the season. **Reilly O'Toole**, who led the Illini to the Xaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl last season, also is on staff as an offensive graduate assistant.

ILLINI PRESEASON HONORS

Three Fighting Illini players earned mention on award watch lists. Below is a list of the honors that Illinois players have earned heading into 2015:

V'Angelo Bentley, CB/KR/PR - Paul Hornung Award (versatile)

Josh Ferguson, RB - Doak Walker Award (RB)

Mason Monheim, LB - Rotary Lombardi Award (linemen, LB), Butkus Award (LB)



DID YOU KNOW?

- 13 players on this year's team already have an undergraduate degree.
- **V'Angelo Bentley** is the only player in 126 years of Illinois football to return a punt, kickoff, interception and fumble for touchdowns in his career.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON (2014 STATS)

2014 Season Statistics	ILL	KSU
Overall Record	6-7	2-9
Conf. Record	3-5	1-6
Total Offense	367.2	315.5
Points Scored	25.9	16.4
First Downs	19.1	16.5
Rushing Yds.	117.5	81.9
Passing Yds.	249.8	233.6
Time of Possession	27:43	29:03
3rd Down Conversion	36.0	30.3
Points Allowed	34.0	29.0
Yards Allowed	456.4	430.8
Rushing Yds. Allowed	239.2	214.5
Passing Yds. Allowed	217.2	216.3

STATISTICAL LEADERS (2014 STATS)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

FERGUSON	56.5	HOLLEY	46.9
Young	29.2	REARDON	13.5

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

LUNT	220.4	REARDON	224.2
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RECEIVING LEADERS (YPG)

DUDEK	79.8	Pierce	58.3
ALLISON	49.8	Humphrey	57.7

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (TOTAL)

MONHEIM	2	ITALIANO	3
5 players	1	MONDAY	2

SCORING LEADERS (PPG)

FERGUSON	4.6	MELCHIORI	8.5
REISNER	3.1	Pierce	5.6
DUDEK	2.8	Humphrey	3.5
Young	2.8	HOLLEY	2.5

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

FERGUSON	89.4	CALHOUN	93.9
DUDEK	85.5	HOLLEY	65.0

TACKLES (TPG)

MONHEIM	8.5	HOLLEY	12.5
Petty	8.4	ITALIANO	8.7
BARTON	7.7	DELLINGER	8.2

TACKLES FOR LOSS (TOTAL)

Thomas III	9.5	REFUGE	6.0
WARD	8.5	TERHUNE	6.0

CAPS indicates returning player

GRANGE GROVE GRAND OPENING

- The grand opening of the Grange Grove will be at Friday's season-opener. Grange Grove will transform what was previously Lot 36, the parking lot directly west of Memorial Stadium, into a high-energy tailgating area.
- Grange Grove will open at 7am on game days for public tailgating. Programming in the area, including live music and children's areas, will start approximately three hours before kickoff. The tailgating lot will close at 10pm or an hour after the conclusion of the game (for night games).
- More information on Grange Grove can be found at FIGHTINGILLINI.COM/GrangeGrove

MONHEIM STEAMROLLER

- Senior LB **Mason Monheim** enters 2015 with 294 career tackles, the second-most among active FBS players behind only Temple's Tyler Matakevich (354).
- Monheim has improved his tackle totals in each of his three seasons at Illinois with 86 in 2012, 97 in 2013 and 111 in 2014.
- In 2014, Monheim ranked eighth in the Big Ten and 62nd nationally in tackles per game (8.5), and led the Big Ten with four fumbles forced. He has seven career forced fumbles, tied with former Illini great Kevin Hardy and Earnest Thomas III for fourth on the Illinois career fumbles forced record list.
- Monheim earned second-team freshman All-America honors in 2012 after becoming the first true-freshman ever to lead the Illini in tackles (86).

BENTLEY IN GOOD COMPANY WITH THE "GALLOPING GHOST"

- Senior DB **V'Angelo Bentley** is a preseason candidate for the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the most versatile player in major college football. Already an elite cornerback and kick/punt returner, Bentley could add even more to his repertoire this season as the senior took some snaps in the offensive backfield during training camp.
- Bentley is the only player in Illinois history to record a kickoff return, punt return, interception return and fumble return for touchdown in his career. Football legend Harold "Red" Grange is the only other Illini player with kickoff, punt and interception returns for TDs, but he never returned a fumble for a score.

Bentley Return TDs (4)

KR 100 yards vs. Southern Illinois 8/31/2013
PR 67 yards vs. Ohio State 11/16/2013
INT 45 yards vs. Texas State 9/20/2014
FR 12 yards vs. Minnesota 10/25/2014

Grange Return TDs (6)

KR 95 yards vs. Michigan 10/18/1924
KR 83 yards at Iowa 10/17/1925
PR 70 yards vs. Butler 10/10/1925
PR 66 yards vs. Nebraska 10/6/1923
PR 35 yards vs. Northwestern 10/27/1923 (*returned a blocked punt for TD)
INT 90 yards vs. Northwestern 10/27/1923

FERGY FAST

- For the last two seasons, RB **Josh Ferguson** was among the nation's top all-purpose backs. He was one of only seven players in the nation with over 700 rushing yards and over 400 receiving yards in 2014.
- Ferguson has 3,486 all-purpose yards in his first three seasons, sixth-most in UI history and 1,251 yards behind Robert Holcombe's career mark of 4,737 from 1994-97. Ferguson had 1,162 all-purpose yards in 2014 and 1,351 in 2013.
- Ferguson finished his junior season ranked sixth on the UI career all-purpose yardage list with 3,486 yards (1,878 rush, 1,227 rec, 381 KR) and ninth on the career receptions list with 131. He also is 18th in career rushing yards (1,878).
- Ferguson broke Ty Douthard's UI record for receptions by a running back, finishing 2014 with 131 catches, just ahead of Douthard's total of 128 from 1993-96. Ferguson is second on Illinois' career receiving yardage list for RBs with 1,227 in three seasons to trail only Douthard's 1,250 yards.
- Ferguson continued to haul in passes at an incredible rate for a running back, snagging 50 receptions in 13 games to rank second on the team. He has 131 career receptions, ninth on the Illinois career receptions record list. Ty Douthard is the only other running back in the top 10, standing 10th with 128 career catches.
- A preseason Doak Walker Award candidate, Ferguson had 1,162 yards from scrimmage in 2014 (735 rushing, 427 receiving) and has found the end zone 10 times on the season (8 rushing, 2 receiving).



NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS (preseason)

Rk	Team	Record	Pts
1	Ohio State (61)	0-0	1525
2	TCU	0-0	1428
3	Alabama	0-0	1322
4	Baylor	0-0	1263
5	Michigan State	0-0	1256
6	Auburn	0-0	1192
7	Oregon	0-0	1156
8	USC	0-0	1085
9	Georgia	0-0	991
10	Florida State	0-0	959
11	Notre Dame	0-0	873
12	Clemson	0-0	862
13	UCLA	0-0	698
14	LSU	0-0	675
15	Arizona State	0-0	605
16	Georgia Tech	0-0	588
17	Mississippi	0-0	563
18	Arkansas	0-0	410
19	Oklahoma	0-0	394
20	Wisconsin	0-0	393
21	Stanford	0-0	347
22	Arizona	0-0	311
23	Boise State	0-0	240
24	Missouri	0-0	219
25	Tennessee	0-0	114

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Mississippi State 100, Texas A&M 61, Oklahoma State 46, Virginia Tech 42, Utah 36, **Penn State 20**, Louisville 12, Cincinnati 8, **Nebraska 6**, Kansas State 5, Florida 4, NC State 4, Texas 3, BYU 2, Northern Illinois 2, Michigan 2, California 1, Western Kentucky 1, West Virginia 1.

USA TODAY/COACHES (preseason)

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1	Ohio State (62)	0-0	1598
2	TCU (1)	0-0	1487
3	Alabama (1)	0-0	1452
4	Baylor	0-0	1365
5	Oregon	0-0	1260
6	Michigan State	0-0	1230
7	Auburn	0-0	1103
8	Florida State	0-0	1057
9	Georgia	0-0	1026
10	USC	0-0	1014
11	Notre Dame	0-0	883
12	Clemson	0-0	838
13	LSU	0-0	727
14	UCLA	0-0	697
15	Mississippi	0-0	668
16	Arizona State	0-0	577
17	Georgia Tech	0-0	573
18	Wisconsin	0-0	470
19	Oklahoma	0-0	407
20	Arkansas	0-0	377
21	Stanford	0-0	365
22	Arizona	0-0	299
23	Missouri	0-0	229
24	Boise State	0-0	190
25	Tennessee	0-0	166

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Mississippi State 164, Texas A&M 149, Oklahoma State 89, Virginia Tech 70, Utah 40, Kansas State 37, **Nebraska 27**, Louisville 27, **Minnesota 25**, **Penn State 20**, South Carolina 18, Miami (FL) 16, Texas 8, **ILLINOIS 7**, Duke 6, Air Force 5, Louisiana Tech 5, Marshall 4, Utah State 4, West Virginia 3, NC State 3, BYU 3, **North Carolina 2**, Florida 2, Georgia Southern 2, UCF 1, Cincinnati 1, Kentucky 1, Maryland 1, Michigan 1, Washington 1.

* Illinois' 2015 opponents in bold.

