## FIGHTING ILLINI

### 2016-17 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI BASKETBALL



Game #22 // Illinois (13-8, 3-5) at Penn State (11-10, 3-5) Jan. 28, 2017 // 3:30 pm CT (4:30 pm ET) // University Park, Pa. // Jordan Center (15,261)

TV: BTN - Greg Amsigner (Play-By-Play), Bob Wenzel (Analyst) // Internet Stream: BTN2Go.com Radio: Fighting Illini Sports Network – Brian Barnhart (Play-By-Play), Doug Altenberger (Analyst) // Satellite Radio: Sirius – 134, XM – 195

ILLINOIS 2016-17 SCHEDULE & RESULTS									
Date	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/Streak						
	BER (5-3)								
11	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	W, 81-62	W-1						
13	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	W, 79-64	W-2						
13 15	MCKENDREE	W, 112-65	W-3						
	DETROIT MERCY [1]	W. 89-69	W-4						
21	WINTHROP [1]	L, 80-84 (OT	) L-1						
24	vs. #19 West Virginia [2]	L. 57-89	L-2						
25	vs. #25 Florida State [2]	L, 61-72	L-3						
29	NORTH CAROLINA STATE [3]	W, 88-74	W-1						
Dесеми	BER (5-1)								
3	vs. VCU [4]	W, 64-46	W-2						
6	IUPUI	W, 85-77	W-3						
	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 92-73	W-4						
17	vs. BYU [5]	W, 75-73	W-5						
21	vs. Missouri [6]	W, 75-66	W-6						
27		L, 59-84	L-1						
	y (3-4)								
1	OHIO STATE	W, 75-70	W-1						
7	at #25 Indiana	L, 80-96 <b>W, 85-69</b>	L-1						
11	MICHIGAN	W, 85-69	W-1						
14	MARYLAND	L, 56-62	L-1						
17	at #21 Purdue	L, 68-91	L-2						
21	at Michigan	L, 57-66	L-3						
25	IOWA at Penn State	W, 76-65	W-1						
		3:30 p.m.	BTN						
31	#15 WISCONSIN	8 p.m.	BTN						
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7	MINNESOTA at Northwestern	3 p.m.	BTN BTN						
11	at Northwestern PENN STATE	7 p.m.	BTN						
1	at lowa	<b>1 p.m.</b> 1 p.m.	BTN						
21	NORTHWESTERN	7 p.m.	BTN						
	at Nebraska	6:30 p.m.	BTN						
March		0:30 p.iii.	DIN						
	MICHIGAN STATE	8 p.m.	BTN						
	at Rutgers	11 a.m.							
8-12	at Big Ten Tournament [7]		TBD						
<b>BOLD</b> ([1] - N[2] - N	nes Listed are Central CAPS - State Farm Center; Cha IT Season Tip-Off — Barclays C CC/Big Ten Challenge oophall Miami Invitational — A	enter; Brooklyn	s Arena						

[5] - State Farm Chicago Legends — United Center [6] - Bud Light Braggin' Rights - Scottrade Center; St. Louis [7] - Verizon Center; Washington D.C.

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PROBABLE STARTERS (FROM THE PREVIOUS GAME)											
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	<b>Other</b>		
G	3	Te'Jon Lucas	6-0	170	Fr.	4.1	0.9	2.4	59% FG		
G	5	Jalen Coleman-Lands	6-3	190	So.	8.5	2.1	1.1	2.1 3FG/G		
G	21	Malcolm Hill	6-6	225	Sr.	17.4	5.9	2.5	79.7% FT		
F	12	Leron Black	6-7	220	r-So.	9.5	6.7	0.5	52.2% 2FG		
С	22	Maverick Morgan	6-10	245	Sr.	10.2	4.0	8.0	59.4% FG		
OFF THE BENCH											
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other		
G	0	D.J. Williams	6-7	210	So.	2.5	1.0	0.5	5 BLK		
G	1	Jaylon Tate	6-3	170	Sr.	2.9	1.5	3.3	2.3 A/T0		
F	2	Kipper Nichols	6-6	225	r-Fr.	3.5	3.3	0.0	12.1 MIN/G		
G	13	Tracy Abrams	6-2	185	Gr.	9.1	2.8	2.4	41.3% 3FG		
G	23	Aaron Jordan	6-5	190	So.	1.2	1.1	0.3	6-16 3FG		
C	33	Mike Thorne Jr.	6-11	280	Gr.	5.6	3.7	0.3	56.1% FG		
G	41	Clayton Jones	6-0	170	r-Jr.	0.0	0.0	0.0	6 G		
F	43	Michael Finke	6-10	230	r-So.	7.4	4.4	0.3	41.7% 3FG		
G	44	Alex Austin	6-4	190	r-Sr.	0.6	1.0	0.0	7 G		
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Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	APG	Other		
	10	Drew Cayce #	6-1	165	So.	_ 0.5	_	_	_		
G	35	Samson Oladimeji %	6-4	195	Fr.	0.5	0.8	0.0	4 G		
F	45	Cameron Liss ^	6-6	220	Jr.	0.6	0.0	0.2	5 G		
		# Cayce is sitting out to % Oladimeji does not t		er transfer	ruies.						

### **HEAD COACH JOHN GROCE**

Career Record: 175-125/.583 (9th year) At Illinois: 90-69/.566 (5th year) Big Ten: 32-48/.400

^ Liss' 2015-16 stats. He is redshirting this year.

### **SERIES NOTES VS. PENN STATE**

Series Record: Illinois leads 28-14 Series Streak: Penn State W-1 **Record at University Park:** Illinois leads 11-8 Series Streak at University Park: Penn State W-1

Penn State 86, Illinois 79 (20T) // March 6, 2016 at University Park Last Year's Meeting:

(Box Score & Game Recap on Page 4)

**Groce vs. Penn State:** 4-1

### **Opening Tips**

- Illinois concludes a stretch with three out of four games away from home, traveling to Penn State on Saturday afternoon (3:30 p.m., CT, BTN).
- Illinois is looking for its first road win this season (0-4), and aiming to snap an eight-game road skid overall.
- Illinois also is trying to win consecutive games in conference play for the first time since closing out its 2015 home schedule with victories over Northwestern (86-60, Feb. 25, 2015) and Nebraska (69-57, March 4, 2015).
- Senior Malcolm Hill is only 10 rebounds away from becoming just the fifth Illini player in school history and the ninth active Div. I player – in the career 1,600-point/600-rebound club.
- Senior Maverick Morgan has scored in double figures in nine of the last 11 games, averaging 12.9 points on 60.9 percent shooting over this stretch.
- Sophomore Michael Finke has made 16-of-22 shots over the last five games (72.7 percent), including 9-of-13 on threes (69.2 percent).

2016-17 ILLINOIS NUMERICAL ROSTER												
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Notable					
0	D.J. Williams	G	6-7	210	So.	Chicago, III.	Played double-digit minutes in 11 of the final 12 games last season					
1	Jaylon Tate	G	6-3	170	Sr.	Chicago, III.	Averaged 2.5 assists with 3.1 assist-to-turnover ratio last year					
2 3	Kipper Nichols	F	6-6	225	r-Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Ohio Basketball Coaches Association 2015 Div. I Player of the Year					
	Te'Jon Lucas	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	Unanimous first-team Div. 2 all-state pick in Wisconsin					
5	Jalen Coleman-Lands	G	6-3	190	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Set Illinois freshman record with 87 three-pointers last year					
10	Drew Cayce	G	6-1	165	So.	Libertyville, III.	Walk-on is sitting out this year after transferring from Creighton.					
12	Leron Black	F	6-7	220	r-So.	Memphis, Tenn.	Earned medical redshirt after playing in only seven games last year	٠				
13	Tracy Abrams	G	6-2	185	Gr.	Chicago, III.	6th-year guard missed each of the last two seasons					
21	Malcolm Hill	G	6-6	225	Sr.	Fairview Heights, III.	II. Naismith Trophy candidate lead team in points, rebounds and assists last year					
22	Maverick Morgan	С	6-10	245	Sr.	Springboro, Ohio	Averaged 12.0 points over the final 12 games last season					
23	Aaron Jordan	G	6-5	190	So.	Plainfield, III.	Made 22 three-pointers as a freshman					
33	Mike Thorne Jr.	С	6-11	280	Gr.	Fayetteville, N.C.	6th-year center was team's leading rebounder in eight games					
35	Samson Oladimeji	G	6-4	195	Fr.	Rolling Meadows, III.	. Walk-on joined team during fall preseason					
41	Clayton Jones	G	6-0	170	r-Jr.	Champaign, III.	Champaign native in first year as walk-on					
43	Michael Finke	F	6-10	230	r-So.	Champaign, III.	Started 16 games last year, averaging 7.5 points					
44	Alex Austin	G	6-4	190	r-Sr.	Chicago, III.	Walk-on played in 32 games last year, tallying 13 steals					
45	Cameron Liss	F	6-6	220	Jr.	Northbrook, III.	Walk-on is redshirting this season					
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	ant Coaches: Dustin Ford					all Walker (5th year)	Leron BLACK le-RON John GROCE GROHS					
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	tor of Basketball Operatio			1st year)			TE'JON Lucas TEE-zhohn					
	ate Manager: Drew Dunn (						Samson OLADIMEJI oh-la-di-MAY-gee					
	gth and Conditioning Coac		Fletcher (	2nd year)			JAYLON Tate JAY-len					
Athlet	ic Trainer: Paul Schmidt (	oth year)										

2016-17	BIG	<b>TEN</b>	STA	NDINGS	
(TH	ROU	GH JA	N. 20	6)	

		Big Ten	<u>Overall</u>
1.	Maryland	6-1	18-2
	Wisconsin	6-1	17-3
3.	Northwestern	6-2	17-4
	Purdue	6-2	17-4
5.	Indiana	4-4	14-7
	Michigan	4-4	14-7
	Michigan State	4-4	12-9
8.	Minnesota	3-5	15-6
	ILLINOIS	3-5	13-8
	Ohio State	3-5	13-8
	Penn State	3-5	11-10
	lowa	3-5	11-10
	Nebraska	3-5	9-11
14.	Rutgers	1-7	12-9

### THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN (ALL TIMES CT)

Tuesday, Jan. 24 Maryland def. Rutgers Purdue def. Michigan State Wisconsin def. Penn State	67-55 84-73 82-55	
Wednesday, Jan. 25 Ohio State def. Minnesota Illinois def. Iowa	78-72 76-64	
Thursday, Jan. 26 Northwestern def. Nebraska Michigan def. Indiana	73-61 90-60	
Saturday, Jan. 28 Wisconsin vs. Rutgers Maryland at Minnesota Illinois at Penn State Ohio State at Iowa	11 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	BTN BTN BTN ESPN2
Sunday, Jan. 29 Michigan at Michigan State Purdue at Nebraska Indiana at Northwestern	12 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	CBS BTN BTN

### Coaches vs. Cancer Suits & Sneakers

Coach Groce and his staff will wear Nikes on the sidelines during Saturday's game vs. Penn State. They are joining coaches from across the country who are trading in dress shoes for sneakers as part of the annual Coaches vs. Cancer Suits & Sneakers Week. Coaches vs. Cancer is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and National Association of Basketball Coaches. The program empowers coaches, their teams and communities to join the fight against cancer by participating in awareness efforts, advocacy programs and fundraising activities.

### Notes from the Last Time Out: Illini 76, Iowa 64 (Jan. 25)

- Illinois scored the game's first 10 points and led from start to finish en route to Wednesday's home victory over lowa. It was the Illini's first time leading the entire way since the Dec. 21 win over Missouri.
- Illinois improved to 12-2 on the season when scoring at least 75 points.
- The Illini started their sixth different lineup with freshman **Te'Jon Lucas** earning his first start at point guard, joining Coleman-Lands, Hill, Black and Morgan.
- Lucas finished with six points, a game-high six assists and two steals in a career-high 27 minutes.
- The Illini dished out 18 assists on 26 made baskets, equaling their third-highest assist total of the season.
- Michael Finke led the Illini with 17 points, his highest scoring total in conference play. Finke made 7-of-10 shots, including equaling his season best with three 3-pointers in five attempts.
- Illinois drained six 3-pointers in the first half in helping build a 16-point lead and shot 47.4 percent from behind the arc on the night (9-19), the team's third-highest 3-point percentage of the season.
- The Illini defense led by individual efforts from **Malcolm Hill** and **Kipper Nichols** held lowa's Peter Jok, the Big Ten's leading scorer, to just 10 points, his second-lowest point total of the season.
- lowa shot a season-low 21.7 percent from beyond the arc (5-23).
- With his first basket of the night at the 8:43 mark of the first half, **Malcolm Hill** became the 10th player in Illini history to reach 1,600 career points. Hill finished the game with 11 points, his 15th straight outing in double figures.
- Maverick Morgan scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, leading the Illini on the boards for the first time in a Big Ten game this season.
- Jalen Coleman-Lands tied his career high with four assists.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets are available for every Fighting Illini men's basketball home game at State Farm Center. Single-game tickets can be purchased online at <u>FIGHTINGILLINI.com</u> or by phone at 1-866-ILLINI-1.

ILLINI RECORD UNDER JOHN GROCE										
	2016-17		Wears white uniforms	3-2	42-14					
Plays at home	10-2	49-21	Wears orange uniforms	2-2	18-18					
Plays on the road	0-4	15-34	Wears blue uniforms	0-3	17-27					
Plays at neutral site	3-2	23-14	Wears gray uniforms	1-0	3-4					
Plays at United Center	1-0	5-3	Wears throwback uniforms	7-1	9-6					
Big Ten record	3-5	32-48	Regular-season tournaments	1-3	15-5					
Big Ten at home	3-1	21-19	NCAA Tournament	0-0	1-1					
Big Ten on the road	0-4	11-29	NIT	0-0	1-2					
When Ranked (AP)	0-0	8-8	Big Ten Tournament	0-0	4-4					
Plays a ranked (AP) opponent	0-4	10-31	In November	5-3	29-7					
Plays a Top-10 (AP) opponent	0-0	3-13	In December	5-1	24-10					
Wins the game before	8-4	52-36	In January	3-4	12-26					
Loses the game before	4-4	33-32	In February	0-0	15-13					
Leading at the half	10-2	62-17	In March	0-0	10-13					
Tied or trailing at the half	3-6	26-51	Plays during the day	2-3	27-23					
Shoots 45% or better	9-1	43-6	Plays at night (5 pm or after start)	11-5	63-46					
Shoots less than 45%	4-7	45-64	Margin is 5 points or less	2-1	26-13					
Opp. shoots less than 45%	10-1	72-27	Margin is 6-10 points	2-2	16-26					
Opp. shoots 45% or better	3-7	17-43	Margin is 11-20 points	8-2	33-18					
Shoots same or better than opp.	12-1	63-6	Margin is more than 20	1-3	15-12					
Shoots worse than opp.	1-7	26-63	Scores 59 points or less	0-4	6-32					
Shoots same or more FT than opp.	11-4	67-20	Scores 60-69 points	1-2	26-22					
Shoots fewer FT than opp.	2-4	22-49	Scores 70-79 points	5-0	24-12					
Makes same or more FT than opp.	11-3	68-20	Scores 80-89 points	5-2	26-3					
Makes fewer FT than opp.	2-5	21-49	Scores 90-99 points	1-0	4-0					
Tied or leads in rebounding	11-1	56-19	Scores 100+ points	1-0	4-0					
Trails in rebounding	2-7	34-50	Overtime	0-1	5-4					
Scores same or more bench points	8-3	52-24	On BTN	6-2	39-35					
Scores fewer bench points	5-5	38-44	On ESPN	0-0	4-15					
Has equal or fewer TOs than opp.	7-4	73-40	On ESPN2	0-2	11-10					
Has more TOs than opp.	6-4	17-28	On ESPNU	2-3	4-3					
Scores 70 or more points	12-2	57-15	On TNT	0-0	1-1					
Has 15+ assists	5-1	27-6	On FS1	0-0	2-1					
Has a 20+ point scorer	8-2	46-30	On CBS	0-0	0-1					

### **Hill Nearing Historic Club**

Senior **Malcolm Hill** scored his 1,600th career point during Wednesday's win over lowa. Hill is 10 rebounds away, meanwhile, from grabbing 600 during his tenure, on pace to become just the fifth Illini player ever in the 1,600-point/600-rebound club:

Malcolm Hill (2014-)	1,609 points	590 rebounds
Mark Smith (1978-81)	1,653 points	722 rebounds
Eddie Johnson (1978-81)	1,692 points	831 rebounds
Brian Cook (2000-03)	1,748 points	815 rebounds
Deon Thomas (1991-94)	2,129 points	846 rebounds

There are only eight active Div. I players — and just two from the six major conferences — with career totals of more than 1,600 points and 600 rebounds:

Player, School	Points	Rebounds	Next Game
Alec Peters, Valparaiso	2,166	921	Jan. 27
Tim Williams, New Mexico	1,896	834	Jan. 28
Tim Kempton, Lehigh	1,818	970	Jan. 30
Evan Bradds, Belmont	1,697	824	Jan. 28
Josh Hart, Villanova	1,647	720	Jan. 29
T.J. Cline, Richmond	1,626	610	Jan. 28
Nigel Hayes, Wisconsin	1,614	667	Jan. 28
Michael Young, Pittsburgh	1,600	766	Jan. 28
Malcolm Hill, Illinois	1,609	<i>590</i>	Jan. 28
Rashawn Thomas, Texas A&M-CC	1,588	800	Jan. 28
Ryan Taylor, Marshall	1.585	869	Jan. 28

### **Post Production**

Illinois has received consistent play in the post from center **Maverick Morgan**. Over the last 11 games, the senior has scored in double figures nine times, averaging 12.9 points on 60.9 percent shooting along with 5.3 rebounds:

#### **TOP 25 NATIONAL RANKINGS ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (JAN. 23)** Record Points Previous School Villanova (35) 1. 19-1 1.591 1 2. Kansas (28) 18-1 1,572 2 3. Gonzaga (2) 19-0 1,471 4 5 4. Kentucky 17-2 1,414 5. Baylor 18-1 1,379 6 6. Florida State 18-2 1,215 10 7. 18-2 Arizona 1.190 14 8. UCLA 19-2 1,177 3 9. North Carolina 18-3 1,171 9 10. Oregon 18-2 1.035 11 Butler 17-3 914 11. 13 12. Virginia 15-3 803 16 13. Louisville 16-4 796 12 17-3 14. Notre Dame 767 15 15. Wisconsin 16-3 746 17 16. Creighton 18-2 731 7 17. Duke 15-4 628 18 569 18. West Virginia 15-4 7 19. Cincinnati 17-2 478 20 20. 21 Purdue 16-4 412 21. Saint Mary's 17-2 290 23 22. Maryland 17-2 261 25 23. South Carolina 15-4 171 24 22 24. Xavier 14-5 146 25. Florida 14-5 47 19 **USA TODAY COACHES POLL (JAN. 23)** School Record Points Previous Kansas (18) 18-1 2. Villanova (11) 773 2 19-1 3. 4 Gonzaga (3) 19-0 734 4. 5 Kentucky 17-2 696 5. Baylor 18-1 666 6 6. North Carolina 18-3 577 9 3 7. UCLA 19-2 552 8. 18-2 Florida State 550 12 9. Arizona 18-2 549 13 10. Oregon 18-2 513 10 11. Butler 17-3 410 14 12. Notre Dame 17-3 407 15 13. Virginia 15-3 405 16 374 14. Louisville 16-4 11 366 15. Wisconsin 16-3 17 358 7 16. Creighton 18-2 17. Duke 15-4 298 18 18. West Virginia 290 8 15-4 19. Cincinnati 17-2 264 20 20. 22 Purdue 16-4 187 21. 23 Saint Mary's 17-2 143 22. 14-5 138 19 Xavier 23. Maryland 17-2 106 25 24. South Carolina 24 15-4 100 25. Florida 14-5 37 21 **ILLINI WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKINGS** AP Coaches AP Coaches Preseason Jan. 16 Nov. 14 Jan. 23 Jan. 30 Nov. 21 Nov. 28 Feb. 6 Dec. 5 Feb. 13 Feb. 20 Dec. 12 Feb. 27 Dec. 19 Dec. 26 March 6

March 13

Final

Jan. 2

Jan. 9

### Official Basketball Box Score – Game Totals – Final Statistics Illinois vs Penn State 03/06/16 12:01 PM at Bryce Jordan Ctr (University Park, Pa.)

#### Illinois 79 • 13-18, 5-13

			Total	3-Ptr		Ret	oour	ıds							
**	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
22	Morgan, Maverick	С	3-14	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	3	8	1	2	0	0	42
03	Lewis, Khalid	g	3-4	1-1	3-4	0	1	1	5	10	1	2	1	2	33
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	4-8	1-4	0-0	1	4	5	2	9	0	3	0	2	46
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	12-21	1-3	14-16	4	9	13	3	39	0	0	0	1	44
25	Nunn, Kendrick	g	3-15	1-6	2-2	2	7	9	3	9	1	3	1	3	44
00	Williams, D.J.		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	4	2	2	0	0	10
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	17
43	Finke, Michael		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	8
44	Austin, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Team					1	3	4							
	Totals		27-67	4-16	21-24	9	31	40	23	79	6	14	2	9	250

#### Penn State 86 • 16-15, 7-11

		TULAI	3-FU		Rei	Jour	ius							
**	Player	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Banks, Payton f	3-4	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	3	8	1	1	0	2	43
10	Taylor, Brandon f	6-16	1-7	8-8	3	8	11	3	21	0	2	0	0	48
32	Dickerson, Jordan c	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	5	6	4	4	1	2	4	1	29
23	Reaves, Josh g	5-11	0-1	3-5	0	7	7	4	13	2	1	3	2	36
33	Garner, Shep g	6-14	4-7	6-9	0	5	5	3	22	6	2	0	3	44
03	Foster, Devin	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	10
05	Jack, Donovon	2-2	1-1	5-6	1	2	3	2	10	0	2	1	0	20
21	Washington, Isaiah	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	0	0	17
44	Moore, Julian	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team				0	1	1							
	Totals	26-58	10-23	24-30	5	31	36	20	86	11	12	8	8	250

Score by periods	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Illinois	36	31	5	7	79
Penn State	37	30	5	14	86

Score tied - 9 times. Lead changed - 10 times

#### Looking Back at Last Year's Illinois-Penn State Game

Penn State 86, Illini 79, 20T (March 6, 2016 at University Park)

Illinois made a strong comeback on the road to put itself in position to win, but Penn State found an extra gear at the end to outlast the Illini in double-overtime.

After a back-and-forth first half, Penn State seemed to gain control midway through the second half, opening up a 55-45 lead with 10 minutes remaining. The Lions still led by eight with five to go before the Illini came roaring back, scoring 11 of the game's next 13 points to take a 64-63 lead. After a pair of PSU free throws put the hosts back ahead, Khalid Lewis made a tough runner to retake the lead, and Lewis then grabbed a steal on defense to force PSU to foul Malcolm Hill. The Illini lead extended to two after Hill made 1-of-2 free throws. Penn State had an answer though, with Shep Garner scoring a game-tying layup with 14 seconds left to force

Neither team could pull ahead in the first OT, sending it to a second extra session. That's when the Nittany Lions took advantage, drawing fouls and converting at the line. After hitting a 3-pointer on its first possession, PSU's final 11 points came at the free throw line to claim the victory.

Malcolm Hill had a tremendous performance in Happy Valley, registering his seventh double-double of the season with a season-high 39 points and game-high 13 rebounds. Hill's 39 points tied the seventh-highest could be appropriated to the season with a season-high second program of the season with second program of the seaso

single-game scoring performance in Illini history, and equaled the most ever scored against Penn State as a member of the Big Ten. Khalid Lewis also finished in double figures, scoring a season-high 10 points.

### Current Illini vs. Penn State

Malcolm Hill (4 G): 21.3 ppg (85), 5.5 rpg (22)

Highlights: Double-double with season-high 39 points and 13 rebounds last year in University Park ... Game-high 27 points including game-winning layup with 4.5 seconds left in 2015 in Champaign . . . Season-high 11 points in first career start in 2014 in University Park.

Jalen Coleman-Lands (1 G): 9 pts, 5 reb, 2 stl
Maverick Morgan (4 G): 4.5 ppg (18), 3.0 rpg (12)

Highlight: Eight points and five rebounds last year in University Park . . . Six points in 2015 in Champaign. Tracy Abrams (4 G): 4.3 ppg (17), 3.5 rpg (14), 3.5 apg (14)

Highlights: Game-high five assists in 2014 in University Park ... 12 points, six rebounds and five assists

without a turnover in 2014 in Champaign.

D.J. Williams (1 G): 4 pts, 0 reb, 2 ast

Jaylon Tate (4 G): 2.0 ppg (8), 0.9 rpg (7)

Highlight: Five assists in 2015 in Champaign . . . Six points in 2014 in Champaign.

Leron Black (1 G): 0 pts, 7 reb Alex Austin (1 G): 0 pts, 1 reb Michael Finke (1 G): 0 pts, 0 reb

<u>Opponent</u>	FG-A	PTS	REB
Central Michigan	5-6	11	7
vs. BYU	7-10	14	10
vs. Missouri	6-11	19	11
at Maryland	2-3	5	3
Ohio State	4-10	11	6
at Indiana	6-9	18	2
Michigan	8-9	16	1
Maryland	5-10	15	5
at Purdue	6-11	15	4
at Michigan	3-5	6	2
lowa	4-8	12	7
Total (Pct./Avg.)	56-92 (.609)	142 (12.9)	58 (5.3)

Morgan is Illinois' second-leading scorer during Big Ten play, averaging 12.3 points on 58.5 percent shooting (4th in B1G).

### One of the Best

Along with climbing the Illinois all-time scoring list, Malcolm Hill also ranks among the nation's leading active career scorers. Hill's current total of 1,609 points ranks 26th in NCAA Div. I, and fourth when looking at players from the six major conferences. Hill's total of 467 made free throws, meanwhile, ranks seventh nationally and third among major-conference players. In the Big Ten, Hill ranks behind only Wisconsin's Nigel Hayes in each category:

### **NCAA Div. I Active Career Scorers**

Major	Overall				
Conf. Rk.	Rk.	Player	Team	Points	Next Game
1.	11.	Bryce Alford	UCLA	1,729	Feb. 1
2.	21.	Josh Hart	Villanova	1,647	Jan. 29
3.	24.	Nigel Hayes	Wisconsin	1,614	Jan. 28
4.	26.	Malcolm Hill	Illinois	1,609	Jan. 28
5.	28.	Michael Young	Pittsburgh	1,600	Jan. 28

### NCAA Div. I Active Career Free Throws Made

Major	Overall				
Conf. Rk.	Rk.	Player	Team	Free Throws	Next Game
1.	2.	Billy Garrett	DePaul	521	Jan. 28
2.	5.	Nigel Hayes	Wisconsin	481	Jan. 28
3.	7.	Malcolm Hill	Illinois	467	Jan. 28
4.	8.	Melo Trimble	Maryland	457	Jan. 28
5.	11.	Jordan Woodard	Oklahoma	438	Jan. 28

### **Friendly Confines**

Every team performs better at home than on the road. The disparity in numbers for the Illini so far this season has been significant. Winners of 10 of its 12 games in Champaign, Illinois is averaging 83.2 points at home, shooting 50 percent overall (355-711) and 53 percent from 3-point range (107-250). But in compiling a 3-6 record away from State Farm Center, the Illini are managing just 66.2 points on 42 percent shooting (211-507), including 29 percent from behind the arc (47-164).

### **Strong Scheduling**

Illinois felt it had constructed a competitive non-conference schedule prior to the season. Numbers from the NCAA are showing that to be the case. Illinois had the fourth-strongest non-conference schedule among Big Ten teams, rated No. 30 nationally.

The Illini now rank No. 7 overall in Strength of Schedule (SOS), having already played six games against top-50 RPI opponents (1-5) and 13 vs. top-100 foes (5-8). Here is the current SOS ranking of all Big Ten teams:

Rk. B1G Team	SOS (RPI)	Rk. B1G Team	SOS (RPI)
1. Nebraska	3 (69)	8. Michigan	55 (64)
2. ILLINOIS	7 (45)	9. Maryland	58 (18)
3. Michigan State	9 (50)	10. Purdue	63 (28)
4. Minnesota	12 (21)	11. Indiana	81 (73)
5. Penn State	18 (70)	12. Wisconsin	94 (23)
6. Iowa	39 (113)	13. Northwestern	117 (35)
7. Ohio State	41 (67)	14. Rutgers	143 (127)

### **Illini Team Trends**

- Illinois ranks fifth in the Big Ten in scoring offense, averaging 75.9 ppg. The Illini have scored at least 75 points in 12 of their 13 wins.
- Illinois is 85th nationally in field goal percentage at 46.5 percent. The Illini are 9-0 this season when shooting at least 46 percent, and are 12-1 when shooting better than their opponent.
- Illinois has shown improvement on the offensive glass, recording double digits in 14 games on the season and averaging 10.1 o-boards per game. Last season Illinois ranked last in the Big Ten with 7.6 offensive rebounds per contest.
- Illinois has scored more second-chance points than its opponent in 13 of 21 games, including four of the last six contests.

