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#4/4 UCLA BRUINS
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ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (6-3)

Sept. 3	UAB	W, 42-23
Sept. 12	Duke *Hall of Fame Weekend*	L, 27-31
Sept. 19	Southern Illinois	W, 48-10
Sept. 26	at #7/7 Ohio State	L, 19-42
Oct. 3	Purdue *Homecoming / Hail to the Orange Out*	L, 17-24
Oct. 10	at Michigan State	W, 38-37 (OT)
Oct. 24	#-/25 Oregon *Military Appreciation*	W, 21-10
Oct. 31	at Maryland	W, 20-17
Nov. 6	Nebraska *Dads Day / Hail to the Blue Out*	W, 24-13
Nov. 13	at #4/4 UCLA	8 p.m. CT (FOX)
Nov. 21	#16/15 Iowa *Senior Day*	1:30 p.m. CT (BTN)
Nov. 28	at Northwestern	TBA

Rankings are AP Top 25 / Coaches Poll

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BIG TEN'S LONGEST WINNING STREAKS MEET IN PASADENA

- Illinois and UCLA have two of the top four longest winning streaks in Power-4: Utah (W15), UCLA (W9), Wake Forest (W6), Illinois (W4), South Carolina (W4).
- Illinois' four-game Big Ten winning streak includes victories over Michigan State, #-/23 Oregon, Maryland, and Nebraska. Only the undefeated Bruins are on a longer winning streak in the Big Ten.
- Illinois' trip to Pasadena is the Illini's only trip west of Champaign this season.
- Illinois makes its first trip to the Rose Bowl since the 2008 Rose Bowl Game following the 2007 season, a 49-17 loss to #6 USC. The Illini last played UCLA in a regular season game at the Rose Bowl in 2003, a 6-3 loss.
- Illinois is 5-4 all-time at the Rose Bowl — 3-2 in the Rose Bowl Game and 2-2 in regular season games against UCLA.
- Last Friday, Illinois scored the most points (24) and had the most passing yards (292) against Nebraska's defense this season in a 24-13 win at home.
- Illinois had a walk-off win at Maryland, 20-17, on Oct. 31 to extend its winning streak to three. The Illini finished the game on a 13-play, 67-yard drive covering the final 5:45, ending in **Ethan Moczulski**'s 26-yard game winner. **Jordan Anderson** had 43 yards on seven touches on the game-winning drive.
- Illinois handed Oregon its first Big Ten road loss since the Ducks joined the Big Ten in 2024. The Illini scored 21 straight points to come back and win, 21-10, and break the Ducks' streak of 61 straight games scoring more than 10 points.
- Illinois pulled off a thrilling 38-37 (OT) win on Oct. 10 to spark the four-game winning streak. **Michael Clayton II** threw a 25-yard TD to **Hudson Clement** in OT, then the Illini stopped the Spartans' two-point conversion attempt to seal the game.

ONE OF THE WINNINGEST BIG TEN PROGRAMS SINCE 2024

- Illinois is in the top four in the Big Ten — behind only Indiana, Ohio State, and Oregon — in three major categories since the Big Ten expanded in 2024: winning percentage (.714), AP Top 25/Coaches Poll ranked wins (7), and Power-4 wins (19).

WINNING PCT. SINCE 2024

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
1.	Indiana	35-3	.921
2.	Oregon	32-6	.842
3.	Ohio State	32-7	.821
4.	**Illinois**	**25-10**	**.714**
5.	Iowa	24-11	.686
6.	Penn State	25-13	.658
7.	USC	23-12	.657
8.	Michigan	22-13	.629

AP/COACHES RANKED WINS SINCE 2024

RK	TEAM	WINS	RECORD
1.	Ohio State	11	11-6 (.647)
1.	Oregon	10	10-4 (.714)
3.	Indiana	7	7-3 (.700)
	Illinois	**7**	**7-5 (.583)**
5.	Minnesota	4	4-6 (.400)
	Iowa	4	4-7 (.364)
	Michigan	4	4-9 (.308)
8.	USC/PSU	3	3-7 (.300)

POWER-4 WINS SINCE 2024

RK	TEAM	WINS
1.	Indiana	26
2.	Ohio State	25
3.	Oregon	24
4.	**Illinois**	**19**
5.	Iowa	18
6.	USC	17
7.	Michigan	16
	Penn State	16

- Illinois is postseason eligible in three straight seasons for the first time since 1992.
- Illinois had bowl wins in back-to-back seasons over SEC teams Tennessee (2025 Music City) and South Carolina (2024 Citrus). They were Illinois' first two victories over SEC teams in program history.
- Illinois had back-to-back 9+-win seasons for the first time in program history with 10 wins in 2024 and nine in 2025.
- Illinois has seven ranked wins over the last three seasons (2024-26), including five AP-ranked wins (Tennessee was ranked #23 by the coaches but unranked in the AP at last year's Music City Bowl; Oregon was ranked #25 by the coaches and unranked in the AP in 2026), tied for the third-most ranked wins in the Big Ten.
- Illinois was one of 15 teams to have consecutive 9+-win seasons in 2024 and 2025, along with Alabama, BYU, Duke, Georgia, Indiana, Louisville, Miami (Fla.), Notre Dame, Ohio State, Ole Miss, Oregon, SMU, TCU, and Texas.
- Illinois is 7-5 against ranked teams and 18-5 against unranked teams over the last three seasons (2024-26).

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (140,000)
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 61,060
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Charles L. Isbell, Jr.
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Stadium: Gies Memorial Stadium (60,670)
Stadium Surface: FieldTurf

HEAD COACH

Bret Bielema
Overall Record: 140-87 (.617), 18th season
Record at Illinois: 43-29 (.597), 6th season

COORDINATORS AND POSITION COACHES

Barry Lunney, Jr., Offensive Coordinator
Chris Hurd, Special Teams Coordinator
Ronnie Bradford, Secondary
Roger Cooper, Inside Linebackers
Jared Elliott, Tight Ends
Mike Linehan, Defensive Ends
Archie McDaniel, Outside Linebackers
Bart Miller, Offensive Line
Mike Neu, Pass Game Coordinator
Corey Parker, Defensive Backs
Artur Sitkowski, Quarterbacks
Justin Stepp, Wide Receivers
Jordan Thomas, Defensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Tyrone Wheatley, Running Backs

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2025 Record: 9-4, 5-4 (T-7th, Big Ten)
2025 Starters Returning/Lost: 7/15
Offense: 4/7 Defense: 3/8
2025 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 25/43
All-Time Record: 657-635-51 (137th year in 2025)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 377-468-32 (131st year)
Gies Memorial Stadium Record: 303-259-14 (103rd year)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)
National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)
Bowl Appearances: 22 (10-12 record)
Last Bowl Appearance: 2025 Music City Bowl (W)

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THE BIELEMA ERA

- **Bret Bielema** is 43-29 during his Illinois career. His .597 winning percentage is the second-best in Illinois history among head coaches that have coached at least 50 games for the Fighting Illini.

ILLINOIS HEAD COACH WIN PCT. (MIN. 50 GAMES)

RK	HEAD COACH	WIN PCT.	RECORD
1.	Robert Zuppke, 1913-41	.618	131-81-13
2.	**Bret Bielema, 2021-26**	**.597**	**43-29**
3.	Mike White, 1980-87	.533	47-41-3
4.	Ray Eliot, 1942-59	.532	83-73-11

MOST HEAD COACHING WINS AT ILLINOIS

RK	HEAD COACH	RECORD
1.	Robert Zuppke, 1913-41	131-81-13
2.	Ray Eliot, 1942-59	83-73-11
3.	Mike White, 1980-87	47-41-3
4.	**Bret Bielema, 2021-26**	**43-29**

WINNINGEST SIX-YEAR RUNS BY AN ILLINI COACH

RK	YEARS	COACH	WINS
1.	**2021–26**	**Bielema**	**43**
2.	1981-86	White	41
3.	1980-85	White	40
4.	1923-28	Zuppke	39
5.	Two tied		37

WINNINGEST FIVE-YEAR RUNS BY AN ILLINI COACH

RK	YEARS	COACH	WINS
1.	**2022–26**	**Bielema**	**38**
2.	**2021–25**	**Bielema**	**37**
	1981–85	White	37
4.	1982-86	White	34
	1980-84	White	34

WINNINGEST THREE-YEAR RUNS BY AN ILLINI COACH

RK	YEARS	COACH	WINS
1.	**2024–26**	**Bielema**	**25**
2.	**2023–25**	**Bielema**	**24**
	1988–90	Mackovic	24
	1982–84	White	24
	1981–83	White	24

- **Bielema** is currently on the winningest three-year stretch (25), five-year stretch (38), and six-year stretch (43) by a head coach in Illinois history. He also owns the program records for the winningest season (10; 2024), two-year stretch (19; 2024-25), and four-year stretch by a head coach (32; 2022-25).
- **Bielema** has won 27 Big Ten games at Illinois, the fourth-most in program history behind only **Robert Zuppke** (76), **Ray Eliot** (54), and **Mike White** (40).
- **Bielema** is set to become the first head coach in Illinois history to coach the Illini in four bowl games.
- **Bielema** is the first Illini head coach to win 5+ games in six straight seasons since **Robert Zuppke** from 1923-29.
- **Bielema** was the first head coach in Illinois history to win 9+ games twice and win 8+ games three times.
- **Bielema** has nine ranked wins (AP/Coaches/CFP) as Illinois head coach, the second-most in program history and behind only **Ray Eliot**'s 23 ranked wins (1942-59).
- **Bielema** is 9-10 against ranked teams as Illinois head coach. His .474 winning percentage against ranked teams is the second-best in Illinois history, behind only **John Mackovic** (8-8, .500). Rankings include AP, Coaches, and CFP polls.
- **Bielema** has five road/neutral ranked wins (AP/Coaches/CFP) as head coach at Illinois: 2021 Penn State, 2021 Minnesota, 2024 Nebraska, 2024 South Carolina (Citrus Bowl), 2025 Tennessee (Music City Bowl)
- **Bielema**'s 13 Big Ten road wins are tied with **Mike White** for the most by an Illinois head coach during his first six seasons.
- **Bielema** tied the Illinois record for most bowl victories (2) during last year's Liberty Mutual Music City Bowl. Prior to **Bielema**, only **Ray Eliot** (1947 Rose, 1952 Rose) had won two bowl games as the head coach at Illinois.
- Since **Bielema**'s arrival for the 2021 season, Illinois has the second-most wins as an underdog in the nation (16) and four more than any other Big Ten team (data by TeamRankings.com). Only Old Dominion (17) has won more games as an underdog than Illinois since 2021.
- Illinois' .444 winning percentage as an underdog (16-20) under **Bielema** is tied for the best in the Big Ten since 2021, along with Michigan (.444, 8-10).
- Since **Bielema**'s arrival, Illinois' seven wins as a road underdog are the second-most in the Big Ten behind only Iowa's eight (data by TeamRankings.com).

GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM: RISING ATTENDANCE AND WINS

- Illinois is 16-4 at Gies Memorial Stadium over the last three seasons (2024-26).
- Illinois ranks 13th in the nation in home wins since 2024 (16).
- Illinois has seven sellouts over the last two seasons, including three sellouts this season (Duke, Southern Illinois, Purdue).
- Illinois has set the program record for the most wins at Gies Memorial Stadium over a three-year period (16).
- Illinois sold out four straight games in 2025, tying the program's longest sellout streak since 1982-87 (28 straight). The Illini also sold out four straight games during the 2008 season.
- Attendance has increased every season since **Bret Bielema** arrived in 2021.
- Illinois has seven wins as a home underdog since 2021 (7-7 record), tied for the most in the Big Ten with Minnesota.

HOME RECORD SINCE 2024

RK	TEAM	RECORD
1.	Indiana	20-1
2.	Ohio State	19-2
3.	Oregon	18-2
4.	USC	16-3
5.	**Illinois**	**16-4**
6.	Iowa	15-4

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES

55 Tony Balanganayi . . . . . buh-LONG-uh-NY
24 Javari Barnett . . . . . juh-VAR-ee
19 Nate Cichy . . . . . sih-CHEE
13 Hudson Clement . . . . . cluh-MENT
31 Murphy Clement . . . . . cluh-MENT
35 Kaedyn Cobbs . . . . . KAY-dihn
32 Tywan Cox . . . . . ty-WAWN
83 Kaden Feagin. . . . . KAY-dihn FAY-gihn
76 Dylan Frechette . . . . . freh-SHETT
56 Guillermo Gallardo. . . ghee-AIR-moh ghy-ARD-doh
16 Tanner Heckel . . . . . HECK-uhl
56 JJ Hirdes . . . . . HUR-duss
89 Tanner Hollinger . . . . . HAWL-ing-er
90 Carter Janki . . . . . JANN-kee
54 Demetrius John . . . . . DUH-me-TREE-us
26 Ismael Kante . . . . . IHZ-mayl KON-tay
71 Nathan Knapik. . . . . kuh-NAP-ick
10 James Kreutz . . . . . KREW-tz
21 Aidan Laughery . . . . . LAW-fer-ree
70 Maika Matelau. . . . . my-KUH MAT-uh-LAU
68 Michael McDonough . . . . . mick-DUHN-uh
37 Ethan Moczulski . . . . . muh-CHOW-skee
18 Mason Muragin . . . . . mur-AH-ghin
6 Jershaun Newton . . . . . jur-SHAWN
27 Lucas Osada . . . . . oh-SAY-duh
53 Kai Pritchard . . . . . KY
0 Nas Rankin . . . . . NAHS
27 Corey Rashad . . . . . ruh-SHAWD
81 Lars Rau . . . . . ROW
0 Mac Resetich. . . . . ruh-SEHT-itch
40 Ean Rhea. . . . . EE-uhn RAY
54 Griffin Rousseau . . . . . ROO-soh
13 Xanai Scott . . . . . zuh-NEYE
1 Xavier Scott . . . . . EX-ay-veer
74 Zafir Stewart . . . . . zuh-FEAR
88 Davin Stoffel . . . . . STAW-ful
25 Des Straughton . . . . . STRAWT-uhn
62 Casey Thomann . . . . . THOH-man
20 Almirian Thomas . . . . . ahl-MEER-ee-un
17 Isaiah Thomison . . . . . TAH-mih-suhn
78 Eddie Tuerk . . . . . TERK
85 Will Vala III . . . . . VOLL-uh
5 Ca'Lil Valentine . . . . . kuh-LEEL
9 Lavon Williams . . . . . luh-VONN
22 Cedric Wyche II . . . . . WHY-ch

COACHES

Bret Bielema . . . . . BEEL-ma
Barry Lunney Jr.. . . . . LUN-ee

STADIUM

Gies Memorial Stadium. . . . . GEESE

ILLINOIS OFFENSE NOTES

- WR **Collin Dixon** is one of the top wide receivers in the nation:
  - » One of only four players in the nation to rank in the top 10 in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns, along with Jeremiah Smith (Ohio State), Malachi Toney (Miami), and Easton Messer (FAU)
  - » Fourth in the nation in receiving touchdowns (12), behind Ohio State's Jeremiah Smith, Oregon State's Jesse Legree, and Miami's Malachi Toney
  - » Broke Illinois' single-season receiving touchdowns record with 12
  - » Broke Illinois' Gies Memorial Stadium record for receiving touchdowns
  - » Sixth in the nation and second in the Big Ten in receptions (68)
  - » Eighth in the nation and second in the Big Ten in receiving yards (910)
- **Dixon** and **Hudson Clement** are No. 2 among B1G duos in receiving yards (1,450), behind only Indiana's Charlie Becker and Nick Marsh (1,544). **Clement** is No. 18 in the Big Ten in receptions (37) and No. 14 in receiving yards (540).
- QB **Katin Houser** suffered a broken bone in his hand at Michigan State on Oct. 10 and had surgery two days later before returning to action Oct. 31 against Maryland.
- **Houser** ranks 24th in the nation in ESPN's QBR metric (77.4).
- QB **Michael Clayton II** relieved **Houser** at Michigan State and became the first true freshman to throw 2+ touchdowns in a Big Ten win in Illinois program history. He was 6-of-8 passing for 88 yards, including a 25-yard TD pass to **Hudson Clement** on the first play of overtime. **Clayton** followed up the relief duty at Michigan State by beating #25 Oregon as Illinois' starter one week later. He became the third true freshman quarterback in Illinois history to win a game as the starter, joining **Juice Williams** at Michigan State (2006) and **Kurt Kittner** at Northwestern (1998). **Clayton** was the first Illini freshman quarterback to beat a ranked team.
- **Ca'Lil Valentine**, who has 1,051 career rushing yards in three seasons at Illinois, suffered a season-ending leg injury against Purdue. He finished with 50 carries for 225 yards (4.5 yards/carry) and one touchdown this season.
- Illinois running backs have three touchdown rushes over 60 yards this season: **Aidan Laughery** has two and **Javari Barnett** has one. Both of **Laughery**'s are over 75 yards.
- **Laughery** has 100+-yard games against two ranked opponents - Ohio State (113) and Oregon (123). He ran for 113 yards at OSU, the first opposing player to rush for 100+ at Ohio Stadium since Michigan's Kalel Mullings (116 yards) on Nov. 30, 2024.
- Illinois' offensive line ranks among the best in the nation:
  - » 11th in the nation and second in the Big Ten in fewest tackles for loss allowed (29)
  - » 15th in the nation and second in the Big Ten in fewest sacks allowed (10)
- Illinois has started four different offensive lines through nine games, primarily due to injuries. The Illini have started the same offensive line group during the current four-game winning streak.
- Illinois offensive coordinator **Barry Lunney Jr.** is the longest tenured offensive coordinator in the Big Ten.
- Under **Lunney**, the Illinois offense improved every year from 2022-25. The Illini averaged 24.2 points per game in Lunney's first year in 2022, followed by 24.5 in 2023, 28.3 in 2024, and 29.4 in 2025. Illinois is averaging 28.4 points per game this season.
- Since **Lunney**'s first season in 2022, Illinois ranks third in the Big Ten in completion percentage (65.0), fourth in passing touchdowns (103), fifth in passer rating (144.0), fifth in points (1,615), and fifth in passing yards (13,871) among the 14 teams that have been in the league all five seasons (2022-26).

ILLINOIS DEFENSE NOTES

- Illinois has held three straight Big Ten opponents under 20 points for the first time since 2022 (four straight).
- Illinois is holding opponents to 19.3 points per game during the current four-game winning streak.
- DB **Matthew Bailey** is the only player in the nation returning after leading his team in tackles in 2024 and 2025. Bailey is Illinois' leading tackler again this season with 66, including a career-high 14 at Ohio State.
- DL **Will Holmes**' 26 pressures ranks 11th in the Big Ten, according to PFF.
- CB **Juice Clarke** ranks fifth in the nation and is tied for the Big Ten lead in pass breakups (10). He is tied for the Big Ten lead with Audavion Collins of Penn State.
- In the last three games, **Clarke** has allowed only 20.1 completion yards allowed per game (61 total yards) on 16 targets and 132 coverage snaps (per PFF).
- In the last three games, **Xavier Scott** has allowed only 19.3 completion yards allowed per game (58 total yards) on 15 targets and 135 coverage snaps (per PFF).
- In the last four games, DB **Tanner Heckel** has allowed only 18.3 completion yards allowed per game (73 total yards) on 17 targets and 161 coverage snaps (per PFF). **Heckel**'s snaps have more than doubled during the winning streak.
- **Bailey** had an 88-yard interception return for a touchdown against Southern Illinois, the 9th-longest interception return in Illinois history and the ninth-longest interception return in Gies Memorial Stadium history (by either Illinois or an opponent).
- Illinois is fifth in the nation with two interceptions returned for touchdown (Kante vs. UAB, Bailey vs. Southern Illinois).
- Illinois' starting defensive backs include three highly under-recruited players:
  - » CB **Xavier Scott** had 0 Power-4 offers.
  - » S **Matthew Bailey** had 0 Power-4 offers.
  - » CB **Juice Clarke** had 1 Power-4 offer (Iowa State).
- The Illinois defense is run by **Roger Cooper**, who took over play-calling duties prior to the Purdue game. Cooper's unit has allowed 20.2 points per game during his five Big Ten games as play caller. Prior to Cooper taking over, Illinois had allowed 32.3 points per game to its first three FBS opponents.

ILLINI IN THE NFL

Active Rosters *AS OF OCT. 25, 2026*
OL Isaiah Adams, Arizona Cardinals
DB Tony Adams, Tennessee Titans
OL Nick Allegretti, Washington Commanders
TE Tanner Arkin, New England Patriots
RB Chase Brown, Cincinnati Bengals
DB Sydney Brown, Atlanta Falcons
WR Pat Bryant, Denver Broncos
OL J.C. Davis, New York Giants
QB Tommy DeVito, New England Patriots
DL TeRah Edwards, Carolina Panthers
LB Jake Hansen, Houston Texans
DB Nate Hobbs, San Francisco 49ers
LB Gabe Jacas, New England Patriots
OL Ted Karras, Cincinnati Bengals
OL Vederian Lowe, San Francisco 49ers
DB Jartavius Martin, Washington Commanders
K Chase McLaughlin, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
DL Jer'Zhan Newton, Washington Commanders
OL Alex Palczewski, Denver Broncos
LB Del'Shawn Phillips, Los Angeles Chargers
DL James Thompson Jr., San Francisco 49ers
WR Isaiah Williams, New York Jets
DB Devon Witherspoon, Seattle Seahawks

Physically Unable to Perform
TE Tip Reiman, Arizona Cardinals
DB Kerby Joseph, Detroit Lions

Injured Reserve
LB Milo Eifler, Tennessee Titans

Practice Squad
QB Luke Altmyer, Detroit Lions
OL Josh Gesky, New York Giants
OL Kendrick Green, New York Giants
DB Miles Scott, Denver Broncos
WR Malik Turner, San Francisco 49ers
DL Dawuane Smoot, New York Giants
WR Casey Washington, Carolina Panthers

BIELEMA'S ILLINOIS NFL DRAFTEES

Year, Position, Name, Team, Round, Pick
2026 OLB Gabe Jacas, New England, 2nd, 55th pick
2026 OL J.C. Davis, New York Giants, 6th, 192nd pick
2026 DB Miles Scott, Denver, 7th, 246th pick
2025 WR Pat Bryant, Denver, 3rd, 74th pick
2024 DT Jer'Zhan Newton, Washington, 2nd, 36th pick
2024 OL Isaiah Adams, Arizona, 3rd, 71st pick
2024 TE Tip Reiman, Arizona, 3rd, 82nd pick
2024 WR Casey Washington, Atlanta, 6th, 187th pick
2023 CB Devon Witherspoon, Seattle, 1st, 5th pick
2023 DB Jartavius Martin, Washington, 2nd, 47th pick
2023 DB Sydney Brown, Philadelphia, 3rd, 66th pick
2023 RB Chase Brown, Cincinnati, 5th, 163rd pick
2022 DB Kerby Joseph, Detroit, 3rd, 97th pick
2022 C Doug Kramer, Chicago, 6th, 207th pick
2022 OL Vederian Lowe, Minnesota, 6th, 184th pick

ILLINOIS SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Illinois ranks fourth in the nation and leads the Big Ten in punt return average (21.6). **Mac Resetich** has returned five punts for 108 yards, but does not meet the NCAA minimums to be ranked as an individual.
- Illinois punter **Lars Rau** has landed 10 of his 27 punts (37.0%) inside the 20-yard line.
- Illinois kicker **Ethan Moczulski** is 13-for-16 on field goals and 13-for-15 inside of 60 yards, including 2-3 on field goals between 50-60 yards. He ranks seventh in the Big Ten in made field goals (13) and 10th in field goal percentage (81.3).
- The Illinois special teams are run by first-year coordinator **Chris Hurd**.

TURNOVER BATTLE

- Illinois has lost only six turnovers this season, tied for 11th-best in the nation and second in the Big Ten.
- Illinois has won 15 straight games when it has forced at least one turnover.
- Illinois is 20-1 when it has forced one or more turnovers over the last three seasons (2024-26). The Illini's only loss during that stretch was at Oregon in 2024, when the Illini forced a fourth-quarter interception.
- Illinois is 21-5 when it committed zero or one turnover over the last three seasons (2024-26). The Illini's losses during that stretch were at Indiana and at Wisconsin in 2025, and vs. Duke, at Ohio State, and vs. Purdue in 2026.

FEWEST PENALTIES

- Illinois is among the least penalized teams in the nation:
  - » Seventh in the nation and second in the Big Ten in fewest penalties per game (4.3)
  - » Eighth in the nation and third in the Big Ten in fewest penalty yards per game (37.1)

EXPERIENCED ROSTER

- Illinois' 2026 roster ranks among the most experienced in the nation according to research done by The Athletic (Division I only and top 105 players only):
  - » 14th in the nation and fifth in the Big Ten in career games played (1,438)
  - » 17th in the nation and fifth in the Big Ten in career starts (476)
  - » 36th in the nation and sixth in the Big Ten in career snaps played (36,863)

ONE-SCORE WINS

- Since **Bret Bielema**'s arrival at Illinois for the 2021 season, the Illini are 19-14 (.576) in one-score games.
- Illinois is 10-3 in one-score games over the last three seasons (2024-26).
- Illinois is 15-6 in one-score games over the last four seasons (2023-26).
- Illinois tied the program record for one-score wins with five in both 2023 and 2024 (record first set in 1934).
- Illinois has been an underdog in 11 of its 19 one-score wins under Bielema, including eight as road/neutral dogs.

LAST-MINUTE/OT WINS

- Illinois is 12-5 in games decided in the final minute/OT under **Bret Bielema**, including nine straight wins:
  2021 vs. Maryland (L) — 32-yard FG (0:00)
  2021 at #7/8 Penn State (W) — 2-point conversion (9 OT)
  2022 at Indiana (L) — 1-yard TD run (0:23)
  2022 at Michigan (L) — 35-yard FG (0:09)
  2022 vs. #24/23 Mississippi State (L) — 27-yard FG (0:04)
  2023 vs. Toledo (W) — 29-yard FG (0:05)
  2023 at Maryland (W) — 43-yard FG (0:00)
  2023 vs. Wisconsin (L) — 3-yard TD (0:27)
  2023 at Minnesota (W) — 46-yard TD (0:50)
  2023 vs. Indiana (W) — 21-yard TD (1 OT)
  2024 at #22/22 Nebraska (W) — 4-yard TD (1 OT)
  2024 vs. Purdue (W) — 25-yard TD (1 OT)
  2024 at Rutgers (W) — 40-yard TD (0:04)
  2025 vs. #21/22 USC (W) — 41-yard FG (0:00)
  2025 vs. #-/23 Tennessee (W) — 29-yard FG (0:00)
  2026 at Michigan State (W) — 25-yard TD (1 OT)
  2026 at Maryland (W) — 26-yard FG (0:00)
- Illinois is 5-0 in overtime games under **Bielema** with wins against #7 Penn State (9 OT, 2021, road), Indiana (1 OT, 2023, home), #22 Nebraska (1 OT, 2024, road), Purdue (1 OT, 2024, home), and Michigan State (1 OT, 2026, road).
- Over the last 30 years (since 1996), Illinois leads the nation in game-winning field goals with 0:10 seconds or less left in regulation. The Illini have hit nine game-winners under 0:10 since 1996, two more than Auburn, Clemson, Iowa, Old Dominion, and Stanford. Five of those nine game-winning kicks have come under **Bielema** (two in 2023, two in 2025, and one in 2026).

AWARDS AND HONORS

DB Matthew Bailey
» Bednarik Award Watch List
» Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
» Senior Bowl 300

QB Michael Clayton
» Big Ten Freshman of the Week vs. Oregon

WR Hudson Clement
» Senior Bowl 300

WR Collin Dixon
» Biletnikoff Award Watch List

OL Brandon Henderson
» Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee
» Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

QB Katin Houser
» Manning Award Watch List
» Senior Bowl 300

LB Ismael Kante
» Witten Man of the Year Watch List

OL Maika Matelau
» Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List

K Ethan Moczulski
» Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week at MSU

WR Jayshon Platt
» Biltenikoff Award Watch List
» Jet Award Watch List

P Lars Rau
» Ray Guy Award Midseason Watch List

OL Jake Renfro
» Rimington Trophy Watch List
» Comeback Player of the Year Watch List
» Senior Bowl 300

DB Xavier Scott
» Comeback Player of the Year Watch List
» Senior Bowl 300

RB Ca'Lil Valentine
» Doak Walker Award Watch List

Head Coach Bret Bielema
» Allstate Good Works Team nominee
» Dodd Trophy Watch List

ILLINOIS TEAM CAPTAINS

DB Matthew Bailey
WR Collin Dixon
QB Katin Houser
RB Aidan Laughery
OL Jake Renfro
DB Xavier Scott

RANKED WINS

- Illinois is 7-5 against ranked opponents (AP, Coaches, and/or CFP rankings) since 2024. From the 2008 Rose Bowl game through the 2023 season, Illinois went 5-41 against ranked teams and two of those wins were under Bielema in 2021 (at #7/8 Penn State; at #20 Minnesota).
- Illinois' ranked wins since 2024:
  - » 2026: #-/25 Oregon
  - » 2025: #21/22 USC, #-/23 Tennessee (Music City Bowl)
  - » 2024: #19/20 Kansas, at #22/22 Nebraska, #24/22 Michigan, vs. #14/14 South Carolina (Citrus Bowl)
- All seven of Illinois' ranked wins since 2024 have come as underdogs.
- Illinois has beaten at least one ranked team in three straight seasons for the first time since an eight-year run from 1988-95.

COMEBACK WINS

- Illinois has eight fourth-quarter comeback wins over the last three years (2024-26).
- Illinois had two fourth-quarter comeback victories in 2025, a 34-32 win over #21/22 USC after trailing 32-31 before a game-winning 41-yard field goal as time expired and a 30-28 win over #-/23 Tennessee after trailing 28-27 before a game-winning 29-yard field goal as time expired.
- Five of Illinois' eight fourth-quarter comebacks in the last three years have come against ranked teams.

FORMER HEAD COACHES

- Illinois has five former head coaches on its staff: **Jared Elliott** (Western Illinois), **Mike Neu** (Ball State), **Tyrone Wheatley** (Wayne State/Morgan State), **Mark Farley** (Northern Iowa), and **Myers Hendrickson** (Western Illinois).

DOUBLE DIPS

- Illinois is 26-3 when scoring the last points of the first half and the first points of the second half during Bret Bielema's six seasons (only losses: 2021 Purdue, 2023 Iowa, 2025 Ohio State).
- Illinois is 7-0 when it "double dips" (scoring to end the first half, then scoring on the first drive of the second half) during Bret Bielema's six seasons at Illinois.