2015 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
--/RV ILLINOIS	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Kent State (9/4)
Iowa	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Illinois State
--/RV Minnesota	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. #2/2 TCU (9/3)
RV/RV Nebraska	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. BYU
Northwestern	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. #21/21 Stanford
Purdue	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Marshall (9/6)
#20/18 Wisconsin	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. #3/3 Alabama (Dallas)
EAST DIVISION	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Indiana	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Southern Illinois
Maryland	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Richmond
RV/RV Michigan	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Utah (9/3)
#5/6 Michigan State	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Western Michigan (9/4)
#1/1 Ohio State	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Virginia Tech (9/7)
RV/RV Penn State	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Temple
Rutgers	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Norfolk State

ILLINOIS NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Kent State	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	at Illinois (9/4)
Western Illinois (FCS)	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
--/RV North Carolina	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. South Carolina (9/3)
Middle Tennessee St.	0	0	-	0	0	--	--	vs. Jackson State

HE'S LUNT, HE'S LUNT, HE'S LUNT, HE'S IN MY HEAD

- Junior QB **Wes Lunt** missed three full games and parts of two others with a fractured fibula in 2014, but still managed a big year statistically. At the time of his injury, Lunt ranked in the top 20 in the nation in completions per game (25.4, 10th), passing yards per game (313.8, 14th), passing touchdowns (13, 17th), passing yards (1,569, 18th), completion percentage (66.5, 20th) and passing efficiency (154.8, 20th), and was tied for fourth in FBS with 14 passing plays of 30+ yards.
- Lunt started his Illini career in impressive fashion, recording the best debut as well as the best first two-, three- and four-game starts in an Illini signal-caller's first season in school history. In five games before his leg fracture, Lunt completed 127-of-191 passes (66.5%) for 1,569 yards, 13 touchdowns and three interceptions, and was leading the Big Ten in passing yards per game (313.8).
- Lunt was at his best in the fourth quarter, completing 36-of-48 passes (75.0 percent) for 449 yards with five touchdowns and zero interceptions. He ranked fourth in FBS in fourth-quarter efficiency (187.95) and third in completion percentage (75.0) (min. 30 att.). He led the Illini to three fourth-quarter comeback wins in 2014.
- Lunt led all Power Five QBs in 4th qtr QB rating in 2014 when plus or minus 7 points (20-for-25, 5 TD, 0 INT).

KARRAS CONTINUES FAMILY'S BIG LEGACY

- Senior OG **Ted Karras** has been a mainstay on the offensive line for the last four years. Karras started at right guard for the first nine games of 2014, before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Ohio State. He has 31 career starts, second most among active Illini behind only Mason Monheim's 35 starts.
- If the Karras name seems familiar, that's because it's familial. Karras is the seventh member of his family to play football in the Big Ten, including his great-uncle, Alex, who was a four-time Pro Bowler before starting an acting career that resulted in a starring role in the 1980s sitcom "Webster." In addition, his grandfather, Ted, played at Indiana; his father, Ted Jr. — now the coach at Division II Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio — played at Northwestern; his great-uncle, Paul, played at Iowa; his great-uncle, Lou, played at Purdue; and his uncle, Tony, played at Northwestern.

GERONIMO A THREAT

Senior receiver **Geronimo Allison** made a name for himself in 2014 and is looking for an even bigger 2015. Allison ranked 15th in the Big Ten in receiving yards per game (49.8) and 19th in receptions per game (3.4) last season. He had 598 yards and five touchdowns on 41 catches (14.6 ypc) in 12 games.

- Allison was one of Illinois' top big-play threats with nine plays of 20-plus yards in 2014, third on the Illini squad among non-quarterbacks.
- The Tampa, Florida, native has had overwhelming success on first down, recording 359 of his 598 total yards (60.0 percent) on that down, including four touchdowns. Eleven of his 22 first-down catches resulted in first downs and five of them went for 25-plus yards.



2015 ILLINOIS COACHING STAFF

On Field During Game

Bill Cubit.....	Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator
Tim Banks.....	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
Mike Phair.....	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Def. Line
Mike Bellamy.....	Wide Receivers
Tom Brattan.....	Offensive Line
Alex Golesh.....	Tight Ends/Special Teams
Nathan Scheelhaase.....	Running Backs
Mike Ward.....	Inside Linebackers
Reilly O'Toole.....	Offensive GA

In Coaches' Booth

Ryan Cubit.....	Quarterbacks
Patrick Embleton.....	Offensive GA
Al Seamonson.....	Outside Linebackers
Tyler Johns.....	Offensive GA
Kaeman Mitchell.....	Defensive GA
LeDominique Williams.....	Defensive GA

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: Urbana-Champaign

Founded: 1867

Enrollment: 44,942

Colors: Orange & Blue

Nickname: Fighting Illini

Conference (Division): Big Ten (West)

President: Timothy L. Killeen

Interim Chancellor: Barbara J. Wilson

Director of Athletics: Mike Thomas

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

2014 Record: 6-7, 3-5 (5th Big Ten West Division)

Offensive Formation: Spread / Multiple

Defensive Formation: Multiple

2014 Starters Returning/Lost: 17/8

Off: 8/3 Def: 7/4 ST (PK/P/LS): 2/1

2014 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 49/24

Off: 18/12 Def: 27/10 ST (PK/P/LS/H): 4/2

All-Time Record (Years): 592-599-51 (125)

All-Time Big Ten Record (Years): 337-404-32 (119)

Memorial Stadium Record (Years): 262-223-14 (92)

Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)

National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)

Bowl Appearances (Last): 18 (2014 Heart of Dallas)

All-Time Bowl Record: 8-10 (.444)

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DUDEK, WHERE'S MY CAR?

- Sophomore WR **Mike Dudek** will have to wait a little while to follow up on the most prolific season for a freshman receiver in school history. Dudek finished with 76 receptions for 1,038 yards in 2014, which both shattered Arrelious Benn's previous freshman marks of 54 catches and 676 yards in 2007 and placed him in Illinois' season top-10 rankings. However, Dudek suffered a knee injury in spring practice and is not expected to return to game action until at least October.
- Dudek was a first-team Freshman All-American by ESPN.com, Scout and 247sports after leading FBS freshmen in receiving yards (79.8 ypg), ranking 33rd overall and third in the Big Ten. He led the Big Ten in receptions (50) and receiving yards (716) during conference games and 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.

JIHAD WARD: IT'S TIME TO EAT

- Senior defensive end **Jihad Ward** will miss the 2015 season-opener due to injury after starting all 13 games in 2014. The junior college transfer came on strong late in his first season at Illinois, finishing with 51 tackles, 8.5 TFLs – including 3.0 sacks – two forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries (tied for second-most in the nation) and five QB hurries. He was named honorable mention All-Big Ten by conference coaches.
- Ward has an interesting story, as one of five children of a single mother who had him at the age of 17 – the reason he wears No. 17 on the field. A receiver and safety in high school, Ward hit a growth spurt during his senior year and moved to defensive line. He went to Globe Institute of Technology in Manhattan, taking on the role of big brother to the teammates he lived with in Staten Island. He helped the group navigate the two-hour journey to Globe's campus near Times Square via bus, ferry, train and foot every day, often leaving their housing at 4 a.m. and not returning home until as late as 11:30 p.m. Ward posted 10 sacks in two seasons at Globe Tech, earning recognition as the No. 2 junior college DT by 247sports in 2013.

LINEBACKER U, IT'S NOT WHERE YOU THINK IT IS

- Like many Illini teams over the years, the 2015 Illini defense will be led by the linebacking corps of senior WILL **Mason Monheim**, a 2015 Butkus Award candidate, junior MLB **T.J. Neal Jr.**, a breakout player in 2014, and senior STAR **Eric Finney**, a potential breakout player in 2015. The trio combined for 228 tackles, 14.0 TFLs, one sack, four PBUs, five forced fumbles and three interceptions. Monheim, a preseason Butkus Award candidate, racked up 111 tackles, which ranked eighth in the Big Ten (8.5 tpg), while Neal added 98 stops in 2014.
- Monheim has piled up 294 tackles, 19.0 TFLs, seven forced fumbles, 3.5 sacks and three interceptions in his first three seasons.
- Illinois' history at the linebacker position is up there with any program in the nation. It begins with the greatest linebacker in football history, **Dick Butkus**, who was a two-time All-American and led the Fighting Illini to a 1964 Rose Bowl win over Washington. Illinois boasts two Butkus Award winners, **Dana Howard** in 1994 and **Kevin Hardy** in 1995, several first-team All-Americans like **Darrick Brownlow** (1990), **Simeon Rice** (1994 & '95) and **J. Leman** (2007), not to mention second-team All-American **Scott Studwell** (1976) and NFL legend **Ray Nitschke**.

ALL OVER THE NFL

- Illinois has 21 former players in 2015 NFL training camps (as of Aug. 30), including one player from the 2014 roster – TE **Matt LaCosse** (Jets).
- Illinois had 19 former players on 2014 NFL active rosters, sixth-most among Big Ten teams. Four former Fighting Illini – DE **Michael Buchanan**, CB **Justin Green**, TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** and CB **Tavon Wilson** – earned Super Bowl rings as members of the New England Patriots, while CB **Vontae Davis** earned his first Pro Bowl nod as a member of the Indianapolis Colts.

