

FIGHTING ILLINI

FOOTBALL



#19 ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (4-0, 1-0) at #9 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (3-0, 0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 // 6:30 p.m. CT // NBC
University Park, Pennsylvania // Beaver Stadium



GAME DAY INFO

TV | NBC

- » Noah Eagle (play-by-play), Todd Blackledge (analyst), and Kathryn Tappen (reporter)

RADIO | Busey Bank Illini Sports Network

- » Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Kevin Mitchell (analyst), Michael Martin (sideline), and Steve Kelly (pre/half/post)
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ALL-TIME SERIES vs. PENN STATE

- » **Series:** Penn State leads 21-6
 - » **at Penn State:** PSU leads 10-2
- » **Last:** L, 30-13 (9/16/23 in Champaign)
 - » **at Penn State:** W, 20-18 90T (10/23/21)
- » **Streak:** L1
 - » **at Penn State:** W1
- » **Bielema vs. Penn State:** 3-4
 - » **At Illinois:** 1-1

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (4-0)

Aug. 29	Eastern Illinois	W, 45-0
Sept. 7	#19 Kansas	W, 23-17
Sept. 14	Central Michigan	W, 30-9
Sept. 20	at #22 Nebraska	W, 31-24 (OT)
Sept. 28	at #9 Penn State	6:30 p.m. CT (NBC)
Oct. 12	Purdue	TBA
Oct. 19	#12 Michigan	TBA
Oct. 26	at #8 Oregon	TBA
Nov. 2	Minnesota	TBA
Nov. 16	Michigan State	TBA
Nov. 23	at Rutgers	TBA
Nov. 30	at Northwestern (Wrigley Field)	TBA

Rankings are AP Poll

Illinois Travels to Penn State with Two Top-25 Wins

- The Illinois football program, #19 in the Week 5 AP Top 25, visits #9 Penn State on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. CT on NBC.
- Illinois and #5 Tennessee are the only teams in the nation with two AP Top 25 wins this season.
- Illinois has two AP Top 25 wins during September for the first time in program history.
- Illinois has two AP Top 25 wins in a single season for the first time since 2007, when the Illini beat three AP ranked teams.
- At Nebraska, Illinois picked up its first ranked vs. ranked win since #12 Illinois defeated #25 Ohio State on Nov. 17, 2001.
- Last week's Sept. 15 AP Top 25 poll marked the earliest in the season that Illinois has been voted into the top 25 since 2008.
- Illinois and Penn State will meet as ranked foes for the first time since 2008, when #21 Illinois fell 38-24 at #12 Penn State.
- Since 1942, Illinois has compiled a record of 82-50-2 (.619) when ranked in the AP Top 25.
- Before back-to-back AP Top 25 wins, Illinois was 2-32 in its previous 34 games against the AP Top 25.
- Illinois is #21 in this week's Coaches Poll, while Penn State comes in at #8.

Illinois Off to Best Start of Bielema Era

- The Fighting Illini have knocked off Eastern Illinois, #19 Kansas, Central Michigan, and #22 Nebraska to start the season 4-0 for the second time since 1951 and first time since 2011.
- Illinois has four 4-0 starts in the AP poll era (since 1936): 1942, 1951, 2011, and 2024.
- Illinois is 4-0 with two AP Top 25 wins for the first time in program history.
- **Bret Bielema** improved to 22-19 in his Illinois career. He is the first head coach in program history to start .500 or better through their first 41 games since Lou Tepper started 21-19-1 from 1992-95.
- **Bielema** is 8-6 in Big Ten road games as head coach at Illinois. His eight Big Ten road wins are the fourth-most ever by an Illinois head coach in his first four seasons, behind only Mike White (11, 1980-83), Lou Tepper (10, 1992-95), and John Mackovic (10, 1988-91).
- **Bielema** is 4-5 (.444) against ranked teams (AP/Coaches/CFP) as Illinois' head coach. His .444 winning percentage against ranked teams is the second-best in Illinois history, behind only John Mackovic (8-8, .500, 1988-91).
- **Bielema's** four ranked wins (AP/Coaches/CFP) during his first four seasons are tied for the third-most in program history, behind only John Mackovic (8, 1988-91) and Mike White (5, 1980-83).
- **Bielema** tied the program record for road ranked wins (AP/Coaches/CFP) during his first four seasons. He is the second coach in Illinois history to win three ranked games on the road during his first three seasons, joining Lou Tepper (1992-96).
- **Bielema** is the first Illini coach to earn Top 25 rankings in two of his first four seasons since Ron Zook led the Illini into the top-25 rankings in 2007 and 2008, his Years 3 and 4 in Champaign, respectively. Illinois reached as high as #14 and were ranked for four consecutive weeks in October and November 2022 under Bielema.
- Following the team's Week 3 Homecoming win vs. Central Michigan, **Bielema** improved to 9-4 through his first 13 nonconference games (including postseason) at Illinois. It is the best record through 13 nonconference games for an Illinois head coach since Robert Zuppke started 10-3 against non-Big Ten opponents from 1913-18.
- Illinois' 23-17 victory over #19 Kansas in Week 2 marked the program's highest-ranked nonconference win since beating #17 Arizona, 9-7, on Sept. 16, 1995.
- The Illini's sellout crowd of 60,670 vs. KU was the program's first capacity crowd since Week 2 of 2016 vs. North Carolina.
- The Illini's win over the Jayhawks was the first in front of a sellout crowd since the Orange and Blue defeated Iowa, 27-24, in front of a packed Memorial Stadium on Nov. 1, 2008. It also marked the Illini's first win in front of a sellout home crowd vs. a nonconference opponent since Sept. 6, 1986, vs. Louisville (23-0).
- **Bielema** joined George Huff (1895-98), John Mackovic (1988-91), and Lou Tepper (1992-95) as the only head coaches in Illinois history to win 4+ games in each of their first four seasons leading the Fighting Illini.

Illinois Facing Stretch of Ranked Opponents

- Penn State will be Illinois' third AP-ranked opponent in the last four games. Illinois is on track to play five ranked opponents over a seven-game stretch, which would tie the program record for the most ranked opponents played during a regular season. The last time Illinois played five ranked opponents during a regular season was 2005.
- Illinois is facing three AP-ranked opponents over a four-game stretch for the first time since 2011, when the Illini fell to #21 Penn State, #22 Michigan, and #15 Wisconsin in three consecutive weeks.
- This is the first time in program history Illinois will start its Big Ten schedule with two ranked opponents on the road.
- Illinois is starting its Big Ten schedule with road games in back-to-back weeks for the first time since 2008.
- Illinois is starting its Big Ten schedule with two ranked games for the first time since 2009.
- Saturday will be Illinois' first top-20 vs. top-20 Big Ten game since 2000 (#19 Illinois lost vs. #10 Michigan) and the Illini's first top-20 vs. top-20 road game since 1991 (#13 Illinois lost at #15 Iowa with **Bielema** playing for Iowa).

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (140,000)
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 59,238
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Robert J. Jones
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bret Bielema
 Overall Record: 119-77 (.607), 16th season
 Record at Illinois: 22-19 (.537), 4th season

Assistant Coaches:

Aaron Henry: Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Barry Lunney Jr.: Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Terrance Jamison: Co-Def. Coordinator/DL
Robby Discher: Special Teams Coordinator/TEs
Archie McDaniel: Linebackers
Bart Miller: Offensive Line
Corey Parker: Defensive Backs
Clint Sintim: Outside Linebackers
Justin Stepp: Wide Receivers
Thad Ward: Assistant Head Coach/RBs

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2023 Record: 5-7, 3-6 (T-4th, Big Ten West Division)
2023 Starters Returning/Lost: 12/13
 Off: 5/6 Def: 5/6 ST (K/P/LS): 2/1
2023 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 39/29
 Off: 15/14 Def: 21/14 ST (K/P/LS): 3/1
All-Time Record: 634-625-51 (135th year in 2024)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 362-459-32 (129th year)
Memorial Stadium Record: 286-256-14 (102nd year)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)
National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)
Bowl Appearances (Last): 20 (2023 ReliaQuest Bowl)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-12

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ILLINI NOTES

Memorial Stadium's 100th Anniversary Season

- Illinois will host a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Memorial Stadium's dedication. Memorial Stadium's Dedication Game famously occurred against Michigan on Oct. 18, 1924, when Illini legend Red Grange gained national headlines after scoring four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes to take down the previously undefeated Wolverines.
- Illinois will honor the history of Memorial Stadium with a number of elements during the 2024 season. Highlights include a free pop-up museum in the Great West Hall, the Memorial Stadium 100th Anniversary logo painted on the 25-yard lines, and seven commemorative cups sold at concessions matching the eras celebrated by the Illini helmets for each game.
- Illinois hosts Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 19, 100 years and one day from Grange's historic performance. The game will be marked as Memorial Stadium's "Rededication Game" with the 100th anniversary celebration lasting throughout the year. Illinois will host a rededication ceremony, free and open to the public, inside Grange Grove at 4 p.m. CT on Friday, Oct. 18. A 100th-anniversary gala will be hosted inside Memorial Stadium's Colonnades Club at 5:30 p.m. CT on Friday, Oct. 18.



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Illinois Unveils Four Helmets for Memorial Stadium 100th Anniversary Season

- Illinois will wear four throwback helmets throughout the Memorial Stadium 100th Anniversary season. The helmet designs cover nearly the entirety of the Fighting Illini program, all the way back to the 1920s.
- **Underlined Illinois (vs. Kansas, Sept. 7):** Illinois wore versions of the underlined Illinois helmets from 1989-2012. A blue stroke was added in 2005 after the original version featured an all-white underlined Illinois from 1989-2004. The 2024 helmet will feature a white facemask and blue-white-blue center stripes.
- **Arched Illini (vs. Central Michigan, Sept. 14):** Illinois wore the arched Illini helmets from 1971-87. Facemasks, helmet stripes, and decal sizing varied throughout the period. The 2024 edition will feature gray facemasks and a blue-white-orange-white-blue center stripe cadence.
- **Four Stars (vs. Purdue, Oct. 12):** Famously worn during Dick Butkus' years at Illinois, the Fighting Illini wore versions of the four-star helmets from 1962-68. Players' numbers were featured under the four stars and the helmet donned a gray facemask with white-blue-white center stripes.
- **Painted Leather (vs. Michigan, Oct. 19):** Hand painted to match the look of the Red Grange era leather helmets, Illinois will wear these one-of-a-kind custom lids for the Memorial Stadium 100th Anniversary Rededication Game against Michigan on Oct. 19. Memorial Stadium's Dedication Game famously occurred against Michigan on Oct. 18, 1924 — 100 years and 1 day prior to this season's rededication — when Grange gained national headlines after scoring four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes then later running for a fifth touchdown and throwing for a sixth to take down the previously-undefeated Wolverines.

ILLINI NOTES

Ball Control and Turnover Margin

- Illinois is third in the nation and tied for first in the Big Ten in turnover margin (+1.75 per game).
- Illinois' +7 turnover margin on the season comes despite unlucky results on fumbles. Illinois has recovered four of 12 total fumbles during its games, including missing on all four fumbles at Nebraska (1 giveaway, 3 forced fumbles that Illinois did not recover).
- Illinois is 33rd in the nation in time of possession (31:49). In four games this season, the Illini are averaging 9:52 time of possession during fourth quarters, including 12:04 in the win over #19 Kansas.

The Illinois Offense

- According to PFF, Illinois is graded No. 10 in overall offense (84.5), 39th in special teams (79.6), and 49th in overall defense (80.3). The Illini rank 10th in passing (89.0), 11th in run blocking (76.2), 19th in receiving (75.8), 28th in defensive coverage (87.5)
- Illinois is tied for first in the nation in red zone offense (100%). The Illini have scored on 35 straight trips to the red zone dating back to Oct. 14, 2023, including 25 touchdowns. This season, Illinois is 16-for-16 in the red zone with 11 touchdowns and five field goals.
- WR **Pat Bryant** ranks second in the nation in receiving touchdowns and first in Power 4.
- QB **Luke Altmyer** is the only quarterback in the nation with 10+ touchdowns and 0 interceptions.
- **Altmyer** is the third Big Ten QB with 10+ passing touchdowns and 0 interceptions through four games in the last 20 years, joining Justin Fields (Ohio State) and Kyle Orton (Purdue).
- **Altmyer** is the No. 10 graded quarterback in the nation according to PFF (89.4, min. 100 dropbacks).
- Offensive lineman **Melvin Priestly** is the No. 3 graded tackle in the Big Ten and No. 11 in the country with a PFF grade of 82.0 (minimum 150 offensive snaps).
- In the kicking game, **David Olano** and **Ethan Moczulski** have made their mark among the nation's best. **Moczulski's** 59-yard field goal vs. Central Michigan, the first attempt of his career, set an Illinois program record and is tied for the second-longest field goal in the nation this season. **Olano** is 18th in the country at 1.75 field goals per game, including a career-long 50-yarder vs. Kansas.

The Illinois Defense

- In **Aaron Henry's** second season as defensive coordinator, Illinois ranks 15th in the nation in scoring defense (12.5). The Illini defense ranks in the top 35 nationally in interceptions (4th, 7), fumbles recovered (20th, 3), passing efficiency defense (29th, 108.3), total defense (32nd, 292.3), rushing defense (35th, 104.3), and fourth down defense (10th, 20%).
- The Illini defense has recorded an interception in all four games to open the 2024 season. Illinois has now picked off at least one pass in five consecutive games dating back to last season.
- Illini DBs **Xavier Scott** (3 interceptions), **Miles Scott** (2), and **Torrie Cox Jr.** (2) rank second and eighth in the nation, respectively, in total interceptions. They are the No. 1-ranked trio in the nation with seven combined picks.
- Three different Illini defenders have already recovered a fumble this season, tying OLBs **Alec Bryant** and **Seth Coleman** with DB **Kaleb Patterson** for sixth in the nation entering Week 5.