TOP-RANKED RECRUITING CLASS IN PROGRAM HISTORY

- Illinois signed the top-rated class in program history in 2026.
- Illinois' 2026 class was ranked #21 in the nation by 247Sports, eclipsing the previous high of #22 in 2007 and 2008.
- Illinois signed its fifth-straight top-50 recruiting class in 2026. Prior to Bielema's arrival in 2021, Illinois had signed only three top-50 classes in the previous 10 years combined.
- **Bret Bielema** has signed four of the five highest-ranked Illini recruiting classes of the past 15 years, according to 247Sports.
- Illinois native **Bielema** has made a dedicated effort to recruit the state of Illinois since his arrival in Champaign. He continued the strong commitment to the state by signing eight players from Illinois in 2026, including two of the top six and all eight within the top 40 according to 247Sports. The Illini has 39 players that played IHSA football.

RECORD WHEN (UNDER BIELEMA)

	W	L
Total	43	29
Home	27	14
Away	14	14
Neutral	2	1
Leading after 1Q	27	7
Trialing after 1Q	10	18
Tied after 1Q	6	4
Leading at Half	32	5
Trailing at Half	7	22
Tied at Half	4	2
Leading after 3Q	37	7
Trailing after 3Q	4	19
Tied after 3Q	2	3
Overtime	5	0
Scores first	28	8
Opponent scores first	15	21
One-possession games	19	14
100-yard rusher	19	6
100-yard receiver	16	8
0 turnovers	16	8
1 turnover	17	9
2+ turnovers	10	12
0 turnovers forced	6	12
1 turnover forced	17	8
2+ turnovers forced	20	9
200+ rushing yards	13	2
250+ passing yards	11	9
Opp. <100 rushing yards	21	3
Opp. <200 passing yards	19	8
3 or fewer penalties	10	9
When AP/C/CFP ranked	13	8
Against AP/C/CFP ranked	9	10
Against AP Top 10	1	5
Against AP #1	0	2
August	4	0
September	12	12
October	13	8
November	12	8
December	2	0
January	0	1

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
0	Nas Rankin	WR	6' 0"	170	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	
0	Mac Resetich	DB	6' 0"	210	Sr.	Spring Valley, Ill.	Spring Valley Hall	
1	Jayshon Platt	WR	6' 1"	195	5th	North Port, Fla.	Venice	Florida Atlantic
1	Xavier Scott	DB	5' 11"	195	5th	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Dwyer	
2	Carson Boyd	QB	6' 0"	190	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Cardinal Ritter	
3	Kenyon Alston	WR	6' 2"	195	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Bishop Moore Catholic	
3	Nick Hankins Jr.	DB	6' 0"	205	Fr.	Belleville, Ill.	Belleville West	
4	Daniel Brown	LB	6' 1"	255	5th	Kansas City, Kan.	Bishop Ward	Hutchinson CC
4	Katin Houser	QB	6' 3"	225	5th	Anaheim, Calif.	St. John Bosco	East Carolina
5	Jakwon Morris	DB	6' 0"	185	Jr.	Tupelo, Miss.	Tupelo	Northwest Mississippi CC
5	Ca'Lil Valentine	RB	5' 11"	205	Jr.	Hayward, Calif.	Chandler (Ariz.)	
6	Juice Clarke	DB	6' 1"	185	Sr.	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Riverdale	
6	Jershaun Newton	WR	6' 0"	215	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Clearwater Central Catholic	
7	Matthew Bailey	DB	6' 2"	225	5th	Moline, Ill.	Moline	
7	Michael Clayton II	QB	6' 4"	205	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Miami Edison	
8	Jacob Eberhart	WR	6' 4"	220	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Kirkwood	
8	Cameron Thomas	LB	6' 0"	220	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Lakota West	
9	RJ Jones III	WR	6' 0"	175	So.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Vero Beach	
9	Alex Perry	WR	6' 5"	220	5th	Port Charlotte, Fla.	Port Charlotte	FIU
9	Lavon Williams	DB	5' 10"	195	5th	San Antonio, Texas	Roosevelt	East Texas A&M
10	James Kreutz	LB	6' 2"	240	5th	Bannockburn, Ill.	Loyola Academy	
10	Ty Robinson	WR	6' 4"	205	6th	Denver, Colo.	Eaglecrest	Ball State
11	Jacob Alexander	LB	6' 4"	245	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Lincoln Way East	
11	Brayden Trimble	WR	6' 1"	195	So.	Mt. Zion, Ill.	Mt. Zion	
12	Dane Eisenmenger	QB	6' 4"	215	Fr.	Philo, Ill.	Unity	
12	Isaiah Williams	DB	6' 2"	210	Fr.	Houston, Texas	Fort Bend Marshall	
13	Hudson Clement	WR	6' 1"	215	5th	Martinsburg, W.Va.	Martinsburg	West Virginia
13	Xanai Scott	DB	5' 11"	210	So.	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman	
14	Andre Lovett Jr.	DB	6' 1"	190	So.	Blue Island, Ill.	Eisenhower	
14	Maurice Smith Jr.	TE	6' 4"	255	5th	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Vero Beach	Chowan
15	Kingston Shaw	DL	6' 3"	260	Fr.	Apopka, Fla.	The First Academy	
16	Logan Farrell	TE	6' 3"	255	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	John Hersey	
16	Tanner Heckel	DB	5' 11"	195	Jr.	Lyndon, Kan.	Lyndon	
17	Collin Dixon	WR	6' 1"	215	Sr.	Tallmadge, Ohio	Tallmadge	
17	Isaiah Thomison	DL	6' 3"	290	Sr.	Fayetteville, Tenn.	Fayetteville	Bowling Green
18	Jack Gray	P	6' 2"	210	Fr.	Adelaide, South Australia	Immanuel	
18	Mason Muragin	LB	6' 4"	250	Sr.	Macomb, Mich.	De La Salle	
19	Nate Cichy	WR	6' 1"	195	Fr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Mount Prospect	
20	John Forster	RB	5' 10"	195	So.	Saddle Brook, N.J.	St. Joseph Regional	
20	Almirian Thomas	DB	5' 11"	180	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.	Cape Coral	
21	Ben Clawson	DB	6' 0"	210	5th	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Hersey	
21	Aidan Laughery	RB	5' 11"	200	5th	Gibson City, Ill.	GCMS	
22	Deuce Fillmore	DB	5' 11"	190	Sr.	Biloxi, Miss.	Biloxi	Georgia State
22	Cedric Wyche II	RB	5' 10"	210	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas	
23	Jordan Anderson	RB	6' 4"	240	5th	Naperville, Ill.	Joliet Catholic	
23	Jaylen Stewart	LB	6' 2"	240	Fr.	Houston, Texas	Pearland	
24	Javari Barnett	RB	6' 1"	235	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	
24	Will Holmes	DL	6' 4"	260	Jr.	Detroit, Mich.	Western International	Utah State
25	Des Straughton	DB	6' 0"	210	So.	Detroit, Mich.	Roseville	
25	Nelsyn Wheeler	RB	5' 9"	205	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	Millard South	
26	Ismael Kante	LB	6' 2"	240	5th	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	Park Center	Iowa Central CC
27	Lucas Osada	K	6' 1"	195	Jr.	Charlottesville, Va.	Woodberry Forest	North Carolina
27	Corey Rashad	RB	5' 8"	185	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Marist	
28	Kayden Bennett	LB	6' 1"	235	Fr.	Windsor, Conn.	Suffield Academy	
28	Karson Kaiser	WR	6' 1"	175	Jr.	Weston, Fla.	Champaign Centennial (Ill.)	
29	James Finley IV	DB	6' 2"	195	So.	Portage, Ind.	Andrean	Northern Illinois
30	Tony Williams	LB	5' 11"	235	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Raines	
31	Murphy Clement	RB	6' 0"	215	Jr.	Martinsburg, W.Va.	Martinsburg	West Virginia
32	Tywan Cox	DB	5' 10"	190	So.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Northwestern	

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YEAR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
33	Grant Beerman	LB	6' 5''	240	So.	West Chester, Ohio	Lakota West	
34	Erik Gayle	LB	6' 3''	240	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Withrow	
35	Kaedyn Cobbs	DB	6' 1''	220	Fr.	Denton, Texas	Guyer	
37	Caden Considine	DB	6' 0''	215	Fr.	Byron, Ill.	Byron	
37	Ethan Moczulski	K	5' 11''	195	5th	Spokane, Wash.	Mt. Spokane	Washington
38	Jack Paris	LB	6' 2''	225	So.	River Forest, Ill.	Fenwick	
40	Ean Rhea	LB	6' 2''	240	5th	Glade Spring, Va.	Patrick Henry	Emory & Henry
43	Joe Barna	DL	6' 4''	280	Jr.	Wheaton, Ill.	Wheaton North	
44	Patrick Mahoney III	LS	6' 2''	210	Sr.	Northbrook, Ill.	Glenbrook North	
45	Robert Edmonson	LB	6' 2''	240	Sr.	Houston, Texas	Shadow Creek	Colorado State
48	Carter Smith	DL	6' 3''	250	Jr.	Rolling Meadows, Ill.	Fremd	
49	Zach Haber	LS	5' 10''	220	Sr.	Durango, Colo.	Durango	Arkansas
51	Parker Crim	DL	6' 3''	270	Fr.	Lima, Ohio	Elida	
51	Alfred Washington	OL	6' 7''	310	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.	Escambia	Northeast Mississippi CC
52	Pat Farrell	DL	6' 5''	285	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	St. Rita	
52	Champ Smith	OL	6' 6''	330	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Vero Beach	
53	Kai Pritchard	OL	6' 5''	290	Fr.	Little Egg Harbor, N.J.	Donovan Catholic	
54	Demetrius John	DL	6' 3''	295	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Dublin Coffman	
55	Tony Balanganayi	DL	6' 4''	290	Fr.	Palatine, Ill.	Palatine	
55	TJ McMillen	OL	6' 3''	300	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.	St. Francis	
56	Guillermo Gallardo	DL	6' 3''	315	5th	Bloomington, Ill.	Normal Community	New Mexico Military Institute
56	JJ Hirdes	OL	6' 6''	290	So.	Coopersville, Mich.	Coopersville	
57	Zach Barrett	OL	6' 3''	295	Jr.	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg	
59	Jake Renfro	OL	6' 4''	320	7th	Mokena, Ill.	Providence Catholic	Wisconsin
62	Casey Thomann	OL	6' 8''	330	Fr.	Olney, Ill.	Richland County	
65	Dezmond Schuster	OL	6' 5''	330	6th	Gonzales, La.	East Ascension	Hutchinson CC (Kan.)
66	Brandon Hansen	OL	6' 6''	320	Jr.	Mundelein, Ill.	Mundelein	
68	Michael McDonough	OL	6' 3''	315	So.	Tinley Park, Ill.	Andrew	
70	Maika Matelau	OL	6' 3''	305	So.	Ontario, Calif.	Upland	Mt. San Antonio College
71	Nathan Knapik	OL	6' 7''	300	Jr.	Kennewick, Wash.	Kennewick	Idaho
72	Christian Martin	OL	6' 7''	310	Sr.	St. Rose, La.	Destrehan	Colorado State
73	Griffin Rousseau	OL	6' 7''	315	So.	Stoughton, Wis.	Stoughton	
74	Zafir Stewart	OL	6' 6''	325	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Imhotep Charter	
75	Brandon Henderson	OL	6' 5''	320	Sr.	East St. Louis, Ill.	East St. Louis	
76	Dylan Frechette	OL	6' 6''	325	So.	Central Falls, R.I.	Cardinal Newman (Fla.)	
78	Eddie Tuerk	OL	6' 4''	315	Jr.	La Grange, Ill.	Lyons Township	
79	TJ Taylor	OL	6' 5''	330	Jr.	Santa Clarita, Calif.	Golden Valley	College of the Canyons
80	Eddie Kasper	WR	5' 10''	170	5th	Burlington, Wis.	Wheaton Academy	Illinois State
81	Leslie Mosley Jr.	WR	5' 10''	175	Fr.	Belle Glade, Fla.	Cardinal Newman	
81	Lars Rau	P	6' 3''	195	Jr.	Novato, Calif.	San Marin	Texas State
82	Jacob Harvey	WR	6' 0''	200	Fr.	Mt. Zion, Ill.	Mt. Zion	
83	Kaden Feagin	TE	6' 3''	260	Sr.	Atwood, Ill.	ALAH	
84	Grant Smith	TE	6' 5''	225	So.	Forsyth, Ill.	Maroa-Forsyth	
85	Will Vala III	TE	6' 3''	245	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill.	Downers Grove North	
86	Christian Abney	TE	6' 6''	260	Sr.	Zionsville, Ind.	Zionsville	Ball State
87	BJ Thurman	TE	6' 4''	235	So.	Berkeley, Calif.	Berkeley	College of San Mateo
88	Davin Stoffel	TE	6' 6''	265	Sr.	Mosinee, Wis.	Mosinee	South Dakota State
89	Tanner Hollinger	TE	6' 5''	245	Jr.	Stromsburg, Neb.	Cross County	
90	Carter Janki	DL	6' 5''	295	5th	Redding, Conn.	Joel Barlow	Penn
91	Cameron Brooks	DL	6' 3''	305	So.	Chicago, Ill.	Homewood-Flossmoor	
92	Deon Williams	DL	6' 2''	305	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Liberty	City College of San Francisco
94	Connor Sullivan	DL	6' 4''	290	So.	Glenview, Ill.	Loyola Academy	Washington State
95	Isaiah White	DL	6' 2''	325	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Ben Davis	
96	Darrell Prater	DL	6' 3''	310	5th	Fort Payne, Ala.	Fort Payne	Jacksonville State
98	Joshua Davis	DL	6' 3''	285	So.	Pinola, Miss.	Mendenhall	Copiah-Lincoln CC
99	King Liggins	DL	6' 3''	300	Fr.	Crete, Ill.	Brother Rice	
99	Landen Von Seggern	TE	6' 4''	280	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	Millard South	

Class is based off the five-year eligibility model (Fr.=first year; So.=second year; Jr.=third year; Sr.=fourth year; 5th=fifth year)

NAME	YR	YRS/AT ILL	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Christian Abney	Sr.	4 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	Ball St.	Ball St.			
Jacob Alexander	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Kenyon Alston	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Jordan Anderson	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
Matthew Bailey	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
Tony Balanganayi	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Joe Barna	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Javari Barnett	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Zach Barrett	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Grant Beerman	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Kayden Bennett	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Carson Boyd	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Cameron Brooks	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Daniel Brown	5th	5 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Hutchison CC	Hutchison CC		
Nate Cichy	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Juice Clarke	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Ben Clawson	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
Michael Clayton II	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Hudson Clement	5th	5 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia		
Murphy Clement	Jr.	3 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	West Virginia				
Kaedyn Cobbs	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Caden Considine	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Tywan Cox	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Parker Crim	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Joshua Davis	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	Copiah-Lincoln CC					
Collin Dixon	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Jacob Eberhart	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Robert Edmonson	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	Colorado St.	Prairie View A&M	Prairie View A&M			
Dane Eisenmenger	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Logan Farrell	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Pat Farrell	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Kaden Feagin	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Deuce Fillmore	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	Georgia St.	Miss. Gulf Coast CC	Miss. Gulf Coast CC			
James Finley IV	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	Northern Illinois					
John Forster	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Dylan Frechette	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Guillermo Gallardo	5th	5 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	NM Military Inst.	NM Military Inst.		
Erik Gayle	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Jack Gray	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Zach Haber	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	Arkansas	Butler CC	New Mexico State			

NAME	YR	YRS/AT ILL	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Nick Hankins Jr.	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Brandon Hansen	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Jacob Harvey	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Tanner Heckel	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Brandon Henderson	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
JJ Hirdes	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Tanner Hollinger	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Will Holmes	Jr.	3 / 1	Illinois	Utah State	Utah State				
Katin Houser	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	East Carolina	East Carolina	Michigan State	Michigan State		
Carter Janki	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	Penn	Penn	Penn	Penn		
Demetrius John	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
RJ Jones III	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Karson Kaiser	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Ismael Kante	5th	5 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	Iowa Central CC	Northern State	Northern State		
Eddie Kasper	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	Illinois State	Illinois State	Illinois State	Illinois State		
Nathan Knapik	Jr.	3 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	Idaho				
James Kreutz	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
Aidan Laughery	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
King Liggins	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Andre Lovett Jr.	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Patrick Mahoney III	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Christian Martin	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	Colorado State	Colorado State	Colorado State			
Maika Matelau	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	Mt. San Antonio Col.					
Michael McDonough	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
TJ McMillen	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Ethan Moczulski	5th	5 / 2	Illinois	Washington	Illinois	Texas A&M	Texas A&M		
Jakwon Morris	Jr.	3 / 1	Illinois	NW Miss. CC	NW Miss. CC				
Leslie Mosley Jr.	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Mason Muragin	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Jershaun Newton	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Lucas Osada	Jr.	3 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	North Carolina				
Jack Paris	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Alex Perry	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	FIU	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii		
Jayshon Platt	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	FAU	FAU	FAU	FAU		
Darrell Prater	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	Jacksonville St.	Jacksonville St.	Jacksonville St.	Jacksonville St.		
Kai Pritchard	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Nas Rankin	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Corey Rashad	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Lars Rau	Jr.	3 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	Texas State				
Jake Renfro	7th	7 / 1	Illinois	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati

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Mac Resetich	Sr.	4 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois			
Ean Rhea	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	Emory & Henry	Emory & Henry	Emory & Henry	Emory & Henry		
Ty Robinson	6th	6 / 1	Illinois	Ball State	Ball State	Ball State	Colorado	Colorado	
Griffin Rousseau	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Dezmond Schuster	6th	6 / 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Hutchison CC	Hutchison CC	
Xanai Scott	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Xavier Scott	5th	5 / 5	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois		
Kingston Shaw	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Carter Smith	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Champ Smith	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Grant Smith	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Maurice Smith Jr.	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	Chowan	Chowan	Long Island	Long Island		
Jaylen Stewart	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Zafir Stewart	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Davin Stoffel	Sr.	4 / 2	Illinois	Illinois	South Dakota St.	South Dakota St.			
Des Straughton	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Connor Sullivan	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	Washington St.					
TJ Taylor	Jr.	3 / 1	Illinois	Col. of the Canyons	Col. of the Canyons				
Casey Thomann	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Almirian Thomas	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Cameron Thomas	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Isaiah Thomison	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	Bowling Green	Memphis	Memphis			
BJ Thurman	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	Col. of San Mateo					
Brayden Trimble	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Eddie Tuerk	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Will Vala III	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Ca'Lil Valentine	Jr.	3 / 3	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois				
Landen Von Seggern	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Alfred Washington	Sr.	4 / 1	Illinois	NE Miss. CC	NE Miss. CC	Arkansas Tech			
Nelsyn Wheeler	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Isaiah White	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					
Deon Williams	So.	2 / 1	Illinois	City Col. of San Fran.					
Isaiah Williams	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Lavon Williams	5th	5 / 1	Illinois	East Texas A&M	East Texas A&M	East Texas A&M	East Texas A&M		
Tony Williams	Fr.	1 / 1	Illinois						
Cedric Wyche II	So.	2 / 2	Illinois	Illinois					



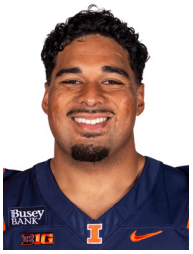
71 NATHAN KNAPIK

LT, 6-7, 300, JR.
KENNEWICK, WASH. // KENNEWICK / IDAHO

» Four straight starts at LT in wins at Michigan State (10/10/26), vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26), at Maryland (10/31/26), and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26), after starting first five games at RT
» First career start (left tackle) in Illinois' Music City Bowl win over #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Transferred to Illinois after playing five games as a freshman at Idaho in 2024
» Two-time all-conference first team at Kennewick High School
» Helped lead the Lions to a 3A state title in 2021
» Older brother, Ayden, is in his first season as a student assistant coach for the Illini in 2026
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2024	IDAHO	5	0
2025	ILL	4	1
2026	ILL	9	9
IDAHO		**5**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**13**	**10**
CAREER		**18**	**10**



70 MAIKA MATELAU

POLYNESIAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

LG, 6-3, 305, SO.
ONTARIO, CALIF. // UPLAND / MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

» Missed three games due to injury: vs. Duke (9/12/26), vs. Southern Illinois (9/19/26), and at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26), and returned to starting lineup vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» Transferred to Illinois after one season at Mt. San Antonio College
» Enrolled at Illinois in January 2026 and participated in spring practice
» No. 1 junior college interior lineman (#16 player overall) in the nation according to 247Sports
» Three-star recruit coming out of Upland High School
» Served on a mission to Tonga for two years after high school graduation
» Parents, Lisa and Sai, are immigrants from Tonga
» Major: Exploratory Studies

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2026	ILL	6	6
CAREER		**6**	**6**



59 JAKE RENFRO

C

RIMINGTON TROPHY WATCH LIST
PANINI SENIOR BOWL TOP 300 WATCH LIST
COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

C, 6-4, 320, 7TH
MOKENA, ILL. // PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC / CINCINNATI / WISCONSIN

» No. 241 overall transfer and #13 transfer center by 247Sports; enrolled in January
» Played in 38 career games with 36 starts at Cincinnati (2020-22) and Wisconsin (2023-25)
» Named to 2025 Rimington Trophy Watch List before missing final eight games due to injury
» In 12 starts at Wisconsin in 2024, allowed one sack and 10 pressures in 375 pass opportunities, via PFF
» Started 13 of Cincinnati's 14 games in 2021, earning All-AAC first team honors while leading the Bearcats to a College Football Playoff berth
» Two degrees from Wisconsin: B.S., Life Sciences Communication and M.S., Sports Leadership
» Major: Health Communication

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2020	CIN	7	6
2021	CIN	14	13
2022	CIN	0	--
2023	WISC	1	1
2024	WISC	12	12
2025	WISC	4	4
2026	ILL	9	9
CINCINNATI		**21**	**19**
WISCONSIN		**17**	**17**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**9**
CAREER		**47**	**45**



75 BRANDON HENDERSON

ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM NOMINEE
ALLSTATE WUERFFEL TROPHY NOMINEE

RG, 6-5, 320, SR.
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. // EAST ST. LOUIS (ILL.)

» 2026 Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten Fourth Team
» Missed three games due to injury: vs. Duke (9/12/26), vs. Southern Illinois (9/19/26), and at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26), and returned to starting lineup vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» Started final seven games of the 2024 and final 12 games of 2025 at right guard
» Caught game-tying touchdown pass on fourth-and-2 from the Nebraska 6-yard line in the fourth quarter of Illinois' OT road win over the #22 Cornhuskers (9/20/24)
» Helped East St. Louis to the 2022 IHSA 6A state championship at Gies Memorial Stadium
» 2022 IHSFCA 6A All-State honorable mention
» Illinois graduate with degree in Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
» Major: Health Communication

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2023	ILL	9	0
2024	ILL	13	7
2025	ILL	13	12
2026	ILL	6	6
CAREER		**41**	**25**



66 BRANDON HANSEN

RT, 6-6, 320, JR.
MUNDELEIN, ILL. // MUNDELEIN

» Four straight starts at RT in wins at Michigan State (10/10/26), vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26), at Maryland (10/31/26), and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Started at LG vs. Duke (9/12/26), vs. SIU (9/19/26), and at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» First career start at RG in 2025 season opener against Western Illinois (8/29/25)
» First commit in Illinois' 2024 recruiting class as a three-star recruit coming out of Mundelein
» All-State First Team by the News-Gazette (2023) and Honorable Mention by the IHSFCA (2022 and 2023)
» Qualified for state meet as a shot putter
» Illinois graduate with degree in Communication
» Major: Communication

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2024	ILL	10	0
2025	ILL	13	1
2024	ILL	9	7
CAREER		**32**	**8**



2 CARSON BOYD

QB, 6-0, 190, SO.
ST. LOUIS, MO. // CARDINAL RITTER

» First-career pass completion and a career-high four carries for 20 yards with a career-long 20-yard rush in win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» One carry each in wins vs. Southern Illinois (9/19/26) and at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Made Illinois debut in Illini victory formation of Week 1 win over UAB (9/3/26)
» Passed for 7,148 yards and 88 touchdowns and ran for 2,350 yards and 20 touchdowns during his high school career, while leading Cardinal Ritter to a 48-5 record
» 2023 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 5 All-State First Team and Player of the Year
» Also ran track in high school
» Father, Robert, played football at Illinois State and in the Continental Indoor Football League, and three older brothers also played college football
» Major: Exploratory Studies

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	CMP%	YDS	YD/ATT	TD	INT	LNG	SACK	RTG
2025	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2026	ILL	5	1	1	100.0	5	5.0	0	0	5	0	142.0
CAREER		**5**	**1**	**1**	**100.0**	**5**	**5.0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**142.0**

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2025	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2026	ILL	5	6	36	6.0	0	20
CAREER		**5**	**6**	**36**	**6.0**	**0**	**20**



7 MICHAEL CLAYTON II

QB, 6-4, 205, FR.
ORLANDO, FLA. // MIAMI EDISON

» Second in Illinois program history for career TD passes by a true freshman QB (4) behind only Juice Williams (9 in 2006)
» Became the third true freshman QB in Illinois history to win a game as the starter (Juice Williams at Michigan State in 2006 and Kurt Kittner at Northwestern in 1998) going 11-for-18, for 84 yards with 2 TD passes in 21-10 victory over #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Relieved injured Katin Houser and went 6-for-8 passing for 88 yards and two TDs, including a 25-yard TD strike to Hudson Clement on the first play of the overtime period, in the Illini's road win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Also threw first-career touchdown pass to Collin Dixon (14 yards) in the fourth quarter at MSU, becoming the first true freshman QB with 2+ TD passes in a B1G game in Illinois program history
» Made college debut as Illinois offense ran out the final 1:55 in win vs. Southern Illinois (9/19/26)
» Three-star recruit coming out of high school
» Enrolled at Illinois in January 2026 and participated in spring practice
» Two-time team captain and three-year starter who threw for over 6,000 yards and 72 passing touchdowns while leading Miami Edison to a 30-6 record
» Led his eighth grade team to the 2022 Pop Warner national title
» Four-year member of his high school's honor roll
» Major: Exploratory Studies

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	CMP%	YDS	YD/ATT	TD	INT	LNG	SACK	RTG
2026	ILL	3	17	26	65.4	172	6.6	4	0	25	2	171.6
CAREER		**3**	**17**	**26**	**65.4**	**172**	**6.6**	**4**	**0**	**25**	**2**	**171.6**

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2026	ILL	3	6	-13	-2.2	0	7
CAREER		**3**	**6**	**-13**	**-2.2**	**0**	**7**



4 KATIN HOUSER

C

MANNING AWARD WATCH LIST
PANINI SENIOR BOWL TOP 300 WATCH LIST

QB, 6-3, 225, 5TH
ANAHEIM, CALIF. // ST. JOHN BOSCO / MICHIGAN STATE / EAST CAROLINA

» Returned as starter in Week 9 win at Maryland (10/31/26) after missing three weeks (one start) following surgery to repair a broken hand suffered in Week 6 OT win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA ranked 24th in the nation in ESPN's QBR metric (77.4)
» Among active FBS QBs, ranks 14th in career passing yards (8,393), and 19th in career passing touchdowns (59)
» 292 passing yards and three TDs, tying a season-high, in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» 241 total yards (223 passing, 18 rushing) and led game-winning drive that resulted in walk-off FG in win at Maryland (10/31/26) following three-week absence due to broken hand
» 305 yards and two TDs vs. SIU (9/19/26), his seventh-career 300-yard passing game (first at Illinois)
» 224.6 passer rating vs. UAB (9/3/26), the eighth-best mark in a game in program history and the best ever in an Illini debut
» Responsible for four total touchdowns in debut vs. UAB - three passing and one rushing - for his sixth-career four TD game and first at Illinois
» Joined the Illini in January as the No. 19 transfer QB in the nation and participated in spring practice
» Threw for 6,438 yards and 43 touchdowns, plus 15 rushing touchdowns, during his first four seasons of college football
» Tallied 3,300 yards and 19 touchdowns, with just six interceptions, and a 65.9 completion percentage (269/408) in 2025 at East Carolina
» Earned bachelor's degree in Economics from East Carolina
» Major: Health Communication

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	CMP%	YDS	YD/ATT	TD	INT	LNG	SACK	RTG
2022	MSU	1	1	2	50.0	2	1.0	0	0	2	0	58.4
2023	MSU	11	112	191	58.6	1130	5.9	6	5	61	15	113.5
2024	ECU	9	149	245	60.8	2006	8.2	18	11	64	10	144.9
2025	ECU	12	269	408	65.9	3300	8.1	19	6	79	13	146.3
2026	ILL	8	162	252	64.3	1,955	7.8	16	5	58	8	146.8
MICHIGAN ST.		**12**	**113**	**193**	**58.5**	**1132**	**5.9**	**6**	**5**	**61**	**15**	**112.9**
EAST CAROLINA		**21**	**418**	**653**	**64.0**	**5306**	**8.1**	**37**	**17**	**79**	**23**	**145.8**
ILLINOIS		**8**	**162**	**252**	**64.3**	**1,955**	**7.8**	**16**	**5**	**58**	**8**	**146.8**
CAREER		**41**	**693**	**1098**	**63.1**	**8,393**	**7.6**	**59**	**27**	**79**	**46**	**140.1**

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	MSU	1	1	13	13.0	0	13
2023	MSU	11	48	-12	-0.3	2	15
2024	ECU	9	49	170	3.5	4	35
2025	ECU	12	85	193	2.3	9	14
2026	ILL	8	37	128	3.5	2	25
MICHIGAN ST.		**12**	**49**	**1**	**0.0**	**2**	**15**
EAST CAROLINA		**21**	**134**	**363**	**2.7**	**13**	**35**
ILLINOIS		**8**	**37**	**128**	**3.5**	**2**	**25**
CAREER		**41**	**220**	**492**	**2.2**	**17**	**35**



23 JORDAN ANDERSON

RB, 6-4, 240, 5TH
NAPERVILLE, ILL. // JOLIET CATHOLIC

» First-career receiving TD in Illini win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Nine carries for 45 yards, including six rushes for 35 yards and a career-long reception (9 yards) on game-winning drive in walkoff win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Career highs in carries (11) and rushing yards (67), including a career-long 33-yard carry to help seal the victory vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Career-long 22-yard rush for a touchdown at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» Returned to running back for 2026 after moving to tight end room for 2025
» Critical first-down rush in the final drive of Music City Bowl win over #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Missed 2023 season with knee injury sustained during fall camp
» Did not play in a game in first season at Illinois in 2022
» Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
» Set IHSA record with 306 rushing yards in the 2021 Class 4A championship game, adding four rushing touchdowns and a receiving touchdown
» Major: Management (Master's)
» Completed bachelor's degree in Recreation, Sport, & Tourism in December 2025

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	13	6	12	2.0	0	5
2025	ILL	13	9	41	4.6	1	20
2026	ILL	9	45	199	4.4	2	33
CAREER		**35**	**60**	**252**	**4.2**	**3**	**33**

