



2013-14 ILLINOIS BASKETBALL

Game #9 // Illinois (7-1) vs. Auburn (4-2)

Dec. 8, 2013 // 2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET // Atlanta, Ga. // Philips Arena (18,818)

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ILLINOIS 2013-14 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/STREAK
NOVEMBER (7-0)			
8	ALABAMA STATE	W, 80-63	W-1
10	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 86-62	W-2
13	VALPARAISO	W, 64-52	W-3
17	BRADLEY	W, 81-55	W-4
22	CHICAGO STATE	W, 77-53	W-5
26	at UNLV	W, 61-59	W-6
29	IPFW	W, 57-55	W-7
DECEMBER (0-1)			
3	at Georgia Tech [1]	L, 64-67	L-1
8	vs. Auburn [2]	2 pm	FSN
10	DARTMOUTH	7 pm	BTDN^
14	vs. Oregon [3]	8 pm	ESPN2
21	vs. Missouri [4]	4:30 pm	ESPN2
28	vs. UIC [5]	1 pm	BTN
31	INDIANA	2 pm	ESPN2
JANUARY (0-0)			
4	PENN STATE	1:15 pm	BTN
8	at Wisconsin	8 pm	BTN
12	at Northwestern	6:30 pm	BTN
15	PURDUE	8 pm	BTN
18	MICHIGAN STATE	7 pm	BTN
23	at Ohio State	6 pm	ESPN/2
26	at Indiana	2 pm	BTN
FEBRUARY (0-0)			
1	IOWA	6:30 pm	BTN
4	WISCONSIN	8 pm	BTN
9	at Penn State	3:15 pm	BTN
12	at Nebraska	8 pm	BTN
15	OHIO STATE	7 pm	BTN
19	at Minnesota	8 pm	BTN
26	NEBRASKA	8 pm	BTN
MARCH (0-0)			
1	at Michigan State	1 pm	ESPN/2
4	MICHIGAN	6 pm	ESPN
8/9	at Iowa	TBA	TBA
13-16	at Big Ten Tournament [6]	TBA	TBA

Home Games in **BOLD** // All Times Listed are Central
 BTDN^ = BTDN on FightingIllini.com All-Access Stream

- [1] - Big Ten/ACC Challenge
- [2] - Philips Arena; Atlanta
- [3] - Moda Center; Portland
- [4] - Bud Light Braggin' Rights - Scottrade Center; St. Louis
- [5] - United Center; Chicago
- [6] - Bankers Life Fieldhouse; Indianapolis

PROBABLE STARTERS (FROM THE PREVIOUS GAME)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other
G	13	Tracy Abrams	6-2	190	Jr.	10.6	3.9	2.9	1.4 spg
G	24	Rayvonte Rice	6-4	235	r-Jr.	18.0	5.9	1.9	6.4 FG/G
G	2	Joseph Bertrand	6-6	200	r-Sr.	11.5	6.5	1.3	54% FG
F	33	Jon Ekey	6-7	225	Gr.	8.3	6.6	0.1	38.1% 3FG
F/C	32	Nnanna Ekwu	6-11	250	Jr.	9.1	6.3	0.4	2.5 bpg

OFF THE BENCH

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other
G	1	Jaylon Tate	6-3	160	Fr.	2.8	1.0	3.9	5.2 a/to
G	10	Mike LaTulip	6-1	170	So.	1.5	0.5	0.3	3-4 3FG
G	21	Malcolm Hill	6-6	210	Fr.	3.6	3.0	0.6	26 FTA
C	22	Maverick Morgan	6-10	250	Fr.	1.4	1.3	0.1	5 blocks
G	25	Kendrick Nunn	6-3	180	Fr.	2.9	1.3	0.6	40% 3FG
F	31	Austin Colbert	6-9	210	Fr.	2.3	1.4	0.1	3 dunks
G	3	Ahmad Starks @	5-9	170	Sr.	10.4	2.0	2.3	39.5% 3FG
G	11	Aaron Cosby &	6-3	195	Jr.	12.6	2.5	3.0	40.0% 3FG
F	35	Darius Paul %	6-8	220	So.	10.4	5.7	1.7	2.6 OREB/G

@ Starks' stats are from Oregon State last season. He is sitting out this season per transfer rules.

& Cosby's stats are from Seton Hall last year. He is sitting out this season per transfer rules.

% Paul's stats are from Western Michigan last season. He is sitting out this season per transfer rules.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	John Groce
Career Record:	115-70/.622 (5th year)
At Illinois:	30-14/.682 (2nd year)
Assistant Coaches:	Dustin Ford (2nd year), Paris Parham (2nd year), Jamall Walker (2nd year)
Special Assistant to the Head Coach:	Ryan Pedon (1st year)

SERIES NOTES VS. AUBURN

Series Record:	Illinois leads 2-0
Last Meeting:	#12 Illinois 81, Auburn 79 (Dec. 29, 2012 // Chicago)
Series Streak:	Illinois W-2
Record at Atlanta:	First meeting
Series Streak at Atlanta:	N/A
Groce vs. Auburn:	1-0

Illini Items

- Illinois returns to Atlanta for the second time this week, facing Auburn on Sunday at Philips Arena.
- Illinois is in the midst of a stretch of five out of six games away from home to wrap up the non-conference. The UI's lone contest at State Farm Center prior to the start of Big Ten play is next Tuesday vs. Dartmouth.
- Sunday's game at Philips Arena – home of the Atlanta Hawks – is the first of five neutral-site games for the Illini at professional venues. The Illini face Oregon on Dec. 14 at Moda Center, home to the Portland Trail Blazers. The Braggin' Rights game vs. Missouri will once again be held at Scottrade Center, home of the St. Louis Blues. Illinois makes its annual appearance in Chicago on Dec. 28 vs. UIC at the United Center, home to the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks. The Big Ten Tournament, meanwhile, will be held March 13-16 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers.
- Junior transfer **Rayvonte Rice** is the first Illini newcomer to score in double figures in each of his first eight games since Kiwane Garris did so in his first 10 games as a freshman in 1993-94.

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2013-14 ILLINOIS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Notable
1	Jaylon Tate	G	6-3	160	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Led state champion Simeon in assists last year (7.3 apg)
2	Joseph Bertrand ***	G	6-6	200	r-Sr.	Sterling, Ill.	Lone senior on squad who has spent entire career at Illinois
3	Ahmad Starks	G	5-9	170	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Oregon State's all-time leader in career 3-pointers (185)
10	Mike LaTulip *	G	6-1	170	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Prospect High School's all-time leading scorer
11	Aaron Cosby	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.	39-percent career 3-point shooter at Seton Hall
13	Tracy Abrams **	G	6-2	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Illini's leading returning scorer averaged 10.6 points last year
21	Malcolm Hill	G	6-6	210	Fr.	Belleville, Ill.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> Metro Player of the Year
22	Maverick Morgan	C	6-10	250	Fr.	Springboro, Ohio	Ohio Basketball Coaches Association Div. I Player of the Year
24	Rayvonte Rice	G	6-4	235	r-Jr.	Champaign, Ill.	Averaged 16.8 points as a sophomore at Drake
25	Kendrick Nunn	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Tied IHSAA record by playing on four state championship teams at Simeon
31	Austin Colbert	F	6-9	210	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Averaged 13 points and 7 rebounds as a senior at Gill St. Bernard's (N.J.)
32	Nnanna Egwu **	F/C	6-11	250	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	First career double-double (12 pts-12 reb) vs. Miami in NCAA Tournament
33	Jon Ekey	F	6-7	225	Gr.	Independence, Mo.	Made 112 career 3-pointers at Illinois State
35	Darius Paul	F	6-8	220	So.	Gurnee, Ill.	2013 Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year

Head Coach: John Groce (2nd year at Illinois, 6th year overall)

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Ford (2nd year), Paris Parham (2nd year), Jamall Walker (2nd year)

Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Ryan Pedon (1st year)

Director of Basketball Operations: Mark Morris (2nd year)

Video Coordinator: Andy Etheridge (2nd year)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Mike Basgier (2nd year)

Athletic Trainer: Paul Schmidt (2nd year with men's basketball, 8th year at Illinois)

Players Pronunciation

Joseph BERTRAND BER-trand

Austin COLBERT COLE-burt

NNANNA EGWU NAAH-nuh (like banana)

Jon EKEY EE-key

RAYVONTE Rice Ray-VON-tay

AHMAD Starks Uh-MAHD

JAYLON Tate JAY-len

Coaches Pronunciation

John GROCE GROSS

Paris PARHAM PAR-ham

EGG-woo

RETURNING ILLINI LEADERS

Category	Player	Statistic	12-13 Rank
Minutes	Tracy Abrams	1,032	3rd
Min./Game	Tracy Abrams	28.7	3rd
Points	Tracy Abrams	381	3rd
Points/Game	Tracy Abrams	10.6	3rd
Field Goals	Tracy Abrams	132	3rd
FG Pct.	Joseph Bertrand	.502	1st
3-Pt. FGs	Tracy Abrams	31	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	Joseph Bertrand	.321	4th
Free Throws	Tracy Abrams	86	2nd
FT Pct.	Joseph Bertrand	.773	2nd
Off. Reb.	Nnanna Egwu	78	2nd
Def. Reb.	Tracy Abrams	98	3rd
Tot. Reb.	Nnanna Egwu	175	1st
Reb./Game	Nnanna Egwu	4.9	1st
Assists	Tracy Abrams	121	1st
Blocks	Nnanna Egwu	49	1st
Steals	Tracy Abrams	50	1st

RETURNING FOR THE ILLINI IN 2013-14

Category	12-13	Returning	Lost	% Returning
Minutes	7,225	2,778	4,447	38.4
Points	2,465	890	1,575	36.1
Field Goals	858	341	517	39.7
3-Pt. FGs	280	52	228	18.6
Free Throws	469	156	313	33.3
Rebounds	1,215	446	769	36.7
Assists	365	160	205	43.8
Blocks	142	59	83	41.5
Steals	245	75	170	30.6

• **Rice** is one of only two Big Ten players to score at least 12 points in every game this year, along with Penn State's D.J. Newbill.

• **Rice** has led the Illini in scoring in each of the last three games, averaging 22.0 points.

• **Rice** is shooting 40 percent from 3-point range over the last four games (10-25), after shooting 17.6 percent behind the arc over the first four games (3-17).

• **Rice** has collected 10 steals over the last four games after combining for one steal through the first four games.

• **Jon Ekey** grabbed a game-high nine boards Tuesday at Georgia Tech, his most rebounds in the last five games and his second-highest total this season.

• **Joseph Bertrand** is shooting 63.6 percent from 3-point range this season (7-11) after entering his senior season as a career 31.1 percent shooter from behind the arc (20-64).

• **Nnanna Egwu** has recorded at least two blocked shots in all but one game this year.

• The starting five has clearly carried the scoring load, combining for 80.7 percent of Illinois' points on the season (460 of 570).

• Freshman **Jaylon Tate** leads the Big Ten with an assist/turnover ratio of 5.2 (31 assists, 6 turnovers). Over the last three games, Tate has totaled 13 assists with only two turnovers, a 6.5 ratio.

• Illinois ranks eighth nationally in scoring defense, allowing an average of just 58.2 points per game. The Illini are 14th in the nation, meanwhile, in field goal percentage defense at 37 percent.

• This is the first time in eight seasons that Illinois has held each of its first eight opponents to less than 70 points, since the 2005-06 UI squad did so in the first 16 games.

• Illinois has rebounded 40.8 percent of its misses, ranking 14th in the nation in offensive rebound percentage.

• Illinois has converted 20 points off its opponent's turnovers in each of the last two game after scoring an average of 11.2 points off of turnovers through the first six games.

• Back-to-back two-point wins at UNLV and over IPFW followed by a three-point loss at Georgia Tech marked the first time Illinois has been involved in three straight games decided by three points or less since the 1991-92 season when the Illini lost by one at Minnesota (53-54, Jan. 25), by two to Ohio State (72-74, Jan. 30) and by three at Northwestern (43-46, Feb. 1).

Broadcast Information

Sunday's game vs. Auburn is a Fox Sports Regional television broadcast. It will be produced by Fox Sports South and is scheduled to air on additional Fox Sports affiliates including Fox Sports Midwest out of St. Louis, which covers much of Illinois. Fans should consult local cable/satellite listings for information in their market.

In addition to television coverage, the Illinois-Auburn game also will be streamed online at ESPN3.com.

ILLINI RECORD UNDER JOHN GROCE

	2013-14	Total			
Plays at home	6-0	16-4	Has 15+ assists	1-0	5-0
Plays on the road	1-1	6-7	Wears white uniforms	3-0	18-3
Plays at neutral site	0-0	6-3	Wears blue uniforms	1-1	6-7
Plays at United Center	0-0	2-1	Wears orange uniforms	3-0	5-4
Big Ten record	0-0	8-10	Regular-season tournaments	4-0	8-0
Big Ten at home	0-0	5-4	NCAA Tournament	0-0	1-1
Big Ten on the road	0-0	3-6	Big Ten Tournament	0-0	1-1
When Ranked (AP)	0-0	7-5	In November	7-0	15-0
Plays a ranked (AP) opponent	0-0	4-7	In December	0-1	5-2
Plays a Top-10 (AP) opponent	0-0	3-6	In January	0-0	2-6
Wins the game before	6-1	20-9	In February	0-0	5-2
Loses the game before	0-0	7-5	In March	0-0	3-4
Leading at the half	5-0	24-3	Plays during the day	0-0	6-5
Tied or trailing at the half	2-1	5-11	Plays at night (5 pm or after start)	7-1	24-9
Shoots 45% or better	3-0	12-1	Margin is 5 points or less	2-1	9-3
Shoots less than 45%	4-1	17-13	Margin is 6-10 points	0-0	5-4
Opp. shoots less than 45%	7-1	23-6	Margin is 11-20 points	2-0	9-6
Opp. shoots 45% or better	0-0	6-8	Margin is more than 20	3-0	7-1
Shoots same or better than opp.	4-0	17-1	Has a 20+ point scorer	3-0	12-4
Shoots worse than opp.	3-1	12-13	Scores 59 points or less	1-0	4-6
Shoots same or more FT than opp.	6-0	20-1	Scores 60-69 points	2-1	7-6
Shoots fewer FT than opp.	1-1	9-13	Scores 70-79 points	1-0	11-2
Makes same or more FT than opp.	6-0	19-2	Scores 80-89 points	3-0	7-0
Makes fewer FT than opp.	1-1	10-12	Scores 90-99 points	0-0	1-0
Scores 70 or more points	4-0	18-2	Scores 100+ points	0-0	0-0
Tied or leads in rebounding	5-0	18-3	Overtime	0-0	1-0
Trails in rebounding	2-1	11-11	On BTN	2-0	12-7
Scores same or more bench points	2-0	17-3	On ESPN	0-0	2-4
Scores fewer bench points	5-1	12-11	On ESPN2	0-1	4-2
Has equal or fewer TOs than opp.	5-0	23-9	On ESPNU	0-0	1-0
Has more TOs than opp.	2-1	6-5	On TNT	0-0	1-1
			On CBS	0-0	0-0

Looking Back at Last Year's Illinois-Auburn Game

12th-ranked Illinois snapped a three-game losing streak at Chicago's United Center, defeating Auburn by the score of 81-79 on Dec. 29 to conclude non-conference play with a record of 13-1.

Illinois entered the game averaging an NCAA-best 9.8 three-pointers per game, but made just four treys against the Tigers. Instead, the Illini were aggressive driving to the basket and drawing fouls. That resulted in 27 points at the foul line on 40 attempts, the most free throw attempts by the UI since 2008.

Illinois forced 20 Auburn turnovers and turned that into a 19-6 advantage in points-off-turnovers. That helped the Illini overcome a 39-31 rebounding deficit and 24-7 deficit in second chance points.

Tracy Abrams led the way with career highs of 27 points and eight rebounds to go along with game highs of five assists and four steals. Brandon Paul also scored in double figures, finishing with 13 points.

Two days after his performance against the Tigers, Abrams was named Big Ten Player of the Week.

Last Time Out: Georgia Tech 67, Illini 64 (Dec. 3)

Illinois had a pair of impressive streaks halted Tuesday night in Atlanta. The UI's eight-game non-conference road winning streak – longest in the nation – as well as its four-game Big Ten/ACC Challenge winning streak – longest active in the event – came to an end in the 67-64 loss at Georgia Tech.

For most of the night, the Illini looked to be on their way to extending both streaks. Illinois enjoyed a 26-17 lead before the Yellow Jackets finished the half on a 19-7 run over the last 5:08 to take a 36-33 advantage into the break. Illinois regained control and jumped out ahead by double figures, leading by as many as 12 points at 60-48. But Georgia Tech ended on another tear, outscoring the Illini 19-4 over the final 6:22 to claim the victory.

The Jackets scored 12 unanswered to tie the game at 60 with 1:48 left. Illinois broke its scoring drought on an and-1 baseline jumper by **Nnanna Ekwu** and followed with a free throw by **Tracy Abrams** to make it 64-60. Georgia Tech closed to within one on a Robert Carter 3-pointer, and following a UI turnover, Daniel

Ticket Information

Illinois men's basketball tickets are currently available. Single-game tickets range from \$27-\$47 and can be purchased online at fightingillini.com, by phone at 1-866-ILLINI-1, or in person at the Illinois Ticket Office at State Farm Center.

Tickets for the United Center game vs. UIC on Dec. 28 along with Big Ten Tournament tickets are available through Ticketmaster. Those tickets can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com.

