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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign, III.

Founded: 1867 Enrollment: 60,848 Nickname: Fighting Illini Colors: Orange and Blue Conference: Big Ten President: Timothy L. Killeen Chancellor: Charles L. Isbell Jr. Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman

HISTORY

First Year of Basketball: 1906 All-Time Record: 1,929-1,074 (.642) **All-Time Big Ten Record**: 1,015-766 (.570) NCAA Tournament Appearances / Last: 35 / 2025 All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 46-36 (.561) NCAA Final Four Appearances / Last: 5 / 2005 Big Ten Championships / Last: 18 / 2022 Big Ten Tournament Championships / Last: 4 / 2024

Arena (Capacity): State Farm Center (15,544)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Brad Underwood, 9th year Alma Mater, Year: Kansas State University '86 **Record at Illinois / Years:** 165-101 (.620) / 8 Career Record / Years: 274-128 (.682) / 12 Associate Head Coach: Orlando Antigua Assistant Coaches: Geoff Alexander, Tyler Underwood, Camryn Crocker, Zach Hamer Strength and Conditioning Coach: Adam Fletcher Associate AD/Chief of Staff: Joey Biggs Assistant to the Head Coach: Kevin Kruger **Director of Strategy and Analytics:** Patrick Bittle **Director of Operations and Recruiting:** Kwa Jones **Director of Player Personnel:** Neel Ganta Video Coordinator/Director of Technology: JC Keller Athletic Trainer: Justin Games

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2024-25 Record: 22-13 Big Ten Record / Finish: 12-8 / t-7th Postseason: NCAA Round of 32

TEAM INFORMATION

Final Ranking: RV-AP / RV-Coaches Starters Returning / Lost: 3 / 2

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: 5 / 7 Starters Returning (3): Kylan Boswell, Tomislav Ivisic. Ben Humrichous

Other Letterwinners Returning (2): Jake Davis, AI Redd

Others Returning (2): Ty Rodgers, Jason Jakstys Newcomers (7): Andrej Stojakovic, Zvonimir Ivisic, Mihailo Petrovic, David Mirkovic, Keaton Wagler, Brandon Lee, Blake Fagbemi

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's only land grant university, dedicated to building on its tradition of excellence in education, research and public engagement. True to its commitment to provide access to top quality higher education, Illinois regularly ranks among the top public universities in the world.

Nearly 2,000 faculty members lead 60,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in a process of discovery and learning in 15 colleges and schools and more than 150 research centers and institutes.

Illinois faculty members and alumni win the most prestigious national and international awards, including Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships, Grammy Awards, Tony Awards and National Medals of Science.

Illinois provides a diverse learning environment with students and faculty members from every state, more than 100 nations and a choice of 150 undergraduate majors. Students have opportunities ranging from participating in research or studying abroad, to leading one of more than 1,000 registered student organizations. Illinois is also consistently ranked one of the most disability friendly campuses in the nation.

Campus resources include one of the world's largest public university libraries, with its online resources

ILLINOIS INNOVATIONS

1867 — creation of the University of Illinois (then known as Illinois Industrial University)

1876 — establishment of the oldest continuous soil fertility research plots in the Unites States. the Morrow Plots

1922 — invention of sound on film

 $1947-creation\ of\ the\ first\ multi-disciplinary\ special\ education\ research\ unit$

1948 — start of the first post-secondary disability support service program in the world (DRES)

1952 — construction of the pioneering ILLIAC, the first digital computer built and owned by an educational institution

1952 — development of the first commercial sweet corn

1960 — creation of PLATO, the world's first shared computer-based education system

1962 — invention of the first visible LED by alumnus Nick Holonyak Jr.

1972 — Nobel Prize to John Bardeen for the Theory of Superconductivity

1977 — discovery of Archaea, the third domain of life

1993 — development of Mosaic, the first graphical browser

1998 — creation of PayPal (co-founded by Illinois alumni)

2001 — development of self-healing plastics

2003 — Nobel Prize to Paul Lauterbur for nuclear magnetic resonance imaging

2003 — Nobel Prize to Tony Leggett for theories of superfluidity

2005 — development of a stretchable silicon used to build high-performance electronic devices

2005 — invention of YouTube (co-founded by Illinois alumni)

2012 — activation of Blue Waters, the world's most powerful academic supercomputer

2015 — creation of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

and prized rare book collections, including the earliest specimen of printing in the world, the oldest book printed in moveable type and the first folio of Shakespeare.

World-class research facilities include the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Beckman Institute and the Siebel Center for Computer Science. The campus community also enjoys outstanding centers for the arts like the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and the Krannert Art Museum. Illinois is also home to 21 NCAA men's and women's sports teams.

In its rankings for 2026, U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges rated Illinois as the No. 12 public university and the No. 36 national university.

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STATE FARM CENTER



Illinois has an outstanding home in State Farm Center. Known as Assembly Hall from its construction in 1963 to 2013, the iconic arena was renamed State Farm Center on April 29, 2013, with the announcement of a 30-year, \$60 million naming rights agreement. State Farm Center underwent a complete renovation from 2014-16, dubbed the Illinois Renaissance. The \$169.5-million project included a renovated seating bowl; the addition of four levels of premium seating; improved restrooms and concessions; a team hall of fame; air conditioning and many other amenities. Construction occurred around each Fighting Illini basketball season, with the project completed in the fall of 2016.

The historic building opened on March 2, 1963, and continues to attract attention for its design and construction. Four hundred feet across, it at one time was one of only two edge-supported domes in the world. The roof is supported by 614 miles of one-quarter inch steel wire wrapped at the base of the dome under intensive pressure. The architect was Max Abramovitz, a distinguished University of Illinois alumnus.