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	3	12	4.0	0	6
2026	ILL	9	4	14	3.5	1	9
CAREER		**35**	**7**	**26**	**3.7**	**1**	**9**



24 JAVARI BARNETT

RB, 6-1, 235, FR.
TAMPA, FLA. // TAMPA BAY TECH

» Left game with leg injury in Illini win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Career-high 80 yards rushing including a game-changing 64-yard TD, the longest by a B1G freshman this season, in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Six carries for 27 yards in victory over #25-ranked Oregon (10/24/26)
» Eight carries for 50 yards and a rushing TD in collegiate debut vs. Southern Illinois (9/19/26)
» Three-star recruit rated among top 50 RBs in his class by 247 Sports (37), Rivals (38) and ESPN (41)
» Played two seasons at Tampa Bay Tech after starting his prep career at Carrollwood Day
» Chose Illinois over offers from 21 other Power 4
» Also competed in track and field in high school
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2026	ILL	6	27	185	6.9	2	64
CAREER		**6**	**27**	**185**	**6.9**	**2**	**64**



21 AIDAN LAUGHERY

C

RB, 5-11, 200, 5TH
GIBSON CITY, ILL. // GCMS

» Hometown of Gibson City is 32 miles north of Gies Memorial Stadium
» Fighting Illini's active leader in the running backs room with 291 carries for 1,676 yards (5.8 avg.)
» 10-career rushing TDs also rank first among the Illini's current stable of rushers
» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA as one of three RBs in the nation with two rushing TDs of 75+ yards on the season, joining Qwantavius Wiggins of Georgia State and Isaac Brown of Louisville
» Team-high 123 rushing yards, including a 75-yard TD in the second quarter, in the victory over #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Caught first-career receiving TD in OT win at Michigan State (10/10/26) with 94 yards of offense (70 rushing) with career highs in rushing attempts (17), receptions (4), and receiving yards (24)
» 113 yards rushing on 11 carries at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26), the first player to rush for 100+ at OSU since Kalel Mullings of Michigan (116 yards on 11/30/24); Eighth Illini rusher since 1945 and first since 2007 (Daniel Dufresne) to top the century mark at Ohio Stadium
» Career-long 77-yard TD, 20th-longest rush in team history, in victory over Southern Illinois (9/19/26)
» In 2025, opened the year with 101 yards and two touchdowns against Western Illinois and capped the season with a team-high 77 yards in the Music City Bowl win vs. #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Rushed 16 times for 67 yards in Cheez-It Citrus Bowl win over #14 South Carolina (12/31/24)
» Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week after rushing 12 times for a career-best 172 yards and career-high three touchdowns in win at Northwestern (11/30/24)
» Led GCMS to IHSA 2A state title; also ran track in high school
» Major: Management (Master's)
» Graduated from Illinois in August 2025 with a degree in Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	ILL	1	3	9	3.0	0	5
2023	ILL	9	16	81	5.1	1	19
2024	ILL	12	97	589	6.1	4	64
2025	ILL	9	75	382	5.1	3	57
2026	ILL	9	100	615	6.2	2	77
CAREER		**40**	**291**	**1,676**	**5.8**	**10**	**77**

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023	ILL	9	2	24	12.0	0	12
2024	ILL	12	9	32	3.6	0	10
2025	ILL	9	9	54	6.0	0	17
2026	ILL	9	12	82	6.8	1	21
CAREER		**40**	**32**	**192**	**6.0**	**1**	**21**



5 CA'LIL VALENTINE

DOAK WALKER AWARD WATCH LIST

RB, 5-11, 205, JR.
HAYWARD, CALIF. / CHANDLER (AZ)

» Suffered a season-ending leg injury against Purdue (10/3/26), finishing his junior season with 50 carries for 225 yards (4.5 yards/carry) and one touchdown
» Career-long 33-yard reception at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» Surpassed 1,000-career yards in Illini victory over Southern Illinois (9/19/26)
» Opened 2026 with back-to-back games as the team's leading rusher: 88 yards on 11 carries, including a career-long 54-yard TD run vs. UAB (9/3/26) and 56 yards on 18 carries vs. Duke (9/12/26)
» 2026 All-Big Ten by Phil Steele (Third Team) and Athlon (Fourth Team)
» Led Illini with 131 carries and 614 yards, and added four rushing TDs in 2025
» 65 yards on eight carries (8.1 avg.) in Music City Bowl victory over #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Six carries for 44 yards (7.3 avg.) and a rushing touchdown in road win at eventual ACC Champion Duke (9/6/25)
» Career-high 95 rushing yards in win at Purdue (10/4/25)
» 59 yards on eight carries (7.4 avg.) in home win over #21 USC (9/27/25)
» Four-star recruit by ESPN, On3, and Rivals
» No. 20 overall running back recruit in the nation by On3
» Played high school football at Chandler (Ariz.), where he starred with Oregon QB Dylan Raiola
» Rushed for 3,242 yards and 42 rushing touchdowns during three-year high school career
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2024	ILL	12	53	212	4.0	1	22
2025	ILL	13	131	614	4.7	4	25
2026	ILL	5	50	225	4.5	1	51
CAREER		**30**	**234**	**1,051**	**4.5**	**6**	**51**

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2024	ILL	12	5	30	6.0	0	15
2025	ILL	13	10	55	5.5	0	18
2026	ILL	5	3	46	15.3	0	33
CAREER		**30**	**18**	**131**	**7.3**	**0**	**33**

KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG
2024	ILL	12	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	9	186	0	33
2026	ILL	5	1	31	0	31
CAREER		**30**	**10**	**217**	**0**	**33**



13 HUDSON CLEMENT

PANINI SENIOR BOWL TOP 300 WATCH LIST

WR, 6-1, 215, 5TH

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. // MARTINSBURG / WEST VIRGINIA

» Six catches for a season-high 105 yards and the game-winning TD in OT at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Averaged 5.0 catches and 83.3 receiving yards per game over four-game stretch vs. Southern Illinois (5 for 69), at #7 Ohio State (5 for 87), vs. Purdue (4 for 72), and at Michigan State (6 for 105)
» Team-high 48 receiving yards in the Music City Bowl victory over #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Two touchdowns in 2025 home win vs. Maryland (11/15/25)
» No. 2-graded transfer wide receiver in the nation, according to PFF
» 20 career starts at West Virginia in 23 games from 2022-24
» Career-high 11 receptions 166 yards and two TDs vs. Memphis in the 2024 Frisco Bowl (12/17/24)
» Major: Communication

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	WVU	0	--	--	--	--	--
2023	WVU	11	22	480	21.8	4	70
2024	WVU	12	51	741	14.5	5	44
2025	ILL	13	36	454	12.6	3	27
2026	ILL	9	37	540	14.6	1	39
WEST VIRGINIA		**23**	**73**	**1221**	**16.7**	**9**	**70**
ILLINOIS		**22**	**73**	**994**	**13.6**	**4**	**39**
CAREER		**45**	**146**	**2,215**	**15.2**	**13**	**70**



17 COLLIN DIXON

C BILETNIKOFF AWARD WATCH LIST

WR, 6-1, 215, SR.

TALLMADGE, OHIO // TALLMADGE

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA as one of only four players in the nation to rank in the top 10 in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns, along with Jeremiah Smith (Ohio State), Malachi Toney (Miami), and Easton Messer (FAU)
» Fourth in the nation (second in B1G) in receiving TDs (12), sixth in the country (second in B1G) in receptions (68) and eighth in the nation (second in B1G) in receiving yards (910)
» 90 yards from posting the 10th 1,000-yard receiving season in Illinois program history
» Tied for fifth on the Illini's career TD receptions list (17), two from reaching the program's top three and seven from matching the program record of 24 held by David Williams (1983-85)
» Set the Illini's single-season record with his 11th and 12th receiving TDs of the year, while hauling in eight catches for 129 yards in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Broke the Gies Memorial Stadium single-season record set by Pat Bryant (6 in 2024) in three games and has nine on the year at home
» First B1G player with seven receiving TDs through three games since 2004 (Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue)
» Tied Illinois single-game record with three receiving TDs vs. Duke (9/12/26), becoming the first player in program history to accomplish the feat in a single half
» Started all 13 games in 2025 and ranked second on the team with 548 receiving yards
» Led Illini and ranked 14th in the B1G with five receiving TDs during the 2025 regular season
» Earned three first-team Suburban League honors in football, and track and field, and was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball
» Caught 201 passes for 3,561 yards and 43 touchdowns during his high school career
» Attended the 2026 B1G Student-Athlete Leadership Retreat
» Major: Marketing

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	13	18	264	14.7	0	41
2025	ILL	13	35	548	15.7	5	61
2026	ILL	9	68	910	13.4	12	58
CAREER		**35**	**121**	**1,722**	**14.2**	**17**	**61**



1 JAYSHON PLATT

BILETNIKOFF AWARD WATCH LIST
JET AWARD WATCH LIST

WR, 6-1, 195, 5TH

NORTH PORT, FLA. // VENICE / FLORIDA ATLANTIC

» Missed first nine games of 2026 due to injury
» Enrolled at Illinois in January 2026 and participated in spring practice
» 46 catches for 720 yards (15.7 avg.) with five receiving touchdowns in 12 games at FAU in 2025
» In 2025, ranked 30th in the nation with eight receptions over 30 yards and totaled 25 kickoff returns for 613 yards (24.5 avg.)
» Four 100-yard receiving games including a career-high 121 yards and one TD at Navy (10/25/25)
» Three-sport athlete at Venice High School (basketball and track), led the Indians to a state football championship in 2021
» Major: Communication

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2022	FAU	11	3	26	8.7	0	14
2023	FAU	9	2	7	3.5	0	5
2024	FAU	4	4	38	9.5	1	11
2025	FAU	12	46	720	15.7	5	48
2026	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--
FLORIDA ATLANTIC		**36**	**55**	**791**	**14.4**	**6**	**48**
ILLINOIS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
CAREER		**36**	**55**	**791**	**14.4**	**6**	**48**



10 TY ROBINSON

WR, 6-4, 205, 6TH

DENVER, COLO. // EAGLECREST / COLORADO / BALL STATE

» Ranks tied for 21st in the Big Ten with three TD receptions, matching his career total
» Third receiving TD of the season vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» Season high in receptions (4), including his second TD of the season, at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» First receiving TD as an Illini on a 54-yard Hail Mary from Katin Houser as time expired in first half of season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Enrolled at Illinois in January 2026 and participated in spring practice
» Three-star recruit coming out of high ranked as the #68 athlete in the nation by 247Sports
» Played football and basketball in high school and had Division I offers to play college basketball
» Major: Management (Master's)
» Earned bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Ball State

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2021	CU	11	6	64	10.7	1	26
2022	CU	11	3	31	10.3	0	12
2023	BSU	2	6	111	18.5	1	27
2024	BSU	3	5	69	13.8	1	21
2025	BSU	10	11	113	10.3	0	21
2026	ILL	9	13	173	13.3	3	54
COLORADO		**22**	**9**	**95**	**10.6**	**1**	**26**
BALL STATE		**15**	**22**	**293**	**13.3**	**2**	**27**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**13**	**173**	**13.3**	**3**	**54**
CAREER		**46**	**44**	**561**	**12.8**	**6**	**54**



11 BRAYDEN TRIMBLE

WR, 6-1, 195, SO.

MT. ZION, ILL. // MT. ZION

» Two catches for 21 yards, including first-career TD reception in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Career-high 56 receiving yards on four catches in Week 6 OT win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» First-career start and reception (11 yds) in season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Two-time IHSFCA Class 4A All-State and 2024 Champaign News-Gazette All-State selection
» Finished high school career ranked ninth in Illinois high school football history with 215 career receptions, and 16th with 3,036 career receiving yards
» Led Mt. Zion to the IHSA Class 4A state championship game as a senior
» Also ran track and played basketball for Mt. Zion
» Major: Communication

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2025	ILL	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	22	198	9.0	1	27
CAREER		**12**	**22**	**198**	**9.0**	**1**	**27**



86 CHRISTIAN ABNEY

TE, 6-6, 260, SR.

ZIONSVILLE, IND. // ZIONSVILLE / BALL STATE

» Has played in 21 of 22 games with 13 starts at tight end since joining the Fighting Illini
» Hauled in the eventual game-winning score, his first receiving TD as an Illini and the second of his collegiate career, in the win over #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» First-career reception as an Illini for 12 yards in home win vs. #21 USC (9/27/25)
» Transferred to Illinois in May 2025 with two years of eligibility remaining
» Nine starts at tight end at Ball State (3 in 2023, 6 in 2024)
» High school quarterback, switched to tight end at Ball State
» Finished high school with 2,520 passing yards, 26 passing TDs, and eight rushing TDs
» Major: Management

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	BSU	7	3	16	5.3	0	10
2024	BSU	12	5	50	10.0	1	22
2025	ILL	12	1	12	12.0	0	12
2026	ILL	9	6	36	6.0	1	10
BALL STATE		**19**	**8**	**66**	**8.3**	**1**	**22**
ILLINOIS		**21**	**7**	**48**	**6.9**	**1**	**12**
CAREER		**40**	**15**	**114**	**7.6**	**2**	**22**



83 KADEN FEAGIN

TE, 6-3, 260, SR.

ATWOOD, ILL. / ALAH

» Moved to tight end from running back during the 2026 spring season
» Two catches for a season-high 40 yards with a long of 25 yards in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Returned from injury with three catches for 24 yards in Week 6 win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Appeared twice on Bruce Feldman's College Football Freaks list, No. 24 in 2024 and No. 41 in 2026
» 12th in the Big Ten in rushing touchdowns (7) during the 2025 regular season; added two receiving touchdowns for nine total scores on the season
» Missed the final eight games of 2024 after hip surgery on 10/18/24
» 2023 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention as a true freshman
» Began career with 74 consecutive carries without a negative rush, and was only stopped behind the line of scrimmage twice in 95 attempts during his true freshman season in 2023
» Four-star recruit by ESPN and Rivals out of high school
» Hometown of Atwood is 30 miles south of Gies Memorial Stadium
» Placed second in long jump at the 2021 IHSA track and field state finals
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	ILL	9	9	116	12.9	1	54
2024	ILL	5	5	37	7.4	0	12
2025	ILL	13	16	188	11.8	2	64
2026	ILL	8	10	83	8.3	0	25
CAREER		**35**	**40**	**424**	**10.6**	**3**	**64**

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	ILL	9	95	438	4.6	2	25
2024	ILL	5	67	306	4.6	3	34
2025	ILL	13	122	507	4.2	7	26
2026	ILL	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER		**35**	**284**	**1,251**	**4.4**	**12**	**34**



88 DAVIN STOFFEL

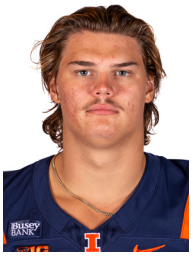
TE, 6-6, 265, SR.

MOSINEE, WIS. // MOSINEE / SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

» Catches in three games: 1 for 14 yards vs. Duke (9/12/26), 1 for 12 yards vs. SIU (9/19/26), and 1 for 12 yards vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» Caught one pass for 24 yards on the season at Wisconsin (11/22/25)
» Transferred to Illinois in January 2025 with three years of eligibility remaining
» 2024 MVFC All-Newcomer Team at South Dakota State
» Played in two games in 2023 as part of South Dakota State's FCS national championship team
» 2022 Al Toon Award winner as the top high school receiver in the state of Wisconsin
» Major: Mechanical Engineering

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	SDSU	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
2024	SDSU	14	14	177	12.6	1	41
2025	ILL	13	1	24	24.0	0	24
2026	ILL	9	3	38	12.7	0	14
SOUTH DAKOTA ST.		**16**	**14**	**177**	**12.6**	**1**	**41**
ILLINOIS		**22**	**4**	**62**	**15.5**	**0**	**24**
CAREER		**38**	**18**	**239**	**13.3**	**1**	**41**



43 JOE BARNA

DL, 6-4, 280, JR.
WHEATON, ILL. // WHEATON NORTH

» 2026 Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten Fourth Team
» Four tackles (two solo) and a half sack in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Career-high 1.5 tackles for loss, including a half sack, in Week 3 win vs. SIU (9/19/26)
» Game-changing strip sack led to a fumble recovery TD in Music City Bowl win vs. #23 Tennessee (12/30/25)
» Helped Wheaton North to state titles in 2021 and 2022
» 2023 IHSFCA 7A All-State, DuKane Conference D-Lineman of the Year, and Wheaton North Defensive Player of the Year
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2024	ILL	10	16	8	8	0	1.5	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	20	7	13	2	2.0	1	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	23	7	16	0	1.0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		**32**	**59**	**22**	**37**	**2**	**4.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**



52 PAT FARRELL

DL, 6-5, 285, SR.
OAK LAWN, ILL. // ST. RITA

» Played in all 35 games with nine starts over last three seasons
» Two solo tackles and a career-high two PBUs in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Career-high five tackles, including a strip-sack, in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Three total tackles at #19 Indiana (9/20/25)
» Posted first full sack of his career in win vs. Western Michigan (9/13/25)
» 2022 All-Chicago Catholic League first team selection and CCL Green Defensive MVP
» Two-time Academic All-Big Ten
» Attended the Uplifting Athletes Leadership Development Conference in Philadelphia in summer 2026
» Major: Advertising

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2023	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	13	4	2	2	0	0.5	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	11	3	8	2	1.5	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	18	10	8	4	1.0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		**35**	**33**	**15**	**18**	**6**	**3.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



24 WILL HOLMES

DL, 6-4, 260, JR.
DETROIT, MICH. // WESTERN INTERNATIONAL / UTAH STATE

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA ranked 11th in the Big Ten in total pressures (26), according to PFF, leads the team with five QB hurries, and is tied for second on the team with 3.5 TFLs
» Transferred to Illinois after two seasons at Utah State
» Pitcher/outfielder in the Los Angeles Angels farm system from 2018-21
» Never played organized football prior to college
» Brother, Jaren, played college basketball at Iowa State and professionally in Europe
» Major: Communication

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2024	USU	9	6	2	4	0	1.5	0	0	0	0
2025	USU	10	45	22	23	0	2.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	21	6	15	1	1.5	1	0	0	0
UTAH STATE		**19**	**51**	**24**	**27**	**0**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**21**	**6**	**15**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
CAREER		**28**	**72**	**30**	**42**	**1**	**5.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



90 CARTER JANKI

DL, 6-5, 295, 5TH
REDDING, CONN. // JOEL BARLOW / PENN

» Goes by the nickname "Woodie"
» Season-high four tackles in four of last five games, all starts vs. Purdue (10/3/26), vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26), at Maryland (10/31/26), and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Transferred to Illinois after four seasons at Penn
» Two-time All-Ivy League performer earning first team in 2025 and second team in 2024
» Played football, basketball, and volleyball at Joel Barlow High School
» Helped Barlow win the CIAC Boys Volleyball State Championship
» Major: Management (Master's)
» Completed bachelor's degree in Economics at Penn

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2022	PENN	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	PENN	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2024	PENN	10	40	21	19	0	3.5	1	0	0	0
2025	PENN	10	42	20	22	2	4.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	22	5	17	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
PENN		**21**	**82**	**41**	**41**	**2**	**7.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**22**	**5**	**17**	**2**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
CAREER		**30**	**104**	**46**	**58**	**4**	**7.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



96 DARRELL PRATER

DL, 6-3, 310, 5TH
FORT PAYNE, ALA. // FORT PAYNE / JACKSONVILLE STATE

» Three tackles (one solo) and a half sack, first as an Illini, in Week 3 victory over SIU (9/19/26)
» Transferred to Illinois after four seasons at Jacksonville State where he tallied 63 tackles and 5.5 sacks in 39 games played for the Gamecocks
» Career-high six tackles against Kennesaw State in the CUSA Championship (12/5/25)
» Career-high 2.0 sacks at FIU (11/22/25)
» Played defensive end and defensive tackle, as well as tight end and fullback at Fort Payne
» Helped Fort Payne to the AHSAA Class 6A Playoffs each season and earned All-Region second team in 2020
» Major: Communication

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2022	JSU	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	JSU	12	14	8	6	0	1.0	0	0	0	0
2024	JSU	13	26	4	22	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	JSU	14	23	14	9	0	4.5	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	14	6	8	0	0.5	0	0	0	0
JACKSONVILLE ST.		**39**	**63**	**26**	**37**	**0**	**5.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**14**	**6**	**8**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
CAREER		**48**	**77**	**32**	**45**	**0**	**6.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



33 GRANT BEERMAN

LB, 6-5, 240, SO.
WEST CHESTER, OHIO // LAKOTA WEST

» Career-high four tackles in Week 2 vs. Duke (9/12/26)
» Played in the final 11 games, primarily on special teams, as a freshman in 2025
» Four-star recruit by Rivals and 247Composite
» 103 tackles, 15.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, three pass breakups, one interception and one forced fumble as a senior at Lakota West
» Also competed in basketball and track and field in high school
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2025	ILL	11	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	7	13	5	8	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**18**	**14**	**6**	**8**	**1**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



4 DANIEL BROWN

LB, 6-1, 255, 5TH
KANSAS CITY, KAN. // BISHOP WARD / HUTCHINSON CC

» Six consecutive starts after missing the first three games due to injury
» Season-high three tackles (two solo) including a half sack in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Played in nine games with two starts in 2025
» Started Music City Bowl win vs. #23 Tennessee (12/30/25) and recorded a career-high five tackles (two solo)
» Started first game at Illinois and made one tackle in win at Duke (9/6/25)
» Missed the first 11 games of the 2024 season with an injury, playing in two contests
» 2023 NJCAA All-American First Team and Jayhawk Conference Defensive Player of the Year
» Led the nation in sacks with 18.0 in 11 games in 2023
» Major: Community Health

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2024	ILL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	9	11	4	7	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	6	9	5	4	0	1.5	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**17**	**20**	**9**	**11**	**1**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



26 ISMAEL KANTE

JASON WITTEN COLLEGE MAN OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST
ORANGE BOWL-FWAA COURAGE AWARD NOMINEE

LB, 6-2, 240, 5TH
BROOKLYN PARK, MINN. // PARK CENTER / NORTHERN STATE / IOWA CENTRAL CC

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA as Illinois' No. 3 tackler with 55 stops (27 solo) while tying James Kreutz, and Will Holmes for second on the team with 3.5 TFLs
» Career-high 10 total tackles (seven solo) with 1.5 tackles for loss vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» 59-yard TD on first-career interception in season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Played in all 13 games for Illinois in 2025, contributed primarily on special teams and played defensive snaps in 11 contests, including the Music City Bowl win vs. #23 Tennessee
» Signed with Illinois in 2025 as the #1 juco LB and #21 juco player in the nation, according to 247Sports
» 71 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and 5 PBUs in 2024 at Iowa Central CC
» Major: Communication
» Completed degree in Communication from Illinois in August 2026

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2024	ILL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	8	3	5	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	55	27	28	1	0.0	0	1	59	1
CAREER		**24**	**63**	**30**	**33**	**2**	**0.0**	**0**	**1**	**59**	**1**



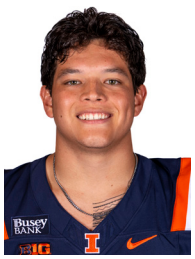
10 JAMES KREUTZ

LB, 6-2, 240, 5TH
BANNOCKBURN, ILL. // LOYOLA ACADEMY

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA as the Illini's No. 2 tackler with 60 stops (28 solo) while tying Ismael Kante, and Will Holmes for second on the team with 3.5 TFLs
» 10 tackles (four solo), third-career game with 10+ stops in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Career-high 15 tackles (eight solo) with 1.0 sack in overtime win at Michigan State (10/10/26), breaking personal mark of 12 stops (two solo) against Rutgers (11/23/24)
» 2021 IHSFCA 8A All-State First Team and Chicago Catholic League Blue Defensive Player of the Year
» Father, Olin, was a six-time Pro Bowler for the Chicago Bears, and brother, former Illini Josh, is a rookie with the Indianapolis Colts in 2026
» Major: Health Communication
» Earned bachelor's degree from Illinois in Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2022	ILL	3	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	ILL	12	18	9	9	0	1.0	0	0	0	0
2024	ILL	13	54	26	29	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	12	29	15	14	3	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	60	28	32	1	1.0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		**49**	**163**	**78**	**85**	**5**	**2.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



18 MASON MURAGIN

LB, 6-4, 250, SR.
MACOMB, MICH. // DE LA SALLE

» First-career sack, a 7-yard loss, in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» Tied career high with three tackles vs. Purdue (10/3/26)
» First-career tackles (three total, one solo) in season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Did not play due to injury in 2023 or 2024
» Played in two games in 2025, making Illinois debut in opener vs. Western Illinois
» Set De La Salle High School records for single-game TFLs (7.0), single-season TFLs (31.0), career TFLs (70.5), and career sacks (29.5); 2022 Metro Detroit Defensive POY, and two-time state champ.
» Father, Kalani, played football at Central Michigan
» Major: Communication

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2023	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2025	ILL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	12	4	8	0	1.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**11**	**12**	**4**	**8**	**0**	**1.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



40 EAN RHEA

LB, 6-2, 240, 5TH
GLADE SPRINGS, VA. // PATRICK HENRY / EMORY & HENRY

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA leading the Illini in sacks (2.0) and tied for sixth with 3.0 TFLs
» Strip sack in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Five tackles (four solo) and a sack in his Illinois debut vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Transferred to Illinois after four seasons at DII Emory & Henry
» Posted 50 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss, 12.0 sacks, and three forced fumbles to earn First Team All-America (AP, AFCA) honors as a senior in 2025
» Played in 33 games with 22 starts for Emory & Henry, tallying 137 tackles (64 solo), 24.5 sacks, 44.0 tackles for loss, nine forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and one interception
» Major: Strategic Brand Communication
» Completed bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Emory & Henry

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2026	ILL	9	15	10	5	0	2.0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		**9**	**15**	**10**	**5**	**0**	**2.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



7 MATTHEW BAILEY

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CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD WATCH LIST
LOTT IMPACT TROPHY WATCH LIST
PANINI SENIOR BOWL TOP 300 WATCH LIST

DB, 6-2, 225, 5TH
MOLINE, ILL. // MOLINE

» Two-time All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (2024 media, 2025 coaches and media)
» Nation's only player returning in 2026 after leading his team in tackles in both 2024 and 2025
» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA as the team's leading tackler with 66 total tackles (42 solo)
» 11 tackles (seven solo), including a half sack, and a forced fumble in win vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» The ninth Illini with 250+ career tackles since 2005, and the first since Sydney Brown (320 from 2018-2022)
» First Fighting Illini defender from an Illinois high school to record 200+ career tackles (251) since East St. Louis High School alumnus Stanley Green (259 from 2016-19)
» Recorded first-career sack and a career-high 1.5 TFLs in victory at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Career-high 14 tackles (seven solo) and one TFL at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» 88-yard interception return for a TD against Southern Illinois (9/19/26) was the 9th-longest interception return in Illinois history and the 9th-longest in Gies Memorial Stadium history (Illinois or opponent)
» Pick-six vs. SIU was his second-career defensive TD; recovered a fumble in the end zone in Illinois' 24-3 home win vs. Virginia as a freshman in 2022
» Single-season career high in solo tackles (59) and tackles for loss (4.0) in 2025
» Career-high eight solo tackles (10 total) in back-to-back games vs. Maryland (11/15/25) and at Wisconsin (11/22/25)
» AP All-Bowl Team after tying Illinois bowl record with 14 tackles in Citrus Bowl win vs. #14 South Carolina
» 11 tackles (six solo), an interception (fourth career) and a forced fumble in win vs. #24 Michigan (10/19/24)
» Missed 11 of 12 games in 2023 season due to injury
» Three interceptions as a freshman in 2022 ranked eighth in the Big Ten
» Major: Health Communication
» Completed degree in Kinesiology from Illinois in May 2026

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2022	ILL	13	10	7	3	2	0.0	0	3	22	0
2023	ILL	1	5	3	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2024	ILL	13	94	44	50	7	0.0	2	1	20	0
2025	ILL	12	76	59	17	2	0.0	2	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	66	42	24	1	1.5	1	1	88	1
CAREER		**48**	**251**	**155**	**96**	**12**	**1.5**	**5**	**5**	**130**	**1**



6 JUICE CLARKE

DB, 6-1, 185, SR.
FT. MYERS, FLA. // RIVERDALE

» First name is Jaheim, but goes by his nickname “Juice”
» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA tied for the Big Ten lead with 10 PBUs (fifth nationally), and ranks fourth on the team with 47 total tackles and second on the squad with 34 solo stops
» In the last three wins - vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26), at Maryland (10/31/26), and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26), has allowed only 20.1 completion yards per game (61 total yards) on 16 targets and 132 coverage snaps (per PFF)
» Team-leading 10 tackles (seven solo), with a TFL and 2 PBUs, while allowing just one reception on three targets in 42 coverage snaps (per PFF) in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» 2025 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)
» 29 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 7 PBUs, and 1 fumble recovery in final eight games of 2025 after returning from injury
» Fumble recovery in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl win vs. #14 South Carolina (12/31/24)
» Career-high 12 tackles (eight solo) in first-career start against Northwestern (11/30/24)
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2023	ILL	12	5	3	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2024	ILL	12	34	26	8	5	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	9	30	22	8	8	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	47	34	13	10	0.0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		**42**	**116**	**85**	**31**	**23**	**0.0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



32 TYWAN COX

DB, 5-10, 190, SO.
MIAMI, FLA. // MIAMI NORTHWESTERN

» Out for season with injury sustained in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Did not play at Michigan St. (10/10/26), returning from injury in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Tied career high with four tackles at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» High school coach at Miami Northwestern was former NFL quarterback Teddy Bridgewater
» Also ran track in high school
» Father, Torrie Sr., played five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; older brother, Torrie Jr., played two seasons at Illinois (2024-25) and was All-Big Ten Honorable Mention in 2025
» Major: Communication

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2025	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2026	ILL	6	12	10	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**6**	**12**	**10**	**2**	**2**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



22 DEUCE FILLMORE

DB, 5-11, 190, SR.
BILOXI, MISS. // MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC / GEORGIA STATE

» First name is Damaryion, but goes by nickname "Deuce"
» First-career TFL in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» 12 starts as a junior at Georgia State in 2025
» 48 tackles (30 solo) with 3.0 tackles for loss, three interceptions and six PBUs in 18 games played at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in 2023 and 2024
» Played both ways at Biloxi High School, recording 39 tackles while adding 58 carries for 580 yards and six rushing touchdowns as a senior in 2022
» Major: Communication

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2025	GSU	12	39	23	16	3	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	9	7	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
GEORGIA ST.		**12**	**39**	**23**	**16**	**3**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**9**	**7**	**2**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
CAREER		**21**	**48**	**30**	**18**	**3**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