2016-17 FIGHTING ILLINI STARTING LINE-UPS						
Game	G	G	G	F	C	Record*
Southeast Missouri	Abrams	Jordan	Hill	Finke	Morgan	1-0 (1)
Northern Kentucky	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Morgan	1-0 (2)
McKendree	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Morgan	2-0 (2)
Detroit Mercy	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Morgan	3-0 (2)
Winthrop	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Morgan	3-1 (2)
vs. West Virginia	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Morgan	3-2 (2)
vs. Florida State	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Thorne Jr.	0-1 (3)
North Carolina State	Tate	Abrams	Hill	Finke	Thorne Jr.	1-1 (3)
vs. VCU	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	1-0 (4)
IUPUI	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	2-0 (4)
Central Michigan	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	3-0 (4)
vs. BYU	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	4-0 (4)
vs. Missouri	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	5-0 (4)
at Maryland	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	5-1 (4)
Ohio State	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	6-1 (4)
at Indiana	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Thorne Jr.	6-2 (4)
Michigan	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Morgan	1-0 (5)
Maryland	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Morgan	1-1 (5)
at Purdue	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Morgan	1-2 (5)
at Michigan	Abrams	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Morgan	1-3 (5)
lowa	Lucas	Coleman-Lands	Hill	Black	Morgan	1-0 (6)
at Penn State						
Wisconsin						
Minnesota						
at Northwestern						
Penn State						
at Iowa						
Northwestern						
at Nebraska						
Michigan State						
at Rutgers						
* - Running total of II	linois' overa	II record when this li	ne-up is s	starting		

ILLINOIS CAREER TOTALS			
Double-Digit Scoring Games	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Career</u>	
Malcolm Hill Tracy Abrams Jalen Coleman-Lands Maverick Morgan Michael Finke Leron Black Mike Thorne Jr. Jaylon Tate Te' Jon Lucas Aaron Jordan Kipper Nichols	19 8 7 10 9 9 3 1 2 1	84 53 26 22 19 16 8 4 2 2	
20+ Point Games Malcolm Hill Tracy Abrams Jalen Coleman-Lands Maverick Morgan Mike Thorne Jr. Leron Black Michael Finke	9 1 1 0 0 1	29 6 3 2 2 1	
10+ Rebound Games Malcolm Hill Mike Thorne Jr. Leron Black Maverick Morgan Michael Finke	1 2 2 2 1	9 4 3 3 2	
<b>Double-Doubles</b> Malcolm Hill Maverick Morgan Mike Thorne Jr. Leron Black Michael Finke	1 2 1 1	8 3 3 2 1	
5+ 3-Point FG Games Jalen Coleman-Lands Michael Finke Tracy Abrams Malcolm Hill	2 0 1 1	9 2 1 1	
<b>3+ Block Games</b> Maverick Morgan Malcolm Hill	0	2 1	
3+ Steal Games Tracy Abrams Malcolm Hill Jalen Coleman-Lands Alex Austin Jaylon Tate	2 1 1 0 0	14 10 3 1	
Starts Tracy Abrams Malcolm Hill Jalen Coleman-Lands Jaylon Tate Leron Black Maverick Morgan Michael Finke Mike Thorne Jr. Aaron Jordan Alex Austin D.J. Williams Te'Jon Lucas	20 21 13 7 13 11 8 10 1 0	106 99 37 34 25 25 24 17 7 6 2	
Leads Team in Scoring Malcolm Hill Tracy Abrams Maverick Morgan Jalen Coleman-Lands Michael Finke Leron Black Mike Thorne Jr.	11 2 4 2 3 1	42 17 7 7 6 2 2	
Leads Team in Rebounding Malcolm Hill Leron Black Mike Thorne Jr. Tracy Abrams Maverick Morgan Michael Finke Kipper Nichols	7 9 4 0 3 0 2	30 16 10 10 8 5 2	

### ILLINOIS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (ALL GAMES – THROUGH JAN. 26)

### ILLINI PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (ALL GAMES — THROUGH JAN. 26)

Scoring	<u> </u>		
5.	Malcolm Hill	17.4 pp	og
Reboun	ding		
9.	Leron Black	6.7 rpg	
16.	Malcolm Hill	5.9 rpg	
Field G	oal Percentage		
5.	Maverick Morgan	.594	(85-143)
3-Point	Field Goal Percentage		
14.	Michael Finke	.417	(25-60)
Free Th	row Percentage		
10.	Malcolm Hill	.797	(106-133)
15.	Leron Black	.778	(35-45)
<b>Assists</b>			
N/A			
Steals			
N/A			
3-Point	Field Goals		
8.	Jalen Coleman-Lands	2.1 avg	Ţ.
Blocke	d Shots		
N/A			
Assist/1	Turnover Ratio		
6.	Jaylon Tate	2.3	(65 a-28 to)
Offensi	ve Rebounds		
12. Leron Black 1.9 rpg			
Defensive Rebounds			
7.	Malcolm Hill	4.9 rpg	
10.	Leron Black	4.8 rpg	
Minutes	3		
8.	Malcolm Hill	32.1 m	pg

- Illinois is also getting it done on the defensive glass. The Illini rank third in the Big Ten and 53rd nationally in defensive rebounding percentage (.740).
- In conference play, Illinois is second in defensive rebound percentage (.728).
- Illinois has shot at least 50 percent during the second half in nine of its 13 wins.
- Illinois is earning its way to the free throw line on offense with a 37.0 free throw rate against D1 opponents (FTA/FGA). That is Illinois' highest free throw rate since the 2001-02 season (44.6).

### **Illini Player Trends**

- Preseason Wooden Award, Naismith Trophy and Senior CLASS Award candidate **Malcolm Hill** ranks fifth in the Big Ten in scoring (17.4 ppg).
- Hill has scored in double figures in 19 of 20 games against Div. I opponents, including an active streak of 15 straight.
- Hill has nine outings of 20+ points and two 30-plus point performances on the season.
- Hill ranks 10th on the Illinois career scoring chart (1,609 points). At his current season average, Hill would finish as the Illini's No. 3 all-time leading scorer.
- Hill is shooting 60.3 percent on 2-pointers during Big Ten play (35-58).
- Hill has seven kenpom game MVP accolades this season, trailing only lowa's Peter Jok for most by a Big Ten player.
- Hill's career-high 40 points vs. Northern Kentucky (Nov. 13) is tied for the No. 12 scoring performance in the NCAA this season.
- Hill has scored in double figures in just the second half of nine games this season.
- Hill has made 34 three-pointers in 21 games after making 37 treys in 34 games last season.
- Hill continues to be one of the nation's best at getting to the line. He ranks 27th in the NCAA with 106 made free throws. His 133 attempts, meanwhile, rank 36th nationally. Hill leads all Big Ten players in each category.
- Hill ranks third all-time at Illinois with 467 career made free throws. Last season he went 193 of 235 from the line, ranking as the second-highest single-season school totals for free throws made and attempted.
- Hill is drawing 6.6 fouls per 40 minutes, ranking 63rd nationally.
- Senior **Maverick Morgan** is second on the team in scoring, also averaging double figures at 10.2 ppg. In conference games only, Morgan's average increases to 12.3 points.
- Morgan has scored in double figures in nine of the last 11 games, including a career-best streak of five straight that ended last Saturday at Michigan.
- Morgan ranks fifth in the Big Ten in field goal shooting at 59.4 percent.
- Sophomore **Leron Black** ranks third on the team in scoring, averaging 9.5 points. He entered the year as a 4.9 ppg career scorer.
- Black has scored in double figures eight times through 17 games, after totaling seven double-digit scoring

### ILLINOIS CAREER RECORDS TO WATCH

### **Career Points, Total**

1.	2,129	Deon Thomas, 1991-94
2.	1,948	Kiwane Garris, 1994-97
3.	1,812	Dee Brown, 2003-06
4.	1,748	Brian Cook, 2000-03
5.	1,735	Cory Bradford, 1999-2002
6.	1,718	Demetri McCamey, 2008-11
7.	1,692	Eddie Johnson, 1978-81
8.	1,654	Brandon Paul, 2010-13
9.	1,653	Mark Smith, 1978-81
10.	1,609	Malcolm Hill, 2014-

### Career Free Throws, Made

3	467	Malcolm Hill 2014-
2.	522	Deon Thomas, 1991-94
1.	615	Kiwane Garris, 1994-97

### **ILLINI AT STATE FARM CENTER**

### Illinois' Record at State Farm Center

All-Time:	594-166 (.782)
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-	92-32 (.742)

Longest Win Streak: 33 G (1/17/04-1/28/06)

Current Win Streak: 1 G (1/25/17-)

Current Big Ten Win Streak: 1 G (1/25/17-)

Current Non-Conference Win Streak: 5 G (11/29/16-)

performances in 40 career games entering the season.

- **Black** has been the Illini's leading rebounder in nine games and leads the team on the year, averaging 6.7 boards (10th in B1G).
- After missing the last two years due to injury, sixth-year senior **Tracy Abrams** has scored in double figures in eight games, ranking fourth on the team in scoring (8.5 ppg).
- **Abrams** ranks 15th in the Big Ten in 3-point field goal percentage, shooting 41.3 percent from behind the arc (31-75) after entering his final season as a 27 percent career 3-point shooter.
- Freshman **Te'Jon Lucas** has totaled 24 assists in 120 minutes over the last six games (4.0 apg).
- Lucas has combined for 24 points over the last three games (8.0 ppg).
- Sophomore **Michael Finke** has made 21-of-30 shots over the last seven games (7 percent), including 11-of-18 on threes (61.1 percent).

### JCL Feeling It

**Jalen Coleman-Lands** had a record-setting freshman year for the Illini last season, draining 87 treys, the most ever by an Illini rookie. Now in his sophomore season, Coleman-Lands is once again hitting from long distance. He leads the Illini with 44 three-pointers this season, ranking eighth in the Big Ten with an average of 2.1 treys per game. He is shooting 42.5 percent from behind the arc during conference play, connecting on 17-of-40.

### **New Graduate Austin Earns Scholarship**

**Alex Austin** transferred to Illinois as a preferred walk-on following two seasons at Eastern Illinois. Now in his third year with the Illini program, Austin earned a bachelor's degree in communication in December and is now enrolled in a master's program in recreation, sport and tourism. Austin has been rewarded for his hard work by being placed on scholarship for the spring semester.

#### Fresh Faces

Following the Indiana game on Jan. 7, Coach John Groce made the decision to move up Illini freshmen **Te'Jon Lucas** and **Kipper Nichols** in the rotation. The duo responded in a big way in the victory over Michigan on Jan. 11. Lucas ran the offense well, dishing out a career- and game-high eight assists in 23 minutes, equaling the most assists by a UI player on the season. Nichols provided a list on both offense and defense, scoring a career-high 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting and grabbing a career- and game-high eight rebounds in only 19 minutes. Five of his boards came on the offensive end, the most by an Illini this season.

### Notes from the 85-69 Win over Michigan (Jan. 11)

- Illinois started a lineup of Abrams, Coleman-Lands, Hill, Black and Morgan for the first time, marking the Illini's fifth different starting lineup this season.
- The game was close throughout the first half before the Illini erupted with a 17-2 run over the final 4:04, turning a 34-32 deficit into a 49-36 lead at halftime.
- The Illini set season highs with 64.2 percent shooting from the field (34-53) and 64.3 percent from 3-point range (9-14).
- Illinois had its best field goal percentage since shooting a school-record 70.5 percent vs. Northwestern at home on Jan. 6, 2011.
- Illinois' 49 points in the first half marked its highest total against a D-1 opponent this season.
- The Illini shot 62.5 percent in the first half (20-32); good for its best first-half shooting percentage this season and second-best half overall (67.9 percent vs. N.C. State).
- The Illini held Michigan to just 17 rebounds in the game, the least by an Illinois opponent since Dec. 6, 2014 when American had 16.
- Illinois' 16-point margin of victory was its highest against Michigan since Jan. 16, 2008 when the Illini defeated the Wolverines by 18 points (75-57).
- Six Illini scored in double-figures, tied for the most players in double digits this season (vs. McKendree).
- Freshman Te'Jon Lucas had a career-high eight assists, equaling the most assists by an Illini this season.
- Freshman **Kipper Nichols** had career highs in points (13), rebounds (8), minutes (19), field goals made (6), field goals attempted (9) and 3-pointers made and attempted (1-1).
- Nichols had five offensive rebounds, most by an Illini this season. His five offensive boards were more than Michigan amassed as a team (4).
- Senior Maverick Morgan tied his season high with eight field goals made (on nine attempts) for a teamhigh 16 points. Morgan also added a career-high four assists.
- Sophomore **Jalen Coleman-Lands** had a career-high four assists. He tied his previous career best with three in the game's first 3:50.

### ILLINOIS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (BIG TEN GAMES – THROUGH JAN. 26)

Scoring Offense	12th	69.5 ppg
Scoring Defense	11th	75.3 ppg
Scoring Margin	12th	
Free Throw Percentage	5th	.720
Field Goal Percentage	7th	.442
Field Goal Percentage Defense	13th	.492
3-Pt FG Percentage	12th	.324
3-Pt FG Percentage Defense	7th	.358
Rebounding Offense	12th	32.8 rpg
Rebounding Defense	5th	32.5 rpg
Rebounding Margin	8th	+0.3 rpg
Blocked Shots	14th	1.9 bpg
Assists	9th	12.5 apg
Steals	13th	4.5 spg
Turnover Margin	7th	+0.3
Assist/Turnover Ratio	7th	1.1
Offensive Rebounds	11th	10.0 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	11th	22.8 rpg
Defensive Rebound Percentage	2nd	.728
Offensive Rebound Percentage	8th	.294
3-Point Field Goals	13th	5.8 avg.

### ILLINI PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN RANKINGS (Big ten games — Through Jan. 26)

### Scoring

SCULIII§	5							
8.	Malcolm Hill	15.9 p	pg					
26.	Maverick Morgan	12.3 ppg						
Rebour								
10.	Leron Black	6.8 rpg						
Field G	oal Percentage							
4.	Maverick Morgan	.585	(38-65)					
3-Point	t Field Goal Percentage							
3.	Michael Finke	.571	(12-21)					
Free Th	row Percentage							
11.	Malcolm Hill	.830	(39-47)					
Assists								
7.	Te'Jon Lucas	3.7 apg						
Steals								
11.	Te'Jon Lucas	1.4 spg						
	t Field Goals							
10.	Jalen Coleman-Lands	2.1 avg.						
	d Shots							
N/A								
	Turnover Ratio							
	Te'Jon Lucas	2.6	(26 a-10 to)					
	ve Rebounds							
15.	Leron Black	2.0 rpg						
	Maverick Morgan	2.0 rpg	Ţ.					
Defens	ive Rebounds							
	Leron Black	4.8 rpg	•					
11.	Malcolm Hill	4.4 rpg						

### Minutes

N/A

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### THE LAST TIME

#### AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD

20+ rebounds

15-19 rebounds

40+ points Malcolm Hill (40)

vs. Northern Kentucky, 11/13/16

35-39 points Malcolm Hill (39)

at Penn State, 3/6/16 Tracy Abrams (31)

30-34 points Tracy Abrams (31) vs. Central Michigan, 12/10/16

25-29 points Malcolm Hill (25)

vs. Detroit Mercy, 11/18/16

20-24 points M. Hill (21) & J. Coleman-Lands (21)

at Indiana, 1/7/17

2, 20+ pt. scorers M. Hill (21) & J. Coleman-Lands (21)

at Indiana, 1/7/17 Nick Weatherspoon (22) vs. DePauw, 12/2/72 Leron Black (15)

vs. Ohio State, 1/1/17

10-14 rebounds Maverick Morgan (11) vs. Missouri, 12/21/16

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 Tracy Abrams (7)
vs. Central Michigan, 12/10/16

7+ steals Kendall Gill (7) vs. lowa, 3/4/90 6 steals Luther Head vs. lowa, 1/20/05

5+ blocks Nnanna Egwu (5) vs. Purdue. 1/21/15

Triple-Double Sergio McClain (10 p, 11 r, 11 a)

vs. Michigan, 1/13/01

#### AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD

100+ points 112 vs. McKendree, 11/15/16 under 50 points 47 vs. Indiana, 2/25/16 50+ rebounds 50 vs. Coppin State, 11/16/14 20+ off. reb. 25 at Wisconsin, 1/8/14 overtime L. (80-84) vs. Winthrop, 11/21/16

### AN OPPONENT PLAYER HAD

40+ points Glenn Robinson (49) Purdue, 3/13/94

35-39 points Keon Johnson (38) Winthrop, 11/21/16

30-34 points Shavon Shields (33) Nebraska, 2/12/14

25-29 points James Blackmon (25) Indiana, 1/7/17

20-24 points I. Haas (24) & C. Swanigan (22)

Purdue, 1/17/17

Purdue, 1/17/17 Joe Franklin (23)

20+ rebounds Joe Franklin (23) Wisconsin, 12/19/66 15-19 rebounds Greg Lewis (16)

Rutgers, 2/3/16 10-14 rebounds Derek Walton (11)

Michigan, 1/21/17

15+ assists never, Quinn Buckner (14)

Indiana, 2/18/74

10-14 assists Corey Sanders (12) Rutgers, 2/3/16

7+ steals Jamon Gordon (7) Virginia Tech, 3/16/07

5+ blocks Daniel Giddens (5) Ohio State, 1/3/16

### AN OPPONENT TEAM HAD

100+ points under 50 points under 40 points 46, VCU, 12/3/16 under 40 points 50+ rebounds 50+ off. reb. 101, Rutgers, 2/3/16 46, VCU, 12/3/16 38, Penn State, 2/18/09 52, Rutgers, 2/3/16 22, Missouri, 12/22/12

- Sophomore **Michael Finke** was 4-for-4 shooting, including 2-for-2 from 3-point range, for his first career perfect shooting night.
- The Illini freshmen and sophomores combined for 58.8 percent of Illinois' scoring (50 of 85 points), the highest points percentage by UI underclassmen in a game this season.

#### **Nichols Joins Lineup**

Redshirt freshman **Kipper Nichols** joined the active roster on Dec. 17. Nichols originally signed with Tulane out of high school but did not enroll in the fall of 2015. The 6-foot, 6-inch, 225-pound forward joined the Illini program last December and sat out the spring and fall semesters to fulfill transfer requirements. Nichols is a Cleveland native who averaged 18.6 points and 4.7 rebounds as a senior at St. Edward High School, earning 2015 Division I Player of the Year accolades by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association.

### Hill Named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week After Historic Performance

Fighting Illini senior guard **Malcolm Hill** was named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week on Nov. 14 after leading Illinois to a pair of wins. Hill dominated the season's opening weekend, averaging 30.5 points and 10.0 rebounds on 55.9 percent shooting from the field, including 50 percent from 3-point range, in victories over Southeast Missouri and Northern Kentucky.

He scored a career-high 40 points vs. Northern Kentucky, equaling the fifth-highest scoring game in school history and topping his previous career-high of 39 points set last season at Penn State in double-overtime. Hill became just the sixth Illini player ever in the 40-point club while recording only the second 40-point performance by an Illini in the last 26 seasons.

Hill made 13-of-23 from the field against NKU, including a career-high five 3-pointers on eight attempts. It marked Hill's fifth career 30-point outing. He also recorded his eighth career double-double, grabbing a team-high 12 rebounds.

Hill opened the season with game highs of 21 points and eight boards vs. Southeast Missouri. He did most of his damage in the second half of both games, scoring 16 of his 21 against SEMO and 29 of his 40 vs. NKU after intermission. He also earned his way to the foul line with regularity, combining for 16 points on 19 free throw attempts (84.2 percent).

### Illini Sign Top-10 Recruiting Class

Head coach John Groce has signed four student-athletes to national letters of intent in center **Jeremiah Tilmon** (East St. Louis, III.) and guards **Trent Frazier** (Wellington, Fla.) **Javon Pickett** (Belleville, III.) and **Da'Monte Williams** (Peoria, III.). It is a national top-10 class according to three major recruiting services, checking in at No. 8 by Scout, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 10 by 247Sports. It also is ranked by every service as the top class in the Big Ten.

Tilmon is a consensus national top-25 recruit, ranked No. 19 by Scout and No. 25 by both Rivals and 247Sports composite. He is the highest-rated recruit of Groce's Illinois tenure and is the first five-star player to select the Fighting Illini since 2010. Tilmon averaged 13 points and eight rebounds as a junior at La Lumiere, a prep school in La Porte, Indiana. He is now at East St. Louis Senior High School for his senior season.

Frazier is a four-star recruit ranked No. 78 by Scout, No. 101 by Rivals and No. 102 by 247Sports composite. He averaged 21 points, six assists and 2.2 assists as a junior at Wellington High School. He led Wellington to the Class 8A state championship as a sophomore and quarterfinal appearance as a junior. Frazier was a first-team All-State pick by the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches and All-Area Player of the Year by the *Palm Beach Post*.

Picket is a three-star recruit who averaged 23.5 points and 6.4 rebounds as a junior at Belleville East High School, shooting 55 percent from the field. He scored a career-high 42 points vs. East St. Louis. Pickett was a first-team All-State selection by the Associated Press, *Chicago Sun-Times, Champaign News Gazette* and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA).

Williams is a four-star recruit ranked No. 92 by ESPN, No. 106 by Rivals and No. 107 by 247Sports composite. He led Peoria Manual High School to its first IHSA large-class state finals appearance since 1997, where the Rams finished third. Williams averaged 15.3 points, 5.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.1 steals as a junior, scoring a career-high 37 points vs. Joliet West. He earned first-team All-State honors by the Associated Press and IBCA. Williams is the son of Illini all-time great point guard Frank Williams, the 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year and two-time All-American.

### **Renovated State Farm Center Complete**

Known as Assembly Hall from its construction in 1963 to 2013, the iconic 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 underwent a major renovation, which began following the conclusion of the 2013-14 basketball season, dubbed the Illinois Renaissance. The \$170-million project included a renovated seating bowl; the addition of four levels of premium seating; improved restrooms and concessions;

remodeled locker rooms, video room and team lounge; Hall of Fame space; air conditioning and many other amenities.

The construction schedule was year-round, with the major elements occurring around each Fighting Illini basketball season. The most labor intensive part of the renovation began immediately following the final home game of the 2014-15 season, when the lower half of the seating bowl was torn out and reconstructed. The project concluded in time for the start of the 2016-17 season. The official dedication for renovated State Farm Center took place Nov. 29, when the Illini hosted

North Carolina State in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

### 2016-17 PRESEASON NOTES

### **Setting the Stage**

This year's Fighting Illini squad has depth and experience, welcoming back a total of 12 letterwinners and approximately 77 percent of its points, 72 percent of its rebounds and 75 percent of its minutes from the 2015-16 campaign. Illinois returns six of its top seven scorers and will be strengthened by the addition of a number of key players who were limited last year with injuries.

#### Versatile Hill Does it All

With seven players combining to miss a total of 101 games and 14 different starting units, lineup changes existed throughout last season. One constant though for the Illini was the stellar all-around play of **Malcolm Hill**. Asked to play all five positions over the course of the year, Hill led the team in practically every statistical category while becoming the first player in school history to record 600 points, 200 rebounds and 100 assists in a single season.

Hill was the only Big Ten player to lead his team in scoring, rebounding and assists, earning second-team all-conference accolades. He ranked third in the league in scoring at 18.1 points per game, the highest average by an Illini in 13 years. He also averaged 6.6 rebounds (ninth in Big Ten) and 3.3 assists. Hill's season total of 614 points ranked sixth on the all-time UI list. He scored 20 or more in 16 games, led by a career-high 39 points at Penn State, the sixth-best single-game performance in school history.

Hill is on preseason watch lists for the Wooden Award, Naismith Trophy and Jerry West Award, and also was selected to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team.

### **Long-Awaited Comeback for Abrams**

Following back-to-back season-ending injuries, senior **Tracy Abrams** has recovered from those setbacks and will take the court for his final collegiate campaign after receiving a medical hardship waiver for a sixth-year of eligibility. Abrams missed the entire 2014-15 season after tearing his ACL in September, then missed all of last season after tearing his Achilles tendon in July.

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Category	15-16	Returning	Lost	Return Pct.
Minutes	6,975	5,252	1,723	75.3%
Points	2,452	1,891	561	77.1%
Field Goals	861	659	202	76.5%
3-Pt. FGs	277	196	81	70.8%
Free Throws	453	377	76	83.2%
Rebounds	1,076	776	192	72.1%
Assists	463	319	144	68.9%
Blocks	65	56	9	86.2%
Steals	199	129	70	64.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers do not include Abrams, who redshirted last year

### RETURNING ILLINI LEADERS

<u>Category</u>	Player	<u>Statistic</u>	<u> 15-16 Rank</u>
Minutes	Malcolm Hill	1,195	1st
Min./Game	Malcolm Hill	35.1	T-1st
Points	Malcolm Hill	614	1st
Points/Gan	ne Malcolm Hill	18.1	1st
Field Goals	Malcolm Hill	192	1st
FG Pct.	Maverick Morgan	.564	1st
3-Pt. FGs	Jalen Coleman-Lands	87	1st
3-Pt. FG Pct	. Jalen Coleman-Lands	.422	1st
Free Throw	s Malcolm Hill	193	1st
FT Pct.	Malcolm Hill	.821	1st
Off. Reb.	Michael Finke	45	1st
Def. Reb.	Malcolm Hill	180	1st
Tot. Reb.	Malcolm Hill	223	1st
Reb./Game	Mike Thorne Jr.	8.5	1st
Assists	Malcolm Hill	112	1st
Blocks	Maverick Morgan	16	1st
Steals	Malcolm Hill	42	1st
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Prior to the injuries, Abrams had been a mainstay in the starting lineup since midway through his freshman season. He ranked second on the team in scoring as a junior in 2013-14, averaging 10.7 points, and led the Illini in assists (3.2 apg). No parts of his game will be more valued by his teammates, however, than the leadership skills and toughness he brings to the court.

### Extra Year for Thorne Too

Illinois is in the unique, and perhaps unprecedented, position of having two sixth-year players on the same roster. Senior **Mike Thorne Jr.** also received a medical hardship waiver to extend his eligibility to a sixth season.

Thorne made a big impact on the Illini last year as a graduate transfer with his ability to score in the paint and rebound. He averaged 12.9 points and 8.5 rebounds in eight games, but missed most of the season after tearing his meniscus against lowa State on Nov. 28. Thorne was Illinois' leading rebounder in six of his eight games and scored in double figures five times.

### Senior Depth

**Maverick Morgan** is another senior the Illini will depend on in the frontcourt. He averaged 8.3 points last year and was a breakout player late in the season, averaging 12.0 points over the final 12 games, including 13.8 ppg over the last five. Morgan led the Illini in field goal shooting at 56.4 percent (eighth in Big Ten), highlighted by a 10-for-13 effort en route to a career-high 21 points at Maryland.

After leading the Illini in assists two years ago, **Jaylon Tate** suffered a dislocated finger in last year's season opener that forced him to miss 4.5 games and caused discomfort throughout the year. He still totaled 75 assists and now enters his senior season back at full force. Tate provides veteran experience and stability at point guard. The sixth and final senior is **Alex Austin**, a walkon who is coming off his first action with the Illini after sitting out as a transfer following two years at Eastern Illinois. Austin played in 32 games last year, starting six times, and averaged nearly 10 minutes per game for the Illini. He is one of the team's top perimeter defenders.

### Coleman-Lands Sets Record

The Illini coaching staff felt it had recruited one of the nation's top shooters in the class of 2015 in **Jalen Coleman-Lands**. And JCL delivered in his inaugural season, torching the nets with 87 three-pointers to break the Illinois freshman record. Coleman-Lands was fourth in the Big Ten with an average of 2.6 treys while shooting 42.2 percent behind the arc to rank eighth in the league. He was the team's third-leading scorer with an average of 10.3 points, reaching double figures 19 times. Coleman-Lands missed most of the preseason with a broken hand suffered Sept. 7 but returned to practice in late October.

### Frontcourt Bolstered with Finke and Black

The Illini will look for strong contributions from redshirt sophomores **Michael Finke** and **Leron Black** with their contrasting frontcourt styles. After redshirting his first season on campus, Finke had a number of bright moments last year. He started 16 games and averaged 7.5 points. A stretch-four with good passing skills, Finke shot 36.7 percent from 3-point range while knocking down 40 treys. He scored in double figures 10 times, led by a 24-point outing vs. Western Carolina.

Black was slowed following October surgery for a torn meniscus. He was limited to seven games, averaging 4.4 points and 4.4 rebounds, before sitting out the rest of the season and taking a medical redshirt. The Illini missed his presence on the glass, and he will be counted on for his rebounding ability this year. Black was suspended through the first four regular season games and returned to the court on Nov. 21 vs. Winthrop.

### Also Returning for the Orange and Blue

Rounding out the Illini letterwinners are Aaron Jordan, D.J. Williams and Cameron Liss, joined by returnee Kipper Nichols.

Jordan played in 31 games as a freshman, averaging 3.3 points, led by a season-high 14 points in his debut vs. North Florida. Williams, meanwhile, appeared in 29 games and averaged 2.1 points. He earned more playing time as the season evolved, logging double digit minutes in 11 of the last 12 games. Both players have worked hard in the offseason on skill development and improvements in the weight room and look to take the next step in their progression as sophomores.