TOP 25 NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (DEC. 2)

Rk.	School	Record	Points	Previous
1	Michigan State (63)	7-0	1,623	1
2	Arizona (2)	7-0	1,547	4
3	Kentucky	7-1	1,473	3
4	Syracuse	7-0	1,375	8
5	Ohio State	6-0	1,340	7
6	Kansas	6-1	1,240	2
7	Louisville	6-1	1,139	9
8	Wisconsin	8-0	1,094	10
9	Oklahoma State	7-1	1,070	5
10	Duke	6-2	1,021	6
11	Wichita State	8-0	911	12
12	Connecticut	7-0	836	13
13	Oregon	7-0	801	14
14	Villanova	7-0	785	-
15	Florida	6-1	758	15
16	Memphis	5-1	748	21
17	Iowa State	5-0	623	17
18	UCLA	7-0	548	19
19	Gonzaga	7-1	380	11
20	Baylor	7-1	377	18
21	Massachusetts	6-0	274	24
22	Michigan	5-2	223	22
23	Iowa	7-1	171	23
24	San Diego State	5-1	150	-
25	Dayton	6-1	90	-

USA TODAY COACHES POLL (DEC. 2)

Rk.	School	Record	Points	Previous
1	Michigan State (31)	7-0	799	1
2	Arizona (1)	7-0	758	3
3	Ohio State	6-0	695	6
4	Kentucky	7-1	683	4
5	Syracuse	7-0	682	7
6	Louisville	6-1	607	9
7	Kansas	6-1	597	2
8	Duke	6-2	547	5
9	Wisconsin	8-0	517	11
10	Wichita State	8-0	484	12
11	Oklahoma State	7-1	476	8
12	Florida	6-1	426	13
13	Oregon	7-0	417	15
14	Connecticut	7-0	410	14
15	Memphis	5-1	311	19
16	Gonzaga	7-1	311	10
17	UCLA	7-0	261	21
18	Iowa State	5-0	245	22
19	Villanova	7-0	201	-
20	Baylor	7-1	195	17
21	Michigan	5-2	156	20
22	Massachusetts	6-0	122	-
23	Indiana	6-1	76	25
24	Iowa	7-1	63	23
25	North Carolina	4-2	62	16

ILLINI WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKINGS

	AP	Coaches	AP	Coaches
Preseason	-	RV	Jan. 20	
Nov. 11	-	RV	Jan. 27	
Nov. 18	-	-	Feb. 3	
Nov. 25	RV	-	Feb. 10	
Dec. 2	RV	-	Feb. 17	
Dec. 9			Feb. 24	
Dec. 16			March 3	
Dec. 23			March 10	
Dec. 30			March 17	
Jan. 6			Final	
Jan. 13				

ILLINOIS CAREER TOTALS

	2013-14	Career
Double-Digit Scoring Games		
Tracy Abrams	5	30
Joseph Bertrand	6	27
Nnanna Egwu	5	12
Rayvonte Rice	8	8
Jon Ekey	2	2
Jaylon Tate	1	1
20+ Point Games		
Rayvonte Rice	3	3
Tracy Abrams	0	3
Joseph Bertrand	1	2
10+ Rebound Games		
Nnanna Egwu	1	4
Joseph Bertrand	1	2
Jon Ekey	1	1
Rayvonte Rice	1	1
Double-Doubles		
Nnanna Egwu	1	2
Joseph Bertrand	1	1
Rayvonte Rice	1	1
5+ 3-Point FG Games		
Jon Ekey	2	2
3+ Block Games		
Nnanna Egwu	3	11
Joseph Bertrand	0	1
3+ Steal Games		
Tracy Abrams	1	9
Joseph Bertrand	0	3
Nnanna Egwu	0	2
Rayvonte Rice	1	1
Starts		
Tracy Abrams	8	59
Nnanna Egwu	8	46
Joseph Bertrand	8	27
Jon Ekey	8	8
Rayvonte Rice	8	8
Leads Team in Scoring		
Joseph Bertrand	1	7
Tracy Abrams	0	6
Rayvonte Rice	5	5
Jon Ekey	2	2
Leads Team in Rebounding		
Nnanna Egwu	3	16
Joseph Bertrand	1	10
Tracy Abrams	1	7
Jon Ekey	2	2
Rayvonte Rice	1	1

2013-14 BIG TEN STANDINGS (THROUGH DEC. 4)

	Overall	Big Ten
Wisconsin	9-0	0-0
Ohio State	7-0	0-0
Iowa	8-1	0-0
ILLINOIS	7-1	0-0
Michigan State	7-1	0-0
Minnesota	7-2	0-0
Purdue	7-2	0-0
Indiana	6-2	0-0
Nebraska	6-2	0-0
Penn State	6-3	0-0
Michigan	5-3	0-0
Northwestern	4-5	0-0

Miller scored what proved to be the game-winning basket after **Joseph Bertrand** missed a 3-pointer with five seconds remaining.

Rayvonte Rice led the Illini in scoring for the third consecutive game, pouring in a game-high 24 points

Rice Earns Big Ten Player of the Week Honors

Rayvonte Rice was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Monday after averaging 21.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals in a pair of wins over UNLV and IPFW.

Rice registered a season-high 25 points in Illinois' come-from-behind win at UNLV. He scored the game-winner with 28 seconds left, breaking a 59-all tie with a driving lay-up over two UNLV defenders. He did it all against the Rebels, collecting a team-best 10 rebounds to record his first double-double with the Illini to go along with a season-high four steals.

Rice was the game's high scorer for the second straight contest, tallying 17 points in Illinois' comeback win over IPFW. He also had six rebounds and two steals, including one in the closing seconds with the Illini leading by two to preserve the victory.

Getting it Done on D

Illinois' defensive consistency has been the catalyst behind its 7-1 start. The Illini are allowing an average of just 58.2 points per game (second in Big Ten, eighth in NCAA) on 37 percent shooting (fourth in Big Ten, 14th in NCAA). No opponent has yet to score 70 points or shoot 45 percent against the Illini defense.

Owning the Glass

The Illini have outrebounded five of eight opponents this season – including four by double digits. Illinois owns a rebound margin of +8.1 on the year, ranking second among Big Ten teams and 20th in the NCAA.

Much of that work has been done on the offensive glass. Illinois is averaging an impressive 14.9 offensive boards – ranking second in the conference – and converting an average of 13.5 points per game on second-chance opportunities. The UI's offensive rebound rate of 40.8 percent ranks 14th nationally. The Illini have four players collecting more than two offensive rebounds per game, led by **Jon Ekey** (2.9 oreb/g) and followed by **Joseph Bertrand** (2.5 oreb/g), **Nnanna Egwu** (2.4 oreb/g) and Rayvonte Rice (2.3 oreb/g).

Closing Strong

Illinois has been involved in five close games this season entering the final minutes, winning all but one while closing the game with decisive runs in three of those four victories.

The Illini led Valparaiso by two – 49-47, with five minutes left before going on a 13-1 run as part of a 15-5 spree to close the game. Illinois led Chicago State by four, – 55-51 with eight to go, before igniting a 22-2 run to end the game that included no CSU field goals. Illinois trailed UNLV by six – 51-57 with six minutes remaining, but closed the game on a 10-2 run and held the Rebels scoreless on their home floor over the final 4:16. And while not as dramatic a run, the Illini also pulled away from IPFW late. Illinois trailed 53-52 with under three to play before rattling off five unanswered points to seal the win. IPFW scored a basket with 1.6 left for its only points in the last 2:58.

Top of the League

Three Illini are at or near the top of the Big Ten in statistical categories. Freshman Jaylon Tate leads the league with an impressive 5.2 assist-to-turnover ratio. The rookie point guard has registered 31 assists compared to just six turnovers in 145 minutes of action.

Junior **Rayvonte Rice** ranks third in the Big Ten in scoring, averaging 18.0 points. He has scored at least 12 points in all eight games, topping 20 on three occasions.

Junior **Nnanna Egwu** is the conference's No. 3 shot blocker, averaging 2.6 per game. Egwu was fourth in that category a year ago (1.4 bpg) and has picked up the pace this season, totaling 20 blocks through eight games.

CURRENT ILLINOIS STREAKS

All Games	1 L
At State Farm Center	10 W
On the Road	1 L
At Neutral Sites	1 L
Big Ten	2 L
Big Ten (Home)	4 W
Big Ten (Road)	3 L
vs. Ranked Opponents	4 L
vs. Ranked Opponents (Home)	1 W
vs. Ranked Opponents (Road)	2 L
vs. Ranked Opponents (Neutral)	3 L
vs. Ranked Big Ten Opponents	2 L
vs. Ranked Big Ten Opponents (Home)	1 W
vs. Ranked Big Ten Opponents (Road)	2 L
Non-Conference (Home)	28 W
Non-Conference (Road)	1 L
Non-Conference (Neutral)	1 L
Making a 3-Pointer	173 G
Since Opponent Scored 100 Points	656 G

Game 7 Notes – Illini 57, IPFW 55 (Nov. 29)

1. Illinois improved to 7-0 for the third consecutive season, and 15-0 in November under coach John Groce. Overall, the Illini have won their last 26 games in the month of November.
2. The Illini won their 28th straight non-conference game at State Farm Center and extended their home court winning streak in regular season non-conference games to 39 in a row.
3. The Orange and Blue overcame their largest deficit of the season – 11 points – using a 17-5 run to fight back from a 35-24 with 25 seconds left in the first half. It marked the second-straight game the Illini battled back from a double-digit deficit, as they came back from a 10-point halftime deficit to win by two at UNLV. It also marked the second-straight game they held their opponent to 20 points in the second half.
4. This was the sixth time under Groce that the Illini fought back to win after trailing by double figures.
5. Illinois held its seventh straight opponent to 63 points or less, something an Illini team hadn't done to open the season since the 1947-48 campaign.
6. The Illini forced a season-high 18 turnovers, including 11 in the second half. And while Illinois had 14 turnovers of its own, only three came in the second half.
7. For the first time this season, the UI allowed an opponent to shoot better than 40 percent from the field, as IPFW shot 43.4 percent.
8. **Rayvonte Rice** poured in a game-high 17 points. He helped seal the victory with a steal and two free throws with seven seconds remaining in the game.
9. **Tracy Abrams** scored 12 of his season-high 15 points in the second half. He started Illinois' 17-5 run that helped erase the 11-point deficit with a three-point play with 2.7 seconds remaining in the first half. He also added a season-high four steals.

Game 6 Notes – Illini 61, UNLV 59 (Nov. 26)

1. After opening the season with a five-game home stand, Illinois picked up its first road win of the season in Las Vegas. It was the Illini's eighth consecutive non-conference road win dating back to the 2008-09 campaign – which at the time was tied with UMass for the longest active streak in the nation.
2. Illinois overcame a 10-point halftime deficit, 39-29, storming back with a 15-5 run to tie the game at 44 with 13:19 remaining. Later in the game, the Illini trailed 57-51 with 6:07 to play, but finished the game on

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN (ALL TIMES CT)**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

Syracuse 69, Indiana 52

Georgia Tech 67, Illinois 64

Pittsburgh 78, Penn State 69

Duke 79, Michigan 69

Iowa 98, Notre Dame 93

Minnesota 71, Florida State 61

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Ohio State 76, Maryland 60

Wisconsin 48, Virginia 38

N.C. State 69, Northwestern 48

North Carolina 79, Michigan State 65

Purdue 88, Boston College 67

Nebraska 60, Miami 49

Saturday, Dec. 7Houston Baptist at Michigan
11 am // BTNEastern Michigan at Purdue
1 pm // ESPN3Marquette at Wisconsin
1:15 pm // BTNNew Orleans at Minnesota
2 pm // ESPN3Marshall at Penn State
3 pm // ESPN3Central Connecticut at Ohio State
3:30 pm // BTNWestern Michigan at Northwestern
4 pm // BTDNNorth Florida at Indiana
6:30 pm // BTNIowa vs. Drake
7:30 pm // BTDN**Sunday, Dec. 8**Illinois vs. Auburn
2 pm // FSNNebraska at Creighton
5 pm // FS1**2013-14 FIGHTING ILLINI STARTING LINE-UPS**

Game	G	G	G	F	C	Record*
Alabama State	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	1-0
Jacksonville State	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	2-0
Valparaiso	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	3-0
Bradley	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	4-0
Chicago State	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	5-0
at UNLV	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	6-0
IPFW	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	7-0
at Georgia Tech	Abrams	Rice	Bertrand	Ekey	Egwu	7-1
vs. Auburn						
Dartmouth						
vs. Oregon						
vs. Missouri						
vs. UIC						
Indiana						
Penn State						
at Wisconsin						
at Northwestern						
Purdue						
Michigan State						
at Ohio State						
at Indiana						
Iowa						
Wisconsin						
at Penn State						
at Nebraska						
Ohio State						
at Minnesota						
Nebraska						
at Michigan State						
Michigan						
at Iowa						

* - Running total of Illinois' overall record when this line-up is starting

ILLINOIS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (THROUGH DEC. 4)

Scoring Offense	11th	71.2 ppg
Scoring Defense	2nd	58.2 ppg
Scoring Margin	6th	+13.0 ppg
Free Throw Percentage	10th	.696
Field Goal Percentage	12th	.424
Field Goal Percentage Defense	4th	.370
3-Pt FG Percentage	11th	.310
3-Pt FG Percentage Defense	8th	.324
Rebounding Offense	3rd	41.2 rpg
Rebounding Defense	4th	33.1 rpg
Rebounding Margin	2nd	+8.1 rpg
Blocked Shots	4th	5.5 bpg
Assists	9th	12.1 apg
Steals	11th	4.5 spg
Turnover Margin	10th	+0.1
Assist/Turnover Ratio	10th	1.1
Offensive Rebounds	2nd	14.9 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	5th	26.4 rpg
Defensive Rebound Percentage	8th	.696
Offensive Rebound Percentage	2nd	.408
3-Point Field Goals	9th	6.1 avg.

ILLINI PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (THROUGH DEC. 4)

Scoring

3.	Rayvonte Rice	18.0 ppg
25.	Joseph Bertrand	11.5 ppg

Rebounding

12.	Jon Ekey	6.6 rpg
14.	Joseph Bertrand	6.5 rpg
17.	Nnanna Ekwu	6.3 rpg
20.	Rayvonte Rice	5.9 rpg

Field Goal Percentage

7.	Joseph Bertrand	.540 (34-63)
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Assists

7.	Jaylon Tate	3.9 apg
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Free Throw Percentage

N/A

Steals

11.	Tracy Abrams	1.4 spg
11.	Rayvonte Rice	1.4 spg

3-Point Field Goal Percentage

N/A

3-Point Field Goals

7.	Jon Ekey	2.0 avg.
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Blocked Shots

3.	Nnanna Ekwu	2.5 bpg
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Assist/Turnover Ratio

1.	Jaylon Tate	5.2 (31-6)
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Offensive Rebounds

6.	Jon Ekey	2.9 rpg
11.	Joseph Bertrand	2.5 rpg
12.	Nnanna Ekwu	2.4 rpg
15.	Rayvonte Rice	2.3 rpg

Defensive Rebounds

N/A

Minutes

N/A

a 10-2 run, holding the Rebels scoreless for the final 4:16 of the game.

3. This marked the fourth time under John Groce that the Illini fought back from a double-digit deficit on the road to win.

4. The Illini outrebounded the Rebels 41-40 and pulled down 15 offensive boards, leading to a 19-8 edge in second chance points. It was Illinois' sixth straight game with at least 13 offensive rebounds.

5. The Illini tightened the screws defensively in the second half, holding the Rebels to just 20 points on 32 percent shooting (0-of-5 from 3-point range) after the break.

6. **Rayvonte Rice** poured in a season-high 25 points, including the game-winning bucket with 28 seconds remaining. He also added 10 rebounds for his first double-double as an Illini, and a season-high four steals.

7. **Nnanna Ekwu** hit 2-of-3 from 3-point range against the Rebels, both at key points in the second half. The first gave the Illini their first lead of the second half, 47-46, and the second brought the Illini within three, 57-54, with under six minutes remaining. Entering the game, he had made just one three in his first 73 games as an Illini. Ekwu finished with 12 points, three rebounds, and two blocks despite missing 16 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble.

8. **Jaylon Tate** had five assists and just one turnover on the night, including three straight assists to Ekwu during the Illini comeback early in the second half. Tate found Ekwu for back-to-back alley oops and then on a pick-and-pop for a three-pointer on three consecutive possessions to give the Illini a 47-46 lead with 12:38 remaining.

Game 5 Notes – Illini 77, Chicago State 53 (Nov. 22)

1. Illinois ended the game on a 22-2 run after Chicago State pulled within 55-51 with eight minutes to play. The Illini held Chicago State without a field goal for the final eight minutes of the game.

2. After going 7-of-11 from 3-point range in the second half against Bradley and 9-for-21 against Chicago State, the Illini improved to 16-of-32 (50 percent) from behind the arc after shooting 16-for-64 (25 percent) from long range in the first seven halves of the season.

3. The Illini had six turnovers in the first 5:49 of the game but only committed four giveaways in the final 34:11.

4. Illinois outrebounded the Cougars by 19 (39-20), continuing its domination on the boards.

5. **Jon Ekey** scored a game-high 19 points, his second straight contest netting 19 after totaling 15 points in his first three games combined.

6. With Illinois leading by four, 55-51, **Ekey** personally went on a 10-0 scoring run in a 2:14 stretch between 7:30 and 5:15 remaining in the game. In the stretch, he went 4-4 from the field, 2-2 from the 3-point line and grabbed five rebounds (two offensive).

7. **Ekey** improved to 12-for-19 (63.2 percent) from the 3-point line over a three-game stretch after starting the season making one of his first eight 3-point attempts. He has made five treys in back-to-back games.

8. **Tracy Abrams** posted a season-best five assists and tied a season-low with only one turnover.

ILLINI AT STATE FARM CENTER

Illinois' Record at State Farm Center

All-Time:	559-149 (.790)
1963-69	49-13 (.790)
1970-79	76-46 (.623)
1980-89	135-22 (.860)
1990-99	114-35 (.765)
2000-09	128-18 (.877)
2010-	57-15 (.792)

Longest Winning Streak: 33 games (1/17/04-1/28/06)

Current Winning Streak: 9 games (2/7/13-present)

Current Big Ten Winning Streak: 4 games (2/7/13-present)

Current Non-Conference Winning Streak: 27 games (11/8/10-present)

Current Regular Season Non-Conference Winning Streak: 38 games (12/8/08-present)

ILLINOIS AND THE CENTURY MARK

Illinois has scored 100 points or more 77 times in school history. Below is a breakdown of Illinois' record in games where it hits the 100 mark.