Illinois Excelling in Close Games

- Illinois has a 7-3 record in one-score games over the last two seasons, including one-score wins over #19 Kansas and #22 Nebraska this season. The Illini have been underdogs in four of the seven one-score wins, including three as road dogs.
- Illinois controlled the ball for 18:11 of the second half at #22 Nebraska, while outscoring the Huskers 21-7 in the second half and overtime to secure a 31-24 (OT) win.
- Illinois shut down Nebraska's running game in the second half, limiting the Huskers to 11 carries for seven yards between the third and fourth quarters, then sacked Nebraska three times in four overtime plays for -38 yards. Over the second half and overtime, Nebraska totaled 14 rushes for -27 yards.
- Illinois won five one-score games in 2023 (5-3), tied for the most in program history with the 1934 team. The Illini's eight one-score games in 2023 were the most in program history.
- Illinois' five one-score wins in 2023 tied for the third-most in the nation during the regular season, behind only Old Dominion and Washington, which each had six one-score wins.
- Illinois is 3-0 in overtime games under **Bret Bielema** with wins against Penn State (9 OT, 2021), Indiana (1 OT, 2023), and Nebraska (1 OT, 2024).
- Five of Illinois' seven one-score wins over the last two seasons have come in the final minute or overtime. This season, Illinois topped Nebraska in overtime. Last season, K **Caleb Griffin** had game-winning field goals to beat Toledo (0:05) and Maryland (0:00), and WR **Isaiah Williams** had game-winning touchdown receptions from QB **John Paddock** at Minnesota (0:50) and against Indiana (OT) in back-to-back weeks in November.
- QB **Luke Altmyer** has led three game-winning drives in the final minute or overtime. He led the Illini on last-second field goal drives against Toledo (0:05) and Maryland (0:00) in 2023, then threw the deciding touchdown to Pat Bryant in overtime at Nebraska this season.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Zach Aamland	AM-lan
Michael Bartolotta	BAR-toh-LAW-tuh
Hank Beatty	BAY-dee
Jaheim Clarke	jah-HEEM
Zy Crisler	CRISS-ler
Declan Duley	DEHK-luhn DOO-lee
TeRah Edwards	TEE-rah
Malik Elzy	muh-LEEK EHLL-zee
Joep Engbers	YOOP
Henry Engel	EN-gull
Pat Farrell	FAIR-uhl
Zakhari Franklin	zuh-KAR-ee
Kaden Feagin	KAY-dihn FAY-gihn
Josh Gesky	guess-KEE
Morrison Giggetts	JIGG-its
Tysean Griffin	TEYE-shawn
Tanner Heckel	HECK-uhl
Demetrius Hill	DUH-me-TREE-us
Ezekiel Holmes	ee-ZEE-kee-uhl
Malachi Hood . . . . .	.MEL-uh-KY
Gabe Jacas . . . . .	.ACK-us
Demetrius John	DUH-me-TREE-us
Saboor Karriem	suh-BOR kuh-REEM
James Kreutz . . . . .	.krew-tz
Josh Kreutz . . . . .	.krew-tz
Aidan Laughery	LAW-fer-ree
Kirkland Michaux	mih-SHO
Ethan Moczulski	muh-CHOW-skee
Magnus Møller	MOU-nus MOE-lar
Mason Muragin	mur-AH-ghin
Kenenna Odeluga . . . . .	.kuh-NEN-uh OH-duh-LOO-guh
David Olano	oh-LAW-noh
Petey Olaleye	OH-luh-lay
Fabrizio Pinton	fuh-BREE-ZEE-oh
Mac Resetic	ruh-SEHT-itch
Amar Reynolds	uh-MAR
Dylan Rosiek	ROH-zee-ek
Dezmond Schuster	SHOO-ster
Xavier Scott	EX-ay-veer
Enyce Sledge	en-EE-chee
Zafir Stewart	zuh-FEAR
Sam Tsagalis	suh-GAWL-is
Eddie Tuerk	TERK
Ca'Lil Valentine	kuh-LEEL
Kenari Wilcher	kuh-NAR-EE

COACHES

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

2024 AWARDS AND HONORS

SEASON AWARDS

QB Luke Almyer

» Davey O'Brien Award watch list (9/23/24)

WR Pat Bryant

» Senior Bowl watch list (preseason)

OLB Seth Coleman

» Senior Bowl watch list (preseason)

OL J.C. Davis

» Senior Bowl watch list (preseason)

RB Kaden Feagin

» Doak Walker Award watch list (preseason)

WR Zakhari Franklin

» College Football Comeback Player of the Year watch list (preseason)

» Earl Campbell Tyler Rose watch list (preseason)

OLB Gabe Jacas

» Senior Bowl watch list (preseason)

OL Josh Kreutz

» Polynesian Player of the Year watch list (preseason)

RB Josh McCray

» College Football Comeback Player of the Year watch list (preseason)

» Doak Walker Award watch list (preseason)

LB Kenenna Odeluga

» Wuerffel Trophy watch list (preseason)

LB Dylan Rosiek

» Butkus Award watch list (preseason)

TE Cole Rusk

» Mackey Award watch list (preseason)

WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 2: DB Xavier Scott vs. #19 Kansas

» Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week

» Chuck Bednarik Award National Player of the Week

» Walter Camp FBS National Defensive Player of the Week

Week 4: QB Luke Almyer at #22 Nebraska

» Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week

» Davey O'Brien Award Great 8

» Manning Award Stars of the Week

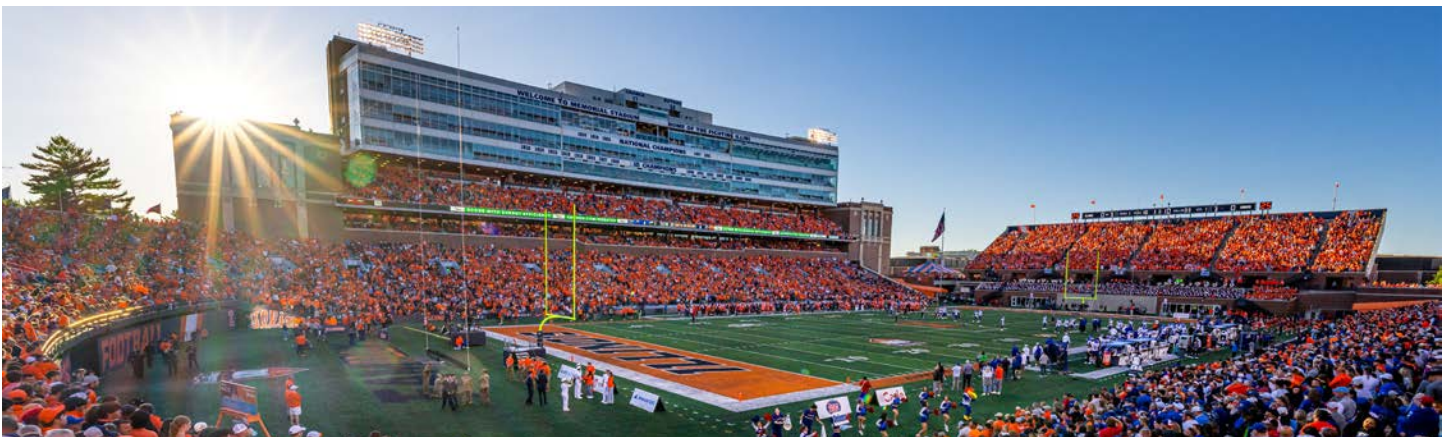
ILLINI NOTES

2024 Fighting Illini Roster Notes

- Illinois was one of the best in the Big Ten at improving its roster in the transfer portal. According to CBS research of 247Sports ratings, the Illini's roster had a net rating gain of +2.78 between transfers in and transfers out, the sixth-best mark in the Big Ten, and that was before Illinois added WR **Zakhari Franklin**. Franklin enters the 2024 season as college football's active career leader in receptions (266), receiving yards (3,386), and receiving touchdowns (38).
- Illinois brought in three four-star transfers, tied for the sixth-most among the 18-team Big Ten (CB **Terrance Brooks**, OL **J.C. Davis**, WR **Zakhari Franklin**).
- Illinois' transfer class had an average star rating of 3.18 according to Rivals. The Illini's average rating ranked 14th in the nation and fifth in the Big Ten, behind only Ohio State, Oregon, Michigan, and Washington.
- Illinois' roster has 17 players who have started 10+ games at four-year schools, including nine incoming transfers this season. Franklin leads the way with 45 career starts, followed by DL **Gentle Hunt** (25), OL **J.C. Davis** (26), and CB **Torrie Cox Jr.** (25).
- Illinois is one of only 32 teams in the nation to return its head coach, offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, strength coach, and starting quarterback, according to FootballScoop. The Illini are one of only three Big Ten teams to bring back all five important positions, along with Nebraska and Purdue.
- Illinois has 14 players on its 2024 roster in their final season of eligibility, tied for the lowest total in the Power-4 with Iowa State. In all of FBS football, only Troy (12) has fewer players in their final season of eligibility.
- Illinois has one of the most experienced offensive line rooms in the Big Ten. Entering 2024, the Illini front had totaled 96 career starts in Division I football. Transfers **J.C. Davis** (24, New Mexico), **Melvin Priestly** (19, Grambling), and **Kevin Wigenton II** (6, Michigan State) account for 49 career starts. The offensive line room has 168 career games played entering 2024. The line has three returning starters from 2023: **Josh Kreutz**, **Zy Crisler**, and **Josh Gesky**.
- Entering 2024, Illinois' 96 career starts on the offensive line ranked fourth in the Big Ten, behind only Iowa (165), Nebraska (153), and Oregon (144). The 96 starts were 22nd-most in the nation.

2024 NFL Draft Notes

- Four Fighting Illini were selected in the 2024 NFL Draft. Illinois has back-to-back years with four draft picks for the first time in over a decade (2012-13).
- Illinois now has 257 all-time NFL Draft picks dating back to 1937, while head coach **Bret Bielema** has had 55 NFL Draft selections during his 15 seasons as a head coach.
- Illinois is one of five schools with three+ players drafted in the first three rounds in each of the last two NFL Drafts. The Illini are joined on the list by Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, and Penn State.
- Illinois DT **Jer'Zhan Newton** was drafted in the second round (No. 36 overall) by Washington Commanders. Newton was the third-highest drafted DT in Illinois history, behind only No. 18 overall pick **Corey Liuget** (2011, San Diego) and No. 3 overall pick **Joe Rutgens** (1961, Washington).
- Illinois OL **Isaiah Adams** was drafted in the third round (No. 71 overall) by the Arizona Cardinals. Adams was the highest-drafted Illini OL since **Jeff Allen** went No. 44 overall to Kansas City in 2012.
- Illinois TE **Tip Reiman** was drafted in the third round (No. 82 overall) by Arizona. Reiman was the second-highest drafted tight end in Illinois history, behind only **Ken Dilger**, who was the No. 48 overall pick by Indianapolis in 1995.
- Illinois WR **Casey Washington** was drafted in the sixth round (No. 187 overall) by the Atlanta Falcons. Washington was the first Fighting Illini wide receiver drafted since **A.J. Jenkins** was a first-round pick in 2012.



2024 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
0	Chase Canada	DB	6-0	195	So.	Hahnville, La.	Foster (Texas)	Trinity Valley CC (Texas)
0	Trey Petty	QB	6-0	210	Fr.	Starkville, Miss.	Starkville	
1	Demetrius Hill	DB	6-2	205	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Springs	FIU
1	Mario Sanders II	WR	5-10	190	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Minneapolis North	Iowa Central CC
2	Ashton Hollins	WR	6-5	190	So.	Lucedale, Miss.	George County	
2	Saboor Karriem	DB	6-3	195	So.	West Orange, N.J.	West Orange	
3	Alec Bryant	OLB	6-3	250	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Shadow Creek	Virginia Tech
3	Kaden Feagin	RB	6-3	250	So.	Atwood, Ill.	ALAH	
4	Daniel Brown	OLB	6-1	250	Jr.	Kansas City, Kan.	Bishop Ward	Hutchinson CC
4	Zakhari Franklin	WR	6-1	190	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	Cedar Hill	UTSA/Mississippi
5	Torrie Cox Jr.	DB	5-9	170	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Chaminade-Madonna Prep	Ohio
5	Ca'Lil Valentine	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Hayward, Calif.	Chandler (Ariz.)	
6	Dennis Briggs Jr.	DL	6-4	275	Sr.	Kissimmee, Fla.	Gateway	Florida State
6	Josh McCray	RB	6-1	235	Jr.	Enterprise, Ala.	Enterprise	
7	Matthew Bailey	DB	6-2	215	So.	Moline, Ill.	Moline	
7	Kenari Wilcher	WR	6-0	185	So.	Clewiston, Fla.	Moore Haven	
8	Terrance Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Little Elm, Texas	Little Elm	Texas
8	Malik Elzy	WR	6-2	215	So.	Chicago, Ill.	Simeon	
9	Luke Altmyer	QB	6-2	205	Jr.	Starkville, Miss.	Starkville	Mississippi
9	Seth Coleman	OLB	6-5	250	Sr.	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy	
10	Donovan Leary	QB	6-2	215	So.	Sicklerville, N.J.	Timber Creek	
10	Miles Scott	DB	5-11	210	Jr.	Dolton, Ill.	St. Thomas More (Conn.)	
11	Alex Bray	DL	6-4	270	So.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Marquette	
11	Jacob Huber	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Spring Grove, Ill.	Richmond-Burton	
12	Kirkland Michaux	QB	6-4	220	Jr.	Austin, Texas	Westlake	Blinn JC
12	Amar Reynolds	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Vero Beach	
13	Pat Bryant	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Atlantic Coast	
14	Cole Rusk	TE	6-5	250	Jr.	Rock Island, Ill.	Rock Island	Eastern Michigan/Murray State
14	Xavier Scott	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Dwyer	
15	Alexander Capka-Jones	WR	6-4	190	Jr.	Oak Park, Calif.	Oak Park	Moorpark College
16	Tanner Heckel	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Lyndon, Kan.	Lyndon	
16	Cal Swanson	QB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Ardmore, Okla.	Ardmore	
17	Collin Dixon	WR	6-1	210	R-Fr.	Tallmadge, Ohio	Tallmadge	
17	Gabe Jacas	OLB	6-3	275	Jr.	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	Fort Pierce Central	
18	Michael Bartolotta	WR	6-2	215	Jr.	Orland Park, Ill.	Marist	Iowa Central CC
18	Mason Muragin	OLB	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Macomb, Mich.	De La Salle	
19	Hugh Robertson	P	6-2	225	Jr.	Melbourne, Australia	Assumption College Kilmore	
19	Tyson Rooks	WR	6-4	205	So.	St. Simons Island, Ga.	Glynn Academy	
20	Morrison Giggetts	WR	5-8	180	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Walter Payton College Prep	
20	Tyler Strain	DB	5-9	195	Jr.	Pace, Fla.	Pace	
21	Ben Clawson	DB	6-0	205	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Hersey	
21	Aidan Laughery	RB	5-11	200	So.	Gibson City, Ill.	GCMS	
22	Petey Olaleye	RB	5-7	205	R-Fr.	Frankfort, Ill.	Lincoln-Way East	
22	Kaleb Patterson	DB	6-1	190	So.	Jackson, Miss.	Terry	Pearl River CC
23	Jordan Anderson	RB	6-4	240	So.	Naperville, Ill.	Joliet Catholic	
23	TeRah Edwards	DL	6-2	305	Sr.	Groveport, Ohio	Groveport Madison	Northwestern
24	David Olano	K	5-11	180	So.	Naperville, Ill.	Naperville North	
24	Vernon Woodward III	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	DeLand, Fla.	Winter Park	
25	Aaron Ball	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	St. Laurence	
25	Jaheim Clarke	DB	6-1	175	So.	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Riverdale	
26	Mac Resetich	DB	6-0	205	So.	Spring Valley, Ill.	Spring Valley Hall	
27	Ethan Moczulski	K	5-11	190	So.	Spokane, Wash.	Mt. Spokane	Texas A&M
27	Corey Rashad	RB	5-8	185	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Marist	
27	Enyce Sledge	DL	6-3	320	So.	Monroe, La.	Neville	Auburn
28	Karson Kaiser	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	Weston, Fla.	Champaign Centennial (Ill.)	
28	Dylan Rosiek	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	East Lake, Fla.	East Lake	
29	TJ Griffin	LB	6-0	220	So.	Hickory Hills, Ill.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	
30	Jojo Hayden	OLB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill.	East St. Louis	
31	Declan Duley	P	6-1	215	R-Fr.	El Paso, Ill.	El Paso-Gridley	
32	CJ Bufkin	DB	5-11	200	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Montini Catholic	Missouri Western