Illinois opened play at State Farm Center on March 4, 1963, with a 79-73 victory over Northwestern. Since that first game, the Illini have accumulated a 701-197 (.781) record. Illinois has sold out a total of 308 games at State Farm Center. UI has ranked in the top 25 nationally in home attendance 44 of the last 46 years, including 11th during the 2024-25 season. Fans help turn State Farm Center into a sea of orange for every Illini home game, with practically every person in attendance proudly wearing orange. That, combined with the Orange Krush student cheering section surrounding the court, gives the Illini one of the best home court advantages in the country.

Seating capacity for Fighting Illini basketball following State Farm Center renovations is 15,544.



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The University of Illinois record book is your source for information on the Fighting Illini men's basketball program. The Athletics Communication staff is here to help you in your coverage of Illinois Basketball. Don't hesitate to call any member of our staff if you need assistance during the course of the year.

To ensure you are receiving the latest information, confirm with Illinois SID Derrick Burson that you are on the primary basketball media distribution list (email: burson@illinois.edu).

HOME GAME CREDENTIALS

Media and photo credential and parking requests for Illinois home games should be made online at fightingillini.com/media. Media season credential requests should be made by Nov. 1. Single-game requests should be made at least one week prior to the date of the game. Single-game credentials must be picked up prior to the game at media will-call.

Illinois associate athletics director Derrick Burson will review each application and individuals will receive an email notification following that review. No credential requests will be accepted over the phone.

Due to limitations in seating numbers, all requests will be prioritized according to published circulation numbers. Be specific when requesting the type of credential needed, either media or photo. Any non-working people in possession of a media credential will be asked to turn over the credential and leave the press area. Spouses, dates, non-workers and children are not permitted in the press seating areas. Media agencies that violate this policy may not be issued credentials for future games.

ROAD/NEUTRAL SITE CREDENTIALS

Illinois media will be informed of the specific policies for credentials at each road/neutral site game by Illinois SID Derrick Burson. The process at each site varies between media making their own requests through an online system or via email, or with Burson collecting traveling media credential requests and submitting to the host school.

The specific number of credentials to be issued to Illinois media will vary for each game, and due to limited space will be prioritized in the same fashion as a home game.

CREDENTIAL USE

Working credentials are subject in all respects to the Media Credential Criteria and Policies set forth by the Big Ten Conference and University of Illinois as in effect from time to time. Working credentials are issued for the sole purpose of providing facility access to an accredited agency's employee who has a legitimate working function (media or game service) in conjunction with this game or games. It is non-transferable and non-assignable and any duplication or alteration of this document is prohibited. Any unauthorized use of the credential subjects the bearer to ejection from the facility and prosecution for criminal trespass.

Any secondary use of any picture, photograph, audio description, video, film/tape, drawing or other description of a game taken or made by the accredited organization or individual to whom this credential has been issued (including, but not limited to use in delayed editorial or non-editorial advertising, sales promotion or merchandising) is prohibited without prior specific written approval of the University of Illinois or the Big Ten Conference. Nothing in these terms and conditions authorizes or allows bearer to violate any of the trademarks, copyright and other proprietary rights of the University of Illinois or the Big Ten Conference. A maximum of two minutes (2:00) of game video footage (without audio) may be utilized during the one-week period following the conclusion of the game solely within regularly scheduled bona fide news programming distributed via television, and may not be distributed via the internet, wireless or other forms of media.

LIVE IN-GAME BLOGGING AND ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

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

WEBSITES

Media credentials are issued for individuals who are affiliated with websites for national or regional television and news media organizations, for institutions that are conference members and non-conference opponents, for the Big Ten Conference. The University of Illinois reserves the right to deny media credentials to any individual whose website is not affiliated with an official news-gathering organization.

STATE FARM CENTER

State Farm Center will open to the media two-and-a-half hours before each game. The Northeast Entrance is the entry point for all media. Once you enter the arena, turn left and at your first left take the stairs or elevator down one flight to the media room (located on Mezzanine Level). Wireless internet access is available in the media room where all press can work pregame and postgame.

PARKING

A limited number of media parking passes are available for men's basketball games at State Farm Center. Media parking passes will be issued for either the Northeast Lot, located on Fourth Street, or Lot E-14, located between First and Oak streets. The issuance of passes will be done on a priority basis with media who cover the University of Illinois basketball team on a regular basis holding the highest priority. Requests will then be prioritized according to circulation for newspapers/websites and

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coverage area for radio and television. To avoid game traffic, media are encouraged to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to tip-off.

WI-FI

IllinoisNet_Guest is the wireless internet network all media will use. Access to this network is available throughout State Farm Center, including the media work room and all press seating areas inside the arena.

All devices must connect using the 5GHz band, as 2.4GHz frequency is not available in the arena. Some older laptops will not have the ability to connect to 5GHz. Media should confirm with their organization's IT department in advance that they can connect to Wi-Fi using 5GHz. If a device does not have 5GHz capability, media will need to bring a cellular hotspot.

Media having trouble connecting to the IllinoisNet_ Guest network should refer to the step-by-step instructional sheet available at the arena. Please contact a UI Athletics Communication representative if wireless assistance is still needed.

PHOTOGRAPHY

All photographers must work from within the designated areas behind the baselines of the playing court. The University of Illinois follows NCAA and Big Ten guidelines regarding event photography. Photo locations for participating teams and primary media outlets are assigned by the UI Athletics Communication Office, with remaining spots available on a first-come, first-served, basis until all positions are taken.

All photographs are to be used in coverage of Illinois basketball and cannot be sold for any commercial enterprise benefiting the photographer. Should photos be sold commercially, credential privileges could be terminated.

POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCES

The University of Illinois will utilize the media room, located on the Mezzanine Level on the Northeast side of State Farm Center, for postgame press conferences.

Following the game and a brief cooling off period, press conference order will typically begin with the visiting head coach, followed by select Illinois student-athletes, and concluding with Illinois head coach Brad Underwood.

If no media who cover the visiting team are in attendance, the visiting coach will typically not participate in the press conference.

Interviews with student-athletes from the visiting team — and the visiting coach when not participating in the press conference — must be arranged through the visiting team SID. Those interviews will be conducted in the north tunnel outside the visiting team locker room.