All-Time Record:	73-4
The Last Time:	Dec. 27, 2004 vs. Longwood (105-79)
Most Points:	127, Dec. 22, 1988 vs. Louisiana State (127-100)
Both Teams:	Missouri 108, Illinois 107 Dec. 22, 1993
At State Farm Center:	46-0
The Last Time:	Dec. 27, 2004 vs. Longwood (105-79)
Most Points:	126, March 10, 1982 vs. Long Island (126-78)
All-Time at Home:	60-0

Game 4 Notes – Illini 81, Bradley 55 (Nov. 17)

1. The Illini trailed 2-0, just their second deficit of the season. The Bradley lead lasted for only 23 seconds, as the Illini tied it up at the 18:46 mark and never looked back.
2. Illinois held Bradley scoreless for nearly six minutes in the middle of a 15-2 first-half scoring run that turned a 9-8 UI lead into a 24-10 advantage. The Illini kept the lead at double-digits the rest of the way.
3. Illinois went 7-for-11 from 3-point range in the second half to finish the game shooting 40 percent from behind the arc (10-25) with a season-high 10 makes. The 10 treys were a welcome sight after the Illini combined to hit 13 three-pointers over the first three games.
4. Illinois dominated the rebounding battle, winning the battle of the boards 49-25 overall. The Illini also had 19 offensive boards, 10 more than Bradley. Illinois was +24 on the glass for the second time this season, having outrebounded Alabama State 52-28 in the season opener.
5. The Illinois tallied a season-high 19 assists, five more than its previous season high of 14 against both Jacksonville State and Alabama State.
6. **Jon Ekey** posted his first double-digit scoring game as an Illini, putting up a season-high 19 points and sinking 5-of-7 three-pointers.
7. **Rayvonte Rice** (13 points) and **Nnanna Ekwu** (10) scored in double figures for the fourth time in as many games.

Game 3 Notes – Illini 64, Valparaiso 52 (Nov. 13)

1. Owning a two-point lead (49-47) with under five minutes left, Illinois finished the game by outscoring the Crusaders 15-5, led by a 13-1 run that made the score 62-48 with 37 seconds remaining.
2. UI overcame its third-lowest shooting performance (31.8 percent) under coach Groce thanks to stingy defense that held the Crusaders to just 32.7 percent (17-of-52) from the field.
3. **Rayvonte Rice** led the Orange and Blue in scoring for the second time in three games with a game-high 18 points.
4. Illinois won the rebounding battle 49-36, led by **Jon Ekey**, who grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds (eight offensive), marking the most by an Illini since Meyers Leonard had 16 boards vs. Cornell (Dec. 19, 2011). Ekey's previous career best at Illinois State was 13 rebounds, which he totaled twice.
5. Along with Rice, **Joseph Bertrand** (14 points) and **Nnanna Ekwu** (10) reached double figures for the third game in a row, while **Tracy Abrams** (12 points) was the fourth Illini in double digits.

Game 2 Notes – Illini 86, Jacksonville State 62 (Nov. 10)

1. **Joseph Bertrand** notched his first career double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, hitting 7-of-9 from the field, including his first six baskets, and 6-of-8 from the line.
2. It was **Bertrand's** first 20-point game since he netted his career high of 25 points as a sophomore against Nebraska (Jan. 2, 2012).
3. **Nnanna Ekwu** tied his career high with five blocked shots to go along with 10 points and seven rebounds. It marked the second time Ekwu has had five blocks in a game, with his other coming last season at Purdue (Jan. 2, 2013).
4. **Tracy Abrams** and **Rayvonte Rice** scored 13 points each. After missing his first six shots, Abrams netted his final five attempts on the night.
5. **Jaylon Tate** had 10 points and a game-high eight assists with just one turnover.
6. Illinois did not commit a turnover in the second half and only had five miscues for the game. It was Illinois' fewest turnovers in more than eight seasons, since also committing five turnovers at Michigan (Feb. 8, 2005).
7. The Illini had 11 blocked shots, their most in a game since also totaling 11 rejections against SIU Edwardsville on Nov. 14, 1011.
8. The Illini again were efficient from inside the arc, shooting 57.1 percent (28-49) on 2-pointers one game after shooting 56.1 percent (23-41) on 2s versus Alabama State.
9. For the second straight game, all 11 available Illini played and scored.

Game 1 Notes – Illini 80, Alabama State 63 (Nov. 8)

1. Illinois tipped off its 109th season of basketball, defeating Alabama State 80-63 to win its 15th straight opener and improve to 96-13 all-time in season openers.

THE LAST TIME

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD

40+ points	Brandon Paul (43) vs. Ohio State, 1/10/12
35-39 points	Brandon Paul (35) at Gonzana, 12/8/12
30-34 points	D.J. Richardson (30) at Nebraska, 1/22/13
25-29 points	Rayvonte Rice (25) at UNLV, 11/26/13
20-24 points	Rayvonte Rice (24) at Georgia Tech, 12/3/13
2, 20+ pt. scorers	Richardson (23) & B. Paul (21) vs. Indiana, 2/7/13
20+ rebounds	Nick Weatherspoon (22) vs. DePauw, 12/2/72
15-19 rebounds	Jon Ekey (15) vs. Valparaiso, 11/13/13
10-14 rebounds	Rayvonte Rice (10) at UNLV, 11/26/13
15+ assists	Demetri McCamey (16) at Purdue, 2/20/10
10-14 assists	Demetri McCamey (11) vs. Michigan State, 1/18/11
6+ 3-pointers	D.J. Richardson (6) at Nebraska, 1/22/13
7+ steals	Kendall Gill (7) vs. Iowa, 3/4/90
6 steals	Luther Head vs. Iowa, 1/20/05
5+ blocks	Nnanna Ekwu (5) vs. Jacksonville State, 11/10/13
Triple-Double	Sergio McClain (10p, 11r, 11a) vs. Michigan, 1/13/01

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD

100+ points	105 vs. Longwood, 12/27/04
under 50 points	42 vs. Michigan State, 1/31/12
50+ rebounds	52 vs. Alabama State, 11/8/13
20+ off. reb.	20 vs. Alabama State, 11/8/13
overtime	W, (78-77) at Hawaii, 10T, 11/16/12

AN OPPONENT PLAYER HAD

40+ points	Glenn Robinson (49) Purdue, 3/13/94
35-39 points	Daniel Horton (39) Michigan, 2/21/06
30-34 points	Jamar Butler (31) Ohio State, 3/13/10
25-29 points	Jamel Waters (27) Alabama State, 11/8/13
20-24 points	R. Carter (21) & M. Georges-Hunt (20) Georgia Tech, 12/3/13
2, 20+ pt. scorers	R. Carter (21) & M. Georges-Hunt (20) Georgia Tech, 12/3/13
20+ rebounds	Joe Franklin (23) Wisconsin, 12/19/66
15-19 rebounds	Trevor Mbakwe (16) Minnesota, 2/10/11
10-14 rebounds	Roscoe Smith (13) & Khem Birch (10) UNLV, 11/26/13
15+ assists	never, Quinn Buckner (14) Indiana, 2/18/74
10-14 assists	Phil Pressey (11) Missouri, 12/22/12
7+ steals	Jamon Gordon (7) Virginia Tech, 3/16/07
5+ blocks	Gabriel Olaseni (6) Iowa, 3/5/13

AN OPPONENT TEAM HAD

100+ points	108, Missouri, 12/22/93
under 50 points	49, vs. Minnesota, 3/14/13
under 40 points	38, Penn State, 2/18/09
50+ rebounds	58, Missouri, 12/22/12
20+ off. reb.	22, Missouri, 12/22/12

2014 RECRUITING CLASS

Illinois signed **Leron Black** and **Michael Finke** to national letters of intent during the fall signing period.

Black is a 6-7 combination forward from Memphis. A consensus top-50 recruit, he attends White Station High School, where he averaged 18.5 points, 10.5 rebounds and 1.7 blocks last year as a junior.

Finke is a 6-9 forward from Champaign, Ill. who attends Centennial High School. He averaged 16.6 points and 7.6 rebounds as a junior.

"Leron and Michael are two talented players who fit our system and share our vision for the program," Groce said. "They also are tremendous young men of the highest character who come from great families and will serve as first-class representatives for the University of Illinois."

LERON BLACK

Combination Forward, 6-7, 220

Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.

High School / Coach: White Station / Jesus Patino

AAU Program / Coach: Team Thad / Norton Hurd

Notes: Consensus national top-50 recruit (No. 40 on rscihoops.com) ... Ranked No. 41 nationally by Rivals and ESPN, No. 42 by 247Sports and No. 47 by Scout ... Class AAA All-State Team by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association ... Pepsi Best of the Preps Class AAA Team by the Memphis Commercial Appeal ... Averaged 18.5 points, 10.5 rebounds and 1.7 blocks as a junior, leading White Station to a 22-6 record ... His high school enters the 2013-14 season ranked among the nation's top teams, including No. 5 in the Student Sports Fab 50, No. 12 in the USA Today Super 25, and No. 16 in the MaxPreps Xcellent 25 ... First player from Memphis to sign with the Fighting Illini since Cory Bradford in 1996 (Raleigh Egypt High School).

Groce on Black: "Leron is athletic, versatile and plays with a high motor. He is an outstanding rebounder and defender and has the ability to score both in the paint and with a face-up perimeter game as well. He will be an effective player at multiple positions in our system."

MICHAEL FINKE

Forward, 6-9, 210

Hometown: Champaign, Ill.

High School / Coach: Centennial / Tim Lavin

AAU Program / Coach: Peoria Irish / Gavin Sullivan

Notes: IHSA Class 3A first-team All-State by the Associated Press ... First-team All-State by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Class 3A second-team All-State by the Chicago Sun-Times ... Second-team All-State by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... Special Mention All-State by the Chicago Tribune ... News-Gazette All-Area Player of the Year ... Averaged 16.6 points and 7.6 rebounds as a junior, leading Centennial to a 22-9 record and IHSA Class 3A Sectional Final appearance.

Groce on Finke: "Michael is very skilled, a relentless worker and has a high basketball I.Q. He is an exceptional shooter who can stretch the defense with his ability to shoot it from 3-point range. Michael's father, Jeff, played basketball and football here at Illinois, so to have Michael also wear that Illini jersey is special for the Finke family."

2. **Rayvonte Rice** tallied a team-high 22 points, equaling the most points in an Illini debut since Brandon Paul scored 22 points against SIU-Edwardsville to open the 2009-10 season. Rice also had nine rebounds and shot 9-of-10 from the free throw line in his first regular season game for the Orange and Blue.

3. When including his production from Drake, **Rice** topped the 1,000-career point mark against Alabama State. Rice scored 983 points at Drake, entering the opener 17 shy of 1,000. He recorded the 17th of his 22 points on the first of two free throws with 14:20 remaining in the second half.

4. **Nnanna Egwu** registered the second consecutive double-double of his career with 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Egwu recorded his first double-double in the final game last season with 12 points and 12 rebounds versus Miami in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

5. Seven of **Egwu's** 10 rebounds came on the offensive end. That equaled his career best, as he also had seven offensive boards against Miami in last year's NCAA Tournament.

6. **Joseph Bertrand** also scored in double figures with 14 points along with eight boards.

7. In all, the trio of **Rice**, **Egwu** and **Bertrand** combined for 46 points on 16-of-27 shooting with 27 rebounds.

8. The Illini dominated the boards, outrebounding Alabama State 52-28. It was Illinois' highest rebounding total since grabbing 54 vs. Loyola-Md. on Dec. 28, 2007. The UI's +24 rebound margin against the Hornets, meanwhile, was its largest advantage on the glass since +29 (48-19) against Presbyterian on Nov. 21, 2009.

9. Much of Illinois' aggressiveness on the boards occurred on the offensive glass. Illinois collected 20 of its own misses, turning those into 22 points. The Illini enjoyed a +20 advantage in second-chance points (22-2), its largest margin in that statistic since +23 (31-18) versus Duke in Maui on Nov. 20, 2007.

10. While the Illini shot just 4-of-20 from beyond the arc, the Orange and Blue shot 23-of-41 (56.1 percent) on two-pointers.

11. All 11 available players on the roster logged double-figure minutes and entered the scoring column. The seven players who made their UI debut combined for 41 of Illinois' 80 points: **Rice** (22), **Malcolm Hill** (7), **Austin Colbert** (4), **Kendrick Nunn**, **Maverick Morgan**, **Jaylon Tate** and **Jon Ekey** (2 each).

12. For the second straight year, the Orange Krush student section and Illini fans at State Farm Center paid tribute to Coach Groce's alma mater, Taylor University, in a unique way. The Krush replicated Taylor's famous tradition of "Silent Night," where the entire gym remains silent from tip-off until the Trojans score their 10th point. When that 10th point is scored, the crowd then erupts into a wild celebration. The Illini faithful executed their version, called "Orange Hush", staying quiet for the Illini's first eight points before erupting in cheers when senior **Joseph Bertrand** hit a baseline jumper at the 16:04 mark for Illinois' ninth and tenth points of the game.

New Look Illini

With an influx of nine new players, the 2013-14 Fighting Illini roster is dramatically different than the one Head Coach John Groce inherited a year ago. Illinois welcomes five freshmen and four transfers to a group of five returning players; four of whom have previously taken the court wearing the Orange and Blue.

The Illini lost their top two scorers from last year's squad in Brandon Paul and D.J. Richardson, and are without five of the top eight scorers overall. In fact, Illinois returns just 36.1 percent of its points, 36.7 percent of its rebounds and 38.4 percent of its minutes played from the 2012-13 campaign.

But while there are many new faces in the locker room, Groce's second Illini squad also includes key veterans whose experience will lead the way into the 2013-14 season.

Returning for the Orange and Blue

Illinois has three players who logged heavy minutes in last year's rotation in returning starters **Tracy Abrams** and **Nnanna Egwu** along with **Joseph Bertrand**.

Abrams showed rapid improvement as a sophomore, increasing his scoring average by more than six points to rank third on the team in scoring with an average of 10.6 points per game. Abrams scored in double figures 22 times, led by a career-high 27-point outing against Auburn at the United Center to earn Big Ten Player of the Week honors. In addition to his improved scoring, Abrams also led the Illini in assists (3.4 apg) and steals (1.4 spg), ranking among Big Ten leaders in both categories.

Like Abrams, Egwu also made major strides during his sophomore season. Starting all but one game, Egwu averaged 6.5 points and led the Illini in rebounding with an average of 4.9 boards. He also ranked fourth in the Big Ten with 49 blocked shots. Egwu recorded his first career double-double in his last appearance, totaling 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds against Miami in the NCAA Tournament. Egwu spent the summer bulking up, adding nearly 20 pounds to his frame.

One of just two seniors on the squad suiting up this season — and the only one who has spent his entire career with the Illini — Bertrand brings athleticism and a wealth of experience to the roster. He ranked fourth on the team in scoring (7.3 ppg) and third in rebounding (4.1 rpg) while shooting better than 50 percent on the season.

Walk-on **Mike LaTulip** made impressive strides in the offseason both in the weight room and with conditioning. Known for his shooting, LaTulip also could be looked upon to provide depth at the point guard.

Reinvented Rice

Illinois' fifth returning player is junior **Rayvonte Rice**, who sat out last season after transferring from Drake. Rice dedicated his efforts to transforming his body and the results have been staggering. John Groce called Rice's improvement the best "sit-out" year of any player he has coached and awarded him with the team's Most Improved Player award at last year's banquet (shared with Abrams and Egwu). Rice amassed nearly 1,000 points in his two seasons at Drake and will provide scoring ability and versatility in the UI lineup.

Ekey Adds Experience

For the third straight season, the Illini will benefit from the addition of a graduate transfer. Fifth-year senior **Jon Ekey** is eligible immediately after graduating from Illinois State in May. Ekey is a stretch-four in the mold similar to former Illini Tyler Griffey. Ekey started 75 of 99 games at ISU, averaging 6.7 points over his career. He also is a career 36.5 percent shooter from 3-point range.

Groce Lands Star Class in First Year

It didn't take John Groce long to make his mark on the recruiting trail. Just months into the job, Groce and his staff signed a five-player recruiting class ranked among the top 25 nationally by scouting services. The talented freshman class of guards **Kendrick Nunn**, **Malcolm Hill** and **Jaylon Tate**, forward **Austin Colbert** and center **Maverick Morgan** are the foundation for Groce's recruiting at Illinois.

Nunn is a top-75 recruit who helped lead Chicago Simeon to four straight state titles. An exceptional athlete, he averaged 14.7 points and 7.3 rebounds as a senior, earning All-State honors. Nunn also has experience at the international level, winning gold medals with USA Basketball at the FIBA Americas U16 Championship in 2011 and the FIBA U17 World Championship in 2012.

Hill also is a top-75 recruit who put up incredible numbers at Belleville East. He averaged 25.3 points as a senior and is East's all-time leading scorer with 2,067 career points. Hill was a consensus all-state selection and finished third in voting for Illinois Mr. Basketball. He has the ability to score in various ways from different spots on the court.

Tate teamed up with Nunn on Simeon's state championship teams each of the last two seasons. The floor leader led Simeon in assists with an average of 7.3 per game while also contributing 8.3 points per contest. Tate is a true point guard known for his competitiveness and ability to create for teammates.

While the three freshmen on the perimeter all hail from the state of Illinois, the staff went east to sign their frontcourt. Colbert is a top-100 recruit who averaged 12.9 points, 6.9 rebounds and 2.5 blocks at Gill St. Bernard's in New Jersey. Standing 6-9 and with a long wing span, Colbert is an athletic, versatile forward.

Morgan averaged 24.7 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocks as a senior at Springboro High School, just outside of Dayton, Ohio. He was named Ohio's Division I Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association. The 6-10, 250-pound Morgan already has a solid frame and will provide a physical presence and depth in the post.

Trio of Transfers Await their Time

Waiting in the wings are three players who are sitting out this season due to transfer rules. Illinois has bolstered its depth and ability at a number of positions with the additions of **Ahmad Starks**, **Aaron Cosby** and **Darius Paul**.