2024 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
33	Ezekiel Holmes	DL	6-5	270	Sr.	Wichita Falls, Texas	Hirschi	
34	Ryan Meed	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Canarsie	
35	Grayson Griffin	DB	5-11	200	Jr.	Aurora, Ill.	St. Francis	
36	Lane Hansen	LS	6-0	215	Jr.	East Lake, Fla.	East Lake	
36	Blayne Sisson	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Mount Carmel, Ill.	Mount Carmel	
37	Sage Luther	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Austin, Texas	Westlake	Colgate
39	Jake Furtney	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill.	St. Charles North	
39	Kenenna Odeluga	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	South Holland, Ill.	Mount Carmel	
40	Ronan Poynton	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Solon, Iowa	Regina	
41	James Kreutz	LB	6-2	225	So.	Bannockburn, Ill.	Loyola Academy	
41	Clayton Leonard	TE	6-4	290	So.	Danforth, Ill.	Iroquois West	
42	Jake Petrow	TE	6-3	210	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	St. Ignatius College Prep	
42	Luke Zardzin	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Prospect	
43	Joe Barna	OLB	6-4	265	Fr.	Wheaton, Ill.	Wheaton North	
43	Nick True	TE	6-5	230	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Jacobs	
44	Patrick Mahoney III	LS	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Northbrook, Ill.	Glenbrook North	
44	Angelo McCullom	DL	6-2	290	Fr.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington North	
45	Malachi Hood	LB	6-2	225	So.	Plainfield, Ill.	Joliet Catholic	
47	Easton Baker	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Stansbury, Utah	Stansbury	
48	Carter Smith	OLB	6-3	215	Fr.	Rolling Meadows, Ill.	Fremd	
49	Harrysson Ngassa	OLB	6-4	210	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Whitney Young	
51	Aidan Hall	LS	6-2	210	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Benet Academy	
52	Pat Farrell	DL	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	St. Rita	
53	Devin Hale	OL	6-0	300	Jr.	Springfield, Ill.	Sacred Heart-Griffin	
54	Demetrius John	OLB	6-3	270	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio	Dublin Coffman	
55	TJ McMillen	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	St. Francis	
55	Jeremiah Warren	DL	6-3	305	R-Fr.	Belleville, Mich.	Belleville	
56	Guillermo Gallardo	DL	6-3	315	Jr.	Bloomington, Ill.	Normal Community	New Mexico Military Institute
56	Magnus Møller	OL	6-9	315	So.	Vejle, Denmark	Rødkilde Gymnasium	
57	Zach Barrett	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg	
58	Melvin Priestly	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	East St. Louis (Ill.)	Grambling State
60	Joep Engbers	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Oak Park, Ill.	Fenwick	
62	Sam Tsagalis	OL	6-2	290	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Prospect	
63	Dezmond Schuster	OL	6-5	335	Jr.	Gonzales, La.	East Ascension	Hutchinson CC (Kan.)
64	Josh Kreutz	OL	6-2	290	Jr.	Bannockburn, Ill.	Loyola Academy	
65	Kellen Francis	OL	6-5	320	So.	Princeville, Ill.	Princeville	Butler CC (Kan.)
66	Brandon Hansen	OL	6-6	335	Fr.	Mundelein, Ill.	Mundelein	
67	Steven Scott III	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	Menomonee Falls	
70	Zach Aamland	OL	6-6	305	R-Fr.	South Brunswick, N.J.	The Hun School	
71	Hunter Whitenack	OL	6-7	340	Jr.	New Carlisle, Ind.	New Prairie	
72	Zy Crisler	OL	6-6	335	Sr.	Crystal Springs, Miss.	Copiah Academy	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
73	Josh Gesky	OL	6-5	325	Jr.	Manteno, Ill.	Manteno	
74	J.C. Davis	OL	6-5	320	Sr.	Oakland, Calif.	McClymonds	New Mexico
75	Brandon Henderson	OL	6-5	335	So.	East St. Louis, Ill.	East St. Louis	
78	Eddie Tuerk	DL	6-4	325	Fr.	La Grange, Ill.	Lyons Township	
78	Kevin Wigenton II	OL	6-5	330	Jr.	Colts Neck, N.J.	The Hun School	Michigan State
79	Zafir Stewart	OL	6-6	355	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Imhotep Charter	
80	Hank Beatty	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Rochester, Ill.	Rochester	
81	Carlos Orr-Gillespie	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Etowah, Tenn.	Gatlinburg-Pittman	
83	Tysean Griffin	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	
84	Carson Goda	TE	6-2	235	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Braden River	Saint Anselm (N.H.)
85	Tanner Arkin	TE	6-4	265	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	Fossil Ridge	Colorado State
86	Weston Adams	WR	5-11	200	So.	Shell, Wyo.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
87	Tyler McClure	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Champaign, Ill.	Centennial	Kaskaskia College
88	Henry Boyer	TE	6-6	270	So.	Chicago, Ill.	Brother Rice	
89	Tanner Hollinger	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Stromsburg, Neb.	Cross County	
92	Gentle Hunt	DL	5-11	305	Sr.	High Springs, Fla.	Gainesville	Florida A&M
93	Henry Engel	DL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Lena, Ill.	Lena-Winslow	
98	Fabrizio Pinton	K/P	6-3	230	Jr.	Houston, Texas	The Woodlands	Air Force

OFFENSIVE LINE



74 J.C. DAVIS

LT, 6-5, 320, SR.

OAKLAND, CALIF. / MCCLYMONDS / NEW MEXICO

- » Transferred to Illinois in January 2024 with one season of eligibility remaining
- » PFF's highest-graded tackle in the nation returning to college football (min. 600 snaps)
- » Ranked as one of college football's top-100 newcomers in 2024 by ESPN.com
- » Preseason All-Big Ten by Athlon (third team) and Phil Steele (fourth team)
- » Two-Time All-Mountain West at New Mexico (2022 honorable mention, 2023 first team)
- » 2021 All-CCCA first team (at Contra Coast College)
- » Communication major at Illinois

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	UNM	12	12
2023	UNM	12	12
2024	ILL	4	4
CAREER		28	28



73 JOSH GESKY

LG, 6-5, 325, JR.

MANTENO, ILL. / MANTENO

- » 2023 All-Big Ten honorable mention
- » Two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2022 and 2023)
- » Played in 11 games with eight starts on the offensive line in 2023
- » Started season at RG and moved to LG prior to Week 3 vs. #7 Penn State (9/16/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Also earned all-conference in track and field as a junior and senior at Manteno High School
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2021	ILL	--	--
2022	ILL	11	0
2023	ILL	11	8
2024	ILL	4	4
CAREER		26	12



64 JOSH KREUTZ

C, 6-2, 290, JR.

BANNOCKBURN, ILL. / LOYOLA ACADEMY

- » 2024 Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team
- » No. 4-graded center nationally according to PFF (73.3, min. 70 snaps) at #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Has made 16-consecutive starts at center for the Illini
- » No. 11-graded center nationally according to PFF, in his first-career start vs. Toledo (9/2/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Brother, James, is a LB for Illini and father, Olin, was a six-time Pro Bowler with the Chicago Bears
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

POLYNESIAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2021	ILL	3	0
2022	ILL	13	0
2023	ILL	12	12
2024	ILL	4	4
CAREER		32	16



72 ZY CRISLER

RG, 6-6, 335, SR.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS. / COPIAH ACADEMY / MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC

- » 27 starts as an Illini; 12 at RG in 2022, 9 at RG / 2 at RT in 2023, 4 at RG in 2024
- » Two-Time All-Big Ten honorable mention (2022 and 2023)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Junior college national ranks: #16 (Rivals), #44 (247), #50 (ESPN)
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	ILL	12	12
2023	ILL	11	11
2024	ILL	4	4
CAREER		27	27



58 MELVIN PRIESTLY

RT, 6-4, 315, JR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / EAST ST. LOUIS (ILL.) / GRAMBLING

- » Transferred to Illinois in January 2024 with two seasons of eligibility remaining
- » Ranked as the No. 6 offensive lineman in the country and No. 1 in the Big Ten (min. 251 snaps) and is also ranked as the No. 3 tackle in college football and No. 1 tackle in the Big Ten by PFF (82.0)
- » Played in all 22 games with 15 starts at left tackle over his first two seasons at Grambling
- » Played 655 snaps as a sophomore in 2023 and 649 as a true freshman in 2022
- » Led East St. Louis to an IHSA 6A runner-up finish at Memorial Stadium as a high school senior in 2021
- » Majoring in sociology

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	GSU	11	5
2023	GSU	11	10
2024	ILL	4	4
CAREER		26	19



75 BRANDON HENDERSON

OL, 6-5, 335, SO.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS (ILL.)

- » Caught game-tying touchdown pass from Luke Altmyer on fourth-and-2 from the Nebraska 6-yard line in the fourth quarter of Illinois' OT road win over the #22 Cornhuskers (9/20/24)
- » Helped East St. Louis to the 2022 IHSA 6A state championship at Memorial Stadium
- » 2022 IHSFCA 6A All-State honorable mention
- » High school teammate of Jojo Hayden and Melvin Priestly
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2023	ILL	9	0
2024	ILL	4	0
CAREER		13	0

QUARTERBACKS



9 LUKE ALMYER

QB, 6-2, 205, JR.

STARKVILLE, MISS. / STARKVILLE / OLE MISS

- » Matched his career high with four TD passes in the Illini's overtime victory at #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » First Illinois quarterback with four TD passes on the road against an AP Top 25 team since 1999
- » Currently the only quarterback in the nation with four touchdown passes in a top-25 road win this season
- » First Illinois quarterback with multiple games of four passing touchdowns since 2013
- » Tossed a career-high four touchdowns in the in the 2024 season opener vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Enters Week 5 as PFF's eighth-ranked QB in the country and No. 2 in the Big Ten (min. 123 dropbacks)
- » Started first nine games of 2023 at Illinois, and made 1 start at Ole Miss in 2022
- » Transferred to Illinois with three years of eligibility prior to the 2023 season
- » Tossed six games of 2023: 123/188 (65.4%), 1,312 yards (218.7 yards/game), 10 passing TDs, 3 INTs
- » Completed 24 of 31 attempts for 212 yards and a career-high three TD passes before being forced out of the game due to injury on the final drive of the Illini's win at Minnesota (11/4/23)
- » Led two game-winning field goal drives in the final minute: 12 plays, 64 yards vs. Toledo (9/2/23) and 7 plays, 50 yards at Maryland (10/14/23)
- » Unanimous four-star recruit and the No. 11-ranked pro-style QB in the nation coming out of high school
- » Communication major at Illinois

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD WATCH LIST

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC.
2021	MISS	5	20-37-2	192	1	37	54.1	9.6	38.4	95.8
2022	MISS	4	8-17-1	125	2	36	47.1	15.6	31.3	135.9
2023	ILL	9	175-270-10	1883	13	54	64.8	10.8	209.2	131.9
2024	ILL	4	75-105-0	862	10	42	71.4	11.5	215.5	171.8
CAREER		22	278-429-13	3062	26	54	64.8	11.0	139.2	138.7

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2021	MISS	5	21	0	0	14	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2022	MISS	4	4	3	1	5	0.8	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023	ILL	9	94	282	3	72	3.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2024	ILL	4	24	58	0	18	2.4	0	0	0	0	0.0
CAREER		22	143	343	4	72	2.4	0	0	0	0	0.0



10 DONOVAN LEARY

QB, 6-2, 215, SO.

SICKLERVILLE, N.J. / TIMBER CREEK

- » Made collegiate and Illini debut in the 2024 season opener vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Did not play in a game in 2022 or 2023; redshirted during the 2022 season
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Position ranks: #42 (On3), #50 (247), #53 (ESPN)
- » State ranks: #9 (On3), #14 (247), #25 (Rivals), #26 (ESPN)
- » Brother, Devin, played quarterback at NC State (2018-22) and Kentucky (2023) and was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in Round 6 (Pick 218) of the 2024 NFL Draft
- » Communication major at Illinois

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC.
2022	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	1	2-5-0	29	0	18	40.0	14.5	29.0	88.7
CAREER		1	2-5-0	29	0	18	40.0	14.5	29.0	88.7

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CAREER		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0



12 KIRKLAND MICHAUX

QB, 6-4, 220, JR.

AUSTIN, TEXAS / WESTLAKE / BLINN JC

- » Academic All-Big Ten (2023)
- » Played one season of junior college baseball in 2020-21
- » Lettered three years in football in high school
- » Helped Westlake win the 6A Texas State Championship in 2020
- » Texas State Offensive MVP in the 2020 state title game
- » Agribusiness, markets, and management major at Illinois

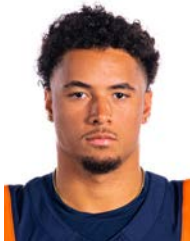
PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC.
2022	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CAREER		0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	--

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CAREER		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0

RUNNING BACKS



23 JORDAN ANDERSON

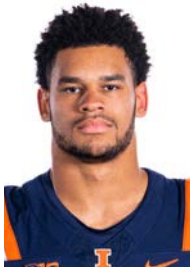
RB, 6-4, 240, SO.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / JOLIET CATHOLIC

- » Missed 2023 season with knee injury sustained during fall camp
- » Did not play in a game and redshirted in first season at Illinois in 2022
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Set IHSA record with 306 rushing yards in the 2021 Class 4A championship game, adding four rushing touchdowns and a receiving touchdown
- » Recreation, sport, and tourism major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	4	3	1	0	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0.0
CAREER		4	3	1	0	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0.0



3 KADEN FEAGIN

RB, 6-3, 250, SO.