TRANSFER U

Illinois welcomes seven junior college transfers to the roster in 2015, marking the third straight season that the Illinois staff has brought in at least six JUCO transfers. LEO **Sean Adesanya**, OL **Connor Brennan**, TE **Andrew Davis**, RB **Henry Enyehi**, OL **Jordan Fagan**, OL **Zach Heath** and TE **Ainslie Johnson** all look to make an immediate impact just like the 2014 transfer class, which included breakout stars like WR **Geronimo Allison**, LEO **Carroll Phillips** and DL **Jihad Ward**. All of the 2015 transfers except for Adesanya enrolled at Illinois in January and participated in spring ball, giving them a leg up for the fall.



CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	TOT
Monheim, Mason	13	12	10			35
Karras, Ted	9	10	12			31
Spence, Eaton	13	12	2			27
Ferguson, Josh	9	8	6	0		23
Bentley, V'Angelo	11	9	0			20
Barton, Taylor	12	5				17
Svetina, Mike		11	5			16
Spencer, Joe	12	2				14
Neal, T.J.	13	0				13
Ward, Jihad	13					13
Allison, Geronimo	12					12
Hardee, Justin	8	1	1			10
Powell, Teko	3	6	0			9
Dudek, Mike	9					9
Bain, Rob	7	0				7
DiLauro, Christian	7					7
Lunt, Wes	7					7
Mosely, Darius	2	3				5
Turner, Malik	5					5
Schmidt, Austin	4	0				4
Clements, Jarrod	3	0				3
Flavin, Patrick	2	0				2
Clary, Tim	0	1				1
Fejedelem, Clayton	1					1
Finney, Eric	0	1				1
Little, Javaris	1	0	0			1

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

CAREER BIG PLAYS

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

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
Lunt	0	26	0	0	0	26
Dudek	2	1	18	0	0	21
Ferguson	6	0	7	0	0	13
Allison	0	0	9	0	0	9
Bentley	0	0	0	1	3	4
Turner	0	0	2	0	0	2
Barton	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hardee	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monheim	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	8	27	37	3	3	78

2014 FIRST DOWN PRODUCTION

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Total
Wes Lunt	0	71	0	71
Mike Dudek	2	1	44	46
Josh Ferguson	30	0	16	45
Geronimo Allison	0	0	20	16
Justin Hardee	0	0	11	10
Malik Turner	0	0	13	9
Marchie Murdock	0	0	1	1
Tyler White	0	0	1	1

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Senior walk-on tight end **Tim Clary** was surprised with a scholarship for his final season at practice on Aug. 22. Clary was given an envelope on the sidelines, surrounded by his teammates. After he opened the letter and realized what it was, Clary was mobbed by his teammates.
- The projected starters on the Illini offensive line are massive, as all five projected returning starters are listed at at least 300 pounds and have an average weight of 306 pounds (Schmidt - 300, Boles - 320, Spencer - 300, Karras - 310, DiLauro - 300).
- Illinois boasted one of the top passing offenses in the Big Ten in 2014, ranking second in the conference in passing yards per game (249.8) and completion percentage (61.21%), and sixth in passing efficiency.
- The Illini quarterbacks clearly found a trio of dependable pass-catchers in **Mike Dudek** (76 receptions), **Josh Ferguson** (50) and **Geronimo Allison** (41), as all three have over 40 receptions in 2014. All three are on the 2015 roster.
- WR newcomers **Geronimo Allison**, **Mike Dudek**, and **Malik Turner** combined for 142 receptions, 1,892 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2014. Allison, Dudek and Turner accounted for 49.5 percent of Illinois' receptions (142 of 287) and 58.3 percent of Illinois' receiving yards (1,892 of 3,247) in 2014.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Illinois returns loads of experience on defense with eight starters back, including three of four defensive backs (**V'Angelo Bentley**, **Eaton Spence** and **Taylor Barton**) and two of three starting linebackers (**Mason Monheim** and **T.J. Neal**). On the defensive line, **Jihad Ward**, **Rob Bain** and **Chunky Clements** all return as starters. Key losses include STAR Earnest Thomas III, DT Austin Teitsma and DB Zane Petty.
- Senior safety **Clayton Fejedelem** was huge down the stretch in 2014 and is expected to start in the Illini secondary in 2015. The transfer from St. Xavier University posted 20 tackles in the final two regular season games to boost the Illini to a bowl berth. Fejedelem started the 2014 season as a walk-on, but was awarded a scholarship by the coaching staff during the Illini's second bye week in mid-October.
- Sophomore safety **Taylor Barton** took an interception 77 yards to the house against Western Kentucky, the first interception return for a touchdown by an Illini since Ashante Williams vs. Western Michigan on Sept. 1, 2012. Barton ranked third on the team and 11th in the Big Ten in tackles, averaging 8.3 per game.

THE SPECIAL TEAMS

- Senior **Taylor Zalewski** and junior **David Reisner** are competing for place kicking and kickoff duties in 2015. The duo both saw time as place kicker in 2014, but neither could secure control of the job.
- Reisner had one of the highlights of 2014 for the Fighting Illini, nailing a game-winning 36-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining to give Illinois a 16-14 win over Penn State Nov. 22. Reisner's game-winner marked 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, Nov. 1, 2008).
- Junior **Ryan Frain** is expected to take over punting duties in 2015. Frain will have big shoes to fill, as four-year starter Justin DuVernois left as one of the most prolific punters in school history. In 2014, the Illini ranked 18th in FBS and second in the Big Ten in net punting (39.85 ypp).
- Junior long snappers **Zach Hirth** and **Michael Martin** are expected to split time once again in 2015. Martin made his Illini debut in the 2014 season-opener, filling in perfectly for returning starter Hirth, who did not play in the first seven games of 2014 due to injury. Hirth, who was ranked the No. 2 long-snapper in the nation by ESPN coming out of high school, returned for the Minnesota game and handled FG and PAT snapping from that point on, while Martin remained the snapper on punts.
- In addition to being one of the nation's best return men and a starting corner, **V'Angelo Bentley** blocked a field goal attempt against Penn State in 2012, marking the first blocked FG for an Illini since Derek Walker at Michigan on Oct. 4, 2008, and the first blocked kick of any kind for an Illini since Clay Nurse swatted away a PAT at Fresno State on Dec. 3, 2010.

ILLINI GAMES BROADCAST IN CHINESE

- Illinois Athletics and the Fighting Illini Radio Network, under the direction of Fighting Illini Sports Properties, have announced that home football games at Memorial Stadium will be broadcast in Mandarin Chinese online through FIGHTINGILLINI.COM.
- The broadcast will be led by David He, a sophomore majoring in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism. David will be joined by Bruce Lu.
- Over 4,500 students from China attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, making them the largest group of international students on campus. The number of Chinese students attending Illinois has gradually increased from 850 students in the fall of 2005 to more than five times that number today.
- Broadcasting football games in Chinese is the latest effort in a series of moves to better connect with international students on campus. Beginning in 2013, Illinois Athletics has partnered with Inclusive Illinois, the



FUTURE ILLINOIS SCHEDULES

2016 // Final

Sept. 3 Murray State
 Sept. 10 North Carolina
 Sept. 17 Western Michigan
 Sept. 24 OPEN
 Oct. 1 @ Nebraska
 Oct. 8 Purdue
 Oct. 15 @ Rutgers
 Oct. 22 @ Michigan
 Oct. 29 Minnesota
 Nov. 5 Michigan State
 Nov. 12 @ Wisconsin
 Nov. 19 Iowa
 Nov. 26 @ Northwestern
 Dec. 3 B1G Championship

2017 // Final

Sept. 2 Ball State
 Sept. 9 Western Kentucky
 Sept. 16 @ South Florida
 Sept. 23 OPEN
 Sept. 30 Nebraska
 Oct. 7 @ Iowa
 Oct. 14 Rutgers
 Oct. 21 @ Minnesota
 Oct. 28 Wisconsin
 Nov. 4 @ Purdue
 Nov. 11 Indiana
 Nov. 18 @ Ohio State
 Nov. 25 Northwestern (Chicago)
 Dec. 2 B1G Championship

2018 // Final

Sept. 1 Kent State
 Sept. 8 Western Illinois
 Sept. 15 South Florida
 Sept. 22 Penn State
 Sept. 29 OPEN
 Oct. 6 @ Rutgers
 Oct. 13 Purdue
 Oct. 20 @ Wisconsin
 Oct. 27 @ Maryland
 Nov. 3 Minnesota
 Nov. 10 @ Nebraska
 Nov. 17 Iowa
 Nov. 24 at Northwestern
 Dec. 1 B1G Championship

2019 // 2 non-conference TBA

Aug. 31 TBA
 Sept. 7 @ UConn
 Sept. 14 TBA
 Sept. 21 Nebraska
 Sept. 28 TBA
 Oct. 5 @ Minnesota
 Oct. 12 Michigan
 Oct. 19 Wisconsin
 Oct. 26 @ Purdue
 Nov. 2 Rutgers
 Nov. 9 @ Michigan State
 Nov. 16 TBA
 Nov. 23 @ Iowa
 Nov. 30 Northwestern (Chicago)
 Dec. 7 B1G Championship

2020 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 12 UConn

2021 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 11 @ Virginia

2022 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 10 Virginia

2023 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 9 @ Kansas

2024 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 7 Kansas

2025 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 6 @ Duke

2026 // 2 non-conference TBA

Sept. 12 Duke

Chinese Students and Scholars Association and the International Student and Scholar Services office to host Football 101 – an interactive and educational session about the basics of football taught by the Fighting Illini football team; and Basketball Carnival – an open gym focusing on the fundamentals of basketball with the Fighting Illini women's basketball team.