16 TANNER HECKEL

DB, 5-11, 195, JR.
LYNDON, KAN. // LYNDON

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA with a combined 22 total tackles (17 solo) in four straight starts in victories at Michigan State (10/10/26), vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26), at Maryland (10/31/26), and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26)
» During four-game win streak, has allowed only 18.3 completion yards per game (73 total yards) on 17 targets and 161 coverage snaps, which have more than doubled (per PFF)
» Started at free safety in wins at Maryland (10/31/26) and vs. Nebraska (11/6/26); vs. Terps posted four tackles (three solo), and recorded his second-career interception then recorded tackles (all solo), including a 4-yard TFL against the Cornhuskers
» Career-high seven tackles (four solo) in overtime win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Tied then-career-high with five tackles in win vs. #21 USC (9/27/25)
» First-career sack and interception in Illinois' win at Duke (9/6/25)
» Led Lyndon to a 13-0 record and the program's first-ever Kansas Eight-Man Division I State Championship as a senior and earned 2023 Kansas 8-Man Offensive Player of the Year honors
» State title in long jump and triple jump, and finished second in 100-meter, and third in javelin as a junior
» Major: Accountancy

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2024	ILL	13	2	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2025	ILL	13	37	26	11	2	1.5	1	1	-1	0
2026	ILL	9	30	22	8	4	0.0	0	1	2	0
CAREER		**35**	**69**	**49**	**20**	**6**	**1.5**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**



5 JAKWON MORRIS

DB, 6-0, 195, JR.
TUPELO, MISS. // NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI CC

» Four tackles (three solo) vs. Nebraska (11/6/26), second straight week with a career-high in tackles
» Three tackles (all solo) with a fumble recovery and one PBU in win at Maryland (10/31/26)
» Four-star recruit coming out of junior college
» Joined the Illini as the No. 1 junior college cornerback and No. 4 overall junior college player according to ESPN and Rivals
» 35 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 7 PBUs in 11 games in 2025 at NW Mississippi CC
» Youngest of 11 children with five brothers and five sisters
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2026	ILL	9	19	14	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**9**	**19**	**14**	**5**	**2**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



0 MAC RESETICH

DB, 6-0, 210, SR.
SPRING VALLEY, ILL. // SPRING VALLEY HALL

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA with five punt returns for 108 yards (21.6 avg.), but does not meet NCAA minimums for individual rankings
» Tied career high with seven tackles (five solo), and added a TD-saving PBU at #7 Ohio State (9/26/26)
» Career-long 65-yard punt return to set up Illini's first TD in season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Interceptions against Northwestern in 2024 and Indiana in 2023
» First-career sack in the 2024 Citrus Bowl against #14 South Carolina (12/31/24)
» Originally committed to Black Hawk Community College to play baseball
» Top 500 baseball recruit in the nation, according to Perfect Game
» Scored 1,000 career points during high school basketball career
» Only offer to play Division I football was from Illinois
» Attended the 2026 B1G Student-Athlete Leadership Retreat
» Major: Recreation, Sport & Tourism

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2023	ILL	11	7	5	2	0	0.0	0	1	0	0
2024	ILL	13	20	16	4	0	1.0	0	1	28	0
2025	ILL	13	19	12	7	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	29	23	6	3	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**46**	**75**	**56**	**19**	**3**	**1.0**	**0**	**2**	**28**	**0**

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	TD	FC	LNG
2023	ILL	11	0	0	0	0	0
2024	ILL	13	4	43	0	0	30
2025	ILL	13	0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	5	108	0	0	65
CAREER		**46**	**9**	**151**	**0**	**0**	**65**



1 XAVIER SCOTT

C **PANINI SENIOR BOWL TOP 300 WATCH LIST**
COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

DB, 5-11, 195, 5TH
RIVIERA BEACH, FLA. // DWYER

» 2026 Athlon Preseason All-America Fourth Team
» 2024 Phil Steele All-America Honorable Mention
» 2024 All-Big Ten First Team (media), Second Team (coaches)
» One of 15 semifinalists for the 2024 Paycom Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's best defensive back
» 2023 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
» Season-high four solo tackles (five total) in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Game-sealing tackle to stop Michigan State's two-point attempt to win the contest in overtime (10/10/26)
» Missed final 10 games of the 2025 season due to injury and announced return on Jan. 15, 2026
» Finished the 2024 regular season tied for second in the Big Ten in interceptions (4), 15th nationally
» Picked off sixth-career pass (fourth of the season) against Northwestern (11/30/24)
» First-career pick six, first-career two-interception game, and one forced fumble in win vs. #19 Kansas (9/7/24)
» Led the Big Ten in pass breakups (11) and tied for the league lead in passes defended (14) during the 2023 regular season
» Recorded two interceptions in 2023: at Kansas (9/8/23) and vs. Nebraska (10/6/23)
» Made first start of his career in the 2023 ReliaQuest Bowl (1/2/23)
» Major: Health Communication
» Completed degree in Recreation, Sport, & Tourism from Illinois in August 2026

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	TKLS	SOLO	AST	PD	SACK	FF	INT	YDS	TD
2022	ILL	11	15	13	2	1	0.0	1	0	0	0
2023	ILL	12	57	48	9	11	0.0	1	2	0	0
2024	ILL	13	49	43	6	6	1.0	1	4	55	1
2025	ILL	3	6	3	3	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	32	17	15	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		**48**	**159**	**124**	**35**	**22**	**1.0**	**3**	**6**	**55**	**1**



44 PATRICK MAHONEY III

LS, 6-2, 210, SR.
NORTHBROOK, ILL. // GLENBROOK NORTH

» Long snapper for field goals and extra points in all 22 games over the last two seasons
» Made Illinois debut in the 2025 season opener against Western Illinois
» 2025 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar
» Two-time Academic All-Big Ten in 2024 and 2025
» Father played baseball at Central Michigan (1992-95)
» Grandfather, Patrick Sr., played football and baseball at Vanderbilt
» Major: Journalism

GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G
2023	ILL	0
2024	ILL	0
2025	ILL	13
2026	ILL	9
CAREER		**22**



37 ETHAN MOCZULSKI

K, 5-11, 195, 5TH
SPOKANE, WASH. // TEXAS A&M / WASHINGTON

» Enters Week 11 at #4 UCLA with touchbacks on 32 of 43 kickoff attempts and ranks sixth in the B1G in made FGs (13) and 10th in FG% (81.3)
» 13-for-15 on FG attempts inside of 60 yards this season (13-for-16 overall)
» Game-winning, 26-yard FG in walkoff win as time expired at Maryland (10/31/26); also hit from 45
» Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after hitting a career-best three FGs (40, 35, 38 yards) and all three PATs in Week 6 win at Michigan State (10/10/26)
» Two field goals of 50+ yards on the season including a Big Ten-leading 54-yarder vs. Purdue (10/3/26) and a 51-yarder vs. Duke (9/12/26)
» 3-for-5 on career field goals attempts of 50+ yards, including the Illinois school-record 59-yard FG made against Central Michigan (9/14/24) on first attempt of career
» Transferred to Illinois in 2024 after two seasons at Texas A&M, then played the 2025 season at Washington before returning to the Fighting Illini for 2026
» Kickoff specialist for Illinois (2024) and Washington (2025), combining for 144 attempts for 9,098 yards and 89 touchbacks in that role.
» Major: Agricultural Communications

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	PAT	FG	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LNG
2022	TAMU	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	TAMU	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
2024	ILL	13	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	59
2025	WASH	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2026	ILL	9	29-29	13-16	2-2	0-0	3-3	6-6	2-4	29	54
TEXAS A&M		**2**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**
WASHINGTON		**13**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**22**	**29-29**	**14-18**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**3-3**	**6-6**	**3-6**	**32**	**59**
CAREER		**37**	**30-30**	**14-18**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**3-3**	**6-6**	**3-6**	**33**	**59**

KICKOFF STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	OB	TB
2022	TAMU	0	--	--	--	--
2023	TAMU	2	3	190	1	0
2024	ILL	13	70	4333	5	38
2025	WASH	13	74	4765	3	51
2026	ILL	9	45	2860	0	32
TEXAS A&M		**2**	**3**	**190**	**1**	**0**
WASHINGTON		**13**	**74**	**4765**	**3**	**51**
ILLINOIS		**22**	**115**	**7193**	**5**	**70**
CAREER		**37**	**192**	**12,148**	**9**	**121**



81 LARS RAU

RAY GUY AWARD WATCH LIST

P, 6-3, 195, JR.
NOVATO, CALIF. // SAN MARIN / TEXAS STATE

» Converted key fake field goal for a 29-yard rush to the 3-yard-line, setting up Illinois' score to take a 14-7 lead in the third quarter of the team's 24-13 victory over the Cornhuskers (11/6/26)
» Career highs for total punts (8) and punts inside the 20 (3), with an average of 44.5 yards per punt and only one touchback in Illini win vs. #25 Oregon (10/24/26)
» Landed four of his five punts inside the 12-yard line in Weeks 4 and 5 - two at Ohio State (4- and 7-yard lines) and two against Purdue (9- and 11-yard lines)
» First-career punt as an Illini for 42 yards in Illinois' season-opening win vs. UAB (9/3/26)
» Serves as team's primary holder in field goal and PAT situations
» Transferred to Illinois following one season at Texas State (2024)
» Career-long 58-yard punt against Louisiana (10/29/24)
» Started kicking and punting as a junior
» Also played varsity soccer and baseball
» Major: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TB	FC	IN20	50+	BLK
2024	TXST	13	24	870	36.3	58	0	17	6	2	0
2025	ILL	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2026	ILL	9	27	1178	43.6	55	2	13	10	6	0
TEXAS STATE		**13**	**24**	**870**	**36.3**	**58**	**0**	**17**	**6**	**2**	**0**
ILLINOIS		**9**	**27**	**1178**	**43.6**	**55**	**2**	**13**	**10**	**6**	**0**
CAREER		**22**	**51**	**2048**	**40.2**	**58**	**2**	**30**	**16**	**8**	**0**

Abney, Christian: Management
Alexander, Jacob: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Alston, Kenyon: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Anderson, Jordan: Management (Master's)
Bailey, Matthew: Health Communication
Balanganayi, Tony: Exploratory Studies
Barna, Joe: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Barnett, Javari: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Barrett, Zach: Political Science
Beerman, Grant: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Bennett, Kayden: Journalism
Boyd, Carson: Exploratory Studies
Brooks, Cameron: Exploratory Studies
Brown, Daniel: Community Health
Cichy, Nate: Business Undeclared
Clarke, Juice: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Clawson, Ben: Management (Master's)
Clayton, Michael: Exploratory Studies
Clement, Hudson: Communication
Clement, Murphy: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Cobbs, Kaedyn: Business Undeclared
Considine, Caden: Business Undeclared
Cox, Tywan: Communication
Crim, Parker: Communication
Davis, Joshua: Kinesiology
Dixon, Collin: Marketing
Eberhart, Jacob: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Edmonson, Robert: Sociology
Eisenmenger, Dane: Kinesiology
Farrell, Logan: Business Undeclared
Farrell, Patrick: Advertising
Feagin, Kaden: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Fillmore, Deuce: Communication
Finley IV, James: Integrative Biology
Forster, John: Exploratory Studies
Frechette, Dylan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Gallardo, Guillermo: Health Communication
Gayle, Erik: Exploratory Studies
Gray, Jack: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Haber, Zach: Communication
Hankins Jr., Nick: Business Undeclared
Hansen, Brandon: Communication
Harvey, Jacob: Engineering Undeclared
Heckel, Tanner: Accountancy
Henderson, Brandon: Health Communication
Hirdes, Jack: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Hollinger, Tanner: Agricultural Communications
Holmes, Will: Communication
Houser, Katin: Health Communication
Janki, Carter: Management (Master's)
John, Demetrius: Communication
Jones III, RJ: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Kaiser, Karson: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Kante, Ismael: Communication
Kasper, Eddie: Strategic Brand Communication
Knapik, Nathan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Kreutz, James: Health Communication
Laughery, Aidan: Management (Master's)
Liggins, King: Journalism
Lovett, Andre: Communication
Mahoney III, Patrick: Journalism
Martin, Christian: Communication
Matelau, Maika: Exploratory Studies
McDonough, Michael: Engineering Technology & Management for Agricultural Systems
McMillen, TJ: Management (Master's)
Moczulski, Ethan: Agricultural Communications
Morris, Jakwon: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Mosley Jr., Leslie: Exploratory Studies
Muragin, Mason: Communication
Newton, Jershaun: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Osada, Lucas: Agribusiness, Markets, & Management
Paris, Jack: Business Undeclared
Perry, Alex: Communication
Platt, Jayshon: Communication
Prater, Darrell: Communication
Pritchard, Kai: Exploratory Studies
Rankin, Nas: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Rashad, Corey: Civil Engineering
Rau, Lars: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Renfro, Jake: Health Communication
Resetich, Mac: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Rhea, Ean: Strategic Brand Communication
Robinson, Ty: Management (Master's)
Rousseau, Griffin: Early Childhood Education
Schuster, Dezmond: Health Communication
Scott, Xanai: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Scott, Xavier: Health Communication
Shaw, Kingston: Journalism
Smith, Carter: Mechanical Engineering
Smith, Champ: Sociology
Smith, Grant: Communication
Smith Jr., Maurice: Strategic Brand Communication
Stewart, Jaylen: Media & Cinema Studies
Stewart, Zafir: Communication
Stoffel, Davin: Mechanical Engineering
Straughton, Des: Kinesiology
Sullivan, Conner: Psychology
Taylor, TJ: Organizational & Community Leadership
Thomann, Casey: Kinesiology
Thomas, Almirian: Learning & Education Studies
Thomas, Cameron: Exploratory Studies
Thomison, Isaiah: Sociology
Thurman, BJ: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Trimble, Brayden: Communication
Tuerk, Eddie: Communication
Vala III, Will: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Valentine, Ca'Lil: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Von Seggern, Landen: Kinesiology
Washington, Alfred: Communication
Wheeler, Nelsyn: Exploratory Studies
White, Isaiah: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Williams, Deon: Communication
Williams, Isaiah: Kinesiology
Williams, Lavon: Sociology
Williams, Tony: Business Undeclared
Wyche II, Cedric: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

COLLEGE GRADUATES (18)

RB Jordan Anderson
» December 2025: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

DB Matthew Bailey
» May 2026: Kinesiology

DB Ben Clawson
» December 2025: Agribusiness, Markets, & Management

DL Guillermo Gallardo
» August 2026: Kinesiology

OL Brandon Henderson
» August 2026: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

QB Katin Houser
» December 2025: Economics (East Carolina)

DL Carter Janki
» December 2025: Economics (Penn)

LB Ismael Kante
» August 2026: Communication

WR Eddie Kasper
» May 2026: Recreation & Sport Management (Illinois State)

LB James Kreutz
» August 2026: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

RB Aidan Laughery
» August 2025: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

OL TJ McMillen
» August 2026: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

OL Jacob Renfro
» August 2024: Life Sciences Communication (Wisconsin)
» December 2025: M.S., Sports Leadership (Wisconsin)

DL Ean Rhea
» July 2026: Business Administration (Emory & Henry)

WR Ty Robinson
» December 2025: Communication Studies (Ball State)

OL Dezmond Schuster
» May 2026: Sociology

DB Xavier Scott
» August 2026: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

TE Maurice Smith
» May 2024: Criminal Justice (Long Island)
» July 2025: M.A., Organizational Leadership (Chowan)



THE BIELEMA FILE

HOMETOWN
Prophetstown, Illinois

BIRTHDATE
January 13, 1970

FAMILY
Wife: Jen
Daughters: Briella and Brexli

EDUCATION
B.S., marketing – Iowa, 1992

PLAYING EXPERIENCE
Iowa, 1989-92

Signed free-agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks, 1993

Milwaukee Mustangs, Arena Football League, 1994

BOWL EXPERIENCE (HEAD COACH)
2025 Liberty Mutual Music City Bowl
2024 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl
2023 ReliaQuest Bowl
2016 Belk Bowl
2015 Liberty Bowl
2014 Texas Bowl
2013 Rose Bowl *
2012 Rose Bowl
2011 Rose Bowl
2009 Champs Sports Bowl
2008 Champs Sports Bowl
2008 Outback Bowl
2007 Capital One Bowl

* - did not coach in the game

BRET BIELEMA

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH
IOWA, 1992
SIXTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Bret Bielema was named as the 26th Fighting Illini Head Football Coach in the history of the program in December 2020. A native of Prophetstown, Illinois, Bielema has 27 years of collegiate coaching experience and compiled a 18-year record of 140-87 (.617) as head coach at Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Illinois. His 140 career wins ranks seventh among active FBS coaches.

Bielema, who is under contract at Illinois through 2031, has elevated the Illini to new heights during his first five seasons with 37 wins, 23 Big Ten victories, and bowl victories in the 2024 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl and 2025 Liberty Mutual Music City Bowl. He has brought national relevance to the Fighting Illini program with continued appearances in the AP Top 25, Coaches Poll, and College Football Playoff rankings, three bowl games, three national award finalists, 14 All-Americans, and 12 NFL Draft picks since he arrived in 2021.

Bielema has led Illinois to its winningest five-year stretch (37 wins) since 1901-05 and more wins through his first five seasons than any coach in program history. The Illini have won 19 games over the last two seasons, setting the Illinois record for wins in a two-year period, after the first back-to-back 9+-win seasons in program history. He owns the Illinois records for bowl victories, bowl games coached, single-season wins, and wins in a head coach's first five seasons, plus he is the first head coach in Illinois history to win bowl games in back-to-back seasons. Bielema has guided Illinois to the 2023 ReliaQuest Bowl, Illinois' first January bowl in 15 years, the 2024 Citrus Bowl, and 2025 Music City Bowl.

In addition to the program's on-the-field success, Illinois has experienced the second-largest growth in attendance in the nation and the largest growth in the Big Ten by a wide margin since Bielema's arrival. Average attendance increased by more than 23,000 per game from 2021 to 2025, a 65% boost that ranks Illinois among the best in the nation in fan support. In 2025, Illinois sold out of season tickets for the first time in at least 20 years and the Fighting Illini's final season attendance topped 400,000 for the first time since 1994. Financially, football ticket sales increased to a program-record $15 million during the 2025 fiscal year, which led Illinois to top its departmental record for revenue.

In 2024, Illinois tied the program record for wins with 10, was ranked by the CFP selection committee for a program-record four straight weeks, appeared in 12 AP Top 25 polls, and tied the program record for ranked wins with four. The Fighting Illini capped one of the best seasons in program history by beating #14 South Carolina in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl, 21-17, in one of the top bowl game victories in Illinois history and finished the season ranked #16 in the AP Top 25, the program's highest final ranking since 2001.

Bielema's Illini program broke out in 2022 during his second season in Champaign. The 2022 Illini won eight games, were ranked by the CFP committee for the first time in program history, reached as high as #14 in the AP poll, led the nation in scoring defense (12.8) for the first time in program history, and led the nation and set a school record in interceptions (24).



The Bielema family at an Illini practice in Champaign.

Two Illini were national awards finalists in 2022 in RB Chase Brown (Doak Walker Award) and CB Devon Witherspoon (Paycom Jim Thorpe Award), representing the first time an Illini finished in the top three of either the Doak Walker Award or Thorpe Award. Witherspoon was also Illinois' first winner of the Big Ten's Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year, one of five Illini to be named an All-American, and one of 19 Illini to earn All-Big Ten honors, the most in program history. Illinois' five All-Americans included Witherspoon, who was the first Illini defensive back in history to be named a Consensus All-American, RB Chase Brown; DB Sydney Brown; DT Jer'Zhan Newton; and OL Alex Palczewski, who was the first Illini offensive tackle in history to earn a first team All-America honor. A year later in 2023, Newton became the program's next Consensus All-American and was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy.

Bielema has also turned Illinois into one of the top programs in producing NFL talent. Of Bielema's 15 NFL Draft picks at Illinois, nine have been selected within the top-100 picks, tied with Iowa for the fourth-best mark in the Big Ten behind only Michigan, Ohio State, and Penn State among teams that have been in the league since 2021. The Illini were one of five schools with three or more players drafted in the first three rounds in both the 2023 and 2024 NFL Drafts, along with Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, and Penn State. Overall, Bielema has sent over 180 players to the NFL during his career as a head coach. His 59 NFL Draft picks are the seventh-most in the nation among active head coaches.

Illinois had one of its most impressive NFL Drafts in recent history during the 2023 NFL Draft. Witherspoon was selected #5 overall to become the highest-drafted defensive back in Illinois history, and fellow DBs Jartavius Martin (No. 47 overall, Washington) and Sydney Brown (No. 66 overall, Philadelphia) went in the second and third rounds, respectively. The Illini were the only team in the nation to have three defensive backs off the board in the first three rounds of the 2023 NFL Draft. RB Chase Brown (No. 163 overall, Cincinnati) was also selected in the fifth round, Bielema's 11th running back coached in college to make it to the NFL.

The Illini followed up its success in the 2023 NFL Draft with four more selections in the 2024 NFL Draft. DT Jer'Zhan Newton (No. 36 overall, Washington) was the third-highest drafted defensive tackle in Illinois history, OL Isaiah Adams (No. 71 overall, Arizona) was the

highest-drafted Illini offensive lineman since 2012, TE Tip Reiman (No. 82 overall, Arizona) was the second-highest drafted tight end in Illinois history, and WR Casey Washington (No. 187 overall, Atlanta) was the first Fighting Illini wide receiver drafted since 2012.

After wide receiver Pat Bryant (No. 74 overall, Denver) gave Illinois another top-100 pick in 2025, OLB Gabe Jacas (No. 55 overall, New England) continued Illinois' streak in 2026 with its fifth straight season of at least one top-100 NFL Draft pick. Jacas was one of three Illini chosen in 2026, along with OL J.C. Davis (No. 192 overall, New York Giants) and DB Miles Scott (No. 246 overall, Denver).

In Bielema's first season in Champaign, Illinois went 5-7 overall with a 4-5 Big Ten record, including ranked road wins over #7 Penn State in the longest game in college football history (9 OT) and #20 Minnesota, the Illini's first-ever win over a College Football Playoff ranked opponent. Illinois' scoring defense (31st from 97th), third-down defense (31st from 89th), and total defense (52nd from 114th) all improved more than 50 spots in the national rankings from 2020. The Illini made massive gains in the Big Ten defensive rankings as well, jumping 9+ spots in scoring defense (4th from 14th), touchdowns allowed (t-3rd from 14th), yards allowed per game (5th from 14th), and passing yards allowed per game (1st from 10th).

From 2006-12 Bielema was the head coach at Wisconsin, where he led the Badgers to three straight Big Ten championships (2010-12), six consecutive bowl games, and a 68-24 record (.739). Bielema then spent five seasons as head coach at Arkansas from 2013-17. After inheriting a depleted roster and enduring a difficult first season, he led the Razorbacks to three consecutive bowl games, including victories against Texas in 2014 and Kansas State in 2015.

In Bielema's debut season at Wisconsin in 2006, the Badgers finished 12-1, including a victory in the Capital One Bowl against Arkansas. He was the first coach in Big Ten history to win 10 games in his first season, the first Wisconsin coach to win 11 games prior to a bowl game, and he became the third coach in NCAA history to win 12 games in his first season. Bielema won 17 of his first 18 games with the Badgers. The Badgers shared or won Big Ten championships three straight seasons from 2010-12, and he led Wisconsin to victories in the first two Big Ten championship games.

Bielema's coaching pedigree and list of football mentors match that of any coach in the nation. He played for and coached under Hall-of-Famer Hayden Fry, helping the Hawkeyes share the 1990 Big Ten title with Illinois. After two years as a graduate assistant and six seasons as linebackers coach at Iowa, Bielema spent two years as co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State under Hall-of-Famer Bill Snyder, helping the Wildcats win the 2003 Big 12 Championship. Two seasons later, he was named defensive coordinator at Wisconsin under Hall-of-Famer Barry Alvarez and moved into the head coaching role of the Badgers in 2006 when Alvarez retired.

Bielema spent the previous three seasons before Illinois in the National Football League. His first two seasons in the NFL were with the New England Patriots as a consultant to six-time Super Bowl champion head coach Bill Belichick in 2018 and as the team's defensive line coach in 2019, when the Patriots won the AFC East with a 12-4 record and had the NFL's best defense. In Bielema's first season with the Patriots, New England went 11-5 and defeated the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII. He was the outside linebackers coach and senior assistant for the New York Giants during the 2020 season.

Bielema was a defensive lineman at Iowa from 1989-92, when he was a four-time letterman under Fry. After joining the team as a walk-on, Bielema earned a scholarship after his first year, started as a junior, and was named a team captain for his senior season. Bielema graduated from Iowa in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Following his graduation, Bielema signed a free-agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks and ended his playing career in 1994 as a member of the Milwaukee Mustangs of the Arena Football League.

He and his wife, Jen, have two daughters, Briella Nicole and Brexli Nichole.



Josh Whitman and Bielema following the Illini's win over Tennessee at the 2025 Music City Bowl.

THE BRET BIELEMA FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-	Illinois	Head Coach
2020	New York Giants	Outside Linebackers, Senior Assistant Coach
2019	New England Patriots	Defensive Line
2018	New England Patriots	Consultant to the Head Coach
2013-17	Arkansas	Head Coach (29-34)
2006-12	Wisconsin	Head Coach (68-24)
2004-05	Wisconsin	Defensive Coordinator
2002-03	Kansas State	Co-Defensive Coordinator
1996-2001	Iowa	Linebackers
1994-95	Iowa	Graduate Assistant

BIELEMA'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD	POSTSEASON
2006	Wisconsin	12-1	Capital One Bowl (W)
2007	Wisconsin	9-4	Outback Bowl (L)
2008	Wisconsin	7-6	Champs Sports Bowl (L)
2009	Wisconsin	10-3	Champs Sports Bowl (W)
2010	Wisconsin	11-2	Rose Bowl (L)
2011	Wisconsin	11-3	Rose Bowl (L)
2012	Wisconsin	8-5	Rose Bowl (did not coach game)
2013	Arkansas	3-9	
2014	Arkansas	7-6	Texas Bowl (W)
2015	Arkansas	8-5	Liberty Bowl (W)
2016	Arkansas	7-6	Belk Bowl (L)
2017	Arkansas	4-8	
2021	Illinois	5-7	
2022	Illinois	8-5	ReliaQuest Bowl (L)
2023	Illinois	5-7	
2024	Illinois	10-3	Cheez-It Citrus Bowl (W)
2025	Illinois	9-4	Music City Bowl (W)
2026	Illinois	6-3	
OVERALL	**18TH SEASON**	**140-87 (.617)**	**BIG TEN: 64-43 (.598)**

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR.
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
FIFTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

» Longest-tenured offensive coordinator in the Big Ten
» Tenth season working under Illini head coach Bret Bielema
» Averaged 29.4 points per game in 2025, the fifth-best offensive season in Illinois program history
» In first four seasons, coached four of the top five single-season passer ratings in the Fighting Illini history (2022 DeVito, 2023 Paddock, 2024 & 2025 Altmyer)
» Since 2022 has led the Illini offense that is fifth in the B1G in points (1,359), passing TDs (83), and passing yards (11,739), among the 14 teams in the league all four seasons
» Spent seven seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, Arkansas, from 2013-19, including five seasons under Bret Bielema
» Came to Champaign from UTSA, where he served as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in 2020 and 2021



JARED ELLIOTT
TIGHT ENDS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



BART MILLER
OFFENSIVE LINE
SIXTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



MIKE NEU
PASS GAME COORDINATOR
SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH



ARTUR SITKOWSKI
QUARTERBACKS
FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



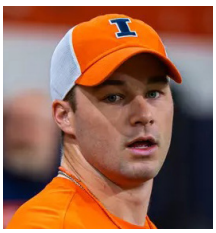
JUSTIN STEPP
WIDE RECEIVERS
THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



TYRONE WHEATLEY
RUNNING BACKS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



BYRON BELL
ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE
THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH



HARPER COLE
ASSISTANT WIDE RECEIVERS
SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



DESHAWN HANEY
ASSISTANT TIGHT ENDS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



BLAKE SMITHBACK
OFFENSIVE FRONT ASSISTANT
SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



AYDEN KNAPIK
STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

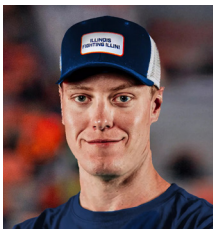
SPECIAL TEAMS ASSISTANTS



CHRIS HURD
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

» Enters his fourth season at Illinois and his first as the Fighting Illini's special teams coordinator
» Served as Illinois' special teams analyst in 2023 before being elevated to senior special teams assistant for the 2024 and 2025
» Helped the Fighting Illini special teams units rank #16 and #30 in the nation by ESPN's special teams efficiency metric in 2024 and 2025, respectively
» Guided Illinois kickers and returners to All-Big Ten accolades in each of the last three seasons
» Joined the Illini with 19 years of collegiate coaching experience after spending the 2022 season as a special teams analyst at Arkansas
» Eight years of experience as a special teams coordinator at Florida Atlantic (2014-16), Chattanooga (2017-18), and Akron (2019-21)
» Former walkon linebacker at North Texas, named the 2003 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year for the Mean Green



STEVEN KOCH
ASSISTANT SPECIAL TEAMS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



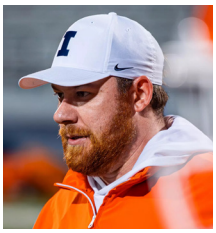
ROGER COOPER
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH

INSIDE LINEBACKERS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

» Took over play-calling duties for the Illinois defense prior to Week 5 vs. Purdue
» Joined Illini as with 14 years of college coaching experience at Idaho State (2012-21) and Montana (2022-25)
» Spent the last four seasons as co-defensive coordinator/linebackers coach (2024-25), linebackers coach (2023), and safeties coach (2022) at Montana
» Helped lead Montana to 43 wins, two 13-win seasons, four playoff appearances, and a trip to the 2023 FCS National Championship Game
» Coached 10 seasons at Idaho State where he served as associate head coach, defensive coordinator, linebackers coach, and running backs coach throughout his tenure
» Began his coaching career at Bozeman (Mont.) High School in 2010, before serving as a graduate assistant at Montana State in 2011
» All-America LB at Montana State before three seasons in the NFL and NFL Europe (2005-07) with stints in Dallas, San Francisco, San Diego, and Frankfurt, Germany



RONNIE BRADFORD
SECONDARY
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH



MIKE LINEHAN
DEFENSIVE ENDS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



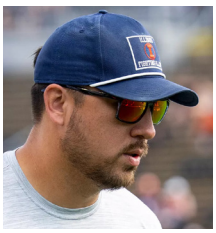
ARCHIE MCDANIEL
OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS
THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



COREY PARKER
DEFENSIVE BACKS
THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



JORDAN THOMAS
DEFENSIVE LINE
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



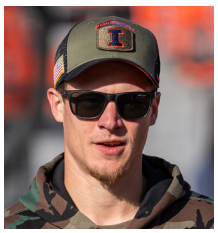
MATT ELLERBOCK
ASSISTANT LINEBACKERS
SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



ROBBY HAUCK
ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE BACKS
FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

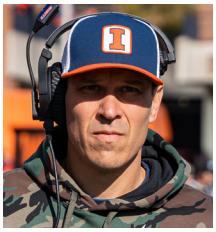


ALEX PANOS
ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE LINE
FIFTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



RYAN SIMERSON
ASSISTANT OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS
SIXTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

SENIOR ANALYSTS



BEN MILLER
SENIOR HEAD COACH ANALYST
& ROSTER REVENUE SHARE
SIXTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD



DANNY CAMERON
SENIOR OFFENSIVE ANALYST/
ASSISTANT RUNNING BACKS
FIFTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH



MARK FARLEY
SENIOR OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH



MYERS HENDRICKSON
SENIOR DEFENSIVE ANALYST
THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS
GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH

SERIES vs. UCLA

All-Time Series: Tied, 6-6
- » **in Champaign:** Tied, 2-2
- » **in Pasadena (Regular Season):** Tied, 2-2
- » **in Pasadena (Rose Bowl Game):** Tied, 1-1
- » **Neutral site (Non-Rose Bowl Game):** Tied, 1-1

Last: W, 20-14 (12/31/2011) San Francisco, Calif (Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl)
- » **in Pasadena (Regular Season):** L, 6-3 (9/13/2023)

Streak: W1
- » **in Pasadena (All Games):** L2
- » **in Pasadena (Regular Season):** L1

Bielema vs. UCLA: 0-0

LAST MEETING

UCLA 14
ILLINOIS 20

DEC. 31, 2011
AT&T PARK // SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. // 29,878

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
UCLA	0	7	0	7	14
Illinois	0	3	7	10	20

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter
UCLA: T. Embree 16 yd pass from K. Prince (T. Gonzalez kick) 10:02 (5/44/2:18) 7-0
ILL: D. Dimke 36 yd FG 0:00 (8/12/2:19) 7-3

Third Quarter
ILL: T. Hawthorne 39 yd Interception (D. Dimke kick) 0:43 7-10

Fourth Quarter
ILL: D. Dimke 37 yd FG 12:17 (6/47/2:49) 7-13
ILL: A. Jenkins 60 yd pass from N. Scheelhaase (D. Dimke kick) 5:36 (5/74/3:09) 7-20
UCLA: N. Rosario 38 yd pass from K. Prince (T. Gonzalez kick) 0:29 (9/84/1:55) 14-20

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	UCLA	ILL
First Downs	14	17
Rushes-Yards	30-18	43-178
Passing Yards	201	148
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-1	19-33-1
Total Yards	219	326
Punts-Avg	8-45.8	5-46.0
Kickoff Returns-Avg.	1-15.0	2-11.0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	6-51
Fumbles-Lost	1	0
Sacks By	1	5
Third-down Conv.	5-14	7-18
Time of Possession	26:14	33:46

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): UCLA - K. Prince 14-29-201-2-1
ILL - N. Scheelhaase 18-30-139-1-1
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): UCLA - D. Coleman 9-39-0; J. Franklin 8-29-0
ILL - N. Scheelhaase 22-110-0; D. Young 12-45-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): UCLA - J. Smith 3-60-0; N. Rosario 3-55-1
ILL - A. Jenkins 6-80-1; R. Lankford 3-25-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): UCLA - E. Kendricks 10, 0.5-1; J. Zumwalt 10, 2.0-2
ILL - T. Wilson 7, 1.0-5; I. Thomas 7, 2.0-6

GAME NOTES
- Illinois (Vic Koenning) and UCLA (Mike Johnson) both led by interim head coaches in the contest.
- Win marked the first time in school history that Illinois had won bowl games in consecutive years (2010 Texas Bowl vs. Baylor).
- Illinois defense held the Bruins to just 18 yards rushing, the fewest for an FBS opponent vs. the Illini since 2005.
- The Fighting Illini registered five total sacks vs. the Bruins, setting the program's single-season record with 41.
- Consensus All-American Whitney Mercilus recorded 1.5 sacks, equaling Simeon Rice's school-record of 16 from 1994, and giving him 22.5 tackles for loss on the season, the second-most in school history behind only Rice (23.0 in 1995) and Mike Poloskey (23.0 in 1991).
- A.J. Jenkins caught six passes for 80 yards and a TD, falling just two yards short of tying David Williams' single-season record for receiving yards with his season total of 1,276 yards.