ATWOOD, ILL. / ALAH

- » 2024 Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team
- » Recorded his first-career 100-yard game vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (2023)
- » Began career with 74 consecutive carries without a negative rush, and was only stopped behind the line of scrimmage twice in 95 attempts during his true freshman season in 2023
- » Ranked 10th in the Big Ten in rushing yards during conference games (405) in 2023
- » Placed second in long jump at the 2021 IHSA track and field state finals
- » General studies major at Illinois

DOAK WALKER AWARD WATCH LIST

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2023	ILL	9	95	438	2	25	4.6	9	116	1	54	12.9
2024	ILL	4	54	242	3	29	4.5	3	25	0	9	8.3
CAREER		13	149	680	5	29	4.6	12	141	1	54	11.8



21 AIDAN LAUGHERY

RB, 5-11, 200, SO.

GIBSON CITY, ILL. / GCMS

- » Played in nine games as a redshirt freshman in 2023, missing three contests due to injury
- » Tallied first rushing TD of his career to go along with 23 yards on three carries vs. FAU (9/23/23)
- » Made his Illinois debut against Chattanooga (9/22/22)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Led GCMS to IHSA 2A state title; also ran track in high school
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	1	3	9	0	5	3.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023	ILL	9	16	81	1	19	5.1	2	24	0	12	12.0
2024	ILL	3	18	119	0	29	6.6	3	4	0	7	1.3
CAREER		13	37	209	1	29	5.6	5	28	0	12	2.2



6 JOSH MCCRAY

RB, 6-1, 235, JR.

ENTERPRISE, ALA. / ENTERPRISE

- » Missed 16 games over the last two seasons - nine in 2022 and seven in 2023 - due to injury
- » As a true freshman in 2021, ranked second on the team with 112 carries and 549 yards, ninth in the Big Ten at 4.9 yards per carry
- » 142 rushing yards at #7 Penn State (10/23/21) are most by an Illini true freshman against a top-25 team
- » 156 rushing yards at Purdue (9/25/21) ranked nationally as the fifth-most by a true freshman in 2021 and the most by a true freshman in a road game in 2021
- » Communication major at Illinois

DOAK WALKER AWARD WATCH LIST COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2021	ILL	11	112	549	2	38	4.9	2	43	0	40	21.5
2022	ILL	4	19	56	0	9	2.9	4	19	0	9	4.8
2023	ILL	5	43	156	2	14	3.6	6	30	0	10	5.0
2024	ILL	4	22	105	1	28	4.8	4	7	0	6	1.8
CAREER		24	196	866	5	38	4.4	16	99	0	40	6.2



5 CA'LIL VALENTINE

RB, 5-11, 190, FR.

HAYWARD, CALIF. / CHANDLER (AZ)

- » Carried the ball five times for a career-best 53 yards in win vs. Central Michigan. Also had a new career-long 22-yard rush in the contest (9/14/24)
- » Rushed for what was then a career-high 25 yards vs. #19 Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Rushed for 16 yards on his first-career carry vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Made his Illinois debut vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Four-star recruit by ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Rushed for 3,242 yards and 42 rushing touchdowns during three-year high school career
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2024	ILL	4	20	106	0	22	5.3	1	6	0	0	6.0
CAREER		4	20	106	0	22	5.3	1	6	0	0	6.0

WIDE RECEIVERS



80 HANK BEATTY

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.

ROCHESTER, ILL. / ROCHESTER

- » Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Academic All-Big Ten in 2023
- » Has appeared in 25 of 26 games over his first two seasons at Illinois
- » Posted career-high 29 receiving yards on two catches vs. #7 Penn State (9/16/23)
- » Led Rochester to the 2019 IHSA 5A state title with 12 receptions for 212 yards and three TDs to earn player of the game honors; Also played basketball and ran track in high school
- » 2021-22 Gatorade Illinois Football Player of the Year
- » Business major

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	7	25	0	8	3.6
2023	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	8	65	0	26	8.1
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	4	29	0	14	7.3
CAREER		28	0	0	0	0	0.0	19	119	0	26	6.3



13 PAT BRYANT

WR, 6-3, 200, SR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / ATLANTIC COAST

- » 2024 Preseason All-Big Ten by Phil Steele (third team) and Athlon (fourth team)
- » Enters Week 5 with six touchdown catches, tied for second-most in the nation
- » Has 15 career touchdowns, tied for fourth-most all-time in program history
- » Has at least one reception in 16-straight games, dating back to 2023
- » Had five catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns at #22 Nebraska, his third game this season with two TD receptions (9/20/24)
- » Caught seven passes for 102 yards and two touchdowns in win vs. Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » Hauled in five catches and recorded the second multi-TD game of his career vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Tied for fourth in the Big Ten in receiving touchdowns (7) during the regular season in 2023, tied for ninth-most in a single-season in Illinois history
- » Posted a combined six kickoff returns for 124 yards over the last two seasons
- » Brother, Brandon Harris, played linebacker at USF
- » Recreation, sport, and tourism major at Illinois

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2021	ILL	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	6	98	0	45	16.3
2022	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	34	453	2	43	13.3
2023	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	43	560	7	46	13.0
2024	ILL	4	1	-1	0	0	-1.0	20	309	6	37	15.5
CAREER		33	1	-1	0	0	-1.0	103	1420	15	46	13.8



15 ALEXANDER CAPKA-JONES

WR, 6-4, 190, JR.

OAK PARK, CALIF. / OAK PARK / MOORPARK COLLEGE

- » Redshirted during the 2023 season, his first at Illinois as a junior college transfer
- » Recorded 62 catches for 894 yards and seven touchdowns over two seasons at Moorpark College
- » Selected as Moorpark's offensive MVP as a sophomore in 2022, earning first team All-Southern California Football Association honors
- » Earned associate's degree in communication at Moorpark
- » Two-time Canyon League Wide Receiver of the Year at Oak Park High School
- » Communication major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CAREER		3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0



17 COLLIN DIXON

WR, 6-1, 210, R-FR.

TALLMADGE, OHIO / TALLMADGE

- » Recorded a career-high 36 yards receiving in win vs. Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » Made first start and recorded first-career catch in win vs. #19 Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Redshirted during the 2023 season as a true freshman
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Earned three first-team Suburban League honors in football, and track and field, and was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball
- » Caught 201 passes for 3,561 yards and 43 touchdowns during his high school career
- » Marketing major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	5	68	0	33	13.6
CAREER		4	0	0	0	0	0.0	5	68	0	33	13.6



8 MALIK ELZY

WR, 6-2, 215, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL. / SIMEON

- » Recorded career-long 34-yard touchdown reception in 2024 opener vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Played in nine games as a true freshman at Illinois in 2023
- » Caught first-career touchdown against #7 Penn State (9/16/23)
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite, Rivals, and On3 Consensus
- » Highest-rated wide receiver to commit to Illinois since Arrelious Benn in 2007
- » Brother, Devonta, played football at Division II Northwood University in Michigan
- » General studies major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2023	ILL	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	5	52	1	19	10.4
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	66	1	34	22.0
CAREER		13	0	0	0	0	0.0	8	118	2	34	14.8

WIDE RECEIVERS



4 ZAKHARI FRANKLIN

WR, 6-1, 190, SR.

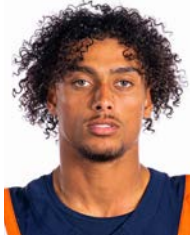
DALLAS, TEXAS / CEDAR HILL / UTSA/OLE MISS

- » Transferred to Illinois in Summer 2024 with one season of eligibility remaining
- » Hauled in nine catches for 99 yards vs. #19 Kansas (9/7/2024)
- » NCAA's active career leader in receptions (266), receiving yards (3386), and receiving touchdowns (38) entering the 2024 season
- » 21st in FBS history with 38 career receiving TDs, 12 more than any other active player entering 2024
- » 2022 Phil Steele All-American honorable mention (at UTSA)
- » Three-Time All-CUSA at UTSA (2020, honorable mention; 2021 & 2022, first team)
- » Earned degree in multi-disciplinary studies from Ole Miss (Aug. 2024)
- » Pursuing graduate certificate in crop sciences from Illinois

COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST
EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD WATCH LIST

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2019	UTSA	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	38	491	3	65	12.9
2020	UTSA	10	1	8	0	8	8.0	49	694	7	52	14.2
2021	UTSA	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	81	1027	12	75	12.7
2022	UTSA	14	0	0	0	0	0.0	94	1136	15	43	12.1
2023	MISS	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	4	38	1	16	9.5
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	21	243	0	42	11.6
UTSA TOTALS		46	1	8	0	8	8.0	262	3348	37	75	12.8
MISS TOTALS		4	0	0	0	0	0.0	4	38	1	16	9.5
ILL TOTALS		4	0	0	0	0	0.0	21	243	0	42	11.6
CAREER		54	1	8	0	8	8.0	287	3629	38	91	12.6



2 ASHTON HOLLINS

WR, 6-5, 190, SO.

LUCEDALE, MISS. / GEORGE COUNTY

- » 2023 Academic All-Big Ten
- » Career-high 46 yards on a personal-best-tying three receptions vs. Indiana (11/11/23)
- » Recorded a blocked punt at Purdue (9/30/23)
- » First career reception against #7 Penn State (9/16/23), a 30-yard catch to set up a touchdown
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Also played basketball and baseball in high school
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	9	119	0	30	13.2
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	2	40	0	29	20.0
CAREER		18	0	0	0	0	0.0	11	159	0	30	14.5



7 KENARI WILCHER

WR, 6-0, 185, SO.

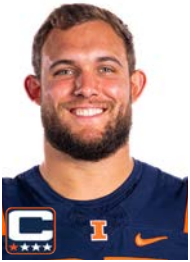
CLEWISTON, FLA. / MOORE HAVEN

- » Played in 10 games at wide receiver and served as Illinois' primary kick returner as a true freshman in 2023
- » Returned 11 kicks for 258 yards (23.45 average)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Led the state of Florida with 1,516 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior in 2022
- » Earned all-state honors in 2021 (honorable mention) and 2022
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RSH	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2023	ILL	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	4	41	0	31	10.3
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	2	18	0	11	9.0
CAREER		14	0	0	0	0	0.0	6	59	0	31	9.8

TIGHT ENDS



85 TANNER ARKIN

TE, 6-4, 265, JR.

FORT COLLINS, COLO. / FOSSIL RIDGE / COLORADO STATE

- » Career highs in receptions (4) and yards (28) to go along with one touchdown at #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Played in all 12 games in his first season at Illinois as a sophomore in 2023
- » Scored first collegiate TD on first reception as an Illini vs. Wisconsin (10/21/23)
- » Transferred to Illinois with three seasons of eligibility remaining prior to the 2023 season
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » Three-sport letterman in high school, also competed in basketball & track & field (state discus champ in 2020)
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois



88 HENRY BOYER

TE, 6-6, 270, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL. / BROTHER RICE

- » 2023 Academic All-Big Ten
- » Made first-career start and posted two catches for 16 yards in win over FAU (9/23/23)
- » Pulled in first-career reception vs. Penn State (9/16/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » 2021 All-Chicago Catholic League
- » Finance major at Illinois



84 CARSON GODA

TE, 6-2, 235, SR.

BRADENTON, FLA. / BRADEN RIVER / SAINT ANSELM (N.H.)

- » Transferred from NCAA DII Saint Anselm College in Summer 2024 with one year of eligibility remaining
- » Made Illini debut vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Two-time Northeast-10 all-conference second team (2022, 2023) at Saint Anselm
- » NCAA Division II All-America honorable mention by Don Hansen (2023 at SAC)
- » Recorded 48 receptions for 566 receiving yards and five receiving touchdowns in 2023 at Saint Anselm
- » Ranked second in the Northeast-10 for receptions, receiving yards, and receiving yards per game in 2023
- » Communication major at Illinois

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2021	CSU	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	9	0	9	9.0
2022	CSU	12	1	1	0	1	1.0	14	116	0	26	8.3
2023	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	1	1.0
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	6	49	2	16	8.2
CSU TOTAL		16	1	1	0	1	1.0	15	125	0	26	8.3
ILL TOTAL		16	0	0	0	0	0.0	7	50	3	16	7.1
CAREER		32	1	1	0	1	1.0	22	175	3	26	8.0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2022	ILL	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023	ILL	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	20	0	9	6.7
2024	ILL	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CAREER		17	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	20	0	9	6.7

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RS	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/R
2024	ILL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	18	0	18	18.0
CAREER		2	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	18	0	18	18.0

DEFENSIVE LINE



11 ALEX BRAY

DL, 6-4, 270, SO.

CHESTERFIELD, MO. / MARQUETTE

- » Made one solo tackle against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Played in nine games as a true freshman in 2023
- » Made Illinois debut in season-opening win vs. Toledo (9/2/23)
- » Recorded career-high two tackles (1 solo) vs. Wisconsin (10/21/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » State ranks: #15 (On3), #23 (247), #26 (ESPN)
- » General studies major at Illinois



6 DENNIS BRIGGS SR.

DL, 6-4, 275, SR.

KISSIMEE, FLA. / GATEWAY / FLORIDA STATE

- » Recorded sack in overtime to help Illinois win at #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Made four total tackles (three assisted, one solo) in Illinois debut against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Transferred to Illinois with one year of eligibility remaining
- » Played in 49 games with 10 starts during Florida State career
- » Graduated from FSU in May 2022 with a degree in interdisciplinary social science
- » Helped Florida State to an undefeated 13-0 regular season and ACC championship in 2023
- » Pursuing graduate certificate in crop sciences at Illinois



23 TERAH EDWARDS

DL, 6-2, 305, SR.

GROVEPORT, OHIO / GROVEPORT MADISON / NORTHWESTERN

- » Season-high tackles made (three total) against Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » Made first career start for Illinois and recorded a solo tackle against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Has played in all 25 games for the Illini in 2022 and 2023
- » Tallied a career-high 4 tackles (1 solo) vs. Northwestern (11/25/23)
- » Recorded first sack of his career in Illinois win at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » 2023 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Two-Time Academic All-Big Ten
- » Pursuing master's degree in strategic brand management at Illinois



52 PAT FARRELL

DL, 6-5, 280, R-FR.