SWEET HOME CHICAGO

The Fighting Illini will return to historic Soldier Field in 2015, facing in-state rival Northwestern at the home of the Chicago Bears on Nov. 28 to close out the regular season. This year's Soldier Field game is the first of a three-game series at the historic venue, which will see the Fighting Illini and Wildcats match up in Chicago in 2015, 2017 and 2019. Illinois hosted Washington at Soldier Field in 2013, falling 34-24 to the Huskies. The last time Illinois and Northwestern played in Chicago was a 48-27 Illini rout at Wrigley Field, the home of the Chicago Cubs.

LIFT FOR LIFE CONTINUES TO GROW

Fighting Illini players raised over \$16,000 for acoustic neuroma, which ended the career of former Illini offensive lineman **Andrew Carter**, with their fourth annual Lift for Life fundraiser through Uplifting Athletes on June 26, 2015. Acoustic neuroma is a rare, slow-growing tumor of the nerve that connects the ear to the brain. Sophomore offensive lineman **Joe Spencer** serves as president of the UI chapter of Uplifting Athletes and helped organize the event, which featured the entire Fighting Illini team participating in a strongman competition at Memorial Stadium. Find more on Andrew Carter's story here: <http://bit.ly/CarterFeature>.

ILLINI RETURN TO CAMP RANTOUL

Illinois spent 12 days at Camp Rantoul in Rantoul, Illinois, on a portion of the former Chanute Air Force Base. The Fighting Illini were in Rantoul from Aug. 10-21, continuing a 17-year tradition that spans back to 1998 under head coach Ron Turner. The only year that Illinois did not spend a portion of training camp in Rantoul was 2001 when the grass on the practice fields died. A favorite of three Illinois head coaches for its similarities to an NFL training camp setup, Camp Rantoul has a hotel, three practice fields, a locker room, weight room, dining hall and meeting rooms all within close walking distance. The Illini are one of about a dozen FBS teams and two Big Ten teams (Northwestern) to hold at least a portion of preseason camp off-campus.

2015-16 BIG TEN BOWL POSSIBILITIES

Jan. 11 CFP National Championship Game
 Dec. 31 CFB Playoff Semifinals (Orange & Cotton Bowls)

Jan. 2 Taxslayer (Gator) Bowl B1G/ACC vs. SEC
 Jan. 1 Rose Bowl Game vs. Pac-12
 Jan. 1 Outback Bowl vs. SEC
 Jan. 1 Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl vs. SEC
 Dec. 30 Franklin American Music City Bowl B1G/ACC vs. SEC
 Dec. 30 National University Holiday Bowl vs. Pac-12
 Dec. 29 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl vs. MWC
 Dec. 28 Quick Lane Bowl vs. ACC
 Dec. 26 Foster Farms Bowl vs. Pac-12
 Dec. 26 New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. ACC/ND
 Dec. 26 Heart of Dallas Bowl vs. C-USA

WEEKLY COACHES RADIO SHOW

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



ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS (2014)

TEAM RANKINGS (125 teams ranked)

CATEGORY	NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	117.5	111th
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

CAREER RECORDS TO WATCH

Entering 2015 season

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL CAREER

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105
2.	Antoineo Harris, 1999-2002	2,985
3.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	2,887
4.	Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	2,878
5.	Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	2,711
6t.	Mikel Leshoure, 2008-10	2,557
6t.	Juice Williams, 2006-09	2,557
8.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	2,545
9.	Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-07	2,539
10.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	2,485
11.	Keith Jones, 1984-88	2,194
12.	John Karras, 1949-51	2,135
13.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	2,103
14.	Red Grange, 1923-25	2,071
15.	Nathan Scheelhaase, 2010-13	2,066
16.	Rich Johnson, 1966-68	2,058
17.	Jason Ford, 2008-11	1,962
18.	Josh Ferguson, 2012-present	1,878
19.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	1,851
20.	Donovonn Young, 2011-14	1,777

CAREER ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

1.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,737
2.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	4,451
3.	Keith Jones, 1985-88	4,206
4.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	3,613
5.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	3,501
6.	Josh Ferguson, 2012-present	3,486
7.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	3,380
8.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	3,264
9.	Red Grange, 1923-25	3,263
10.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	3,230

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	262
2.	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	169
3.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	167
4.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-02	160
5.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	159
	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	159
7.	Walter Young, 1999-02	147
8.	Mike Martin, 1979-82	143
9.	Josh Ferguson, 2012-present	131
10.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	128

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS (RUNNING BACK)

1.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	128 rec	1,250
2.	Josh Ferguson, 2012-present	131 rec	1,227

CAREER PUNT RETURN AVERAGE

(Minimum 15 punt returns)

1.	Dike Eddleman, 1946-48	21.5 (18-387)
2.	Gary Windy, 1970	14.8 (17-252)
3.	V'Angelo Bentley, 2012-present	13.0 (24-312)
4.	Mike Gow, 1972-74	10.5 (62-650)
5.	Red Grange, 1923-25	10.1 (48-486)

CAREER KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE

(min. 15 returns)

1.	Red Grange, 1923-25	30.2 (15-453)
2.	Mike Bellamy, 1988-89	26.4 (18-475)
3.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	25.3 (59-1,495)
4.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	23.7 (42-996)
5.	Bruce Beaman, 1972-74	23.0 (30-689)
6.	Ray Wilson, 1983-86	22.9 (22-503)
7.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	22.8 (46-1,048)
8.	Darryl Usher, 1985-87	22.6 (42-950)
9.	George McDonald-Ashford, 1995-98	22.4 (57-1,276)
10.	V'Angelo Bentley, 2012-present	21.5 (63-1,355)

CAREER KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE

(min. 30 returns)

1.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	1,495 (59-25.3)
2.	Clinton Lynch, 1990-93	1,383 (64-21.6)
3.	V'Angelo Bentley, 2012-present	1,355 (63-21.5)
4.	George McDonald-Ashford, 1995-98	1,276 (57-22.4)
5.	Greg Foster, 1979-80	1,233 (58-21.3)

CAREER FORCED FUMBLES

(since 1990)

1.	Simeon Rice, 1992-95	13
2.	Whitney Mercilus, 2009-11	11
3.	Dana Howard, 1990-94	8
4.	Mason Monheim, 2012-present	7
	Earnest Thomas III, 2011-14	7
	Kevin Hardy, 1992-95	7

ACTIVE FBS CAREER TACKLES LEADERS

(entering 2015 season)

1.	Tyler Matakevich, Temple	354
2.	Mason Monheim, Illinois	294
3.	Trevon Stewart, Houston	291
4.	Michael Mudoh, Tulsa	271
5.	Joseph Peterson, Georgia St.	265