1947 ROSE BOWL

THE ILLINOIS-UCLA SERIES
- Friday marks the 13th meeting between Illinois and UCLA in the series that began back to in 1947.
- The matchup is the first between the Fighting Illini and Bruins as Big Ten opponents since UCLA joined the league prior to the 2024 season.
- Eight of the previous 12 contests in the series were regular-season, nonconference matchups.
- The first meeting in the series came Jan. 1, 1947 in Illinois' first of five Rose Bowl appearances. Illinois defeated the Bruins, 45-14, in the first Rose Bowl played under the Big Ten-Pac 10 agreement. The Illini routed highly ranked UCLA behind running backs **Julius Rykovich** and **Claude "Buddy" Young** who each rushed for 103 yards. Six different Illinois players scored touchdowns as the Fighting Illini captured the program's first bowl victory.
- Illinois, the 1983 B1G Champion, and UCLA met for a second time in the Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 2, 1984. Head coach Mike White led Illinois to a perfect 9-0 Big Ten record, but UCLA ended No. 4 Illinois' hopes for a national title with a 45-9 decision. **Jack Trudeau** threw for 178 yards - 88 to WR **David Williams** - but posted three interceptions. Illinois ended the season with a 10-2 record, only the second Illinois team to win 10+ games, and became the first and only team in conference history to defeat all nine Big Ten opponents in the same season.
- No. 22 UCLA also defeated the Illini, 6-3, in the 1991 John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas on Dec. 31 1991.
- The most recent matchup in the series was a 20-14 Illini victory in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl on Dec. 31, 2011 at AT&T Park in San Francisco, Calif. After falling behind 7-0, the Illini scored 20 straight, including **Terry Hawthorne's** 39-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter. **Nathan Scheelhaase** sealed the victory with a 60-yard touchdown pass to **A.J. Jenkins** midway through the fourth quarter. A stingy Illinois defense limited the Bruins to 18 yards rushing – the lowest by an FBS opponent since 2005 – and only 219 total yards of offense, and recorded five sacks, breaking the single-season school record. Consensus All-American **Whitney Mercilus** recorded 1.5 sacks, matching **Simeon Rice's** school-record (16) from 1994, and giving him 22.5 tackles for loss on the season, the second-most in school history. Jenkins caught six passes for 80 yards on the day, falling two yards short of tying **David Williams**' single-season record for receiving yards with his season total of 1,276 yards.
- The last regular-season matchups in the series were played in 2003 and 2004. UCLA won both of those contests, securing a 6-3 win in Pasadena during the 2003 season, then traveling to Champaign to claim a 35-17 win at Gies Memorial Stadium.
- Illinois won five of the first seven matchups in the series between 1947 and 1964.
- Illinois's last regular-season victory over UCLA was a 26-7 home win in Champaign on Oct. 24, 1964.
- Illinois defeated UCLA, 18-12, On Oct. 25, 1963, the Fighting Illini's last regular-season road win in the series. The Illini would go on to win the 1983 Big Ten Championship and defeat Washington, 17-7 in the 1964 Rose Bowl.
- Illinois opened the historic 1951 season with a 27-13 home win over UCLA (Sept. 29, 1951) and went on to post a 9-0-1 record, winning the Big Ten title and claiming a share of the program's fifth national championship, capped by a 40-7 victory over Stanford in the 1952 Rose Bowl Game - the first nationally televised bowl game and the first nationally televised college game of any sport.

ILLINOIS SUPERLATIVES VS. UCLA
- Most receiving yards vs. UCLA: 110, Kendrick Jones (9/11/2004)
- Most rushing yards vs. UCLA: 171, Jim Grabowski (10/24/1964)
- Most passing yards vs. UCLA: 216, Jon Beutjer (9/13/2003)
- Longest rush vs. UCLA: 76, Dick Raklovits (10/13/1950)
- Longest pass vs. UCLA: 60, Nathan Scheelhaase to A.J. Jenkins (12/31/2011)
- Last 100-yard receiving game vs. UCLA: Kendrick Jones (110 (9/11/2004)
- Last 100-yard rushing game vs. UCLA: Nathan Scheelhaase (110 (12/31/2011)
- Last 300-yard passing game vs. UCLA: none
- Most tackles vs. UCLA: Don Thorp, 13 (1/2/1984)
- Most sacks vs. UCLA: Matt Sinclair, 2.0 (9/13/2003)

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Aidan Laughery	9	100	623	8	615	6.2	2	77	68.3
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	50	240	15	225	4.5	1	51	45.0
Jordan Anderson	9	45	207	8	199	4.4	2	33	22.1
Javari Barnett	6	27	189	4	185	6.9	2	64	30.8
Katin Houser	8	37	181	53	128	3.5	2	25	16.0
Carson Boyd	5	6	41	5	36	6.0	0	20	7.2
Lars Rau	9	1	29	0	29	29.0	0	29	3.2
Collin Dixon	9	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	1.7
Jershaun Newton	7	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Michael Clayton II	3	6	11	24	-13	-2.2	0	7	-4.3
Team	9	6	0	22	-22	-3.7	0	0	-2.4
Total	**9**	**280**	**1537**	**139**	**1398**	**5.0**	**9**	**77**	**155.3**
Opponents	**9**	**294**	**1348**	**167**	**1181**	**4.0**	**12**	**41**	**131.2**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Katin Houser	8	146.4	162-252-5	64.3	1955	16	58	244.4
Michael Clayton II	3	171.7	17-26-0	65.4	172	4	25	57.3
Carson Boyd	5	142.0	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	1.0
Team	9	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**9**	**147.7**	**180-281-5**	**64.1**	**2132**	**20**	**58**	**236.9**
Opponents	**9**	**142.1**	**201-298-3**	**67.4**	**2210**	**13**	**72**	**245.6**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Collin Dixon	9	68	910	13.4	12	58	101.1
Hudson Clement	9	37	540	14.6	1	39	60.0
Brayden Trimble	9	22	198	9.0	1	27	22.0
Ty Robinson	9	13	173	13.3	3	54	19.2
Aidan Laughery	9	12	82	6.8	1	21	9.1
Kaden Feagin	8	10	83	8.3	0	25	10.4
Christian Abney	9	6	36	6.0	1	10	4.0
Jordan Anderson	9	4	14	3.5	1	9	1.6
Davin Stoffel	9	3	38	12.7	0	14	4.2
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	3	46	15.3	0	33	9.2
Eddie Kasper	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Jershaun Newton	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
Total	**9**	**180**	**2132**	**11.8**	**20**	**58**	**236.9**
Opponents	**9**	**201**	**2210**	**11.0**	**13**	**72**	**245.6**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mac Resetich	5	108	21.6	0	65
Total	**5**	**108**	**21.6**	**0**	**65**
Opponents	**6**	**72**	**12.0**	**0**	**19**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Matthew Bailey	1	88	88.0	1	88
Ismael Kante	1	59	59.0	1	59
Tanner Heckel	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	**3**	**149**	**49.7**	**2**	**88**
Opponents	**5**	**99**	**19.8**	**0**	**43**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Aidan Laughery	2	32	16.0	0	21
Mac Resetich	2	44	22.0	0	24
Eddie Kasper	1	16	16.0	0	16
Davin Stoffel	1	13	13.0	0	13
Ca'Lil Valentine	1	31	31.0	0	31
Murphy Clement	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total	**8**	**159**	**19.9**	**0**	**31**
Opponents	**11**	**212**	**19.3**	**0**	**34**

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Joe Barna	1	0	0.0	0	0
Daniel Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jakwon Morris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**3**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**3**	**3.0**	**0**	**3**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Collin Dixon	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Ethan Moczulski	-	13-16	29-29	-	-	-	-	-	68
Aidan Laughery	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	20
Ty Robinson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jordan Anderson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Katin Houser	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Javari Barnett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Matthew Bailey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ismael Kante	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hudson Clement	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Christian Abney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ca'Lil Valentine	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brayden Trimble	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**31**	**13-16**	**29-29**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**256**
Opponents	**25**	**11-16**	**22-22**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**207**

Field Goals

Player	**fg**	**pct.**	**01-19**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50-99**	**lg**	**blk**
Ethan Moczulski	13-16	81.3	0-0	2-2	3-4	6-6	2-4	54	0
Opponents	**11-16**	**68.8**	**0-0**	**4-4**	**5-5**	**2-4**	**0-3**	**46**	**0**

FG Sequence

Team Name	**Illinois**	**Opponents**
UAB		(26),(23),(35)
Duke	(51),62,(47)	(39)
Southern Ill.	(36),(42)	(27)
Ohio St.	(43),(44)	
Purdue	32,(54)	(30),(34),(33)
Michigan St.	(40),(35),(38)	(42)
Oregon		52,(20),53,47
Maryland	52,(45),(26)	(46)
Nebraska	(21)	45,54

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	**g**	**plays**	**rush**	**pass**	**total**	**avg/g**
Katin Houser	8	289	128	1955	2083	260.4
Aidan Laughery	9	100	615	0	615	68.3
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	50	225	0	225	45.0
Jordan Anderson	9	45	199	0	199	22.1
Javari Barnett	6	27	185	0	185	30.8
Michael Clayton II	3	32	-13	172	159	53.0
Carson Boyd	5	7	36	5	41	8.2
Lars Rau	9	1	29	0	29	3.2
Collin Dixon	9	1	15	0	15	1.7
Jershaun Newton	7	1	1	0	1	0.1
Team	9	0	-22	0	-22	-2.4
Total	**9**	**561**	**1398**	**2132**	**3530**	**392.2**
Opponents	**9**	**592**	**1181**	**2210**	**3391**	**376.8**

Punting

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**lg**	**tb**	**fc**	**i20**	**50+**	**blk**
Lars Rau	27	1178	43.6	55	2	13	10	6	0
Total	**27**	**1178**	**43.6**	**55**	**2**	**13**	**10**	**6**	**0**
Opponents	**31**	**1413**	**45.6**	**74**	**3**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**0**

Kickoffs

Player	**no.**	**yds**	**avg**	**tb**	**ob**	**retn**	**net**	**ydln**
Ethan Moczulski	45	2860	63.6	32	0			
Lucas Osada	1	63	63.0	0	0			
Total	**46**	**2923**	**63.5**	**32**	**0**	**11**	**40.2**	**24**
Opponents	**44**	**2816**	**64.0**	**32**	**0**	**8**	**40.3**	**24**

All Purpose

Player	**g**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pr**	**kr**	**ir**	**total**	**avg/g**
Collin Dixon	9	15	910	0	0	0	925	102.8
Aidan Laughery	9	615	82	0	32	0	729	81.0
Hudson Clement	9	0	540	0	0	0	540	60.0
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	225	46	0	31	0	302	60.4
Jordan Anderson	9	199	14	0	0	0	213	23.7
Brayden Trimble	9	0	198	0	0	0	198	22.0
Javari Barnett	6	185	0	0	0	0	185	30.8
Ty Robinson	9	0	173	0	0	0	173	19.2
Mac Resetich	9	0	0	108	44	0	152	16.9
Katin Houser	8	128	0	0	0	0	128	16.0
Matthew Bailey	9	0	0	0	0	88	88	9.8
Kaden Feagin	8	0	83	0	0	0	83	10.4
Ismael Kante	9	0	0	0	0	59	59	6.6
Davin Stoffel	9	0	38	0	13	0	51	5.7
Christian Abney	9	0	36	0	0	0	36	4.0
Carson Boyd	5	36	0	0	0	0	36	7.2
Lars Rau	9	29	0	0	0	0	29	3.2
Eddie Kasper	4	0	7	0	16	0	23	5.8
Murphy Clement	4	0	0	0	23	0	23	5.8
Jershaun Newton	7	1	5	0	0	0	6	0.9
Tanner Heckel	9	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
Michael Clayton II	3	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-4.3
Team	9	-22	0	0	0	0	-22	-2.4
Total	**9**	**1398**	**2132**	**108**	**159**	**149**	**3946**	**438.4**
Opponents	**9**	**1181**	**2210**	**72**	**212**	**99**	**3774**	**419.3**

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Matthew Bailey	9	42	24	66	4-13	1.5-7	1-88	1	1	.	1	.	.
10	James Kreutz	9	28	32	60	3.5-9	1-5	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
26	Ismael Kante	9	27	28	55	3.5-9	.	1-59	.	2	.	.	.	.
6	Juice Clarke	9	34	13	47	1-1	.	.	10	.	.	1	.	.
1	Xavier Scott	9	17	15	32	0.5-1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
16	Tanner Heckel	9	22	8	30	3-10	.	1-2	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	Mac Resetich	9	23	6	29	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
43	Joe Barna	9	8	16	24	3-17	1-13	.	.	2	1-0	1	.	.
90	Carter Janki	9	5	17	22	2-2	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
24	Will Holmes	9	6	15	21	3.5-14	1.5-7	.	1	5	.	1	.	.
5	Jakwon Morris	9	14	5	19	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
52	Pat Farrell	9	10	8	18	1-7	1-7	.	4	1	.	1	.	.
40	Ean Rhea	9	10	5	15	3-18	2-17	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
96	Darrell Prater	9	6	8	14	1-8	0.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Robert Edmonson	9	11	2	13	2-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
33	Grant Beerman	7	5	8	13	1-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
32	Tywan Cox	6	10	2	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
18	Mason Muragin	9	4	8	12	1-7	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Daniel Brown	6	5	4	9	2-12	1.5-7	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	Deuce Fillmore	9	7	2	9	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Demetrius John	6	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Jack Paris	6	6	1	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Ben Clawson	9	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Cameron Thomas	8	3	2	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
3	Nick Hankins Jr.	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Kayden Bennett	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
51	Parker Crim	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
83	Kaden Feagin	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Joshua Davis	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	James Finley IV	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Tony Balanganayi	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Almirian Thomas	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Des Straughton	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Xanai Scott	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jershaun Newton	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Andre Lovett Jr.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Ethan Moczulski	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Isaiah Thomison	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Collin Dixon	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Katin Houser	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**9**	**327**	**244**	**571**	**38-141**	**11-78**	**3-149**	**30**	**20**	**3-0**	**8**	**0**	**0**
	Opponents	9	296	242	538	29-122	10-77	5-99	28	17	1-3	3	0	0

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Scoring	**256**	**207**
Points per game	28.4	23.0
Points Off Turnovers	17	7
First Downs	**191**	**189**
Rushing	68	71
Passing	105	106
Penalty	18	12
Rushing Yardage	**1398**	**1181**
Yards gained rushing	1537	1348
Yards lost rushing	139	167
Rushing attempts	280	294
Average per rush	5.0	4.0
Average per game	155.3	131.2
TDs Rushing	9	12
Passing Yardage	**2132**	**2210**
Comp-Att-Int	180-281-5	201-298-3
Average per pass	7.6	7.4
Average per catch	11.8	11.0
Average per game	236.9	245.6
TDs Passing	20	13
Total offense	**3530**	**3391**
Total plays	561	592
Average per play	6.3	5.7
Average per game	392.2	376.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	**8-159**	**11-212**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**5-108**	**6-72**
Int returns: #-Yards	**3-149**	**5-99**
Kick return average	**19.9**	**19.3**
Punt return average	**21.6**	**12.0**
Int return average	**49.7**	**19.8**
Fumbles-Lost	**4-1**	**9-3**
Penalties-Yards	**39-334**	**65-524**
Average per game	37.1	58.2
Punts-Yards	**27-1178**	**31-1413**
Average per punt	43.6	45.6
Net punt average	39.5	40.2
Kickoffs-Yards	**46-2923**	**44-2816**
Average per kick	63.5	64.0
Net kick average	40.2	40.3
Time of possession / game	**28:51**	**31:09**
3rd-down conversion	**50/109**	**50/119**
3rd-down pct	46%	42%
4th-down conversion	**6/14**	**13/20**
4th-down pct	43%	65%
Sacks by-Yards	**11-78**	**10-77**
Misc Yards	**0**	**0**
Touchdowns scored	**31**	**25**
Field goals - attempts	**13-16**	**11-16**
On-Side kicks	**1-2**	**0-0**
Red-zone scores	**(22-27) 81%**	**(29-30) 97%**
Red-zone touchdowns	**(17-27) 63%**	**(20-30) 67%**
PAT-attempts	**(29-29) 100%**	**(22-22) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(1-2) 50%**	**(1-3) 33%**
Attendance	**351993**	**194496**
Games / Avg per game	6/58666	3/64832
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois	55	79	33	82	7	256
Opponents	48	68	30	55	6	207

Illinois Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/26/2026	at Ohio St.	L	19-42	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	4	2	14	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/10/2026	at Michigan St.	W	38-37	5	5	28	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/31/2026	at Maryland	W	20-17	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 22 of 27 (81.5%)			**27**	**22**	**135**	**17**	**4**	**13**	**5**	**6**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	5	5	23	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	4	4	28	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/26/2026	Ohio St.	L	19-42	4	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	4	4	17	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
10/10/2026	Michigan St.	W	38-37	5	5	30	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/31/2026	Maryland	W	20-17	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 29 of 30 (96.7%)			**30**	**29**	**167**	**20**	**12**	**8**	**9**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	3-6	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	5-12	41.7	2-3	66.7	1-3	33.3	1-2	50.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	4-10	40.0	1-2	50.0	0-2	0.0	1-4	25.0	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/26/2026	at Ohio St.	L	19-42	6-14	42.9	2-3	66.7	1-3	33.3	2-4	50.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	7-13	53.8	3-4	75.0	2-3	66.7	1-3	33.3	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
10/10/2026	at Michigan St.	Wot1	38-37	5-12	41.7	1-3	33.3	3-4	75.0	0-2	0.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	8-16	50.0	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3	2-3	66.7	4-6	66.7	0-0	0.0
10/31/2026	at Maryland	W	20-17	4-11	36.4	0-2	0.0	3-5	60.0	0-2	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	8-15	53.3	2-3	66.7	1-4	25.0	3-4	75.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
	Illinois			**50-109**	**45.9**	**12-24**	**50.0**	**12-29**	**41.4**	**13-28**	**46.4**	**13-28**	**46.4**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**50-119**	**42.0**	**12-28**	**42.9**	**16-34**	**47.1**	**9-22**	**40.9**	**12-34**	**35.3**	**1-1**	**100.0**

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/26/2026	at Ohio St.	L	19-42	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/10/2026	at Michigan St.	Wot1	38-37	1-2	50.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/31/2026	at Maryland	W	20-17	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
	Illinois			**6-14**	**42.9**	**1-1**	**100.0**	**2-4**	**50.0**	**3-4**	**75.0**	**0-5**	**0.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**13-20**	**65.0**	**2-2**	**100.0**	**3-4**	**75.0**	**1-2**	**50.0**	**7-12**	**58.3**	**0-0**	**0.0**

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	18:57	02:09	05:21	04:45	06:42	00:00
09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	33:14	09:24	09:44	05:39	08:27	00:00
09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	25:54	04:21	06:47	05:21	09:25	00:00
09/26/2026	at Ohio St.	L	19-42	30:38	06:42	04:56	05:25	13:35	00:00
10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	28:27	00:00	12:52	08:40	06:55	00:00
10/10/2026	at Michigan St.	Wot1	38-37	33:52	10:05	10:47	04:27	08:33	00:00
10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	30:45	07:13	04:56	09:25	09:11	00:00
10/31/2026	at Maryland	W	20-17	29:46	04:49	11:57	04:17	08:43	00:00
11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	28:03	01:29	11:34	06:27	08:33	00:00
	Illinois		**Total**	**259:36**	**46:12**	**78:54**	**54:26**	**80:04**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**28:51**	**05:08**	**08:46**	**06:03**	**08:54**	**00:00**
	Opponents		**Total**	**280:24**	**69:58**	**74:56**	**52:01**	**83:29**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**31:09**	**07:46**	**08:20**	**05:47**	**09:17**	**00:00**

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att.-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
UAB	42-23	17 / 24	6 / 12	9 / 11	2 / 1	26-150 / 48-194	13-17-0 / 18-31-1	182 / 219	43-332 / 79-413	155 / 19	0 / 1
Duke	27-31	23 / 19	7 / 7	12 / 8	4 / 4	32-111 / 35-170	24-36-1 / 15-22-0	271 / 206	68-382 / 57-376	27 / 37	1 / 0
Southern Ill.	48-10	21 / 18	6 / 6	14 / 10	1 / 2	28-198 / 27-29	23-29-1 / 22-42-1	305 / 228	57-503 / 69-257	88 / 0	1 / 1
Ohio St.	19-42	25 / 27	12 / 10	11 / 17	2 / 0	33-199 / 32-151	21-38-0 / 27-36-0	263 / 367	71-462 / 68-518	24 / 20	0 / 0
Purdue	17-24	26 / 19	7 / 7	15 / 10	4 / 2	27-120 / 33-90	21-37-1 / 18-27-0	225 / 255	64-345 / 60-345	27 / 31	1 / 0
Michigan St.	38-37	25 / 19	7 / 7	16 / 12	2 / 0	33-127 / 27-127	26-37-1 / 23-27-0	282 / 215	70-409 / 54-342	47 / 97	1 / 1
Oregon	21-10	15 / 21	10 / 8	4 / 13	1 / 0	39-225 / 32-180	12-19-0 / 27-41-0	89 / 246	58-314 / 73-426	0 / 16	1 / 1
Maryland	20-17	20 / 17	8 / 6	12 / 11	0 / 0	33-184 / 29-98	18-32-1 / 19-29-1	223 / 190	65-407 / 58-288	32 / 77	1 / 2
Nebraska	24-13	19 / 25	5 / 8	12 / 14	2 / 3	29-84 / 31-142	22-36-0 / 32-43-0	292 / 284	65-376 / 74-426	16 / 89	0 / 0
Totals	**256-207**	**191 / 189**	**68 / 71**	**105 / 106**	**18 / 12**	**280-1398 / 294-1181**	**180-281-5 / 201-298-3**	**2132 / 2210**	**561-3530 / 592-3391**	**416 / 386**	**6 / 6**

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
UAB	3-6 / 10-19	1-2 / 3-4	18:57 / 41:03	-22:06	5.8 / 4.0	10.7 / 7.1	7.7 / 5.2	1-42.0 / 2-48.5	1-3.0 / 9-69.0	1 / 0
Duke	5-12 / 2-9	1-3 / 2-2	33:14 / 26:46	06:28	3.5 / 4.9	7.5 / 9.4	5.6 / 6.6	0-0.0 / 3-49.0	7-71.0 / 11-112.0	1 / 0
Southern Ill.	4-10 / 3-15	1-1 / 1-4	25:54 / 34:06	-08:12	7.1 / 1.1	10.5 / 5.4	8.8 / 3.7	3-43.3 / 7-41.3	5-44.0 / 5-35.0	1 / 2
Ohio St.	6-14 / 8-12	1-3 / 2-2	30:38 / 29:22	01:16	6.0 / 4.7	6.9 / 10.2	6.5 / 7.6	2-47.5 / 2-43.5	6-52.0 / 7-59.0	0 / 3
Purdue	7-13 / 5-11	0-1 / 0-0	28:27 / 31:33	-03:06	4.4 / 2.7	6.1 / 9.4	5.4 / 5.8	3-37.3 / 3-49.0	4-46.0 / 7-63.0	0 / 1
Michigan St.	5-12 / 6-10	1-2 / 1-1	33:52 / 26:08	07:44	3.8 / 4.7	7.6 / 8.0	5.8 / 6.3	1-44.0 / 2-64.5	2-16.0 / 9-69.0	2 / 0
Oregon	8-16 / 4-15	0-0 / 2-2	30:45 / 29:15	01:30	5.8 / 5.6	4.7 / 6.0	5.4 / 5.8	8-44.5 / 5-45.6	5-32.0 / 5-30.0	2 / 2
Maryland	4-11 / 6-14	0-0 / 1-1	29:46 / 30:14	-00:28	5.6 / 3.4	7.0 / 6.6	6.3 / 5.0	5-43.4 / 5-40.6	3-15.0 / 1-5.0	2 / 0
Nebraska	8-15 / 6-14	1-2 / 1-4	28:03 / 31:57	-03:54	2.9 / 4.6	8.1 / 6.6	5.8 / 5.8	4-45.5 / 2-43.0	6-55.0 / 11-82.0	2 / 2
Totals	**50-109 / 50-119**	**6-14 / 13-20**	**259:36 / 280:24**	**-20:48**	**5.0 / 4.0**	**7.6 / 7.4**	**6.3 / 5.7**	**27-43.6 / 31-45.6**	**39-334.0 / 65-524.0**	**11 / 10**

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	TE	TE/WR	WR	WR
UAB	Martin	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Knapik	Houser	Laughery	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Duke	Martin	Hansen	Renfro	McMillen	Knapik	Houser	Valentine	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Southern Illinois	Martin	Hansen	Renfro	C. Smith	Knapik	Houser	Laughery	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Ohio State	Martin	Hansen	Renfro	C. Smith	Knapik	Houser	Valentine	Abney	Feagin	Dixon	H. Clement
Purdue	Martin	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Knapik	Houser	Valentine	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Michigan State	Knapik	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Hansen	Houser	Laughery	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Oregon	Knapik	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Hansen	Clayton	Laughery	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Maryland	Knapik	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Hansen	Houser	Laughery	Abney	Trimble	Dixon	H. Clement
Nebraska	Knapik	Matelau	Renfro	Henderson	Hansen	Houser	Laughery	Abney	Feagin	Dixon	H. Clement
UCLA											
Iowa											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	*10*	*5*	*9*	*5*	*4*	*2*	*4*	*9*	*1*	*22*	*10*
Career	*10*	*6*	*45*	*25*	*8*	*34*	*18*	*22*	*14*	*32*	*39*

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DL	DL	DL	LB	LB	LB	CB	CB	CB	FS	SS
UAB	P. Farrell	Prater	Barna	Muragin	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Morris	Resetich	Bailey
Duke	P. Farrell	Prater	Barna	Muragin	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Cox	Resetich	Bailey
Southern Illinois	P. Farrell	Prater	Barna	Muragin	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Morris	Resetich	Bailey
Ohio State	P. Farrell	Prater	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Morris	Resetich	Bailey
Purdue	P. Farrell	Prater	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Cox	Resetich	Bailey
Michigan State	P. Farrell	Janki	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Heckel	Resetich	Bailey
Oregon	P. Farrell	Janki	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Heckel	Resetich	Bailey
Maryland	P. Farrell	Janki	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Morris	Heckel	Bailey
Nebraska	P. Farrell	Janki	Barna	Brown	Kante	Kreutz	Xav. Scott	Clarke	Morris	Heckel	Bailey
UCLA											
Iowa											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	*9*	*4*	*9*	*6*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*10*	*2*	*4*	*9*
Career	*10*	*24*	*10*	*8*	*9*	*15*	*37*	*19*	*5*	*13*	*36*