Liss is returning for his third year as a walkon, providing depth in practice for the UI frontcourt while sitting out the season as a redshirt.

Nichols joined the Illini last season at the semester break. He sat out the spring and will miss the fall semester as well per transfer rules after originally signing with Tulane. The redshirt freshman will be eligible beginning with the BYU game on Dec. 17. Nichols is a powerful 6-6 forward with the ability to defend multiple positions.

#### **New Additions**

There are four newcomers to the Illini roster this season in freshmen Te'Jon Lucas and walkons Clayton Jones, Drew Cayce and Samson Oladimeji.

Lucas was a unanimous first-team All-State selection in Wisconsin after averaging 20.5 points and 7.8 assists as a senior at Milwaukee Washington High School. He also was chosen as the state's top senior point guard. Lucas' season was cut short after fracturing his ankle in a game on Feb. 6. He focused on recovering from that injury through the summer, which limited his on-court activity. Lucas returned to full contact at the start of preseason practice in October.

Jones is a Champaign native who joins the program after attending junior college the previous three years, last competing with Lake Land during the 2014-15 season. Jones is a competitor and solid 3-point shooter who will push his fellow Illini guards.

Cayce will sit out this season after transferring from Creighton, where he redshirted last year as a freshman. Cayce will focus on helping the Illini backcourt in daily practices.

Oladimeji joined the Illini at the start of fall practice to participate on the scout team.

### GROCE PRESS CONFERENCE / TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

All remaining press conferences will be held in the State Farm Center Media Room (unless a different location is noted below). Enter the arena through the guard shack. Courtesy parking is available in the northeast lot of State Farm Center (enter off Fourth St.). Following the press conferences, lunch will be served to the media. All press conferences will be streamed on FIGHTINGILLINI.com. Press conferences also will be accessible via teleconference. Contact the UI Athletics Communication Office for teleconference number information.

Friday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. — Media Day (at Bielfeldt/Ubben)

Thursday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-Noon — Big Ten Media Day (at Washington D.C.)

Friday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. — Media Availability (at Ubben)

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m. — Media Availability (at State Farm Center)

Thursday, Nov. 10, Noon — Press Conference Monday, Nov. 14, Noon — Teleconference

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2:40 p.m. — Press Conference (at State Farm Center)

Sunday, Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m. — Teleconference Wednesday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m. — Teleconference Monday, Nov. 28, Noon — Press Conference Friday, Dec. 2, 12:15 p.m. — Teleconference Monday, Dec. 5, Noon — Teleconference

Friday, Dec. 9, Noon – Press Conference

Friday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. – Teleconference

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1:15 p.m. — Teleconference

Monday, Dec. 26, 1:30 p.m. — Teleconference Friday, Dec. 30, 12:30 p.m. — Press Conference

Friday, Jan. 6, 1:30 p.m. — Teleconference Tuesday, Jan. 10, 11:15 a.m. — Press Conference

Friday, Jan. 13, 11:15 a.m. – Press Conference Monday, Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m. – Teleconference

Friday, Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m. — Teleconference Tuesday, Jan. 24, Noon — Press Conference

Friday, Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m. — Teleconference

Monday, Jan. 30, Noon — Press Conference

Friday, Feb. 3, Noon — Press Conference

Monday, Feb. 6, TBD — Teleconference

Friday, Feb. 10, Noon — Press Conference

Friday, Feb. 17, TBD — Teleconference

Monday, Feb. 20, Noon — Press Conference

Saturday, Feb. 25, TBD — Teleconference

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11:15 a.m. — Press Conference

Friday, March 3, TBD — Teleconference

Tuesday, March 7, Noon — Press Conference

(at Memorial Stadium Press Box)

Sunday, March 12, 5 pm (Tentative) — Press Conference

### FIGHTING ILLINI SPORTS NETWORK (43 stations)

Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3 Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570

Alton, WBGZ-FM 94.3

Bloomington, WRPW-FM 92.9

Canton, WBYS-AM 1560

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

Dagatur WCOV AM 1240

Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340

DuQuoin, WDQN-AM 1580 Dwight, WJEZ-FM 98.9

DWIGHT, WILL-FIN 30.3

Effingham, WHQQ-FM 98.9

Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390

Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400

Galesburg, WGIL-FM 93.7

Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550

Jacksonville, WJIL-FM 102.9

Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480 Kewanee, WKEI-AM 1450

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Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1

Macomb, WKXQ-FM 92.5

Matton, WHQQ-FM 98.9

Mt. Carmel. WSJD-FM 100.5

Murphysboro, WINI-AM 1440

Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9

Paxton, WPXN-FM 104.9

Peoria, WZPN-FM 96.5

Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5

Quincy, WTAD-AM 930 Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7

Rockford, WROK-AM 1440

Rushville, WKXQ-FM 92.5

Salem, WJBD-AM 1350

Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1

Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230

Springfield, WFMB-AM 1450

Springfield, WFMB-FM 107.1

Springfield, WCVS-FM 96.7

St. Louis, KQQZ-AM 1190

Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1

### **JOHN GROCE RADIO SHOW**

Program airs Mondays from 7-8 p.m. on the Fighting Illini Sports Network and locally on WDWS-AM 1400, the flagship station for the network. The host is Brian Barnhart and the show will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy.

John Groce Ra	adio Show Dates
Nov. 28	Jan. 23
Dec. 5	Jan. 30
Dec. 12	Feb. 13
Dec. 19	Feb. 20
Jan. 2	Feb. 27
Jan. 9	

### ILLINOIS BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Champaign-Urbana, III.

Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 44,880
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Colors: Orange and Blue
Arena: State Farm Center

Capacity: 16,618
Conference: Big Ten
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Robert J. Jones
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Athletics Department Phone: 217-333-3631

### HISTORY

**Opened:** 1963

Seasons of Basketball: 112th
First Year of Basketball: 1906
All-Time Record: 1,757-966 (.645)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 912-695 (.568)
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

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

### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: John Groce, 5th year Alma Mater, Year: Taylor University '94 Record at Illinois / Years: 90-69 (.566) / 5th Career Record / Years: 175-125 (.583) / 9th Basketball Office Phone: 217-333-3400

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Ford, 5th year;
Paris Parham, 5th year; Jamall Walker, 5th year

Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Darren Hertz Director of Basketball Operations: James Haring

**Graduate Manager:** Drew Dunn

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Adam Fletcher

Athletic Trainer: Paul Schmidt

Coordinator of Special Projects: Rod Cardinal Administrative Secretary: Julie Pioletti

### 2015-16 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record: 15-19

Big Ten Record / Finish: 5-13 / 12th

Postseason: N/A

Final Ranking: AP - NR / Coaches - NR Starters Returning / Lost: 4/1 Lettermen Returning / Lost: 12/3

 $\textbf{Newcomers:}\ 4$ 

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### THE GROCE FILE

### **HOMETOWN**

Danville, Ind.

### **FAMILY**

Wife, Allison; Sons, Conner and Camden, Daughter, Cate

### **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

### **HEAD COACH JOHN GROCE**

5th Year at Illinois // 9th Year Overall // 24th Year as a College Coach

John Groce is in his fifth season in charge of the Fighting Illini program in 2016-17. He has led the Illini to an average of more than 19 wins per season during his tenure along with postseason appearances in three of his first four years in Champaign, owning a record of 77-61.

Groce continues his relentless pursuit to build a championship program in all phases. There have been signature wins on the court, player development improvements, recruiting success, and achievement in the classroom as well. Illinois has carried a team GPA over 3.0 for five consecutive semesters, highlighted by a 3.27 in fall 2015 – tied for the highest among all UI men's teams – and a 3.07 in spring 2016. A team-record six players earned 2015-16 Academic All-Big Ten accolades, and the program's most recent NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) multiyear score of 990 ranked third in the Big Ten.

Last year's team dealt with an unprecedented number of injuries. Groce employed 14 different starting lineups as a total of seven players missed a combined 101 games. But the Illini continued to battle in the face of adversity, playing 14 contests that were either decided by five points or less or tied at the end of regulation. Illinois won 15 games, including top-25 victories over No. 20 Purdue at home and against No. 20 lowa in the Big Ten Tournament second round, with the Illini becoming the lowest seed ever to advance to the league's tournament quarterfinal.

During the 2014-15 season, Groce directed Illinois to 19 wins and its first .500 campaign in Big Ten play since 2011. After falling just shy of an NCAA Tournament bid, the Illini earned a No. 3 seed in the NIT. Off the court, meanwhile, the coaching staff continued to strengthen the Fighting Illini roster for the future by signing a top-20 recruiting class, the Ul's second nationally ranked class in Groce's first three seasons.

Illinois went perfect in the month of November for the third straight year, capped with a victory over Baylor in the Las Vegas Invitational title game that moved the Illini into the Top 25 rankings. Another non-conference highlight was the first buzzer beater in the history of the Braggin' Rights series, as Rayvonte Rice drained a 3-pointer with time expiring to give the Illini a second-straight victory over Missouri.

Included in the UI's nine conference wins were three victories over teams that finished in the top four of the Big Ten standings. The Illini took down 11th-ranked Maryland and Purdue at home and defeated eventual Final Four participant Michigan State on the road.

Illinois' two RPI top-10 wins tied for second nationally during the regular season. Groce's third Fighting Illini squad also set a pair of statistical milestones, leading the nation in free throw percentage with school-record accuracy of 79.4 percent, and setting another program record for fewest turnovers per game at 9.9.

Groce guided one of the youngest and most inexperienced teams in the nation during the 2013-14 season to 20 wins and a No. 2 seed in the NIT, as the Illini narrowly missed a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Entering the year with nine newcomers and returning just three rotation players, Groce emphasized defense to his young squad and it delivered, finishing the season ranked 11th nationally in defensive efficiency.

Illinois won 13 of its first 15 games, highlighted by thrilling wins at UNLV, in the Braggin' Rights game over No. 23 Missouri and against Indiana in overtime on New Year's Eve. The Illini then played some of their best basketball late in the season, a staple of Groce's teams throughout his coaching career. Illinois won four of its last five regular season games, with three of those victories coming on the road at Minnesota, at No. 18 Michigan State and at No. 24 lowa. The Illini added wins over Indiana in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament and at Boston U in the first round of the NIT to finish the season with six victories over its final nine contests, with both postseason losses coming by just one point apiece.

Groce led the Illinois program to a number of achievements during his first year in 2012-13 — including 23 victories that marked a six-win improvement from the Ul'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 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 Ul'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 home victory over No. 1 Indiana. The Illini won it at the buzzer on a layup by Tyler Griffey, leading to a court storming celebration 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 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.

In addition to the success on the court, Groce also made an immediate impact on the recruiting trail, signing a top 25-ranked class in less than eight months on the job in Champaign.

Groce was named the 17th Fighting Illini men's basketball coach on March 29, 2012. He 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 made a strong push for the Elite Eight before falling to No. 1 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 wo 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 45-year-old Groce has a total of 23 years in the coaching profession and has been part of teams that have made 19 postseason appearances. His record in 15 years as an assistant was an impressive 349-156, giving him a combined record of 511-273.

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 Championship 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' 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 telite 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 trio to the semifinals in 2000.

Groce got his start in coaching as an assistant at his alma mater, Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. 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 making the transition 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 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, and a daughter, Cate.

### **GROCE'S CAREER RECORD**

Season 2008-09	School Ohio	Overall / Conf. 15-17 / 7-9 (9th)	<u>Postseason</u>
2009-10	Ohio	22-15 / 7-9 (9th)	NCAA Round of 32
2010-11	Ohio	19-16 / 9-7 (5th)	CIT Quarterfinal
2011-12	Ohio	29-8 / 11-5 (3rd)	NCAA Sweet 16
2012-13	Illinois	23-13 / 8-10 (7th)	NCAA Round of 32
2013-14	Illinois	20-15 / 7-11 (8th)	NIT 2nd Round
2014-15	Illinois	19-14 / 9-9 (7th)	NIT 1st Round
2015-16	Illinois	15-19 / 5-13 (12th)	
2016-17	Illinois	13-8 / 3-5	

Illinois (5th year): 90-69 (.566) // Head Coach (9th year): 175-125 (.583) Assistant (15 years): 349-156 (.691) // Total (24th year): 524-281 (.651)



## 13 TRACY ABRAMS

### GRADUATE STUDENT // GUARD // 6-2 // 185 CHICAGO, ILL. // MOUNT CARMEL H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Averaging 9.1 ppg (fourth on team) ... Shooting 41.3 percent from 3-point range (31-75) ... In first game back since March 2014, scored 13 points on 4-5 shooting while finishing with three 3-pointers in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Four 3-pointers vs. McKendree, shooting a perfect 5-of-5 from the field for 14 points (11/15) ... 15 points vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18) ... Shot 7-for-12 from the field vs. Winthrop, scoring 17 points with six assists and five rebounds (11/21) ... 17 points vs. N.C. State, along with a season-high three steals (11/29) ... Grabbed a season-best six rebounds and scored nine points on 3-for-3 shooting from 3-point land vs. VCU (12/3) ... Season-best four steals vs. IUPUI (12/6) ... Career high 31 points on 10 baskets, including career-best seven 3-pointers (one shy of school record) vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... Team-high 15 points vs. BYU (12/17) ... 16 points and four rebounds vs. Ohio State (1/1) ... Four rebounds at Purdue (1/17).

Career Notes: Born Feb. 6, 1992 ... Enrolled in the UI master's program in education policy, organization and leadership ... Earned master's degree in recreation, sport and tourism in August 2016 ... Earned bachelor's degree in communication in May 2015 ... Received medical hardship waiver for sixth-season of eligibility ... Tore Achilles tendon in left leg in July 2015 ... Tore ACL in right knee in September 2014 ... Started all 35 games as a junior in 2013-14, ranking second on team in scoring with average of 10.7 points ... Led Illini and ranked 13th in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 3.2 apg ... Scored in double figures 20 times and was Illini's leading scorer in nine games ... Season-high 25 points with seven rebounds vs. Indiana in Big Ten Tournament Opening Round (3/13/14) ... 22 points and made gamewinning free throws with 4.6 seconds left vs. Missouri (12/21/13) ... 17 points on 8-of-12 shooting vs. Indiana (12/31/13)  $\dots$  Equaled career high with five steals and added 12 points in win at Michigan State (3/1/14) ... Started 32 of 36 games as a sophomore, ranking third on team in scoring with average of 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 following career-high 27-point, eight-rebound performance vs. Auburn (12/27/13) ... 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, and averaged 4.3 ppg and 1.9 apg ... 2012 Team MVP, first true-freshman in school history to be named Illini MVP.

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS													
Date	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	A	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-1	27	4-5	3-4	2-2	0-2-2	2	<b><u>A</u></b> 3	2	0	1	13
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-1	26	2-7	0-0	1-2	0-3-3	3	2	0	1	1	5
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-1	17	5-5	4-4	0-0	0-2-2	2	6	1	0	1	14
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-1	28	4-6	2-3	5-5	0-4-4	2	1	2	0	1	15
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-1	34	7-12	2-4	1-1	1-4-5	1	6	1	1	2	17
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-1	23	2-6	0-2	0-0	0-1-1	3	1	1	0	0	4
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-1	26	1-7	1-4	2-2	0-1-1	2	1	2	0	0	5
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-1	31	6-10	3-5	2-2	0-1-1	1	1	0	0	3	17
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-1	30	3-6	3-3	0-1	0-6-6	2	4	3	0	0	9
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-1	31	2-4	0-2	3-4	0-3-3	2	6	2	0	4	7
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-1	26	10-12	7-8	4-6	0-5-5	3	3	2	0	1	31
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-1	28	6-15	3-7	0-0	0-4-4	2	4	3	1	1	15
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-1	13	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-3-3	5-1	0	3	0	0	3
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-1	22	1-10	0-6	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	2	0	1	2
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-1	33	6-12	1-6	3-6	1-3-4	2	0	1	1	1	16
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-1	19	1-7	0-3	0-0	0-1-1	4	1	1	0	1	2
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-1	24	1-3	0-1	2-3	0-2-2	3	3	1	0	1	4
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-1	22	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	4	2	2	0	1	0
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-1	23	1-6	0-2	2-5	0-4-4	0	1	0	0	0	4
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-1	23	1-5	0-2	0-0	0-2-2	3	3	3	0	0	2
Jan. 25	lowa	1-0	17	2-9	1-5	2-2	0-3-3	2	1	1	0	1	7
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
Feb. 4	Minnesota												

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS						
PTS: 31 vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	PTS: 31 vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)						
<b>FG: 10</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	<b>FG: 10</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)						
FG ATT: 16 (five times) last vs. Indiana (3/13/14)	<b>FG ATT: 15</b> vs. BYU (12/17/16)						
<b>3-PT: 7</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	<b>3-PT: 7</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)						
<b>3-PT ATT: 8</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	<b>3-PT ATT: 8</b> vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)						
<b>FT: 13</b> vs. Auburn (12/29/12)	<b>FT: 5</b> vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)						
<b>FT ATT: 15</b> vs. Auburn (12/29/12)	FT ATT: 6 (twice) last vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)						
REB: 8 (twice) last vs. Bradley (11/17/13)	<b>REB: 6</b> vs. VCU (12/3/16)						
<b>AST: 8 (twice)</b> last vs. USC (11/19/12)	AST: 6 (three times) last vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)						
<b>BLK: 2 (twice)</b> last vs. UIC (12/28/13)	BLK: 1 (four times) last vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)						
STL: 5 (twice) last at Michigan State (3/1/14)	<b>STL: 4</b> vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)						
MIN: 37	MIN: 34						

vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)

vs. Indiana (3/13/14)

CARE	CAREER STATISTICS													
<u>Year</u>	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	<u>A</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	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	35-35	1054-30.1	114-342/.333	30-111/.270	115-149/.772	16-106-122/3.5	77-0	112	67	8	42	373-10.7		
2014-15		DNP-Inj.												
2015-16		DNP-Inj.												
2016-17	21-20	523-24.9	66-154/.429	31-75/.413	29-41/.707	3-56-59/2.8	49-1	51	33	4	21	192-9.1		
TOTAL	124-106	3283-26.5	361-951/.380	101-335/.301	259-351/.738	70-310-380/3.1	281-3	344	244	16	127	1082-8.7		

Feb. 7

Feb. 11

Feb. 18

Feb. 21

Feb. 26

at Northwestern

Penn State

Northwestern

at Nebraska March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers

Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament

at lowa



## 44 AUSTIN

### REDSHIRT SENIOR // GUARD // 6-4 // 185 CHICAGO, ILL. // MOUNT CARMEL H.S. // EASTERN ILLINOIS

**2016-17 Notes:** Former walk-on has earned an atheltic scholarship for his final semester ... Scored two points and tied a career high with five rebounds vs. McKendree (11/15).

Career Notes: Born Nov. 17, 1993 ... Enrolled in the UI master's program in recreation, sport and tourism ... Earned bachelor's degree in communication in December 2016 ... Played in 32 of 34 games last year, starting six times ... Five rebounds in UI debut vs. North Florida (11/13/15) ... Five points vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15) ... Career-high 33 minutes at Providence (11/18/15), finishing with four points, five rebounds and season-high four assists ... Season-high eight points and five rebounds vs. Chicago State (11/23/15) ... Five points at Rutgers (2/3/16) ... Season-high three steals vs. Minnesota in Big Ten Tournament (3/9/16) ... Prior to transferring to Illinois, played two years at Eastern Illinois ... Appeared in 27 games as a sophomore, starting 16 times, and averaged 7.0 points and 2.4 rebounds ... Shot 83 percent from the free throw line (44-53) to lead EIU and was second on team with 31 made 3-pointers ... Season-high 18 points vs. Olivet Nazarene (11/13/13) ... Season-high six boards vs. Indiana State (12/7/13) and Jacksonville State (1/11/14)  $\dots$  Played in all 32 games as a freshman, starting 20, and averaged 9.3 points and 2.5 boards ... Leading-scoring freshman in the Ohio Valley and was named OVC Freshman of the Week five times ... Ranked second on EIU with 39 treys on 36.8 percent 3-point shooting (39-106) ... Career-high 21 points vs. Toledo (12/8/12) ... Career-high eight rebounds vs. Southeast Missouri (3/6/13).

GAME-	-BY-GAME STA	ATIST	ICS											UI CAREER HIGHS	S	EASO	N HIGI	łS
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	<u>A</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS					
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	i 1-0	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	PTS: 8		TS: 2 (tw		
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1.0	DNP		0.0	0.0	0.0.5		0	•	0	•	0	vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	la	ist at Pu	rdue (1/1	7/17)
Nov. 15 Nov. 18 Nov. 21	McKendree Detroit Mercy Winthrop	1-0 1-0	8 1 DNP	1-4 0-1	0-2 0-1	0-0 0-0	3-2-5 0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2 0	FG: 2 (four times) last at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>FG: 1 (twice)</b> last at Purdue (1/17/17)			7/17)
Nov. 24 Nov. 25 Nov. 29	vs. West Virginia vs. Florida State N.C. State		DNP DNP DNP											FG ATT: 7 at Providence (11/18/15)		<b>G ATT: 4</b> s. McKen	dree (11/	15/16)
Dec. 3 Dec. 6	vs. VCU IUPUI	1.0	DNP DNP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3-PT: 1</b> last at Rutgers (2/3/16)	3-	-PT: 0		
Dec. 10 Dec. 17 Dec. 21	Central Michigan vs. BYU vs. Missouri	1-0	1 DNP DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3-PT ATT: 6</b> at Providence (11/18/15)		-PT ATT: s. McKen	<b>2</b> dree (11/	15/16)
Dec. 27 Jan. 1 Jan. 7	at Maryland Ohio State at Indiana	1-0	0+ DNP DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>FT: 4</b> vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	F	T: 0		
Jan. 11 Jan. 14 Jan. 17	Michigan Maryland at Purdue	1-0	DNP DNP 3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2	FT ATT: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	F	T ATT: 0		
Jan. 21 Jan. 25 Jan. 28	at Michigan lowa at Penn State		DNP DNP											REB: 5 (four times) last vs. McKendree (11/15/16)		<b>EB: 5</b> s. McKen	dree (11/	15/16)
Jan. 31 Feb. 4	Wisconsin Minnesota													AST: 4 at Providence (11/18/15)	A	ST: O		
Feb. 7 Feb. 11 Feb. 18	at Northwestern Penn State at Iowa													BLK: 0	В	LK: 0		
Feb. 21 Feb. 26 March 1	Northwestern at Nebraska Michigan State													<b>STL: 3</b> vs. Minnesota (3/9/16)	STL: 0			
March 4		nt												MIN: 33 at Providence (11/18/15)		I <b>IN: 8</b> s. McKen	dree (11/	15/16)
CARE	ER STATIST	ICS	AT E	ASTE	RN I	LLIN	DIS											
Year		IN-Avg		FGM-			PM-A/%		FTM	-A/%		0	R-DR-T	OT/Avg <u>PF-DQ</u> A	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2012-13		1-23.8		103-22	2/.464		106/.368		51-7	3/.699			4-75-7		38	1	27	296-9.3
2013-14		9-22.2		57-149	9/.383	31	-96/.323		44-5	3/.830			6-59-6		24	1	19	189-7.0
TOTAL	59-36 136	60-23.1		160-37	1/.431	70-	202/.347		95-12	6/.754	ļ	10	)-134—	144/2.4 93-0 64	62	2	46	485-8.2
CARE	ER STATIST	201	ΔΤ ΙΙ	IIINI	210													
Year		IN-Avg	AT 11	FGM-		3	PM-A/%		FTM	-A/%		O	R-DR-T	OT/Avg PF-DQ A	<u>T0</u>	В	<u>s</u>	PTS-Avg
2014-15		- Transf	er			<u>.</u>	/ •			,.		•				_	_	
2015-16		04-9.5		14-43	/.326	6-	28/.214		7-11	/.636			8-35-4	3/1.3 34-0 20	7	0	13	41-1.3
2016-17	7-0 1	4-2.0		2-7/.	286	0	-3/.000		0-0	/.000			4-3-7	/1.0 1-0 0	0	0	0	4-0.6
TOTAL	39-6 31	18-8.2		16-50	/.320	6-	31/.194		7-11	/.636			12-38-	50/1.3 35-0 20	7	0	13	45-1.2



## 12 LERON BLACK

## REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE // FORWARD // 6-7 // 220 MEMPHIS, TENN. // WHITE STATION H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Third on Illini in scoring, averaging 9.5 ppg ... Team's leading rebounder at 6.7 rpg (9th in B1G) ... Scored 10 points and grabbed four rebounds in season debut vs. Winthrop (11/21) ... Recorded second double-double of his career vs. Florida State, scoring 15 points and grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds (11/25) ... 15 points and eight boards vs. N.C. State (11/29) ... MVP of Hoophall Miami Invitational with 18 points and eight boards vs. VCU (12/3) ... 16 points vs. IUPUI, shooting 8-for-9 from the free throw line (12/6) ... Career-high 21 points on 9-of-13 shooting vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... Made first career 3-pointer vs. Maryland (12/27) ... Career-best and game-high 15 rebounds vs. Ohio State, the most by an Illini this season (1/1) ... 14 points with career-best two 3-pointers and game-high nine rebounds vs. Maryland (1/14) ... 10 points and game-high seven rebounds vs. lowa (1/25).

Career Notes: Born Jan. 31, 1996 in Omaha, Neb. ... Majoring in communication... Received medical hardship waiver last season ... Limited to a total of seven games following meniscus surgery on right knee in October 2015 ... Averaged 4.4 points and 4.4 rebounds ... Made debut vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15), finishing with five points and five rebounds ... Season-high 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting vs. UAB (11/27/15) ... Eight points and seasonhigh eight rebounds vs. Iowa State (11/28/15) ... Team-high seven rebounds vs. Notre Dame (12/2/15) ... Missed final 25 games ... Played in all 33 games as a freshman, starting 10 times ... Sixth on team in scoring, averaging 5.0 points ... Scored in double figures six times ... Career-high 18 points with eight rebounds vs. Coppin State (11/16/14) ... 10 points vs. Brown (11/24/14) ... Eight rebounds vs. both Hampton (12/17/14) and Kennesaw State (12/27/14) ... Eight points and nine rebounds vs. Indiana (1/18/15) ... Double-double in first career start with 15 points and career-high 13 rebounds vs. Purdue (1/21/15) ... 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting vs. Rutgers (2/3/15) ... 11 points vs. Nebraska (3/4/15) ... 10 points and five rebounds vs. Michigan in Big Ten Tournament Quarterfinal (3/12/15) ... Consensus national top-50 recruit averaged 20.2 points and 12.9 rebounds as a senior at White Station High School ... Tennessee Mr. Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year in Tennessee ... Tennessee Sports Writers Association (TSWA) Class AAA All-State Team ... Pepsi Best of the Preps Player of the Year and first-team All-Metro by Memphis Commercial Appeal ... Following his senior season, participated in USA Basketball U18 training camp.