Starks played the last three seasons at Oregon State. He was a career double-figure scorer (10.2 ppg) and left as the Beavers all-time leader in 3-point field goals with 185. Illinois petitioned the NCAA to grant Starks immediate eligibility, but his hardship waiver was denied. Starks will have one season remaining next year.

Cosby was a two-year starter at Seton Hall, and like Starks, a career-double figure scorer. Cosby averaged 10.1 points for the Pirates and drained 132 three-pointers while shooting nearly 39 percent from behind the arc. Cosby will have two seasons of eligibility left beginning next year.

The younger brother of former UI star Brandon Paul, Darius Paul had an excellent first season at Western Michigan, earning Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year honors after averaging 10.4 points and 5.7 rebounds. Paul will have three seasons to play with the Illini starting next year.

SEAL Team Training Brings Illini Together

With so many newcomers and roster turnover from a year ago, Coach Groce looked for ways to accelerate the team-building process with this year's squad. To help accomplish this, the Illini trained twice with SEAL Team Physical Training, led by former U.S. Navy SEAL John McGuire. The players, entire coaching staff, and even some support staff participated in the two sets of workouts, held from June 24-26 during summer classes and again from Sept. 3-6 at the start of the fall semester. The grueling, two-hour long training sessions included a number of physical activities such as races, push-ups, sit-ups, relays, swimming and rafting. The course was designed to enhance communication and foster team unity, mental toughness and togetherness.

Nunn Wears 25 to Honor Ben Wilson

The Illinois program has benefited from a recruiting pipeline to Simeon High School that began in the 1980s. This year's UI roster features two freshmen from the Chicago basketball powerhouse in guards Kendrick Nunn and Jaylon Tate.

Nunn is carrying on the tradition of former Simeon stars wearing the number 25 jersey at Illinois in memory of Ben Wilson, a prep basketball phenom who was shot and killed in 1984 before the start of his senior season. Nick Anderson was the first Fighting Illini player from Simeon to wear Wilson's 25 and the tradition continued with Deon Thomas, Bryant Ntree and Calvin Brock prior to Nunn.

State Farm Center Home to Fighting Illini Basketball

Known as Assembly Hall from its construction in 1963 to 2013, the iconic arena home to Illinois basketball was renamed State Farm Center on April 29, 2013, with the announcement of a 30-year, \$60 million naming rights agreement. State Farm Center will undergo a projected \$165 million renovation beginning immediately after the 2014 season, dubbed the "Illinois Renaissance." The project will include a renovated seating bowl and the addition of four levels of premium seating; improved rest rooms, concessions and a team store; air conditioning and many other amenities. Construction will occur around each basketball season in order to avoid displacing the men's and women's teams. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

Returning to the Tourney

Last year's team had a season-long goal of participating in the NCAA Tournament, and that goal was achieved when the Illini received the No. 7 seed in the East Region. Illinois was not satisfied by simply being there, however. The Orange and Blue advanced to the Round of 32 after defeating No. 10 seed Colorado, 57-49. The tournament win marked the UI's 23rd of the season, the most victories for the program since 2009.

The Illini just missed out on a trip to the Sweet 16, falling in the final minute to No. 2 seed Miami.

Always an Illini

John Groce's first Illini squad had plenty of thrilling moments on the basketball court, and the hard work continued into the classroom as six members of the 2012-13 roster earned college degrees from the University of Illinois:

Kevin Berardini	B.S., Political Science, May 2013
Joseph Bertrand	B.S., Recreation, Sport and Tourism, August 2013
Tyler Griffey	B.S., Kinesiology, May 2013
Sam McLaurin	M.S., Recreation, Sport and Tourism, August 2013
Brandon Paul	B.S., Recreation, Sport and Tourism, May 2013
D.J. Richardson	B.A., Communication, August 2013

3-Point Barrage

Illinois led the Big Ten last season and ranked 38th in the NCAA with an average of 7.8 three-point field goals per game. That total also was the second-highest single-season total in school history.

The Illini made at least 10 three-pointers in each of its first six games of the season, becoming the first UI team ever to make double-digit three-point field goals in six consecutive games.

Illinois made 10 or more threes in 10 games on the year, and made at least nine in six conference games, including two of the last three (Nebraska and Iowa) to close out the regular season.

Illini Topple Three Top-10 Foes

With wins over No. 1 Indiana, No. 8 Ohio State and at No. 10 Gonzaga last season, Illinois recorded three victories over top-10 teams on the year. That equaled the third-most single-season wins over top-10 opponents in school history and was the most since the 2005 NCAA Runner-Up squad also notched three top-10 wins.

With two of those wins coming against Big Ten teams, Illinois defeated multiple top-10 conference foes for the second straight season and just the fifth time in school history.

Griffey's Buzzer Beater Takes Down No. 1 Indiana

In one of the most thrilling comebacks of the college basketball season, Illinois knocked off the No. 1 team in the country for the third time in school history with a 74-72 victory over top-ranked Indiana in Champaign on Feb. 7.

Illinois trailed by as many as 14 points on three occasions and still trailed 70-61 with 3:33 remaining. That's when Illinois made its charge, closing the game on a 13-2 run. After a **Brandon Paul** free throw cut it to eight, **D.J. Richardson** rattled off eight straight points on a pair of 3-pointers and a step-back 19-footer that tied the game at 70 with 1:19 left. Victor Oladipo put Indiana back up by two with a layup, the Hoosiers' only basket in the game's final five minutes. Paul then hit a pair of free throws to tie it at 72 and set up the exciting final series. Indiana held for the last shot, but Oladipo lost control of the ball and Richardson picked it up and raced down court and attempted a layup that Oladipo blocked out of bounds.

The Illini were out of timeouts with only nine-tenths of a second remaining. Paul was the inbounder and he took his time surveying the court before **Tyler Griffey** broke free cutting toward the basket. Paul threw a bounce pass into the empty lane where Griffey caught it in stride and made the uncontested layup. The horn sounded as the ball went through the net, and the Orange Krush poured onto the court to celebrate.

Abrams Big Ten Player of the Week

Tracy Abrams earned Big Ten Player of the Week accolades on Dec. 31, receiving the honor for the first time in his career after leading the Illini to victory over Auburn at the United Center (Dec. 27). Abrams poured in a career-high 27 points and pulled down a career-best eight rebounds. He hit 6-of-11 field goals and 13-of-15 free throws – career highs for both makes and attempts – while also adding game highs of four steals and five assists with only one turnover in 35 minutes playing the point.

Groce Matches Best Start Ever by UI Coach

Illinois won its first 12 games last season under **John Groce** as he became just the second Illini coach ever – and first in more than 100 years – to begin his UI tenure with 12 consecutive wins. Groce tied Fletcher Lane for the all-time best start of any first-year Illini coach. Lane also won his first 12 games during the 1907-08 season, although 11 of those 12 victories came against YMCA/Athletic Club teams.

GROCE MEDIA LUNCHEON / TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Media luncheons will be held on the 8th floor of the Illinois Football Press Box. Enter through Gate 10 on the west side of Memorial Stadium and take the north service elevator. Courtesy parking is available in the northwest lot of State Farm Center. Metered parking is available in the ARC lot. Contact the UI Athletic Communications Office for teleconference number information.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2 pm – Media Day
(at Bielfeldt/Ubben)

Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 am-Noon – Big Ten Media Day
(at Hyatt Regency O'Hare)

Wednesday, Nov. 6, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Tuesday, Nov. 12, Noon – Teleconference

Friday, Nov. 15, Noon – Teleconference

Saturday, Nov. 16, 3:30 pm – Signing Day Press Conference

Thursday, Nov. 21, Noon – Teleconference

Monday, Nov. 25, 10:30 am – Teleconference

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2:15 pm – Teleconference

Monday, Dec. 2, Noon – Teleconference

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30 am – Teleconference

Monday, Dec. 9, 9:20 am – Teleconference

Monday, Dec. 9, Noon – Teleconference

Thursday, Dec. 12, Noon – Teleconference

Thursday, Dec. 19, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, Dec. 27, TBD – Teleconference

Monday, Dec. 30, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, Jan. 3, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Monday, Jan. 6, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, Jan. 7, Noon – Teleconference

Saturday, Jan. 11, TBD – Teleconference

Monday, Jan. 13, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, Jan. 14, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, Jan. 17, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Monday, Jan. 20, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Wednesday, Jan. 22, Noon – Teleconference

Saturday, Jan. 25, TBD – Teleconference

Monday, Jan. 27, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Friday, Jan. 31, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 3, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 3, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, Feb. 7, Noon – Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 10, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon – Teleconference

Friday, Feb. 14, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 17, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, Feb. 18, Noon – Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 24, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, Feb. 25, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, Feb. 28, Noon – Teleconference

Monday, March 3, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Monday, March 3, 11:15 am – Luncheon/Teleconference

Friday, March 7, Noon – Teleconference

Monday, March 10, 9:20 am – Big Ten Teleconference

Tuesday, March 11, Noon – Luncheon/Teleconference

Sunday, March 16, 5 pm – Postseason

Press Conference/Teleconference (Tentative)

Fighting Illini Sports Network (43 stations)

Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3

Alton, WBZG-AM 1570

Bloomington, WJBC-FM 93.7

Canton, WBYS-AM 1560

Carlyle, WCXO-FM 96.7

Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400

Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5

Chicago, WSCR-AM 670

Danville, WDAN-AM 1490

Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1

Davenport, IA, WFXN-AM 1230

Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340

DuQuoin, WQDN-AM 1580

Effingham, WCRC-FM 95.7

Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390

Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400

Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550

Jacksonville, WJIL-FM 102.9

Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480

Kewanee, WKEL-AM 1450

LaSalle-Peru, WLPO-AM 1220

Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1

Litchfield, WAOX-FM 105.3

Macomb/Rushville, WKXQ-FM 92.5

Mt. Carmel, WSJD-FM 100.5

Murphysboro, WINI-AM 1440

Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9

Paxton, WPXN-FM 104.9

Peoria, WGLO-FM 95.5

Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5

Pontiac/Dwight, WJEZ-FM 98.9

Quincy, WTAD-AM 930

Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570

Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7

Rockford, WROK-AM 1440

Salem, WJBD-AM 1350

Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1

Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230

St. Louis, WQXQ-AM 1490

Springfield, WFMB-AM 1450

Springfield, WCVS-FM 96.7

Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3

Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1

John Groce Radio Show

Program airs Mondays from 7-8 pm on the Fighting Illini Sports Network and locally on WDWS-AM 1400, the flagship station for the network. In addition to Coach Groce and his staff, each show will feature selected Illini players. The host is Brian Barnhart and the show will be held at Buffalow Wild Wings in Savoy.

John Groce Radio Show Dates

Dec. 9	Jan. 27
Dec. 16	Feb. 3
Dec. 30	Feb. 10
Jan. 6	Feb. 17
Jan. 13	Feb. 24
Jan. 20	March 3

ILLINOIS BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

Founded: 1867

Enrollment: 43,398

Nickname: Fighting Illini

Colors: Orange and Blue

Arena: State Farm Center

Opened: 1963

Capacity: 16,618

Conference: Big Ten

President: Robert A. Easter

Chancellor: Phyllis M. Wise

Director of Athletics: Mike Thomas

Athletics Department Phone: 217-333-3631

Ticket Office Phone: 217-333-3470 or 1-866-ILLINI-1

HISTORY

Seasons of Basketball: 109th

First Year of Basketball: 1906

All-Time Record: 1,697-911 (.651)

All-Time Big Ten Record: 894-657 (.576)

Big Ten Championships / Last: 17 / 2005

NCAA Tournament Appearances / Last: 30 / 2013

All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 40-31 (.563)

NCAA Final Four Appearances / Last: 5 / 2005

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: John Groce, 2nd year

Alma Mater, Year: Taylor University '94

Record at Illinois / Years: 30-14 (.682) / 2nd

Career Record / Years: 115-70 (.622) / 6th

Basketball Office Phone: 217-333-3400

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Ford, 2nd year;

Paris Parham, 2nd year; Jamall Walker, 2nd year

Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Ryan Pedon

Director of Basketball Operations: Mark Morris

Video Coordinator: Andy Etheridge

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Mike Basgier

Athletic Trainer: Paul Schmidt

Coordinator of Special Projects: Rod Cardinal

Administrative Secretary: Julie Pioletti

2012-13 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record: 23-13

Big Ten Record / Finish: 8-10 / T-7th

Postseason: NCAA Tournament 3rd Round

Final Ranking: AP - NR / Coaches - RV

Starters Returning / Lost: 2 / 3

Lettermen Returning / Lost: 4 / 9

Newcomers: 9

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HEAD COACH JOHN GROCE

2ND YEAR AT ILLINOIS // 6TH YEAR OVERALL // 21ST YEAR AS A COLLEGE COACH

THE GROCE FILE

HOMETOWN

Danville, Ind.

FAMILY

Wife, Allison;
Sons, Conner and Camden

EDUCATION

Taylor University,
B.S., Mathematics, 1994

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1994-96

Assistant Coach
Taylor University

1997-2000

Assistant Coach
North Carolina State University

2001

Assistant Coach
Butler University

2002-04

Assistant Coach
Xavier University

2005-06

Assistant Coach
Ohio State University

2007-08

Associate Head Coach
Ohio State University

2009-12

Head Coach
Ohio University

2013-

Head Coach
University of Illinois

John Groce was named the 17th Fighting Illini men's basketball coach on March 29, 2012. Groce directed the Illinois program to a number of achievements during his first year – including a 23-win campaign that marked a six-win improvement from the UI's previous season – culminating in an NCAA Tournament appearance and subsequent victory to advance to the Round of 32.

Illinois won its first 12 games in 2012-13, equaling the sixth-best start in school history and matching the best start ever for a first-year UI coach. Included in that stretch was a dominating performance in Hawaii as the Illini captured the school's first-ever EA SPORTS Maui Invitational championship. Illinois also recorded arguably the most impressive win of college basketball's pre-conference season, winning at No. 10 Gonzaga by double digits.

The Illini spent eight weeks ranked in the Top 25, reaching as high as No. 10 in the national polls. Illinois recorded two more top-10 wins during conference play in one of the most difficult seasons in Big Ten history. The Illini defeated No. 8 Ohio State on Jan. 5 by 19 points, the UI's largest margin of victory over a top-10 opponent since 1964. Then on Feb. 7, Illinois garnered national headlines with a thrilling last-second victory over No. 1 Indiana. The Illini won it at the buzzer on a layup by Tyler Griffey, leading to a court storming celebration at the Assembly Hall as Illinois defeated a No. 1-ranked opponent for just the third time in school history.

The Fighting Illini earned a No. 7 seed in the NCAA Tournament and defeated No. 10 Colorado in the Round of 64 as Groce improved his record in the opening round of the Tournament to 9-0 during his coaching career, and 3-0 as a head coach. Groce now stands as one of just 14 coaches to win NCAA Tournament games in each of the last two years, and one of 17 coaches to record NCAA Tournament victories in at least three of the last four years.

Groce arrived at Illinois after four seasons as head coach at Ohio University, where he led the Bobcats to an 85-56 overall record as well as Mid-American Conference Tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances in 2010 and 2012.

Ohio was the story of the 2012 Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 as a No. 13 seed with victories over No. 4 seed Michigan followed by No. 12 seed South Florida. The Bobcats finished just short of the Elite Eight, falling to top-seed North Carolina in overtime in the regional semifinal. It marked just the second time in Ohio's school history and first since 1964 that the Bobcats won multiple games in the NCAA Tournament. Ohio finished the 2012 season with a school-record 29 wins and was known for its pressure defense, ranking second nationally in turnover percentage and third in steals percentage.

Ohio also made noise in the 2010 postseason. Playing in the school's first NCAA Tournament game in five seasons, the Bobcats received a No. 14 seed and defeated No. 3 seed Georgetown. With the 2010 and 2012 NCAA performances, Ohio became just the sixth school ever to win Tournament games as both a 13 and 14 seed.

The 42-year-old Groce has a total of 20 years in the coaching profession and has been part of teams that have made 17 postseason appearances. His record in 15 years as an assistant was an impressive 349-156, giving him a combined record of 457-225 over his 20 years.

Groce earned his first head-coaching job at Ohio following four seasons on Thad Matta's staff at Ohio State from 2005-08, the first two as assistant coach and last two as associate head coach. During Groce's time in Columbus the Buckeyes amassed a record of 105-35, advanced to the NCAA Championship game in 2007 and second round in 2006, claimed back-to-back outright Big Ten Championships in 2006 and 2007 and won the NIT in 2008. Groce played a key role in recruiting many of the top players at Ohio State and was named Rivals.com's 2006 National Recruiter of the Year.

In all, Groce spent eight years as an assistant under Matta. Prior to his time at Ohio State, Groce served three years on Matta's staff at Xavier from 2002-04 and one season at Butler in 2001. The Musketeers went 78-23 and made three straight NCAA appearances, advancing to the second round in 2002 and 2003 and the Elite Eight in 2004. Xavier also won consecutive Atlantic 10 titles in 2002 and 2003. Butler, meanwhile, went 24-8 and won a conference crown in 2001 while also advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Groce entered the Division I coaching ranks as a member of Herb Sendek's staff at North Carolina State from 1997-2000. The Wolfpack went 73-58 overall and advanced to the NIT in each of the four seasons Groce was in Raleigh, including a trip to the semifinals in 2000.

Groce got his start in coaching as an assistant at his alma mater, Taylor University, an NAIA school in Upland, Ind. Groce spent three years on Paul Patterson's staff from 1994-96, helping lead the Trojans to a 69-32 record and pair of trips to the NAIA national tournament. Groce played for Patterson for three years from 1991-93 before transitioning to a student assistant role as a senior. Taylor compiled a 90-16 record and made three trips to the NAIA Tournament during Groce's playing career, including a 1991 NAIA Final Four appearance during his freshman season.

Groce earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Taylor in 1994. John and his wife, Allison, have two sons, Conner and Camden.