Illinois' postgame for road/neutral site games will begin with an Underwood press conference and follow

with selected players outside the visiting team locker room.

POSTGAME INFORMATION

Media are strongly encouraged to use the official University of Illinois athletics website, <u>fightingillini.com</u> to access the box score after home games. Updated Illinois season statistics also will be available online following each game.

Media can access the direct livestats feed of all home games at illinois.statbroadcast.com.

All persons wishing to receive releases, stats, or box scores should retrieve the information off the official UI athletics website at fightingillini.com. To receive releases via email, contact Derrick Burson.

MEDIA BOX

In addition to information on fightingillini.com, the Illinois SID office has also created a Media Box where media can download all materials necessary for covering Fighting Illini Basketball. The media box contains press conference videos, game notes, box scores, season and career statistics, action photos, headshots, team photos, record book, rosters, pronunciations guides, logos, and more. Please contact Derrick Burson for access to the Media Box.

INTERVIEW POLICIES

All interview requests for Illinois players, head coach Brad Underwood and members of the coaching staff must be cleared in advance through Derrick Burson in the Illinois Athletics Communication Office. Please give at least 24 hours advance notice for interview requests. Student-athletes are not available on the day of scheduled competition until after the event is completed. Players have been instructed not to talk to media who have not coordinated their requests through Athletics Communication.

COACH UNDERWOOD INTERVIEWS

The media will have an opportunity to interview Brad Underwood prior to every game, typically the day before the game, although the travel schedule could impact that in rare occasions.

Prior to the majority of home games, Underwood will hold a press conference in the media room at State Farm Center.

Prior to road/neutral site games — and home games when the team is not able to practice at State Farm Center due to arena scheduling conflicts — Underwood will hold media availability at the Ubben Basketball Practice Complex.

Media will be alerted to the specific time for each pregame availability via email from Burson.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Select players will be available to the media prior to every game on one designated day, either before or after practice, at a time and location to be dictated by the practice and travel schedule.

Prior to each home game, select players will be available on the court at State Farm Center, or in the tunnel area if the court is not available.

Prior to road/neutral site games, select players will be available at the Ubben Basketball Practice Complex.

Media will be alerted to the day, time and location of player interviews via email from Derrick Burson.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Most practices will be held at the Ubben Basketball Practice Complex, except for days when the team will practice at State Farm Center. Practices are generally closed, although media could be allowed the opportunity to watch portions of practice periodically throughout the season at the discretion of the head coach.

No video or photos of practice are permitted. Please note that ALL team areas at both State Farm Center and Ubben — including locker room, film room, weight room and training room — are off limits to members of the media.

Illinois' game day shootarounds are closed to the media and only available to the television announcers broadcasting the game.

FIGHTINGILLINI.COM

Illinois releases, statistics, audio and video of press conferences and live radio coverage of Fighting Illini games are available on the official University of Illinois athletics website, fightingillini.com. In addition to men's basketball, live audio and video is available for football, women's basketball, volleyball and baseball, and the coaches' radio show broadcasts.

BRAD UNDERWOOD RADIO SHOW

The Brad Underwood Radio Show airs statewide on the Fighting Illini Sports Network. The show originates from Papa Del's Pizza Factory in Champaign and is hosted by Illini play-by-play announcer Brian Barnhart. It airs in-season most Mondays from 7-8 p.m. A complete schedule of the show will be listed in the weekly basketball notes update.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Fighting Illini fans can get all the latest news on the basketball team via the official social media accounts:

X @IlliniMBB
Instagram @IlliniMBB
Facebook /IlliniMBasketball

BUSEY BANK ILLINI SPORTS NETWORK







(L-R): Brian Barnhart and former Illini greats Deon Thomas and Doug Altenberger will broadcast all the action this season on the Fighting Illini Sports Network.

The 56-station Busey Bank Illini Sports Network brings Illinois basketball to fans across the state and Midwest with Brian Barnhart, Deon Thomas and Doug Altenberger calling the action from courtside.

Barnhart is in his 24th season as the "Voice of the Illini" after a long stint in professional baseball, including two years as the play-by-play voice of the Anaheim Angels. Barnhart serves as the voice of the Busey Bank Illini Sports Network, providing play-by-play coverage of football and men's basketball and as the host of the statewide coaches call-in programs held weekly during the season.

A native of nearby Tolono, Barnhart graduated from Unity High School and Liberty University before beginning a 15-year career in professional baseball in 1986. He served as the play-by-play voice of the Lynchburg Mets and Salem Buccaneers before moving up to the Oklahoma City 89ers, the Class AAA affiliate of the Texas Rangers, from 1988-94. Barnhart did high school football and other sport play-by-play for 11 years and was also the voice for Oklahoma Baptist basketball from 1992-94 and Oklahoma City Blazers minor league hockey in 1993. From 1996-98, he handled news, sports and play-by-play at WWLS in Oklahoma City.

In 1998, Barnhart was named the play-by-play announcer for the Angels and spent two full seasons with the American League club before returning to the Champaign-Urbana area in 2000. He currently is a news and sports announcer at WDWS-AM 1400 in Champaign.

During the 2007 season, Barnhart was honored by the Illinois Broadcasters Association with the Silver Dome Award for Best Sports Play-by-Play for his call of Illinois' football upset of No. 1 Ohio State. He received the Silver Dome again in 2008 for his call of the Illini's ninth straight Braggin' Rights win over Missouri, and earned a third-straight Silver Dome in 2009 for his play-by-play description of Illinois' school-record come-from-behind win at Clemson. Barnhart was named the 2008 Illinois Sportscaster of the

Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, becoming just the second downstate sportscaster to win the award since 1959.

Former UI standouts Thomas and Altenberger are in their ninth season with the Busey Bank Illini Sports Network, splitting the season schedule to handle expert analyst duties.