2015 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART



Pre-Kent State game - Aug. 31, 2015

OFFENSE

QB	12	Wes Lunt (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	7	Chayse Crouch (6-4, 225, r-Fr.)
	10	Jimmy Fitzgerald (6-3, 220, Fr.)
	3	Jeff George, Jr. (6-3, 190, Fr.)
RB	6	Josh Ferguson (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	23	Henry Enyenihi (5-11, 210, Jr.)
	5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn (5-10, 205, Fr.)
	25	Kendrick Foster (5-9, 200, So.)
WR-X	8	Geronimo Allison (6-4, 195, Sr.)
	9	Sam Mays (6-3, 200, Fr.)
	2	Tyrin Stone-Davis (6-3, 195, Jr.)
WR-T	4	Dionte Taylor (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	86	Desmond Cain (5-11, 185, Fr.)
	88	Zach Grant (6-0, 195, Jr.)
WR-Z	11	Malik Turner (6-3, 205, So.)
	16	Marchie Murdock (6-1, 195, So.)
	81	Raphael Barr (6-2, 190, So.)
TE	87	Tyler White (6-5, 255, Jr.)
	89	Andrew Davis (6-6, 235, Jr.)
	47	Tim Clary (6-2, 250, Sr.)
	80	Ainslie Johnson (6-2, 225, Jr.)
	39	Nathan Echard (6-2, 230, So.)
	13	Caleb Reams (6-3, 240, Fr.)
LT	57	Austin Schmidt (6-6, 300, Jr.)
	75	Patrick Flavin (6-7, 300, Sr.)
	72	Gabe Megginson (6-5, 300, Fr.)
LG	55	Chris Boles (6-4, 320, Sr.)
	73	Chris O'Connor (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	79	Zach Heath (6-4, 300, Jr.)
C	71	Joe Spencer (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	53	Nick Allegretti (6-4, 305, r-Fr.)
	78	Harry Black (6-5, 285, So.)
	76	Zeke Martin (6-5, 285, Fr.)
RG	69	Ted Karras (6-4, 310, Sr.)
	74	Connor Brennan (6-5, 295, Jr.)
RT	67	Christian DiLauro (6-5, 300, So.)
	66	Jordan Fagan (6-6, 295, So.)
	52	Adam Solomon (6-5, 315, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Dawuane Smoot (6-3, 270, Jr.)
	9	Kenny Nelson (6-6, 250, Sr.)
	85	Brandon Roberts (6-3, 265, So.)
NT	11	Chunky Clements (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	94	Tito Odenigbo (6-3, 280, r-Fr.)
DT	16	Rob Bain (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	55	Jamal Milan (6-2, 310, Fr.)
LEO	6	Carroll Phillips (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	45	Henry McGrew (6-3, 235, r-Fr.)
	47	Sean Adesanya (6-3, 230, So.)
WLB	43	Mason Monheim (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	22	LaKeith Walls (6-2, 215, Jr.)
	33	Tre Watson (6-2, 240, r-Fr.)
	44	Julian Jones (6-2, 215, Fr.)
MLB	52	T.J. Neal Jr. (6-1, 235, Jr.)
	10	B.J. Bello (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	35	Sean White (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	36	Austin Roberts (6-2, 230, r-Fr.)
STAR	14	Eric Finney (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	5	James Crawford (6-2, 215, So.)
	26	Cedric Doxy (6-2, 220, Jr.)
	32	Justice Williams (6-3, 210, Fr.)
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	24	Darius Mosely (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	23	Davontay Kwaaning (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	31	Cameron Watkins (6-0, 185, Fr.)
SS	3	Taylor Barton (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	8	Dillan Cazley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	29	T.J. Moss (5-11, 195, r-Fr.)
FS	20	Clayton Fejedelem (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	15	Javaris Little (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	4	Darwyn Kelly (6-1, 210, So.)
	30	Julian Hylton (6-0, 195, r-Fr.)
CB	27	Eaton Spence (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	28	Jalen Dunlap (6-1, 185, So.)
	12	Chris James (5-11, 185, r-Fr.)
	19	Frank Sumpter (5-10, 175, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	17	Taylor Zalewski (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	- OR -	38 David Reisner (6-0, 195, Jr.)
P	13	Ryan Frain (6-2, 220, Jr.)
	38	David Reisner (6-0, 195, Jr.)
LS	54	Zach Hirth (6-4, 220, Jr.)
	- OR -	56 Michael Martin (6-4, 225, Jr.)
H	13	Ryan Frain (6-2, 220, Jr.)
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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Nick Allegretti	al-uh-GRET-ee
V'Angelo Bentley	vee-AN-juh-low
Jack Broeker	BRO-ker
Trenard Davis	tre-NARD
Mike Dudek	DOO-deck
Nathan Echard	ECK-erd
Henry Enyenihi	en-YEN-ih-hee
Jordan Fagan	FAY-gin
Clayton Fejedelem	FEJ-uh-lem
Patrick Flavin	FLAH-vin
Joe Fotu	FOE-too
Ainslie Johnson	AINS-lee
Ted Karras	CARE-us
Davontay Kwaaning	duh-VAHN-tay QUAN-ing
Javaris Little	juh-VAR-is
Jimmy Marchese	mar-CASE
Max Marietti	mar-ee-EH-tee
Jamal Milan	mi-LAN
Jonathan Milazzo	muh-LAH-zo
Alex Mussat	moo-SAHT
Jim Nudera	new-DARE-uh
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Mike Svetina	sve-TEE-na
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Malik Turner	ma-LEEK
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PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	12	Wes Lunt (Jr., 6-5, 225)	Made 7 starts in 2014 ... 141.61 QB efficiency broke UI season record ... 14/3 TD/INT ratio, 1,763 passing yards and 63.5 completion %
RB	6	Josh Ferguson (Sr., 5-10, 195)	1 of 3 in FBS with 1,500+ rush & 1,000+ rec. yards in career ... 3,486 all-purpose yards 6th in UI history ... Doak Walker Award Watch List
WR	8	Geronimo Allison (Sr., 6-4, 195)	Third on team with 41 receptions for 598 yards in 2014 ... Had back-to-back 100-yard games at Washington & at Nebraska
WR	4	Dionte Taylor (Jr., 6-0, 180)	Steps into slot starting role with Mike Dudek injured ... Has one career catch for five yards in 2013 ... Goes by D.J.
WR	11	Malik Turner (So., 6-3, 205)	Made 5 starts as true frosh in 2014 ... Career-high six receptions for 84 yards in bowl game ... 25 rec. for 256 yards, 1 TD on season
TE	87	Tyler White (Jr., 6-5, 255)	Has played in 24 career games, mostly on special teams ... Had two receptions for 17 yards in 2014, including one TD
LT	57	Austin Schmidt (Jr., 6-6, 300)	Started last 4 games at LT in 2014 ... Has played in 23 career games ... Father played at Towson St., brother played at Dartmouth
LG	55	Chris Boles (Sr., 6-4, 320)	Fifth-year senior has played in three career games, mostly on special teams ... Earned bachelor's degree in communication in Dec. 2014
C	71	Joe Spencer (Jr., 6-4, 300)	Has 14 career starts ... UI's SAAC & Uplifting Athletes chapter president ... 2-time Academic All-B1G as a finance major
RG	69	Ted Karras (Sr., 6-4, 310)	Has 31 career starts ... Dad, Ted Jr., is HC at Walsh University ... 7th family member to play B1G FB ... Earned bachelor's degree in Dec. 2014
RT	67	Christian DiLauro (So., 6-5, 300)	Started last 7 games of 2014 at RT as RS frosh ... ESPN.com Big Ten All-Freshman team in 2014 ... Majoring in agri-accounting

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	91	Dawuane Smoot (Jr., 6-3, 270)	Slides over from LEO to DE with injury to Jihad Ward ... Played in all 13 games in 2014 at LEO, making 33 tackles, 7.5 TFLs and 2.5 sacks
NT	93	Chunky Clements (Jr., 6-3, 290)	Played in 13 games and made 3 starts in 2014 ... Had 24 tackles, 6.0 TFLs & 2.0 sacks ... Cousin, Roy Roundtree, was a WR at Michigan from 2009-12
DT	16	Rob Bain (Jr., 6-3, 300)	Made 7 starts in 2014... Had first career sack in bowl game ... 29 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, 1 sack on season ... 1 of strongest players on team
LEO	6	Carroll Phillips (Jr., 6-3, 230)	Played in first 7 games of 2014 as situational pass rusher before missing last 6 due to injury ... 6 tackles, 2 hurries, 1 sack, 1 TFL in '14
WLB	43	Mason Monheim (Sr., 6-1, 235)	Butkus & Lombardi Award Watch lists ... Led team & 8th in B1G with 111 tackles in '14 ... 294 career tackles 2nd most for active FBS players
MLB	52	T.J. Neal Jr. (Jr., 6-1, 235)	Started all 13 games at MLB in 2014 ... Fourth on team with 98 tackles, 6.5 TFLs ... 2x Academic All-Big Ten honoree
STAR	14	Eric Finney (Sr., 6-0, 220)	JUCO transfer has played in 23 games over last two seasons ... 19 tackles, 1 TFL and 1 PBU in 2014 ... Known as great questionnaire taker
CB	2	V'Angelo Bentley (Sr., 5-10, 190)	Hornung Award Watch list (most versatile) ... 3-year starter ... Only player in UI history w/kickoff, punt, INT & fum returns for TD ... May play some RB
SS	3	Taylor Barton (Jr., 6-1, 215)	Honorable mention All-B1G in 2014 ... 3rd on team & 11th in B1G with 100 tackles ... Has incredible beard
FS	20	Clayton Fejedelem (Sr., 6-1, 195)	Has moved into starting role as senior ... Walk-on transfer from St. Xavier U was awarded scholarship in Oct. 2014
CB	27	Eaton Spence (Sr., 6-0, 185)	Has 27 career starts ... 6th on team with 55 tackles in 2014 ... Earned bachelor's degree in communication in May 2015

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

K	17	Taylor Zalewski (Sr., 6-3, 220)	Shared PK duties over last 3 years, making 19 of 30 FG ... Avg 62.5 ypk w/28 touchbacks in 2014 ... Has 86 TBs in 160 career KO (53.8 pct.)
K	38	David Reisner (Jr., 6-0, 195)	Navy transfer shared PK duties with Zalewski in 2014 ... Hit GW 36-yd FG vs. PSU w/:08 left to keep Illini 2014 bowl hopes alive
P	13	Ryan Frain (Jr., 6-2, 220)	Takes over punting duties for departed 4-year starter Justin DuVernois ... Has kicked in 3 games in his UI career – 2 PATS, 4 KO & 1 punt
LS	54	Zach Hirth (Jr., 6-4, 220)	Saw action as snapper for placements in 5 of last 6 games in 2014 after returning from injury ... UI's primary long snapper in '13
LS	56	Michael Martin (Jr., 6-4, 225)	Has served as UI's long snapper in all 13 games ... Champaign, Ill., native ... Mechanical engineering major