GROCE'S CAREER COACHING RECORD

Season	School	Position	Overall / Conf. (Finish)	Postseason
1993-94	Taylor	Assistant Coach	29-5 / --	NAIA 2nd Round
1994-95	Taylor	Assistant Coach	17-14 / 8-6 (4th)	
1995-96	Taylor	Assistant Coach	23-13 / 10-4 (2nd)	NAIA 1st Round
1996-97	North Carolina State	Assistant Coach	17-15 / 4-12 (8th)	NIT 2nd Round
1997-98	North Carolina State	Assistant Coach	17-15 / 5-11 (8th)	NIT 2nd Round
1998-99	North Carolina State	Assistant Coach	19-14 / 6-10 (5th)	NIT 2nd Round
1999-2000	North Carolina State	Assistant Coach	20-14 / 6-10 (6th)	NIT Semifinal
2000-01	Butler	Assistant Coach	24-8 / 11-3 (1st)	NCAA 2nd Round
2001-02	Xavier	Assistant Coach	26-6 / 14-2 (1st)	NCAA 2nd Round
2002-03	Xavier	Assistant Coach	26-6 / 15-1 (1st)	NCAA 2nd Round
2003-04	Xavier	Assistant Coach	26-11 / 10-6 (3rd)	NCAA Elite Eight
2004-05	Ohio State	Assistant Coach	20-12 / 8-8 (6th)	
2005-06	Ohio State	Assistant Coach	26-6 / 12-4 (1st)	NCAA 2nd Round
2006-07	Ohio State	Associate Head Coach	35-4 / 15-1 (1st)	NCAA Runner-up
2007-08	Ohio State	Associate Head Coach	24-13 / 10-8 (5th)	NIT Champions
2008-09	Ohio	Head Coach	15-17 / 7-9 (9th)	
2009-10	Ohio	Head Coach	22-15 / 7-9 (9th)	NCAA 2nd Round
2010-11	Ohio	Head Coach	19-16 / 9-7 (5th)	CIT Quarterfinal
2011-12	Ohio	Head Coach	29-8 / 11-5 (3rd)	NCAA Sweet 16
2012-13	Illinois	Head Coach	23-13 / 8-10 (7th)	NCAA 3rd Round
2013-14	Illinois	Head Coach	7-1	

Head Coach (6th year): 115-70 (.622) // Assistant Coach (15 years): 349-156 (.691) // Total (21st year): 464-226 (.672)



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CHICAGO, ILL. // MOUNT CARMEL H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Third on the Illini with 10.6 ppg ... Opened season with nine points, five rebounds and game-high three assists vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Made final five shots vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) and finished with 13 points ... 12 points, five rebounds, four assists, and a career-high two blocks vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... Matched a career-high with eight rebounds and added 12 points vs. Bradley (11/17) ... 12 points and a season-high five assists vs. Chicago State (11/22) ... Turned in a season-high 15 points, including 12 in the second half, and four steals vs. IPFW (11/29).

Career Notes: Born Feb. 6, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Started 32 of 36 games last season ... Third on the team in scoring, averaging 10.6 points ... Scored in double figures 22 times ... Led Illini and ranked ninth in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 3.4 apg ... Also led team in steals, ranking ninth in Big Ten (1.4 spg) ... Named Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 31 following a career-high 27-point, eight-rebound performance vs. Auburn (12/27/12) ... Made 13-of-15 at the line against Auburn and also added five assists and four steals ... 22 points with five rebounds and career-high five steals at Hawaii (11/16/12) ... Played in all 32 games as a freshman, starting 19 times ... 2012 Team MVP, the first true-freshman in school history to be named Illini MVP ... Averaged 4.3 ppg and 1.9 apg ... Averaged 17.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists as a senior at Mount Carmel, earning first-team All-State honors.

ABRAMS' 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-1	23	3-10	1-4	2-4	1-4-5	2	3	2	0	0	9
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-1	25	5-11	1-3	2-3	0-1-1	3	1	1	1	1	13
11-13	Valparaiso	1-1	33	4-16	0-4	4-6	0-5-5	0	4	3	2	2	12
11-17	Bradley	1-1	27	3-6	2-4	4-4	0-8-8	2	3	2	0	1	12
11-22	Chicago State	1-1	30	3-11	0-2	6-8	0-4-4	0	5	1	1	1	12
11-26	at UNLV	1-1	28	2-12	0-2	1-2	0-4-4	0	4	2	0	2	5
11-29	IPFW	1-1	31	5-11	0-4	5-8	0-2-2	4	1	2	0	4	15
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-1	26	1-7	0-3	5-6	1-1-2	3	2	3	0	0	7
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

ABRAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	32-19	674-21.1	49-120/.408	9-35/.257	29-46/.630	22-50-72/2.3	72-1	60	50	0	14	136-4.3
2012-13	36-32	1032-28.7	132-335/.394	31-114/.272	86-115/.748	29-98-127/3.5	83-1	121	94	4	50	381-10.6
2013-14	8-8	223-27.9	26-84/.310	4-26/.154	29-41/.707	2-29-31/3.9	14-0	23	16	4	11	85-10.6
TOTAL	76-59	1929-25.4	207-539/.384	44-175/.251	144-202/.713	53-177-230/3.0	169-2	204	160	8	75	602-7.9

ABRAMS' CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 35, three times; last at Michigan (2/24/12)

Season: 33 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

POINTS

Career: 27 vs. Auburn (12/29/12)

Season: 15 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 9, twice; last at Hawaii (11/16/12)

Season: 5, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 16, three times; last vs. Valpo (11/13/13)

Season: 16 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 3, twice; last at Northwestern (2/17/13)

Season: 2 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 6, twice; last at Michigan State (1/31/13)

Season: 4, four times; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

FREE THROWS

Career: 13 vs. Auburn (12/29/12)

Season: 6 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 15 vs. Auburn (12/29/12)

Season: 8, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

REBOUNDS

Career: 8, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

Season: 8 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

ASSISTS

Career: 8, twice; last vs. USC (11/19/12)

Season: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

BLOCKS

Career: 2 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

Season: 2 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

STEALS

Career: 5 at Hawaii (11/16/12)

Season: 4 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)



2 JOSEPH BERTRAND

REDSHIRT SENIOR // GUARD // 6-6 // 200
STERLING, ILL. // STERLING H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Leads the Illini in field goal percentage at 54 percent (34-of-63) and second on team in scoring (11.5 ppg) and rebounding (6.5 rpg) ... 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting with eight rebounds in 24 minutes vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Notched first career double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, hitting 7-of-9 from the field and a career-best 6-of-8 from the line vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... 14 points and six rebounds vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... 12 points, eight rebounds and two steals vs. Chicago State (11/22) ... 11 points on 4-of-5 shooting vs. IPFW (11/29).

Career Notes: Born March 23, 1991 ... Earned bachelor's degree in recreation, sport and tourism in August 2013 ... Now pursuing second degree in agricultural leadership education ... Played in 35 games last season, starting five times ... Fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 7.3 points ... Led Illini in field goal percentage, shooting 50.2 percent (102-203) ... Third on the team in rebounding, averaging 4.1 rpg ... After the Illini trailed 58-54 late in the game against Georgia Tech (11/28/12), Bertrand scored 10-straight points, including two 3-pointers, to give the Illini a 64-58 lead, scoring a team-high 15 points in the game ... Scored season-high 17 points on 8-of-12 shooting with seven boards vs. Wisconsin (2/3/13) ... Grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds vs. Purdue (2/13/13), tying the most boards by an Illini on the season ... Played in all 32 games as a sophomore, starting 14 times ... Fourth on the team in scoring at 6.5 ppg ... Ranked ninth in the Big Ten in field goal percentage during conference play at 52 percent ... Matched the best single-game shooting percentage in school history, hitting a perfect 9-of-9 from the field and scoring 19 points vs. Missouri (11/22/11) ... Tallied 13 points and hit first four shots vs. Minnesota (11/27/11) to finish with a streak of 13 consecutive field goals made ... Notched a career-high 25 points on 11-of-12 shooting vs. Nebraska (1/7/12) ... Posted his second double-digit made field goal streak with 12 after hitting final four shots at Northwestern and first eight baskets vs. Nebraska ... Played in 15 games as a redshirt-freshman, averaging 1.1 points ... Sterling High School's all-time leading scorer ... Two-time IHSA Class 3A slam dunk champion as a junior and senior.

BERTRAND'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-1	24	6-9	0-0	2-2	3-5-8	2	2	4	0	0	14
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-1	33	7-9	0-0	6-8	4-6-10	2	3	1	0	0	20
11-13	Valparaiso	1-1	35	4-10	2-3	4-6	2-4-6	3	1	3	0	0	14
11-17	Bradley	1-1	25	2-6	1-1	0-1	3-2-5	1	1	2	0	2	5
11-22	Chicago State	1-1	32	4-6	1-2	3-4	3-5-8	2	2	3	0	2	12
11-26	at UNLV	1-1	30	3-10	0-0	0-1	1-5-6	2	0	1	0	0	6
11-29	IPFW	1-1	21	4-5	1-2	2-4	3-0-3	4	0	1	0	0	11
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-1	33	4-8	2-3	0-0	1-5-6	1	1	0	0	0	10
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
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2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

BERTRAND'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10		DNP - Redshirt										
2010-11	15-0	50-3.3	7-13/.538	0-1/.000	3-4/.750	1-5-6/0.4	6-0	4	3	2	1	17-1.1
2011-12	32-14	644-20.1	92-171/.538	3-10/.300	22-30/.733	23-63-86/2.7	62-2	43	37	5	11	209-6.5
2012-13	35-5	795-22.7	102-203/.502	17-53/.321	34-44/.773	47-95-142/4.1	80-1	20	39	6	32	255-7.3
2013-14	8-8	233-29.1	34-63/.540	7-11/.636	17-26/.654	20-32-52/6.5	17-0	10	15	0	4	92-11.5
TOTAL	90-27	1722-19.1	235-450/.522	27-75/.360	76-104/.731	91-195-286/3.2	165-3	77	94	13	48	573-6.4

BERTRAND'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 39 vs. Northwestern (2/5/12)

Season: 35 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

POINTS

Career: 25 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

Season: 20 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 11 vs. Nebraska (1/7/12)

Season: 7 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 15 at Purdue (1/2/13)

Season: 10, twice; last at UNLV (11/26/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 3 vs. Georgia Tech (11/28/12)

Season: 2, twice; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 5 at Purdue (1/2/13)

Season: 3, twice; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

FREE THROWS

Career: 6 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

Season: 6 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 8 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

Season: 8 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

REBOUNDS

Career: 12 vs. Purdue (2/13/13)

Season: 10 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

ASSISTS

Career: 5, three times; last at Nebraska (2/18/12)

Season: 3 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

BLOCKS

Career: 3 vs. Ohio State (1/5/12)

Season: 0

STEALS

Career: 5 at Nebraska (1/22/13)

Season: 2, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)



31 AUSTIN COLBERT

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CHESAPEAKE, VA. // GILL ST. BERNARD'S (N.J.) H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Four points in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Had two points, three rebounds and a block vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Four points in four minutes vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Two points and three rebounds vs. Chicago State (11/22) ... Two points and two rebounds at UNLV (11/26).

Career Notes: Born Nov. 7, 1994 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Averaged 12.9 points, 6.9 rebounds and 2.5 blocks as a senior at Gill St. Bernard's ... Recorded season highs of 24 points and 14 rebounds vs. Hillsborough (Feb. 5, 2013) ... Selected to compete in the Jordan Brand Classic Regional Game at Barclay's Center in Brooklyn.

COLBERT'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 15 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

POINTS

Season: 4, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 2, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 4 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 1, twice; last at UNLV (11/26/13)

FREE THROWS

Season: 0

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 3, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 1 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 1 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

STEALS

Season: 0

COLBERT'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	1	2	0	0	4
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	13	1-4	0-1	0-2	0-3-3	1	0	0	1	0	2
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Bradley	1-0	4	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0	4
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	0	2
11-26	at UNLV	1-0	6	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
11-29	IPFW		DNP										
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-0	6	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
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2-1	Iowa												
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2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

COLBERT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	7-0	60-8.6	8-17/.471	0-2/.000	0-3/.000	4-6-10/1.4	4-0	1	3	1	0	16-2.3



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JUNIOR // FORWARD/CENTER // 6-11 // 250

CHICAGO, ILL. // SAINT IGNATIUS H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Leads the Illini with 2.5 blocks per game and third on team in rebounding (6.3 rpg) ... Fourth on the Illini in scoring at 9.1 ppg ... Opened season with double-double against Alabama State (11/8), registering 10 points and game-high 10 rebounds ... Matched a career-high with five blocks vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) to go along with 10 points and seven rebounds ... 10 points vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... Fourth-straight game with 10 points to start the season vs. Bradley (11/17) ... 12 points, including a career-high two three-pointers, at UNLV (11/26).

Career Notes: Born Oct. 22, 1992 ... Majoring in communication ... Started 35 games last season, averaging 6.5 points ... Led team in rebounding with average of 4.9 rpg ... Fourth in Big Ten in blocked shots, averaging 1.4 bpg ... Scored career-high 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting vs. Ohio State (1/5/13) ... Recorded first career double-double with 12 points and career-high 12 rebounds vs. Miami in NCAA Tournament Third Round (3/24/13) ... Played in all 32 games as a freshman, starting three times ... Averaged 1.9 ppg and 1.5 rpg ... First-team All-State selection as a senior at Saint Ignatius.

EGWU'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-1	23	4-6	0-0	2-5	7-3-10	0	0	1	2	0	10
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-1	30	5-8	0-0	0-0	3-4-7	2	0	1	5	0	10
11-13	Valparaiso	1-1	24	4-11	0-0	2-2	0-3-3	5-1	0	0	3	0	10
11-17	Bradley	1-1	26	4-7	0-0	2-2	2-5-7	2	0	0	3	0	10
11-22	Chicago State	1-1	25	2-5	0-0	2-2	4-5-9	3	0	1	2	0	6
11-26	at UNLV	1-1	24	5-7	2-3	0-0	1-2-3	3	1	0	2	1	12
11-29	IPFW	1-1	35	3-11	0-3	0-2	0-7-7	2	1	1	1	1	6
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-1	29	4-11	0-1	1-1	2-2-4	4	1	3	2	0	9
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
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2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

EGWU'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	32-3	313-9.8	27-57/.474	0-0/.000	6-13/.462	21-27-48/1.5	61-2	6	22	20	6	60-1.9
2012-13	36-35	913-25.4	103-224/.460	1-6/.167	28-44/.636	78-97-175/4.9	110-8	19	37	49	23	235-6.5
2013-14	8-8	216-27.0	31-66/.470	2-7/.286	9-14/.643	19-31-50/6.3	21-1	3	7	20	2	73-9.1
TOTAL	76-46	1442-19.0	161-347/.464	3-13/.231	43-71/.606	118-155-273/3.6	192-11	28	66	89	31	368-4.8

EGWU'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 35, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

Season: 35 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

POINTS

Career: 16 vs. Ohio State (1/5/13)

Season: 12 at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 7, twice; last vs. Wisconsin (2/3/13)

Season: 5, twice; last at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 14 vs. Wisconsin (2/3/13)

Season: 11, 3 times; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 2 at UNLV (11/26/13)

Season: 2 at UNLV (11/26/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 3, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

Season: 3, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

FREE THROWS

Career: 3, twice; last vs. Penn State (2/21/13)

Season: 2, 4 times; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 5 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

Season: 5 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

REBOUNDS

Career: 12 vs. Miami (3/24/13)

Season: 10 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

ASSISTS

Career: 3 vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) (11/12/12)

Season: 1, 3 times; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

BLOCKS

Career: 5, twice; last vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)

Season: 5 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

STEALS

Career: 3, twice; last vs. Northwestern (1/17/13)

Season: 1, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)



33 JON EKEY

GRADUATE STUDENT // FORWARD // 6-7 // 225
INDEPENDENCE, MO. // CHRISMAN H.S. // ILLINOIS STATE

2013-14 Notes: Leads the team in rebounding (6.6 rpg) and fifth in scoring (8.3 ppg) ... Grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds (eight offensive) vs. Valparaiso, marking the most by an Illini under coach Groce ... Scored a season-high 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including 5-of-7 from distance, vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Matched season-high with 19 points, including five three-pointers, vs. Chicago State (11/22).

Career Notes: Born Dec. 7, 1990 ... Enrolled in the UI master's program in recreation, sport and tourism ... Earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Illinois State in May 2013 ... Totaled 668 points and 432 rebounds in 99 games over three seasons at Illinois State and was a career 36.5-percent 3-point shooter ... Ranked sixth on the ISU all-time blocked shots list with 110 ... Started 18 games last season, averaging 6.5 points and 4.2 rebounds ... Season-high 18 points vs. Morgan State (12/18/12) ... Started 32 of 35 games as a sophomore, posting career-high averages of 9.0 points and 4.9 rebounds ... Shot nearly 41 percent from 3-point range ... Scored in double figures 16 times, led by a pair of season-high 19-point outings vs. Chicago State (11/30/11) and Oakland (2/18/12) ... Earned Cancun Challenge All-Tournament Team honors after registering 14 points vs. Illinois in the title game (11/23/11) ... Averaged 4.6 points and 4.0 rebounds as a redshirt-freshman and led Missouri Valley in blocked shots with 52 ... Scored a career-high 22 points against UNC-Wilmington (12/20/10).