OAK LAWN, ILL. / ST. RITA

- » Made one solo tackle in Illinois debut against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Did not play in a game and redshirted the 2023 season
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » State ranks: #18 (ESPN), #24 (Rivals), #25 (On3), #26 (247)
- » 2022 All-Chicago Catholic League first team selection and CCL Green Defensive MVP
- » General Studies major at Illinois



33 EZEKIEL HOLMES

DL, 6-5, 270, SR.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS / HIRSCHI

- » Seventh season with the Illinois program in 2024
- » Changed position from outside linebacker to defensive line prior to the 2024 season
- » Played in eight games for the Illini in 2023
- » Came back from season-ending injury that cut his 2022 season short after just three games
- » Holds two bachelor's degrees from Illinois in sociology (Aug. 2022) and communication (Dec. 2023); working toward a graduate certificate in diversity & equity in education
- » Plays the piano and drums



27 ENYCE SLEDGE

DL, 6-3, 320, SO.

MONROE, LA. / NEVILLE / AUBURN

- » Assisted on one tackle in Illinois debut against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Transferred to Illinois in January 2024 with three seasons of eligibility remaining
- » Played in three games over two seasons at Auburn
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » State of Louisiana ranks: #34 (ESPN), #40 (On3), #42 (247Sports)
- » Also played basketball in high school
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois



55 JEREMIAH WARREN

DL, 6-3, 305, R-FR.

BELLEVILLE, MICH. / BELLEVILLE

- » Attended the Big Ten's "Big Life Series: Selma to Montgomery" educational experience in July 2024
- » Serves as a SAAC representative for Illinois football
- » Played in two games and redshirted the season as a true freshman in 2023
- » Made Illinois debut against FAU (9/23/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- » Pursuing degree from Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	9	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	1	5	6	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		13	2	6	8	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2018	FSU	4	0	2	2	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0
2019	FSU	13	15	13	28	3.5-9	1	1	1	0	1.0	0
2020	FSU	5	3	3	6	0.0-0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0
2021	FSU	4	0	6	6	0.5-1	1	0	1	0	0.0	0
2022	FSU	13	5	16	21	3.5-6	1	0	0	0	3.0	0
2023	FSU	10	3	11	14	1.5-6	0	0	0	0	1.5	0
2024	ILL	4	7	10	17	3.0-25	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
FSU TOTAL		49	26	51	77	9.0-22	4	2	2	0	5.5	0
ILL TOTAL		4	7	10	17	3.0-25	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		53	32	58	90	12.0-47	4	2	2	0	5.5	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2020	NU	2	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2021	NU	4	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	13	6	8	14	1.5-10	0	0	1	0	1.0	0
2023	ILL	12	5	8	13	0.5-4	0	0	0	0	0.5	0
2024	ILL	4	3	4	7	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
NU TOTAL		6	2	0	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
ILL TOTAL		29	14	20	34	2.0-14	0	0	1	0	1.5	0
CAREER		35	16	20	36	2.0-14	0	0	1	0	1.5	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	4	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		4	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2018	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2019	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2020	ILL	4	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2021	ILL	12	2	3	5	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	3	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	9	6	3	9	2.0-4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		34	10	8	18	3.0-5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	AUB	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	AUB	2	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
AUB TOTAL		3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
ILL TOTAL		2	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		5	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	2	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	1	2	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		6	1	2	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS



43 JOE BARNA

OLB, 6-4, 265, FR.

WHEATON, ILL. / WHEATON NORTH

- » Three tackles (1 solo) with a sack for a loss of five yards in college debut vs. Eastern Illinois (8/29/24)
- » Recorded a half sack with three tackles (2 solo) in homecoming win over Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » Helped Wheaton North to state titles in 2021 and 2022
- » 2023 IHSFCA 7A All-State, DuKane Conference Defensive Lineman of the Year, and Wheaton North Defensive Player of the Year as a senior
- » General Studies major at Illinois

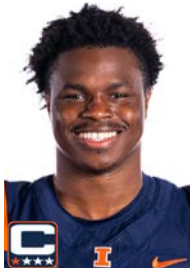


3 ALEC BRYANT

OLB, 6-3, 250, JR.

HOUSTON, TEXAS / SHADOW CREEK / VIRGINIA TECH

- » Recorded two sacks against #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Recovered first career fumble against Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Played in all 24 games with one start at outside linebacker over last two seasons after transferring to Illinois from Virginia Tech in 2021
- » Enters fifth season of college football; sat out the 2021 season per NCAA transfer rules
- » Made first-career start against Wisconsin (10/21/23) and recorded a career-high five tackles
- » Led Shadow Creek High School to the Texas 5A state championship as a senior in 2019
- » Communication major at Illinois



9 SETH COLEMAN

OLB, 6-5, 250, SR.

MELBOURNE, FLA. / HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

- » Recorded second career fumble recovery against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Preseason All-Big Ten third team by Athlon and Phil Steele
- » Two-Time All-Big Ten honorable mention (2022 and 2023)
- » 12 starts at outside linebacker in 2023 with 50 tackles, a team-high 9.0 TFLs, and 6.0 sacks
- » Recorded a Power-5 most 6.0 sacks in road games during the 2023 regular season
- » Ranked second in the Big Ten with 6.0 sacks in conference games
- » Graduated from Illinois with a degree in Recreation, Sport & Tourism (May 2024); pursuing graduate certificate in health communication

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

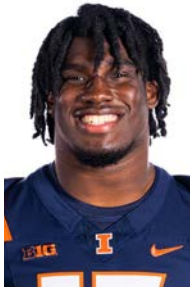


30 JOJO HAYDEN

OLB, 6-2, 220, R-FR.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS

- » Posted QB hurry in debut vs. EIU (8/29/24) and recorded first-career tackle vs. Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » First name is Antwon, but goes by Jojo
- » Twin brother, Keshawn, is a defensive lineman at Central Michigan
- » Rated as a four star recruit by Rivals out of high school
- » Helped East St. Louis to the 2022 IHSA 6A state championship at Memorial Stadium
- » Two-time IHSFCA 6A All-State selection
- » General Studies major at Illinois



17 GABE JACAS

OLB, 6-3, 275, JR.

PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA. / FORT PIERCE CENTRAL

- » Recorded third career forced fumble against #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Forced second career fumble against Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » 2022 Freshman All-American and All-Big Ten honorable mention
- » Has played in all 25 games with 18 starts over first two seasons at Illinois
- » Recorded 2.0 sacks, including a third-down stop in overtime that forced an Indiana field goal and set up the Illini's opportunity for a game-winning TD in the 48-45 win (11/11/23)
- » No. 2 in Illinois history in sacks by a true freshman with 4.0 in 2022, behind only Simeon Rice
- » State champion and all-state wrestler in high school
- » Community health major at Illinois

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2024	ILL	4	4	5	9	1.5-6	0	0	0	0	1.5	0
CAREER		4	4	5	9	1.5-6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2020	VT	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2021	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	ILL	12	8	3	11	3.5-12	1	0	0	0	1.5	0
2023	ILL	12	9	18	27	3.5-8	0	0	0	1	0.5	0
2024	ILL	4	5	1	6	2.0-13	1	0	1	0	0.0	0
VT TOTAL		1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
ILL TOTAL		28	22	22	44	9.0-33	2	0	1	1	2.0	0
CAREER		29	22	22	44	9.0-33	2	0	1	1	2.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2019	ILL	3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2020	ILL	8	7	6	13	3.5-8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2021	ILL	10	13	9	22	3.0-14	2	1	1	0	2.0	0
2022	ILL	12	24	21	45	5.0-26	6	0	0	0	4.5	0
2023	ILL	12	37	13	50	9.0-53	4	0	0	0	6.0	0
2024	ILL	4	8	7	15	2.0-4	2	0	1	0	0.0	0
CAREER		49	89	56	145	22.5-105	14	1	2	0	12.5	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2024	ILL	3	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		3	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	ILL	13	14	21	35	5.0-36	0	0	0	0	4.0	0
2023	ILL	12	22	9	31	4.0-17	1	1	0	0	4.0	0
2024	ILL	4	12	5	17	4.0-26	0	2	0	0	1.0	0
CAREER		29	48	35	83	13.0-79	1	3	0	0	9.0	0

LINEBACKERS



45 MALACHI HOOD

LB, 6-2, 225, SO.

PLAINFIELD, ILL. / JOLIET CATHOLIC

- » Missed 2023 season following injury during training camp
- » Played in one game and redshirted the 2022 season
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Led Joliet Catholic to the 2021 IHSA 4A state championship
- » Cousin, Marcus Hood, played linebacker at Illinois from 1997-2000
- » Political science major at Illinois



41 JAMES KREUTZ

LB, 6-2, 225, SO.

BANNOCKBURN, ILL. / LOYOLA ACADEMY

- » Recorded a career-high five tackles (three solo, two assisted) against Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Played in all 12 games with one start at linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2023
- » Recorded a career-high three tackles (1 solo) vs. Florida Atlantic (9/23/23)
- » Named Illinois' Defensive Look Team Player of the Year during redshirt season in 2022
- » 2021 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association 8A All-State first team and Chicago Catholic League Blue Defensive Player of the Year
- » Brother of Illinois' OL Josh Kreutz; Father, Olin Kreutz, was a six-time Pro Bowler for the Chicago Bears
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois



34 RYAN MEED

LB, 6-1, 230, SR.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. / CANARSI

- » Recorded three tackles (two solo, one assisted) against Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Three-time Academic All-Big Ten (2021, 2022, 2023)
- » Enters sixth season at Illinois in 2024
- » Played in all 25 games, primarily on special teams, over last two seasons, with one start at linebacker
- » Made first start at linebacker vs. Nebraska (10/6/23)
- » Graduated from Illinois with a degree in kinesiology in (May 2023), and earned a certificate in strategic leadership & management (May 2024); pursuing master's degree in strategic brand communication

CAMPBELL TROPHY NOMINEE



39 KENENNA ODELUGA

LB, 6-1, 235, JR.

SOUTH HOLLAND, ILL. / MOUNT CARMEL

- » Returned from injury for 2024 fall camp after missing spring practices while recovering injury
- » Two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2022 and 2023)
- » Played in 24 straight games before missing 2023 season finale vs. Northwestern due to injury
- » Ranked among Big Ten leaders during the 2023 regular season in fumbles recovered (t-2nd, 2) and forced fumbles (t-5th, 2).
- » Set career-high mark and tied for team lead with 8 tackles (6 solo) in win at Maryland (10/14/23)
- » Finance major at Illinois

ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM NOMINEE
WUERFFEL TROPHY WATCH LIST



28 DYLAN ROSIEK

LB, 6-1, 235, JR.

EAST LAKE, FLA. / EAST LAKE

- » Forced sixth career fumble and recorded game-ending sack against #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Forced fifth career fumble against EIU (8/29/24)
- » 2023 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- » Has played in 26 consecutive games including all 12 games with eight starts in 2023
- » Led the Big Ten and tied for third in the nation in forced fumbles (4) during the 2023 regular season, the fourth-most forced fumbles in Illinois single-season history
- » Ranked 14th in the BIG in tackles (82), eighth in conference games (70), during the 2023 regular season
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois

BUTKUS AWARD WATCH LIST



42 LUKE ZARDZIN

LB, 6-0, 225, JR.

MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT

- » Two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2022 and 2023)
- » Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams, as a sophomore in 2023
- » Led Mount Prospect to the MSL East Division title as a senior in 2021
- » 2021 all-state selection and MSL East Offensive Player of the Year
- » Also played basketball and ran track and field at Mount Prospect
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	ILL	4	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		5	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	ILL	3	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	9	9	18	1.0-12	0	0	1	0	1.0	0
2024	ILL	4	9	5	14	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		19	18	15	33	1.0-12	1	0	1	0	1.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2019	ILL	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2020	ILL	4	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2021	ILL	7	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	13	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	7	4	11	1.0-1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	3	4	7	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		44	13	9	22	1.0-1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	ILL	3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	13	5	3	8	3.5-15	1	0	0	0	2.0	0
2023	ILL	11	24	13	37	4.0-16	1	2	2	0	1.0	0
2024	ILL	4	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		31	29	17	46	7.5-31	2	2	2	0	3.0	0

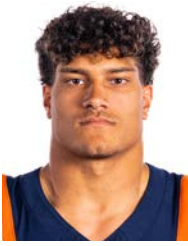
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	ILL	3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	13	4	4	8	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	52	30	82	7.5-20	3	4	0	0	1.0	0
2024	ILL	4	10	13	23	1.0-11	0	2	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		32	66	47	113	9.5-33	3	6	0	0	1.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	ILL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	1	2	3	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		17	2	3	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE BACKS



7 MATTHEW BAILEY

DB, 6-2, 215, SO.

MOLINE, ILL. / MOLINE

- » Notched career-high seven tackles (four solo, three assist) against Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » 2023 Academic All-Big Ten
- » Redshirted the 2023 season after missing 11 of 12 games due to injury
- » Played in all 13 games as a true freshman in 2022, recording 10 tackles, three interceptions, two pass breakups, one quarterback hurry, and one fumble recovery on the season
- » His three picks as a freshman ranked eighth in the Big Ten
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois



8 TERRANCE BROOKS

DB, 6-0, 205, JR.

LITTLE ELM, TEXAS / LITTLE ELM / TEXAS

- » Transferred to Illinois in May 2024 with two seasons of eligibility remaining
- » Rated as a four-star transfer and the No. 2 cornerback in the spring portal window by 247Sports
- » Played in all 14 games with 13 starts at cornerback for Texas in 2023
- » All-Big 12 honorable mention at Texas (2023)
- » Helped Texas win the Big 12 Championship and advance to the College Football Playoff
- » Father, Chet, played safety at Texas A&M and won two Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois



0 CHASE CANADA

DB, 6-0, 195, SO.

HAHNVILLE, LA. / FOSTER (TEXAS) / TRINITY VALLEY CC (TEXAS)

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Ranked as the No. 6 junior college cornerback by 247Sports and No. 8 by ESPN
- » 20 tackles and 10 pass breakups in 10 games for Trinity Valley CC
- » Father, Marcello Canada, played basketball at Southern University
- » Older brother, Channing Canada, played football at TCU
- » Financial planning major at Illinois



25 JAHEIM CLARKE

DB, 6-1, 175, SO.