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NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO	NAME	POS
47	Sean Adesanya	LEO	6-3	230	So.	4-3	Rahway, N.J./Rahway HS/Eastern Arizona JC	2	V'Angelo Bentley	DB
90	Altan Aldemir	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	5-4	Plainsboro, N.J./The Peddie School	2	Reggie Corbin	RB
53	Nick Allegretti	OL	6-4	305	r-Fr.	4-4	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East	3	Taylor Barton	DB
8	Geronimo Allison	WR	6-4	200	Sr.	2-1	Tampa, Fla./Spoto HS/Iowa Western CC	3	Jeff George, Jr.	QB
16	Rob Bain	DL	6-3	305	Jr.	2-2	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook	4	Darwyn Kelly	DB
81	Raphael Barr	WR	6-2	200	So.	3-3	Etiwanda, Calif./Etiwanda HS/Citrus College (CA)	4	Dionte Taylor	WR
3	Taylor Barton	DB	6-1	215	Jr.	2-2	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep	5	James Crawford	STAR
10	B.J. Bello	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	2-2	New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way West	5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB
2	V'Angelo Bentley	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	2-1	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville	6	Josh Ferguson	RB
21	Man Berg	WR	6-2	200	So.	3-3	Sherman Oaks, Calif./La Salle	6	Carroll Phillips	LEO
78	Harry Black	OL	6-5	285	So.	3-3	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips	7	Chayce Crouch	QB
55	Chris Boles	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	1-1	Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic	7	Caleb Day	DB
74	Connor Brennan	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	3-2	Sonoma, Calif./Redwood HS/City Coll. of San Francisco	8	Geronimo Allison	WR
64	Jack Broeker	OL	6-4	265	Fr.	5-4	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart Griffin	8	Dillan Cazley	DB
27	Dre Brown	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	5-4	DeKalb, Ill./DeKalb HS	9	Sam Mays	WR
86	Desmond Cain	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	5-4	Delray Beach, Fla./American Heritage School	9	Kenny Nelson	DL
8	Dillan Cazley	DB	5-10	190	Jr.	3-2	Charleston, Ill./Charleston	10	B.J. Bello	LB
47	Tim Clary	TE	6-2	245	Sr.	1-1	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond-Burton	10	Jimmy Fitzgerald	QB
11	Chunky Clements	DL	6-3	290	Jr.	3-2	Dayton, Ohio/Trotwood Madison	11	Chunky Clements	DL
2	Reggie Corbin	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	5-4	Upper Marlboro, Md./Gonzaga College HS	11	Malik Turner	WR
5	James Crawford	STAR	6-2	220	So.	3-3	Deerfield, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	12	Wes Lunt	QB
7	Chayce Crouch	QB	6-4	225	r-Fr.	4-4	Granville, Ohio/Newark Catholic	12	Chris James	DB
89	Andrew Davis	TE	6-6	230	Jr.	3-2	Marion, Iowa/Marion HS/Iowa Western CC	13	Ryan Frain	PK/P
7	Caleb Day	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	3-2	Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard Darby	13	Caleb Reams	TE
67	Christian DiLauro	OL	6-5	300	So.	3-3	Uniontown, Ohio/Green	14	Eric Finney	STAR
26	Cedric Doxy	STAR	6-2	220	Jr.	2-2	Calumet City, Ill./Thornwood	14	Alex Mussat	QB
18	Mike Dudek	WR	5-11	185	So.	4-3	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley	15	Jevaris Little	DB
28	Jaylen Dunlap	DB	6-1	190	So.	3-3	Chicago, Ill./Crete-Monee	15	Tyrin Stone-Davis	WR
39	Nathan Echard	TE	6-2	245	So.	3-3	Eureka, Mo./Eureka	16	Rob Bain	DL
23	Henry Enyenihi	RB	5-11	215	Jr.	2-2	Lawrenceville, Ga./Duluth HS/Sacramento City College	16	Marchie Murdock	WR
66	Jordan Fagan	OL	6-6	295	So.	4-3	Chula Vista, Calif./Olympian HS/Grossmont Coll. (CA)	17	Jihad Ward	DL
20	Clayton Fejedelem	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	1-1	Lemont, Ill./Lemont/St. Xavier University	17	Taylor Zalewski	PK
6	Josh Ferguson	RB	5-10	200	Sr.	1-1	Naperville, Ill./Joliet Catholic	18	Mike Dudek	WR
14	Eric Finney	STAR	6-0	220	Sr.	1-1	Riverside, Calif./Centennial/College of the Canyons	19	Justin Hardee	WR
10	Jimmy Fitzgerald	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	5-4	Champaign, Ill./Centennial HS	19	Frank Sumpter	DB
75	Patrick Flavin	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	1-1	Lisle, Ill./Benet Academy	20	Clayton Fejedelem	DB
25	Kendrick Foster	RB	5-9	200	So.	3-3	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods	21	Man Berg	WR
42	Joe Fotu	DL	6-3	285	Sr.	2-1	East Oakland, Calif./San Leandro HS/Laney CC	21	Patrick Nelson	DB
13	Ryan Frain	PK/P	6-2	220	Jr.	2-2	Indianapolis, Ind./Sccecina	22	LaKeith Walls	LB
3	Jeff George, Jr.	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	5-4	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central HS	23	Henry Enyenihi	RB
88	Zach Grant	WR	6-0	195	Jr.	2-2	Springfield, Ill./Rochester/St. Ambrose Univ./NIU	23	Davontay Kwaaning	DB
84	Jordan Hahn	WR	6-2	195	So.	3-3	Olney, Ill./East Richland	24	Darius Mosely	DB
19	Justin Hardee	WR	6-1	195	Sr.	2-1	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville	25	Kendrick Foster	RB
38	Samuel Harlib	DB	6-0	180	So.	3-3	Las Vegas, Nev./Army & Navy Academy	26	Cedric Doxy	STAR
79	Zach Heath	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	3-2	Penryn, Calif./Del Oro HS/American River College (CA)	26	Cameron Tucker	RB
54	Zach Hirth	LS	6-4	220	Jr.	2-2	Eureka, Mo./Eureka	27	Dre Brown	RB
30	Julian Hylton	DB	6-0	205	r-Fr.	4-4	Tinley Park, Ill./Lincoln-Way North	27	Eaton Spence	DB
12	Chris James	DB	5-11	190	r-Fr.	4-4	Orange, Texas/West Orange-Stark	28	Jaylen Dunlap	DB
80	Ainslie Johnson	TE	6-2	230	Jr.	3-2	Anaheim, Calif./Servite HS/Cerritos College (CA)	29	Nelson Lugo	STAR
44	Julian Jones	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-4	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake HS	29	T.J. Moss	DB
69	Ted Karras	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	1-1	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral	30	Julian Hylton	DB
4	Darwyn Kelly	DB	6-1	210	So.	3-3	Upper Marlboro, Md./H.D. Woodson	30	Jim Nudera	TE
23	Davontay Kwaaning	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	1-1	Chicago, Ill./Lindblom	31	Leslie Poole	WR
15	Jevaris Little	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	2-2	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood	31	Cameron Watkins	DB
95	Max Loeb	DL	6-0	300	So.	3-3	Lawrenceville, Ill./Lawrenceville	32	Justice Williams	STAR
68	Matt Long	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	5-4	Coal City, Ill./Coal City	33	Tré Watson	LB
29	Nelson Lugo	STAR	5-11	200	Jr.	2-2	Franklin Park, Ill./East Leyden	34	Mike Svetina	LB
12	Wes Lunt	QB	6-5	225	Jr.	2-2	Rochester, Ill./Rochester HS/Oklahoma State	35	Jonathan Milazzo	PK