The all-time leading scorer in Illinois history, Thomas registered 2,129 points during his four-year tenure from 1991-94. He also finished his career ranking second on the UI all-time rebounds list with 846 (now fourth) and as Illinois' leader in blocked shots with 177 (now second). The Chicago native was a three-time team MVP and four-time All-Big Ten selection, and was a 2019 inductee into the Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame.

Altenberger starred for the Fighting Illini from 1983-87, amassing 1,271 points to currently rank 28th on the career scoring list. He was named team MVP as a junior in 1985 and was the Illini's second-leading scorer as a senior in 1987, averaging 13.6 points while shooting 47.5 percent from 3-point range.

The statewide Busey Bank Illini Sports Network is managed by Fighting Illini Sports Properties and encompasses all sponsorship and operational elements. Busey Bank Illini Sports Network programming includes pregame and postgame shows around live football and men's basketball games, plus coverage of women's basketball, volleyball and baseball, along with the "Illini Today" daily report.

The "Brad Underwood Show" can be heard in-season, statewide on the Busey Bank Illini Sports Network on Mondays at 7 p.m.



Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3 Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570 Alton, WBGZ-FM 94.3/FM 107.1 Anna, WIBH-AM 1440 Anna, WIBH-FM 102.5 Bloomington-Normal, WWHX-FM 100.7 Carthage, WCAZ-AM 1510 Carthage, WCAZ-FM 99.1 Cartinage, WCAZ-FM 99.1 Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400 Champaign, WDWS-FM 93.9 Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5 Chicago, WLS-AM 890 Danville, WDAN-AM 1490 Danville, WDAN-AM 102.1 Davenport, IA, WFXN-AM 1230 Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340 Dwight, WJEZ-FM 98.9 Effingham-Mattoon, WHQQ-FM 98.9 Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390 Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400 Galesburg, WGIL-FM 93.7 Greenville, WPMB-FM 102.7 Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550 Jacksonville, WJIL-FM 97.1 Jacksonville, WJV0-FM 102.9 Jacksonville, WJV0-FM 102.9 Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480 Jerseyville, WJBM-FM 104.7 Litchfield, WAOX-FM 105.3 Marion, WGGH-AM 1150 Marion, WGGH-FM 98.1 Marshall, WMMC-FM 105.9 Mt. Carmel, WSJD-FM 100.5 Murphysboro, WINI-AM 1420 Murphysboro, WINI-FM 93.5 Paxton, WPXN-FM 104.9 Peoria, WZPN-FM 101.1 Quincy, WTAD-AM 930 Quincy, WTAD-FM 103.3 Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570 Robinson, WTAY-FM 94.3 Rockford, WROK-AM 1440 Rockford, WROK-FM 96.1 Rushville, WKXQ-FM 92.5 Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1 Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230 Sparta, WHCO-FM 97.3 Springfield, WFMB-AM 1450 Springfield, WCVS-FM 96.7 St. Louis, MO, KFNS-AM 590 Taylorville-Tower Hill-Shelbyville, WMKR-FM 104.1 Taylorville-Tower Hill-Shelbyville, WMKR-FM 94.3-2 Vandalia, KPMB-AM 1500 Vandalia, WPMB-FM 102.7 Vandalia, WPMB-FM 104.7 Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1





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OPPONENT INFORMATION

JACKSON STATE

gojsutigers.com

Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center **Baskethall SID:** Travis Jarome

Email: travis.j.jarome@jsums.edu
Head Coach: Mo Williams (4th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 16-18, 14-4 (2nd)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 5-0

FLORIDA GULF COAST

fgcuathletics.com

Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m., Peacock // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: Katie Cribbs Email: kcribbs@fgcu.edu

Head Coach: Pat Chambers (4th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 19-15, 13-5 (3rd)

All-Time Series: First meeting

TEXAS TECH

texastech.com

Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., FS1 // State Farm Center **Basketball SID:** Wes Bloomquist **Email:** wes.bloomquist@ttu.edu

Head Coach: Grant McCasland (3rd year)
2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 28-9. 15-5 (2nd)

All-Time Series: First meeting

COLGATE

colgateathletics.com

Nov. 14, 8 p.m., B1G+ // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: Ashley Hudak Email: ahudak@colgate.edu

Head Coach: Matt Langel (15th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 14-19, 10-8 (t-3rd)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 5-0

ALABAMA

rolltide.com

Nov. 19, 8 p.m., FS1 // United Center, Chicago, III.

Basketball SID: Steven Gonzalez Email: sgonzalez@ia.ua.edu Head Coach: Nate Oats (6th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 28-9, 13-5 (3rd)

All-Time Series: Alabama leads 4-1

LONG ISLAND

<u>liuathletics.com</u>

Nov. 22, TBA, BTN or B1G+ // State Farm Center

Baskethall SID: lan Bivona Email: ian.bivona@liu.edu

Head Coach: Rod Strickland (4th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 17-16, 12-4 (2nd)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 1-0

UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY

goutrgv.com

Nov. 24, 7 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center **Basketball SID:** Danny Elizondo

Email: daniel.elizondo@utrgv.edu
Head Coach: Kahil Fennell (1st year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 16-15, 8-12 (9th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 5-0

UCONN

uconnhuskies.com

Sentinel One Showdown

Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m., FOX // Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.

Basketball SID: Bobby Mullen Email: robert.mullen@uconn.edu Head Coach: Dan Hurley (8th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 24-11, 14-6 (3rd)

All-Time Series: UConn leads 3-1

TENNESSEE

<u>utsports.com</u>

Music City Madness

Dec. 6, 7 p.m., ESPN $\,/\!/\,$ Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

Basketball SID: Alex Schwartz Email: aschwa26@tennessee.edu Head Coach: Rick Barnes (11th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 30-8, 12-6 (4th)

All-Time Series: Tennessee leads 4-1

MISSOURI

mutigers.com

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Dec. 22, 7 p.m., FS1 // Enterprise Arena, St. Louis, Mo.