FORT MYERS, FLA. / RIVERDALE

- » Played in all 12 games as a true freshman in 2023
- » Made Illinois debut in season-opening win vs. Toledo (9/2/23)
- » Recorded a career-high three tackles in final game of 2023 regular season vs. Northwestern (11/25/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3, and Rivals
- » Position ranks: #84 (247), #100 (On3), #126 (ESPN)
- » Urban studies and planning major at Illinois

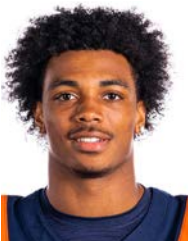


5 TORRIE COX JR.

DB, 5-9, 170, JR.

MIAMI, FLA. / CHAMINADE-MADONNA PREP / OHIO

- » Recorded seventh career interception against #22 Nebraska (9/20/24)
- » Made Illinois debut against EIU (8/29/24) with a start and recorded an interception
- » Transferred to Illinois in Summer 2024 with two seasons of eligibility remaining
- » Played in 29 games over three seasons at Ohio, with 91 total tackles, 1.5 sacks and four interceptions
- » Named a third team College Football News Freshman All-American as a redshirt freshman in 2022 at Ohio
- » Father, Torrie Cox Sr., played five years in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after getting drafted in the sixth round of the 2003 NFL Draft
- » Communication major at Illinois



2 SABOOR KARRIEM

DB, 6-3, 195, SO.

WEST ORANGE, N.J. / WEST ORANGE

- » Played in seven games as a true freshman in 2023
- » Made Illini debut with one tackle and three PBUs vs. FAU (9/23/23)
- » Rated as a four-star recruit and a top-400 national recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » Also played basketball and lacrosse, and ran track in high school
- » Financial planning major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	ILL	13	7	3	10	0.0-0	5	0	1	0	0.0	3
2023	ILL	1	3	2	5	0.5-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	10	13	23	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		18	20	18	38	0.5-0	5	0	1	0	0.0	3

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	TEX	9	5	4	9	0.0-0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	TEX	14	13	7	20	0.0-0	6	0	0	0	0.0	3
2024	ILL	3	3	1	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		25	21	12	33	0.0-0	9	0	0	0	0.0	3

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2024	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	12	3	2	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	3	1	4	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		16	6	3	9	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	OHIO	4	3	0	3	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	OHIO	13	37	15	52	3.0-8	6	2	1	0	0.0	3
2023	OHIO	12	21	15	36	2.0-3	1	1	0	0	1.5	1
2024	ILL	4	4	3	7	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	2
CAREER		33	64	33	98	5.0-11	9	3	1	0	1.5	7

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	7	1	1	2	0.0-0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	2	0	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		11	3	1	4	0.0-0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE BACKS



22 KALEB PATTERSON

DB, 6-1, 190, SO.

JACKSON, MISS. / TERRY / PEARL RIVER CC

- » Made first career start and recovered a fumble against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Played in four games and redshirted the season in 2023
- » Three-star juco recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and On3
- » Junior college national ranks: #20 (247), #33 (ESPN), #63 (On3)
- » 2022 All-MACCC first team (at Pearl River CC)
- » Played in all nine games, recording 12 tackles, two forced fumbles, and four PBU as freshman at PRCC
- » Community Health major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2024	ILL	4	6	3	9	2.0-4	0	0	1	0	0.0	0
CAREER		8	4	3	7	2.0-4	0	0	1	0	0.0	0



26 MAC RESETICH

DB, 6-0, 205, SO.

SPRING VALLEY, ILL. / SPRING VALLEY HALL

- » Played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2023
- » Recorded first-career interception in win over Indiana (11/11/23)
- » Made Illinois debut with one tackle in season-opening win vs. Toledo (9/2/23)
- » 2022 IHSFCA 4A All-State
- » Also a standout basketball and baseball player at Spring Valley Hall
- » General Studies major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2023	ILL	11	5	2	7	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	1
2024	ILL	4	3	2	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		15	8	4	12	0.0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0	1



10 MILES SCOTT

DB, 5-11, 210, JR.

DOLTON, ILL. / ST. THOMAS MORE

- » Recorded fourth career interception against Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Recorded first career forced fumble and third career interception against EIU (8/29/24)
- » 2024 Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten Fourth Team
- » 2022-23 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2022, 2023)
- » Moved from wide receiver to defensive back during 2023 spring practice
- » Started all 12 games at safety as a sophomore in 2023
- » 5+ tackles in 10/12 games in 2023, ranking as the team's second-leading tackler (63)
- » Posted two pick-six TDs of 48 yards vs. Toledo (9/2/23) and 55 yards vs. Northwestern (11/25/23)
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	ILL	4	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	13	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	48	15	63	0.0-0	5	0	1	0	0.0	2
2024	ILL	4	10	9	19	0.0-0	2	1	0	0	0.0	2
CAREER		33	58	24	82	0.0-0	9	1	1	0	0.0	4



14 XAVIER SCOTT

DB, 5-11, 190, JR.

RIVIERA BEACH, FLA. / DWYER

- » Recorded third interception of the season (fifth in career) against Central Michigan (9/14/24)
- » Only player in the nation to force three turnovers in a game this season (Kansas, 9/7/24)
- » Recorded his first-career pick six and his first-career two-interception game against Kansas
- » 2023 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- » Played in all 12 games with 11 starts at defensive back
- » Led the Big Ten in pass breakups (11) and tied for the league lead in passes defended (14) during the 2023 regular season
- » Recorded two interceptions in 2023 vs. Kansas (9/8/23) and vs. Nebraska (10/6/23)
- » Made first start of his career in the ReliaQuest Bowl (1/2/23)
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2022	ILL	11	13	2	15	0.0-0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0
2023	ILL	12	48	9	57	0.0-0	13	1	0	0	0.0	2
2024	ILL	4	16	2	18	2.0-6	5	1	0	0	1.0	3
CAREER		27	77	13	90	2.0-6	19	3	0	0	1.0	5



20 TYLER STRAIN

DB, 5-9, 195, JR.

PACE, FLA. / PACE

- » Played in all 12 games with five starts at defensive back as a sophomore in 2023
- » Team-high two pass breakups to go along with four tackles in Illinois' win at Maryland (10/14/23)
- » Led Illinois with a team-high eight tackles (seven solo) vs. FAU (9/23/23)
- » Made first start of his career in the ReliaQuest Bowl (1/2/23)
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	SCK	INT
2021	ILL	4	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2022	ILL	12	8	6	14	0.5-0	3	0	0	0	0.0	2
2023	ILL	12	27	9	36	0.5-1	3	0	0	0	0.0	1
2024	ILL	3	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
CAREER		31	36	16	52	1.0-1	6	0	0	0	0.0	3

SPECIALISTS



36 LANE HANSEN

LS, 6-0, 215, JR.

EAST LAKE, FLA. / EAST LAKE

- » Two-time Academic All-Big Ten (2022 and 2023)
- » Handled long-snapping duties in all 12 games for punt, field goal and PAT situations in 2023 after splitting time in 2022
- » Brother, Jake, played linebacker at Illinois from 2016-21 and now plays in the NFL for the Houston Texans
- » Father, Shad Hansen, played football at BYU from 1989-92 and is the school's all-time leading tackler (408)
- » Kinesiology major at Illinois



27 ETHAN MOCZULSKI

K, 5-11, 190, SO.

SPOKANE, WASH. / MT. SPOKANE / TEXAS A&M

- » Made school-record 59-yard field goal against Central Michigan (9/14/24), first FG attempt of career
- » Kickoff specialist made Illini debut against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Transferred to Illinois from Texas A&M in Summer 2024 with three seasons of eligibility remaining
- » Played in two games as a redshirt freshman at Texas A&M in 2023
- » Made his collegiate debut with a kickoff in the Aggies' season-opening win over New Mexico (9/2/23)
- » Kicked off twice and made Texas A&M's final PAT in a win over ULM (9/16/23)
- » Redshirted the 2022 season as a true freshman at Texas A&M
- » Agricultural communication major at Illinois



24 DAVID OLANO

K, 5-11, 180, SO.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NAPERVILLE NORTH

- » Hit a career-long 50 yard field goal against #19 Kansas (9/7/24)
- » Went a perfect 6-6 on PAT's and hit his only FG attempt (26 yds) against EIU (8/29/24)
- » Played in nine games as Illinois' kickoff specialist as a true freshman in 2023
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, On3 and Rivals
- » Ranked as the No. 3 kicker in the nation according to Sailer Kicking coming out of high school
- » Hit a 50-yard field goal at the All-American Bowl in the Alamodome, the longest in the event's history
- » DuPage Valley Conference Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior in 2022
- » Recreation, sport & tourism major at Illinois



19 HUGH ROBERTSON

P, 6-2, 225, JR.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

- » 2023 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Third-oldest player in college football (31, born 1/16/1993), behind only East Carolina P Luke Larsen (32, 7/18/92) and Colorado State K Jordan Noyes (32, 8/3/92)
- » Starting punter for the Illini in 2022 and 2023, also serving as the holder in place-kicking situations
- » 51 punts for 2,176 yards (42.7 yards per punt) in 2023, a improvement of 2.7 yards per punt over 2022
- » Former member of the Australian Army, also played Australian rules football before coming to Illinois
- » Management major at Illinois

GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G
2021	ILL	0
2022	ILL	10
2023	ILL	12
2024	ILL	4
CAREER		26

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	PAT	FG	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2022	TAMU	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2023	TAMU	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	--
2024	ILL	4	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3	59
CAREER		6	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	4	59

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	PAT	FG	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2023	ILL	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	--
2024	ILL	4	15-15	7-8	--	3-3	1-1	2-2	1-2	29	50
CAREER		13	15-15	7-8	0-0	3-3	1-1	2-2	1-2	29	50

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	NO.	YDS	LNG	AVG	TB	FC	120	50+	BLK
2020	ILL	2	1	38	38	38.0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	13	61	2440	64	40.0	5	25	18	10	0
2023	ILL	12	51	2176	66	42.7	3	26	17	8	0
2024	ILL	4	13	556	52	42.8	2	6	9	2	--
CAREER		32	126	5210	66	41.3	10	58	44	20	0

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

The 2024 Fighting Illini roster features nine student-athletes who already earned undergraduate degrees and are currently pursuing second bachelor's degree's or are enrolled in master's or certificate programs at the University of Illinois.

STUDENT-ATHLETE	DEGREE(S) EARNED
Dennis Briggs Jr.	May 2022 Graduate (Florida State): Interdisciplinary Social Science
Seth Coleman	May 2024 Graduate: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
TeRah Edwards	August 2023 Graduate: Communication
Zakhari Franklin	June 2024 Graduate (Ole Miss): Multi-Disciplinary Studies
Aidan Hall	May 2023 Graduate: Systems Engineering & Design
Ezekiel Holmes	August 2022 Graduate: Sociology December 2023 Graduate: Communication (2nd bachelor's degree)
Gentle Hunt	June 2024 Graduate (Florida A&M University): Psychology
Sage Luther	May 2024 Graduate (Colgate): Sociology
Ryan Meed	May 2023 Graduate: Kinesiology May 2024 Graduate: Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate)

ACADEMIC MAJORS – FALL 2024

Aamland, Zach: General Studies
 Adams, Weston: Agribusiness, Markets, & Management
 Altmeyer, Luke: Communication
 Anderson, Jordan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Arkin, Tanner: Kinesiology
 Bailey, Matthew: Kinesiology
 Baker, Easton: General Studies
 Ball, Aaron: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Barna, Joe: General Studies
 Barrett, Zach: Political Science
 Bartolotta, Michael: Communication
 Beatty, Hank: Marketing
 Boyer, Henry: Finance
 Bray, Alexander: General Studies
 Briggs, Dennis: Crop Sciences (Certificate)
 Brooks, Terrance: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Brown, Daniel: Community Health
 Bryant, Alec: Communication
 Bryant, Patrick: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Bufkin, CJ: Advertising
 Canada, Chase: Financial Planning
 Capka-Jones, Alex: Communication
 Clarke, Jaheim: Urban Studies & Planning
 Clawson, Ben: Agribusiness, Markets, & Management
 Coleman, Seth: Health Communication (Certificate)
 Cox, Torrie: Communication
 Crisler, Zylon: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Davis, J.C.: Communication
 Dixon, Collin: Marketing
 Duley, Declan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Edwards, TeRah: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 Elzy, Malik: General Studies
 Engbers, Joep: General Studies
 Engel, Henry: Mechanical Engineering
 Farrell, Patrick: General Studies
 Feagin, Kaden: General Studies
 Francis, Kellen: History
 Franklin, Zakhari: Crop Sciences (Certificate)
 Furtney, Jake: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Gallardo, Guillermo: Kinesiology
 Gesky, Josh: Kinesiology
 Giggetts, Morrison: Mechanical Engineering

Goda, Carson: Communication
 Griffin, Grayson: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Griffin, TJ: Organizational & Community Leadership
 Griffin, Tysean: Urban Studies & Planning
 Guinn, Nathan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Hale, Devin: Community Health
 Hall, Aidan: Systems and Entrepreneurial Engineering (Master's)
 Hansen, Brandon: General Studies
 Hansen, Lane: Kinesiology
 Hayden, JoJo: General Studies
 Heckel, Tanner: Agri-Accounting
 Henderson, Brandon: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Hill, Demetrius: Communication
 Hollinger, Tanner: General Studies
 Hollins, Ashton: Kinesiology
 Holmes, Ezekiel: Diversity & Equity in Education (Certificate)
 Hood, Malachi: Political Science
 Huber, Jacob: Mechanical Engineering
 Hunt, Gentle: Crop Sciences (Certificate)
 Jacas, Gabe: Community Health
 John, Demetrius: Communication
 Kaiser, Karson: General Studies
 Karriem, Saboor: Financial Planning
 Kreutz, James: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Kreutz, Josh: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Laughery, Aidan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Leary, Donovan: Communication
 Leonard, Clayton: Kinesiology
 Luther, Sage: Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate)
 Mahoney, Patrick: Journalism
 McClure, Tyler: Financial Planning
 McCray, Josh: Communication
 McCullom, Angelo: General Studies
 McMillen, TJ: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Meed, Ryan: Strategic Brand Communication (Masters)
 Michaux, Kirkland: Agribusiness, Markets, & Management
 Moczulski, Ethan: Agricultural Communications
 Moeller, Magnus: Philosophy
 Muragin, Mason: General Studies
 Ngassa, Harrysson: General Studies
 Odeluga, Kenenna: Finance
 Olaleye, Adeola: Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Olano, David: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Orr, Carlos: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Patterson, Kaleb: Community Health
 Petrow, Jake: Political Science
 Petty, Trey: General Studies
 Pinton, Fabrizio: Public Policy & Law
 Poynton, Ronan: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Priestly, Melvin: Sociology
 Rashad, Corey: Engineering Undeclared
 Resetch, Mac: General Studies
 Reynolds, Amar: General Studies
 Robertson, Hugh: Management
 Rooks, Tyson: Kinesiology
 Rosiek, Dylan: Kinesiology
 Rusk, Cole: Communication
 Sanders, Mario: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Schuster, Desmond: Sociology
 Scott, Miles: Kinesiology
 Scott, Steven: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Scott, Xavier: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Sisson, Blayne: General Studies
 Sledge, Enyce: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Smith, Carter: Engineering Undeclared
 Stewart, Zafir: General Studies
 Strain, Tyler: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Swanson, Cal: Communication
 True, Nick: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Tsagalidis, Sam: Integrative Biology
 Tuerk, Eddie: General Studies
 Valentine, Ca'Lil: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Warren, Jeremiah: ACES Undeclared
 Whitenack, Hunter: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Wigenton, Kevin: Psychology
 Wilcher, Kenari: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Woodward, Vernon: Sociology
 Zardzin, Luke: Recreation, Sport, & Tourism