GAME	-BY-GAME ST	ATIS1	ICS											CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>		MIN	FG-A	<u>3P-A</u>	FT-A	<u>REB</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS		
Nov. 11	Southeast Missour		NP-Sus											PTS: 21	PTS: 21
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky		NP-Sus											vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)
Nov. 15	McKendree		NP-Sus											FG: 9	FG: 9
Nov. 18 Nov. 21	Detroit Mercy		NP-Sus 20	ър. 5-9	0-1	0-2	1-3-4	4	1	2	0	٥	10	vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)
Nov. 21	Winthrop vs. West Virginia	1-0 1-0	20 16	5-9 2-4	0-1	0-2 2-2	1-3-4 2-7-9	4	0	3	0	0	10 6	vs. ochtrar michigan (12/10/10/	vs. ochtrar whomgan (12/10/10)
Nov. 24 Nov. 25	vs. West Virgilia vs. Florida State	1-0	24	2-4 4-9	0-0	2-2 7-8	2-7-9 4-7-11	2	0	3 1	0	0	15	FG ATT: 14	FG ATT: 14
Nov. 23	N.C. State	1-0	26	7-14	0-1	1-1	4-7-11	4	2	1	0	0	15	vs. N.C. State (11/29/16)	vs. N.C. State (11/29/16)
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-1	30	6-13	0-2	6-8	2-6-8	3	0	1	0	0	18		
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-1	24	4-6	0-1	8-9	1-8-9	3	2	3	0	2	16	3-PT: 2	3-PT: 2
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-1	25	9-13	0-1	3-4	0-1-1	1	0	1	1	1	21	vs. Maryland (1/14/17)	vs. Maryland (1/14/17)
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-1	16	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	4	2	0	0	1	4	3-PT ATT: 2 (three times)	3-PT ATT: 2 (three times)
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-1	17	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-5-6	0	0	2	0	1	0	last at Purdue (1/17/17)	last at Purdue (1/17/17)
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-1	23	1-5	1-1	2-2	1-3-4	3	0	2	0	0	5		
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-1	27	2-9	0-0	2-2	4-11-15	1	0	1	0	0	6	FT: 8	FT: 8
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-1	16	1-4	0-1	1-2	2-2-4	3	0	0	1	0	3	vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)	vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-1	17	5-10	0-1	0-0	1-4-5	3	0	0	0	0	10	FT ATT: 9	FT ATT: 9
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-1	25	6-10	2-2	0-0	1-8-9	4	1	1	0	0	14	vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)	vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-1	16	2-8	0-2	1-2	3-3-6	4	0	0	0	0	5	V3. 101 01 (12/0/10)	VS. 101 01 (12/0/10)
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-1	13	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2-4	2	0	1	0	0	4	REB: 15	REB: 15
Jan. 25	lowa	1-1	18	4-6	0-0	2-3	2-5-7	1	0	0	0	0	10	vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)	vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)
Jan. 28	at Penn State														
Jan. 31	Wisconsin													AST: 2 (three times)	AST: 2 (three times)
Feb. 4	Minnesota													last vs. BYU (12/17/16)	last vs. BYU (12/17/16)
Feb. 7 Feb. 11	at Northwestern													BLK: 1 (10 times)	BLK: 1 (twice)
Feb. 11	Penn State at Iowa													last vs. Indiana (1/7/17)	last vs. Indiana (1/7/17)
Feb. 21	Northwestern													,	
Feb. 26	at Nebraska													STL: 2 (three times)	STL: 2
March 1	Michigan State													last vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)	vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)
March 4	at Rutgers													MIN: 32	MIN: 30
	Big Ten Tourname	nt												vs. Purdue (1/21/15)	vs. VCU (12/3/16)
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CARE	CAREER STATISTICS														

FTM-A/%

30-44/.682

1-2/.500

35-45/.778

66-91/.725

OR-DR-TOT/Avg

42-99-141/4.3

10-21-31/4.4

32-82-114/6.7

84-202-286/5.0

PF-DQ

89-1

23-1

50-0

162-2

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28

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18

PTS-Avg 164-5.0

31-4.4

162-9.5

357-6.3

MIN-Avg

487-14.8

100-143

353-20.8

940-16.5

FGM-A/%

67-141/.475

15-36/.417

62-127/.488

144-304/.474

3PM-A/%

0-3/.000

0-0/.000

3-14/.214

3-17/.176

Year

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

TOTAL

G-GS

33-10

7-2

17-13

57-25



## **JALEN COLEMAN-LANDS**

SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-3 // 190 INDIANAPOLIS. IND. // LA LUMIERE PREP

2016-17 Notes: Averaging 8.5 points per game ... Third on team in scoring in Big Ten play at 8.6 ppg ... Leads Illini with 44 three-pointers (8th in B1G) on 38.3 percent shooting from 3-point range ... Made three 3-pointers in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Tied career-high in 3-pointers with six vs. McKendree, leading Illini in scoring with 18 points (11/15) ... Tied career high with six rebounds vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18) ... 11 points vs. N.C. State (11/29) ... 12 points in first start of the season vs. VCU (12/3) ... 12 points and five rebounds vs. BYU (12/17) ... 12 points vs. Missouri (12/21) ... Tied for team-high and set a new season-best with 21 points on 7-of-13 shooting at Indiana, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range (1/7) ... 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting from behind the arc vs. Michigan (1/11) ... Tied career-best with four assists vs. lowa (1/25).

Career Notes: Born July 15, 1996 ... Majoring in marketing ... Played in all 34 games last year, starting 24 times  $\dots$  Third on team in scoring, averaging 10.3 points, including 11.5 ppg during conference play ... Scored in double figures in 19 games ... Set Illini freshman record for 3-point field goals, draining 87 treys (2.6 avg., fourth in Big Ten) ... Shot 42.2 percent from 3-point range (eighth in Big Ten) ... Made three or more triples in 17 games, including nine of the last 12 ... 15 points and season-high four steals vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15) ... 17 points on 5-of-7 from three at Providence (11/18/15) ... Made game-winning 3-pointer from the baseline at the buzzer vs. Chicago State (11/23/15) ... Game winner vs. Chicago State was No. 1 play on ESPN SportsCenter Top 10 ... 17 points vs. South Dakota (12/19/15) ... 14 points and career-high six rebounds at Ohio State (1/3/16) ... Career-high tying six rebounds vs. Ohio State (1/28/16) ... Career-best 26 points – highest scoring total by Illini freshman since 2008 – with career-best six 3-pointers at Rutgers (2/3/16) ... 17 points with five treys vs. lowa (2/7/16) ... 21 points with five threes vs. Indiana (2/25/16) ... 18 points while knocking down 5-of-6 threes vs. Minnesota (2/28/16) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (2/19/16) ... Team-high 17 points with five treys in Big Ten Tournament Second-Round win over No. 20 Iowa (3/10/16) ... Consensus national top-50 recruit averaged 23 points, four rebounds and three assists as a senior at La Lumiere Prep ... Selected to participate in the 2015 Jordan Brand Classic at Barclays Center, totaling eight points and six rebounds ... First Indiana native to sign with the Fighting Illini in 30 years, since Nobleville's Scott Haffner in 1984 ... Honor roll student at La Lumiere and recipient of the school's Bransfield Award, the highest honor given to an underclassman.

GAME	-BY-GAME STA	TIST	ICS										
<u>Date</u>	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	Α	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-0	24	3-10	3-10	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	2	0	0	9
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-0	21	1-6	1-5	2-2	0-0-0	4	1	1	0	2	5
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	20	6-10	6-9	0-0	0-2-2	4	3	0	1	3	18
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	18	2-8	2-5	0-0	0-6-6	1	0	0	0	0	6
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-0	20	2-6	2-4	0-0	0-2-2	2	1	1	1	0	6
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-0	18	1-5	0-3	0-1	0-2-2	4	2	2	1	0	2
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-0	22	8-0	0-5	2-2	1-0-1	3	2	1	0	0	2
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-0	25	4-7	3-5	0-0	1-0-1	3	1	1	0	1	11
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-1	28	5-11	0-5	2-2	0-3-3	4	0	0	0	0	12
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-1	28	3-6	3-5	0-1	0-1-1	2	1	1	0	0	9
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-1	26	1-5	1-4	2-2	0-2-2	2	1	1	0	1	5
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-1	33	4-13	4-10	0-0	1-4-5	2	0	3	0	0	12
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-1	33	4-8	2-5	2-2	0-3-3	2	1	2	1	0	12
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-1	25	2-5	0-3	0-0	0-2-2	4	1	3	0	0	4
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-1	26	2-4	2-4	2-2	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	0	8
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-1	35	7-13	5-8	2-3	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	0	21
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-1	31	4-8	4-5	0-0	0-3-3	1	4	2	0	0	12
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-1	34	3-12	3-11	0-1	0-1-1	2	1	1	0	0	9
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-1	29	3-9	1-4	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	0	0	1	7
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-1	20	1-4	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	3	0	0	0	1	2
Jan. 25	lowa	1-1	20	2-7	2-4	0-0	0-2-2	3	4	0	0	2	6
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
Feb. 4	Minnesota												
Feb. 7	at Northwestern												
Feb. 11	Penn State												

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
<b>PTS: 26</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>PTS: 21</b> at Indiana (1/7/17)
<b>FG: 8</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>FG: 7</b> at Indiana (1/7/17)
<b>FG ATT: 17</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	FG ATT: 13 (twice) last at Indiana (1/7/17)
<b>3-PT: 6 (twice)</b> last vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	<b>3-PT: 6</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>3-PT ATT: 14</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>3-PT ATT: 11</b> vs. Maryland (1/14/17)
FT: 4 (twice) last at Rutgers (2/3/16)	FT: 2 (seven times) last at Indiana (1/7/17)
FT ATT: 6 (twice) last vs. Minnesota (2/28/16)	<b>FT ATT: 3</b> at Indiana (1/7/17)
<b>REB: 6 (four times)</b> last vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	<b>REB: 6</b> vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
<b>AST: 4 (twice)</b> last vs. lowa (1/25/17)	<b>AST: 4 (twice)</b> last vs. lowa (1/25/17)
<b>BLK: 2</b> vs. lowa (3/10/16)	BLK: 1 (four times) last vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
STL: 4 vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15)	<b>STL: 3</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
MIN: 46	MIN: 35

at Indiana (1/7/17)

at Penn State (3/6/16)

CARE	ER STA	<b>TISTICS</b>
Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg

at Iowa Feb. 21 Northwestern Feb. 26 at Nebraska March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament

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ı	Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	Α	<u>T0</u>	В	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
ı	2015-16	34-24	889-26.1	115-279/.412	87-206/.422	33-44/.750	9-55-64/1.9	68-1	30	36	3	22	350-10.3
ı	2016-17	21-13	536-25.5	60-165/.364	44-115/.383	14-18/.778	4-40-44/2.1	49-0	24	22	4	11	178-8.5
ı	TOTAL	55-37	1425-25.9	175-444/.394	131-321/.408	47-62/.758	13-95-108/2.0	117-1	54	58	7	33	528-9.6



## 43 MICHAEL

## REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE // FORWARD // 6-10 // 230 CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // CENTENNIAL H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Averaging 7.4 points and 4.4 rebounds on the season ... Shooting 41.7 percent from 3-point range (25-60) ... Leads Illini with 33 offensive rebounds ... 12 points on 4-of-6 shooting and seven rebounds in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... First career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13) ... 17 points on 8-of-10 shooting with eight boards vs. McKendree (11/15) ... Season-high 18 points vs. Winthrop (11/21) ... Team-high 13 points vs. West Virginia (11/24) ... Seven rebounds and careerbest two blocks vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... 10 points and five boards vs. BYU (12/17) ... Seven reobunds and four points vs. Missouri (12/21) ... 12 points vs. Ohio State on 5-of-7 shooting (1/1) ... 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting, including 2-of-2 from 3-point range, with three rebounds vs. Michigan (1/11) ... Game-high 17 points vs. lowa on 7-of-10 shooting with five rebounds (1/25).

Career Notes: Born April 26, 1996 ... Majoring in communication ... Played in 33 of 34 games last year, starting 16 times ... Fifth on team in scoring, averaging 7.5 points ... Averaged 3.7 rebounds and led Illini with 45 offensive boards ... Fourth on team with 40 three-pointers while shooting 36.7 percent behind the arc ... Scored in double figures in 10 games ... 12 points and seven rebounds at Providence (11/18/15) ... 17 points vs. Chicago State (11/23/15) ... 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting vs. Notre Dame (12/2/15) ... Career-high 24 points on 9-of-13 shooting vs. Western Carolina (12/5/15) ... 16 points vs. Missouri (12/23/15) ... 14 points with five boards at Ohio State (1/3/16) ... Career-high 16 rebounds - the most by an Illini player since 2011 - along with nine points and career-high four assists at Minnesota (1/23/16) ... 17 points with career-best five 3-pointers in Big Ten Tournament First-Round win over Minnesota (3/9/16) ... Redshirted as a true freshman ... Averaged 19.6 points and 9.3 rebounds as a senior at Centennial High School... First-team All-State by Associated Press, Chicago Sun-Times, Champaign News-Gazette and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... Two-time News-Gazette All-Area Player of the Year ... Finished prep career ranked fourth all-time at Centennial in scoring with 1,425 points and second all-time in rebounding with 711 boards.

**CAREER HIGHS** 

vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)

last vs. Missouri (12/21/16)

STL: 1 (eight times)

at Minnesota (1/23/16)

PTS: 24

I	GAME-	-BY-GAME STA	ATIST	ICS										
I	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	Α	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	S	PTS
I	Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-1	24	4-6	3-5	1-2	2-5-7	2	0	1	0	0	12
I	Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-1	30	4-8	1-5	1-2	4-7-11	3	0	3	0	0	10
I	Nov. 15	McKendree	1-1	22	8-10	1-2	0-1	3-5-8	2	1	1	1	0	17
I	Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-1	26	2-8	0-1	1-4	3-3-6	3	0	2	0	0	5
I	Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-1	30	7-14	2-7	2-3	3-2-5	1	1	1	0	1	18
I	Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-1	27	5-10	2-4	1-2	3-1-4	2	1	3	0	1	13
I	Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-1	21	0-4	0-2	2-2	4-2-6	1	0	0	0	0	2
I	Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-1	15	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	1	3
I	Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-0	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0
I	Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	13	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-2-2	1	0	1	0	0	1
I	Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-0	15	1-7	0-2	0-0	4-3-7	1	2	3	2	0	2
I	Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-0	19	3-5	2-4	2-2	1-4-5	3	2	1	0	0	10
I	Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-0	23	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-6-7	1	0	2	1	1	4
I	Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	15	1-4	1-3	2-2	1-2-3	1	0	2	0	0	5
I	Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-0	20	5-7	2-4	0-0	1-2-3	2	0	1	0	0	12
I	Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	18	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0
I	Jan. 11	Michigan	1-0	12	4-4	2-2	0-0	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	0	10
I	Jan. 14	Maryland	1-0	17	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-3-3	2	0	0	0	0	5
I	Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	16	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	6
I	Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	13	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-3-3	0	0	0	0	0	4
I	Jan. 25	lowa	1-0	21	7-10	3-5	0-0	2-3-5	1	0	2	0	0	17
١	Jan. 28	at Penn State												

vs. Western Carolina (12/5/15)	vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>FG: 9</b> vs. Western Carolina (12/5/15)	<b>FG: 8</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>FG ATT: 14</b> vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)	<b>FG ATT: 14</b> vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>3-PT: 5</b> vs. Minnesota (3/9/16)	<b>3-PT: 3 (twice)</b> last vs. lowa (1/21/17)
<b>3-PT ATT: 8 (twice)</b> last vs. Nebraska (1/16/16)	<b>3-PT ATT: 7</b> vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>FT: 8</b> vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	FT: 2 (four times) last at Maryland (12/27/16)
<b>FT ATT: 9</b> vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	FT ATT: 4 vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
<b>REB: 16</b> at Minnesota (1/23/16)	REB: 11 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
<b>AST: 4</b> at Minnesota (1/23/16)	<b>AST: 2 (twice)</b> last vs. BYU (12/17/16)

**SEASON HIGHS** 

vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)

last vs. Missouri (12/21/16)

last vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)

248-7.5 156-7.4 **404-7.5** 

STL: 1 (four times)

MIN: 30 (twice)

PTS- 18

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Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	Α	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	
2014-15		DNP-Redshirt										
2015-16	33-16	670-20.3	90-207/.435	40-109/.367	28-43/.651	45-76-121/3.7	61-0	32	31	5	4	
2016-17	21-8	409-19.5	58-113/.513	25-60/.417	15-26/.577	33-60-93/4.4	30-0	7	23	3	4	
TOTAL	54-24	1079-20.0	148-320/.463	65-169/.385	43-69/.623	78-136-214/4.0	91-0	39	54	8	8	

Jan. 31

Feb. 4

Feb. 7

Feb. 11

Feb. 18

Feb. 21

Feb. 26

Wisconsin

Minnesota at Northwestern

Penn State

Northwestern

at Nebraska

Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament

at Iowa

March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers



## 21 MALCOLM HILL

### SENIOR // GUARD // 6-6 // 225 FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS. ILL. // BELLEVILLE EAST H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Preseason Wooden Award Candidate ... Naismith Trophy Watch List ... Jerry West Award Watch List ... Senior CLASS Award Candidate ... Preseason All-Big Ten Team ... Tied for fifth in Big Ten in scoring, averaging 17.4 ppg ... Second on team in rebounding at 5.9 rpg ... Leads Big Ten in free throws made (106) and attempted (133), shooting 79.7 percent at the line (10th in B1G) ... NIT Season Tip-Off All-Tournament Team ... Big Ten Co-Player of the Week (11/14) ... Game-highs of 21 points and eight rebounds in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Tied fifth-highest scoring performance in Illini history with career-high 40 points vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13) ... Recorded eighth career doubledouble vs. NKU, with 12 rebounds to go along with his 40 points ... Game-high 25 points vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18) ... 14 first-half points and game-high nine boards vs. Winthrop (11/21) ... Game-high 18 points with eight boards vs. Florida State (11/25) ... 22 points and nine rebounds vs. N.C. State (11/29) ... 16 points and season-high five assists vs. VCU (12/3) ... Game-high 32 points on 11-for-18 shooting vs. IUPUI (12/16) ... Season-best three steals vs. BYU (12/17) ... Game-high 21 points in fourth-straight Braggin' Rights win over Missouri (12/21) ... Game-high 21 points with seven rebounds at Maryland (12/27) ... Team-best 20 points with six rebounds vs. Ohio State (1/1) ... Tied for team-high with 21 points at Indiana and converted 11-of-13 free throws (1/7) ... Eight boards vs. Maryland (1/14) ... Tied season-high with five assists at Purdue (1/17) ... 16 points at Michigan (1/21).

Career Notes: Born Oct. 26, 1995 ... Majoring in media and cinema studies ... 2016 secondteam All-Big Ten, USBWA All-District V and NABC second-team All-District 7 ... First Illini ever to record 600 points, 200 rebounds and 100 assists in a single season ... Only Big Ten player to lead his team in scoring, rebounding and assists on the year ... Third in the Big Ten in scoring with an average of 18.1 points, the highest by an Illini since 2003 ... Total of 614 points ranked sixth on UI single-season scoring list ... Scored in double figures in 31 of 34 games, with 16 games of 20+ points and four of 30+ points ... Season-high 39 points at Penn State (3/6/16) ... Ninth in Big Ten in rebounding at 6.6 rpg ... Eight games with doublefigure rebounds, led by career-high 14 boards at Rutgers (2/3/16) ... Seven double-doubles on the season ... Shot 82.1 percent from the free throw line (eighth in Big Ten) ... Led Big Ten with 193 made free throws (18th in NCAA) ... Second in Big Ten with 235 free throw attempts (26th in NCAA) ... Averaged 3.3 assists (13th in Big Ten) ... Also led team in steals with 42 ... Big Ten Co-Player of the Week (12/21/15) ... Emerald Coast Classic All-Tournament Team (11/27-28/15) ... Honorable mention All-Big Ten as a sophomore ... Ranked second on the Illini in scoring (14.4 ppg) and rebounding (4.8 rpg) ... Scored in double figures 29 times ... Las Vegas Invitational All-Tournament Team ... 20 points vs. No. 7 Villanova at Madison Square Garden (12/9/14) ... Season-high 28 points vs. Maryland (1/7/15) ... Game-winning layup with 4.4 seconds remaining vs. Penn State, finishing with 27 points (1/31/15) ... Big Ten Co-Player of the Week following performance vs. Penn State ... Played in all 35 games as a freshman, starting final 12 ... Averaged 4.4 points and 2.4 rebounds ... Season-high 11 points in first career start at Penn State (2/9/14).

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS													
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	<u>REB</u>	PF	Α	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-1	33	6-11	2-6	7-7	1-7-8	2	4	1	0	1	21
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-1	36	13-23	5-8	9-12	4-8-12	0	1	1	0	1	40
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-1	23	1-7	1-4	0-0	1-3-4	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-1	28	6-11	4-8	9-11	0-6-6	2	1	2	0	2	25
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-1	39	4-17	4-7	2-2	0-9-9	3	2	7	0	0	14
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-1	28	2-8	1-5	2-4	2-2-4	2	0	3	0	0	7
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-1	32	6-13	2-4	4-5	3-5-8	4	2	2	0	2	18
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-1	35	5-12	0-2	12-15	2-7-9	2	4	1	1	1	22
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-1	35	5-12	2-3	4-5	0-3-3	2	5	3	1	2	16
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-1	37	11-18	3-5	7-8	0-4-4	0	1	2	0	0	32
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-1	28	4-11	1-6	1-2	0-5-5	2	3	1	1	0	10
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-1	37	3-12	1-5	3-5	2-3-5	2	4	2	0	3	10
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-1	35	6-12	2-4	7-10	0-5-5	2	2	0	1	0	21
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-1	32	6-10	2-4	7-8	4-3-7	2	1	1	0	1	21
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-1	29	6-12	1-4	7-9	0-6-6	4	3	2	1	0	20
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-1	28	5-12	0-3	11-13	1-3-4	3	3	2	0	1	21
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-1	32	4-8	1-3	6-7	0-4-4	2	2	1	0	0	15
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-1	37	5-14	1-6	0-0	8-8-0	1	3	2	0	0	11
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-1	31	6-12	0-3	0-1	0-1-1	0	5	0	1	2	12
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-1	32	5-10	0-2	6-7	0-5-5	2	4	5	1	1	16
Jan. 25	lowa	1-1	27	4-7	1-2	2-2	1-5-6	4	3	2	0	2	11
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
Feb. 4	Minnesota												

	CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
2	PTS: 40 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	PTS: 40 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
	FG: 13 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	FG: 13 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
	<b>FG ATT: 23</b> vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	<b>FG ATT: 23</b> vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
	<b>3-PT: 5</b> vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	<b>3-PT: 5</b> vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
	<b>3-PT ATT: 8 (four times)</b> last vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	<b>3-PT ATT: 8 (twice)</b> last vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
	<b>FT: 17</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>FT: 12</b> vs. N.C. State (11/29/16)
	<b>FT ATT: 20</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>FT ATT: 15</b> vs. N.C. State (11/29/16)
	<b>REB: 14</b> at Rutgers (2/3/16)	REB: 12 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
	AST: 8 at Northwestern (2/13/16)	AST: 5 (twice) last at Purdue (1/17/17)
	<b>BLK: 3</b> vs. South Dakota (12/19/15)	BLK: 1 (eight times) last at Michigan (1/21/17)
	STL: 4 (three times) last vs. Minnesota (2/28/16)	<b>STL: 3</b> vs. BYU (12/17/16)
	MIN: 49 at Rutgers (2/3/16)	<b>MIN: 39</b> vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)

CAREI	ER STA	TISTICS										
Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	<u>T0</u>	В	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2013-14	35-12	495-14.1	46-120/.383	15-44/.341	47-61/.770	21-64-85/2.4	34-0	23	30	4	10	154-4.4
2014-15	33-32	1010-30.6	156-352/.443	42-108/.389	121-155/.781	61-98-159/4.8	68-0	44	49	7	28	475-14.4
2015-16	34-34	1195-35.1	192-440/.436	37-118/.314	193-235/.821	43-180-223/6.6	88-0	112	75	15	42	614-18.1
2016-17	21-21	674-32.1	113-252/.448	34-94/.362	106-133/.797	21-102-123/5.9	42-0	53	40	8	19	366-17.4
TOTAL	123-99	3374-27.4	507-1164/.436	128-364/.352	467-584/.800	146-444-590/4.8	232-0	232	194	34	99	1609-13.1

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Feb. 26

at Northwestern

Feb. 11 Penn State

at Iowa Feb 21 Northwestern

at Nebraska March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament



## 41 CLAYTON JONES

REDSHIRT JUNIOR // GUARD // 6-0 // 170 Champaign, Ill. // Central H.S. // Lake Land

2016-17 Notes: In his first season as an Illini walk-on.

Career Notes: Born Sept. 23, 1993 ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Attended Lake Land College in Mattoon the last two years, playing for the Lakers in 2014-15 ... Played in 26 games, starting 22 times, and averaged 8.2 points, 2.6 rebounds and 2.3 assists ... Made 38.8 from 3-point range (26-67) ... Scored a career-high 22 points and drained 5-of-6 three-pointers vs. Moberly Area (11/714) ... Prior to transferring to Lake Land, spent his freshman year at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas in 2013-14 ... Averaged 2.8 points while shooting 42.5 percent from 3-point range (17-40) ... Helped the Texans to a 29-6 record and quarterfinals of the NJCAA DI national tournament ... Three-year starter at Champaign Central High School... Averaged 14.1 points as a senior, earning first-team All-Area honors by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... 10th player in Central history to score 1,000 career points ... Graduated as the Maroons' record holder for career 3-pointers with 190 ... Brother, Verdell Jones III, played point guard at Indiana from 2009-12.

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS CAREER/SEASON HIGHS														
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>G-GS</u>	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	<u><b>A</b></u> 0	<u>TO</u> 0	<u><b>B</b></u>	<u>S</u>	PTS	
Nov. 11	Southeast Missour	i 0-0	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PTS: 0
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky		DNP											
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FG: 0
Nov. 21	Winthrop		DNP											
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia		DNP											FO ATT 1 (Above Above )
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State		DNP											FG ATT: 1 (three times)
Nov. 29	N.C. State		DNP											last at Purdue (1/17/17)
Dec. 3	vs. VCU		DNP											3-PT: 0
Dec. 6	IUPUI		DNP											0-11.0
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dec. 17	vs. BYU		DNP											3-PT ATT: 1
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri		DNP											at Purdue (1/17/17)
Dec. 27	at Maryland		DNP											
Jan. 1	Ohio State		DNP											FT: 0
Jan. 7	at Indiana		DNP											
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FT ATT O
Jan. 14	Maryland		DNP											FT ATT: 0
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jan. 21	at Michigan		DNP											REB: 0
Jan. 25	lowa		DNP											NED. 0
Jan. 28	at Penn State													
Jan. 31	Wisconsin													AST: 0
Feb. 4	Minnesota													
Feb. 7	at Northwestern													
Feb. 11	Penn State													BLK: 0
Feb. 18	at Iowa													
Feb. 21	Northwestern													0.71 0
Feb. 26	at Nebraska													STL: 0
March 1	Michigan State													
March 4	0													MIN: 4
	Big Ten Tournamer	nt												vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
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## 23 AARON JORDAN

SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-5 // 190 PLAINFIELD, ILL. // EAST H.S.

**2016-17 Notes:** Two rebounds in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Scored 11 points while tying career-high in 3-pointers on 3-of-5 shooting behind the arc and tying career-high in steals with two vs. McKendree (11/15) ... Tied career high in steals with two vs. Winthrop (11/21) ... Two steals at Purdue (1/17) ... Grabbed a career-best four rebounds at Michigan (1/21).

Career Notes: Born May 5, 1997 ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (general curriculum) ... Played in 31 of 34 games last year, starting six times, and averaged 3.3 points ... Fifth on team with 22 three-pointers ... Made at least one trey in 16 games ... Earned start in first career game vs. North Florida (11/13/15), scoring career-high 14 points and hitting 3-of-5 three-pointers ... Seven points vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15) ... Eight points in back-to-back games vs. Chattanooga (11/21/15) and Chicago State (11/23/15) ... Eight points and two steals in 17 minutes vs. Western Carolina (12/5/15) ... Eight points at Indiana (1/19/16) ... Seven points and career-high three rebounds in start vs. Wisconsin (1/31/16) ... Five points in Big Ten Tournament First-Round win over Minnesota (3/9/16) ... Averaged 18.6 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.0 assists as a senior at Plainfield East High School, finishing fifth in voting for Illinois Mr. Basketball ... Set East's single-season scoring record with 503 points ... First-team All-State by the Associated Press, Champaign News-Gazette and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... Finished his career as East's all-time leading scorer (1,483 points) and record holder for most career 3-pointers (162).

GAME	-BY-GAME ST	ATIST	ICS										
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	<u>A</u> 0	<u>T0</u>	В	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missour	1-1	9	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-0	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	14	4-7	3-5	0-0	0-2-2	0	2	0	1	2	11
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	0	0	1	0
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-0	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-0	5	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-0	8	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-0	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-0	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 10	Central Michigan		DNP										
Dec. 17	vs. BYU		DNP										
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri		DNP										
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	9	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-1-2	1	0	0	0	1	3
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-0	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	10	0-3	0-2	0-1	2-2-4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jan. 25	lowa		DNP										
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
<b>PTS: 14</b> vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	<b>PTS: 11</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>FG: 5</b> vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	<b>FG: 4</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>FG ATT: 10</b> vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	<b>FG ATT: 7</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>3-PT: 3 (twice)</b> last vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	<b>3-PT: 3</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>3-PT ATT: 6</b> vs. Chicago State (11/23/15)	<b>3-PT ATT: 5</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>FT: 4 (twice)</b> last vs. Purdue (1/10/16)	<b>FT: 1</b> vs. Florida State (11/25/16)
<b>FT ATT: 4 (twice)</b> last vs. Purdue (1/10/16)	FT ATT: 2 vs. Florida State (11/25/16)
<b>REB: 4</b> at Michigan (1/21/17)	<b>REB: 4</b> at Michigan (1/21/17)
AST: 3 (twice) last at Providence (11/18/15)	<b>AST: 2</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
<b>BLK: 1 (four times)</b> last vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	<b>BLK: 1</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
STL: 2 (three times) last vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)	STL: 2 (twice) last vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>MIN: 31</b> vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	MIN: 14 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)

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Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	Α	<u>T0</u>	B	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2015-16	31-6	353-11.4	31-95/.326	22-64/.344	19-23/.826	5-23-28/0.9	47-0	14	7	3	12	103-3.3
2016-17	17-1	130-7.6	7-23/.304	6-16/.375	1-3/.333	5-14-19/1.1	12-0	5	3	1	7	21-1.2
TOTAL	48-7	483-10.1	38-118/.322	28-80/.350	20-26/.769	10-37-47/1.0	59-0	19	10	4	19	124-2.6



## 3 TE'JON LUCAS

### FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-0 // 170 MILWAUKEE, WIS. // WASHINGTON H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Lone true-freshman on the Illini roster ... Recorded six assists while shooting 4-of-4 from the field and scoring nine points vs. McKendree (11/15) ... Scored a career-high 10 points and dished out four assists vs. Florida State (11/25) ... Six points and four assists at Indiana (1/7) ... Recorded a career-best eight assists with five points vs. Michigan (1/11) ... Tied career high with 10 points at Purdue (1/17) ... Eight points at Michigan (1/21) ... Recorded six assists in first career start vs. lowa, playing career-best 27 minutes (1/25).