Basketball SID: Jason Veniskey Email: jveniskey@missouri.edu Head Coach: Dennis Gates (4th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 22-12, 10-8 (t-6th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 35-20
Games in St. Louis: Illinois leads 28-15
Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 4-1
Games at Missouri: Tied 3-3

Neutral Games Not in St. Louis: Missouri leads 1-0

Current Series Streak: Illinois W-2

Longest Illinois W-Streak: 9 (12/21/2000-12/23/2008)

Longest Missouri W-Streak: 4, twice (last, 12/23/2009-12/22/2012)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 32 (82-50), 12/21/2005 at STL Largest Missouri Win Margin: 22 (93-71), 12/22/2022 at STL

Underwood vs. Missouri: 4-4 Gates vs. Illinois: 1-2

SOUTHERN

gojagsports.com

Dec. 29, 2 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: rodney_kirschner@subr.edu

Email: rodney_kirschner@subr.edu

Head Coach: Kevin Johnson (3rd year)
2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 20-12, 15-3 (1st)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 2-0

INDIANA

iuhoosiers.com

Feb. 15, 12 p.m., CBS // State Farm Center

Baskethall SID: Charlie Duffy Email: csduffy@iu.edu

Head Coach: Jared DeVries (1st year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 19-13, 10-10 (9th)

All-Time Series: Indiana leads 96-93 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 55-35 Games at Indiana: Indiana leads 58-32 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 6-3 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-2

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-1
Current Series Streak at Indiana: Illinois W-1
Longest Illinois W-Streak: 8 (2/23/1912-1/23/1923)
Longest Indiana W-Streak: 9 (2/22/1972-1/8/1977)
Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 11 (1/20/1906-1/17/1925)

Longest Indiana Home W-Streak: 7 (1/27/2011-1/3/2019)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 3, three times (last, 2/29/1988-3/11/1990)

Longest Indiana Road W-Streak: 5 (2/20/1971-1/17/1976) Largest Illinois Win Margin: 31 (76-45), 1/10/2009 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 24 (94-69), 1/14/2025 Largest Indiana Win Margin: 40 (107-67), 2/19/1974 at IND Largest Indiana Road Win Margin: 28 (83-55), 1/17/1976

Underwood vs. Indiana: 7-6 DeVries vs. Illinois: 0-0

IOW

<u>hawkeyesports.com</u>

Jan. 11, 11 a.m. or 3:30 p.m., FOX $\,/\!/\,$ lowa City, lowa

Basketball SID: James Allen Email: james-allan@uiowa.edu Head Coach: Ben McCollum (1st year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 17-16, 7-13 (t-12th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 94-77

Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 67-17 Games at Iowa: Iowa leads 57-24

Neutral Games: Tied, 3-3

Current Series Streak: Illinois W-4 Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-5

Current Series Streak at Iowa: Illinois W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 7 (3/1/2008-2/26/2012) Longest Iowa W-Streak: 6 (1/4/1975-2/24/1977)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 17 (2/28/1931-2/14/1953)
Longest Iowa Home W-Streak: 10 (3/6/1965-2/24/1977)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 3, twice (last, 3/1/2008-12/29/2010)

Longest Iowa Road W-Streak: 3 (3/8/1975-1/15/1977) Largest Illinois Win Margin: 33 (118-85), 3/4/1990 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 23 (74-51), 2/20/1954 Largest Iowa Win Margin: 25 (95-70), 1/4/1975 at IOWA Largest Iowa Road Win Margin: 19 (89-70), 2/21/1955

Underwood vs. Iowa: 9-6 McCollum vs. Illinois: 0-0

MARYLAND

umterps.com

Jan. 21, 6 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center March 8, 2 p.m., FOX // College Park, Md.

Baskethall SID: John Sinnett **Email:** jsinnett@umd.edu

Head Coach: Buzz Williams (1st year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 27-9, 14-6 (t-2nd)

All-Time Series: Maryland leads 17-8 Games at Illinois: Maryland leads 7-2 Games at Maryland: Maryland leads 7-2 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 4-3

Current Series Streak: Maryland W-2 Current Series Streak at Illinois: Maryland W-2 Current Series Streak at Maryland: Illinois W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 3 (11/19/2010-1/17/2015)

Longest Maryland W-Streak: 4 (3/3/2016-12/3/2017) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 1, twice (last, 1/6/2022)

Longest Maryland Home W-Streak: 5 (3/3/2016-12/2/2022)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 1, twice (last, 2/17/2024-current)

Longest Maryland Road W-Streak: 4 (1/14/2017-1/10/2021)
Largest Illinois Win Margin: 12 (76-64), 1/6/2022 at ILL
Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 9 (71-62), 11/29/2011
Largest Maryland Win Margin: 26 (81-55), 3/3/2016 at MD
Largest Maryland Road Win Margin: 21 (91-70), 1/23/2025

Underwood vs. Maryland at Illinois: 3-9 Underwood vs. Maryland All-Time: 3-10

Williams vs. Illinois: 0-0

MICHIGAN

mgoblue.com

Feb. 27, 7 p.m., FOX // Champaign, III.

Baskethall SID: Tom Wywrot Email: twywrot@umich.edu Head Coach: Dusty May (2nd year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 27-10, 14-6 (t-2nd)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 96-85 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 60-28 Games at Michigan: Michigan leads 52-34 Neutral Games: Michigan leads 5-2 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-9

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-4
Current Series Streak at Michigan: Illinois W-5
Longest Illinois W-Streak: 11 (2/9/2000-1/14/2006)
Longest Michigan W-Streak: 9 (1/18/1992-1/9/1996)
Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 13 (3/3/1996-2/16/2011)
Longest Michigan Home W-Streak: 8 (3/3/1975-2/6/1982)
Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 5 (1/25/2020-current)
Longest Michigan Road W-Streak: 4 (1/18/1992-1/17/1995)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 30, twice; (96-66), 12/15/1952

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at ILL & (92-62), 2/9/1953 at MICH