EKEY'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-1	24	0-5	0-4	2-3	1-3-4	1	0	1	0	1	2
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-1	18	2-7	1-4	2-2	2-2-4	2	1	1	0	1	7
11-13	Valparaiso	1-1	27	2-7	2-4	0-0	8-7-15	4	0	0	1	0	6
11-17	Bradley	1-1	27	7-10	5-7	0-0	4-3-7	3	0	1	0	0	19
11-22	Chicago State	1-1	27	7-10	5-8	0-0	3-3-6	4	0	1	0	0	19
11-26	at UNLV	1-1	28	1-6	1-5	0-0	1-3-4	2	0	2	0	0	3
11-29	IPFW	1-1	36	2-7	1-6	0-0	1-3-4	1	0	0	2	0	5
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-1	31	2-6	1-4	0-0	3-6-9	4	0	0	1	0	5
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
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2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

EKEY'S UI CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 36 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

POINTS

Season: 19, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 7, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 10, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 5, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 8 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FREE THROWS

Season: 2, twice; last vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 3 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 15 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 1 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 2 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

STEALS

Season: 1, twice; last vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)

EKEY'S CAREER STATISTICS AT ILLINOIS STATE

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2009-10		DNP - Redshirt										
2010-11	31-25	667-21.5	52-132/.394	22-73/.301	16-24/.667	31-94-125/4.0	56-0	40	28	52	21	142-4.6
2011-12	35-32	1022-29.2	114-244/.467	59-145/.407	27-35/.771	38-132-170/4.9	75-0	51	22	24	21	314-9.0
2012-13	33-18	755-22.9	79-177/.446	31-89/.348	23-28/.821	46-91-137/4.2	75-2	31	23	34	28	212-6.4
TOTAL	99-75	2444-24.7	245-553/.443	112-307/.365	66-87/.759	115-317-432/4.4	206-2	122	73	110	70	668-6.7

EKEY'S UI CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	8-8	218-27.3	23-58/.397	16-42/.381	4-5/.800	23-30-53/6.6	21-0	1	6	4	2	66-8.3



21 MALCOLM HILL

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BELLEVILLE, ILL. // BELLEVILLE EAST H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Seven points and six rebounds in 15 minutes in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Four points and a season-high six rebounds vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Had four points on 4-of-4 shooting at the free throw line vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... All five points vs. Bradley (11/17) came at the free throw line ... Four points vs. Chicago State (11/22).

Career Notes: Born Oct. 26, 1995 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Consensus national top-75 recruit averaged 25.3 points, 6.1 rebounds 2.3 steals and 1.9 blocks as a senior at Belleville East ... Finished third in voting for Illinois Mr. Basketball ... First-team All-State selection ... *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* All-Metro Player of the Year and first-team All-Metro ... *Belleville News-Democrat* Player of the Year ... Belleville East's all-time leading scorer with 2,067 career points ... Set school single-season scoring record with 708 points, breaking his own record set as a junior (666 points).

HILL'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 17 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

POINTS

Season: 7 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 7 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FREE THROWS

Season: 5, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 6, three times; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 6, twice; last vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 2 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 1, 3 times; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

STEALS

Season: 0

HILL'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	15	1-4	0-2	5-6	1-5-6	4	2	1	0	0	7
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	17	1-7	0-1	2-6	1-5-6	0	1	0	0	0	4
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	14	0-2	0-1	4-4	0-1-1	1	0	0	1	0	4
11-17	Bradley	1-0	13	0-1	0-0	5-6	2-2-4	1	0	2	1	0	5
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	11	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	1	0	0	4
11-26	at UNLV	1-0	12	0-2	0-1	2-2	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	0	2
11-29	IPFW	1-0	9	0-1	0-0	1-2	2-3-5	0	1	2	0	0	1
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-0	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	1	0	2
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

HILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	8-0	97-12.1	5-22/.227	0-7/.000	19-26/.731	6-18-24/3.0	6-0	5	8	3	0	29-3.6



10 MIKE LATULIP

SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-1 // 170
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL. // PROSPECT H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Six points and career-high 2 three-pointers in opener vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Three points vs. Jacksonville State (11/10).

Career Notes: Born Dec. 7, 1993 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Played in 16 games last season ... Made 4-of-11 shots from the field, including 3-of-9 from 3-point land, and a perfect 8-for-8 at the line ... Scored career-high seven points in eight minutes vs. St. Francis-N.Y. (11/12/11) ... Prospect High School's all-time leading scorer with 1,484 points ... Averaged 22 points, four assists and 2.7 rebounds as a senior ... Made 75 three-pointers on the season while shooting 38.5 percent from behind the arc ... Scored a career-high 44 points and hit seven three-pointers vs. Buffalo Grove (2/10/12).

LATULIP'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	13	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-1-1	4	1	0	0	1	6
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	8	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Bradley	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-26	at UNLV		DNP										
11-29	IPFW	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12-3	at Georgia Tech		DNP										
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

LATULIP'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2012-13	16-0	38-2.4	4-11/.364	3-9/.333	8-8/1.000	0-2-2/0.1	3-0	0	1	0	0	19-1.2
2013-14	6-0	29-4.8	3-4/.750	3-4/.750	0-2/.000	0-3-3/0.5	5-0	2	0	0	1	9-1.5
TOTAL	22-0	67-3.0	7-15/.467	6-13/.462	8-10/.800	0-5-5/0.2	8-0	2	1	0	1	28-1.3

LATULIP'S CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

MINUTES

Career: 13 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
Season: 13 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

POINTS

Career: 7 vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) (11/12)
Season: 6 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

FIELD GOALS

Career: 2, twice; last vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
Season: 2 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 4 vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) (11/12)
Season: 3 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Career: 2 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
Season: 2 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Career: 3, twice; last vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
Season: 3 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

FREE THROWS

Career: 2, four times; last at Wisconsin (1/12)
Season: 0

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Career: 2, five times; last vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
Season: 2 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

REBOUNDS

Career: 2 vs. Chaminade (11/20)
Season: 1, 3 times; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

ASSISTS

Career: 1, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
Season: 1, twice; last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

BLOCKS

Career: 0
Season: 0

STEALS

Career: 1 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
Season: 1 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)



22 MAVERICK MORGAN

FRESHMAN // CENTER // 6-10 // 250

SPRINGBORO, OHIO // SPRINGBORO H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Two points and two rebounds in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Two points and a rebound vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Hit first free throw and had an assist vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Had a block vs. Chicago State (11/22) ... Four points and a season-high four rebounds at UNLV (11/26) ... First career steal and assist at Georgia Tech (12/3).

Personal Notes: Born Aug. 28, 1994 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Averaged 24.7 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocks last year at Springboro, shooting 61.7 percent from the field ... Ohio Division I Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association ... First-team All-Ohio and All-Southwest District ... First-team Greater Western Ohio All-Conference ... Scored career-high 37 points versus Carroll (12/22/12).

MORGAN'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 13 vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)

POINTS

Season: 4 at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 2 at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 3, twice; last at UNLV (11/26/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 0

FREE THROWS

Season: 2 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 4 at UNLV (11/26/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 1 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 1, 5 times; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

STEALS

Season: 1 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

MORGAN'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	1	0	2
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	1	1	0	0
11-17	Bradley	1-0	7	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	3	0	1	0	0	1
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11-26	at UNLV	1-0	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	3-1-4	2	0	1	1	0	4
11-29	IPFW	1-0	5	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	2
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	1	1	1	1	0
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
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1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

MORGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	8-0	60-7.5	4-10/.400	0-0/.000	3-4/.750	6-4-10/1.3	10-0	1	5	5	1	11-1.4



25 KENDRICK NUNN

FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-3 // 180

CHICAGO, ILL. // SIMEON H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Two points, two assists and one rebound in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... Two points and a rebound vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Knocked down the first two three-pointers of his Illini career and had season highs in points (8), rebounds (4) and assists (3) vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Four points vs. Chicago State (11/22) ... Five points at Georgia Tech (12/3).

Personal Notes: Born Aug. 3, 1995 ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (general curriculum) ... Consensus national top-75 recruit ... Helped lead Simeon to four straight state championships, equaling the IHSA's record for consecutive titles ... Averaged 14.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists as a senior, earning first-team All-State by the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... Member of the USA Basketball Team that won a gold medal at the 2012 FIBA U17 World Championships in Lithuania ... Also competed for USA Basketball in 2011, winning a gold medal at the FIBA Americas U16 Championships in Mexico.

NUNN'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 13, three times; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

POINTS

Season: 8 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 3 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 7 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 2 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 4 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FREE THROWS

Season: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 2 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 4 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 3 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 1 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

STEALS

Season: 1 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

NUNN'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	13	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	3	0	1	2
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	3	0	0	0	0	2
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-17	Bradley	1-0	13	3-7	2-4	0-0	1-3-4	1	3	1	0	0	8
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	7	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	4
11-26	at UNLV	1-0	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	2
11-29	IPFW	1-0	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	2	1	0	0
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-0	10	2-4	1-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	5
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

NUNN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	8-0	70-8.8	9-20/.450	4-10/.400	1-2/.500	2-8-10/1.3	6-0	5	7	1	1	23-2.9



24 RAYVONTE RICE

REDSHIRT JUNIOR // GUARD // 6-4 // 235
CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // CENTENNIAL H.S. // DRAKE

2013-14 Notes: Leads the Illini in scoring at 18.0 ppg, second in field goal percentage at 48.1 percent (51-of-106) and fourth in rebounding at 5.9 rpg ... Game-high 22 points with nine rebounds in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting in 18 minutes vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Led the Illini in scoring for a second time with a game-high 18 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had three assists vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... Tallied 13 points, seven rebounds and a season-high five assists vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Recorded first double-double as an Illini with a season-high 25 points and 10 rebounds, including game-winning layup, at UNLV (11/26) ... Notched a game-high 17 points and sealed the victory vs. IPFW (11/29) with a steal and two free throws with seven seconds left ... Named Big Ten Player of the Week (12/2) after averaging 21.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game in wins at UNLV and IPFW ... Game-high 24 points at Georgia Tech (12/3).

Career Notes: Born July 14, 1992 ... Majoring in sociology ... Sat out last season per NCAA transfer rules ... Played in 64 career games during two seasons at Drake, starting 62 times ... Totaled 983 points and 339 rebounds ... Second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference pick in 2012 ... Led Drake and ranked third in the MVC in scoring as a sophomore, averaging 16.8 points ... Second on the team with average of 5.8 rebounds ... Led the MVC in steals at 1.9 per game ... Scored a career-high 29 points vs. Central Arkansas on (12/21/11) ... Collected a career-high 14 rebounds vs. Wichita State on (1/28/12) ... Missouri Valley All-Freshman Team and All-Newcomer Team selection in 2011 ... Set Drake freshman scoring record with 428 points (13.8 ppg).

RICE'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-1	26	6-12	1-5	9-10	2-7-9	1	1	1	0	0	22
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-1	18	5-8	1-2	2-2	2-0-2	3	0	0	1	0	13
11-13	Valparaiso	1-1	32	7-14	1-4	3-3	3-5-8	2	3	0	0	0	18
11-17	Bradley	1-1	29	6-14	0-6	1-3	4-3-7	3	5	1	1	1	13
11-22	Chicago State	1-1	33	4-10	2-5	2-4	1-1-2	1	2	2	0	2	12
11-26	at UNLV	1-1	38	9-20	3-6	4-4	3-7-10	3	1	2	0	4	25
11-29	IPFW	1-1	36	6-13	2-5	3-5	3-3-6	3	0	2	0	2	17
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-1	37	8-15	3-9	5-7	0-3-3	2	3	1	2	2	24
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-8	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

RICE'S UI CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 38 at UNLV (11/26/13)

POINTS

Season: 25 at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 9 at UNLV (11/26/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 20 at UNLV (11/26/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 3, twice; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/3)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 9 at Georgia Tech (12/3/3)

FREE THROWS

Season: 9 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 10 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 10 at UNLV (11/26/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 5 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 2 at Georgia Tech (12/3/3)

STEALS

Season: 4 at UNLV (11/26/13)

RICE'S CAREER STATISTICS AT DRAKE

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2010-11	31-31	934-30.1	143-356/.402	39-132/.295	103-148/.696	37-112-149/4.8	84-1	51	61	26	42	428-13.8
2011-12	33-31	1,101-33.4	190-436/.436	27-112/.241	148-209/.708	42-148-190/5.8	103-4	52	83	25	63	555-16.8
Totals	64-62	2,035-31.8	333-792/.420	66-244/.270	251-357/.703	79-260-339/5.3	187-5	103	144	51	105	983-15.4

RICE'S UI CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2012-13		DNP - Transfer										
2013-14	8-8	249-31.1	51-106/.481	13-42/.310	29-38/.763	18-29-47/5.9	18-0	15	9	4	11	144-18.0



1 JAYLON TATE

FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-3 // 160

CHICAGO, ILL. // SIMEON H.S.

2013-14 Notes: Leads the Illini in assists at 3.9 apg ... Two points, two assists and one steal in Illini debut vs. Alabama State (11/8) ... 10 points and team-high eight assists vs. Jacksonville State (11/10) ... Grabbed first rebound as an Illini vs. Valparaiso (11/13) ... Six assists, four points and a season-high three rebounds vs. Bradley (11/17) ... Five assists at UNLV (11/26) and at Georgia Tech (12/3).

Career Notes: Born Jan. 16, 1995 ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (general curriculum) ... Helped lead Simeon to a record of 30-3 and IHSA state title as a senior, averaging 8.3 points and leading the Wolverines in assists with an average of 7.3 apg ... Second-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

TATE'S CAREER HIGHS

MINUTES

Season: 25 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

POINTS

Season: 10 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FIELD GOALS

Season: 3 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 5, twice; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Season: 0

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

Season: 3 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

FREE THROWS

Season: 4 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

Season: 5 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

REBOUNDS

Season: 3 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)

ASSISTS

Season: 8 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

BLOCKS

Season: 2 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)

STEALS

Season: 1, 3 times; last vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

TATE'S 2013-14 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	TO	B	S	PTS
11-8	Alabama State	1-0	18	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	2	0	0	1	2
11-10	Jacksonville State	1-0	25	3-3	0-0	4-5	0-0-0	2	8	1	2	0	10
11-13	Valparaiso	1-0	14	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	2	1	1	0	1	0
11-17	Bradley	1-0	23	1-5	0-3	2-3	1-2-3	0	6	1	0	0	4
11-22	Chicago State	1-0	18	2-5	0-1	2-2	0-0-0	2	1	1	0	1	6
11-26	at UNLV	1-0	20	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	5	1	0	0	0
11-29	IPFW	1-0	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	3	1	0	0	0
12-3	at Georgia Tech	1-0	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	5	0	0	0	0
12-8	vs. Auburn												
12-10	Dartmouth												
12-14	vs. Oregon												
12-21	vs. Missouri												
12-28	vs. UIC												
12-31	Indiana												
1-4	Penn State												
1-8	at Wisconsin												
1-12	at Northwestern												
1-15	Purdue												
1-18	Michigan State												
1-23	at Ohio State												
1-26	at Indiana												
2-1	Iowa												
2-4	Wisconsin												
2-9	at Penn State												
2-12	at Nebraska												
2-15	Ohio State												
2-19	at Minnesota												
2-26	Nebraska												
3-1	at Michigan State												
3-4	Michigan												
3-8/9	at Iowa												

TATE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2013-14	8-0	145-18.1	7-24/.292	0-7/.000	8-10/.800	2-6-8/1.0	9-0	31	6	2	3	22-2.8



11 AARON COSBY

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LOUISVILLE, KY. // NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON (MASS.) PREP // SETON HALL

Career Notes: Born July 31, 1992 ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Will sit out this season per NCAA transfer rules and then have two years of eligibility remaining with the Illini ... Played in 65 career games during two years at Seton Hall, starting 58 times ... Totaled 659 points (10.1 ppg) and shot 38.8 percent from 3-point range (132-340) ... Started 27 of 31 games last season, ranking second on the team in scoring with an average of 12.6 points ... Scored in double figures in 21 games, with six 20-plus point performances ... Career-high 25 points vs. Connecticut (2/10/13) ... Shot 40 percent from behind the arc (66-165), ranking sixth in the Big East in 3-point percentage ... Second on the team in assists with a 3.0 average ... Set career high with five 3-pointers at Notre Dame (15/5/13) ... Started 31 of 34 games as a freshman, averaging 7.9 points and earning Seton Hall Freshman Athlete of the Year honors ... Also made 66 three-pointers as a rookie, shooting 37.7 percent from long distance.

COSBY'S CAREER STATISTICS AT SETON HALL

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2011-12	34-31	1015-29.9	89-241/.369	66-175/.377	24-42/.571	17-51-68/2.0	43-0	48	42	2	22	268-7.9
2012-13	31-27	967-31.2	123-289/.426	66-165/.400	79-105/.752	14-64-78/2.5	48-1	92	87	1	13	391-12.6
TOTAL	65-58	1982-30.5	212-530/.400	132-340/.388	103-147/.701	31-115-146/2.2	91-1	140	129	3	35	659-10.1



35 DARIUS PAUL

SOPHOMORE // FORWARD // 6-8 // 220

GURNEE, ILL. // GURNEE H.S. // WESTERN MICHIGAN

Career Notes: Born April 8, 1994 ... Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism ... Will sit out this season per NCAA transfer rules and then have three years of eligibility remaining with the Illini ... Started 33 of 35 games last season at Western Michigan, scoring in double figures 21 times and recording five double-doubles ... 2013 Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year after averaging 10.4 points and 5.7 rebounds ... Registered career highs in both scoring and rebounding at Toledo with a 27-point, 12-rebound performance (2/27/13) ... Helped lead WMU to 22 victories — its highest win total since 2004 — and a tie for first place in the MAC's West Division ... Younger brother of Brandon Paul, combo guard at Illinois from 2010-13 who is now playing professionally in Russia.

PAUL'S CAREER STATISTICS AT WESTERN MICHIGAN

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2012-13	35-33	868-24.8	139-298/.466	10-44/.227	77-117/.658	91-107-198/5.7	88-1	58	74	13	17	365-10.4



3 AHMAD STARKS

SENIOR // GUARD // 5-9 // 170

CHICAGO, ILL. // WHITNEY YOUNG H.S. // OREGON STATE

Career Notes: Born Sept. 11, 1992 ... Majoring in agricultural science education ... Will sit out this season per NCAA transfer rules after his undergraduate hardship waiver request was denied, and then have one year of eligibility remaining with the Illini ... Career double-figure scorer during three years at Oregon State, averaging 10.2 points in 97 games ... Totaled 991 points, finishing his OSU career just nine points shy of 1,000 ... Oregon State's all-time leader in 3-point field goals with 185 ... Started 27 of 32 games last season, averaging 10.4 points, 2.3 assists and 2.0 steals ... Shot 39.5 percent from behind the arc (64-162), ranking sixth in the Pac-12 in 3-point percentage ... Scored a career-high 33 points against New Mexico State (11/11/12) ... Tied an OSU school record with a career-high seven 3-pointers en route to a 25-point effort at Kansas (11/30/12) ... Averaged a career-high 12.1 points as a sophomore ... Started 35 games and scored in double figures 24 times ... Shot 37.1 percent from behind the arc and made 79 three-pointers, ranking second on the all-time OSU single-season list ... Played in 30 games as a freshman, averaging 7.8 points.