Career Notes: Born Oct. 10, 1998 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Averaged 20.5 points, 5.3 rebounds, 7.8 assists and 2.8 steals as a high school senior ... Led Milwaukee Washington to a 14-4 overall record and 8-0 in the City Conference before his season was cut short after suffering a fractured right ankle in a game (2/6/16) ... Unanimous first-team Div. 2 All-State selection by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association ... Named the state's top senior point guard by the Wisconsin Sports Network ... City Co-Player of the Year ... Four-star recruit by Scout and three-stars by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN.

GAME-	-BY-GAME ST	ATIST	ICS										
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	<u><b>A</b></u> 0	<u>TO</u>	<u><b>B</b></u> 0	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missour	i 1-0	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	22	4-4	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	6	2	0	0	9
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	6	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-2-2	0	1	1	0	0	3
Nov. 21	Winthrop		DNP										
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-0	16	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-1-1	2	1	3	0	1	4
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-0	18	4-8	1-3	1-2	0-1-1	3	4	1	0	0	10
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-0	16	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	2	0	2	4
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Dec. 10	Central Michigan		DNP										
Dec. 17	vs. BYU		DNP										
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	10	1-3	0-1	1-4	0-2-2	2	2	1	0	1	3
Jan. 1	Ohio State		DNP										
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	15	2-3	0-0	2-5	0-1-1	0	4	1	0	2	2
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-0	23	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	8	1	0	1	5
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-0	21	0-3	0-0	2-2	0-2-2	3	4	1	0	2	2
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	19	3-5	0-0	4-7	0-1-1	4	2	2	0	2	10
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	15	2-2	1-1	3-3	0-0-0	3	0	1	0	1	8
Jan. 25	lowa	1-1	27	1-4	1-1	3-4	0-2-2	2	6	2	0	2	6
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
Feb. 4	Minnesota												

### **CAREER/SEASON HIGHS**

PTS: 10 (twice)

last at Purdue (1/17/17)

FG: 4 (twice)

last vs. Florida State (11/25/16)

vs. Florida State (11/25/16)

3-PT: 1 (five times)

last vs. lowa (1/25/17)

3-PT ATT: 3

vs. Florida State (11/25/16)

last at Purdue (1/17/17)

FT ATT- 7

last at Purdue (1/17/17)

REB: 2 (four times)

last vs. lowa (1/25/17)

vs. Michigan (1/11/17)

BLK: 0

STL: 2 (five times)

last vs. lowa (1/25/17)

PTS-Avg 70-4.1

MIN: 27

vs. Iowa (1/25/17)

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Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>
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## 22 MAVERICK MORGAN

### SENIOR // CENTER // 6-10 // 245 SPRINGBORO. OHIO // SPRINGBORO H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.2 ppg ... Averaging 12.3 ppg during conference play ... Fourth in Big Ten in field goal shooting at 59.4 percent ... 16 points on perfect 8-of-8 shooting with two blocked shots in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Eight points and career-high three assists vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13) ... Led team with 18 points, shooting 8-of-12 from the field vs. McKendree (11/15) ... Snagged a season-best six rebounds with nine points vs. N.C. State (11/29) ... Six points and two blocks vs. IUPUI (12/6) ... 11 points and season-best seven rebounds vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... Scored 14 points and tied career high in rebounds with 10 vs. BYU to record second career double-double (12/17) ... Scored season-high 19 points and grabbed career-best 11 rebounds for second consecutive double-double (third career) vs. Missouri (12/21) ... 11 points and six rebounds vs. Ohio State (1/1) ... 18 points at Indiana on 6-of-9 shooting and 6-of-6 from the free throw line (1/7) ... Team-high 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting vs. Michigan (1/11) ... Team-high 15 points and grabbed five rebounds vs. Maryland (1/14) ... Led team in scoring for third-straight game with 15 points at Purdue (1/17) ... 12 points and game-high seven rebounds vs. lowa (1/25).

Career Notes: Born Aug. 28, 1994 ... Majoring in advertising ... Played in all 34 games last year, starting 14, including 11 of the last 12 ... Fourth on team in scoring with average of 8.3 points ... Led Illini and ranked eighth in Big Ten in field goal shooting at 56.4 percent (124-220)  $\dots$  Scored in double figures 11 times  $\dots$  Averaged 12.0 points over final 12 games of the season, including 13.8 ppg over last five ... Averaged 3.5 rebounds ... 12 points on perfect 6-of-6 shooting vs. UAB (11/27/15) ... 15 points at No. 5 Michigan State (1/7/16) ... 14 points and seven rebounds at Minnesota (1/23/16) ... 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting at Rutgers (2/3/16)  $\dots$  12 points and seven rebounds at Northwestern (2/13/16)  $\dots$  17 points and career-high four blocked shots vs. Rutgers (2/16/16) ... Tied career high with four blocks vs. Minnesota (2/28/16) ... First career double-double at No. 14 Maryland (3/3/16) with career highs of 21 points (10-13 FG) and 10 rebounds ... 14 points (5-7 FG) and seven rebounds in Big Ten Tournament Second-Round win over No. 20 Iowa (3/10/16) ... 17 points in Big Ten Tournament Quarterfinal vs. No. 13 Purdue (3/11/16) ... Played in 31 games as a sophomore, averaging 2.5 points ... Set season highs with 10 points and eight rebounds vs. Northwestern (2/28/15) ... Played in all 35 games as a freshman, averaging 1.5 points and 1.2 rebounds ... Averaged 24.7 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocks as a senior at Springboro High School, shooting 61.7 percent from the field ... Ohio Division I Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association.

GAME	-BY-GAME STA	ATIST	ICS										
Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	Α	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-1	24	8-8	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	3	0	3	2	0	16
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-1	28	3-5	0-0	2-4	0-3-3	3	3	0	2	1	8
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-1	20	8-12	0-0	2-3	1-2-3	0	1	0	1	1	18
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-1	17	2-5	0-0	2-3	0-0-0	5-1	0	3	0	0	6
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-1	23	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-2-3	3	1	3	0	0	4
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-1	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	2	0	1	0	0	2
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-0	22	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	1	0	1	0	0	2
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-0	23	3-5	0-0	3-4	1-5-6	1	0	1	2	1	9
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-0	23	0-3	0-0	2-4	1-1-2	3	0	1	1	1	2
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	16	2-5	0-0	2-2	1-0-1	3	1	1	2	0	6
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-0	19	5-6	0-0	1-2	2-5-7	0	0	3	0	0	11
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-0	23	7-10	0-0	0-2	2-8-10	1	0	1	1	1	14
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-0	24	6-11	0-0	7-8	4-7-11	2	1	1	0	0	19
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	15	2-3	0-0	1-3	1-2-3	2	0	2	0	0	5
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-0	25	4-10	0-0	3-4	3-3-6	2	1	2	1	1	11
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	22	6-9	0-0	6-6	1-1-2	4	0	0	1	0	18
Jan. 11	Michigan	1-1	29	8-9	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	4	3	1	1	16
Jan. 14	Maryland	1-1	29	5-10	0-0	5-7	2-3-5	1	0	4	1	0	15
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-1	26	6-11	0-0	3-4	4-0-4	3	2	0	0	0	15
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-1	22	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	1	3	1	0	6
Jan. 25	lowa	1-1	29	4-8	0-0	4-5	4-3-7	2	1	0	1	0	12
Jan. 28	at Penn State												
Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
Feb. 4	Minnesota												
Feb. 7	at Northwestern												
Feb. 11	Penn State												

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
<b>PTS: 21</b> at Maryland (3/3/16)	<b>PTS: 19</b> vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
<b>FG: 11</b> vs. Missouri (12/21/16)	FG: 8 (three times) last vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
<b>FG ATT: 14</b> at Penn State (3/6/16)	<b>FG ATT: 12</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
3-PT: 0	3-PT: 0
3-PT ATT: 0	3-PT ATT: 0
FT: 11 at Michigan State (1/7/16)	<b>FT: 7</b> vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
FT ATT: 14 at Michigan State (1/7/16)	FT ATT: 8 vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
<b>REB: 11</b> vs. Missouri (12/21/16)	<b>REB: 11</b> vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
<b>AST: 4</b> vs. Michigan (1/11/17)	<b>AST: 4</b> vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
BLK: 4 (twice) last vs. Minnesota (2/28/16)	BLK: 2 (four times) last vs. IUPUI (12/6/16)
STL: 2 (twice) last vs. Ohio State (1/28/16)	STL: 1 (seven times) last vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
MIN: 43 at Rutgers (2/3/16)	MIN: 29 (three times) last vs. lowa (1/25/17)

CAREI	ER STAT	TISTICS										
Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2013-14	35-0	250-7.1	21-36/.583	0-0/.000	10-15/.667	20-23-43/1.2	45-0	3	13	8	3	52-1.5
2014-15	31-0	275-8.9	30-66/.455	0-0/.000	19-23/.826	26-22-48/1.5	33-0	3	14	11	3	79-2.5
2015-16	34-14	716-21.1	124-220/.564	0-0/.000	34-46/.739	33-85-118/3.5	64-1	19	39	16	13	282-8.3
2016-17	21-11	473-22.5	85-143/.594	0-0/.000	45-65/.692	32-52-84/4.0	43-1	16	33	17	7	215-10.2
TOTAL	121-25	1714-14.2	260-465/.559	0-0/.000	108-149/.725	111-182-293/2.4	185-2	41	99	52	26	628-5.2

Feb. 18

Feb. 26

at Iowa Feb 21 Northwestern

at Nebraska March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament



## 2 KIPPER NICHOLS

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN // FORWARD // 6-6 // 225 CLEVELAND, OHIO // ST. EDWARD H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Sat out fall semester per NCAA transfer rules ... Made collegiate debut Dec. 17 vs. BYU ... Scored first career basket and grabbed three rebounds at Maryland (12/27) ... Four points and four rebounds at Indiana (1/7) ... Set career-bests in points (13), rebounds (8), FGs made (6) and attempted (9) and 3-pointers (1) vs. Michigan (1/11) ... Four rebounds at Purdue (1/17) ... Four points and three rebounds at Michigan (1/21).

Career Notes: Born July 7, 1997 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Joined the Illini program on Dec. 27, 2015 after originally signing with Tulane ... Averaged 18.6 points and 4.7 rebounds as as a high school senior, leading St. Edward to state semifinals appearance ... Division I Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association ... Second-team All-Ohio by the Associated Press ... Averaged 18.9 points and 5.1 rebounds as a junior, leading St. Edward to the 2014 Division I state championship while being named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

GAME-	-BY-GAME STA	TIST	TICS											CAREER/SEASON HIGHS
<u>Date</u>			MIN	FG-A	<u>3P-A</u>	FT-A	REB	PF	A	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS	
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri		NP-Tran											PTS: 13
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky		NP-Tran											vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
Nov. 15	McKendree		NP-Tran											l <b></b> .
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy		NP-Tran											FG: 6
Nov. 21	Winthrop	_	NP-Tran											vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia		NP-Tran											FG ATT: 9
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State		NP-Tran											vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
Nov. 29	N.C. State		NP-Tran											10. monigan (1/11/1/)
Dec. 3	vs. VCU		NP-Tran											3-PT: 1 (twice)
Dec. 6	IUPUI		NP-Tran											last vs. lowa (1/25/17)
Dec. 10	Central Michigan		NP-Tran		0.0	0.0	0.0.0		•	•	•	•	0	
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3-PT ATT: 2 (twice)
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1 0	DNP	1.1	0.0	0.0	1 0 0	0	^	1	0	0	0	last vs. lowa (1/25/17)
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	4 DND	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	0	0	1	0	0	2	FT: 2
Jan. 1	Ohio State at Indiana	1-0	DNP 11	1 1	0.0	2.2	1 2 /	2	٥	٥	0	1	4	at Indiana (1/7/17)
Jan. 7		1-0	19	1-1 6-9	0-0 1-1	2-2 0-0	1-3-4 5-3-8	2	0	0	0	1	13	at malana (1771)
Jan. 11 Jan. 14	Michigan Maryland	1-0	19	0-9 0-2	0-1	0-0	5-5-6 1-1-2	2	0	0 2	0	0	0	FT ATT: 3
Jan. 14 Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	19	0-2	0-1	1-3	1-1-2	3	0	0	1	0	1	last at Purdue (1/17/17)
Jan. 17	at Michigan	1-0	17	2-7	0-1	0-0	0-3-3	3	0	2	0	0	4	4
Jan. 25	lowa	1-0	16	1-5	1-2	1-2	1-1-2	3	0	0	0	1	4	REB: 8
Jan. 28	at Penn State	1-0	10	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-1-2	3	U	U	U	1	4	vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
Jan. 31	Wisconsin													AST: 0
Feb. 4	Minnesota													No. 0
Feb. 7	at Northwestern													
Feb. 11	Penn State													BLK: 1
Feb. 18	at Iowa													last at Purdue (1/17/17)
Feb. 21	Northwestern													
Feb. 26	at Nebraska													STL: 1 (twice)
														last vs. lowa (1/25/17)
March 4	0													MIN: 19 (twice)
1	Big Ten Tournament	İ												last at Purdue (1/17/17)

FTM-A/%

4-7/.571

OR-DR-TOT/Avg

10-16-26/3.3

PF-DQ

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PTS-Avg

28-3.5

MIN-Avg

97-12.1

FGM-A/%

11-29/.379

3PM-A/%

2-7/.286

**CAREER STATISTICS** 

G-GS

8-0

<u>Year</u>

2016-17



## **JAYLON**

SENIOR // GUARD // 6-3 // 170 CHICAGO, ILL. // SIMEON H.S.

2016-17 Notes: Leads Illini in assists, averaging 3.3 apg ... Sixth in Big Ten with 2.3 assistto-turnover ratio on the season ... Six assists in 25 minutes in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Nine points vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13) ... Eight assists vs. McKendree without a turnover (11/15) ... Career-best 12 points vs. Detroit Mercy while dishing out six assists (11/18)  $\dots$  Nine points vs. Winthrop (11/21)  $\dots$  Grabbed a career-high six rebounds vs. West Virginia (11/24) ... Five assists vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... Five assists vs. BYU (12/17) ... Game-high six assists vs. Missouri (12/21).

Career Notes: Born Jan. 16, 1995 ... Majoring in communication ... Appeared in 30 of 34 games last year, starting 15 ... Averaged 2.5 assists and had a 3.1 assist-to-turnover ratio ... Played 11 first-half minutes before suffering open dislocation in right little finger in season opener vs. North Florida (11/13/15) and missed next four games ... Season-high six assists vs. Notre Dame (12/2/15) ... Season-high six points vs. Michigan (12/30/15) ... Five assists without a turnover in 38 minutes at Ohio State (1/3/16)  $\dots$  Five points, three rebounds and three assists vs. Nebraska (1/16/16) ... Five assists at Indiana (1/19/16) ... Seasonhigh tying six assists without a turnover in career-high 40 minutes at Minnesota (1/23/16) ... Season-high four rebounds vs. Ohio State (1/28/16) ... Matched season's best with six assists and two steals at Maryland (3/3/16) ... Played in 32 games and started 13 times as a sophomore, averaging 3.6 ppg ... Led Illini in assists, averaging 3.0 apg (13th in Big Ten) ... Top Big Ten free throw shooter in conference games, hitting 36-of-39 (.923), and made 59-of-70 (.843) overall ... Seven assists and four rebounds vs. Coppin State (11/16/14) ... Eight points vs. American (12/6/14) ... Made eight free throws, hitting every attempt for eight points without attempting a field goal vs. Hampton (12/17/14)  $\dots$  Seven points on 3-of-3 shooting at Michigan (12/30/14) ... Made first career start vs. Maryland (1/7/15), finishing with 10 points ... Nine points and five assists vs. Indiana (1/18/15) ... Set career highs in points (11) and assists (9) at Minnesota (1/24/15) ... Six points and career-high five rebounds vs. Michigan (2/12/15) ... Played in 33 of 35 games as a freshman, averaging 1.8 points ... Second on the team in assists, averaging 2.0 apg ... Set season highs with 10 points and eight assists vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)  $\dots$  Career-high three steals at Wisconsin (1/8/14).

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I	GAME	-BY-GAME STA	ATIST	ICS										
I	Date	Opponent	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	Α	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>s</u>	PTS
I	Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-0	25	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-1-1	1	<u><b>A</b></u> 6	3	0	1	2
I	Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-1	28	2-5	0-1	5-8	1-0-1	4	3	2	0	0	9
I	Nov. 15	McKendree	1-1	16	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-3-3	1	8	0	0	0	1
I	Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-1	28	3-4	0-1	6-6	1-2-3	0	6	3	0	2	12
I	Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-1	34	3-6	1-1	2-2	0-0-0	3	2	3	0	0	9
I	Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-1	23	1-5	0-0	1-2	2-4-6	2	4	3	0	0	3
I	Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-1	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	3	2	2	0	0	0
I	Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-1	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	1	0	0	0
I	Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-0	17	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0-1	1	4	1	0	1	3
I	Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	12	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-1-1	2	0	2	0	1	2
I	Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-0	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4-4	2	5	2	1	1	0
I	Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-0	20	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	5	1	0	1	2
I	Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-0	30	1-3	0-1	3-6	0-1-1	2	6	1	0	1	5
I	Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	18	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-2-3	2	2	2	0	1	0
I	Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-0	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	2	0	0	1	0
I	Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	3	1	0	0	0
I	Jan. 11	Michigan		DNP										
I	Jan. 14	Maryland	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I	Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	2
I	Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	20	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-2-2	2	1	0	0	1	4
I	Jan. 25	Iowa	1-0	15	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1-1	0	3	1	0	0	3
I	Jan. 28	at Penn State												
I	Jan. 31	Wisconsin												
I	Feb. 4	Minnesota												
I	Feb. 7	at Northwestern												
١	Feb. 11	Penn State												

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS
<b>PTS: 12</b> vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	<b>PTS: 12</b> vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
FG: 3 (eight times) last vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)	FG: 3 (twice) last vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>FG ATT: 8</b> vs. Indiana (1/18/15)	<b>FG ATT: 6</b> vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)
<b>3-PT: 1 (seven times)</b> last vs. lowa (1/25/17)	<b>3-PT: 1 (three times)</b> last vs. lowa (1/25/17)
<b>3-PT ATT: 3 (five times)</b> last vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	<b>3-PT ATT: 3</b> vs. Southeast Missouri (11/16/16)
FT: 8 vs. Hampton (12/17/14)	<b>FT: 6</b> vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
FT ATT: 8 (twice) last vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	FT ATT: 8 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)
REB: 6 vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)	<b>REB: 6</b> vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)
<b>AST: 9</b> at Minnesota (1/24/15)	<b>AST: 8</b> vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
BLK: 2 vs. Jacksonville State (11/10/13)	BLK: 1 vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)
STL: 3 at Wisconsin (1/8/14)	STL: 2 vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
MIN: 43 at Minnesota (1/23/16)	MIN: 34 vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)

CAREI	ER STA	TISTICS										
Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	<u>T0</u>	В	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2013-14	33-0	403-12.2	20-76/.263	1-23/.043	19-29/.655	4-26-30/0.9	31-0	64	30	3	14	60-1.8
2014-15	32-13	652-20.4	28-76/.368	1-12/.083	59-70/.843	2-37-39/1.2	59-2	92	45	3	26	116-3.6
2015-16	30-15	524-17.5	18-49/.367	2-11/.182	17-27/.630	1-38-39/1.3	39-0	75	24	3	12	55-1.8
2016-17	20-7	357-17.9	17-44/.386	2-11/.182	21-31/.677	7-22-29/1.5	27-0	65	28	1	11	57-2.98
TOTAL	115-35	1936-16.8	83-245/.339	6-57/.105	116-157/.739	14-123-137/1.2	156-2	296	127	10	63	288-2.5

Feb. 18

Feb. 21

Feb 26

at Iowa

Northwestern

at Nebraska March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament



## 33 MIKE THORNE JR.

## GRADUATE STUDENT // CENTER // 6-11 // 280 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. // TRINITY CHRISTIAN H.S. // CHARLOTTE

2016-17 Notes: Averaging 5.6 points and 3.7 rebounds while shooting 56 percent from the field on the season ... Five rebounds and two blocked shots in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Third career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds vs. McKendree (11/15) ... 11 points on 4-for-4 shooting and seven rebounds vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18) ... Season-high 12 points on 6-of-6 shooting with seven rebounds vs. West Virginia (11/24) ... Eight points and a season-best 11 rebounds vs. Central Michigan (12/10) ... Eight points on 4-of-5 shooting vs. Missouri (12/21) ... Reached double figures for the first time in eight games with 10 points at Maryland (12/27) ... Seven points at Michigan (1/21).

Career Notes: Born May 17, 1993 ... Enrolled in the UI master's program in recreation, sport and tourism ... Earned master's degree in education policy, organization and leadership in August 2016 ... Earned bachelor's degree in sociology from Charlotte in May 2015 ... Received medical hardship waiver for sixth-season of eligibility ... Limited to eight games last year after tearing meniscus in left knee on Nov. 28 ... Averaged 12.9 points and 8.5 rebounds ... Led team in rebounding in six of his eight games and scored in double figures five times ... Double-double in Illini debut with season highs of 25 points and 14 rebounds vs. North Florida (11/13/15) ... 21 points on 8-of-11 shooting vs. North Dakota State (11/15/15) ... 18 points and 11 rebounds vs. Chattanooga (11/21/15) ... 10 points and seven boards in first half vs. lowa State (11/28/15) before leaving with knee injury ... Played in 81 games during career at Charlotte ... Started 30 of 32 games as a junior, ranking third on 49ers in scoring (10.1 ppg) ... Led team and ranked fifth in Conference USA in rebounding (7.3 rpg) ... Season-high 23 points with 16 rebounds versus Penn State (11/20/14) ... Career-high 18 rebounds vs. UNC Asheville (11/30/14) ... Started 30 of 31 games as a sophomore, averaging 9.1 points and 6.7 rebounds ... Career-high 26 points vs. Appalachian State (12/8/13) ... First career double-double with 16 points and 11 boards vs. Kansas State (11/20/13).

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS													reer dou	ble-double with 16 points and 11 b	oards vs. Kans	as State (	(11/20/13).
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<u>Date</u> Nov. 11	Opponent Southeast Missouri	<b>G-GS</b>	MIN 16	<u>FG-A</u> 1-1	<u>3P-A</u> 0−0	<b>FT-A</b> 0-1	<b>REB</b> 0-5-5	<u>PF</u> 1	<u><b>A</b></u> 0	<b>TO</b> 3	<u><b>B</b></u> 2	<u><b>S</b></u> 0	<u>PTS</u> 2	PTS: 25	PTS: 12		
Nov. 11	Northern Kentucky	1-0	8	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	0	1	0	0	2	vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	vs. West V	irainia (1	1/2//16)
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	18	4-12	0-0	2-3	1-9-10	3	0	2	2	0	10	VS. North Florida (11/15/15)	VS. WEST V	iigiiiia (1	11/24/10)
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	20	4-4	0-0	3-6	1-6-7	4	0	1	0	0	11	FG: 11	FG: 6		
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-0	11	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-0-1	3	1	1	0	0	2	vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	vs. West V	irginia (1	1/24/16)
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-0	16	6-6	0-0	0-1	3-4-7	1	0	0	0	0	12				
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State	1-1	13	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	0	0	0	0	0	4	FG ATT: 20	FG ATT: 12		(1.5.(1.0)
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-1	16	2-3	0-0	3-4	1-0-1	1	0	2	0	0	7	vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	vs. McKen	dree (11/	15/16)
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	1-1	13	2-4	0-0	0-0	3-0-3	3	1	0	0	1	4	3-PT: 0	3-PT: 0		
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-1	17	3-6	0-0	1-1	2-1-3	2	1	1	0	0	7	3-1 1. 0	0-1 1. 0		
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-1	21	3-6	0-0	2-2	4-7-11	3	0	1	0	0	8				
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-1	18	3-4	0-0	0-2	1-3-4	4	1	1	0	0	6	3-PT ATT: 0	3-PT ATT:	0	
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-1	16	4-5	0-0	0-2	0-0-0	2	1	2	0	0	8				
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-1	19	5-9	0-0	0-0	2-2-4	1	0	1	0	0	10		FT 0 (1 :	,	
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-1	8	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	1	0	2	0	0	0	FT: 7	FT: 3 (twice		(11/00/10)
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-1	13	0-1	0-0	2-2	2-2-4	2	0	1	0	0	2	at Indiana (1/19/16)	iast vs. iv.	6. State	(11/29/16)
Jan. 11	Michigan		DNP											FT ATT: 11	FT ATT: 6		
Jan. 14	Maryland		DNP											at Indiana (1/19/16)	vs. Detroit	Mercy (1	1/18/16)
Jan. 17	at Purdue	1-0	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	4	1	1	1	0	4	ata.aa (1/10/10/	701 2011011		1, 10, 10,
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	12	3-6	0-0	1-1	0-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	7	REB: 14	REB: 11		
Jan. 25	lowa	1-0	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	vs. North Florida (11/13/15)	vs. Centra	l Michiga	an (12/10/16)
Jan. 28	at Penn State													ACT 1 (-i-blash-i)	ACT 1 (-:-		
Jan. 31	Wisconsin													AST: 1 (eight times) last last at Purdue (1/17/17)	AST: 1 (six		7/17\
Feb. 4	Minnesota													last last at Purdue (1/17/17)	last at Pui	aue (1/1	//1/)
Feb. 7 Feb. 11	at Northwestern Penn State													BLK: 2 (four times)	BLK: 2 (tw	ice)	
Feb. 11	at lowa													last vs. McKendree (11/15/16)			(11/15/16)
Feb. 21	Northwestern																(,,
Feb. 26	at Nebraska													STL: 1 (three times)	STL: 1		
March 1	Michigan State													last vs. VCU (12/3/16)	vs. VCU (1	2/3/16)	
March 4	at Rutgers													MIN 20	MIN: 21		
	Big Ten Tournamer	nt												MIN: 28 vs. North Florida (11/13/15)		l Michiae	n (12/10/16)
						_								VS. NOITH FIORIUA (11/13/13)	vs. Gentra	1 Wilcinga	111 (12/10/10)
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Year		IN-Avg		FGM-			PM-A/%			<u>-A/%</u>		U	R-DR-T		<u>TO</u> <u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg
2011-12		3-3.0		0-1/.			-0/.000			/.000			0-0-0		0 0	0	0-0.0
2012-13		12-6.6		14-28			-0/.000			/.600			14-9-2		3 2	3	31-1.8
2013-14		9-24.5		120-23			-1/.000			0/.513			8-130-2		51 23	9	281-9.1
2014-15	32-30 83	6-26.1		134-25	17.534	0	-1/.000		54-10	1/.53	)	8	5-150-2	235/7.3 75-2 25	42 29	4	322-10.1

98-186/.527

FTM-A/%

33-55/.600

14-27/.519

47-82/.573

177-289-466/5.8

OR-DR-TOT/Avg

24-44-68/8.5

25-46-71/3.7

49-90-139/5.1

164-6

PF-DQ

18-1

40-0

58-1

37

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634-7.8

PTS-Avg

103-12.9

106-5.6

209-7.7

1710-21.1

MIN-Avg

171-21.4

275-14.5

446-16.5

CAREER STATISTICS AT ILLINOIS

268-516/.519

FGM-A/%

35-74/.473

46-82/.561

81-156/.519

0-2/.000

3PM-A/%

0-0/.000

0-0/.000

0-0/.000

TOTAL

Year

2015-16

2016-17

TOTAL

81-60

G-GS

8-7

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**GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS** 

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SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-7 // 210 CHICAGO. ILL. // SIMEON H.S.

**2016-17 Notes:** Six points and four rebounds in opener vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11) ... Career-high nine points against McKendree while shooting 3-of-4 from the field (11/15) ... Six points vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18) ... Five points vs. IUPUI (12/6) ... Tied career high with five rebounds vs. Central Michigan (12/10).

Career Notes: Born March 20, 1997 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Played in 29 of 34 games last year, averaging 2.1 points ... Logged double-digit minutes in 11 of the last 12 games, shooting 50 percent from the field over that stretch (18-36) ... Earned start in first career game vs. North Florida (11/13/15) ... Five points in 18 minutes at No. 5 Michigan State (1/7/16) ... Season-high eight points with four rebounds vs. No. 5 lowa (2/7/16) ... Six points behind first two career 3-pointers at Northwestern (2/13/16) ... Tied season high with eight points and grabbed season-high five rebounds in 23 minutes vs. Rutgers (2/16/16) ... National top-100 recruit averaged 14 points, four rebounds and five assists as a senior at Simeon High School ... Second-team All-State by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association ... Paricipated in USA Basketball U17 Training Camp in the summer of 2014 ... MVP of the MPAC Sports Elite International Tournament in Dubai in the summer of 2014, leading Simeon to the title while averaging 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists ... Member of Simeon teams that won IHSA Class 4A state titles his freshman (2012) and sophomore (2013) seasons.