BRET BIELEMA

- HEAD COACH
- IOWA '92
- FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE BIELEMA FILE

HOMETOWN

Prophetstown, Illinois

BIRTHDATE

January 13, 1970

FAMILY

Wife: Jen

Daughters: Briella and Brexli

EDUCATION

B.S., marketing — Iowa, 1992

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Iowa, 1989-92

Signed free-agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks, 1993

Milwaukee Mustangs, Arena Football League, 1994

BOWL COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 ReliaQuest Bowl

2016 Belk Bowl

2015 Liberty Bowl

2014 Texas Bowl

2012 Rose Bowl

2011 Rose Bowl

2009 Champs Sports Bowl

2008 Champs Sports Bowl

2008 Outback Bowl

2007 Capital One Bowl

2006 Capital One Bowl

2005 Outback Bowl

2004 Fiesta Bowl

2002 Holiday Bowl

2001 Alamo Bowl

1997 Sun Bowl

1996 Alamo Bowl

1995 Sun Bowl

Bret Bielema was named as the 26th Fighting Illini Head Football Coach in the history of the program in December 2020. A native of Prophetstown, Illinois, Bielema has 30 years of collegiate and NFL coaching experience and has compiled a 16-year record of 119-77 (.607) as head coach at Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Illinois.

Bielema, who signed a six-year agreement in 2022 that will keep him at Illinois through 2028, has elevated Illinois to new expectations in his first three seasons. He has 18 wins and 12 Big Ten wins over his first three seasons in Champaign, both high marks for the first three years of an Illini head coach since Lou Tepper nearly 30 years ago (1992-94). Bielema has brought national relevance to the Illini with three national award finalists: Jer'Zhan Newton (2023, Nagurski), Chase Brown (2022, Doak), and Devon Witherspoon (2022, Thorpe). It is the first time three Illini have earned finalists status in National College Football Awards Association awards over a two-year span since 1994-95.

Bielema has also turned Illinois into one of the top programs in producing NFL talent. Illinois is one of five schools with three or more players drafted in the first three rounds in both the 2023 and 2024 NFL Drafts, along with Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, and Penn State. Overall, Bielema has sent over 160 players to the NFL during his career as a head coach.

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

In 15 years as a power-conference head coach, Bielema has led 11 of his teams - including the 2022 Illinois squad - to bowls.

Bielema's coaching pedigree and list of football mentors matches that of any coach in the nation. He played for and coached under Hall-of-Famer Hayden Fry at Iowa, spent two years as Co-Defensive Coordinator at Kansas State under Hall-of-Famer Bill Snyder, served as defensive coordinator at Wisconsin under Hall-of-Famer Barry Alvarez before taking over as head coach when Alvarez retired, and helped six-time Super Bowl champion head coach Bill Belichick to the Super Bowl LIII title with New England.

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

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

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

HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	W-L	POSTSEASON
2006	Wisconsin	12-1 (.923)	Capital One Bowl
2007	Wisconsin	9-4 (.692)	Outback Bowl
2008	Wisconsin	7-6 (.538)	Champs Sports Bowl
2009	Wisconsin	10-3 (.769)	Champs Sports Bowl
2010	Wisconsin	11-2 (.846)	Rose Bowl
2011	Wisconsin	11-3 (.786)	Rose Bowl
2012	Wisconsin	8-5 (.615)	(Did not coach Rose Bowl)
2013	Arkansas	3-9 (.250)	
2014	Arkansas	7-6 (.538)	Texas Bowl
2015	Arkansas	8-5 (.615)	Liberty Bowl
2016	Arkansas	7-6 (.538)	Belk Bowl
2017	Arkansas	4-8 (.333)	
2021	Illinois	5-7 (.417)	
2022	Illinois	8-5 (.636)	ReliaQuest Bowl
2023	Illinois	5-7 (.417)	
2024	Illinois	4-0 (1.000)	

TOTAL: 16TH YEAR // OVERALL: 119-77 // BIG TEN: 50-34

YEAR-BY-YEAR

2021-	Illinois	Head Coach (22-19)
2020	New York Giants	Outside Linebackers, Senior Assistant Coach
2019	New England Patriots	Defensive Line
2018	New England Patriots	Consultant to the Head Coach
2013-17	Arkansas	Head Coach (29-34)
2006-12	Wisconsin	Head Coach (68-24)
2004-05	Wisconsin	Defensive Coordinator
2002-03	Kansas State	Co-Defensive Coordinator
1996-2001	Iowa	Linebackers
1994-95	Iowa	Graduate Assistant



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR. OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Barry Lunney Jr. is in his third season as Illinois' offensive coordinator. Lunney and Illinois head coach Bret Bielema were reunited after Lunney spent five years as the tight ends coach at Arkansas under Bielema from 2013-17. In Year 2 at Illinois, Lunney's offense made big strides in 2023. The Illini were top five in the Big Ten in passing (3rd), yards (t-4th), and scoring (5th), the top marks in the West Division., behind quarterbacks Luke Altmyer and John Paddock, and first team All-Big Ten receiver Isaiah Williams. Williams led the Big Ten and ranked 13th in the nation in receptions (82), and was second in the conference and 15th nationally in receiving yards (1,055) during the regular season. Paddock, an All-Big Ten honorable mention selection, set the Illinois' single-season record for passing efficiency (151.1) and ranked fourth in the Big Ten in passing yards during conference games (1,278), while Altmyer ranked sixth in the Big Ten in passing yards (1,883) during the entire regular season. Lunney came to Champaign from UTSA, where he served as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in 2020 and 2021. Lunney helped bring UTSA to new heights during his time in San Antonio, reaching No. 15 in the national rankings in 2021. UTSA opened the 2021 season with 11 straight wins, won its first Conference USA championship with a 49-41 win over Western Kentucky in the C-USA title game, and appeared in the Frisco Bowl. Lunney and his wife, Janelle, have two sons, Luke and Levi.



THAD WARD ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/RUNNING BACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Thad Ward is in his fifth season and second stint as running backs coach at Illinois. He was rehired in January 2023 and was elevated to assistant head coach in March 2024. In his first year back at Illinois, Ward helped the Illini offense rank in the top five in the Big Ten in total yards (t-4th) and scoring (5th), both first in the Big Ten West, in 2023. He guided the emergence of Kaden Feagin, one of the nation's top true freshman rushers, to All-BIG honorable mention and two BIG Freshman of the Week honors. Ward rejoined the Illini from Kansas State, where he coached wide receivers in 2022 for the Wildcats' Big XII championship team. K-State went 10-4, including a win over eventual national runner-up TCU in the Big XII title game, and earned a spot in the New Year's Six (Sugar Bowl) before finishing the year ranked 14th in the final AP Poll. Ward's wideouts were the top three receivers for the Wildcats, combining for 139 receptions for 1,768 and 11 receiving touchdowns, and two were signed to NFL clubs following the season - Malik Knowles (Minnesota) and Kade Warner (Tampa Bay). Ward, entering his 23rd season as a collegiate coach, has deep roots in the state of Illinois with over a decade of coaching experience in the state. He first spent time in the state of Illinois for six seasons at Western Illinois (2005-10), then for three seasons at both Northern Illinois (2013-15) and Illinois (2016-18). He and his wife, Jocelyn, have two daughters, Jayda and Journie, and one son, Thaddaeus, Jr.



ROBBY DISCHER SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Robby Discher is in his second season as Illinois' special teams coordinator/tight ends coach in 2024. In his first season with Illinois in 2023, PFF ranked the Illini's special teams unit seventh nationally. Illinois led the nation in blocked kicks/punts (7), three more than any other team during the regular season. Discher's tight ends group caught four touchdown passes, including three by Tip Reiman, who became second-highest drafted tight end in Illinois history when the Arizona Cardinals selected him with the No. 82 overall pick in Round 3. Discher came to Illinois from Tulane, where he helped win AAC and Cotton Bowl titles as special teams coordinator in 2022. Tulane finished 12-2 and ranked No. 9 in the final AP Poll. Tulane's special teams ranked in the top 30 in six major categories: punt return defense (3rd, 1.1), blocked kicks (19th, 3), yards per kick return (20th, 22.9), kickoff touchbacks (23rd, 47), yards per punt return (28th, 9.9), and kick return defense (29th, 17.6). Under Discher, Lawrence Keys III averaged 27.1 yards per kickoff return (8th nationally) and Jha'Quan Jackson averaged 10.1 yards per punt return (10th). Discher arrived at Tulane following a season as the special teams quality control coach for the 14-1 national champion Georgia Bulldogs in 2021. Discher and the former Erin Wilson were married in July 2017. He has two stepchildren, Connor and Sydney. The couple's daughter, Quinn, was born in February 2018.



BART MILLER OFFENSIVE LINE

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Bart Miller is in his fourth season as offensive line coach at Illinois in 2024. He joined Bret Bielema's staff for the second time after two successful seasons as offensive line coach and offensive run-game coordinator at Wyoming. In three seasons under Miller's guidance, 13 of Illinois' 15 starters have earned All-Big Ten awards. Illinois, Michigan, and Penn State are the only Big Ten teams to have their entire starting offensive lines earn All-Big Ten in each of the last two seasons (2022, 2023). Behind Miller's line, Illinois' 2023 offense finished in the top five in the BIG in passing (3rd), total yards (t-4th), and scoring (5th), leading the West division in each category. Following the season, two-year starter Isaiah Adams became the highest-drafted Illini offensive lineman since 2012 when the Arizona Cardinals selected him in the third round (No. 71). The Illini's 2022 offensive line was named a Joe Moore Award semifinalist, the first time in program history, after paving the way for RB Chase Brown, who ranked fourth in the nation in rushing and was Illinois' first Doak Walker Award finalist. That season, Alex Palczewski became the first tackle in program history to earn first-team All-America honors. As a player at the University of New Mexico from 2003-07, Miller was a starter and two-year letterman on the offensive line. He played football and graduated from Elk Grove High School in the Chicago area. Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Miller and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Barrett and Gunner.



JUSTIN STEPP WIDE RECEIVERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Justin Stepp is in his first season as Illinois' wide receivers coach in 2024. Stepp joined the Fighting Illini after spending six seasons coaching wide receivers in the SEC at South Carolina (2021-23) and Arkansas (2018-20). Seven of his former players are currently on professional rosters with six in the NFL, including Xavier Legette who was selected in the first round of 2024 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers. Stepp led South Carolina's wide receivers to big years each of the last two seasons, finishing in the top 40 nationally and top six in the SEC in passing offense with an All-SEC first team selection in 2022 and an All-SEC second team pick in 2023. At Arkansas, Stepp was named as one of the nation's top 25 recruiters by Rivals. The Razorbacks were the only team in the nation to sign four four-star wide receivers in the 2019 class. Stepp spent three seasons (2015-17) as the wide receivers coach at SMU, and was a finalist for 2017 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year. Stepp coached 2018 NFL Draft picks Courtland Sutton and Trey Quinn. His first full-time collegiate role came as the wide receivers coach at Appalachian State (2012-14) where he coached All-American Sean Price, who set NCAA Division I FCS freshman records with 81 receptions and 1,196 receiving yards in 2012. Stepp and his wife, Brooke, have a son, Courtland Spencer, and a daughter, Allison Blair. His twin brother, Josh, is an assistant football coach at Cincinnati.

Ben Miller - Senior Head Coach Analyst
 Dana Dimel - Senior Offensive Assistant
 Myers Hendrickson - Senior Analyst
 Byron Bell - Assistant Offensive Line Coach
 Danny Cameron - Assistant Tight Ends Coach
 Houston Griffith - Assistant Wide Receivers Coach
 Dele Harding - Assistant Running Backs Coach
 Artur Sitkowski - Assistant Quarterbacks Coach

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



AARON HENRY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Aaron Henry is in his second season as Illinois' defensive coordinator in 2024. Henry, who was the youngest coordinator in the Big Ten when he took over for Illinois at the 2023 ReliaQuest Bowl, will enter his second full season calling the defense. In his first season as defensive coordinator, Henry's unit was led by DT Jer'Zhan Newton, the Nagurski-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and the Smith-Brown Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year, who went on to become a second-round NFL Draft Pick. Newton was the fourth Illini in history to earn the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year award and was later named the program's 22nd Consensus All-American. Five Illini defenders earned All-Big Ten honors in 2023: Newton, DT Keith Randolph Jr., DB Xavier Scott, LB Dylan Rosiek, and OLB Seth Coleman. Henry became defensive coordinator after leading one of the nation's best defensive backs units in his first two seasons in Champaign. His time as DBs coach was highlighted by earning the 2022 FootballScoop Defensive Backs Coach of the Year award. Henry's defensive backs unit was the best in the nation against the pass in 2022, as Illinois led the nation in scoring defense (12.8), interceptions (24), takeaways (32), and passing efficiency defense (92.64). Henry and his wife, Camille, married in January 2022 and welcomed twins, Harlow Madison and Dakota Savoy, in 2023.