ILLINOIS DRIVES

		-----DRIVE STARTED-----			-----DRIVE ENDED-----			-CONSUMED-	
Opp.	Qtr.	Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	Result	Ply-Yds.	TOP
UAB	1	UAB30	08:58	PUNT	UAB0	07:55	TD	3-30	01:03
UAB	1	ILL25	02:24	KO	UAB0	01:18	TD	3-75	01:06
UAB	2	ILL2	11:29	PUNT	ILL8	09:13	PUNT	3-6	02:16
UAB	2	ILL25	05:50	KO	ILL50	03:03	DOWNS	6-25	02:47
UAB	2	ILL34	00:13	KO	UAB0	00:00	TD	3-66	00:13
UAB	3	ILL25	15:00	KO	UAB0	10:15	TD	11-75	04:45
UAB	3	ILL25	03:58	KO	UAB0	12:25	TD	13-75	06:33
UAB	4	ILL25	00:09	KO	ILL24	00:00	HALF	1--1	00:0
DUKE	1	ILL25	15:00	KO	DUK0	10:23	TD	8-75	04:37
DUKE	1	ILL25	08:28	KO	DUK32	03:41	FG	11-43	04:47
DUKE	1	ILL28	01:36	PUNT	DUK0	12:47	TD	8-62	03:49
DUKE	2	ILL25	07:05	KO	DUK0	01:48	TD	11-75	05:17
DUKE	2	ILL35	00:32	KO	DUK44	00:00	FGA	5-21	00:32
DUKE	3	ILL25	10:47	KO	DUK29	05:08	FG	11-46	05:39
DUKE	4	ILL25	13:53	KO	DUK18	09:38	DOWNS	8-57	04:15
DUKE	4	ILL45	08:14	PUNT	ILL47	07:21	INT	3-2	00:53
DUKE	4	ILL20	06:13	PUNT	ILL38	02:54	DOWNS	6-18	03:19
SIU	1	ILL35	12:57	PUNT	SIU0	09:25	TD	8-65	03:32
SIU	1	ILL25	03:46	KO	SIU0	02:57	TD	2-75	00:49
SIU	1	ILL44	01:41	PUNT	SIU0	14:22	TD	5-56	02:19
SIU	2	ILL43	10:58	DOWNS	SIU0	09:44	TD	3-57	01:14
SIU	2	ILL4	06:16	PUNT	ILL10	04:41	PUNT	3-6	01:35
SIU	2	ILL25	02:18	KO	ILL35	00:50	PUNT	5-10	01:28
SIU	2	SIU46	00:11	PUNT	SIU18	00:00	FG	3-28	00:11
SIU	3	ILL25	15:00	KO	SIU9	11:06	INT	8-66	03:54
SIU	3	ILL20	07:05	PUNT	ILL27	05:38	PUNT	3-7	01:27
SIU	3	ILL40	03:04	PUNT	SIU24	14:56	FG	7-36	03:08
SIU	4	ILL39	11:40	PUNT	SIU0	08:38	TD	6-61	03:02
SIU	4	ILL41	03:15	DOWNS	SIU32	00:00	HALF	6-27	03:15
OSU	1	ILL6	09:30	KO	ILL40	05:27	PUNT	9-34	04:03
OSU	1	ILL25	03:39	KO	OSU0	01:04	TD	6-75	02:35
OSU	2	ILL35	14:44	PUNT	OSU46	12:43	PUNT	4-19	02:01
OSU	2	ILL25	04:12	KO	OSU25	01:32	FG	8-50	02:40
OSU	2	ILL25	00:15	KO	OSU42	00:00	HALF	4-33	00:15
OSU	3	ILL25	15:00	KO	OSU26	09:35	FG	13-49	05:25
OSU	3	ILL6	06:59	PUNT	OSU20	14:09	DOWNS	13-74	07:50
OSU	4	ILL25	10:07	KO	OSU0	06:02	TD	9-75	04:05
OSU	4	ILL25	02:36	KO	OSU35	00:56	DOWNS	7-40	01:40
PUR	1	ILL25	06:48	KO	PUR14	14:57	FGA	14-61	06:51
PUR	2	ILL25	10:11	KO	ILL32	08:05	PUNT	3-7	02:06
PUR	2	ILL25	04:16	KO	PUR0	00:21	TD	11-75	03:55
PUR	3	ILL25	15:00	KO	PUR42	12:12	PUNT	5-33	02:48
PUR	3	ILL25	06:05	KO	PUR17	00:13	DOWNS	11-58	05:52
PUR	4	ILL39	14:40	PUNT	PUR44	12:16	PUNT	4-17	02:24
PUR	4	ILL40	10:10	PUNT	PUR36	08:15	FG	7-24	01:55
PUR	4	ILL21	04:24	KO	PUR47	03:28	INT	5-32	00:56
PUR	4	ILL34	03:01	PUNT	PUR0	01:26	TD	6-66	01:35
MSU	1	ILL25	15:00	KO	MSU21	11:46	FG	7-54	03:14
MSU	1	ILL20	10:12	PUNT	MSU0	03:21	TD	11-80	06:51
MSU	1	ILL18	01:15	PUNT	MSU0	08:57	TD	14-82	07:18
MSU	2	ILL25	03:29	KO	MSU17	00:00	FG	12-58	03:29
MSU	3	MSU50	12:04	FUMB	MSU20	08:48	FG	8-30	03:16
MSU	3	ILL25	02:45	KO	ILL30	01:41	INT	3-5	01:04
MSU	3	ILL25	01:30	KO	MSU0	13:14	TD	7-75	03:16
MSU	4	ILL13	07:41	KO	ILL33	03:27	DOWNS	7-20	04:14
MSU	4	ILL25	01:17	KO	ILL27	00:20	PUNT	3-2	00:57
MSU	5	MSU25	00:00	KO	MSU0	00:00	TD	1-25	00:00

		-----DRIVE STARTED-----			-----DRIVE ENDED-----			-CONSUMED-	
Opp.	Qtr.	Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	Result	Ply-Yds.	TOP
ORE	1	ILL25	11:17	KO	ILL34	08:02	PUNT	6-9	03:15
ORE	1	ILL16	06:24	PUNT	ILL48	04:14	PUNT	5-32	02:10
ORE	1	ILL20	02:32	PUNT	ILL20	00:52	PUNT	3-0	01:40
ORE	1	ORE30	00:13	FUMB	ORE46	00:05	FUMB	1--16	00:08
ORE	2	ILL34	12:16	FGA	ILL47	08:12	PUNT	6-13	04:04
ORE	2	ILL25	02:29	KO	ORE0	02:15	TD	1-75	00:14
ORE	2	ILL18	01:15	PUNT	ILL27	00:37	PUNT	3-9	00:38
ORE	3	ILL30	15:00	KO	ORE0	09:22	TD	9-70	05:38
ORE	3	ILL20	07:25	PUNT	ILL47	03:38	PUNT	6-27	03:47
ORE	4	ILL7	14:52	PUNT	ILL36	09:41	PUNT	9-29	05:11
ORE	4	ILL34	06:04	FGA	ORE0	02:29	TD	6-66	03:35
ORE	4	ILL29	00:52	FGA	ILL29	00:27	PUNT	3-0	00:25
UMD	1	ILL25	15:00	KO	ILL39	13:11	INT	4-14	01:49
UMD	1	ILL1	11:28	FUMB	ILL6	10:31	PUNT	3-5	00:57
UMD	1	ILL21	06:59	KO	UMD47	05:02	PUNT	5-32	01:57
UMD	1	ILL18	00:08	INT	UMD34	10:37	FGA	10-48	04:31
UMD	2	ILL15	09:05	PUNT	ILL15	06:43	PUNT	3-0	02:22
UMD	2	ILL20	05:31	PUNT	UMD0	00:27	TD	11-80	05:04
UMD	3	ILL25	11:10	KO	UMD26	07:49	FG	9-49	03:21
UMD	3	ILL5	04:04	PUNT	ILL8	03:08	PUNT	3-3	00:56
UMD	3	ILL13	01:14	PUNT	UMD0	14:50	TD	4-87	01:24
UMD	4	ILL25	10:16	KO	ILL32	08:42	PUNT	3-7	01:34
UMD	4	ILL26	05:45	PUNT	UMD7	00:00	FG	13-67	05:45
NEB	1	ILL29	12:47	PUNT	ILL35	11:18	PUNT	3-6	01:29
NEB	1	ILL27	05:00	FGA	ILL49	13:45	PUNT	11-22	06:15
NEB	2	ILL25	09:29	KO	ILL47	07:05	PUNT	5-22	02:24
NEB	2	ILL27	04:32	PUNT	NEB0	01:48	TD	7-73	02:44
NEB	2	ILL36	00:11	FGA	ILL44	00:00	DOWNS	4-8	00:11
NEB	3	ILL25	15:00	KO	NEB0	08:33	TD	13-75	06:27
NEB	3	ILL26	02:49	DOWNS	NEB0	13:38	TD	8-74	04:11
NEB	4	ILL21	10:39	KO	NEB3	07:51	FG	10-76	02:48
NEB	4	ILL34	02:17	DOWNS	ILL42	01:43	PUNT	3-8	00:34
NEB	4	NEB42	00:55	DOWNS	NEB46	00:00	HALF	2--4	00:55

OPPONENT DRIVES

		-----DRIVE STARTED-----			-----DRIVE ENDED-----			-CONSUMED-	
Team	Qtr.	Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	Result	Ply-Yds.	TOP
UAB	1	UAB25	15:00	KO	ILL50	08:58	PUNT	10-25	06:02
UAB	1	UAB25	07:55	KO	ILL8	02:24	FG	12-67	05:31
UAB	1	UAB25	01:18	KO	UAB46	11:29	PUNT	8-21	04:49
UAB	2	ILL31	09:13	PUNT	ILL4	05:50	FG	6-27	03:23
UAB	2	ILL50	03:03	DOWNS	ILL0	00:18	TD	10-50	02:45
UAB	3	UAB25	10:15	KO	ILL17	03:58	FG	11-58	06:17
UAB	4	UAB25	12:25	KO	ILL31	05:48	INT	13-44	06:37
UAB	4	UAB25	05:48	KO	ILL0	00:09	TD	12-75	05:39
DUKE	1	DUK25	10:23	KO	ILL0	08:28	TD	4-75	01:55
DUKE	1	DUK12	03:37	KO	DUK20	01:36	PUNT	3-8	02:01
DUKE	2	DUK25	12:47	KO	ILL0	07:05	TD	12-75	05:42
DUKE	2	DUK25	01:48	KO	ILL0	00:38	TD	8-75	01:10
DUKE	3	DUK25	15:00	KO	ILL0	10:47	TD	9-75	04:13
DUKE	3	DUK25	05:08	KO	ILL22	13:53	FG	10-53	06:15
DUKE	4	DUK18	09:38	DOWNS	DUK18	08:14	PUNT	3-0	01:24
DUKE	4	ILL45	07:21	INT	ILL44	06:13	PUNT	3-1	01:08
DUKE	4	ILL38	02:54	DOWNS	ILL38	00:00	HALF	6-0	02:54
SIU	1	SIU25	15:00	KO	SIU46	12:57	PUNT	4-21	02:03
SIU	1	SIU25	09:25	KO	ILL0	03:46	TD	11-75	05:39
SIU	1	SIU25	02:57	KO	SIU10	01:41	PUNT	3--15	01:16
SIU	2	SIU25	14:22	KO	ILL43	10:58	DOWNS	7-32	03:24
SIU	2	SIU25	09:44	KO	SIU39	06:16	PUNT	7-14	03:28
SIU	2	ILL43	04:41	PUNT	ILL9	02:18	FG	5-34	02:23
SIU	2	SIU17	00:50	PUNT	SIU22	00:11	PUNT	3-5	00:39
SIU	3	SIU20	11:06	INT	SIU47	07:05	PUNT	7-27	04:01
SIU	3	SIU24	05:38	PUNT	SIU23	03:04	PUNT	6--1	02:34
SIU	4	SIU25	14:56	KO	ILL27	13:03	INT	5-48	01:53
SIU	4	SIU25	13:03	KO	SIU23	11:40	PUNT	3--2	01:23
SIU	4	SIU25	08:38	KO	ILL41	03:15	DOWNS	9-34	05:23
OSU	1	OSU25	15:00	KO	ILL0	09:34	TD	9-75	05:26
OSU	1	OSU7	05:27	PUNT	ILL0	03:39	TD	4-93	01:48
OSU	1	OSU22	00:59	KO	OSU28	14:44	PUNT	3-6	01:15
OSU	2	OSU4	12:43	PUNT	ILL0	04:12	TD	19-96	08:31
OSU	2	OSU25	01:32	KO	ILL0	00:15	TD	10-75	01:17
OSU	3	OSU25	09:35	KO	ILL43	06:59	PUNT	5-32	02:36
OSU	4	OSU20	14:09	DOWNS	ILL0	10:07	TD	8-80	04:02
OSU	4	ILL43	06:02	KO	ILL0	02:36	TD	8-43	03:26
OSU	4	OSU35	00:56	DOWNS	OSU33	00:00	HALF	2--2	00:56
PUR	1	PUR25	15:00	KO	ILL11	06:48	FG	15-64	08:12
PUR	2	PUR20	14:57	FGA	ILL16	10:11	FG	8-64	04:46
PUR	2	PUR22	08:05	PUNT	ILL0	04:16	TD	8-78	03:49
PUR	2	PUR17	00:17	KO	PUR26	00:00	HALF	1-9	00:17
PUR	3	PUR11	12:12	PUNT	ILL15	06:05	FG	13-74	06:07
PUR	3	PUR17	00:13	DOWNS	PUR19	14:40	PUNT	3-2	00:33
PUR	4	PUR9	12:16	PUNT	PUR15	10:10	PUNT	3-6	02:06
PUR	4	PUR39	08:05	KO	ILL0	04:29	TD	7-61	03:36
PUR	4	PUR8	03:28	INT	PUR12	03:01	PUNT	3-4	00:27
PUR	4	PUR48	01:25	KO	PUR42	00:00	HALF	2--6	01:25
MSU	1	MSU25	11:46	KO	MSU26	10:12	PUNT	3-1	01:34
MSU	1	MSU25	03:16	KO	MSU32	01:15	PUNT	3-7	02:01
MSU	2	MSU25	08:57	KO	ILL0	03:29	TD	11-75	05:28
MSU	3	MSU25	15:00	KO	MSU50	12:04	FUMB	5-25	02:56
MSU	3	MSU12	08:44	KO	ILL24	02:52	FG	10-64	05:52
MSU	3	ILL11	01:41	INT	ILL0	01:30	TD	1-11	00:11
MSU	4	MSU28	13:07	KO	ILL0	07:47	TD	10-72	05:20
MSU	4	ILL33	03:27	DOWNS	ILL0	01:17	TD	6-33	02:10
MSU	4	MSU34	00:20	PUNT	MSU33	00:00	HALF	1--1	00:20
MSU	5	ILL25	00:00	KO	ILL0	00:00	TD	5-25	00:00

		-----DRIVE STARTED-----			-----DRIVE ENDED-----			-CONSUMED-	
Team	Qtr.	Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	Result	Ply-Yds.	TOP
ORE	1	ORE25	15:00	KO	ILL0	11:17	TD	11-75	03:43
ORE	1	ORE28	08:02	PUNT	ORE36	06:24	PUNT	3-8	01:38
ORE	1	ORE20	04:14	PUNT	ORE25	02:32	PUNT	3-5	01:42
ORE	1	ORE38	00:52	PUNT	ORE30	00:13	FUMB	3--8	00:39
ORE	1	ORE49	00:05	FUMB	ILL34	12:16	FGA	7-17	02:49
ORE	2	ORE9	08:12	PUNT	ILL2	02:29	FG	9-89	05:43
ORE	2	ORE25	02:15	KO	ORE34	01:15	PUNT	3-9	01:00
ORE	2	ORE30	00:37	PUNT	ILL40	00:00	HALF	4-30	00:37
ORE	3	ORE25	09:22	KO	ORE33	07:25	PUNT	3-8	01:57
ORE	3	ORE9	03:38	PUNT	ORE46	14:52	PUNT	8-37	03:46
ORE	4	ORE19	09:41	PUNT	ILL33	06:04	FGA	11-48	03:37
ORE	4	ORE25	02:29	KO	ILL28	00:52	FGA	9-47	01:37
ORE	4	ORE36	00:27	PUNT	ILL13	00:00	HALF	3-51	00:27
UMD	1	ILL12	13:11	INT	ILL1	11:28	FUMB	3-11	01:43
UMD	1	ILL49	10:31	PUNT	ILL0	07:05	TD	6-49	03:26
UMD	1	UMD20	05:02	PUNT	ILL23	00:08	INT	11-57	04:54
UMD	2	UMD34	10:37	FGA	UMD37	09:05	PUNT	4-3	01:32
UMD	2	UMD45	06:43	PUNT	UMD41	05:31	PUNT	3--4	01:12
UMD	2	UMD25	00:27	KO	UMD28	00:00	HALF	1-3	00:27
UMD	3	UMD35	14:53	KO	ILL0	11:10	TD	7-65	03:43
UMD	3	UMD25	07:47	KO	ILL43	04:04	PUNT	7-32	03:43
UMD	3	ILL45	03:08	PUNT	ILL44	01:14	PUNT	3-1	01:54
UMD	4	UMD25	14:50	KO	ILL28	10:16	FG	8-47	04:34
UMD	4	UMD18	08:42	PUNT	UMD37	05:45	PUNT	6-19	02:57
NEB	1	NEB25	15:00	KO	NEB36	12:47	PUNT	4-11	02:13
NEB	1	NEB32	11:18	PUNT	ILL27	05:00	FGA	11-41	06:18
NEB	2	NEB2	13:45	PUNT	ILL0	09:29	TD	10-98	04:16
NEB	2	NEB24	07:05	PUNT	NEB22	04:32	PUNT	5--2	02:33
NEB	2	NEB27	01:47	KO	ILL36	00:11	FGA	11-37	01:36
NEB	3	NEB25	08:33	KO	ILL25	02:49	DOWNS	11-50	05:44
NEB	4	NEB9	13:32	KO	ILL0	10:44	TD	7-91	02:48
NEB	4	NEB21	07:46	KO	ILL34	02:17	DOWNS	11-45	05:29
NEB	4	NEB22	01:43	PUNT	NEB42	00:55	DOWNS	6-20	00:48

RUSHES	39	Oregon (10/24/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	225	Oregon (10/24/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.1	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
TD RUSHES	3	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	38	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	26	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
YARDS PASSING	305	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	10.7	UAB (09/03/2026)
TD PASSES	3	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	3	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	3	Duke (09/12/2026)
	3	UAB (09/03/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	71	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	503	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.8	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
POINTS	48	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
SACKS BY	2	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	2	at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	2	Oregon (10/24/2026)
	2	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	26	Purdue (10/03/2026)
PENALTIES	7	Duke (09/12/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	71	Duke (09/12/2026)
TURNOVERS	1	at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	1	Oregon (10/24/2026)
	1	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	1	Purdue (10/03/2026)
	1	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Duke (09/12/2026)
PUNTS	8	Oregon (10/24/2026)
PUNTING AVG	47.5	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
LONG PUNT	55	Oregon (10/24/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Oregon (10/24/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	65	UAB (09/03/2026)

OPPONENT GAME HIGHS (TEAM)

RUSHES	48	UAB (09/03/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	194	UAB (09/03/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.6	Oregon (10/24/2026)
TD RUSHES	3	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	43	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	32	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
YARDS PASSING	367	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	10.2	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
TD PASSES	4	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	79	UAB (09/03/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	518	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.6	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
POINTS	42	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
SACKS BY	3	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
PENALTIES	11	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	11	Duke (09/12/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	112	Duke (09/12/2026)
TURNOVERS	2	at Maryland (10/31/2026)
PUNTS	7	Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PUNTING AVG	64.5	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
LONG PUNT	74	at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	3	Oregon (10/24/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	19	Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	19	UAB (09/03/2026)

RUSHES	18	Ca'Lil Valentine vs Duke (09/12/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	123	Aidan Laughery vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
TD RUSHES	1	Javari Barnett at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	1	Aidan Laughery vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
	1	Katin Houser at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	1	Jordan Anderson at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
	1	Aidan Laughery vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Jordan Anderson vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Javari Barnett vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Katin Houser vs UAB (09/03/2026)
	1	Ca'Lil Valentine vs UAB (09/03/2026)
LONG RUSH	77	Aidan Laughery vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Katin Houser vs Purdue (10/03/2026)
	37	Katin Houser at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24	Katin Houser vs Duke (09/12/2026)
YARDS PASSING	305	Katin Houser vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
TD PASSES	3	Katin Houser vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	3	Katin Houser vs Duke (09/12/2026)
	3	Katin Houser vs UAB (09/03/2026)
LONG PASS	58	Katin Houser vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
RECEPTIONS	11	Collin Dixon vs Duke (09/12/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	166	Collin Dixon vs Duke (09/12/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	3	Collin Dixon vs Duke (09/12/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	58	Collin Dixon vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
PUNTS	8	Lars Rau vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
PUNTING AVG	47.5	Lars Rau at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
LONG PUNT	55	Lars Rau vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Lars Rau vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	65	Mac Resetich vs UAB (09/03/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	31	Ca'Lil Valentine vs UAB (09/03/2026)
TACKLES	15	James Kreutz at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
SACKS	1	Mason Muragin vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	1	Matthew Bailey at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	1	Pat Farrell vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
	1	Ean Rhea vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
	1	James Kreutz at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	1	Daniel Brown at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	1	Will Holmes vs Duke (09/12/2026)
	1	Ean Rhea vs UAB (09/03/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Ean Rhea vs UAB (09/03/2026)

OPPONENT GAME HIGHS (INDIVIDUAL)

RUSHES	24	Nate Sheppard vs Duke (09/12/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	147	Nate Sheppard vs Duke (09/12/2026)
TD RUSHES	3	Jaziun Patterson at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
LONG RUSH	41	Dierre Hill Jr vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	43	Anthony Colandrea vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	32	Anthony Colandrea vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
YARDS PASSING	367	Julian Sayin at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
TD PASSES	4	Julian Sayin at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
LONG PASS	72	Julian Sayin at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
RECEPTIONS	12	Jeremiah Smith at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	217	Jeremiah Smith at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	4	Jeremiah Smith at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	72	Jeremiah Smith at Ohio St. (09/26/2026)
FIELD GOALS	3	Jacobo Echeverria Lozano vs Purdue (10/03/2026)
	3	Jonah Delange vs UAB (09/03/2026)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46	Sean O'Haire at Maryland (10/31/2026)
PUNTS	7	Elijah Gorman vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
PUNTING AVG	64.5	Rhys Dakin at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
LONG PUNT	74	Rhys Dakin at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Bryce McFerson at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	3	Bailey Ettridge vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	19	Jacory Barney Jr. vs Nebraska (11/06/2026)
	19	Ty Mims vs UAB (09/03/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	34	Terrez Worthy at Maryland (10/31/2026)
TACKLES	11	Cam Stodghill at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	11	Andrew Pellicciotta vs Duke (09/12/2026)
SACKS	1.5	Teitum Tuioti vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.5	Teitum Tuioti vs Oregon (10/24/2026)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Messiah Delhomme at Maryland (10/31/2026)
	1	Devin Vaught at Michigan St. (10/10/2026)
	1	John Slaughter vs Purdue (10/03/2026)
	1	Sebastian Vargas vs Southern Ill. (09/19/2026)
	1	Evan Smith vs Duke (09/12/2026)



GAME 1

UAB 23
ILLINOIS 42

SEPT. 3, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 52,673

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
UAB	3	10	3	7	23
Illinois	14	7	7	14	42

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
ILL: Dixon 18 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 7:55 (3/30/1:03) 0-7
UAB: Delange 26 yd FG, 2:24 (12/67/5:31) 3-7
ILL: Valentine 51 yd rush (Moczulski kick), 1:18 (3/75/1:06) 3-14

Second Quarter
UAB: Delange 23 yd FG, 5:50 (6/27/3:23) 6-14
UAB: Robinson II 10 yd pass from Burton (Delange kick), 0:18 (10/50/2:45) 13-14
ILL: Robinson 54 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 0:00 (3/66/00:13) 13-21

Third Quarter
ILL: Dixon 14 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 10:15 (11/75/4:45) 13-28
UAB: Delange 35 yd FG, 3:58 (11/58/6:17) 16-28

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Houser 6 yd run (Moczulski kick), 12:25 (13/75/6:33) 16-35
ILL: Kante 59 yd interception (Moczulski kick), 5:48 16-42
UAB: Burton 5 yd run (Delange kick), 0:09 (12/75/5:39) 23-42

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	UAB	ILL
First Downs	24	17
Rushes-Yards	48-194	26-150
Passing Yards	219	182
Comp-Att-Int	18-31-1	13-17-0
Total Yards	413	332
Punts-Avg	2-48.5	1-42.0
Kickoff Returns-Avg	0-0.0	1-31.0
Punt Returns-Avg	1-19.0	1-65.0
Penalties-Yards	9-69	1-4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-10
Third-down Conv.	10-19	3-6
Time of Possession	41:03	18:57

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): UAB - Ryder 18-31-2190-1-1
ILL - Houser 13-17-182-3-0
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): UAB - Robinson II 14-59-0; McReynolds 13-56-0
ILL - Valentine 11-88-1; Houser 3-29-1
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): UAB - Smith 2-57-0; Mims 4-52-0
ILL - Dixon 6-70-2; Robinson 1-54-1
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): UAB - Byard 7, 1.5-1; Sweeting 5, 0.5-1
ILL - Bailey 8, 0.0-0; Kante 6, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Bret Bielema is the first Illinois head coach to win his first six season openers since Robert Zuppke from 1913-18.
- Illinois is 13-2 at home over the last three seasons (2024-26).
- Illinois has won 10 straight nonconference games dating back to 2023.
- Collin Dixon recorded the first two-TD game of his career.
- Ca'Lil Valentine posted a career-long rushing touchdown (51 yards).
- Ty Robinson hauled in a 54-yard Hail Mary from Katin Houser as time expired in the first half to give the Illini a 21-13 lead.
- Ismael Kante recorded six total tackles and a 59-yard interception return for a touchdown.
- Ean Rhea recorded five tackles and a sack in his Illinois debut.



GAME 2

DUKE 31
ILLINOIS 27

SEPT. 12, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,670

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Duke	7	14	7	3	31
Illinois	10	14	3	0	27

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
ILL: Dixon 13 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 10:23 (8/75/4:37) 0-7
DUKE: Burton 12yd pass from Eget (Salas kick), 8:28 (4/75/1:55) 7-7
ILL: Moczulski 51 yd FG, 3:41 (11/43/4:47) 7-10

Second Quarter
ILL: Dixon 40 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 12:47 (8/62/3:49) 7-17
DUKE: Sheppard 2 yd run (Salas kick), 7:05 (12/75/5:42) 14-17
ILL: Dixon 2 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 1:48 (11/75/5:17) 14-24
DUKE: Sheppard 7 yd pass from Eget (Salas kick), 0:38 (8/75/1:10) 21-24

Third Quarter
DUKE: Sheppard 3 yd pass from Eget (Salas kick), 10:47 (9/75/4:13) 28-24
ILL: Moczulski 47 yd FG, 5:08 (11/46/5:39) 28-27

Fourth Quarter
DUKE: Salas 39 yd FG, 13:53 (10/53/6:15) 31-27

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	DUKE	ILL
First Downs	19	23
Rushes-Yards	35-170	32-111
Passing Yards	206	271
Comp-Att-Int	15-22-0	24-36-1
Total Yards	376	382
Punts-Avg	3-49	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Avg	1-18.0	1-13.0
Punt Returns-Avg	0-0	1-14.0
Penalties-Yards	11-112	7-71
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-5
Third-down Conv.	2-9	5-12
Time of Possession	26:46	33:14

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): DUKE - Eget 15-21-206-3-0
ILL - Houser 24-35-271-3-1
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): DUKE - Sheppard 24-147-1; Campbell Jr. 8-31-0
ILL - Valentine 18-56-0; Laughery 10-37-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): DUKE - Burton 4-76-1; Sheppard 5-41-2
ILL - Dixon 11-166-3; Clement 4-45-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): DUKE - Pellicciotta 11, 0.0-0; Morris Jr. 9, 0.0-0
ILL - Clark 6, 0.0-0; Holmes 5, 1.5-3

GAME NOTES

- Illinois recorded its fifth sellout in the last eight games at Gies Memorial Stadium.
- Illinois moved to 13-3 at Gies Memorial Stadium over the last three seasons.
- Illinois snapped a 10-game nonconference winning streak dating back to 2023.
- WR Collin Dixon posted career-best marks with 11 receptions for 166 receiving yards and three touchdown receptions, tying the Illinois single-game record for TD catches.
- DL Will Holmes recorded a strip sack, the first sack and forced fumble of his Illini career.



GAME 3

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 10
ILLINOIS 48

SEPT. 19, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,670

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Southern Illinois	7	3	0	0	10
Illinois	14	17	0	17	48

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
ILL: Anderson 1 yd run (Moczulski kick), 9:25 (8/65/3:32) 0-7
SIU: Middleton 8yd pass from Williams (Schofield kick), 3:46 (11/75/5:39) 7-7
ILL: Laughery 77 yd run (Moczulski kick), 2:57 (2/75/0:49) 7-14

Second Quarter
ILL: Dixon 45 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 14:22 (5/56/2:19) 7-21
LL: Dixon 27 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 9:44 (3/57/1:14) 7-28
SIU: Schofield 27 yd FG, 2:18 (5/34/2:23) 10-28
ILL: Moczulski 36 yd FG, 0:06 (3/28/0:11) 10-31

Third Quarter
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Fourth Quarter
ILL: Moczulski 42 yd FG, 14:56 (7/36/3:08) 10-34
ILL: Bailey 88 yd interception (Moczulski kick), 13:03 (5/48/1:53) 10-41
ILL: Barnett 5 yd run (Moczulski kick), 8:38 (6/61/3:02) 10-48

TEAM STATISTICS

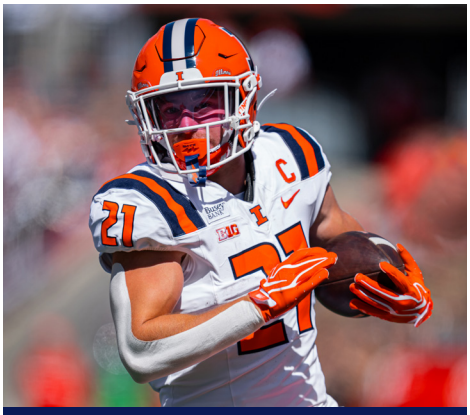
Category	SIU	ILL
First Downs	18	21
Rushes-Yards	27-29	28-198
Passing Yards	228	305
Comp-Att-Int	22-42-1	23-29-1
Total Yards	257	503
Punts-Avg	7-41.3	3-43.3
Kickoff Returns-Avg	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Avg	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	5-44
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	2-6	1-16
Third-down Conv.	3-15	4-10
Time of Possession	34:06	25:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): SIU - Williams 20-38-182-1-1
ILL - Houser 23-29-305-2-1
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): Curry 4-22-0; SIU - Williams 7-7-0
ILL - Laughery 4-93-1; Barnett 8-50-1
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): SIU - Thomas 6-77-0; Middleton 5-33-1
ILL - Dixon 8-131-2; Clement 5-69-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): SIU - Jackson 8, 0.0-0; Behm 6, 0.0-0
ILL - Clark 7, 0.0-0; Paris 5, 0.5-2

GAME NOTES

- WR Collin Dixon scored two touchdowns, giving him seven on the season through just three games to break Pat Bryant's single-season record for TD receptions at Gies Memorial Stadium.
- DB Matthew Bailey's 88-yard interception return for TD marked the ninth-longest in Illinois program history, and the longest by an Illini since Asim Pleas' 89-yarder vs. Middle Tennessee (9/12/1998).
- RB Javari Barnett made his college debut with 50 yards on eight carries and his first-career touchdown.
- OL Champ Smith became the first Illini true freshman to start in one of the five offensive line positions since Vederian Lowe and Alex Palczewski vs. Northwestern (11/25/2017).



