



# WISCONSIN FOOTBALL

2014 Big Ten West Division Champions ■ 5 Consecutive January Bowls ■ 13 Consecutive Bowl Games ■ 20 First-Team All-Americans Since 2000

## POSTGAME NOTES

WISCONSIN (6-2, 3-1 BIG TEN) AT ILLINOIS (4-3, 1-2) ■ OCTOBER 24, 2015 ■ MEMORIAL STADIUM ■ CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

### TEAM NOTES

- Wisconsin's captains were senior S **Michael Caputo**, senior CB **Darius Hillary**, senior OL **Tyler Marz** and senior OLB **Joe Schobert**.
- The Badgers tallied their sixth straight win over Illinois and their third in a row in Champaign. Overall, UW has won 10 of the last 11 meetings with the Illini.
- With the win, Wisconsin becomes bowl eligible for the 14th-consecutive season, the longest active streak in the Big Ten.
- The Badgers held Illinois to a season-low 13 points. This marks the second game in a row UW has held a team to its season-low point total. Over the last 7 games, Wisconsin is allowing a paltry 7.7 points per game.
- For the second consecutive game, the UW defense limited its opponent to just 55 yards rushing (Purdue also only ran for 55 yards last Saturday). On the year, the Badgers have kept 5 of their 8 opponents under 100 yards rushing.
- Wisconsin converted 9-of-15 (60%) third downs on the day, their best mark of the season. The 9 conversions also equaled a season high.
- UW held the ball for 40:09, compared to just 19:51 for Illinois. That surpasses the Badgers' previous season high for time of possession, which was 39:47 vs. Hawai'i.
- The Badgers ran the ball 40 times and passed it 40 times. It marked the third time this season UW ran at least 80 plays in a game (81 vs. Miami (Ohio), 84 vs. Nebraska). The last time UW ran 80-plus plays in three games in the same season was in 1997.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Senior QB **Joel Stave** finished with 49 yards on 3-for-7 passing before exiting with a head injury late in the first quarter.
- Entering the game in the first quarter, junior QB **Bart Houston** set career highs with a 22-for-33 passing mark and 232 yards. He also tossed a pair of touchdown passes and two interceptions. Prior to Saturday at Illinois, Houston's career highs were 4 completions, 6 attempts for 27 yards and one TD against Miami (Ohio) earlier this season.
- Senior WR **Alex Erickson** equaled his career high with 10 catches for 96 yards with a touchdown. He also carried the ball 4 times for a career-high 81 rushing yards, including a career-long run of 56 yards in the third quarter. Erickson finished a career-best 177 total yards.
- Junior WR **Robert Wheelwright** hauled in 3 passes for 47 yards including a 23-yard touchdown that gave UW a 7-3 lead. That was his fourth touchdown pass of the year, and the fifth of his career.
- Junior RB **Dare Ogunbowale** registered a career-long catch when he went 35 yards with a Joel Stave pass in the first quarter. He finished with 42 rushing yards on 16 carries, adding 5 catches for a career-best 63 yards.
- Freshman RB **Alec Ingold** powered in from 2 yards out for his fourth touchdown in the last 3 games. He carried the ball 13 times for 26 yards.
- Sophomore TE **Troy Fumagalli** totaled 5 receptions for 52 yards.
- Senior WR/S **Tanner McEvoy** made an 11-yard reception in the third quarter, his first catch since recording the first three receptions of his career vs. Miami (Ohio) on Sept. 12.
- Senior S **Michael Caputo** registered his second interception of the season and the third of his career with a fourth-quarter pick. He also picked up 4 tackles.
- Senior P **Drew Meyer** posted a season-best 46.8-yard average on 5 punts with a long of 57 yards. His 46.8-yard average is his highest mark since registering a 47.8-yard average vs. Penn State on Nov. 30, 2013.
- Sophomore K **Rafael Gaglianone** connected on a 26-yard field goal in the second quarter, giving him 30 field goals for his career. He is the seventh player in UW history to hit 30 field goals in a career.
- Redshirt freshman WR **D.J. Gillins** made his Badgers debut, appearing on the UW punt return unit.