STARKS' CAREER STATISTICS AT OREGON STATE

Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A%	3PM-A%	FTM-A%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	PTS-Avg
2010-11	30-11	660-22.0	84-236/.394	42-130/.323	24-28/.857	6-22-28/0.9	43-0	46	37	0	18	234-7.8
2011-12	35-35	1087-31.1	154-389/.467	79-213/.371	38-43/.884	7-72-79/2.3	73-0	96	49	0	58	425-12.1
2012-13	32-27	937-29.3	116-296/.446	64-162/.395	36-43/.837	6-59-65/2.0	54-0	74	44	1	33	332-10.4
TOTAL	97-73	2684-27.7	354-921/.384	185-505/.366	98-114/.860	19-153-172/1.8	170-0	216	130	1	109	991-10.2

2013-14 OVERALL STATISTICS



2013-14 Illinois Basketball Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 03, 2013) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-1	6-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-1	6-0	1-1	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
24	Rice, Rayvonte	8-8	249	31.1	51-106	.481	13-42	.310	29-38	.763	18	29	47	5.9	18	0	15	9	4	11	144	18.0
02	Bertrand, Joseph	8-8	233	29.1	34-63	.540	7-11	.636	17-26	.654	20	32	52	6.5	17	0	10	15	0	4	92	11.5
13	Abrams, Tracy	8-8	223	27.9	26-84	.310	4-26	.154	29-41	.707	2	29	31	3.9	14	0	23	16	4	11	85	10.6
32	Egwu, Nnanna	8-8	216	27.0	31-66	.470	2-7	.286	9-14	.643	19	31	50	6.3	21	1	3	7	20	2	73	9.1
33	Ekey, Jon	8-8	218	27.3	23-58	.397	16-42	.381	4-5	.800	23	30	53	6.6	21	0	1	6	4	2	66	8.3
21	Hill, Malcolm	8-0	97	12.1	5-22	.227	0-7	.000	19-26	.731	6	18	24	3.0	6	0	5	8	3	0	29	3.6
25	Nunn, Kendrick	8-0	70	8.8	9-20	.450	4-10	.400	1-2	.500	2	8	10	1.3	6	0	5	7	1	1	23	2.9
01	Tate, Jaylon	8-0	145	18.1	7-24	.292	0-7	.000	8-10	.800	2	6	8	1.0	9	0	31	6	2	3	22	2.8
31	Colbert, Austin	7-0	60	8.6	8-17	.471	0-2	.000	0-3	.000	4	6	10	1.4	4	0	1	3	1	0	16	2.3
10	LaTulip, Mike	6-0	29	4.8	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-2	.000	0	3	3	0.5	5	0	2	0	0	1	9	1.5
22	Morgan, Maverick	8-0	60	7.5	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	6	4	10	1.3	10	0	1	5	5	1	11	1.4
Team											17	15	32					4				
Total.....		8	1600		201-474	.424	49-158	.310	119-171	.696	119	211	330	41.2	131	1	97	86	44	36	570	71.2
Opponents.....		8	1600		169-457	.370	46-142	.324	82-131	.626	92	173	265	33.1	144	-	69	87	28	37	466	58.2

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	570	466	11/08/13	ALABAMA STATE	w 80-63	15271
Points per game	71.2	58.2	11/10/13	JACKSONVILLE STATE	w 86-62	13506
Scoring margin	+13.0	-	11/13/13	VALPARAISO	w 64-52	13504
FIELD GOALS-ATT	201-474	169-457	11/17/13	BRADLEY	w 81-55	15849
Field goal pct	.424	.370	11/22/13	CHICAGO STATE	w 77-53	15488
3 POINT FG-ATT	49-158	46-142	11/26/13	at UNLV	w 61-59	13747
3-point FG pct	.310	.324	11/29/13	IPFW	w 57-55	15638
3-pt FG made per game	6.1	5.8	12/3/13	at Georgia Tech	L 64-67	6516
FREE THROWS-ATT	119-171	82-131	* - Conference game			
Free throw pct	.696	.626				
F-Throws made per game	14.9	10.3				
REBOUNDS	330	265				
Rebounds per game	41.2	33.1				
Rebounding margin	+8.1	-				
ASSISTS	97	69				
Assists per game	12.1	8.6				
TURNOVERS	86	87				
Turnovers per game	10.8	10.9				
Turnover margin	+0.1	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8				
STEALS	36	37				
Steals per game	4.5	4.6				
BLOCKS	44	28				
Blocks per game	5.5	3.5				
ATTENDANCE	89256	20263				
Home games-Avg/Game	6-14876	2-10132				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Illinois	269	301	570
Opponents	233	233	466

2013-14 RESULTS / ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HIGH POINTS</u>	<u>HIGH REBOUNDS</u>
Nov. 8	Alabama State	W, 80-63	15,271	22 - Rice	10 - Egwu
Nov. 10	Jacksonville State	W, 86-62	13,506	20 - Bertrand	10 - Bertrand
Nov. 13	Valparaiso	W, 64-52	13,504	18 - Rice	15 - Ekey
Nov. 17	Bradley	W, 81-55	15,849	19 - Ekey	8 - Abrams
Nov. 22	Chicago State	W, 77-53	15,488	19 - Ekey	9 - Egwu
Nov. 26	at UNLV	W, 61-59	13,747	25 - Rice	10 - Rice
Nov. 29	IPFW	W, 57-55	15,638	17 - Rice	7 - Egwu
Dec. 3	at Georgia Tech	L, 64-67	6,516	24 - Rice	9 - Ekey
Dec. 8	vs. Auburn				
Dec. 10	Dartmouth				
Dec. 14	vs. Oregon				
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri				
Dec. 28	vs. UIC				
Dec. 31	Indiana				
Jan. 4	Penn State				
Jan. 8	at Wisconsin				
Jan. 12	at Northwestern				
Jan. 15	Purdue				
Jan. 18	Michigan State				
Jan. 23	at Ohio State				
Jan. 26	at Indiana				
Feb. 1	Iowa				
Feb. 4	Wisconsin				
Feb. 9	at Penn State				
Feb. 12	at Nebraska				
Feb. 15	Ohio State				
Feb. 19	at Minnesota				
Feb. 26	Nebraska				
March 1	at Michigan State				
March 4	Michigan				
March 8/9	at Iowa				
March 13-16	at Big Ten Tournament				

** sold out*

ATTENDANCE					
	Games	Totals	Average	High Game	Sellouts
HOME	6	89,256	14,876	15,849	0
AWAY	2	20,263	10,132	13,747	0
NEUTRAL					
TOTALS	8	109,519	13,690	15,849	0

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	GAME	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR—TOT	PF	AS	TO	BK	ST	PTS (1st-2nd-OT)
Nov. 8	Illinois	27-61/.443	4-20/.200	22-30/.733	20-32-52	17	14	15	2	4	80 (40-40)
	Alabama State	23-66/.348	9-21/.429	8-13/.615	10-18-28	20	8	7	3	8	63 (26-37)
Nov. 10	Illinois	32-61/.525	4-12/.333	18-28/.643	14-23-37	19	14	5	11	2	86 (40-46)
	Jacksonville State	23-70/.329	4-20/.200	12-23/.522	25-19-44	20	8	8	2	2	62 (27-35)
Nov. 13	Illinois	21-66/.318	5-18/.278	17-23/.739	18-31-49	17	9	8	8	3	64 (33-31)
	Valparaiso	17-52/.327	7-18/.389	11-20/.550	9-27-36	20	7	12	5	4	52 (25-27)
Nov. 17	Illinois	28-59/.475	10-25/.400	15-21/.714	19-30-49	16	19	12	5	4	81 (34-47)
	Bradley	21-59/.356	2-13/.154	11-13/.846	9-16-25	20	8	7	3	6	55 (19-36)
Nov. 22	Illinois	26-54/.481	9-21/.429	16-22/.727	14-25-39	13	11	10	4	6	77 (33-44)
	Chicago State	18-45/.400	7-20/.350	10-14/.714	4-16-20	19	8	13	2	4	53 (26-27)
Nov. 26	Illinois	24- 67 /.358	6-18/.333	7-9/.778	15-26-41	14	11	11	3	7	61 (29-32)
	at UNLV	21-56/.375	4-14/.286	13-16/.813	10-30-40	10	8	13	9	4	59 (39-20)
Nov. 29	Illinois	20-51/.392	4-21/.190	13-23/.565	10-23-33	16	6	14	4	7	57 (27-30)
	IPFW	23-53/.434	7-17/.412	2-13/.154	13-26-39	23	9	18	2	7	55 (35-20)
Dec. 3	Illinois	23-55/.418	7-23/.304	11-15/.733	9-21-30	19	13	11	7	3	64 (33-31)
	at Georgia Tech	23-56/.411	6-19/.316	15-19/.789	12-21-33	12	13	9	2	2	67 (36-31)
Dec. 8	Illinois vs. Auburn										
Dec. 10	Illinois Dartmouth										
Dec. 14	Illinois vs. Oregon										
Dec. 21	Illinois vs. Missouri										
Dec. 28	Illinois vs. UIC										
Dec. 31	Illinois Indiana										
Jan. 4	Illinois Penn State										
Jan. 8	Illinois at Wisconsin										
Jan. 12	Illinois at Northwestern										
Jan. 15	Illinois Purdue										
Jan. 18	Illinois Michigan State										
Jan. 23	Illinois at Ohio State										
Jan. 26	Illinois at Indiana										
Feb. 1	Illinois Iowa										
Feb. 4	Illinois Wisconsin										
Feb. 9	Illinois at Penn State										
Feb. 12	Illinois at Nebraska										
Feb. 15	Illinois Ohio State										
Feb. 19	Illinois at Minnesota										
Feb. 26	Illinois Nebraska										
March 1	Illinois at Michigan State										
March 4	Illinois Nebraska										
March 8/9	Illinois at Iowa										

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

ILLINOIS

POINTS	HIGHS	LOWS
FIRST-HALF POINTS	86 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	57 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
SECOND-HALF POINTS	40, twice; last vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	27 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
OVERTIME POINTS	47 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	30 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
WINNING MARGIN	N/A	
FIELD GOALS	26 (81-55) vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	2, twice; last (57-55) vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	32 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	20 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	67 at UNLV (11/26/13)	51 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	.525 (32-61) vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	.318 (21-66) vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPS	10 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	4, three times; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	25 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	12 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
FREE THROWS	.429 (9-21) vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)	.190 (4-21) vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
FREE THROW ATTEMPS	22 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	11 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	30 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	15 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
REBOUNDS	.778 (7-9) at UNLV (11/26/13)	.565 (13-23) vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	52 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	30 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	20 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	9 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
PERSONAL FOULS	32 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	21 at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
ASSISTS	19, twice; last at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	13 vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
TURNOVERS	19 vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	6 vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
BLOCKED SHOTS	15 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)	5 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
STEALS	11 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	2 vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
LARGEST LEAD	7, twice; last vs. IPFW (11/29/13)	2 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
LARGEST DEFICIT	29 (84-55) vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	
LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME IN A WIN	11 (24-35) vs. IPFW (11/29/13)	
LARGEST LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	11 (24-35) vs. IPFW (11/29/13)	
LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD	12 (60-48) at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	
LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT	15 (34-19) vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	
LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT OVERCOME IN A WIN	10 (29-39) at UNLV (11/26/13)	
LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	10 (29-39) at UNLV (11/26/13)	
	N/A	

OPPONENTS

POINTS	HIGHS	LOWS
FIRST-HALF POINTS	67, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	52, Valparaiso (11/13/13)
SECOND-HALF POINTS	39, UNLV (11/26/13)	19, Bradley (11/17/13)
OVERTIME POINTS	37, Alabama State (11/8/13)	20, twice; last, IPFW (11/29/13)
WINNING MARGIN	N/A	
FIELD GOALS	3 (67-64), Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	23, four times; last, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	17, Valparaiso (11/13/13)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	70, Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	45, Chicago State (11/22/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	.434 (23-53), IPFW (11/29/13)	.327 (17-52), Valparaiso (11/13/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPS	9, Alabama State (11/8/13)	2, Bradley (11/17/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	21, Alabama State (11/8/13)	13, Bradley (11/17/13)
FREE THROWS	.429 (9-21), Alabama State (11/8/13)	.154 (2-13), Bradley (11/17/13)
FREE THROW ATTEMPS	15, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	2, IPFW (11/29/13)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	23, Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	13, three times; last, IPFW (11/29/13)
REBOUNDS	.846 (11-13), Bradley (11/17/13)	.154 (2-13), IPFW (11/29/13)
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	44, Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	20, Chicago State (11/22/13)
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	25, Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	4, Chicago State (11/22/13)
PERSONAL FOULS	30, UNLV (11/26/13)	16, twice; last, Chicago State (11/22/13)
ASSISTS	23, IPFW (11/29/13)	10, UNLV (11/26/13)
TURNOVERS	13, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)	7, Valparaiso (11/13/13)
BLOCKED SHOTS	18, IPFW (11/29/13)	7, twice; last, Bradley (11/17/13)
STEALS	9, UNLV (11/26/13)	2, four times; last, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
	8, Alabama State (11/8/13)	2, twice; last, Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

ILLINOIS HIGHS

POINTS	25, Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
FIELD GOALS	9, Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	20, Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	.778 (7-9), Joseph Bertrand vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	5, Jon Ekey vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
	5, Jon Ekey vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	9, Rayvonte Rice at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 4 ATT.)	.714 (5-7), Jon Ekey vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
FREE THROWS	9, Rayvonte Rice vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	10, Rayvonte Rice vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	.900 (9-10), Rayvonte Rice vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
REBOUNDS	15, Jon Ekey vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
ASSISTS	8, Jaylon Tate vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
TURNOVERS	4, Joseph Bertrand vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
BLOCKED SHOTS	5, Nnanna Ekwu vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
STEALS	4, Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
	4, Tracy Abrams vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
MINUTES	38, Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)

OPPONENT HIGHS

POINTS	27, Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
FIELD GOALS	9, Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
	9, Tyshon Pickett, Bradley (11/17/13)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	17, Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	.600 (9-15), Tyshon Pickett, Bradley (11/17/13)
	.600 (6-10), Robert Carter, Jr., Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS	4, Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	7, Luis Jacobo, IPFW (11/29/13)
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 4 ATT.)	.800 (4-5), Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
FREE THROWS	7, Robert Carter, Jr., Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	9, Jordan Coleman, Valparaiso (11/13/13)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 ATT.)	.875 (7-8), Robert Carter, Jr., Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
REBOUNDS	13, Roscoe Smith, UNLV (11/26/13)
ASSISTS	5, Jamel Waters, Alabama State (11/8/13)
TURNOVERS	6, Steve Forbes, IPFW (11/29/13)
BLOCKED SHOTS	4, Khem Birch, UNLV (11/26/13)
STEALS	4, Tyshon Pickett, Bradley (11/17/13)
MINUTES	39, Quinton Pippen, Chicago State (11/22/13)

ILLINOIS'

TOP INDIVIDUAL GAMES

POINTS

1. 25 Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
2. 24 Rayvonte Rice at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
3. 22 Rayvonte Rice vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
4. 20 . Joseph Bertrand vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)
5. 19 Jon Ekey vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
- 19 Jon Ekey vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)

REBOUNDS

1. 15 Jon Ekey vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
2. 10 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
- 10 . Joseph Bertrand vs. Jacksonville St. (11/10/13)
- 10 Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
5. 9 Rayvonte Rice vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
- 9 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
- 9 Jon Ekey at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

ASSISTS

1. 8 Jaylon Tate vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
2. 6 Jaylon Tate vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
3. 5 Rayvonte Rice vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
- 5 Tracy Abrams vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
- 5 Jaylon Tate at UNLV (11/26/13)
- 5 Jaylon Tate at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

BLOCKED SHOTS

1. 5 .. Nnanna Ekwu vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
2. 3 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
- 3 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
4. 2 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Alabama State (11/8/13)
- 2 Jaylon Tate vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)
- 2 Tracy Abrams vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
- 2 Nnanna Ekwu vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
- 2 Nnanna Ekwu at UNLV (11/26/13)
- 2 Jon Ekey vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
- 2 Nnanna Ekwu at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
- 2 Rayvonte Rice at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

STEALS

1. 4 Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
- 4 Tracy Abrams vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
3. 2 Tracy Abrams vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
- 2 Joseph Bertrand vs. Bradley (11/17/13)
- 2 Rayvonte Rice vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
- 2 ... Joseph Bertrand vs. Chicago State (11/22/13)
- 2 Tracy Abrams at UNLV (11/26/13)
- 2 Rayvonte Rice vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
- 2 Rayvonte Rice at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)

MINUTES

1. 38 Rayvonte Rice at UNLV (11/26/13)
2. 37 Rayvonte Rice at Georgia Tech (12/3/13)
3. 36 Rayvonte Rice vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
- 36 Jon Ekey vs. IPFW (11/29/13)
5. 35 Joseph Bertrand vs. Valparaiso (11/13/13)
- 35 Nnanna Ekwu vs. IPFW (11/29/13)