GAME 4

ILLINOIS 19
#7 OHIO STATE 42

SEPT. 26, 2026
OHIO STADIUM // COLUMBUS, OHIO // 101,452

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	3	3	6	19
#7 Ohio State	14	14	0	14	42

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
OSU: Smith 7 yd pass from Sayin (Hawkins kick), 9:34 (9/75/5:26) 0-7
OSU: Smith 72 yd pass from Sayin (Hawkins kick), 5:27 (4/93/1:48) 0-14
ILL: Anderson 22 yd rush (Moczulski kick), 1:04 (6/75/2:35) 7-14

Second Quarter
OSU: Smith 9 yd pass from Sayin (Hawkins kick), 4:12 (19/87/8:31) 7-21
ILL: Moczulski 43 yd FG, 1:32 (8/50/2:40) 10-21
OSU: Sayin 7 yd run (Hawkins kick), 0:15 (10/67/1:17) 10-28

Third Quarter
ILL: Moczulski 44 yd FG, 9:35 (13/49/5:25) 13-28

Fourth Quarter
OSU: Smith 26 yd pass from Sayin (Hawkins kick),14:09 (8/80/4:02) 13-35
ILL: Robinson 27 yd pass from Houser (2PTA failed), 6:06 (9/75/4:05) 19-35
OSU: Jackson 2 yd run (Hawkins kick), 2:36 (8/43/3:26) 19-42

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	OSU
First Downs	25	27
Rushes-Yards	33-199	32-151
Passing Yards	263	367
Comp-Att-Int	21-38-0	27-36-0
Total Yards	462	518
Punts-Avg	2-47.5	2-43.5
Kickoff Returns-Avg	1-11.0	1-20.0
Punt Returns-Avg	1-13.0	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	7-59
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	3-26
Third-down Conv.	6-14	8-12
Time of Possession	30:38	29:22

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Houser 21-37-263-1-0
OSU - Sayin 27-36-367-4-0
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Laughery 11-113-0; Valentine 10-47-0
OSU - J. Jackson 10-56-1; B. Jackson 11-53-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Clement 5-87-0; Dixon 5-63-0
OSU - Smith 12-217-4; Roberts 4-36-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Bailey 14, 1.0-3; Clark 7, 0.0-0
OSU - McClain 8, 0.0-0; Sanchez 7, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois racked up 462 yards of total offense, the most by an Ohio State opponent since the 2024 season (Oregon, 496 yards on Oct. 12, 2024).
- 462 yards of offense also marked the most by an Ohio State opponent at Ohio Stadium since 2022 (Michigan, 530 yards on Nov. 26, 2022).
- Illinois scored 19 points, the most by an Ohio Stadium visitor in the last 25 games dating back to the 2022 regular season finale (Michigan, 45 points on Nov. 26, 2022).
- RB Aidan Laughery ran the ball 11 times for a season-high 113 yards becoming the eighth Illini to rush for 100+ yards at Ohio State and the first since Daniel Dufresne (106 yards) on Nov. 10, 2007.
- DB Matthew Bailey led the defense with a career-high 14 tackles, the most by any player against OSU since 2024, and 1.0 TFLs.



GAME 5

PURDUE 24
ILLINOIS 17

OCT. 3, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,670

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Purdue	3	10	3	8	24
Illinois	0	7	0	10	17

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
PUR: Echeverria Lozano 30 yd FG, 6:48 (15/64/8:12) 3-0

Second Quarter
PUR: Echeverria Lozano 34 yd FG, 10:11 (8/64/4:46) 6-0
PUR: Harris 21 yd pass from Browne (Echeverria Lozano kick), 4:16 (8/78/3:49) 13-0
ILL: Dixon 7 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 0:21 (11/75/3:55) 13-7

Third Quarter
PUR: Echeverria Lozano 33 yd FG, 6:05 (13/74/6:07) 16-7

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Moczulski 54 yd FG, 8:15 (7/24/1:55) 16-10
PUR: Harris 1 yd run (2PTA successful), 4:29 (7/61/3:36) 24-10
ILL: Robinson 2 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 1:26 (6/66/1:35) 24-17

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PUR	ILL
First Downs	19	26
Rushes-Yards	33-90	27-120
Passing Yards	255	225
Comp-Att-Int	18-27-0	21-37-1
Total Yards	345	345
Punts-Avg	3-49	3-37.3
Kickoff Returns-Avg	2-15.5	1-21.0
Punt Returns-Avg	0-0.0	1-6.0
Penalties-Yards	7-63	4-46
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	1-9	0-0
Third-down Conv.	5-11	7-13
Time of Possession	31:33	28:27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): PUR- Browne 18-27-255-1-0
ILL - Houser 21-37-225-2-1
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): PUR - Ijeboi 19-65-0; Harris 6-20-1
ILL - Laughery 12-49-0; Houser 8-42-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): PUR - Waseem 3-98-0; Harris 3-52-1
ILL - Dixon 10-116-1; Clement 4-72-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): PUR - Hayden 6, 0.0-0; Sanders 6, 2.0-10
ILL - Kante 10, 1.5-6; Bailey 9, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois hosted a sellout crowd on homecoming for the second straight season. It marked the Illini's third straight sellout crowd of the season, and the seventh in the last 10 home games.
- WR Collin Dixon had 131 yards of total offense with 116 receiving yards on 10 catches and 15 rushing yards. Dixon's eighth TD of the season extended his Gies Memorial Stadium single-season record and moved him into a tie for sixth-most on the Illini's single-season list. Also moved to eighth on the Illini's all-time list with 13 career receiving TDs.
- LB Ismael Kante recorded a career-high 10 tackles (seven solo) and a season-most 1.5 tackles for loss.
- K Ethan Moczulski's 54-yard FG marked the longest in the Big Ten this season, and gives him three FGs of 50+ yards in his Illini career.



GAME 6

ILLINOIS 38
MICHIGAN STATE 37

OCT. 10, 2026
SPARTAN STADIUM // EAST LANSING, MICH. // 65,837

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Illinois	10	10	3	8	7	38
Michigan State	0	7	10	14	6	37

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
ILL: Moczulski 40 yd FG, 11:46 (7/54/3:14) 3-0
ILL: Laughery 5 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 3:21 (11/80/6:51) 10-0

Second Quarter
ILL: Houser 2 yd run (Moczulski kick), 8:57 (14/82/7:18) 17-0
MSU: Patterson 6 yd pass from Milivojevic (Boyd kick), 3:29 (11/75/5:28) 17-7
ILL: Moczulski 35 yd FG, 0:00 (12/58/3:29) 20-7

Third Quarter
ILL: Moczulski 38 yd FG, 8:48 (8/30/3:16) 23-7
MSU: Boyd 42 yd FG, 2:52 (10/64/5:52) 23-10
MSU: Patterson 11 yd run (Boyd kick), 0:11 (1/11/0:11) 23-17

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Dixon 14 yd pass from Clayton II (2PTA successful), 13:14 (7/75/3:16) 31-17
MSU: Moore 24 yd pass from Milivojevic (Boyd kick), 7:47 (10/72/5:20) 31-24
MSU: Patterson 2 yd run (Boyd kick),1:17 (6/33/2:10) 31-31

Overtime
ILL: Clement 25 yd pass from Clayton II (Moczulski kick) (1/25/0:00) 38-31
MSU: Patterson 1 yd run (2PTA failed) (5/25/0:00) 38-37

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MSU
First Downs	25	19
Rushes-Yards	33-127	27-127
Passing Yards	282	215
Comp-Att-Int	26-37-1	23-27-0
Total Yards	409	342
Punts-Avg	1-44.0	2-64.5
Kickoff Returns-Avg	2-23.5	3-18.3
Punt Returns-Avg	0-0.0	1-5.0
Penalties-Yards	2-16	9-69
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Sacks By-Yards	2-6	0-0
Third-down Conv.	5-12	6-10
Time of Possession	33:52	26:08

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Houser 20-29-194-1-1; Clayton II 6-8-88-2-0
MSU - Milivojevic 22-26-196-2-0
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Laughery 17-70-0; Barnett 3-22-0
MSU - Patterson 17-93-3; McCray 2-15-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Clement 6-105-1; Dixon 7-62-1
MSU - Savoury 6-49-0; Moore 2-42-1
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Kreutz 15, 1.0-5; Kante 8, 1.0-2
MSU - Stodghill 11, 0.0-0; Martinez 9, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois won back-to-back visits to Michigan State for the first time since three straight from 1981-85.
- Bret Bielema tied the Illini record for wins in a head coach's first six seasons (40).
- QB Katin Houser was 20-of-29 for 194 yards and a TD, and added 14 rushing yards and a rushing TD, before leaving with an injury.
- QB Michael Clayton II completed 6-of-8 passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns, becoming the first true freshman QB in program history to throw 2+ TD passes in a Big Ten game.



GAME 7

#25 OREGON..... 10
ILLINOIS..... 21

OCT. 24, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 58,273

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
#25 Oregon	7	3	0	0	10
Illinois	0	7	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
ORE: Davison 2 yd rush (Hurych kick), 11:17 (11/75/3:43) 7-0

Second Quarter
ORE: Hurych 20 yd FG, 2:29 (9/89/5:43) 10-0
ILL: Laughery 75 yd rush (Moczulski kick), 2:15 (1/75/0:14) 10-7

Third Quarter
ILL: Abney 9 yd pass from Clayton II (Moczulski kick), 9:22 (9/70/5:38) 10-14

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Dixon 23 yd pass from Clayton II (Moczulski kick), 2:29 (6/66/3:35) 10-21

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ORE	ILL
First Downs	21	15
Rushes-Yards	32-180	39-225
Passing Yards	246	89
Comp-Att-Int	27-41-0	12-19-0
Total Yards	426	314
Punts-Avg	5-45.6	8-44.5
Kickoff Returns-Avg	0-0.0	0-0.0
Punt Returns-Avg	1-13.0	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	5-32
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Sacks By-Yards	3-29	2-14
Third-down Conv.	4-15	8-16
Time of Possession	29:15	30:45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ORE - Raiola 27-41-246-0-0
ILL - Clayton II 11-18-84-2-0
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ORE - Davison 14-92-1; Hill Jr. 13-83-0
ILL - Laughery 13-123-1; Anderson 11-67-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ORE - Moore 9-70-0; Johnson 7-69-0
ILL - Dixon 6-65-1; Abney 2-13-1
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ORE - Tuioti 8, 2.5-25; Jackson 8, 0.0-0
ILL - Clark 10, 1.0-1; Kreutz 9, 1.0-1

GAME NOTES

- Illinois handed Oregon its first Big Ten road loss since the Ducks joined the conference in 2024.
- Illinois improved to 15-4 at Gies Memorial Stadium in the last three years.
- Head coach Bret Bielema set the Illini record for wins in a head coach's first six seasons with his 41st victory at Illinois.
- Michael Clayton II became the third true freshman quarterback in Illinois history to win a game as the starter, joining Juice Williams at Michigan State in 2006 and Kurt Kittner at Northwestern in 1998.
- Aidan Laughery joined Georgia State's Qwantavius Wiggins as the only running backs in the nation with two TD rushes over 75 yards this season.
- Collin Dixon tied the Illinois single-season record for receiving touchdowns with his 10th of the season, and moved into the Illini's career top-five (15).
- Juice Clarke led the team with 10 tackles (seven solo), including one TFL, while adding two PBUs to move into a tie for the B1G lead with eight on the season.



GAME 8

ILLINOIS..... 20
MARYLAND..... 17

OCT. 31, 2026
SECU STADIUM // COLLEGE PARK, MD. // 27,207

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	7	3	10	20
Maryland	7	0	7	3	17

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
MD: Washington 8 yd run (O'Haire kick), 7:05 (6/49/3:26) 0-7

Second Quarter
ILL: Trimble 16 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 0:27 (11/80/5:04) 7-7

Third Quarter
MD: Williams 17 yd run (O'Haire kick), 11:10 (7/65/3:43) 7-14
ILL: Moczulski 45 yd FG, 7:49 (9/49/3:21) 10-14

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Barnett 64 yd run (Moczulski kick), 14:50 (4/87/1:24) 17-14
MD: O'Haire 46 yd FG, 10:16 (8/47/4:34) 17-17
ILL: Moczulski 26 yd FG, 0:00 (13/67/5:54) 20-17

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	UMD
First Downs	20	17
Rushes-Yards	33-184	29-98
Passing Yards	223	190
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-1	19-29-1
Total Yards	407	288
Punts-Avg	5-43.4	5-40.6
Kickoff Returns-Avg	1-20.0	1-34.0
Punt Returns-Avg	1-10.0	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	1-5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Sacks By-Yards	3-29	0-0
Third-down Conv.	4-11	6-14
Time of Possession	29:46	30:14

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Houser 18-32-223-1-1
MD - Washington 19-29-190-0-1
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Barnett 6-80-1; Laughery 14-46-0
MD - Williams 19-57-1; Washington 5-25-1
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Dixon 6-103-0; Clement 5-49-0; Trimble 2-21-1
MD - Durr Jr. 6-58-0; Webb 3-46-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Kreutz 7, 0.0-0; Bailey 6, 1.5-4
MD - Scruggs 10, 0.5-0; Stewart 7, 0.5-1

GAME NOTES

- Since 1996, Illinois leads the nation in game-winning field goals with 10 seconds or less left in regulation (9). Five of those have come under Bret Bielema (two in 2023, two in 2025, one in 2026).
- Bret Bielema won his 13th Big Ten road game, tying Mike White for the most by an Illinois head coach during their first six seasons.
- Bielema won his 24th game since 2024, tied for the winningest three-year run by a head coach in Illini history.
- Illinois improved to 12-5 in games decided in the final minute/OT under Bret Bielema, including nine straight wins.
- The Illini moved to 10-3 in one-score games over the last three seasons (2024-26).
- Javari Barnett's 64-yard TD run was the longest by an Illini freshman rusher since 2015 (Ke'Shawn Vaugh, 78 yard TD at Purdue).



GAME 9

NEBRASKA..... 13
ILLINOIS..... 24

NOV. 6, 2026
GIES MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 58,587

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Nebraska	0	7	0	6	13
Illinois	0	7	7	10	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

Second Quarter
NEB: Nelson 15 yd run (Hohl kick), 9:29 (10/98/4:16) 7-0
ILL: Dixon 3 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 1:48 (7/73/2:44) 7-7

Third Quarter
ILL: Anderson 5 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 8:33 (13/75/6:27) 7-14

Fourth Quarter
ILL: Dixon 6 yd pass from Houser (Moczulski kick), 13:38 (8/74/4:11) 7-21
NEB: Barney Jr. 51 yd pass from Colandrea (2PTA failed), 10:44 (7/91/2:48) 13-21
ILL: Moczulski 21 yd FG, 7:51 (10/76/2:48) 13-24

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	NEB	ILL
First Downs	25	19
Rushes-Yards	31-142	29-84
Passing Yards	284	292
Comp-Att-Int	32-43-0	22-36-0
Total Yards	426	376
Punts-Avg	2-43.0	4-45.5
Kickoff Returns-Avg	3-18.0	1-16.0
Punt Returns-Avg	2-17.5	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	11-82	6-55
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	2-12	2-16
Third-down Conv.	6-14	8-15
Time of Possession	31:57	28:03

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): NEB - Colandrea 32-43-284-1-0
ILL - Houser 22-36-292-3-0
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): NEB - Rule 15-69-0; Mozee 6-31-0
ILL - Laughery 11-55-0; Anderson 7-24-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): NEB - Barney Jr. 6-93-1; Gilmer 4-58-0
ILL - Dixon 8-129-2; Clement 5-87-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): NEB - Shavers Jr. 7, 1.0-2; Benning 6, 0.0-0
ILL - Bailey 11, 0.5-4; Kreutz 10, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois won its fourth straight game, the second-longest active winning streak in the Big Ten behind only undefeated UCLA.
- Illinois improved to 16-4 at Gies Memorial Stadium over the last three seasons (2024-26), tied for the fourth-most home wins in the Big Ten since 2024, behind only Indiana, Ohio State, and Oregon.
- Bret Bielema is set to become the first head coach in Illinois history to coach the Illini in four bowl games.
- Collin Dixon broke Illinois' single-season touchdown receptions record with his 11th and 12th receiving scores of the season.
- Illinois won its sixth game this season to become postseason eligible in third straight year, the program's longest streak since playing in five straight bowls from 1988-92.
- Bielema's 43rd win in six seasons in Champaign, the winningest six-year stretch by a head coach in program history.

TOP 25 RANKINGS

AP TOP 25 (WEEK 11)

RK	TEAM	FIRST	POINTS	RECORD	LAST
1	Georgia	53	1,729	8-1	2
2	Utah	12	1,675	9-0	3
3	Notre Dame	5	1,597	8-1	4
4	UCLA		1,542	9-0	5
5	Miami (FL)		1,430	8-1	1
6	Indiana		1,376	8-1	6
7	Alabama		1,334	7-2	9
8	Texas		1,253	7-2	10
9	Tennessee		1,177	7-2	12
10	Texas Tech		1,082	8-1	13
11	Wake Forest		1,067	8-1	14
12	BYU		1,041	7-2	8
13	Kentucky		897	7-2	10
14	Houston		803	7-2	17
15	Southern Cal		679	7-2	20
16	Iowa		659	7-2	21
17	Boise State		563	8-1	20
18	Oregon		517	6-3	22
19	Ole Miss		415	6-3	12
20	South Carolina		399	6-3	23
21	Ohio State		349	6-3	11
22	Arizona		324	7-2	24
23	New Mexico		301	8-1	22
24	LSU		277	6-3	24
25	SMU		118	7-2	33

US LBM COACHES POLL (WEEK 11)

RK	TEAM	FIRST	POINTS	RECORD	LAST
1	Georgia	54	1796	8-1	2
2	Utah	14	1724	9-0	4
3	Notre Dame	2	1613	8-1	6
4	UCLA	1	1584	9-0	5
5	Indiana	2	1557	8-1	3
6	Miami (FL)		1482	8-1	1
7	Alabama		1389	7-2	9
8	Texas		1287	7-2	11
9	Tennessee		1196	7-2	16
10	Texas Tech		1116	8-1	13
11	Wake Forest		1093	8-1	14
12	BYU		1008	7-2	8
13	Kentucky		913	7-2	7
14	USC		765	7-2	17
15	Iowa		738	7-2	20
16	Houston		732	7-2	18
17	Ole Miss		529	6-3	12
18	Boise State		474	8-1	21
19	Oregon		438	6-3	NR
20	Ohio State		398	6-3	10
21	Arizona		377	7-2	22
22	LSU		368	6-3	15
23	SMU		285	7-2	24
24	South Carolina		267	6-3	NR
25	New Mexico		191	8-1	25

CFP RANKING (WEEK 10)

RK	TEAM	CONFERENCE	RECORD	LAST
1	Miami (FL)	ACC	8-0	-
2	Georgia	SEC	7-1	-
3	Utah	Big 12	8-0	-
4	Indiana	Big Ten	8-1	-
5	Alabama	SEC	6-2	-
6	Kentucky	SEC	7-1	-
7	Texas	SEC	6-2	-
8	UCLA	Big Ten	8-0	-
9	BYU	Big 12	7-1	-
10	Ole Miss	SEC	6-2	-
11	Notre Dame	Independent	7-1	-
12	Ohio State	Big Ten	6-2	-
13	Tennessee	SEC	6-2	-
14	LSU	SEC	6-2	-
15	Texas Tech	Big 12	7-1	-
16	Wake Forest	ACC	7-1	-
17	Houston	Big 12	6-2	-
18	Missouri	SEC	6-2	-
19	Iowa	Big Ten	6-2	-
20	USC	Big Ten	7-2	-
21	South Carolina	SEC	5-3	-
22	Arizona	Big 12	6-2	-
23	Oregon	Big Ten	5-3	-
24	Florida	SEC	5-3	-
25	Boise State	Pac-12	7-1	-

BIG TEN STANDINGS (THROUGH WEEK 10)

	BIG TEN				OVERALL							
TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	STREAK	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
UCLA	6	0	202	93	9	0	302	127	W9	5-0	4-0	0-0
Indiana	5	1	147	96	8	1	292	112	W2	5-1	3-0	0-0
Iowa	4	2	139	97	7	2	250	110	W2	4-1	3-1	0-0
USC	4	2	162	162	7	2	292	218	W1	5-1	2-1	0-0
Illinois	**4**	**2**	**139**	**143**	**6**	**3**	**256**	**207**	**W4**	**4-2**	**2-1**	**0-0**
Ohio State	4	2	183	135	6	3	321	165	L2	4-1	2-2	0-0
Oregon	4	2	158	133	6	3	307	199	W2	4-1	2-2	0-0
Wisconsin	4	2	117	87	6	3	220	147	W1	5-0	1-2	0-1
Northwestern	3	3	159	135	6	3	279	174	L2	5-1	1-2	0-0
Minnesota	3	3	109	146	5	4	222	198	L2	4-2	1-2	0-0
Michigan	2	4	94	107	5	4	176	146	L1	4-3	1-1	0-0
Penn State	2	4	133	152	5	4	260	174	W2	3-2	2-2	0-0
Washington	2	4	149	157	5	4	237	197	L1	3-3	2-1	0-0
Nebraska	2	4	133	114	5	4	272	149	L4	4-2	1-2	0-0
Purdue	2	4	175	185	3	6	265	291	L3	2-4	1-2	0-0
Maryland	1	5	123	233	3	6	249	282	W1	1-4	2-2	0-0
Michigan St.	1	5	99	158	3	6	174	212	W1	2-3	1-3	0-0
Rutgers	1	5	132	220	2	7	232	292	L3	1-4	1-3	0-0

NATIONAL RANKINGS (TEAM)

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (138 ranked)	28	4	0.459	Houston	0.593	Southern California	0.495
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (138 ranked)	109	16	0.420	Nebraska	0.254	Nebraska	0.254
4th Down Conversion Pct (138 ranked)	108	15	0.429	Army West Point	0.810	Penn St.	0.778
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (138 ranked)	112	12	0.650	Tennessee	0.231	Ohio St.	0.308
Blocked Kicks (40 ranked)				Wisconsin	5	Wisconsin	5
Blocked Kicks Allowed (138 ranked)	1	1	0	61 teams tied	0	8 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (13 ranked)				Sacramento St. UCLA Wisconsin	3 3 3	UCLA Wisconsin	3 3
Blocked Punts Allowed (138 ranked)	1	1	0	101 teams tied	0	12 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (138 ranked)	56	8	0.641	Miami (FL)	0.768	Northwestern	0.685
Defensive TDs (42 ranked)	14	2	2	Alabama Texas Tech	5 5	UCLA	3
Fewest Penalties (138 ranked)	7	2	39	Notre Dame	31	Indiana	38
Fewest Penalties Per Game (138 ranked)	7	2	4.33	Notre Dame	3.44	Indiana	4.22
Fewest Penalty Yards (138 ranked)	8	3	334	Fresno St.	286	Indiana Rutgers	313 313
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (138 ranked)	8	3	37.11	Fresno St.	31.78	Indiana Rutgers	34.78 34.78
First Downs Defense (138 ranked)	102	18	189	New Mexico	120	Indiana UCLA	133 133
First Downs Offense (138 ranked)	50	6	191	LSU	251	Ohio St.	219
Fumbles Lost (138 ranked)	2	2	1	Nebraska	0	Nebraska	0
Fumbles Recovered (133 ranked)	96	9	3	UCLA	10	UCLA	10
Kickoff Return Defense (138 ranked)	60	12	19.27	Kentucky	8.00	Ohio St.	12.75
Kickoff Returns (138 ranked)	73	9	19.88	Iowa	47.00	Iowa	47.00
Net Punting (138 ranked)	73	11	39.48	Texas A&M	47.12	Oregon	45.16
Passes Had Intercepted (135 ranked)	38	4	5	South Fla.	0	Northwestern	1
Passes Intercepted (138 ranked)	120	17	3	New Mexico UCLA	17 17	UCLA	17
Passing Offense (138 ranked)	57	9	236.9	Oregon St.	370.4	Ohio St.	320.2
Passing Yards Allowed (138 ranked)	118	18	245.6	UAB	122.6	Penn St.	144.8
Passing Yards per Completion (138 ranked)	73	11	11.84	Navy	20.13	Indiana	15.22
Punt Return Defense (138 ranked)	114	17	12.00	Oregon	-0.63	Oregon	-0.63
Punt Returns (138 ranked)	3	1	21.60	Temple	22.38	Illinois	21.60
Red Zone Defense (138 ranked)	137	18	0.967	Texas A&M	0.619	Iowa	0.727
Red Zone Offense (138 ranked)	100	15	0.815	Iowa St.	1.000	Oregon	0.951
Rushing Defense (138 ranked)	56	11	131.2	Miami (FL)	64.3	Indiana	75.6
Rushing Offense (138 ranked)	69	6	155.3	Air Force	332.0	UCLA	213.2
Sacks Allowed (138 ranked)	16	2	1.11	Notre Dame	0.22	Iowa	0.89
Scoring Defense (138 ranked)	55	13	23.0	New Mexico	10.9	Iowa	12.2
Scoring Offense (138 ranked)	68	10	28.4	Miami (FL)	45.0	Ohio St.	35.7
Tackles for Loss Allowed (138 ranked)	11	2	3.22	BYU	1.89	Iowa	3.11
Team Passing Efficiency (138 ranked)	39	6	147.72	Miami (FL)	190.34	Ohio St.	170.20

NATIONAL RANKINGS (TEAM - CONTINUED)

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (138 ranked)	103	14	142.13	North Dakota St.	94.20	UCLA	96.88
Team Sacks (138 ranked)	119	14	1.22	Tennessee	4.33	Indiana	3.56
Team Tackles for Loss (138 ranked)	115	16	4.2	Virginia Tech	9.3	Indiana	8.4
Time of Possession (138 ranked)	102	15	28:51	Air Force	36:28	UCLA	32:57
Total Defense (138 ranked)	83	15	376.8	New Mexico	240.2	Michigan	255.3
Total Offense (138 ranked)	59	9	392.2	North Texas	534.7	Ohio St.	467.9
Turnover Margin (138 ranked)	64	11	0.00	New Mexico	2.00	UCLA	1.56
Turnovers Gained (138 ranked)	132	18	6	UCLA	27	UCLA	27
Turnovers Lost (138 ranked)	11	2	6	Notre Dame	2	Northwestern	3
Winning Percentage (138 ranked)	33	5	0.667	UCLA Utah	1.000 1.000	UCLA	1.000

NATIONAL RANKINGS (INDIVIDUAL)

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (200 ranked)	Collin Dixon Aidan Laughery	38 117	4 18	102.78 81.00	Dylan Riley, Boise St.	171.89	Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	134.11
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)					9 players tied	2	Troy Leigber, UCLA Bisi Owens, Purdue	2 2
Combined Kick Returns (197 ranked)	Mac Resetich	113	17	152	Michael Scott, James Madison	794	Kenneth Williams, Michigan St.	418
Completion Percentage (121 ranked)	Katin Houser	59	8	0.643	Darian Mensah, Miami (FL)	0.768	Aidan Chiles, Northwestern	0.688
Completions Per Game (150 ranked)	Katin Houser	28	4	20.25	Caden Veltkamp, Fla. Atlantic	27.11	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	22.00
Field Goal Percentage (126 ranked)	Ethan Moczulski	49	10	0.813	Chase Reeves, Liberty	1.000	Jacobo Echeverria Lozano, Purdue	0.955
Field Goals Per Game (146 ranked)	Ethan Moczulski	29	8	1.44	Nolan Hauser, Clemson	3.00	Jacobo Echeverria Lozano, Purdue	2.33
Forced Fumbles (29 ranked)					Marlin Dean, UAB Sammy Omosigho, UCLA	0.56 0.56	Sammy Omosigho, UCLA	0.56
Fumbles Recovered (73 ranked)	Joe Barna Daniel Brown Jakwon Morris	73 73 73	8 8 8	1 1 1	David Santiago, Kansas	4	7 players tied	2
Interceptions Per Game (71 ranked)					LaDainian Fields, Oklahoma St.	0.78	Ta'Shawn James, UCLA	0.44
Kickoff Return TDs (5 ranked)					Jaylon Hawkins, San Diego St.	3	Braeden Jackson, Iowa	2
Kickoff Returns (37 ranked)					Michael Scott, James Madison	36.2	Quayd Hendryx, Minnesota	24.9
Passes Defended (30 ranked)	Juice Clarke	13	1	1.11	Brent Gordon Jr., Louisiana	1.78	4 players tied	1.11
Passing Efficiency (121 ranked)	Katin Houser	41	5	146.4	Darian Mensah, Miami (FL)	191.0	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	184.5
Passing TDs (145 ranked)	Katin Houser Michael Clayton II	30 145	4 23	16 4	Drew Mestemaker, Oklahoma St.	29	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	20
Passing Yards (150 ranked)	Katin Houser	47	7	1,955	Braden Atkinson, Oregon St.	3,169	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	2,524
Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked)	Katin Houser	26	4	244.4	Braden Atkinson, Oregon St.	352.1	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	286.7
Passing Yards per Completion (121 ranked)	Katin Houser	54	10	12.07	Michael Hawkins Jr., West Virginia	18.82	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	15.32
Points Responsible For (192 ranked)	Katin Houser Collin Dixon Ethan Moczulski	46 130 150	6 16 19	108 72 68	Drew Mestemaker, Oklahoma St.	204	Aidan Chiles, Northwestern	140
Points Responsible For Per Game (199 ranked)	Katin Houser Collin Dixon Ethan Moczulski	39 138 160	5 19 23	13.5 8.0 7.6	Drew Mestemaker, Oklahoma St.	22.7	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	18.0
Punt Return TDs (6 ranked)					5 players tied	2	Javon Tracy, Minnesota	2
Punt Returns (51 ranked)					Jojo Bermudez, Temple	24.6	Javon Tracy, Minnesota	16.5
Punting (80 ranked)					Daniel Sparks, Virginia	50.8	Hunter Green, Washington	48.1
Receiving TDs (89 ranked)	Collin Dixon	4	2	12	Jesse Legree, Oregon St. Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	14 14	Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	14
Receiving Yards (150 ranked)	Collin Dixon Hudson Clement	8 75	2 14	910 540	Jesse Legree, Oregon St.	1,209	Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	1,200
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Collin Dixon Hudson Clement	8 83	2 15	101.1 60.0	Jesse Legree, Oregon St.	134.3	Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	133.3
Receptions Per Game (200 ranked)	Collin Dixon Hudson Clement	6 122	2 21	7.56 4.11	Malachi Toney, Miami (FL)	9.13	Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	7.67
Rush Yards Per Carry (149 ranked)	Aidan Laughery	20	3	6.15	Cole Tabb, Cincinnati	8.92	Turbo Richard, Indiana	6.59
Rushing TDs (150 ranked)					Michael Hawkins Jr., West Virginia	19	Wayne Knight, UCLA	13
Rushing Yards (150 ranked)	Aidan Laughery	58	9	615	Dylan Riley, Boise St.	1,241	Wayne Knight, UCLA Antwan Raymond, Rutgers	789 789
Rushing Yards Per Game (199 ranked)	Aidan Laughery	64	9	68.3	Dylan Riley, Boise St.	137.9	Wayne Knight, UCLA Antwan Raymond, Rutgers	87.7 87.7
Sacks (146 ranked)					Colin Simmons, Texas	1.50	Tobi Osunsanmi, Indiana	1.11
Scoring (200 ranked)	Collin Dixon Ethan Moczulski	46 65	6 10	8.0 7.6	Nate Sheppard, Duke	14.0	Wayne Knight, UCLA	10.0