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41	Jimmy Marchese	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	5-4	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson
70	Max Marietti	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	5-4	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln Way East
56	Michael Martin	LS	6-4	225	Jr.	2-2	Champaign, Ill./Centennial
76	Zeke Martin	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	5-4	Medina, Ohio/Medina HS
9	Sam Mays	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	5-4	Missouri City, Texas/The Kinkaid School
45	Henry McGrew	LEO	6-3	250	r-Fr.	4-4	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley
48	Chase McLaughlin	PK	6-1	170	r-Fr.	4-4	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Woods
72	Gabe Megginson	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	5-4	Jacksonville, Ill./Jacksonville HS
55	Jamal Milan	DL	6-2	310	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Al Raby HS
35	Jonathan Milazzo	PK	5-10	170	Fr.	5-4	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
43	Mason Monheim	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	2-1	Orrville, Ohio/Orrville
24	Darius Mosely	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	3-2	O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon Township
29	T.J. Moss	DB	5-11	195	r-Fr.	4-4	Carpentersville, Ill./Dundee Crown
16	Marchie Murdock	WR	6-1	195	So.	3-3	Arlington, Texas/Legacy
14	Alex Mussat	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	5-4	Troy, Mich./Athens
52	T.J. Neal Jr.	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	2-2	McKeeseport, Pa./McKeeseport
9	Kenny Nelson	DL	6-6	250	Sr.	1-1	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech
46	Luke Nelson	P	6-1	205	Jr.	3-2	Western Springs, Ill./Lyons Twp./College of DuPage
21	Patrick Nelson	DB	6-0	205	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Hales Franciscan HS
30	Jim Nudera	TE	6-1	240	Sr.	1-1	Elmhurst, Ill./York
73	Chris O'Connor	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	1-1	Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew
94	Tito Odenigbo	DL	6-3	290	r-Fr.	4-4	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville
63	Mike Parisi	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	5-4	Elk Grove Village, Ill./Elk Grove
6	Carroll Phillips	LEO	6-3	240	Jr.	2-2	Miami, Fla./Miami Central HS/Coiah Lincoln CC
31	Leslie Poole	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	1-1	Schaumburg, Ill./Conant
93	Teko Powell	DL	6-3	300	Jr.	2-2	Miami, Fla./Norland
13	Caleb Reams	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	5-4	Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township HS
38	David Reisner	PK	6-0	195	Jr.	2-2	Bartlett, Ill./South Elgin/Navy
36	Austin Roberts	LB	6-2	230	r-Fr.	4-4	Rice Lake, Wis./Rice Lake
85	Brandon Roberts	DL	6-3	265	So.	3-3	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods
57	Austin Schmidt	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	3-2	Galena, Ohio/Olentangy
49	Conner Schmidt	STAR	5-11	195	So.	3-3	Lincoln, Ill./Lincoln Community
91	Dawuane Smoot	LEO	6-3	265	Jr.	3-2	Groveport, Ohio/Groveport Madison
52	Adam Solomon	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	5-4	Indianapolis, Ind./Bishop Chatard HS
27	Eaton Spence	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	1-1	Belle Glade, Fla./Glades Day
71	Joe Spencer	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	2-2	Mason, Ohio/Mason
15	Tyrin Stone-Davis	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	2-2	Philadelphia, Pa./Mastbaum Area VTS/Pierce Col. (CA)
19	Frank Sumpter	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	5-4	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville HS
34	Mike Svetina	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	2-2	Brunswick, Ohio/St. Ignatius
4	Dionte Taylor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	3-2	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./University School
37	Dennis Thurow	DB	6-1	205	So.	3-3	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley
26	Cameron Tucker	RB	5-8	200	Sr.	1-1	River Forest, Ill./Nazareth Academy
40	Ryan Tucker	P	6-3	185	r-Fr.	4-4	Chicago, Ill./Marist
11	Malik Turner	WR	6-3	205	So.	4-3	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin
5	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	5-4	Antioch, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn HS
46	Ikjot Wahi	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	5-4	Darien, Ill./Hinsdale South
83	Bobby Walker	TE	6-4	215	Fr.	5-4	Golf, Ill./Loyola Academy
22	LaKeith Walls	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	2-2	Cleveland, Ohio/Rhodes
65	Ryan Walton	DL	6-6	260	So.	3-3	Crestwood, Ill./Oak Forest
17	Jihad Ward	DL	6-6	295	Sr.	2-1	Philadelphia, Pa./Bok Vo-Tech HS/Globe Tech (NY)
31	Cameron Watkins	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	5-4	Madison, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn HS
33	Tré Watson	LB	6-2	240	r-Fr.	4-4	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic
35	Sean White	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	2-2	Casey, Ill./Casey-Westfield
87	Tyler White	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	3-2	Kalamazoo, Mich./Plainwell
32	Justice Williams	STAR	6-3	210	Fr.	5-4	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland HS
17	Taylor Zalewski	PK	6-3	225	Sr.	1-1	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
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44	Julian Jones	LB					
45	Henry McGrew	LEO					
46	Luke Nelson	P					
46	Ikjot Wahi	DE					
47	Sean Adesanya	LEO					
47	Tim Clary	TE					
48	Chase McLaughlin	PK					
49	Conner Schmidt	STAR					
52	T.J. Neal Jr.	LB					
52	Adam Solomon	OL					
53	Nick Allegretti	OL					
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75	Patrick Flavin	OL					
76	Zeke Martin	OL					
78	Harry Black	OL					
79	Zach Heath	OL					
80	Ainslie Johnson	TE					
81	Raphael Barr	WR					
83	Bobby Walker	TE					
84	Jordan Hahn	WR					
85	Brandon Roberts	DL					
86	Desmond Cain	WR					
87	Tyler White	TE					
88	Zach Grant	WR					
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90	Altan Aldemir	DL					
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93	Teko Powell	DL					
94	Tito Odenigbo	DL					
95	Max Loeb	DL					



THE LAST TIME

An Illinois Player Had ...

Rushing

250 yards rushing:

330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

200 yards rushing:

330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

150 yards rushing:

190, Josh Ferguson vs. Texas State, 9/20/2014

125 yards rushing:

147, Reilly O'Toole at Northwestern, 11/29/2014

100 yards rushing:

147, Reilly O'Toole at Northwestern, 11/29/2014

Back-to-back 175 yard rushing games:

Rashad Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)

Three consecutive 100-yard rushing games:

Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)

Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games:

Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)

2 rushers with 175 yards:

Rocky Harvey (215), Steve Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998

2 rushers with 100 yds:

T. Pollard (133), D. Young (100) vs. Western Michigan, 9/24/2011

80+ yard rushing play:

80, Daniel Dufrene at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

70+ yard rushing play:

75, Josh Ferguson vs. Texas State, 9/20/2014

Two 40+ runs in one quarter:

82 and 47 (1st), Antioneo Harris vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002

True-freshman rushed for 100-yards in first career game:

E.B. Halsey, 139 yards vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003

40 rushing attempts:

40, Antioneo Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002

30 rushing attempts:

33, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

2 rushers with 2 TDs:

N. Scheelhaase (2) & D Young (2) vs. SDSU, 9/10/2011

8 TDs rushing:

Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990

4 TDs rushing:

Antioneo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002

3 TDs rushing:

Mikel Leshoure (3) vs. Baylor, 12/29/2010

2 TDs rushing:

Josh Ferguson (2) vs. Texas State, 9/20/2014

2 TDs rushing by a QB:

Nathan Scheelhaase (2) vs. SDSU, 9/10/2011

Receiving

200 yards receiving:

200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

150 yards receiving:

200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

100 yards receiving:

115, Mike Dudek vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014

2 receivers with 100 yards receiving:

Ryan Lankford (115) & Josh Ferguson (103) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013

70+ yard pass play:

72, R. Lankford from N. Scheelhaase vs. Washington, 9/14/2013

60+ yard pass play:

60, Geronimo Allison from Wes Lunt at Washington, 9/13/2014

50+ yard pass play:

56, Mike Dudek from Reilly O'Toole at Ohio State, 11/1/2014

10 or more receptions:

10, Josh Ferguson vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

2 receivers with 2 TDs:

Will Judson and Chris Duval vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

3 TDs receiving:

A.J. Jenkins (3) vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011

An OL caught a pass:

Jeff Allen, (1 rec., 2 yds) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/2010

An OL scored a TD:

Corey Lewis, fumble recovery in end zone at Indiana, 11/9/2013

Passing

600 yards passing:

621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980

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400 yards passing:

456, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014

300 yards passing:

332, Wes Lunt vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

Consecutive 300-yard passing games:

Nathan Scheelhaase at Penn State (321, 11/2/2013) and at Indiana (450, 11/9/2013)

Three consecutive 300-yard passing games:

Jason Verduzco vs East Carolina (352,8/31/1991), at Missouri (431, 9/14/1991) and vs. Houston (341, 9/21/1991)

6 TDs passing:

Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980

5 TDs passing:

Nathan Scheelhaase (5) vs. Miami (OH), 9/28/2013

4 TDs passing:

Wes Lunt (4) vs. Youngstown State, 8/30/2014

3 TDs passing:

Reilly O'Toole (3) at Northwestern, 11/29/2014

Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:

N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11

10+ consecutive completions in a game:

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

Non-QB with passing TD:

Josh Ferguson vs. Penn State, 9/29/12

Defense

20 Tackles:

J. Leman (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

4 interceptions:

Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/74

3 interceptions:

Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001

2 interceptions:

Trulon Henry (2) vs. Ohio State, 10/2/2010

3+ sacks in a game:

Whitney Mercilus (3.0) at Indiana, 10/8/2011

3+ TFLs in a game:

Austin Teitsma (3.5) vs. Texas State, 9/20/2014

3+ PBUs in a game:

Eaton Spence (3) vs. Iowa, 11/15/2014

Interception by a lineman:

Michael Buchanan vs. Western Michigan, 9/1/2012

Interception return for TD:

Mason Monheim (49 yards) at Northwestern, 11/29/2014

Two players with interception returns for TD in a game:

Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010 & Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010

Fumble recovery for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (12 yards) vs. Minnesota, 10/25/2014

Scored on a safety:

at Washington (UW punter fumbled out of end zone), 9/13/2014

Defensive extra point:

Kevin Mitchell (75 yards) at Ohio State, 11/5/2005

Total Offense/All-Purpose

500 yds. total offense:

503, Juice Williams vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008

400 yds. total offense:

439, Wes Lunt vs. WKU, 9/6/2014

300-100 (passing-rushing):

431 (310-121), Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008

300 all-purpose yards:

328, A.J. Jenkins vs. N'western, 10/1/2011

200 all-purpose yards:

200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

3 total TDs:

Josh Ferguson (3 – 2 rush, 1 rec) vs. Texas St., 9/20/2014

Special Teams

5 field goals:

Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990

4 field goals:

Derek Dimke (4) at Penn State, 10/9/2010

3 field goals:

David Reisner (3) vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014

2 field goals:

David Reisner (3) vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014

Made 50+ yard field goal:

Taylor Zalewski (54) vs. Purdue, 11/17/2012

Blocked a Punt:

Team vs. Youngstown State, 8/30/2014

Blocked Punt for a Touchdown:

Vontae Davis (2 yards) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

Blocked Two Field Goals:

Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001

Blocked a Field Goal:

V'Angelo Bentley vs. PSU, 9/29/2012

Blocked a PAT:

Clay Nurse at Fresno State, 12/3/2010

Punt return for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (67 yards) vs. OSU, 11/16/2013

Kickoff return for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013

Blocked FG returned for TD:

Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois St., 9/6/2003

Two-point conversion:

N. Scheelhaase pass to Miles Osei vs. Ohio State, 11/16/2013

Two two-point conversions in the same game:

2 at Ohio State, 11/3/2012 (Russell pass to LaCrosse; Russell rush)

An Opposing Player had ...