SPECIALTY STATISTICS

	OPPONENT	Pts in Paint (ILL-Opp.)	Pts off T0 (ILL-Opp.)	2nd Chance Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Fast Break Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Bench Pts (ILL-Opp.)	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Lead Changes	Ties
11-8	Alabama State	34-16	10-13	22-2	10-2	23-17	28 (73-45)	3 (2-5)	1	2
11-10	Jacksonville State	40-28	11-3	14-22	0-0	23-25	29 (84-55)	—	0	0
11-13	Valparaiso	20-14	14-7	11-4	0-4	4-12	14 (62-48)	—	0	1
11-17	Bradley	32-30	7-10	13-10	4-6	22-12	26 (57-31)	2 (0-2)	1	2
11-22	Chicago State	26-12	14-10	14-6	4-6	16-20	24 (77-53)	—	0	0
11-26	at UNLV	36-26	11-9	19-8	10-6	10-16	5 (13-8)	10 (29-39)	13	11
11-29	IPFW	22-28	20-15	8-9	0-6	3-28	7 (12-5)	11 (24-35)	17	6
12-3	at Georgia Tech	28-26	20-16	7-13	14-12	9-12	12 (60-48)	5 (37-42)	3	5
12-8	vs. Auburn									
12-10	Dartmouth									
12-14	vs. Oregon									
12-21	vs. Missouri									
12-28	vs. UIC									
12-31	Indiana									
1-4	Penn State									
1-8	at Wisconsin									
1-12	at Northwestern									
1-15	Purdue									
1-18	Michigan State									
1-23	at Ohio State									
1-26	at Indiana									
2-1	Iowa									
2-4	Wisconsin									
2-9	at Penn State									
2-12	at Nebraska									
2-15	Ohio State									
2-19	at Minnesota									
2-26	Nebraska									
3-1	at Michigan State									
3-4	Michigan									
3-8/9	at Iowa									
Totals		238-180	107-83	108-74	42-42	110-142	29	11	35	27
Average		29.8-22.5	13.4-10.4	13.5-9.3	5.3-5.3	13.8-17.8				
Margin		+7.3	+3.0	+4.2	0.0	-4.0				

GAME 1

ILLINOIS 80, ALABAMA STATE 63

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Alabama State 63 • 0-1

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off Def Tot							
02	Luther Page	f	2-6	0-0	1-2	0 1 1	3	5	0	2	0	1	28
04	Brandon Graham	f	1-6	1-4	0-0	1 0 1	5	3	0	0	1	1	14
22	Maurice Strong	f	3-11	0-1	1-3	4 5 9	3	7	0	2	0	1	30
03	DeMarcus Robinson	g	2-9	0-3	0-1	1 1 2	2	4	2	1	0	1	28
12	Jamel Waters	g	9-17	4-5	5-6	0 4 4	2	27	5	0	0	2	33
05	Bobby Brown	g	3-6	2-3	0-0	1 5 6	1	8	1	0	0	1	23
14	Tony Armstrong	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	1 2 3	3	0	0	1	1	0	14
20	Billy Ingram	g	1-4	1-3	0-0	0 0 0	1	3	0	0	1	1	16
30	Terrance LeFlore	g	2-5	1-2	1-1	1 0 1	0	6	0	1	0	0	14
Team						1 0 1							
Totals			23-66	9-21	8-13	10 18 28	20	63	8	7	3	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-30 30.0% 2nd half: 14-36 38.9% Game: 23-66 34.8%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 9-21 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 8-13 61.5%

Deadball
Rebounds
4

Illinois 80 • 1-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off Def Tot							
33	Ekey, Jon	f	0-5	0-4	2-3	1 3 4	1	2	0	1	0	1	24
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	4-6	0-0	2-5	7 3 10	0	10	0	1	2	0	23
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	6-9	0-0	2-2	3 5 8	2	14	2	4	0	0	24
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	3-10	1-4	2-4	1 4 5	2	9	3	2	0	0	23
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	6-12	1-5	9-10	2 7 9	1	22	1	1	0	0	26
01	Tate, Jaylon	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	1	2	2	0	0	1	18
10	LaTulip, Mike	g	2-3	2-3	0-0	0 1 1	4	6	1	0	0	1	13
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	1-4	0-2	5-6	1 5 6	4	7	2	1	0	0	15
22	Morgan, Maverick	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	0 2 2	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
25	Nunn, Kendrick	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	1	2	2	3	0	1	13
31	Colbert, Austin	g	2-3	0-0	0-0	1 0 1	0	4	1	2	0	0	10
Team						4 1 5							
Totals			27-61	4-20	22-30	20 32 52	17	80	14	15	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-39 38.5% 2nd half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 27-61 44.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-15 20.0% 2nd half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 4-20 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 15-20 75.0% Game: 22-30 73.3%

Deadball
Rebounds
4,2

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Alabama State	26	37	63
Illinois	40	40	80

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
ALST	16	13	2	2	17
ILL	16	10	2	2	23

Last FG - ALST 2nd-00:34, ILL 2nd-01:08.
 Largest lead - ALST by 3 1st-17:51, ILL by 28 2nd-05:15.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

GAME 3

ILLINOIS 64, VALPARAISO 52

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Valparaiso 52 • 2-1

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off Def Tot							
05	CAPOBIANCO, Bobby	f	2-5	2-2	0-0	2 1 3	4	6	1	5	0	0	22
25	PETERS, Alec	f	3-9	0-1	1-3	1 2 3	3	7	1	0	0	1	30
10	GUEYE, Moussa	c	0-1	0-0	0-0	1 1 2	3	0	0	3	3	2	19
02	COLEMAN, Jordan	g	4-11	2-6	5-9	2 6 8	2	15	2	3	1	0	33
04	DORITY, LaVonte	g	4-12	2-5	2-4	0 2 2	1	12	2	1	0	0	26
11	YEO, Clay	g	1-4	0-2	1-2	1 3 4	1	3	0	0	0	0	18
14	FERNANDEZ, Vashil	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	0 5 5	3	2	0	0	1	1	20
15	WILLIAMS, Lexus	g	1-7	1-2	2-2	1 3 4	3	5	1	0	0	0	26
22	DAVIDSON, Nick	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	ADEKOYA, Jubril	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
32	CHADWICK, David	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team						1 4 5							
Totals			17-52	7-18	11-20	9 27 36	20	52	7	12	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-21 33.3% 2nd half: 10-31 32.3% Game: 17-52 32.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 7-18 38.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-13 61.5% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 11-20 55.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
4,1

Illinois 64 • 3-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off Def Tot							
33	Ekey, Jon	f	2-7	2-4	0-0	8 7 15	4	6	0	0	1	0	27
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	4-11	0-0	2-2	0 3 3	5	10	0	0	3	0	35
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	4-10	2-3	4-6	2 4 6	3	14	1	3	0	0	24
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	4-16	0-4	4-6	0 5 5	0	12	4	3	2	2	33
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	7-14	1-4	3-3	3 5 8	2	18	3	0	0	0	32
01	Tate, Jaylon	g	0-3	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	2	0	1	1	0	1	14
10	LaTulip, Mike	g	0-0	0-0	0-2	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	0-2	0-1	4-4	0 1 1	1	4	0	0	1	0	14
22	Morgan, Maverick	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1 1 2	0	0	0	1	1	0	13
25	Nunn, Kendrick	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
31	Colbert, Austin	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team						4 3 7							
Totals			21-66	5-18	17-23	18 31 49	17	64	9	8	8	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-33 30.3% 2nd half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 21-66 31.8%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 5-18 27.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 9-12 75.0% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 17-23 73.9%

Deadball
Rebounds
5

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Valparaiso	25	27	52
Illinois	33	31	64

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
VALPO	14	7	4	4	12
ILL	20	14	11	0	4

Last FG - VALPO 2nd-00:11, ILL 2nd-00:49.
 Largest lead - VALPO None, ILL by 14 2nd-00:37.

Score tied - 1 time.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

GAME 2

ILLINOIS 86, JACKSONVILLE STATE 62

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Jacksonville State 62 • 0-2

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off Def Tot							
23	FELDER, D.J.	f	2-6	0-0	4-6	6 4 10	2	8	1	4	0	1	27
32	HUNTER, Jamal	c	1-2	0-0	0-0	1 0 1	4	2	0	0	1	0	13
11	RACKLEY, Darion	g	2-11	0-6	4-6	1 0 1	2	8	1	1	0	0	27
15	WHITE, Grant	g	2-6	0-0	3-4	0 3 3	1	7	1	1	0	0	24
21	WILLIAMS, Brian	g	5-15	2-5	0-2	0 3 3	0	12	1	0	0	1	33
02	MITCHEM, Undra	g	1-5	0-3	0-0	1 0 1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
05	SANDERS, Rico	g	2-6	1-4	0-1	2 2 4	3	5	0	0	0	0	18
20	SMITH, Giovanni	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
22	LOUDER, Michael	g	3-4	1-1	0-0	0 4 4	3	7	0	1	0	0	9
25	McREYNOLDS, Rod	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
31	CLEMMONS, Teraes	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	1 0 1	0	2	0	1	0	0	9
33	COOK, Nick	g	3-9	0-0	1-4	7 3 10	4	7	3	0	1	0	27
Team						6 0 6							
Totals			23-70	4-20	12-23	25 19 44	20	62	8	8	2	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd half: 15-42 35.7% Game: 23-70 32.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 4-20 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 10-15 66.7% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 12-23 52.2%

Deadball
Rebounds
8,1

Illinois 86 • 2-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
33	Ekey, Jon	f	2-7	1-4	2-2	2	2	4	2	7	1	1	0	1	18
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	5-8	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	2	10	0	1	5	0	30
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	7-9	0-0	6-8	4	6	10	2	20	3	1	0	0	33
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	5-11	1-3	2-3	0	1	1	3	13	1	1	1	1	25
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	5-8	1-2	2-2	2	0	2	3	13	0	0	1	0	18
01	Tate, Jaylon		3-3	0-0	4-5	0	0	0	2	10	8	1	2	0	25
10	LaTulip, Mike		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	8
21	Hill, Malcolm		1-7	0-1	2-6	1	5	6	0	4	1	0	0	0	17
22	Morgan, Maverick		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	5
25	Nunn, Kendrick		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	8
31	Colbert, Austin		1-4	0-1	0-2	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	13
Team						0	2	2							
Totals			32-61	4-12	18-28	14	23	37	19	86	14	5	11	2	200

GAME 5

ILLINOIS 77, CHICAGO STATE 53

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Chicago State 53 • 2-4

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
01	Denard, Eddie	f	1-4	0-1	3-6	0	5	5	3	5	1	1	0	0	29	
42	Ross, Matt	f	4-8	3-6	2-2	1	2	3	4	13	1	1	1	0	35	
10	Karis, Kurt	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	10	
32	Duhon, Nate	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	14	
33	Pippen, Quinton	g	4-12	1-6	0-0	0	2	2	3	9	3	4	1	1	39	
00	Gray, Corey		1-4	0-2	2-2	1	1	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	25	
03	Griffin, Johnny		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
11	Dimakos, Jared		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
21	Batson, Joshua		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
35	Rosenberg, Clarke		5-8	3-4	3-4	0	3	3	2	16	1	4	0	1	33	
44	Davis, Quon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	
45	Rosenthal, Willie		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Team						1	2	3								
Totals				18-45	7-20	10-14	4	16	20	19	53	8	13	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half:	9-22	40.9%	2nd half:	9-23	39.1%	Game:	18-45	40.0%	Deadball Rebounds 2
3FG % 1st Half:	4-11	36.4%	2nd half:	3-9	33.3%	Game:	7-20	35.0%	
FT % 1st Half:	4-4	100.0	2nd half:	6-10	60.0%	Game:	10-14	71.4%	

Illinois 77 • 5-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
33	Ekey, Jon	f	7-10	5-8	0-0	3	3	6	4	19	0	1	0	0	27	
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	2-5	0-0	2-2	4	5	9	3	6	0	1	2	0	25	
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	4-6	1-2	3-4	3	5	8	2	12	2	3	0	2	32	
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	3-11	0-2	6-8	0	4	4	0	12	5	1	1	1	30	
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	4-10	2-5	2-4	1	1	2	1	12	2	2	0	2	33	
01	Tate, Jaylon		2-5	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	2	6	1	1	0	1	18	
10	LaTulip, Mike		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
21	Hill, Malcolm		2-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	11	
22	Morgan, Maverick		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
25	Nunn, Kendrick		1-1	1-1	1-2	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	7	
31	Colbert, Austin		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	
Team						1	3	4								
Totals				26-54	9-21	16-22	14	25	39	13	77	11	10	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half:	12-26	46.2%	2nd half:	14-28	50.0%	Game:	26-54	48.1%	Deadball Rebounds 4
3FG % 1st Half:	3-8	37.5%	2nd half:	6-13	46.2%	Game:	9-21	42.9%	
FT % 1st Half:	6-7	85.7%	2nd half:	10-15	66.7%	Game:	16-22	72.7%	

Officials: Terry Oglesby, Johnny Wilkins, Donnie Olson
Technical fouls: Chicago State-None. Illinois-None.
Attendance: 15488

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Chicago State	26	27	53
Illinois	33	44	77

Last FG - CSUM 2nd-08:00, ILL 2nd-00:46.	Score tied - 0 times. Lead changed - 0 times.
Largest lead - CSUM None, ILL by 24 2nd-00:46.	

GAME 7

ILLINOIS 57, IPFW 55

NOV. 29, 2013 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

IPFW 55 • 6-3

#	Player		Total			3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FG%	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
20	Kibiloski, Michael	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	15		
54	Forbes, Steve	f	5-10	0-0	1-3	2	3	5	5	11	0	6	1	1	28		
11	McCray, Isaiah	c	2-5	0-1	0-2	0	5	5	1	4	1	0	0	2	24		
02	Bland, Pierre	g	5-8	1-1	1-4	0	5	5	3	12	3	3	0	1	27		
53	Edwards, Joe	g	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	20		
05	Evans, Mo		4-8	3-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	11	0	1	0	1	20		
13	Jacobo, Luis		6-15	3-7	0-0	0	4	4	3	15	1	2	1	0	32		
23	Harden, Kevin		0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	7		
44	Reed, Joe		1-3	0-0	0-2	4	3	7	4	2	2	1	0	2	27		
Team						3	3	6									
Totals			23-53	7-17	2-13	13	26	39	23	55	9	18	2	7	200		

FG % 1st Half:	15-28	53.6%	2nd half:	8-25	32.0%	Game:	23-53	43.4%	Deadball Rebound 5,1
3FG % 1st Half:	4-9	44.4%	2nd half:	3-8	37.5%	Game:	7-17	41.2%	
FT % 1st Half:	1-8	12.5%	2nd half:	1-5	20.0%	Game:	2-13	15.4%	

Illinois 57 • 7-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
33	Ekey, Jon	f	2-7	1-6	0-0	1	3	4	1	5	0	0	2	0	36	
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	3-11	0-3	0-2	0	7	7	2	6	1	1	1	1	35	
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	4-5	1-2	2-4	3	0	3	4	11	0	1	0	0	21	
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	5-11	0-4	5-8	0	2	2	4	15	1	2	0	4	31	
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	6-13	2-5	3-5	3	3	6	3	17	0	2	0	2	36	
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	13	
10	LaTulip, Mike		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
21	Hill, Malcolm		0-1	0-0	1-2	2	3	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	9	
22	Morgan, Maverick		0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	5	
25	Nunn, Kendrick		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	13	
Team						1	1	2								
Totals				20-51	4-21	13-23	10	23	33	16	57	6	14	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half:	10-25	40.0%	2nd half:	10-26	38.5%	Game:	20-51	39.2%	Deadball Rebound 4
3FG % 1st Half:	3-9	33.3%	2nd half:	1-12	8.3%	Game:	4-21	19.0%	
FT % 1st Half:	4-5	80.0%	2nd half:	9-18	50.0%	Game:	13-23	56.5%	

Officials: Bo Boroski, Chris Beaver, Jeff Campbell
Technical fouls: IPFW-None. Illinois-None.
Attendance: 15638

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
IPFW	35	20	55
Illinois	27	30	57

Last FG - IPFW 2nd-00:01, ILL 2nd-02:02.	Score tied - 6 times. Lead changed - 17 times.
Largest lead - IPFW by 11 1st-00:25, ILL by 7 1st-15:54.	

GAME 6

ILLINOIS 61, UNLV 59

NOV. 26, 2013 // THOMAS & MACK CENTER // LAS VEGAS, NEV.

Illinois 61 • 6-0

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
33	Ekey, Jon	f	1-6	1-5	0-0	1	3	4	2	3	0	2	0	0	28
32	Egwu, Nnanna	c	5-7	2-3	0-0	1	2	3	3	12	1	0	2	1	24
02	Bertrand, Joseph	g	3-10	0-0	0-1	1	5	6	2	6	0	1	0	0	30
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	2-12	0-2	1-2	0	4	4	0	5	4	2	0	2	28
24	Rice, Rayvonte	g	9-20	3-6	4-4	3	7	10	3	25	1	2	0	4	38
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	20
21	Hill, Malcolm		0-2	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	12
22	Morgan, Maverick		2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2	4	0	1	1	0	10
25	Nunn, Kendrick		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4
31	Colbert, Austin		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
	Team					4	2	6							
Totals			24-67	6-18	7-9	15	26	41	14	61	11	11	3	7	200

FG % 1st Half:	12-37	32.4%	2nd half:	12-30	40.0%	Game:	24-67	35.8%	Deadball Rebound 0
3FG % 1st Half:	2-6	33.3%	2nd half:	4-12	33.3%	Game:	6-18	33.3%	
FT % 1st Half:	3-5	60.0%	2nd half:	4-4	100.0	Game:	7-9	77.8%	

UNLV 59 • 2-3

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG	FGA	FG-FGA	FT	FTA	Off	Def							
01	SMITH, Roscoe	f	3-6	0-0	0-1	2	11	13	1	6	0	2	2	0	36	
02	BIRCH, Khem	f	4-10	0-0	4-4	6	4	10	1	12	1	2	4	0	37	
03	OLEKAIBE, Kevin	g	3-9	2-5	2-2	0	3	3	0	10	0	0	0	1	23	
13	DEJEAN-JONES, Bryce	g	5-12	1-4	0-0	0	4	4	1	11	1	2	1	1	31	
15	SMITH, Kendall	g	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	4	4	3	0	0	28	
05	WOOD, Christian		1-4	0-2	3-3	1	2	3	3	5	0	0	1	0	5	
10	COOK, Daquan		1-6	1-3	1-2	1	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	12	
11	LOPEZ-SOSA, Carlos		0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
22	KENDRICK, Jelan		2-3	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	6	0	3	0	1	26	
	Team					0	1	1								
Totals			21-56	4-14	13-16	10	30	40	10	59	8	13	9	4	200	