NATIONAL RANKINGS (INDIVIDUAL - CONTINUED)

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Solo Tackles (144 ranked)	Matthew Bailey Juice Clarke	26 106	3 17	4.67 3.78	Kevin Adams III, Tulane	6.33	Cam Buffington, Iowa	5.22
Tackles For Loss (77 ranked)					Colin Simmons, Texas	2.29	Tobi Osunsanmi, Indiana	1.72
Total Interceptions (56 ranked)					LaDainian Fields, Oklahoma St.	7	Ta'Shawn James, UCLA	4
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Katin Houser Aidan Laughery	37 192	6 26	260.4 68.3	Braden Atkinson, Oregon St.	351.3	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	285.4
Total Points Scored (149 ranked)	Collin Dixon Ethan Moczulski	43 59	5 8	72 68	Nate Sheppard, Duke	126	Wayne Knight, UCLA	90
Total Tackles (190 ranked)	Matthew Bailey James Kreutz	104 154	10 18	7.3 6.7	Jared Lloyd, Missouri St.	11.3	Cooper Catalano, Wisconsin	10.0
Total Touchdowns (115 ranked)	Collin Dixon	18	3	12	Nate Sheppard, Duke	21	Wayne Knight, UCLA	15
Yards per Pass Attempt (100 ranked)	Katin Houser	49	7	7.76	Michael Hawkins Jr., West Virginia	10.86	Julian Sayin, Ohio St.	10.45
Yards per Reception (200 ranked)	Hudson Clement Collin Dixon	127 181	15 21	14.59 13.38	DJ Epps, West Virginia	24.52	Nick Marsh, Indiana	17.61

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	4	Katin Houser	8
	7	Michael Clayton II	1
RB	21	Aidan Laughery	6
	5	Ca'Lil Valentine	3
WR	13	Hudson Clement	9
	17	Collin Dixon	9
	11	Brayden Trimble	7
TE	86	Christian Abney	9
	83	Kaden Feagin	2
LT	71	Nathan Knapik	4
	72	Christian Martin	5
LG	70	Maika Matelau	6
	66	Brandon Hansen	3
C	59	Jake Renfro	9
RG	75	Brandon Henderson	6
	52	Champ Smith	2
	55	TJ McMillen	1
RT	66	Brandon Hansen	4
	71	Nathan Knapik	5

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DL	43	Joe Barna	9
	52	Pat Farrell	9
	90	Carter Janki	4
	96	Darrell Prater	5
LB	26	Ismael Kante	9
	10	James Kreutz	9
	4	Daniel Brown	6
	18	Mason Muragin	3
CB	6	Juice Clarke	9
	1	Xavier Scott	9
	5	Jakwon Morris	5
	16	Tanner Heckel	2
	32	Tywan Cox	2
SS	7	Matthew Bailey	9
FS	16	Tanner Heckel	2
	0	Mac Resetich	7

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	37	Ethan Moczulski	9
P	81	Lars Rau	9
H	81	Lars Rau	9
LS	44	Patrick Mahoney III	9

CAREER STARTS

FBS/FCS ONLY

PLAYER	'26	'25	'24	'23	'22	'21	TOT
Renfro, Jake	9	4*	12*	1*	0*	13*	45[R]
Clement, Hudson	9	9	12*	8*	--	--	38
Scott, Xavier	9	3	13	11	1	--	37
Bailey, Matthew	9	12	13	1	1	--	36
Houser, Katin	8	12*	7*	7*	0*	--	34
Dixon, Collin	9	13	10	0	--	--	32
Perry, Alex	--	13*	7*	6*	0*	--	26
Henderson, Brandon	6	12	7	0	--	--	25
Janki, Carter	4	10*	10*	0*	--	--	24
Abney, Christian	9	4	6*	3*	--	--	22
Clarke, Juice	9	9	1	0	--	--	19
Williams, Lavon	0	10*	9*	0*	--	--	19
Laughery, Aidan	6	3	9	0	0	--	18
Martin, Christian	5	12*	0*	--	--	--	17
Kreutz, James	9	1	4	1	0	--	15
Feagin, Kaden	2	4	4	4	--	--	14
Stoffel, Davin	0	0	14*	0*	--	--	14
Heckel, Tanner	4	9	0	--	--	--	13
Prater, Darrell	5	3*	4*	1*	--	--	13
Fillmore, Deuce	0	12*	0*	0*	--	--	12
Platt, Jayshon	--	9*	0*	0*	0*	--	9
Valentine, Ca'Lil	3	6	0	--	--	--	9
Barna, Joe	9	1	0	--	--	--	10
Farrell, Pat	9	0	1	--	--	--	10
Knapik, Nathan	9	1	0*	--	--	--	10
Kante, Ismael	9	--	--	--	--	--	9
Brown, Daniel	6	2	--	--	--	--	8
Hansen, Brandon	7	1	0	--	--	--	8
Resetich, Mac	7	0	1	0	--	--	8
Holmes, Will	0	7*	0*	--	--	--	7
Trimble, Brayden	7	0	--	--	--	--	7
Edmonson, Robert	0	4*	2*	0*	--	--	6
Matelau, Maika	6	--	--	--	--	--	6
Morris, Jakwon	5	--	--	--	--	--	5
Robinson, Ty	0	2*	3*	0*	0*	0*	5
Finley IV, James	--	4*	--	--	--	--	4
Muragin, Mason	3	0	--	--	--	--	3
Cox, Tywan	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
Smith, Champ	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
McMillen, TJ	1	1	0	--	--	--	2
Clayton II, Michael	1	--	--	--	--	--	1

[R] = Jake Renfro also started six games in 2020
-- = Did not play in a game/not on squad/non-FBS/FCS;
0 = Played but did not start
* = previous FBS/FCS institution

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
80 points:	87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912	
70 points:	79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944	70 vs. Michigan (70-21), 11/7/1981
60 points:	65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010	63 at #19 Indiana (63-10), 9/20/2025
50 points:	52 vs. Western Illinois (52-3), 8/29/2025	63 at #19 Indiana (63-10), 9/20/2025
Allowed 0 points:	vs. Eastern Illinois (45-0), 8/29/2024	Wisconsin (0-24), 10/9/2021
Allowed 0 points in 2nd half:	vs. Oregon, 10/24/2026	at Indiana, 9/20/2025
Did not score a touchdown:	vs. Iowa (9-6), 10/8/2022	Western Illinois (3-52), 8/29/2025
400 rushing yards:	430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	411 at Northwestern, 12/12/2020
300 rushing yards:	357 at Penn State 10/23/2021	312 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Three 70+ yard runs:	3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	
Fewer than 100 rushing yards:	84 vs. Nebraska, 11/6/2026	98 at Maryland, 10/31/2026
Fewer than 50 yards rushing:	2 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025	29 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/19/2026
Fewer than 20 yards rushing:	2 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025	2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
Negative yards net rushing:	-27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993	-10 vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016
One first down:		1 vs. Missouri, 9/10/1994
Zero first downs:		0 vs. Michigan, 10/27/1934
400 passing yards:	507 vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	423 at Virginia, 9/11/2021
Fewer than 100 passing yards:	89 vs. Oregon, 10/24/2026	92 at Wisconsin, 11/22/2025
4 TD catches by tight ends:	4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	
700 total net yards:	723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944	712 at Maryland, 10/27/2018
600 total net yards:	662 vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	674 vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019
Fewer than 200 total net yards:	159 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025	163 vs. Western Illinois, 8/29/2025
Fewer than 100 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	96 vs. South Dakota State, 9/10/2011
9+ sacks in a game:	9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001	
6+ sacks in a game:	6 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	7 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
No sacks allowed:	at Maryland, 10/31/2026	vs Purdue, 10/3/2026
Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:	vs. UAB, 9/3/2026; vs. Duke, 9/12/2026	
15+ TFL in a game:	15 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/2002	
10+ TFL in a game:	11 vs. Iowa 10/8/2022	13 at #9 Penn State, 9/28/2024
10+ passes broken up:	10 vs. Maryland, 11/15/2025	10 at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Forced 5+ turnovers:	5 at Duke, 9/6/2025	5 vs. Penn State, 9/16/2023
Two successful two-point conversions:	2 at Kansas, 9/8/2023	2 vs. Northwestern, 11/29/2014
Five field goals:	5 at Purdue, 10/4/2025	
Missed extra point kick:	at Rutgers, 11/23/2024	vs. Michigan State, 11/16/2024
Blocked two kicks:	2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017	
Blocked two punts:	2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	
Zero punts:	vs. Duke, 9/12/2026	at Nebraska, 10/1/2016
Zero penalties:	vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	
Successful on-side kick:	vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014	
Two two-point conversions:	2 at Kansas (McCray rush; Altmyer pass to Love III), 9/8/2023	
Overtime game:	at Michigan State (38-37), 10/10/2026	
Overtime game at Gies Memorial Stadium:	vs. Purdue (50-49), 10/12/2024	
A game with a weather delay:	at South Florida (0:37 delay), 9/15/2017	
A game was postponed:	vs. Kent State (2:50 delay), 9/4/2015 *Eventually postponed and played next day on 9/5/2015*	

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Rushing		
300 yards rushing:	Mikel Leshoure (330) vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010	
250 yards rushing:	Chase Brown (257) vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021	Jordan Canzeri (256) at Iowa, 10/10/2015
200 yards rushing:	Chase Brown (223) at Penn State 10/23/2021	Mohamed Ibrahim (224) vs. Minnesota, 11/7/2020
150 yards rushing:	Aidan Laughery (172) at Northwestern, 11/30/2024	Mohamed Ibrahim (224) vs. Minnesota, 11/7/2020
Two consecutive 175-yard rushing games:	Rashard Mendenhall (2), 10/27/2007-11/3/2007	
Two consecutive 150-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (2), 8/27/2022-9/2/2022	
Three consecutive 140-yard rushing games	Chase Brown (3), 10/8/2022-10/29/2022	
10+ consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (10), 11/27/2021-11/5/2022	
Two rushers with 175 yards:	Harvey (215), Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998	Hyde (246), Miller (184) vs. #3 Ohio State, 11/16/2013
Two rushers with 100 yards:	Brown (223), McCray (142) at Penn State, 10/23/2021	Browne (118), Mockobee (102) vs. Purdue, 10/12/2024
80+ yard rushing play:	Chase Brown (80) vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021	Mike Trumpy (80) at Northwestern, 11/20/2010
75+ yard rushing play:	Aidan Laughery (75) vs. Oregon, 10/24/2026	Justin Jackson (79) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2017
Two 40+ runs in one quarter:	Kendrick Foster (56, 56; 2nd) vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016	Carlos Hyde (51, 55; 4th) vs. #3 Ohio State, 11/16/2013
True freshman rushed for 100 yards:	Josh McCray (156) at Purdue, 9/25/2021	Braelon Allen (131) vs. Wisconsin, 10/9/2021
True freshman rushed for 100 yards in first career game:	E.B. Halsey (139) vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003	
40 rushing attempts:	Chase Brown (41) vs. Minnesota, 10/15/2022	Jordan Canzeri (43) at #22 Iowa, 10/10/2015
30 rushing attempts:	Chase Brown (33) vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2022	Evan Hull (32) vs. Northwestern, 11/27/2021
Two rushers with 2 touchdowns:	Corbin (2), Bush Jr. (2) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	Sargent (2), Young (2) vs. Iowa, 11/17/2018
5+ TDs rushing:	Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990	Brian Calhoun (5) vs. #15 Wisconsin, 10/29/2005
4+ TDs rushing:	Antoineo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002	Mohamed Ibrahim (4) vs. Minnesota, 11/7/2020
3+ TDs rushing:	Aidan Laughery (3) at Northwestern, 11/30/2024	Jaziun Patterson (3) at Michigan State, 10/10/2026
2+ TDs rushing by a QB:	Luke Altmyer (2) at Kansas, 9/8/2023	Athan Kaliakmanis (2) at Rutgers, 11/23/2024
Receiving		
200 yards receiving:	Casey Washington (218) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	Jeremiah Smith (217) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
150 yards receiving:	Collin Dixon (166) vs. Duke, 9/12/2026	Denzel Boston (153) at Washington, 10/25/2025
Two 100-yard receivers:	Bryant (112), Williams (103) vs. Chattanooga, 9/22/2022	Camper (156), Matthews Jr. (109) at Indiana, 9/2/2022
Running back with 100+ yards receiving:	Josh Ferguson (100) vs. Northwestern, 10/27/2015	Tellis Redmon (116) vs. Minnesota, 9/30/2000
70+ yard reception:	Casey Washington (80) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	Jeremiah Smith (72) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
60+ yard reception:	Hank Beatty (62) at Purdue, 10/4/2025	Asaad Waseem (61) vs Purdue, 10/3/2026
50+ yard reception:	Collin Dixon (58) vs Nebraska, 11/6/2026	Jacory Barney Jr. (51) vs Nebraska, 11/6/2026
10+ receptions:	Collin Dixon (10) vs. Purdue, 10/3/2026	Jeremiah Smith (12) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
Two players with 2 receiving touchdowns:	Judson (2), Duvalt (2) vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008	Hemingway (2), Roundtree (2) at Michigan, 11/6/2010
Three receiving touchdowns:	Collin Dixon (3) vs. Duke, 9/12/2026	Jeremiah Smith (4) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
Offensive lineman caught a pass:	Brandon Henderson (4-yard reception) at #22 Nebraska, 9/20/2024	Nolan Rucci (3-yard reception) vs. Wisconsin, 10/21/2023
Offensive lineman scored a TD:	Brandon Henderson (4-yard reception) at #22 Nebraska, 9/20/2024	Dom D'Antonio (3-yard run) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023
Quarterback caught a TD:	Luke Altmyer (3-yard reception) vs. #21 USC, 9/27/2025	David Blough (7-yard reception) vs. Purdue, 10/13/2018
Hail Mary TD reception to end a half	Ty Robinson (54) vs. UAB (1st Half), 9/3/2026	
Passing		
600 yards passing:	Dave Wilson (621) at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
500 yards passing:	John Paddock (507) vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	
400 yards passing:	Wes Lunt (456) vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014	Brennan Armstrong (405) at Virginia, 9/11/2021
Two consecutive 300-yard passing games:	Luke Altmyer (2), 9/27/2025-10/4/2025	
Three consecutive 300-yard passing games:	Jason Verduzco (3), 8/31/1991-9/21/1991	
6+ TDs passing:	Dave Wilson (6) at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	Tony Pike (6) vs. Cincinnati, 11/27/2009
5+ TDs passing:	Nate Scheelhaase (5) vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	Fernando Mendoza (5) at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
4+ TDs passing:	Luke Altmyer (4) vs. Rutgers, 11/1/2025	Julian Sayin (4) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
3+ TDs passing:	Katin Houser (3) vs. Nebraska, 11/6/2026	Walker Eget (3) vs. Duke, 9/12/2026
3+ TDs passing in ILL debut:	Katin Houser (3) vs. UAB, 9/3/2026	
2+ TDs passing in B1G game by true freshman QB:	Michael Clayton II at Michigan State, 10/10/2026	
Two 65-plus yard TD passes:	Nathan Scheelhaase (77, 67) at Indiana, 10/8/2011	
10+ consecutive completions:	Luke Altmyer (10) vs. Minnesota, 11/2/2024	Fernando Mendoza (17) at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Two consecutive games 10+ consecutive completions:	Tommy DeVito (2), 9/2/2022-9/10/2022	
Non-QB with passing touchdown:	Hank Beatty (WR) vs. #21 USC, 9/27/2025	Denzel Boston (WR) at Washington, 10/25/2025

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Defense		
20 Tackles:	J Leman (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007	Abdul Hodge (22), Chad Greenway (20) at Iowa, 10/1/2005
19 Tackles:	Clayton Fejedelem (19) vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/2015	Gerald Hodges (19) at Penn State, 10/29/2011
4 interceptions:	Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974	
3 interceptions:	Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001	
2 interceptions:	Miles Scott (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/29/2025	Devin Turner (2) at Northwestern, 11/30/2024
Two players with 2+ interceptions:	Sydney Brown (2), Devon Witherspoon (2) at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	Bryan Heinz (2), Marvin Ward (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/22/2003
3+ sacks:	Seth Coleman (3.0) at Maryland, 10/14/2023	Darryl Peterson (3.0) at Wisconsin, 11/22/2025
5+ TFLs:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/2021	Josh Uche (5.0) vs. #16 Michigan, 10/12/2019
4+ TFLs:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/2021	Abdul Carter (4.0) at #9 Penn State, 9/28/2024
4+ PBUs:	Devon Witherspoon (4) vs. Nebraska, 8/28/2021	Jermari Harris (4) at Iowa, 11/18/2023
3+ PBUs:	Xavier Scott (3) vs. Wisconsin, 10/21/2023	Cody Lindenberg (3) vs. Minnesota, 11/2/2024
Interception by a lineman:	Keith Randolph (1) vs. Chattanooga, 9/22/2022	Farell Gnago (1) vs. Rutgers, 11/1/2025
Interception return for TD:	Matthew Bailey (88 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/19/2026	Devin Turner (13 yards) at Northwestern, 11/30/2024
Two players with INT returns for TDs:	Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards), Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	
Fumble recovery for TD:	Sydney Brown (53 yards) at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	Will Heldt (16 yards) vs. Purdue, 10/12/2024
Fumble recovery TD, INT TD, 2 INTs:	Sydney Brown at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	
Forced 3 turnovers:	Xavier Scott (2 INT, 1 FF) vs. #19 Kansas, 9/7/2024	
2 defensive touchdowns:	Sydney Brown (1 INT TD, 1 FR TD) at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	Shaq Thompson (1 INT TD, 1 FR TD) at Washington, 9/13/2014
Safety:	Kerby Joseph (special teams tackle) vs. Nebraska 8/28/2021	Joe Evans (tackle in end zone) at Iowa, 11/18/2023
Defensive extra point:	Nate Hobbs (75 yards) at USF, 9/15/2017	
Total Offense/All-Purpose		
500 yards total offense:	Juice Williams (503) vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008	
400 yards total offense:	Luke Altmyer (439) vs. Purdue, 10/12/2024	Ryan Browne (415) vs. Purdue, 10/12/2024
300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing:	Juice Williams (310 pass, 121 rush) at Michigan, 10/4/2008	Adrian Martinez (328 pass, 118 rush) vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019
300 all-purpose yards:	A.J. Jenkins (328) vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011	Martavious Odoms (315) vs. Michigan, 10/4/2008
200 all-purpose yards:	Hank Beatty (241) vs. Western Illinois, 8/29/2025	Jeremiah Smith (217) at #7 Ohio State, 9/26/2026
Accounted for 5 touchdowns:	Luke Altmyer (4 pass, 1 rush) vs. Rutgers, 11/1/2025	Fernando Mendoza (5 pass) at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Passing, rushing, and receiving touchdown:	Luke Altmyer (2 pass, 1 rush, 1 rec.) vs. #21 USC, 9/27/2025	
2 TDs in 1 minute:	Ke'Shawn Vaughn (3rd quarter) at Purdue, 11/7/2015	
Special Teams		
5 field goals:	David Olano (5) at Purdue, 10/4/2025	
4 field goals:	David Olano (5) at Purdue, 10/4/2025	Dragan Kesich (4) vs. Minnesota, 11/2/2024
3 field goals:	Ethan Moczulski (3) at Michigan State 10/10/2026	Jonah Delange (3) vs. UAB, 9/3/2026
Made 50+ yard field goal:	Ethan Moczulski (51 yards) vs. Duke, 9/12/2026	
Three 50+ yard field goals:		Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998
Blocked punt:	Ashton Hollins (block) at Purdue, 9/30/2023	D'Angelo Ponds (block) at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Blocked punt for a touchdown:	Dawson DeGroot (block), Stanley Green (TD) vs. WIU, 9/8/2018	D'Angelo Ponds (11 yards) at #19 Indiana, 9/20/2025
Blocked two field goals:	Terrell Washington (2) vs. Northern Illinois, 9/8/2001	
Blocked two PATs:	Rob Bain (2) at Penn State, 10/31/2015	
Blocked field goal:	Ezekiel Holmes (1) vs. #24 Michigan, 10/19/2024	DJ Taylor (1) vs. Western Illinois, 8/29/2025
Blocked PAT:	Alec Bryant (1) at Iowa, 11/18/2023	
Punt return for TD (non-block):	Hank Beatty (69 yards) vs. Western Illinois, 8/29/2025	Kyle Groenewed (61 yards) vs. Iowa, 11/17/2018
Kickoff return for TD:	V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013	Joakim Dodson (94 yards) vs. Tennessee, 12/30/2025
Blocked FG returned for TD:	Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois State, 9/6/2003	

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/03/2026	UAB	W	42-23	52673
	09/12/2026	Duke	L	27-31	60670
	09/19/2026	Southern Ill.	W	48-10	60670
*	09/26/2026	at Ohio St.	L	19-42	101452
*	10/03/2026	Purdue	L	17-24	60670
*	10/10/2026	at Michigan St.	Wot1	38-37	65837
*	10/24/2026	Oregon	W	21-10	58723
*	10/31/2026	at Maryland	W	20-17	27207
*	11/06/2026	Nebraska	W	24-13	58587

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Aidan Laughery	9	100	623	8	615	6.2	2	77	68.3
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	50	240	15	225	4.5	1	51	45.0
Jordan Anderson	9	45	207	8	199	4.4	2	33	22.1
Javari Barnett	6	27	189	4	185	6.9	2	64	30.8
Katin Houser	8	37	181	53	128	3.5	2	25	16.0
Carson Boyd	5	6	41	5	36	6.0	0	20	7.2
Lars Rau	9	1	29	0	29	29.0	0	29	3.2
Collin Dixon	9	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	1.7
Jershaun Newton	7	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Michael Clayton II	3	6	11	24	-13	-2.2	0	7	-4.3
Team	9	6	0	22	-22	-3.7	0	0	-2.4
Total	**9**	**280**	**1537**	**139**	**1398**	**5.0**	**9**	**77**	**155.3**
Opponents	**9**	**294**	**1348**	**167**	**1181**	**4.0**	**12**	**41**	**131.2**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Katin Houser	8	146.4	162-252-5	64.3	1955	16	58	244.4
Michael Clayton II	3	171.7	17-26-0	65.4	172	4	25	57.3
Carson Boyd	5	142.0	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	1.0
Team	9	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**9**	**147.7**	**180-281-5**	**64.1**	**2132**	**20**	**58**	**236.9**
Opponents	**9**	**142.1**	**201-298-3**	**67.4**	**2210**	**13**	**72**	**245.6**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Collin Dixon	9	68	910	13.4	12	58	101.1
Hudson Clement	9	37	540	14.6	1	39	60.0
Brayden Trimble	9	22	198	9.0	1	27	22.0
Ty Robinson	9	13	173	13.3	3	54	19.2
Aidan Laughery	9	12	82	6.8	1	21	9.1
Kaden Feagin	8	10	83	8.3	0	25	10.4
Christian Abney	9	6	36	6.0	1	10	4.0
Jordan Anderson	9	4	14	3.5	1	9	1.6
Davin Stoffel	9	3	38	12.7	0	14	4.2
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	3	46	15.3	0	33	9.2
Eddie Kasper	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Jershaun Newton	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
Total	**9**	**180**	**2132**	**11.8**	**20**	**58**	**236.9**
Opponents	**9**	**201**	**2210**	**11.0**	**13**	**72**	**245.6**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	6-3	4-2	2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	4-2	2-1	2-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	ILLINI	OPP
First Downs	**191**	**189**
Rushing	68	71
Passing	105	106
Penalty	18	12
Rushing Yardage	**1398**	**1181**
Rushing attempts	280	294
Average per rush	5.0	4.0
Average per game	155.3	131.2
TDs Rushing	9	12
Passing Yardage	**2132**	**2210**
Comp-Att-Int	180-281-5	201-298-3
Average per pass	7.6	7.4
Average per catch	11.8	11.0
Average per game	236.9	245.6
TDs Passing	20	13
Total offense	**3530**	**3391**
Average per play	6.3	5.7
Average per game	392.2	376.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	**8-159**	**11-212**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**5-108**	**6-72**
Int returns: #-Yards	**3-149**	**5-99**
Fumbles-Lost	**4-1**	**9-3**
Penalties-Yards	**39-334**	**65-524**
Punts-Avg	**27-43.6**	**31-45.6**
Time of possession / game	**28:51**	**31:09**
3rd-down conversion	**50/109**	**50/119**
4th-down conversion	**6/14**	**13/20**
PAT-attempts	**(29-29) 100%**	**(22-22) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(1-2) 50%**	**(1-3) 33%**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Matthew Bailey	1	88	88.0	1	88
Ismael Kante	1	59	59.0	1	59
Tanner Heckel	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	**3**	**149**	**49.7**	**2**	**88**
Opponents	**5**	**99**	**19.8**	**0**	**43**

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Ethan Moczulski	13-16	81.3	0-0	2-2	3-4	6-6	2-4	54	0
Opponents	**11-16**	**68.8**	**0-0**	**4-4**	**5-5**	**2-4**	**0-3**	**46**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Collin Dixon	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Ethan Moczulski	-	13-16	29-29	-	-	-	-	-	68
Aidan Laughery	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	20
Ty Robinson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jordan Anderson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Katin Houser	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Javari Barnett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Matthew Bailey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ismael Kante	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hudson Clement	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Christian Abney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ca'Lil Valentine	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brayden Trimble	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**31**	**13-16**	**29-29**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**256**
Opponents	**25**	**11-16**	**22-22**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**207**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois	55	79	33	82	7	256
Opponents	48	68	30	55	6	207

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Lars Rau	27	1178	43.6	55	2	13	10	6	0
Total	**27**	**1178**	**43.6**	**55**	**2**	**13**	**10**	**6**	**0**
Opponents	**31**	**1413**	**45.6**	**74**	**3**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mac Resetich	5	108	21.6	0	65
Total	**5**	**108**	**21.6**	**0**	**65**
Opponents	**6**	**72**	**12.0**	**0**	**19**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Aidan Laughery	2	32	16.0	0	21
Mac Resetich	2	44	22.0	0	24
Eddie Kasper	1	16	16.0	0	16
Davin Stoffel	1	13	13.0	0	13
Ca'Lil Valentine	1	31	31.0	0	31
Murphy Clement	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total	**8**	**159**	**19.9**	**0**	**31**
Opponents	**11**	**212**	**19.3**	**0**	**34**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Collin Dixon	9	15	910	0	0	0	925	102.8
Aidan Laughery	9	615	82	0	32	0	729	81.0
Hudson Clement	9	0	540	0	0	0	540	60.0
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	225	46	0	31	0	302	60.4
Jordan Anderson	9	199	14	0	0	0	213	23.7
Brayden Trimble	9	0	198	0	0	0	198	22.0
Javari Barnett	6	185	0	0	0	0	185	30.8
Ty Robinson	9	0	173	0	0	0	173	19.2
Mac Resetich	9	0	0	108	44	0	152	16.9
Katin Houser	8	128	0	0	0	0	128	16.0
Matthew Bailey	9	0	0	0	0	88	88	9.8
Kaden Feagin	8	0	83	0	0	0	83	10.4
Ismael Kante	9	0	0	0	0	59	59	6.6
Davin Stoffel	9	0	38	0	13	0	51	5.7
Christian Abney	9	0	36	0	0	0	36	4.0
Carson Boyd	5	36	0	0	0	0	36	7.2
Lars Rau	9	29	0	0	0	0	29	3.2
Eddie Kasper	4	0	7	0	16	0	23	5.8
Murphy Clement	4	0	0	0	23	0	23	5.8
Jershaun Newton	7	1	5	0	0	0	6	0.9
Tanner Heckel	9	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
Michael Clayton II	3	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-4.3
Total	**9**	**1398**	**2132**	**108**	**159**	**149**	**3946**	**438.4**
Opponents	**9**	**1181**	**2210**	**72**	**212**	**99**	**3774**	**419.3**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Katin Houser	8	289	128	1955	2083	260.4
Aidan Laughery	9	100	615	0	615	68.3
Ca'Lil Valentine	5	50	225	0	225	45.0
Jordan Anderson	9	45	199	0	199	22.1
Javari Barnett	6	27	185	0	185	30.8
Michael Clayton II	3	32	-13	172	159	53.0
Carson Boyd	5	7	36	5	41	8.2
Lars Rau	9	1	29	0	29	3.2
Collin Dixon	9	1	15	0	15	1.7
Jershaun Newton	7	1	1	0	1	0.1
Total	**9**	**561**	**1398**	**2132**	**3530**	**392.2**
Opponents	**9**	**592**	**1181**	**2210**	**3391**	**376.8**