Largest Michigan Win Margin: 31 (84-53), 3/4/2014 at ILL Largest Michigan Home Win Margin: 26 (42-16), 2/25/1922

Underwood vs. Michigan at Illinois: 9-2 Underwood vs. Michigan All-Time: 9-3 May vs. Illinois at Michigan: 0-1 May vs. Illinois All-Time: 0-2

MICHIGAN STATE

msuspartans.com

Feb. 7, 7 p.m., FOX // East Lansing, Mich. **Basketball SID:** Mex Carey

Email: carey@ath.msu.edu
Head Coach: Tom Izzo (30th year)

 $\textbf{2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: } 30\text{--}7, \ 17\text{--}3 \ (1\text{st})$

All-Time Series: Michigan State leads 67-64
Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 42-22
Games at MSU: Michigan State leads 42-21
Neutral Games: Michigan State leads 3-1
Current Series Streak: Michigan State W-3

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Michigan State W-1 Current Series Streak at Michigan State: Michigan State W-2 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 7 (1/5/1987-1/18/1990)

Longest Michigan St. W-Streak: 10 (1/14/1974-2/25/1978) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 7 (1/11/1979-1/12/1985) Longest Michigan St. Home W-Streak: 8 (2/8/1972-2/2/1980) Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 3 (3/7/1987-2/16/1989) Longest Michigan St. Road W-Streak: 5 (1/14/1974-1/12/1978)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 32 (121-89), 3/9/1965 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 19 (75-56), 2/16/1989 Largest Michigan St. Win Margin: 25, twice; (91-66), 1/30/2000

at MSU & (79-54), 1/7/2016 at MSU Largest Michigan St. Road Win Margin: 16 (78-62), 1/18/2014 Underwood vs. Michigan State: 5-8

Izzo vs. Illinois: 30-22

MINNESOTA

gophersports.com

Jan. 17, 11 a.m., BTN // State Farm Center Basketball SID: Michelle Traversie Email: traen001@umn.edu

Head Coach: Niko Medved (1st year)

 $\textbf{2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record:} \ 15\text{-}17, \ 7\text{-}13 \ (t\text{-}12th)$

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 131-68
Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 76-19
Games at Minnesota: Illinois leads 49-48
Neutral Games: Illinois leads 6-1
Current Series Streak: Illinois W-8

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-5
Current Series Streak at Minnesota: Illinois W-4
Longest Illinois W-Streak: 20 (3/4/1999-3/15/2008)
Longest Minnesota W-Streak: 9 (2/27/1971-2/2/1976)
Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 16 (2/1/1979-2/22/1995)

Longest Minnesota Home W-Streak: 6, twice (last, 1/25/1992-2/3/1999)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 8 (2/17/2000-2/12/2008) Longest Minnesota Road W-Streak: 4 (2/19/1973-2/2/1976) Largest Illinois Win Margin: 36 (86-50), 2/11/1988 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 31 (94-63), 2/20/2021 at MINN Largest Minnesota Win Margin: 39 (42-3), 1/31/1907 at MINN Largest Minnesota Road Win Margin: 20, twice; (29-9),

3/3/1919 & (72-52), 2/25/1974 Underwood vs. Minnesota: 9-2 Medved vs. Illinois: 0-0

NEBRASKA

huskers.com

Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Peacock // State Farm Center Feb. 1, 3 p.m., FS1 // Lincoln, Neb. Basketball SID: Shamus McKnight

Basketball SID: Shamus McKnight Email: smcknight@huskers.com Head Coach: Fred Hoiberg (7th year) **2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record:** 21-14, 7-13 (t-12th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 23-9 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 15-2 Games at Nebraska: Illinois leads 7-6

Neutral Games: Tied, 1-1

Current Series Streak: Nebraska W-1 Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-6

Current Series Streak at Hillions W-0 Current Series Streak at Nebraska: Nebraska W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 9 (2/2/2019-3/16/2024)

Longest Nebraska W-Streak: 1, nine times (last,

1/30/2025-current)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 9 (1/3/1921-3/4/2015) Longest Nebraska Home W-Streak: 2, twice

(last, 1/15/2018-12/2/2018)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 3 (2/12/2021-1/10/2023)
Longest Nebraska Road W-Streak: 1, twice (last, 1/16/2016)
Largest Illinois Win Margin: 42 (69-27), 12/12/1942 at ILL
Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 26 (76-50), 1/10/2023
Largest Nebraska Win Margin: 27 (100-73), 11/24/1990 at San Juan
Largest Nebraska Home Win Margin: 23 (80-57), 2/18/2012
Largest Nebraska Road Win Margin: 11 (78-67), 1/16/2016

Underwood vs. Nebraska: 10-3 Hoiberg vs. Illinois: 1-8

NORTHWESTERN

nusports.com

Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., BTN // Evanston, III. Feb. 4, 8 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center Basketball SID: Jacob Pavilack

Email: jacob.pavilack@northwestern.edu **Head Coach:** Chris Collins (13th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 17-16, 7-13 (t-12th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 145-45 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 75-14 Games at Northwestern: Illinois leads 65-31 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 5-0

Current Series Streak: Illinois W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-9

 $\textbf{Current Series Streak at Northwestern:} \ \ \textbf{Northwestern:} \ \ \textbf{W-3}$

Longest Illinois W-Streak: 16, twice (last, 2/4/1984-3/2/1991)

Longest Northwestern W-Streak: 3, twice (last. 2/7/1966-1/10/1967)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 19 (1/5/1980-2/18/1998) Longest Northwestern Home W-Streak: 3, three times

(last, 1/4/2023-current)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 12 (2/28/1980-3/2/1991)
Longest Northwestern Road W-Streak: 2, four times

(last, 2/5/2012-1/17/2013)

 $\textbf{Largest Illinois Win Margin:}\ 42,\ twice;\ (99\text{-}57),\ 3/8/1995$

at ILL & (86-44), 2/27/1943 at NU

 $\textbf{Largest Northwestern Win Margin:} \ 16 \ (88-72), \ 3/8/1958 \ at \ NU \\ \textbf{Largest Northwestern Road Win Margin:} \ 15 \ (85-70), \ 3/9/1971 \\$