**SEASON HIGHS** 

STL: 0

MIN: 18

vs. Southeast Missouri (11/16/16)

CAREER HIGHS

STL: 1 (seven times)

vs. Rutgers (2/16/16)

MIN- 23

last vs. Minnesota (3/9/16)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	G-GS	MIN	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	REB	PF	Α	<u>T0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS		
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	1-0	18	3-6	0-1	0-0	1-3-4	0	1	0	1	0	6	PTS: 9	PTS: 9
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	1-0	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
Nov. 15	McKendree	1-0	14	3-4	0-0	3-3	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	0	9		
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	1-0	14	3-4	0-0	0-2	0-1-1	1	1	1	1	0	6	FG: 4	FG: 3 (three times)
Nov. 21	Winthrop	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	vs. lowa (2/7/16)	last vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)
Nov. 24	vs. West Virginia	1-0	14	0-6	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	FG ATT: 7	FG ATT: 6 (twice)
Nov. 25	vs. Florida State		DNP											vs. lowa (2/7/16)	last vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)
Nov. 29	N.C. State	1-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	vs. iowa (2/7/10)	last vs. west viigilia (11/24/10)
Dec. 3	vs. VCU		DNP											3-PT: 2	3-PT: 1 (twice)
Dec. 6	IUPUI	1-0	8	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	5	at Northwestern (2/13/16)	last vs. Missouri (12/21/16)
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	1-0	17	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-4-5	0	1	0	0	0	2		
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	1-0	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3-PT ATT: 3	3-PT ATT: 2 (three times)
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	1-0	6	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	3	at Northwestern (2/13/16)	last at Maryland (12/27/16)
Dec. 27	at Maryland	1-0	9	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	1	0	0	0	2	,	FT 0
Jan. 1	Ohio State	1-0	15	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	2	FT: 4	FT: 3
Jan. 7	at Indiana	1-0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	vs. Rutgers (2/16/16)	vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
Jan. 11	Michigan		DNP											FT ATT: 4 (twice)	FT ATT: 3
Jan. 14	Maryland		DNP											last vs. Rutgers (2/16/16)	vs. McKendree (11/15/16)
Jan. 17	at Purdue		DNP											1431 V3. Natgor3 (2/10/10)	vs. monentiace (11/10/10)
Jan. 21	at Michigan	1-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	REB: 5 (twice)	REB: 5
Jan. 25	lowa		DNP											vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)
Jan. 28	at Penn State														
Jan. 31	Wisconsin													AST: 2	AST: 1 (seven times)
Feb. 4	Minnesota													at Penn State (3/6/16)	last at Maryland (12/27/16)
Feb. 7	at Northwestern													BLK: 1 (nine times)	BLK: 1 (five times)
Feb. 11	Penn State													last vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)	last vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)
Feb. 18	at Iowa													1831 V3. OIIIU State (1/1/1/)	iast vs. Onio State (1/1/1/)
Feb. 21	Northwestern													STI · 1 (seven times)	0 - 172

Feb. 26

at Nebraska

Mar 8-12 Big Ten Tournament

March 1 Michigan State March 4 at Rutgers



## 10 DREW CAYCE

SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-1 // 165 Libertyville, Ill. // La Lumiere Prep // Creighton

Career Notes: Born May 31, 1997 ... Enrolled in the Division of General Studies (undeclared) ... Walkon joined the Illini program on Aug. 22 and is sitting out this season per NCAA transfer rules ... Redshirted at Creighton last year ... Averaged 9.8 points and 2.8 assists as a senior team captain at La Lumiere Prep ... Played alongside fellow Illini sophomore Jalen Coleman-Lands at La Lumiere ... Third-leading scorer as a junior on team that went 23-3 and was ranked No. 5 nationally by USA Today.



## 45 CAMERON LISS

JUNIOR // FORWARD // 6-6 // 220 Northbrook, Ill. // Glenbrook North H.S.

Career Notes: Born May 4, 1996 ... Majoring in accountancy ... Walkon is sitting out this season as a redshirt ... Appeared in five games last season ... Recorded first career assist at Indiana (1/19/16) ... Made first basket as an Illini and scored career-high three points in Big Ten Tournament first-round win over Minnesota (3/9/16) ... Appeared in 12 games as a freshman ... Made Illini debut vs. Coppin State (11/16/14) ... Grabbed first career rebound vs. Austin Peay (11/21/14) ... Scored first career point vs. Brown (11/24/14) ... Third consecutive game with a rebound vs. Indiana State (11/27/14) ... Averaged 12 points, 6.5 rebounds and three assists as a senior at Glenbrook North High School ... Team captain ... Kurland-Schnurr Thanksgiving All-Tournament Team selection ... Two-time winner of the Full Package Athletics/Central Suburban League Insider Triple Threat Player of the Week.

CAREE	CAREER STATISTICS													
Year	G-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	<u>FTM-A/%</u>	OR-DR-TOT/Avg	PF-DQ	A	<u>TO</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	PTS-Avg		
2014-15	12-0	16-1.3	0-0/.000	0-0/.000	1-2/.500	0-3-3/0.3	1-0	0	1	0	0	1-0.1		
2015-16	5-0	10-2.0	1-1/1.000	0-0/.000	1-2/.500	0-0-0/0.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	3-0.6		
TOTAL	17-0	26-1.5	1-1/1.000	0-0/.000	2-4/.500	0-3-3/0.2	2-0	1	2	0	0	4-0.2		

### 2016-17 RESULTS / ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<b>SCORE</b>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
Nov. 11	Southeast Missouri	W, 81-62	10,790	21 — Hill	8 – Hill
Nov. 13	Northern Kentucky	W, 79-64	10,888	40 — Hill	12 – Hill
Nov. 15	McKendree	W, 112-65	10,135	18 — Morgan & Coleman-Lands	10 — Thorne Jr.
Nov. 18	Detroit Mercy	W, 89-69	10,396	25 – Hill	7 — Thorne Jr.
Nov. 21	Winthrop	L, 80-84 (OT)	9,502	18 — Finke	9 — Hill
Nov. 24	vs. #19 West Virginia	L, 57-89	2,451	13 — Finke	9 — Black
Nov. 25	vs. #25 Florida State	L, 61-72	3,713	18 – Hill	11 — Black
Nov. 29	North Carolina State	W, 88-74	13,481	22 – Hill	9 — Hill
Dec. 3	vs. VCU	W, 64-46	4,885	18 — Black	8 — Black
Dec. 6	IUPUI	W, 85-77	10,536	32 — Hill	9 — Black
Dec. 10	Central Michigan	W, 92-73	13,045	31 — Abrams	11 — Thorne Jr.
Dec. 17	vs. BYU	W, 75-73	9,036	15 — Abrams	10 — Morgan
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	W, 75-66	12,409	21 — Hill	11 — Morgan
Dec. 27	at Maryland	L, 59-84	17,950*	21 – Hill	7 — Hill
Jan. 1	Ohio State	W, 75-70	12,221	20 — Hill	15 — Black
Jan. 7	at #25 Indiana	L, 80-96	16,506	21 — Coleman-Lands & Hill	4 — Black, Hill, Nichols & Thorne Jr.
Jan. 11	Michigan	W, 85-69	11,404	16 — Morgan	8 — Nichols
Jan. 14	Maryland	L, 56-62	14,002	15 — Morgan	9 — Black
Jan. 17	at #21 Purdue	L, 68-91	13,920	15 — Morgan	6-Black
Jan. 21	at Michigan	L, 57-66	12,234	16 – Hill	5 — Hill
Jan. 25	lowa	W, 76-64	11,787	17 — Finke	7 — Black & Morgan
Jan. 28	at Penn State				
Jan. 31	Wisconsin				
Feb. 4	Minnesota				
Feb. 7	at Northwestern				
Feb. 11	Penn State				
Feb. 18	at Iowa				
Feb. 21	Northwestern				
Feb. 26	at Nebraska				
March 1	Michigan State				
March 4	at Rutgers				
March 8-12	at Big Ten Tournament				

<sup>\*</sup> sold out

	Games	Totals	ATTENDANCE Average	High Game	Sellouts
HOME	12	138,187	11,516	14,002	0
AWAY	4	60,610	15,153	17,950	1
NEUTRAL	5	32,494	6,498	12,409	0
TOTALS	21	231,291	11,014	17,950	1

### **GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS**

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	<u>GAME</u>	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR—TOT	PF	AS	<u>T0</u>	BK	ST	PTS (1st-2nd)
Nov. 11	Illinois	30-53/.566	11- <b>31</b> /.355	10-12/. <b>833</b>	7-30-37	14	14	16	5	3	81 (37-44)
Nov. 13	Southeast Missouri Illinois	25-61/.410 26-59/.441	10-24/.417 7-19/.368	2-5/.400 20-30/.667	7-15–22 10-22–32	18 23	12 10	13 9	0 4	5 5	62 (31-31) 79 (31-48)
1404. 15	Northern Kentucky	21-57/.368	9-30/.300	13-23/.565	14-29-43	28	9	18	3	3	64 (33-31)
Nov. 15	Illinois	<b>44-79</b> /.557	<b>16</b> -28/.571	8-13/.615	12- <b>36</b> —48	15	28	6	7	7	112 (55-57)
No. 10	McKendree	23-70/.329	7-28/.250	12-16/.750	11-27-38	17	6	16	2	4	65 (32-33)
Nov. 18	Illinois Detroit Mercy	17-52/.519 24-56/.429	8-19/.421 5-21/.238	<b>27-38</b> /.711 16-23/.696	6-33 <b>—</b> 39 4-25 <b>—</b> 29	21 29	10 8	15 15	1 4	6 2	89 (39-50) 69 (30-39)
Nov. 21	Illinois	30-68/.441	11-24/.458	9-16/.563	7-25-32	21	15	22	2	5	80 (38-32-10)
	Winthrop	30-60/.500	10-22/.455	14-17/.824	5-30-35	21	10	22	4	4	84 (34-36-14)
Nov. 24	Illinois	22-56/.393	4-17/.235	9-17/.529	<b>16</b> -24—40	24 19	10 15	24 6	1 3	2 15	57 (29-28)
Nov. 25	vs. West Virginia Illinois	33-72/.458 19-58/.328	6-19/.316 5-22/.227	17-30/.567 18-21/.857	19-25-44 <b>16</b> -25-41	19	11	11	0	2	89 (48-41) 61 (27-34)
	vs. Florida State	26-54/.481	9-15/.600	11-19/.579	9-24-33	18	12	9	7	5	72 (30-42)
Nov. 29	Illinois	30-60/.500	7-18/.389	21-26/.808	11-19-30	16	12	11	3	9	88 (32-56)
Dec. 3	North Carolina State Illinois	28-53/.528 22-52/.423	6-16/.375 6-14/.429	12-13/.923 14-21/.667	6-21 <b>–</b> 27 11-24 <b>–</b> 35	21 19	11 14	19 11	4	5 6	74 (33-41) 64 (31-33)
DCC. 0	vs. VCU	16-53/.302	2-18/.111	12-16/.750	11-24-35	21	8	14	4	2	46 (21-25)
Dec. 6	Illinois	27-49/.551	7-16/.438	24-30/.800	7-22-29	15	14	15	2	7	85 (41-44)
Dec. 10	IUPUI Illinois	27-60/.450 34-64/.531	8-26/.308 9-21/.429	15-18/.833 15-20/.750	11-17-28 13- <b>36-49</b>	20 <b>14</b>	10 15	14 15	2	7	77 (42-35) 92 (46-46)
DCC. 10	Central Michigan	25-68/.368	13-38/.342	10-12/.833	6-18-25	19	9	8	0	8	73 (36-37)
Dec. 17	Illinois	30-64/.469	10-26/.385	5-11/.455	10-29-39	19	18	12	3	7	75 (43-32)
Dec. 21	vs. BYU Illinois	26-61/.426 24-49/.490	7-22/.318 7-17/.412	14-18/.778 20-30/.667	10-26-36 7-31-38	16 21	22 11	12 15	4	11	73 (37-36) 75 (39-36)
Dec. 21	vs. Missouri	22-61/.361	6-19/.316	16-21/.762	8-21—29	22	9	8	2	4	66 (29-37)
Dec. 27	Illinois	21-59/.356	4-22/.182	13-19/.684	14-22-36	18	9	17	0	5	59 (23-36)
lam 1	at Maryland	33-59/.559	7-21/.333	11-18/.611	9-28-37	20	16	14	4	7	84 (39-45)
Jan. 1	Illinois Ohio State	26-60/.433 27-65/.415	6-19/.316 7-21/.333	17-23/.739 9-11/.818	12-30-42 10-25-35	<b>14</b> 18	7 10	9 8	4 3	3 3	75 (40-35) 70 (29-41)
Jan. 7	Illinois	24-54/.444	6-17/.353	26-33/.788	11-17-28	21	11	9	2	5	80 (29-51)
. 11	at Indiana	29-49/.592	13-25/.520	25-31/.806	8-23-31	28	22	12	4	4	96 (48-48)
Jan. 11	Illinois Michigan	34-53/. <b>642</b> 27-51/.529	9-14/. <b>643</b> 7-14/.500	8-10/.800 8-10/.800	8-22-30 4-13-17	<b>14</b> 15	21 12	11 8	1	3 6	85 (49-36) 69 (36-33)
Jan. 14	Illinois	21-56/.375	7-22/.318	7-10/.700	6-27-33	20	12	12	1	3	56 (32-24)
1 17	Maryland	23-54/.426	6-22/.273	10-20/.500	8-31-39	16	10	12	3	8	62 (27-35)
Jan. 17	Illinois at Purdue	27-67/.403 32-53/.604	3-17/.176 7-15/.467	11-22/.500 20-22/.909	10-18–28 3-32–35	21 20	13 22	<b>3</b> 11	3 5	5 1	68 (30-38) 91 (44-47)
Jan. 21	Illinois	22-48/.458	2-12/.167	11-14/.786	6-21-27	20	9	17	2	4	57 (24-33)
	at Michigan	23-51/.451	6-21/.286	14-22/.636	10-20-30	21	8	14	2	5	66 (34-32)
Jan. 25	Illinois Iowa	26-58/.448 26-65/.400	9-19/.474 5-23/.217	15-19/.789 7-16/.438	13-25—38 16-20—36	19 19	18 14	12 13	2	8	76 (40-36) 64 (24-40)
Jan. 28	Illinois	20-03/.400	3-23/.21/	7-107.430	10-20-30	19	14	13	4	3	04 (24-40)
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March 1	Illinois Michigan State										
March 4	Illinois										
	at Rutgers										

### **TEAM SUPERLATIVES**

ILLINOIS	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	112 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	56 vs. Maryland (1/14/17)
FIRST-HALF POINTS	55 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	23 at Maryland (12/27/16)
SECOND-HALF POINTS	57 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	24 vs. Maryland (1/14/17)
OVERTIME POINTS	10 vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)	
WINNING MARGIN	47 (112-65) vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	2 (75-73) vs. BYU (12/17/16)
FIELD GOALS	44 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	19 vs. Florida State (11/25/16)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	79 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	48 at Michigan (1/21/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.642 (34-53) vs. Michigan (1/11/17)	.328 (19-58) vs. Florida State (11/25/16)
3-Point Field Goals	16 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	2 at Michigan (1/21/17)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	31 vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)	12 at Michigan (1/21/17)
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	.643 (9-14) vs. Michigan (1/11/17)	.167 (2-12) at Michigan (1/21/17)
Free Throws	27 vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	5 vs. BYU (12/17/16)
Free Throw Attempts	38 vs. Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	10, twice; last vs. Maryland (1/14/17)
Free Throw Percentage	.833 (10-12) vs. Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)	.455 (5-11) vs. BYU (12/17/16)
TOTAL REBOUNDS	49 vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	27 at Michigan (1/21/17)
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	16, twice; last vs. Florida State (11/25/16)	6, three times; last at Michigan (1/21/17)
Defensive Rebounds	36, twice; last vs. Central Michigan (12/10/16)	17 at Indiana (1/7/17)
Personal Fouls	24 vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)	14, four times; last vs. Michigan (1/11/17)
Assists	28 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	7 vs. Ohio State (1/1/17)
Turnovers	24 vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)	3 at Purdue (1/17/17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	0, twice; last at Maryland (12/27/16)
STEALS	9 vs. N.C. State (11/29/16)	2, twice; last vs. Florida State (11/24/16)
Largest Lead	48 (112-64) vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	
Largest Deficit	39 (47-86) vs. West Virginia (11/24/16)	
Largest Deficit Overcome in a Win	8, twice; last (3-11) vs. VCU (12/3/16)	
LARGEST LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	12 (14-2) vs. Winthrop (11/21/16)	
LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD	23 (55-32) vs. McKendree (11/15/16)	
LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT	19, twice; last (29-48) at Indiana (1/7/17)	
LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT OVERCOME IN A WIN	2 (31-33) vs. Northern Kentucky (11/13/16)	
LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD RELINQUISHED IN A LOSS	5 (32-27) vs. Maryland (1/14/17)	

OPPONENTS	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	96, Indiana (1/7/17)	46, VCU (12/3/16)
FIRST-HALF POINTS	48, twice; last, Indiana (1/7/17)	21, VCU (12/3/16)
Second-Half Points	48, Indiana (1/7/17)	25, VCU (12/3/16)
Overtime Points	14, Winthrop (11/21/16)	
WINNING MARGIN	32, West Virginia (11/24/16)	4, Winthrop (11/21/16)
FIELD GOALS	33, twice; last, Maryland (12/27/16)	16, VCU (12/3/16)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	72, West Virginia (11/24/16)	49, Indiana (1/7/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.604 (32-53), Purdue (1/17/17)	.302 (16-53), VCU (12/3/16)
3-Point Field Goals	13, twice; last, Indiana (1/7/17)	2, VCU (12/3/16)
3-Point Field Goal Attemps	38, Central Michigan (12/10/16)	14, Michigan (1/11/17)
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	.520 (13-25), Indiana (1/7/17)	.111 (2-18), VCU (12/3/16)
Free Throws	25, Indiana (1/7/17)	2, Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)
Free Throw Attemps	31, Indiana (1/7/17)	5, Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)
Free Throw Percentage	.923 (12-13), N.C. State (11/29/16)	.400 (2-5), Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)
Total Rebounds	44, West Virginia (11/24/16)	22, Southeast Missouri (11/11/16)
Offensive Rebounds	19, West Virginia (11/24/16)	3, Purdue (1/17/17)
Defensive Rebounds	32, Purdue (1/17/17)	13, Michigan (1/11/17)
Personal Fouls	29, Detroit Mercy (11/18/16)	15, Michigan (1/11/17)
Assists	22, three times; last, Purdue (1/17/17)	6, McKendree (11/15/16)
Turnovers	22, Winthrop (11/21/16)	6, West Virginia (11/24/16)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7, Florida State (11/25/16)	0, three times; last, Michigan (1/11/17)
STEALS	15, West Virginia (11/24/16)	1, Purdue (1/17/17)

### **INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES**

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### **SPECIALTY STATISTICS**

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Nov. 13 Northern Kentucky 28-20 21-7 11-8 7-2 7-21 18 (79-61) 8 (24		5
Nov. 15 McKendree <b>50</b> -20 20-5 13-5 8-6 <b>59</b> -23 <b>48</b> (112-64) Nov. 15 McKendree <b>50</b> -20 20-5 13-5 8-6 <b>59</b> -23 <b>48</b> (112-64) Nov. 15 McKendree	•	0
Nov. 18 Detroit Mercy 32-42 19-10 7-3 7-4 26-10 27 (68-41) NA	0	1
Nov. 21 Winthrop 30-22 <b>25</b> -18 9-5 6-5 18-54 12 (14-2) 4 (80	84) 3	3
Nov. 24 vs. West Virginia 30-52 1-34 14-21 <b>10</b> -18 28-41 3 (5-2) 39 (4	-86) 2	3
Nov. 25 vs. Florida State 14-30 11-17 <b>20</b> -8 4-9 32-27 4 (11-17) 15 (5	-66) 7	7
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Jan. 7 at Indiana 30-28 15-20 12-10 2-5 31-26 N/A 22 (1		0
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Jan. 14 Maryland 14-32 4-14 8-4 2-12 7-21 11 (27-16) 10 (4-		0
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Jan. 25 Iowa 18-38 9-10 6-13 2-4 31-40 19 (34-15) NA	0	0
Jan. 28 at Penn State		
Jan. 31 Wisconsin		
Feb. 4 Minnesota		
Feb. 7 at Northwestern		
Feb. 11 Penn State		
Feb. 18 at lowa		
Feb. 21 Northwestern		
Feb. 26 at Nebraska		
March 1 Michigan State		
March 4 at Rutgers		
Totals 510-602 295-294 212-161 89-135 514-456		
Average 24.3-28.7 14.0-14.0 10.1-7.7 4.2-6.4 24.5-21.7		
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### GAME 1 Illinois 81, southeast Missouri 62

NOV. 11, 2016 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. 28 22 15 16 20 20 16 17 9 28 7 3 1 0 1 1 2 2 1 0 3 2-2 1-2 1-5 0-3 0-1 3-4 2-3 0-0 0-0 1-4 1 5 3 4 2 2 1 9 4 12 0 2 2 2 2 7 5-6 1-2 1-2 3-10 25-61 200 FG % 1st Half: 12-31 38.7% 2nd half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 25-61 41.0% 3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 10-24 41.7% FT % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd half: 0-2 0.0% Game: 2-5 40.0% 24 24 27 33 9 18 25 0+ 24 16 0+ 0+ 3-5 0-0 3-4 2-6 0-2 0-1 0-3 0-0 3-10 0-0 0-0 12 16 13 21 0 6 2 0 9 2 30-53 11-31 10-12 7 30 37 14 3 200 FG % 1st Half: 15-27 55.6% 2nd half: 15-26 57.7% Game: 30-53 56.6% 3FG % 1st Half: 4-14 28.6% 2nd half: 7-17 41.2% Game: 11-31 35.5% FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 7-7 100.0 Game: 10-12 33.3% | In Off 2nd Fast | Points | Paint T/O Chance Break | SEMO 26 16 5 2 | ILL 26 22 10 6 31 31 **62** 37 44 **81** 

### Game 1 Recap — Illini 81, Southeast Missouri 62 (Nov. 11)

Behind the strength of 56.6 percent shooting, the Illini cruised to a season-opening 19-point victory over Southeast Missouri at State Farm Center.

Illinois shot an incredible 86.4 percent on 2-pointers, making 19 of 22 shots inside the arc. Senior **Maverick Morgan** set the tone on twos, draining all eight of his field goal attempts en route to 16 points.

**Malcolm Hill** led all scorers with 21 points, while also collecting a game-high eight rebounds.

In his first game action since the conclusion of the 2013-14 season, **Tracy Abrams** was efficient, scoring 13 points on just five shots. **Michael Finke** was the fourth Illini in double figures, adding 12 points.

Illinois outrebounded the Redhawks 37-to-22, the +15 margin exceeding any rebounding advantage the Illini held last season.

## GAME 2 ILLINOIS 79, NORTHERN KENTUCKY 64 NOV. 13, 2016 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Score tied - 2 times. Lead changed - 3 times

# | Total | September | Septembe

FG % 1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd half: 8-25 32.0% Game: 21-57 36.8% Deadball 3FG % 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd half: 6-16 37.5% Game: 9-30 30.0% Rebund: 17% 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 6-16 58.3% Game: 13-23 56.5% 6

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			Total	3-Ptr			oour								
22	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
43	Finke, Michael	f	4-8	1-5	1-2	4	7	11	3	10	0	3	0	0	30
22	Morgan, Maverick	С	3-5	0-0	2-4	0	3	3		8	3	0	2	1	28
01	Tate, Jaylon	g	2-5	0-1	5-8	1	0	1	4	9	3	2	0	0	28
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	2-7	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	3	5	2	0	1	1	26
21	Hill, Malcolm	9	13-23	5-8	9-12	4	8	12	0	40	1	1	0	1	36
00	Williams, D.J.		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	9
03	Lucas, Te'Jon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen		1-6	1-5	2-2	0	0	0	4	5	1	1	0	2	21
23	Jordan, Aaron		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
33	Thorne Jr., Mike		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	8
	Team					0	1	1				1			
	Totals		26-59	7-19	20-30	10	22	32	23	79	10	9	4	5	200
3FG	% 1st Half: 8-24 33.3% % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% % 1st Half: 12-19 63.2%	2nc	half: 4	-35 51.4 -10 40.0 -11 72.7	1% Gan		6-59 7-19 10-30	36	.1% .8% .7%						Deadball ebounds 4,4

Officials: Chris Beaver, Donnie Eppley, Jim Schipper Technical fouls: Northern Kentucky-None. Illinois-None. Attendance: 10888

McKendree 65 • 1-1

Last FG - SEMO 2nd-00:39, ILL 2nd-00:55. Largest lead - SEMO by 7 1st-07:37, ILL by 22 2nd-08:14. SEMO led for 12:40. ILL led for 25:14. Game was tied for 02:0

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total		In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Northern Kentucky	33	31	64	Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Benc
Illinois	31	48	79	NKU ILL	20 28	21	11	7	21 7
Last FG - NKU 2nd-00:31, ILL Largest lead - NKU by 8 1st-0			id-01:21				- 5 time:		

### Game 2 Recap — Illini 79, Northern Kentucky 64 (Nov. 13)

Led by **Malcolm Hill**'s career-high 40 points, Illinois stormed back to defeat Northern Kentucky at State Farm Center and improve to 2-0 on the young season.

The Illini trailed by as many as eight points in the first half before closing to within two at the break. Illinois then pulled away in the second half to record its 24th win under Coach Groce after trailing at halftime.

With the game tied at 50, the Orange and Blue used an 11-0 run — with nine of those 11 points coming from Hill — to take a 61-50 lead with eight minutes remaining. The Illini did not look back on its way to the 15-point victory.

Hill led the Illini in both scoring and rebounding for the second straight game, recording his eighth career double-double with 12 rebounds to go along with the 40 points. **Michael Finke**, meanwhile, recorded his first career double-double, finishing with 10 points and 11 boards.

Illinois shot 51.4 in the second half to fuel the comeback. Illinois forced Northern Kentucky into 18 turnovers on the night while committing just eight of its own. That proved to be key, as the Illini enjoyed a 21-to-7 advantage in points off turnovers.

## GAME 3 ILLINOIS 112, MCKENDREE 65 NOV. 15. 2016 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN. ILL.

# | Total 3-Ptr |

			Total	3-Ptr		Rel	oour	ıds							
**	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
43	Finke, Michael	f	8-10	1-2	0-1	3	5	8	2	17	1	1	1	0	22
22	Morgan, Maverick	c	8-12	0-0	2-3	1	2	3	0	18	1	0	1	1	20
01	Tate, Jaylon	g	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	1	1	8	0	0	0	16
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	5-5	4-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	14	6	1	0	1	17
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	1-7	1-4	0-0	1	3	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	23
00	Williams, D.J.		3-4	0-0	3-3	0	1	1	0	9	1	0	0	0	14
03	Lucas, Te'Jon		4-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	9	6	2	0	0	22
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen		6-10	6-9	0-0	0	2	2	4	18	3	0	1	3	20
14	Oladimeji, Samson		0-1	0-1	0-1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
23	Jordan, Aaron		4-7	3-5	0-0	0	2	2	0	11	2	0	1	2	14
33	Thorne Jr., Mike		4-12	0-0	2-3	1	9	10	3	10	0	2	2	0	18
41	Jones, Clayton		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
44	Austin, Alex		1-4	0-2	0-0	3	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals	_	44-79	16-28	8-13	12	36	48	15	112	28	6	7	7	200
FG % 1st Half: 21-39 53.8% 2nd half: 23-40 57.5% Garne: 44-79 55.7% Deadball 3FG % 1st Half: 9-13 69.2% 2nd half: 7-15 46.7% Garne: 16-28 57.1% Rebounds FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Garne: 8-13 61.5% 0,1															

Officials: Bill Ek, Courtney Green, Matt Morales Technical fouls: McKendree-None. Illinois-TEAM.

core by periods	22	2nd	Total 65
IcKendree	32	33	
llinois	55	57	112

Points Paint 7/O Chance Break Bench MCK 20 5 5 6 23 IIL 50 20 13 8 59 Score tied - 0 times. Lead changed - 0 times.

### Game 3 Recap — Illini 112, McKendree 65 (Nov. 15)

Six players scored in double figures and the Illini tied their school record with 16 made 3-pointers in a blowout win over McKendree at State Farm Center.

Illinois shot 55.7 percent on the night and made 57.1 percent from 3-point range, knocking down 16-of-28 from behind the arc. The Illini set a new record at State Farm Centers with the 16 treys while equaling the program's all-time best first set in 2005 Elite Eight victory over Arizona.

In addition to the red-hot shooting, the Illini also dominated inside, scoring 50 points in the paint. Illinois recorded 28 assists, its highest total in the last 15 seasons, and enjoyed a 20-to-5 advantage in points off turnovers.

**Jalen Coleman-Lands** tied his career high with six 3-pointers, accounting for all 18 of his points. **Maverick Morgan** also scored 18 on 8-of-12 shooting.

**Michael Finke** hit 8-of-10 from the field on his way to 17 points while **Tracy Abrams** was a perfect 5-of-5, including a career-high four treys, to finish with 14.

**Aaron Jordan** scored a career-high 11, and **Mike Thorne Jr.** also finished in double figures, recording his third double-double as an Illini with 10 points and 10 boards.