200 yards rushing:

208, Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska, 9/27/2014

150 yards rushing:

175, Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 10/11/2014

Two 100-yard rushers:

M. Gordon (175) and C. Clement (164), Wisconsin, 10/11/2014

50+ yard rushing play:

67, David Cobb, Minnesota, 10/25/2014

Two 40+ TD runs in one quarter:

Carlos Hyde (51, 55 in 4th), Ohio State, 11/16/2013

400 yards passing:

408, Scott Risliv, San Jose State, 9/21/2002

300 yards passing:

336, Tyler Jones, Texas State, 9/20/2013

80+ yard pass play:

80, Louisiana Tech(Cody Sokol to Ken Dixon), 12/26/2014

70+ yard pass play:

80, Louisiana Tech(Cody Sokol to Ken Dixon), 12/26/2014

50+ yard pass play:

80, Louisiana Tech(Cody Sokol to Ken Dixon), 12/26/2014

200 yds. in receptions:

246, Roy Roundtree, Michigan, 11/6/2010

150 yds. in receptions:

189, Cody Latimer, Indiana, 11/9/2013

100 yds. in receptions:

110, Jake Duzey, Iowa, 11/15/2014

Two 100-yard receivers:

182, Chirstian Jones & 112, Rashad Lawrence, Northwestern, 11/30/2013

4 Field Goals:

Dan Conroy, Michigan State, 10/16/2010

Three 50+ yard field goals:

Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998

Punt return for TD:

Jeremy MacIin (66 yards), Missouri, 9/2/2007

Kickoff return for TD:

S. Vault (89 yards), Northwestern, 11/29/2014

INT return for TD:

Xavier Woods (69 yards), Louisiana Tech, 12/26/2014

Blocked Punt for a TD:

Ben Kuznia (3 yards), Minnesota, 11/7/2009

Fumble recovery for TD:

Shaq Thompson (52 yards), Washington, 9/13/2014

Scored on a Safety:

Louis Trinca-Pasat sack (intentional grounding on Wes Lunt), Iowa, 11/15/2014

An Illinois Team Had ...

80 points:

87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912

70 points:

79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944

60 points:

65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010

50 points:

50 vs. Miami (Ohio) (50-14), 9/28/2013

40 points:

47 at Northwestern (47-33), 11/29/2014

30 points:

47 at Northwestern (47-33), 11/29/2014

0 points:

at Michigan (0-45), 10/13/2012

0 points in 1st half:

at Ohio State (14-55), 11/1/2014

0 points in 2nd half:



BILL CUBIT

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, '75

THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS



Bill Cubit was named head coach at Illinois on August 28, 2015. Cubit also will serve as offensive coordinator, his third season in that role for the Fighting Illini. He spent his first two seasons in Champaign-Urbana working with the quarterbacks in addition to offensive coordinator duties.

Illinois boasted one of the top passing offenses in the Big Ten in 2014, ranking second in the conference in passing yards per game (249.8) and completion percentage (61.21 percent), 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.

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

Cubit came to Illinois in January 2013 following an eight-year stint as head coach at Western Michigan. Cubit led WMU to a 51-47 overall record and three bowls during his tenure in Kalamazoo.

Cubit's 2011 Western Michigan squad set records for points (459), touchdowns (58), pass attempts (554), completions (369), passing yards (4,385), total yards (5,960), offensive plays (945), first downs (320), passing first downs (204), kick returns (63), kick return yardage (1,409) and total return yards (1,658). In 2010, two of his receivers (Juan Nunez and Jordan White) topped 1,000 yards in receiving, before White earned consensus All-America honors in 2011 while leading the nation in receiving yards and receptions.

Cubit brings 34 years of coaching experience, including 17 years as a head coach on the collegiate and high school level. He also has spent eight

years as an offensive coordinator at five NCAA Division I schools working the sidelines in five of the nation's premier conferences (BIG EAST, Big 12, Mid-American, PAC-10 and Southeastern).

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

In his first stint at WMU from 1997-99, Cubit oversaw an offense that ranked in the NCAA Top 25 in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense in back-to-back seasons. In 1998, the Broncos were the nation's 20th-highest scoring team with an average of 32.7 points per game, and were 20th in the nation

in 1999 with an average of 31.1 points per game. His quarterback during that period was Tim Lester, who finished fifth in NCAA career passing yards (11,299) and seventh in career touchdown passes (87).

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

Other collegiate stops for Cubit include two years (1990-91) as running backs coach at Akron, a season (1989) as quarterbacks coach at Florida, three seasons as assistant head coach (1985) and the secondary coach (1983-85) at Central Florida and two years (1975-76) coaching running backs and receivers at Swarthmore College. As a high

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CUBIT'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-	Illinois (head coach/offensive coordinator)
2013-14	Illinois (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2005-12	Western Michigan (head coach)
2003-04	Stanford (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2001-02	Rutgers (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2000	Missouri (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1997-99	Western Michigan (offensive coordinator)
1992-96	Widener (head coach)
1990-91	Akron (running backs)
1989	Florida (quarterbacks)
1985	Central Florida (assistant head coach/secondary)
1983-84	Central Florida (secondary)
1975-76	Swarthmore College (running backs/receivers)

CUBIT'S DIVISION I HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF.	CONF. FINISH	BOWL
2005	Western Michigan	7-4	5-3	T-3rd (MAC West)	
2006	Western Michigan	8-5	6-2	2nd (MAC West)	International
2007	Western Michigan	5-7	3-4	T-3rd (MAC West)	
2008	Western Michigan	9-4	6-2	T-2nd (MAC West)	Texas
2009	Western Michigan	5-7	4-4	3rd (MAC West)	
2010	Western Michigan	6-6	5-3	3rd (MAC West)	
2011	Western Michigan	7-6	5-3	3rd (MAC West)	Little Caesars
2012	Western Michigan	4-8	2-6	5th (MAC West)	
2015	Illinois	0-0	0-0		
TOTAL	8+ YEARS	51-47	38-27	-	3 BOWLS



school coach, Cubit compiled a nine-year record of 79-15-2 at three different programs - Martin County (Fla.), Academy Park (Pa.) and his alma mater, Sharon Hill.

A Sharon Hill, Pa., native, Cubit (61 years old/ DOB: 10-14-1953) earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware in 1975. He played quarterback and wide receiver for the Blue Hens (1971-74), earning Associated Press All-America honorable mention in 1974. He also set school records for catches in a game (10) and a season (47), along with receiving yards in a season (787).

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



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HOMETOWN

Sharon Hill, Pa.

BIRTHDATE

Oct. 14, 1953

FAMILY

Wife: Nancy

Son: Ryan

Daughters: Stacey and Sheri

EDUCATION

B.S., business administration — Delaware, 1975

M.S., education — St. Joseph's, 1981

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Delaware, 1971-74

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Texas Bowl

2007 International Bowl

1989 Freedom Bowl

1974 NCAA College Division runner-up

1971 Boardwalk Bowl

CUBIT'S RECORD VS. OPPONENTS (as Division I head coach)

Akron.....	3-1.....	.750	North Carolina.....	0-0.....	
Ball State.....	3-5.....	.375	Northern Illinois.....	3-5.....	.375
Bowling Green.....	3-0.....	1.000	Northwestern.....	0-0.....	
Buffalo.....	3-1.....	.750	Notre Dame.....	0-1.....	.000
Central Connecticut State.....	1-0.....	1.000	Ohio.....	1-1.....	.500
Central Michigan.....	3-5.....	.375	Ohio State.....	0-0.....	.000
Cincinnati.....	0-1.....	.000	Penn State.....	0-0.....	.000
Connecticut.....	2-0.....	1.000	Purdue.....	0-1.....	.000
Eastern Illinois.....	1-0.....	1.000	Rice.....	0-1.....	.000
Eastern Michigan.....	4-4.....	.500	Southern Illinois.....	1-0.....	1.000
Florida State.....	0-1.....	.000	Temple.....	4-0.....	1.000
Hofstra.....	1-0.....	1.000	Tennessee Tech.....	1-0.....	1.000
Idaho.....	1-1.....	.500	Toledo.....	4-4.....	.500
Illinois.....	1-2.....	.333	Virginia.....	1-1.....	.500
Indiana.....	0-3.....	.000	West Virginia.....	0-1.....	.000
Iowa.....	1-0.....	1.000	Western Illinois.....	0-0.....	
Kent State.....	2-2.....	.500	Wisconsin.....	0-0.....	
Massachusetts.....	1-0.....	1.000	Total.....	51-47.....	.520
Miami (OH).....	3-0.....	1.000			
Michigan.....	0-2.....	.000			
Michigan State.....	0-2.....	.000			
Middle Tennessee State.....	0-0.....				
Minnesota.....	0-1.....	.000			
Missouri.....	0-1.....	.000			
Nebraska.....	0-1.....	.000			
Nicholls State.....	2-0.....	1.000			