Underwood vs. Northwestern: 11-5

Collins vs. Illinois: 7-15

OHIO STATE

ohiostatebuckeyes.com

Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., Peacock // Columbus, Ohio

Basketball SID: Gary Petit Email: petit.38@osu.edu

Head Coach: Jake Diebler (2nd year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 17-15, 9-11 (10th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 112-82 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 64-29 Games at Ohio State: Ohio State leads 50-44 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 4-3

Current Series Streak: Illinois W-3

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-2 Current Series Streak at Ohio State: Illinois W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 12 (1/21/1950-2/11/1956) Longest Ohio State W-Streak: 7 (2/19/1977-2/16/1980)
Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 12 (1/13/1947-1/3/1959)
Longest Ohio State Home W-Streak: 8 (3/2/2010-2/4/2018)
Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 6 (1/30/1993-1/28/1998)
Longest Ohio State Road W-Streak: 4 (2/19/1977-1/24/1980)
Largest Illinois Win Margin: 47 (111-64), 2/11/1956 at ILL
Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 24 (38-14), 1/8/1917
Largest Ohio State Win Margin: 34 (89-55), 1/19/1991 at OSU
Largest Ohio State Road Win Margin: 29 (95-66), 3/11/1961
Underwood vs. Ohio State: 7-6
Diebler vs. Illinois: 0-2

OREGON

goducks.com

March 3, 8 p.m., Peacock // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: Will Patterson Email: willpatt@uoregon.edu Head Coach: Dana Altman (16th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 25-10, 12-8 (t-7th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 5-2 Games at Illinois: 0-0

Games at Illinois: 0-0
Games at Oregon: Illinois leads 1-0
Neutral Games: Illinois leads 4-2
Current Series Streak: Illinois: W-1
Current Series Streak at Illinois: N/A
Current Series Streak at Oregon: Illinois W-1
Longest Illinois W-Streak: 4 (12/29/1977-12/10/2005)
Longest Oregon W-Streak: 2 (12/14/2013-12/13/2014)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: N/A Longest Oregon Home W-Streak: 0

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 1 (1/2/2025-current)

Longest Oregon Road W-Streak: N/A

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 32 (109-77), 1/2/2025 at ORE

Largest Illinois Home Win Margin: N/A

Largest Oregon Win Margin: 7, twice (71-64), 12/14/2013 at Portland & (77-70), 12/13/2014 at Chicago

Largest Oregon Home Win Margin: N/A Largest Oregon Road Win Margin: N/A Underwood vs. Oregon: 1-0

Underwood vs. Oregon: 1-0 Altman vs. Illinois at Oregon: 2-1 Altman vs. Illinois All-Time: 2-2

PENN STATE

gopsusports.com

Jan. 3, 6 p.m., BTN // The Palestra, Philadelphia, Pa.

Basketball SID: Chelsea Vielhauer Email: cpv5026@psu.edu

Head Coach: Mike Rhoades (3rd year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 16-15, 6-14 (17th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 33-23 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 17-9 Games at Penn State: Illinois leads 13-12 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 3-2 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-1 Current Series Streak at Penn State: Penn State W-2 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 6 (2/20/2002-2/16/2005) Longest Penn State W-Streak: 6 (3/6/2016-3/10/2019)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 5, twice (last. 1/12/2010-1/31/2015)

Longest Penn State Home W-Streak: 3 (3/6/2016-3/10/2019) Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 4 (1/25/2003-2/24/2007)

Longest Penn State Road W-Streak: 3, twice (last, 2/11/2017-2/23/2019)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 43 (80-37), 1/21/2004 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 22 (87-65), 2/25/1997

Largest Penn State Win Margin: 22 (74-52), 2/11/2018 at ILL Largest Penn State Home Margin: 16 (72-56), 3/10/2019

Underwood vs. Penn State: 5-7 Rhoades vs. Illinois: 1-1

OPPONENT INFORMATION

PURDUE

purduesports.com

Jan 24, 2 p.m., FOX // West Lafayette, Ind.

Basketball SID: Chris Forman Email: cforman@purdue.edu

Head Coach: Matt Painter (21st year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 24-12, 13-7 (t-4th)

All-Time Series: Purdue leads 107-91 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 60-38 Games at Purdue: Purdue leads 66-29 **Neutral Games:** Purdue leads 3-2 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-1 Current Series Streak at Purdue: Purdue W-3 **Longest Illinois W-Streak:** 11 (1/9/1950-2/20/1956) Longest Purdue W-Streak: 13 (2/25/1967-2/15/1975) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 13 (1/6/1941-3/4/1961) Longest Purdue Home W-Streak: 14 (2/24/1964-1/10/1980)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 5 (2/5/51-1/16/56) Longest Purdue Road W-Streak: 6, twice

(last, 3/4/1995-1/12/2000)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 44 (98-54), 2/21/1948 at ILL **Largest Illinois Road Win Margin:** 28 (84-57), 1/28/1952 Largest Purdue Win Margin: 34 (83-49), 2/14/1970 at PUR Largest Purdue Road Win Margin: 27 (61-34), 2/15/1937

Underwood vs. Purdue: 4-7 Painter vs. Illinois: 21-11

RUTGERS

scarletknights.com

Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m., BTN // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: Chris Corso Email: ccorso@scarletknights.com **Head Coach:** Steve Pikiell (10th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 15-17, 8-12 (11th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 13-5 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 8-0 Games at Rutgers: Rutgers leads 5-3 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 2-0 Current Series Streak: Rutgers W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-8 Current Series Streak at Rutgers: Rutgers W-1

Longest Illinois W-Streak: 4. twice (last, 1/30/2018-1/11/2020) Longest Rutgers W-Streak: 2 (2/15/2020-12/20/2020) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 8 (2/3/2015-current) Longest Rutgers Home W-Streak: 3 (2/15/2020-2/16/2022)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 1, three times

(last. 12/2/2023)

Longest Rutgers Road W-Streak: N/A

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 35 (86-51), 12/3/2021 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 18 (76-58), 12/2/2023 Largest Rutgers Win Margin: 15 (72-57), 2/15/2020 at RUT Largest Rutgers Road Win Margin: N/A

Underwood vs. Rutgers: 9-4 Pikiell vs. Illinois: 5-9

UCLA

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Feb. 21, 7 p.m., FOX // Los Angeles, Calif.