## GAME 4 ILLINOIS 89, DETROIT MERCY 69 NOV. 18, 2016 // State Farm Center // Champaign, Ill.

### Game 4 Recap — Illini 89, Detroit Mercy 69 (Nov. 18)

Illinois led from start to finish in a 20-point victory over Detroit Mercy at State Farm Center, improving to 4-0.

Illinois jumped out to a quick 14-5 lead and led by as many as 15 in the first half. The Illini then came out on fire after halftime, scoring on 10 of its first 14 possessions and draining 10 of its first 13 field goal attempts to take a commanding 27-point lead with 10:30 left.

The Illini shot 58.3 percent after the break to improve to 51.9 percent overall, the team's third effort above 50 percent in four games. And Illinois did much of its scoring at the free throw line, sinking 27-of-38 at the line.

Leading the way for the Orange and Blue once again was **Malcolm Hill**, who scored a game-high 25 points. Hill went 6-for-11 from the field, with four of his buckets coming from 3-point range. He also earned his way to the foul line 11 times, making nine.

**Tracy Abrams** had another efficient game with 15 points on six shots. **Jaylon Tate** set a career high with 12 points and **Mike Thorne Jr.** scored 11 on 4-of-4 shooting to go along with a team-high seven rebounds.

### GAME 5 WINTHROP 84, ILLINOIS 80 (OT)

NOV. 21, 2016 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

ss Player 12 COOKS, Xavier	FG-I		3-Ptr		Reb	oun	ds							
12 COOKS, Xavier	FG-I													
			FG-FGA					PF	TP				Stl	
			1-5	2-4	1	6	7	3	13	0	6	1	1	36
42 DAVENPORT, Joshua			0-0	2-2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	15
00 OKEKE, Duby			0-0	2-2	1	3	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	15
10 BROMAN, Anders			2-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	8	1	3	0	0	24
13 BROMAN, Bjorn	1-		1-3	2-3	0	2	2	2	5	2	5	0	2	41
01 PERKINS, Roderick	2-		2-3	0-0	0	0	0	4	6	2	1	0	0	23
os JOHNSON, Keon	15-		4-7	4-4	0	6	6	2	38	3	3	0	0	40
25 FERGUSON, Josh	0-		0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	8
31 PRESCOTT, Tevin	4-	-5	0-0	2-2	2	7	9	2	10	0	1	0	1	23
Team					1	1	2				1			
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43 Finke, Michael			2-7	2-3	3	2	5	1	18	1	1	0	1	30
22 Morgan, Maverick			0-0	2-4	1	2	3	3	4	1	3	0	0	23
01 Tate, Jaylon			1-1	2-2	0	0	0	3	9	2	3	0	0	34
13 Abrams, Tracy 9			2-4	1-1	1	4	5	1	17	6	1	1	2	34
21 Hill, Malcolm			4-7	2-2	0	9	9	3	14	2	7	0	0	39
oo Williams, D.J.	0-		0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
os Coleman-Lands, Jalen	2-		2-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	1	1	1	0	20
12 Black, Leron	5-		0-1	0-2	1	3	4	4	10	1	3	0	0	20
23 Jordan, Aaron	0-		0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	11
33 Thorne Jr., Mike	1-	1	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	11
Team					0	3	3							
Totals	30-	68	11-24	9-16	7	25	32	21	80	15	22	2	5	225
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FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2r	d half	: 2	-4 50.0	1% OT:	2-4	5	0.09	. G	ame:	9-1	16	56.39	b	7,1
Officials: Terry Oglesby, Kelly Pfeifer	D. b. 1													
Technical fouls: Winthron-None, Illin	110													
Technical fouls: Winthrop-None. Illin Attendance: 9502														
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### Game 5 Recap - Winthrop 84, Illini 80, OT (Nov. 21)

Illinois led nearly the entire game but was unable to close things out, as Winthrop stormed back to become the first visitor to win a November game at State Farm Center in 10 years.

The Illini jumped all over the Eagles at the start, taking a 14-2 lead less that five minutes in. Winthrop responded with a 12-1 run of its own, and from there it became a back-and-forth affair. Each time the Illini seemed on the edge of pulling away, the visitors had an answer.

Illinois reeled off seven unanswered points on jumpers by **Maverick Morgan** and **Leron Black** and **Jaylon Tate**'s first 3-pointer of the season to open up a 70-60 lead with 3:27 remaining. But the Illini turned the ball over three times down the stretch while Winthrop was busy scoring the last 10 points of regulation, and the game went to overtime when **Malcolm Hill**'s jumper at the buzzer went in and out.

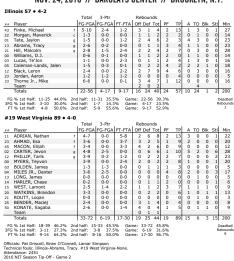
Winthrop led for nearly the entire overtime and closed it out at the free throw line. Guard Keon Johnson had one of the best performances by an opponent at State Farm Center, scoring 38 points on 15-of-21 shooting.

The Illini had four players in double figures, led by **Michael Finke**'s season-high 18 points and **Tracy Abrams**' season-best 17. **Hill** scored all 14 of his points in the first half, while **Black** added 10 in his first action of the season.

### GAME 6 #19/17 WEST VIRGINIA 89, ILLINOIS 57 NOV. 24, 2016 // BARCLAYS CENTER // BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Last FG - WINTHROP OT-00:55, ILL OT-00:15. Largest lead - WINTHROP by 4 OT-03:23, ILL by 12 1st-15:10. WINTHROP led for 04:33. ILL led for 37:44. Game was tied for Score tied - 3 times. Lead changed - 3 times

> 2nd Fast Chance Break Bench 14 10 28 21 18 41



### Game 6 Recap - #19/17 West Virginia 89, Illini 57 (Nov. 24)

Illinois succumbed to West Virginia's full-court defensive pressure, falling to the 19th-ranked Mountaineers on Thanksgiving Day in the semifinal round of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Barclays Center.

West Virginia maintained control throughout the contest. After a first-half run by the Illini cut an 18-point deficit in half to nine, WVU rebuilt its lead to 19 at intermission. The Mountaineers then opened the second half with 12 unanswered points to put things out of reach.

The Illini committed a season-high 24 turnovers on the afternoon, which West Virginia turned into 34 points. Illinois held its own on the glass and grabbed 16 offensive rebounds, but only was able to convert those extra opportunities into 14 points.

**Michael Finke** led the Illini with 13 points, **Mike Thorne Jr.** scored 12 on perfect 6-of-6 shooting with seven rebounds, and **Leron Black** grabbed a game-high nine boards in 16 minutes.

1st 2nd Total 29 28 57 48 41 89

Last FG - ILL 2nd-00:20, WVU 2nd-01:10. Largest lead - ILL by 3 1st-18:34, WVU by 39 2nd-04:42. ILL led for 00:54. WVU led for 37:29. Game was tied for 01:37

## GAME 7 #25/- FLORIDA STATE 72, ILLINOIS 61

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0 4 6-7 1-2 6-13 OJO, Michael BACON, Dwayne 1-2 4-6 0-2 1-1 3-3 0-0 0-0 0-2 3-8 2-4 5-8 2-5 1-3 0-1 0-1 26-54 9-15 11-19 9 24 33 18 5 200 FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 14-26 53.8% Game: 26-54 48.1% 3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 9-15 60.0% FT % 1st Half: 1-1 100.0 2nd half: 10-18 55.6% Game: 11-19 57.9% Illinois 61 • 4-3 Player
Finke, Michael
Thorne Jr., Mike
Tate, Jaylon
Abrams, Tracy
Hill, Malcolm
Lucas, Te'bon
Coleman-Lands, Ja
Black, Leron
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Jordan, Aaron
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### Game 7 Recap — #25/- Florida State 72, Illini 61 (Nov. 25)

Illinois put itself in position to earn a win over a top-25 team, but No. 25 Florida State pulled away in the final 10 minutes to win the third-place game of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Barclays Center.

The Illini showed a strong response in battling back less than 24 hours after a semifinal round loss to No. 19 West Virginia. Illinois had just three first-half turnovers and got plenty of great looks in the opening 20 minutes of play, but had trouble converting with just 9-of-33 shooting (27.3 percent).

The Illini were the aggressor on the boards, outrebounding the bigger Seminoles by eight and grabbing 16 offensive rebounds for the second straight day. That led to a 20-to-8 UI advantage in second-chance points.

There were numerous lead changes and ties throughout the game, as the entire first 30 minutes was played within a margin of two-possessions. But Malcolm Hill's fourth personal foul and five Illini turnovers ignited a critical 24-7 Florida State run that turned a 44-42 Illini lead with 11:56 remaining into a 66-51 FSU advantage with 3:40 left.

**Malcolm Hill** scored a game-high 18 points and **Leron Black** recorded his third career double-double with 15 points and game-high 11 rebounds. Freshman **Te'Jon Lucas** also played well, scoring a season-high 10 points and dishing out a game-high four assists in 18 minutes.

## GAME 8 ILLINOIS 88, NORTH CAROLINA STATE 74

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Player			FG-FGA						TP			Blk		
ABU,ABDUL-MALIK	f	6-9	0-0	4-4	2	3		4	16	1	4	2	1	31
ANYA,BEEJAY	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0				0		2			- 6
DORN,TORIN	g	7-11	3-4	0-0	0						1			31
HENDERSON, TERRY	9	2-8	1-7	2-3	0									39
SMITH, JR, DENNIS	g	4-11	0-2	4-4	0	7		3	12	3	4	0	0	31
HICKS,DARIUS		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	- :
OHNSON, MARKELL		3-5	2-3	1-1	0	1	1	5	9	1	3	1	1	2!
KIRK,SHAUN		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0+
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Technical fouls: North Carolina State-JOHNSON, MARKELL. Illinois-Lucas, Te'Jon.

Attendance: 13481 ACC/Big Ten Challenge

 Score by periods
 1st
 2nd
 Total

 North Carolina State
 33
 41
 74

 Illinois
 32
 56
 88

: FG - ST 2nd-01:42, LLI 2nd-00:42. Score tied - 3 times. Lead changed - 9 times de for 05:35. LLI led for 30:55. Game was tied for 03:30.

### Game 8 Recap - Illini 88, North Carolina State 74 (Nov. 29)

Illinois snapped a three-game skid and won its first ACC/Big Ten Challenge game since 2012, using a strong second half to pull away from N.C. State in the dedication game of the renovated State Farm Center.

Illinois led for most of the first half before a late 10-2 run gave N.C. State its biggest lead of the game at 33-27. The Illini pulled to within one at the break and early in the second half scored six unanswered to take a 52-45 lead of its own.

The Orange and Blue controlled the game the rest of the way, increasing the lead to double figures behind 67.9 percent shooting in the second half.

After the teams combined for 22 first-half turnovers, Illinois settled down with just two in the second half while N.C. State continued to struggle. The Wolfpack finished with 19 turnovers for the game, as the Illini recorded a season-high nine steals.

Illinois once again was strong on the glass, grabbing 11 offensive rebounds to earn a 19-to-8 advantage in second chance points.

**Malcolm Hill** led all scorers with 22 points, making all five baskets in the second half and getting to the foul line often (12-15). Hill just missed a double-double, also finishing with a game-high nine rebounds.

**Tracy Abrams** carried the Illini during the first half and ended up tying his season high with 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting along with a season-best three steals.

**Leron Black** had another strong performance, hitting a number of mid-range jumpers en route to 15 points with eight boards.

### GAME 9 ILLINOIS 64, VCU 46

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	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	f	6-13	0-2	6-8	2	6	8	3	18	0	1	0	0	30
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	С	2-4	0-0	0-0	3		3	3	4	1	0	0	1	13
)5	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	5-11	0-5	2-2	0	3	3	4	12	0	0	0	0	28
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	3-6	3-3	0-1	0	6	6	2	9	4	3	0	0	30
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	5-12	2-3	4-5	0	3	3	2	16	5	3	1	2	35
)1	Tate, Jaylon		1-2	1-1	0-1	1	0	1	1	3	4	1	0	1	17
)3	Lucas, Te'Jon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
22	Morgan, Maverick		0-3	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	23
23	Jordan, Aaron		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
13	Finke, Michael		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Team					3	1	4							
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20	BURGESS, Jordan	f	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	6	7	2	2	0	0	0	1	27
23	HAMDY MOHAMED, Ah	f	2-4	0-0	3-4	0	3	3	1	7	0	2	0	0	13
01	LEWIS, JeQuan	g	1-9	1-7	0-0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	20
05	BROOKS, Doug	g	0-5	0-3	3-5	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	1	21
10	WILLIAMS, Jonathan	g	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	4	3	2	0	0	29
00	JENKINS, De'Riante		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
02	DOUGHTY, Samir		3-11	1-5	2-2	0	3	3	2	9	1	1	0	0	27
04	TILLMAN, Justin		4-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	5	8	0	1	1	0	25
12	ALIE-COX, Mo		3-5	0-0	4-5	2	1	3	4	10	0	4	3	0	27
13	CROWFIELD, Malik		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
15	FRASER, Marquell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Team					3	4	7							
	Totals		16-53	2-18	12-16	11	24	35	21	46	8	14	4	2	200

Officials: DJ Carstensen, Courtney Green, Donnie Eppley

FG % 1st Half: 8-27 29.6% 2nd half: 8-26 30.8% Game: 16-53 30.2% 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 0-7 0.0% Game: 2-18 11.1% FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 12-16 75.0%

Technical fouls: Illinois-None. VCU-None. Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
llinois	31	33	64
WCII	21	25	46

In Off 2nd Fast	Points	Points	Point	Point	Point	Point	To Chance Break	Bench	ILL	18	23	5	2	5	
VCU	22	6	6	2	27										
Score tied - 1 time	Lead changed - 4 times														

### Game 9 Recap — Illini 64, VCU 46 (Dec. 3)

Illinois recorded its 1,750th win in program history, roaring back from an early deficit to beat VCU at the Hoophall Miami Invitational.

Illinois started slowly, making just one of its first 12 shots and falling behind 11-3. The Illini answered with a dominant 19-3 run and made 10 of its last 17 from the field to take a 10-point lead into the locker room.

VCU went on a 12-0 run shortly after the half to pull within 35-34. **Tracy Abrams** ended the run by draining a 3-pointer and a pair of **Malcolm Hill** free throws pushed the UI lead to six.

VCU managed just one field goal over the last nine minutes, and none in the final 7:30, as the Illini defense clamped down and Illinois outscored the Rams 20-to-6 down the stretch, turning a four-point lead into an 18-point victory.

Illinois won it with defense, holding VCU to its lowest point total in the last 11 seasons. The Rams shot just 30.2 percent, which included 2-of-18 from 3-point range. The Illini also turned 14 VCU turnovers into 23 points.

**Leron Black** was named MVP of the game after scoring a game-high and career-high tying 18 points along with a game-high 18 rebounds. **Malcolm Hill** added 16 points and dished out a season-high five assists, and **Jalen Coleman-Lands** also finished in double figures with 12.

### GAME 10 **ILLINOIS 85, IUPUI 77**

DEC. 6, 2016 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.



### Game 10 Recap - Illini 85, IUPUI 77 (Dec. 6)

Game 11 Recap - Illini 92, Central Michigan 73 (Dec. 10)

the way, growing to as many as 26 points.

eight points and a season- and game-high 11 boards.

check en route to a 19-point win over Central Michigan at State Farm Center.

season-high 49 boards and posting its best rebound margin in the last three seasons.

3-pointers in eight attempts, with his seven treys falling one shy of the school record. **Leron Black** also registered his career high in scoring with 21 points on 9-of-13 shooting.

points to open up a 32-16 advantage at the 9:23 mark of the first half.

The Illini used another strong shooting performance at home to win its third straight game, defeating IUPUI.

Illinois scored the game's first 10 points in just 2:28 of play. But IUPUI responded with a 20-5 spree to take a 5-point lead midway through the first half.

The lead changed hands multiple times before the Illini went on a 7-0 run early in the second half to regain a 57-52 advantage. Later, Illinois went on a critical 8-0 run on a 3-pointer by Malcolm Hill, a 3-point play by Mike Thorne Jr. and a Hill layup to move ahead 73-68 with 4:49 remaining.

Illinois rode Hill the rest of the way, as the senior accounted for 10 straight points in the closing minutes to secure the win.

The Illini shot 60 percent in the second half to outscore the Jags 44-35 after the break. Illinois finished the game at 55.1 percent overall from the field, it's fifth home game in seven tries reaching at least 50 percent.

Hill had his second-highest scoring performance of the season with 32 points on 11-of-18 shooting. And Leron Black was a force once again, tallying 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds to go along with two assists and two steals.

Illinois shot 50 percent for the third straight home game and held one of the nation's top scoring teams in

Following nine lead changes less than seven minutes into the game, the Illini rattled off 17 unanswered

The Chippewas fought back to within five points before another run by the hosts, this time nine straight points, put the Illini ahead by 14 early in the second half. The UI lead remained in double figures the rest of

Illinois' offense was consistent with 53 percent shooting in both halves to finish at .531 for the game (34-64). The Illini were effective both inside – owning a 34-to-14 advantage in points in the paint – as well as outside, knocking down 43 percent of its 3-point attempts (9-21). Illinois also owned the glass, grabbing a

Tracy Abrams led the Illini with a career-high 31 points. He went 10-of-12 from the field and drained seven

Maverick Morgan added 11 points and a season-high seven rebounds while Mike Thorne Jr. finished with

### GAME 11 **ILLINOIS 92, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 73**

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			Total	3-Ptr		Reb									
**	Player			FG-FGA						TP			Blk		
21		r	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	17
24		1	2-4	1-3	0-0	0	3	3	3	5	1	0	0	0	17
02	RAYSON, Braylon	1	6-16	3-9	3-4	1	3	4	1	18	1	2	0	1	38
03	KEENE, Marcus	ı١	9-23	3-9	4-4	2	3	5	2	25	5	5	0	2	38
12		١.	4-9	4-9	0-0	0	2	2	3	12	0	0	0	3	36
05	JOUBERT, Janeau	П	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14	DiLEO, David	П	1-7	1-5	2-2	0	4	4	3	5	0	0	0	2	22
15	SMITH, Matty	П	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
20	McKAY, Kevin	1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	- 6
23	SCOTT, DaRohn	П	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
32	HIBBITTS, Blake	1	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
	Team	П				0	1	1							
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Illi	% 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2r nois 92 ◆ 8-3 Player Black, Leron	nd	Total FG-FGA 9-13	-8 87.5 3-Ptr FG-FGA 0-1	% Gar	Reb Off	0-12 oun Def	ds Tot	.3% PF	21	0	1	1	Sti	3,1 Mir 25
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1111 12 33 05 13	1% 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2r inois 92 • 8-3  Player Black, Leron Thorne Jr., Mike Coleman-Lands, Jalen Abrams, Tracy	r c	Total FG-FGA 9-13 3-6 1-5 10-12	3-Ptr FG-FGA 0-1 0-0 1-4 7-8	FT-FTA 3-4 2-2 2-2 4-6	Reb Off 0 4 0	0-12 oun Def 1 7 2	ds Tot 1 11 2	PF 1 3 2 3	21 8 5 31	0 1 3	1 1 1 2	1 0 0	Stl 1 0 1 1 1	3,1 Mir 25 21 26 26
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46 46 <b>92</b> ILL 34 11 17

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Total 3-Ptr Rebounds |FG-FGA|FG-FGA|FT-FTA|Off Def Tot| PF TP| A TO BIK Sti| Min

Largest lead - CMU by 3 1st-15:30, ILL by 26 2nd-13:53. CMU led for 03:23, ILL led for 34:35. Game was tied for 02:0.

BYU 73

Last FG - IUPUI 2nd-01:53, ILL 2nd-01:59. Largest lead - IUPUI by 5 1st-11:08, ILL by 10 1st-17:32. IUPUI led for 15:35. ILL led for 19:36. Game was tied for 04:49

### **GAME 12** Game 12 Recap — Illini 75, BYU 73 (Dec. 17) ILLINOIS 75, BYU 73

Illinois extended its winning streak to five games with a two-point victory over BYU at the United Center.

The Illini played strong out of the gate, building a double-digit lead less than nine minutes in and building its biggest lead of the game at 39-23 with 5:25 left in the first half. BYU, however, closed to within six points at halftime.

Illinois maintained its lead throughout the second half, coming through with a big play each time the Cougars seemed on the verge of a comeback. Tracy Abrams hit a pair of 3-pointers late in the shot clock, Malcolm Hill had a steal and dunk, and Jaylon Tate hit a pull-up with the shot clock expiring during that stretch.

BYU pulled to within one when Abrams drove the lane and found a wide open Maverick Morgan on the baseline. Morgan drained the jumper with 38 seconds left to put the Illini up three, and on the ensuing possession, Abrams jumped the passing line and went coast-to-coast after the steal for the layup to make it a five-point game.

After a BYU 3-pointer, Hill missed the front end of a 1-and-1, but Nick Emery's heave from inside halfcourt hit off the back iron at the buzzer.

Abrams led the Illini with 15 points while Morgan had an excellent game off the bench, scoring 14 on 7-of-10 shooting and equaling his career high with 10 rebounds for his second career double-double.

12	MIKA, Eric	f	9-12	0-0	7-8	3	5	8	4	25	1	3	0	0	31
23	CHILDS, Yoeli	f	3-5	0-0	2-2	3	6	9	4	8	1	1	3	2	31
30		9	4-12	1-7	1-1	0	6	6	1	10	5	3	0	3	33
4	EMERY, Nick	9	5-15	3-8	3-5	0	4	4	2	16	4	2	1	4	36
5	ROSE, L.J.	۹	3-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	7	9	1	0	1	27
10	BEO, Steven	-	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
13	LEIFSON, Colby	-	2-2	2-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	6	1	1	0	0	11
21	DAVIS, Kyle	-	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
24	GUINN, Davin	П	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
31	SHAW, Braiden		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	8
40	AYTES, Jamal	П	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	7
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		26-61	7-22	14-18	10	26	36	16	73	22	12	4	11	200
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12	Black, Leron	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	16

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	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	ť	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	16
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	-	3-4	0-0	0-2	1	3	4	4	6	1	1	0	0	18
13		,	6-15	3-7	0-0	0	4	4	2	15	4	3	1	1	28
21		9	3-12	1-5	3-5	2	3	5	2	10	4	2	0	3	37
5	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	9	4-13	4-10	0-0	1	4	5	2	12	0	3	0	0	33
0	Williams, D.J.		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	5
1	Tate, Jaylon	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	1	20
2	Nichols, Kipper		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	Morgan, Maverick	1	7-10	0-0	0-2	2	8	10	1	14	0	1	1	1	23
43	Finke, Michael		3-5	2-4	2-2	1	4	5	3	10	2	1	0	0	19
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		30-64	10-26	5-11	10	29	39	19	75	18	12	3	7	200
3FC	% 1st Half: 5-15 33.3% 2	nd		-30 40.0 11 45.5	% Gan	ne: 1	0-26	38							Deadball ebounds

Terry Wymer, Chris Ratsetter, Pat Evan

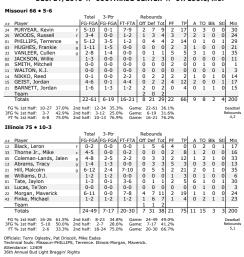




Last FG - BYU 2nd-00:06, ILL 2nd-00:21. Largest lead - BYU by 1 1st-17:25, ILL by 16 1st-05:41. BYU led for 00:16. ILL led for 38:18. Game was tied for 01:26

### GAME 13 Illinois 75, missouri 66

DEC. 21, 2016 // SCOTTRADE CENTER // ST. LOUIS, MO.



### Game 13 Recap — Illini 75, Missouri 66 (Dec. 21)

Illinois took home the Braggin' Rights trophy for the fourth year in a row with seniors **Malcolm Hill, Maverick**Morgan and Jaylon Tate finishing their careers 4-0 against Missouri in the annual event held in St. Louis.

The Illini never trailed in the game, spurred by a strong first half that saw the Orange and Blue jump out to a quick 15-5 lead. Illinois led by as many as 12 points and took a 39-29 advantage into the locker room after shooting a staggering 61.5 percent (16-26) and outrebrounding the Tigers 20-to-8.

Missouri slowly chipped away at the deficit during the second half, twice closing to within five points before the Illini answered. The Tigers then made it a four-point game with 6:34 left, but **Michael Finke** scored four straight, hitting a free throw and 3-pointer from the top of the key on the following possession to put the Illini ahead 67-59. Mizzou came no closer than six after that, and the Illini went 6-for-6 from the free throw line over the final 1:27 to close out the victory.

Illinois finished at 49 percent shooting for the game (24-49) and made 7-of-17 threes (41.2 percent) while winning the battle on the glass, 38-to-29.

It was fitting that the Illini seniors led the way. St. Louis area product Hill (Belleville, Ill.) scored a game-high 21 points, Morgan recorded his second-straight double-double with a season-high 19 points and career-high 11 boards, and Tate recorded a game-high six assists with only one turnover in 30 minutes.

### GAME 14 Maryland 84, Illinois 59 Dec. 27, 2016 // Xfinity Center // College Park, Md.

T/O Chance Break Bench 13 5 9 20 8 4 7 31

> Deadball Rebounds 2

1st 2nd Total 29 37 66 39 36 75

Last FG - MU-M 2nd-00:07, ILL 2nd-04:56. Largest lead - MU-M None, ILL by 12 1st-08:09. MU-M led for 00:00. ILL led for 38:48. Game was tied for 01:12.

			Total	3-Ptr			ooun								
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	f	1-5	1-1	2-2	1	3	4	3	5	0	2	0	0	23
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	с	5-9	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	1	10	0	1	0	0	19
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	2-5	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	4	4	1	3	0	0	25
13	Abrams, Tracy	9	1-10	0-6	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	22
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	6-10	2-4	7-8	4	3	7	2	21	1	1	0	1	32
00	Williams, D.J.		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	9
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	ō	2	2	0	1	18
02	Nichols, Kipper		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	3 5	0	1	0	0	4
03	Lucas, Te'Jon		1-3	0-1	1-4	0	2	2	2	3	2	1	0	1	10
22	Morgan, Maverick		2-3	0-0	1-3	1	2		2		0	2	0	0	15
23	Jordan, Aaron		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
43	Finke, Michael		1-4	1-3	2-2	1	2	3	1	5	0	2	0	0	15
44	Austin, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
	Team					3	1	4							
	Totals		21-59	4-22	13-19	14	22	36	18	59	9	17	0	5	200
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			Total	3-Ptr		Rel	ooun	ds							
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
13	BENDER, Ivan	f	3-3	0-0	1-3	0	5	5	3	7	0	2	0	0	17
21	JACKSON, Justin	f	6-10	0-1	0-2	2	2	4	3	12	1	0	2	1	26
00	COWAN, Anthony	9	4-10	0-2	4-4	1	2	3	2	12	6	1	1	3	34
02	TRIMBLE, Melo	9	7-10	1-3	5-5	0	3	3	1	20	2	6	0	1	28
04	HUERTER, Kevin	q	1-4	0-3	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	3	1	0	1	22
01	BRANTLEY, Jaylen		5-10	2-3	1-2	2	3	5	0	13	3	1	0	1	20
05	WILEY, Dion		3-5	3-5	0-0	0	1	1	2	9	1	1	0	0	14
10	GILL, L.G.		3-4	0-1	0-2	2	5	7	4	6	0	0	1	0	23
11	NICKENS, Jared		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	0	2	0	0	16
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		33-59	7-21	11-18	9	28	37	20	84	16	14	4	7	200

Officials: Terry Oglesby, Paul Szelc, Mike Eades Technical fouls: Illinois-None. Maryland-None.

FG % 1st Half: 17-31 54.8% 2nd half: 16-28 57.1% Game: 33-59 55.9% 31-59 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 7-21 33.3% FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 9-14 64.3% Game: 11-18 61.1%

Score by periods

by periods	1st	2nd	Total		In	Off	2nd	Fast	
is	23	36	59	Points	Paint	T/O		Break	E
yland	39	45	84	UMD	24 48	13 22	11 13	6	
at FG - ILL 2nd-00:19, UMD 2nd- rgest lead - ILL None, UMD by 3: led for 00:00. UMD led for 38:4	2nd-	07:01.	s tied for 0				l - 1 time. iged - 0 ti		

### Game 14 Recap - Maryland 84, Illini 59 (Dec. 27)

Illinois' six-game winning streak came to an end in College Park after an impressive performance by host Maryland in the Big Ten opener for both programs.

The Terrapins jumped out to an early 15-4 lead and never looked back. Maryland converted 26 of 38 two-pointers en route to 55.9 percent shooting overall, the highest field goal percentage allowed by the Illini defense this season. That made for a tough combination with Illinois shooting just 35.6 percent from the field, its second-lowest output of the year, including a season-low 18.2 percent from 3-point range (4-22).

The Illini competed well on the glass, grabbing 14 offensive rebounds, but only managed to convert those extra opportunities into 11 second-chance points. And turnovers proved costly, as the Terrapins converted 22 points from the Ul's 17 miscues.

**Malcolm Hill** led all scorers for the second-straight contest, recording a game-high 21 points while topping the 1,500-point marker for his career. In addition, Hill grabbed a game-high seven rebounds.