Basketball SID: Alex Timiraos Email: atimiraos@athletics.ucla.edu **Head Coach:** Mick Cronin (7th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 23-11, 13-7 (t-4th)

All-Time Series: UCLA leads 6-5 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 3-1 Games at UCLA: UCLA leads 3-0 Neutral Games: Tied, 2-2 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-2

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-3 Current Series Streak at UCLA: UCLA W-3 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 2 (11/18/2022-current)

Longest UCLA W-Streak: 3 (12/4/1965-12/30/1972)

Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 3 (12/28/1951-current) Longest UCLA Home W-Streak: 3 (12/28/1963-current)

Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 0 Longest UCLA Road W-Streak: 0

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 27 (110-83), 12/4/1964 at ILL

Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: N/A

Largest UCLA Win Margin: 38 (120-82), 1/29/1967 at Chicago Largest UCLA Home Win Margin: 18 (97-79), 12/4/1965 Largest UCLA Road Win Margin: 2 (65-63), 12/23/1949

Underwood vs. UCLA at Illinois: 2-0 Underwood vs. UCLA All-Time: 2-1 Cronin vs. Illinois at UCLA: 0-2 Cronin vs. Illinois All-Time: 0-3

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Feb. 18, 9 p.m., BTN // Los Angeles, Calif.

Baskethall SID: Kristen Keller Email: kellerk@usc.edu

Head Coach: Eric Musselman (2nd year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 17-18, 7-13 (t-12th)

All-Time Series: USC leads 7-3 Games at Illinois: USC leads 2-1 Games at USC: USC leads 3-0 Neutral Games: Tied, 2-2 Current Series Streak: USC W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: USC W-1 Current Series Streak at USC: USC W-3

Longest Illinois W-Streak: 3 (12/1/1977-11/19/2012) Longest USC-Streak: 6 (12/29/1966-12/13/1975) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 1 (12/1/1977) Longest USC Home W-Streak: 3 (12/29/1966-current) Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 0

Longest USC Road W-Streak: 1, twice (12/8/1973 &

1/11/2025-current)

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 30 (94-64), 11/19/2012 at Maui Largest Illinois Home Win Margin: 23 (82-59), 12/1/1977

Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: N/A

Largest USC Win Margin: 13 (81-68), 1/29/1971 at Chicago Largest USC Home Win Margin: 4 (62-58), 12/13/1975 Largest USC Road Win Margin: 10 (82-72), 1/11/2025

Underwood vs. USC: 0-1 Musselman vs. Illinois at USC: 1-0 Musselman vs. Illinois All-Time: 2-0

WASHINGTON

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Jan. 29, 8 p.m., FS1 // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: Mitch Praxl Email: mpraxl@uw.edu

Head Coach: Danny Sprinkle (2nd year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 13-18, 4-16 (18th)

All-Time Series: Washington leads 4-3 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 1-0 Games at Washington: Tied, 2-2 Neutral Games: Washington leads 2-0 Current Series Streak: Illinois W-1

Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-1 Current Series Streak at Washington: Illinois W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 1, three times (last,

1/5/2025-current)

Longest Washington Streak: 2 (12/30/1927-12/30/1977) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 1 (12/7/1991-current) Longest Washington Home W-Streak: 1, twice (12/27/1927

& 12/30/1927) Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 1, twice (12/29/1927 & 1/5/2025-current)

Longest Washington Road W-Streak: 0

Largest Illinois Win Margin: 21 (76-55), 12/7/1991 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 10 (34-24), 12/29/1927 Largest Washington Win Margin: 13 (81-68), 12/30/1977

at Portland

Largest Washington Home Win Margin: 11 (34-23), 12/27/1927

Largest Washington Road Win Margin: N/A

Underwood vs. Washington: 1-0 Sprinkle vs. Illinois: 0-1

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Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Peacock // State Farm Center

Basketball SID: AJ Harrison Email: ah3@athletics.wisc.edu Head Coach: Greg Gard (11th year)

2024-25 Team Overall/Conf. Record: 27-10, 13-7 (t-4th)

All-Time Series: Illinois leads 119-90 Games at Illinois: Illinois leads 72-28 Games at Wisconsin: Wisconsin leads 59-43 Neutral Games: Illinois leads 4-3 Current Series Streak: Wisconsin W-1 Current Series Streak at Illinois: Illinois W-4 Current Series Streak at Wisconsin: Wisconsin W-1 Longest Illinois W-Streak: 16 (2/12/1981-1/12/1989) **Longest Wisconsin W-Streak:** 15 (1/15/2011-2/18/2019) Longest Illinois Home W-Streak: 13 (2/4/1982-2/27/1994)

Longest Wisconsin Home W-Streak: 8, twice (last, 1/15/2011-2/18/2019) Longest Illinois Road W-Streak: 10 (1/18/1979-1/16/1988)

Longest Wisconsin Road W-Streak: 7 (1/22/2012-1/23/2019) Largest Illinois Win Margin: 39 (93-54), 2/16/1959 at ILL Largest Illinois Road Win Margin: 28 (99-71), 2/19/1955 Largest Wisconsin Win Margin: 34 (47-13), 2/1/1907 at WIS Largest Wisconsin Road Win Margin: 17 (73-56), 1/25/1997

Underwood vs. Wisconsin: 9-5° Gard vs. Illinois: 8-9

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