Mike Thorne Jr. also scored in double figures for the first time in eight games, finishing with 10 points.

## GAME 15 ILLINOIS 75, OHIO STATE 70 Jan. 1, 2017 // State Farm Center // Champaign, Ill.

# | Total | 3-Pt | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | Pt | Total | 3-Pt | 3

3FG	% 1st Half: 13-35 37.1% % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0%	2nc	half: 4	-30 46.3 -11 36.4 -11 81.8	1% Gan	ne:	27-65 7-21 9-11	33	1.5% 3.3% 1.8%						Deadba leboun 0,1
Illi	nois 75 • 11-4, 1-1		Total	3-Ptr		Pa	bour	ıde							
	Player				FT-FTA		Def		PF	TP	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	f	2-9	0-0	2-2	4	11	15	1	6	0	1	0	0	27
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	с	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3		0	0	2	0	0	8
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	2-4	2-4	2-2	0	2	2	0	8	1	0	0	0	26
13	Abrams, Tracy	g	6-12	1-6	3-6	1	3	4	2	16	0	1	1	1	33
21	Hill, Malcolm	9	6-12	1-4	7-9	0	6	6	4	20	3	2	1	0	29
00	Williams, D.J.		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	15
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	14
22	Morgan, Maverick		4-10	0-0	3-4	3	3	6	2	11	1	2	1	1	25
23	Jordan, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
43	Finke, Michael		5-7	2-4	0-0	1	2	3	2	12	0	1	0	0	20
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		26-60	6-19	17-23	12	30	42	14	75	7	9	4	3	200

Officials: Tom Eades, Terry Wymer, Chris Beaver Technical fouls: Ohio State-None. Illinois-None. Attendance: 12221

1st	2nd	Total		In	Off	2nd	Fast
29	41	70			T/O		Break
40	35	75	OSU	30 24	12		5
	29		29 41 70	29 41 <b>70</b> Points OSU	29 41 <b>70</b> Points Paint OSU 30	29 41 <b>70</b> Points Paint T/O OSU 30 9	29 41 70 Points Paint T/O Chance OSU 30 9 8

### Game 15 Recap — Illini 75, Ohio State 70 (Jan. 1)

The Illini rang in the new year in style, earning a hard-fought win over Ohio State in the first conference game at State Farm Center.

Illinois used a 19-2 run in the first half to open up a 36-21 lead, and held an 11-point advantage at halftime.

Ohio State chipped away at the deficit after intermission, led by JaQuan Lyle, who scored 16 straight for the Buckeyes as the visitors took a 58-57 lead with 8:30 remaining.

Still trailing 62-60, the Illini closed strong, scoring on seven of its final eight possessions to end the game outscoring OSU 15-8. The signature play down the stretch was a drive and left-handed layup by **Malcolm Hill** to beat the shot clock, putting the Illini ahead by four with 55 seconds to go.

**Malcolm Hill** led the Illini with 20 points while **Tracy Abrams** added 16. Illinois outrebounded Ohio State 42-to-35 thanks to the efforts of **Leron Black**, who grabbed a career-high 15 boards.

The Illini bench also played a key role, outscoring the Buckeye reserves 25-to-9. **Michael Finke** scored 12 on 5-of-7 shooting with **Maverick Morgan** adding 11 points and six boards.

FG % 1st Half: 17-35 48.6% 2nd half: 9-25 36.0% Game: 26-60 43.3% SFG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 6-19 31.6% FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 14-19 73.7% Game: 17-23 73.9%

### GAME 16 #25/25 INDIANA 96, ILLINOIS 80 Jan. 7, 2017 // ASSEMBLY HALL // BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Illinois 80 • 11-5, 1-2 B16 Player
Black, Leron
Thorne Jr., Mike
Coleman-Lands, Jalen
Abrams, Tracy
Hill, Malcolm
Williams, D.J.
Tate, Jaylon
Nichols, Kipper
Lucas, Te'Jon Min 16 13 35 19 28 4 10 11 15 22 0-0 5-8 0-3 0-3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 1-1 0-1 2 21 2 21 0 0 4 6 18 9 18 24-54 6-17 26-33 11 17 28 21 5 200 FG % 1st Half: 7-24 29.2% 2nd half: 17-30 56.7% Game: 24-54 44.4% 3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 6-17 35.3% FT % 1st Half: 12-15 80.0% 2nd half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 26-33 78.8% Indiana 96 • 11-5, 1-2 B1G 9 27 35 21 36 7 31 13 8 20 25 5 18 3 12 5 0 6 Team Totals 29-49 13-25 25-31 200 FG % 1st Half: 17-29 58.6% 2nd half: 12-20 60.0% Game: 29-49 59.2% 3FG 1st Half: 7-16 43.8% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 13-25 52.0% FT % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 18-20 90.0% Game: 25-31 80.6% ials: Bo Boroski, Bill Ek, Eric Curry nical fouls: Illinois-TEAM. Indiana-None idance: 16506

### Game 16 Recap — #25 Indiana 96, Illini 80 (Jan. 7)

A slow start proved to be the difference as the Illini could not recover from a rough opening six minutes, falling to the 25th-ranked Hoosiers on the road.

Entering the day having lost three straight, Indiana roared out of the gate on its home court, scoring the game's first 15 points. The Illini, meanwhile, could not get a shot to fall, missing its first eight attempts. Illinois played much of the first half without leading scorer **Malcolm Hill**, who collected three fouls in less than four minutes.

After struggling in the first half, the Illini offense performed much better after intermission. With **Hill** driving to the basket and drawing fouls, the outside shooting of **Jalen Coleman-Lands**, and interior play of **Maverick Morgan**, the Illini scored 51 second-half points on 56.7 percent shooting (17-30).

A 13-4 run brought the Orange and Blue within nine points (81-72) with 5:30 left. But the Illini could not slow down the Hoosiers offense to draw any closer down the stretch.

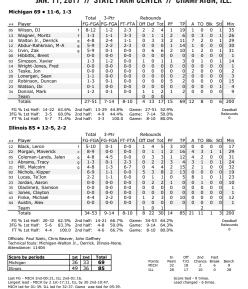
**Hill** finished with 21 points on just 12 shots, going 11-for-13 from the free throw line. **Coleman-Lands** equaled Hill with 21 points, nailing 5-of-8 three-pointers. And **Morgan** added 18 points in just 22 minutes, hitting 6-of-9 shots.

### GAME 17 Illinois 85, Michigan 69

Last FG - ILL 2nd-01:23, IND 2nd-00:47. Largest lead - ILL None, IND by 22 1st-08:13. ILL led for 00:00. IND led for 39:39. Game was tied for 00:21

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T/O Chance 15 12 20 10



### Game 17 Recap - Illini 85, Michigan 69 (Jan. 11)

The Illini were on fire offensively and dominated the boards in a 16-point victory over visiting Michigan.

Illinois had its best shooting performance of the John Groce era, connecting on 64.2 percent from the field (34-53). That also was the top mark since the UI set a school-record of 70.5 percent vs. Northwestern on Jan. 6, 2011.

The Illini were hitting from all over the court, draining 9-of-14 from three for a 64.3 percent clip to go along with 25-of-39 on twos. Illinois also outrebounded the Wolverines 30-to-17.

A close game through much of the first half turned Illinois' way late, as the Illini erupted with a 17-2 run over the final 4:04 to take a 49-36 lead into the locker room after trailing 34-32. Illinois never looked back, shooting 66.7 percent after intermission.

Six Illini scored in double figures, led by **Maverick Morgan**, who tallied 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting. **Malcolm Hill** had an efficient 15 points on eight shots, and freshman **Kipper Nichols** broke out with career highs of 13 points and eight rebounds in just 19 minutes.

The Illini had 21 assists on the night, led by freshman point guard **Te'Jon Lucas**, who registered a career-high eight assists with only one turnover.

### GAME 18 Maryland 62, Illinois 56

JAN. 14, 2017 // STATE FARM CENTER // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

	ryland 62 • 16-2, 4-1														
			Total	3-Ptr			oun	ds .							
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
21	JACKSON, Justin	f	0-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	25
35	DODD, Damonte	f	1-1	0-0	0-1	3	1	4	4	2	0	1	1	0	12
00	COWAN, Anthony	g	5-7	1-2	8-13	0	7	7	1	19	2	3	0	2	33
02	TRIMBLE, Melo	g	5-16	2-11	0-0	0	5	5	2	12	5	2	0	3	33
04	HUERTER, Kevin	g	3-7	1-3	1-2	1	3	4	0	8	2	3	0	0	32
01	BRANTLEY, Jaylen		5-10	2-5	0-2	0	6	6	1	12	0	0	0	2	21
10	GILL, L.G.		3-6	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	17
11	NICKENS, Jared		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
13	BENDER, Ivan		1-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	1	20
	Team					1	3	4				1			
	Totals		23-54	6-22	10-20	8	31	39	16	62	10	12	3	8	200
FT	6 % 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 6 % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% inois 56 • 12-6, 2-3		I half: 8	-9 33.3 -17 47.1		ne: 6	0-20	50	.3% .0%						ebounds 5
			Total	3-Ptr			oun								
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	f	6-10	2-2	0-0	1	8	9	4	14	1	1	0	0	25
22	Morgan, Maverick	c	5-10	0-0	5-7	2	3	5	1	15	0	4	1	0	29
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	3-12	3-11	0-1	0	1	1	2	9	1	1	0	0	34
13	Abrams, Tracy	9	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	2	2	0	1	22
21	Hill, Malcolm	q	5-14	1-6	0-0	0	8	8	1	11	3	2	0	0	37
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
02	Nichols, Kipper		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	10
03	Lucas, Te'Jon		0-3	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	3	2	4	1	0	2	21
	Jordan, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0		Ω	O.	- 1	0	Ω	0	4
								0							
	Finke, Michael		2-2	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	2	5	Ō	0	0	0	17
	Finke, Michael Team				0-0	0	3	3	2	5	0	0	ō	0	
23 43	Finke, Michael		2-2 21-56	1-1 7-22		0	3	3	2		0				
FG 3FG FT	Finke, Michael Team Totals  % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd 2nd	21-56 half: 8- half: 4- half: 4		0-0 7-10 % Gan	0 1 6 ne: 2	3 27 1-56 7-22	3 33 37 31	20	5	0	0	ō	3	
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### Game 18 Recap — Maryland, 62 Illini 56 (Jan. 14)

A second-half scoring drought spoiled a great defensive effort against Maryland and proved too much to overcome, as the Illini dropped their first conference home game on Saturday at State Farm Center.

Illinois held Maryland to just 27 first-half points as the Illini defense kept the Terrapins out of the lane, with the visitors launching 13 of their 27 shot attempts from 3-point range, connecting on just three. The Illini shot nearly 50 percent during the opening stanza (13-27), building a lead that reached as many as 11 points at 27-16. Illinois led by five at intermission.

**Michael Finke**'s layup put the Illini ahead 43-39 lead with 13:38 left. But the Illini then went cold from the perimeter, missing 10 consecutive shots with Maryland capitalizing on the other end to the tune of a 14-0 run, putting the Terps on top 53-43 with 7:38 remaining.

Illinois pulled to within four points down the stretch but Maryland made 5-of-6 free throws during the final 46 seconds to secure the road win.

**Maverick Morgan** led the Illini in scoring for the second straight game, registering 15 points. **Leron Black** just missed a double-double, finishing with 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting and a game-high nine rebounds. **Malcolm Hill**, meanwhile, added 11 points and eight boards.

### **GAME 19** #21/22 PURDUE 91, ILLINOIS 68

JAN. 17, 2017 // MACKEY ARENA // WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

			Total	3-Ptr			ooun								
22	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Black, Leron	f	2-8	0-2	1-2	3	3	6	4	5	0	0	0	0	16
22	Morgan, Maverick	С	6-11	0-0	3-4	4	0	4	3	15	2	0	0	0	26
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	3-9	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	7	0	0	0	1	29
13	Abrams, Tracy	9	1-6	0-2	2-5	0	4	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	23
21	Hill, Malcolm	9	6-12	0-3	0-1	0	1	1	0	12	5	0	1	2	31
01	Tate, Jaylon		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
02	Nichols, Kipper		0-4	0-1	1-3	1	3	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	19
03	Lucas, Te'Jon		3-5	0-0	4-7	0	1	1	4	10	2	2	0	2	19
23	Jordan, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
33	Thorne Jr., Mike		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	0	10
41	Jones, Clayton		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
43	Finke, Michael		2-5	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	16
44	Austin, Alex		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		27-67	3-17	11-22	10	18	28	21	68	13	3	3	5	200
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	6 % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0%			-9 11.1			3-17		.6%					R	ebound
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7-15 20-22

 15-25
 60.0%
 2nd half:
 17-28
 60.7%
 Game:
 32-53
 60.4%

 5-9
 55.6%
 2nd half:
 2-6
 33.3%
 Game:
 7-15
 46.7%

 9-10
 90.0%
 2nd half:
 11-12
 91.7%
 Game:
 20-22
 90.9%

32-53

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois	30	38	68
Purdue	44	47	91

Last FG - ILL 2nd-00:34, PURDUE 2nd-01:36. Largest lead - ILL by 2 1st-19:35, PURDUE by 27 2nd-08:26. ILL led for 00:23. PURDUE led for 39:12. Game was tied for 00:25

Off 2nd Fast T/O Chance Break Bench 17 13 4 25 5 5 5 29

#### Game 19 Recap - #21 Purdue 91, Illini 68 (Jan. 17)

Another slow start on the road led to an early deficit, and the Illini were unable to slow down Purdue's powerful offense, falling to the No. 21 Boilermakers at Mackey Arena.

Purdue's first five baskets came off 3-pointers as the hosts build a quick 15-5 lead. That perimeter shooting then opened up the inside game, as the Boilers made 25-of-38 shots inside the arc to keep the margin in double figures the rest of the night.

Illinois tied a school record with just three turnovers for the game and outscored Purdue 17-to-5 in points off turnovers. But that wasn't enough to offset the hosts shooting 60.4 percent compared to the Illini's 40.3 percent shooting.

Maverick Morgan led the Orange and Blue in scoring for the third straight game, finishing with 15 points. Malcolm Hill added 12 points, five assists and two steals and Te'Jon Lucas tied his career high with 10

### **GAME 20** MICHIGAN 66, ILLINOIS 57

JAN. 21, 2017 // CRISLER CENTER // ANN ARBOR, MICH.

### 13 22 20 23 32 3 20 17 15 10 12 13 2-2 3-5 1-4 1-5 5-10 0-0 2-3 2-7 2-2 0-3 3-6 1-1 0-0 0-1 0-2 0-2 0-0 0-1 0-2 1-1 0-2 0-0 1-1

22-48 2-12 11-14 200 FG % 1st Half: 1-24 45.8% 2nd half: 11-24 45.8% Game: 22-48 45.8% 3FG % 1st Half: 0-5 0.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 2-12 16.7% FT % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd half: 9-11 81.8% Game: 11-14 78.6%

			Total	3-Ptr		Rel	ooun	ds							
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Wilson, DJ	f	7-10	1-2	4-6	6	1	7	2	19	5	0	1	0	39
13	Wagner, Moritz	f	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	3	8	0	2	0	0	28
21	Irvin, Zak	f	6-15	1-5	2-4	1	1	2	1	15	0	4	0	2	36
10	Walton Jr., Derrick	g	4-10	1-4	4-5	0	11	11	3	13	1	1	0	1	37
12	Abdur-Rahkman, M-A	g	1-3	0-0	2-5	2	2	4	3	4	1	2	0	1	29
03	Simpson, Xavier		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
15	Teske, Jon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	Robinson, Duncan		1-4	1-4	2-2	0	1	1	3	5	0	2	1	1	15
23	Watson, İbi		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
34	Donnal, Mark		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	9
	Team					1	1	2				1			
	Totals		23-51	6-21	14-22	10	20	30	21	66	8	14	2	5	200
3FG	% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4%	2nd	half: 2	-25 40.0 -10 20.0 -13 76.9	1% Gan	ne: I	6-21	28	.1% .6%						Deadball ebounds 5

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### Game 20 Recap - Michigan 66, Illini 57 (Jan. 21)

Illinois was unable to record its first road win, falling to Michigan in Ann Arbor in a rematch 10 days after the Illini were victorious in Champaign.

The Illini trailed by four during a back-and-forth first half before Michigan went on a 23-8 run spanning the final 3:39 of the first half and opening 4:29 of the second half to open up a 45-26 lead. Illinois' reserves fought to the finish, outscoring the Wolverines 18-6 and holding them without a field goal over the game's last five minutes.

Turnovers were problematic for the Orange and Blue throughout the afternoon. Just one game after equaling a school record with three miscues at Purdue, the Illini registered 17 turnovers against the Wolverines. And the hosts took advantage, registering a 22-to-12 advantage in points off turnovers.

Illinois made nearly 56 percent of its 2-pointers (20-36) but struggled from behind the arc, managing a season-low 2-of-12 on threes.

Malcolm Hill was the lone Illini in double figures, finishing with 16 points to go along with five rebounds and four assists.

### GAME 21 ILLINOIS 76, IOWA 64

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			Total	3-Ptr			oun								
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Cook, Tyler	f	2-6	0-0	1-2	2	1	3	1	5	1	4	0	0	17
35	Pemsl, Cordell	f	3-5	0-0	0-1	3	1	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	11
03	Bohannon, Jordan	9	1-9	1-7	0-0	1	0	1	2	3	4	2	0	1	21
04	Moss, Isaiah	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
14	Jok, Peter	g	3-9	1-5	3-3	2	0	2	1	10	1	4	0	0	32
00	Wagner, Ahmad		5-8	0-0	2-5		2	5	4	12	3	0	1	1	21
01	Dailey, Maishe		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	6
10	Williams, Christian		3-7	0-1	1-5	1	2	3	1	7	1	1	0	1	16
15	Kriener, Ryan		2-6	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	11
23	Jones, Dale		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
24	Ellingson, Brady		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
25	Uhl, Dom		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	1	3	1	0	1	0	21
51	Baer, Nicholas		5-10	2-6	0-0	3	4	7	2	12	0	1	2	0	30
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		26-65	5-23	7-16	16	20	36	19	64	14	13	4	3	200
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3FC		2no	half: 4	17 23.5	5% Gar	ne:	5-23	21	.7%					5	ebound
F	% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3%	2nc	half: 4	-7 57.	1% Gar	ne:	7-16	43	.8%						4,1
III	nois 76 • 13-8, 3-5														
			Total	3-Ptr		Ret	ooun	ds							
	Player		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Min

0-0 1-1 2-4 1-2 0-0 1-2 1-5 0-0 3-5 4-5 3-4 0-0 2-2 1-1 1-2 2-2 0-0 0-0 26-58 9-19 FG % 1st Half: 16-29 55.2% 2nd half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 26-58 44.8% SFG % 1st Half: 6-11 54.5% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 9-19 47.8% FT % 1st Half: 2-2 10.00. 2nd half: 3-17 76.5% Game: 15-19 78.9%

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### Game 21 Recap - Illini 76, Iowa 64 (Jan. 25)

The Illini started strong and never looked back, defeating visiting lowa by 12 points to snap a three-game skid.

Illinois scored the game's first 10 points, opening up a double-digit lead less than three minutes in. The Illini were clicking offensively, shooting 55.2 percent from the field in the first half, including 6-of-11 from 3-point range, to build a 40-24 lead at intermission.

The lead grew to as many as 19 points and stayed in double figures nearly the rest of the way, despite the Illini shooting cooling off in the second half. Illinois' defensive plan centered around slowing down lowa's Peter Jok, the Big Ten's leading scorer. And that effort paid off as Jok attempted just nine shots in 32 minutes, finishing with his second-lowest output of the season at 10 points.

Illinois recorded 18 assists on its 26 baskets. Freshman point guard Te'Jon Lucas led the way in that category in his first career start, dishing out a game-high six assists.

Michael Finke was one of four Illini in double figures, scoring 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Maverick Morgan had 12 points and seven rebounds, Malcolm Hill added 11 with six boards, and Leron Black chipped in 10 with seven boards.

### **COMBINED STATISTICS – BIG TEN GAMES**

## 2016-17 Illinois Basketball Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 25, 2017) Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-5	3-1	0-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	3-5	3-1	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

					Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	W	- 1	Rebou	nds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
21	Hill, Malcolm	8-8	248	31.0	41-85	.482	6-27	.222	39-47	.830	6	35	41	5.1	18	0	24	15	3	7	127	15.9
22	Morgan, Maverick	8-5	197	24.6	38-65	.585	0-0	.000	22-29	.759	16	14	30	3.8	16	0	9	14	6	2	98	12.3
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	8-8	220	27.5	24-62	.387	17-40	.425	4-6	.667	1	14	15	1.9	15	0	11	7	0	4	69	8.6
43	Finke, Michael	8-0	132	16.5	22-34	.647	12-21	.571	3-4	.750	5	17	22	2.8	9	0	0	5	0	0	59	7.4
12	Black, Leron	8-8	155	19.4	23-54	.426	3-7	.429	8-11	.727	16	38	54	6.8	21	0	1	5	1	0	57	7.1
03	Lucas, Te'Jon	7-1	130	18.6	11-22	.500	3-4	.750	15-25	.600	0	9	9	1.3	14	0	26	10	0	10	40	5.7
13	Abrams, Tracy	8-7	183	22.9	13-55	.236	2-26	.077	9-16	.563	2	17	19	2.4	19	0	13	11	1	6	37	4.6
02	Nichols, Kipper	7-0	96	13.7	11-29	.379	2-7	.286	4-7	.571	10	16	26	3.7	16	0	0	4	1	2	28	4.0
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	6-3	72	12.0	10-23	.435	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	7	8	15	2.5	10	0	1	6	2	0	23	3.8
01	Tate, Jaylon	7-0	81	11.6	4-10	.400	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	2	5	7	1.0	5	0	12	4	0	3	9	1.3
00	Williams, D.J.	4-0	31	7.8	2-6	.333	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	1.0
44	Austin, Alex	3-0	4	1.3	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
23	Jordan, Aaron	7-0	48	6.9	1-7	.143	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	3	7	10	1.4	4	0	2	1	0	2	3	0.4
35	Oladimeji, Samson	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
41	Jones, Clayton	2-0	2	1.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										11	1	12					6				
	Total	8	1600		201-455	.442	46-142	.324	108-150	.720	80	182	262	32.8	147	0	100	90	15	36	556	69.5
	Opponents	8	1600		220-447	.492	58-162	.358	104-150	.693	68	192	260	32.5	157	-	114	92	25	37	602	75.2

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	<u>OPP</u>
SCORING	556	602
Points per game	69.5	75.2
Scoring margin	-5.7	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	201-455	220-447
Field goal pct	.442	.492
3 POINT FG-ATT	46-142	58-162
3-point FG pct	.324	.358
3-pt FG made per game	5.8	7.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	108-150	104-150
Free throw pct	.720	.693
F-Throws made per game	13.5	13.0
REBOUNDS	262	260
Rebounds per game	32.8	32.5
Rebounding margin	+0.3	-
ASSISTS	100	114
Assists per game	12.5	14.3
TURNOVERS	90	92
Turnovers per game	11.3	11.5
Turnover margin	+0.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2
STEALS	36	37
Steals per game	4.5	4.6
BLOCKS	15	25
Blocks per game	1.9	3.1
ATTENDANCE	49414	60610
Home games-Avg/Game	4-12354	4-15152
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Illinois	267	289	556
Opponents	281	321	602

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	12/27/16	at Maryland	L	59-84	17950
×	01/01/17	OHIO STATE	W	75-70	12221
*	01/07/17	at #25 Indiana	L	80-96	16506
*	01/11/17	MICHIGAN	W	85-69	11404
×	01/14/17	MARYLAND	L	56-62	14002
*	01/17/17	at #21 Purdue	L	68-91	13920
×	01/21/17	at Michigan	L	57-66	12234
*	01/25/17	IOWA	W	76-64	11787

### **COMBINED STATISTICS — ALL GAMES**



### 2016-17 Illinois Basketball Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 25, 2017) **All games**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	13-8	10-2	0-4	3-2
CONFERENCE	3-5	3-1	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3	7-1	0-0	3-2

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	w		Rebou	nds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
21	Hill, Malcolm	21-21	674	32.1	113-252	.448	34-94	.362	106-133	.797	21	102	123	5.9	42	0	53	40	8	19	366	17.4
22	Morgan, Maverick	21-11	473	22.5	85-143	.594	0-0	.000	45-65	.692	32	52	84	4.0	43	1	16	33	17	7	215	10.2
12	Black, Leron	17-13	353	20.8	62-127	.488	3-14	.214	35-45	.778	32	82	114	6.7	50	0	8	20	2	5	162	9.5
13	Abrams, Tracy	21-20	523	24.9	66-154	.429	31-75	.413	29-41	.707	3	56	59	2.8	49	1	51	33	4	21	192	9.1
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	21-13	536	25.5	60-165	.364	44-115	.383	14-18	.778	4	40	44	2.1	49	0	24	22	4	11	178	8.5
43	Finke, Michael	21-8	409	19.5	58-113	.513	25-60	.417	15-26	.577	33	60	93	4.4	30	0	7	23	3	4	156	7.4
33	Thorne Jr., Mike	19-10	275	14.5	46-82	.561	0-0	.000	14-27	.519	25	46	71	3.7	40	0	6	21	6	1	106	5.6
03	Lucas, Te'Jon	17-1	230	13.5	23-39	.590	5-8	.625	19-31	.613	0	16	16	0.9	21	0	40	22	0	14	70	4.1
2	Nichols, Kipper	8-0	97	12.1	11-29	.379	2-7	.286	4-7	.571	10	16	26	3.3	17	0	0	4	1	2	28	3.5
01	Tate, Jaylon	20-7	357	17.9	17-44	.386	2-11	.182	21-31	.677	7	22	29	1.5	27	0	65	28	1	11	57	2.9
00	Williams, D.J.	15-0	141	9.4	16-37	.432	2-9	.222	3-5	.600	4	11	15	1.0	6	0	7	8	5	0	37	2.5
23	Jordan, Aaron	17-1	130	7.6	7-23	.304	6-16	.375	1-3	.333	5	14	19	1.1	12	0	5	3	1	7	21	1.2
44	Austin, Alex	7-0	14	2.0	2-7	.286	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	4	3	7	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
35	Oladimeji, Samson	4-0	5	1.3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	2	1	3	8.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
41	Jones, Clayton	6-0	8	1.3	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										31	17	48					15				
	Total	21	4225		566-1218	.465	154-414	.372	308-435	.708	213	538	751	35.8	388	2	282	272	52	102	1594	75.9
	Opponents	21	4225		546-1233	.443	156-460	.339	268-381	.703	189	495	684	32.6	426	-	255	266	64	112	1516	72.2

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP
SCORING	1594	1516
Points per game	75.9	72.2
Scoring margin	+3.7	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	566-1218	546-1233
Field goal pct	.465	.443
3 POINT FG-ATT	154-414	156-460
3-point FG pct	.372	.339
3-pt FG made per game	7.3	7.4
FREE THROWS-ATT	308-435	268-381
Free throw pct	.708	.703
F-Throws made per game	14.7	12.8
REBOUNDS	751	684
Rebounds per game	35.8	32.6
Rebounding margin	+3.2	-
ASSISTS	282	255
Assists per game	13.4	12.1
TURNOVERS	272	266
Turnovers per game	13.0	12.7
Turnover margin	-0.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0
STEALS	102	112
Steals per game	4.9	5.3
BLOCKS	52	64
Blocks per game	2.5	3.0
ATTENDANCE	138187	93104
Home games-Avg/Game	12-11516	4-15152
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-6499

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Illinois	755	829	10	1594
Opponents	717	785	14	1516

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/11/16	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	W	81-62	10790
	11/13/16	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	W	79-64	10888
	11/15/16	MCKENDREE	W	112-65	10135
	11/18/16	DETROIT MERCY	W	89-69	10396
	11/21/16	WINTHROP	Lot	80-84	9502
1	11/24/16	vs #19 West Virginia	L	57-89	2451
1	11/25/16	vs #25 Florida State	L	61-72	3713
2	11/29/16	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	88-74	13481
3	12/03/16	vs VCU	W	64-46	4885
	12/06/16	IUPUI	W	85-77	10536
	12/10/16	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	92-73	13045
4	12/17/16	vs BYU	W	75-73	9036
5	12/21/16	vs Missouri	W	75-66	12409
*	12/27/16	at Maryland	L	59-84	17950
*	01/01/17	OHIO STATE	W	75-70	12221
*	01/07/17	at #25 Indiana	L	80-96	16506
*	01/11/17	MICHIGAN	W	85-69	11404
*	01/14/17	MARYLAND	L	56-62	14002
*	01/17/17	at #21 Purdue	L	68-91	13920
*	01/21/17	at Michigan	L	57-66	12234
*	01/25/17	IOWA	W	76-64	11787

<sup>1 =</sup> NIT Season Tip-Off, Bayclays Center, Brooklyn, NY
2 = ACC/Big Ten Challenge
3 = Hoophall Miami Invitational, American Airlines Arena, Miami
4 = State Farm Chicago Legends, United Center, Chicago
5 = Bud Light Braggin' Rights, Scottrade Center, St. Louis

<sup>\* =</sup> Conference game