TERRANCE JAMISON CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DEFENSIVE LINE

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Terrance Jamison is in his second season as co-defensive coordinator/defensive line coach in 2024. He was promoted prior to the 2023 season following two seasons as defensive line coach for the Fighting Illini. Jamison has led one of the best defensive lines in the nation through his first three years in Champaign. Most notably, he coached DT Jer'Zhan Newton to back-to-back All-America seasons, the 2023 Nagurski-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and the 2023 Smith-Brown Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year awards, and finalist for the 2023 Nagurski Trophy. Newton became the second-highest drafted defensive tackle in Illinois history when the Washington Commanders selected him at No. 36 in the 2024 NFL Draft. In 2022, Jamison's unit was key to the Illini's first eight-win season since 2007 and a berth in the ReliaQuest Bowl, the Illini's first January bowl game since the 2008 Rose Bowl. That year, the Illini led the nation in scoring defense (12.8), takeaways (32), and passing efficiency defense (92.6). Illinois also ranked in the top 10 nationally in total defense (3rd, 273.5), rushing defense (10th, 99.8), first downs allowed (7th, 199), and third down defense (9th, 30.1%). Newton, and All-Big Ten DT Keith Randolph Jr., combined to lead the nation in QB pressures (81) among interior defensive line duos. A native of Harvey, Illinois, who graduated from Thornton Township High School. He and his wife, Ashley, have two daughters, Ava and Mackenzie, and one son, Jayce.



ARCHIE MCDANIEL LINEBACKERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH

Archie McDaniel is in his first season as linebackers coach at Illinois in 2024, bringing 17 years of collegiate coaching experience to Champaign. He also starred as a three-year starter at linebacker and team captain for Texas A&M during his playing career. McDaniel spent three seasons as linebackers coach at Houston (2021-23). He helped the Cougars to two bowl wins, a top-20 finish in 2021, and the transition to the Big XII in 2023. McDaniel joined the Cougars' staff after two seasons at Texas State, coaching a pair of All-Sun Belt selections, Bryan London II and Nik Daniels. Prior to Texas State, McDaniel coached outside linebackers at New Mexico in 2018, following three years (2015-17) as linebackers coach at SMU. The Mustangs were one of college football's 10-most improved defenses in 2016, ranking seventh nationally in interceptions while forcing 26 turnovers. McDaniel spent three seasons at UNM (2012-14), working as the defensive line coach (2012-13) before moving to linebackers (2014). He served as an assistant coach at Tulsa from 2010-11, coaching tight-ends/H-backs for the Golden Hurricane in 2010 before taking over as defensive line coach in 2011. McDaniel is president of the Minority Coaches Advancement Association, an organization founded in 2020 that holds events and meetings to help train and prepare minority coaches for head coaching positions in college football. McDaniel has a daughter, Aubree, and a son, Christian.



COREY PARKER DEFENSIVE BACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Corey Parker is in his first season as Illinois' defensive backs coach in 2024. He joined the Fighting Illini from Toledo, where he coached the Rockets' cornerbacks for two seasons (2022-23). Parker was a 13-year high school head coach in the state of Michigan before moving to Toledo, turning River Rouge High School into a state power. Parker had a 113-34 head coaching record at River Rouge, highlighted by winning a state title in 2019. In two seasons at Toledo, Parker helped the Rockets go 20-8 with two MAC Championship Game appearances. Toledo won the 2022 RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl and appeared in the 2023 Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl. Parker coached two-time All-American and first-round pick in the 2024 NFL Draft (No. 22) Quinyon Mitchell. Parker's helped Toledo rank in the top 10 in passing efficiency defense in both of his seasons with the Rockets. Toledo ranked 10th in the nation in passing efficiency in 2022 (112.2), then improved to eighth in 2023 (110.2), as the team allowed only 20.3 points per game, the 21st-best mark in the nation. Toledo also ranked sixth in 2022 and 10th in 2023 in PFF's coverage grade. Parker's cornerback room at Toledo also featured Chris McDonald Jr., who progressed into an All-MAC selection under Parker's leadership. Parker and his wife, Autumn, have three children: a son, Corey Jr., and two daughters, Avery and Ashlynn.



CLINT SINTIM OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Clint Sintim is in his first season as Illinois' outside linebackers coach in 2024. Sintim joined the Fighting Illini from his alma mater, Virginia, where he spent four years, coaching defensive line from 2020-21 before switching to linebackers from 2022-23. Sintim is a 10-year veteran in college coaching, following his All-American playing career at UVA and four years in the NFL. Sintim retired in 2013, after an NFL career that included a Super Bowl XLVI title with the Giants. At Virginia, Sintim helped the Cavaliers rank No. 3 in the ACC in pass defense, No. 5 in sacks per game, and No. 5 in passing efficiency defense in 2022. That season, the Cavaliers ranked No. 24 in the nation in yards per play (4.97) and were 29th in points surrendered per possession. Sintim's defensive line helped Virginia finish No. 11 in the nation with 3.2 sacks per game in 2020. Prior to coaching at his alma mater, Sintim spent three seasons (2017-19) as the linebackers/defensive ends coach at Delaware, and two seasons in the same position at Richmond (2015-16). His coaching career began in 2014 as outside linebackers/special teams coach at West Alabama. Sintim finished his All-America career at Virginia with 245 tackles, including 29 sacks and 46 tackles for loss in 49 games. His sack total is the second-highest in Virginia history, and his tackles-for-loss number is tied for the third-most by a Cavalier. Sintim and his wife, Angie, have two children, Aniyah and Amari.

Chris Hurd - Senior Special Teams Assistant
Trent Harris - Assistant Outside Linebackers Coach
Grant Morgan - Assistant Linebackers Coach
Alex Panos - Assistant Defensive Line Coach
Kevin Laeone Richardson II - Assistant Defensive Backs Coach
Ryan Simerson - Assistant Secondary Coach

SERIES vs. PENN STATE

- » **Series:** Penn State leads 21-6
- » **At Penn State:** PSU leads 10-2
- » **At Illinois:** PSU leads 10-4
- » **At Neutral Sites:** PSU leads 1-0

- » **Last:** L, 30-13 (9/16/23 in Champaign)
- » **At Penn State:** W, 20-18 90T (10/23/21)

- » **Streak:** L1
- » **At Penn State:** W1

- » **Bielema vs. Penn State:** 3-4
- » **At Illinois:** 1-1



LAST MEETING

#7 PENN STATE **30**
ILLINOIS **13**
 SEPT. 16, 2023
 MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 49,099

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
#7 Penn State	6	10	7	7	30
Illinois	0	7	0	6	13

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

PSU: Felkins 20 yd FG 5:27 (9/40/4:10)
 PSU: Felkins 45 yd FG 1:43 (4/-6/1:19)

Second Quarter

PSU: Allen 4 yd rush (Felkins kick) 11:04 (12/57/5:13)
 ILL: Love III 5 yd rush (Griffin kick) 2:08 (7/68/4:01)
 PSU: Felkins 28 yd FG 0:00 (6/48/-4:2)

Third Quarter

PSU: Warren 11 yd pass from Potts (Felkins kick) 2:14 (7/70/2:02)

Fourth Quarter

PSU: Singleton 16 yd rush (Felkins kick) 14:24 (3/30/1:11)
 ILL: Elzy 19 yd pass from Paddock 4:21 (8/58/3:02)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PSU	ILL
First Downs	20	20
Rushes-Yards	40-164	29-62
Passing Yards	219	292
Comp-Att-Int	17-37-0	25-44-4
Total Yards	383	354
Punts-Avg	7-41.9	6-39.5
Kickoff Returns	3-54	2-29
Penalties-Yards	7-70	6-47
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Sacks By	3	1
Third-down Conv.	7-18	6-15
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Altmyer 15-28-163-0-4

PSU - Allar 16-33-208-0-0

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Love III 12-55-1

PSU - Allen 13-54-1

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Williams 6-99-0

PSU - Singleton 3-49-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Bush 9, 0 Rosiek 9, .5-1

PSU - DeLuca 6, 1-3 Wheatley 6, 0

GAME NOTES

- Jer Zhan Newton's blocked field goal in the second quarter marked the first for the Illini since Isaiah Gay at USF on Sept. 15, 2017.
- Illinois' defense forced Penn State QB Drew Allar to throw 17 incompletions after tallying a combined eight incompletions in the Nittany Lions' first two games of the season.
- A season-most 13 receivers caught a pass for Illinois, including nine in the first half alone. It marked the most different pass-catchers for the Illini offense since 14 different players also recorded receptions at Virginia on Sept. 11, 2021.

The Illinois-Penn State Series

- Illinois and Penn State meet for the first time in University Park since the Illini took down #7 Penn State at Beaver Stadium in nine overtimes — the longest game in college football history — on Oct. 23, 2021. In the ninth overtime period, QB Brandon Peters connected with WR Casey Washington in the end zone to lift the Fighting Illini to an upset win on the Nittany Lions' Homecoming weekend. The historic win also marked the 100th of head coach **Bret Bielema's** career. Illinois' run game fueled the offense through regulation as Chase Brown and **Josh McCray** rushed for 223 and 142 yards, respectively. Brown's 223 rushing yards were the most ever by an opponent at Beaver Stadium. McCray's 142 were the most ever by an Illini freshman against a ranked opponent.
- Illinois visited Penn State in back-to-back seasons in 2020 and 2021. In the final game of the 2020 season, which was scheduled one week prior, Penn State defeated the Illini, 56-21. Then-QB Isaiah Williams threw for two touchdowns and rushed for 102 yards with Rod Smith serving as interim head coach in the first game following Lovie Smith's dismissal. Current Illinois head coach **Bret Bielema** was officially hired that morning and attended the game after flying in from New Jersey, where he was living while coaching with the New York Giants.
- Illinois has won four of the last 13 meetings (2007, 2010, 2014, 2021). Prior to 2007, Penn State had won 11 of 13 meetings, including seven in a row from 1972-2000.
- Illinois is 2-13 all-time against Penn State teams ranked in the AP top 25, including a 1-7 record against Penn State teams ranked in the top 10. Other than 2021, the Illini's lone win against a ranked Penn State team was a 27-20 victory vs. No. 21 Penn State on Sept. 29, 2007. Last season, the #7 Nittany Lions defeated Illinois 30-13 at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.
- Prior to Illinois' historic road win in 2021 under **Bielema**, the Illini's only other win at Beaver Stadium was a 33-13 decision on Oct. 9, 2010, in Ron Zook's sixth season at the helm of the Illini program.
- Most rushing yards vs. Penn State: **Chase Brown**, 223, 10/23/2021
- Most passing yards vs. Penn State: **Kurt Kittner**, 326, 10/21/2000
- Most receiving yards vs. Penn State: **Walter Young**, 127, 10/21/2000
- Last 100-yard rusher vs. Penn State: **Chase Brown**, 223, 10/23/2021
- Last 300-yard passer vs. Penn State: **Nathan Scheelhaase**, 321, 11/2/2013
- Last 100-yard receiver vs. Penn State: **Ryan Lankford**, 104, 9/29/2012

Illinois-Penn State Connections

- During Illinois director of college personnel and NFL liaison **Jay Kaiser's** stint as director of recruiting operations at Kansas State (2002-08), he worked with Penn State head coach James Franklin, who served as the Wildcats' offensive coordinator during the 2006 and 2007 seasons.
- Illinois' OL **TJ McMillen** and DB **Grayson Griffin** were high school teammates of PSU long snapper Tyler Duzansky at St. Francis High School, where the three played for TJ's father, Bob McMillen.
- Illinois' roster has one player from the state of Pennsylvania, freshman OL **Zafir Stewart**. Stewart hails from Philadelphia, Pa., where he starred at Imhotep Charter with three Penn State players: freshman WR Tyseer Denmark, freshman CB Kenny Woseley Jr., and redshirt sophomore LB Keon Wylie.
- Penn State director of athletics Patrick Kraft is a native of Libertyville, Ill.
- Illinois assistant linebackers coach **Grant Morgan**, who starred at Arkansas, led the Razorbacks to a victory over Penn State in the 2021 Outback Bowl, his final collegiate game.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kaden Feagin	4	54	245	3	242	4.5	3	29	60.5
Aidan Laughery	3	18	120	1	119	6.6	0	29	39.7
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	20	110	4	106	5.3	0	22	26.5
Josh McCray	4	22	114	9	105	4.8	1	28	26.3
Luke Altmeyer	4	24	103	45	58	2.4	0	18	14.5
Jordan Anderson	4	3	3	2	1	0.3	0	2	0.3
Pat Bryant	4	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Team	4	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	4	144	695	69	626	4.3	4	29	156.5
Opponents	4	121	520	103	417	3.4	0	35	104.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Luke Altmeyer	4	171.8	75-105-0	71.4	862	10	42	215.5
Donovan Leary	1	88.7	2-5-0	40.0	29	0	18	29.0
Total	4	168.0	77-110-0	70.0	891	10	42	222.8
Opponents	4	108.3	73-128-7	57.0	752	5	44	188.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Zakhari Franklin	4	21	243	11.6	0	42	60.8
Pat Bryant	4	20	309	15.5	6	37	77.3
Tanner Arkin	4	6	49	8.2	2	16	12.3
Collin Dixon	4	5	68	13.6	0	33	17.0
Josh McCray	4	4	7	1.8	0	6	1.8
Hank Beatty	4	4	29	7.3	0	14	7.3
Aidan Laughery	3	3	4	1.3	0	7	1.3
Kaden Feagin	4	3	25	8.3	0	12	6.3
Malik Elzy	4	3	66	22.0	1	34	16.5
Ashton Hollins	4	2	40	20.0	0	29	10.0
Kenari Wilcher	4	2	18	9.0	0	11	4.5
Carson Goda	2	1	18	18.0	0	18	9.0
Luke Altmeyer	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Brandon Henderson	4	1	6	6.0	1	6	1.5
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.5
Total	4	77	891	11.6	10	42	222.8
Opponents	4	73	752	10.3	5	44	188.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Hank Beatty	7	109	15.6	0	37
Mac Resetich	4	43	10.8	0	30
Total	11	152	13.8	0	37
Opponents	3	22	7.3	0	15

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Xavier Scott	3	50	16.7	1	30
Miles Scott	2	0	0.0	0	0
Torrie Cox Jr.	2	1	0.5	0	1
Total	7	51	7.3	1	30
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kenari Wilcher	4	79	19.8	0	24
Total	4	79	19.8	0	24
Opponents	6	118	19.7	0	28

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alec Bryant	1	0	0.0	0	0
Seth Coleman	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kaleb Patterson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Pat Bryant	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
David Olano	-	7-8	15-15	-	-	-	-	-	36
Kaden Feagin	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Tanner Arkin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Josh McCray	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Xavier Scott	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brandon Henderson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Malik Elzy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ethan Moczulski	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	15	8-9	15-15	0	0	0	0	0	129
Opponents	5	5-6	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	50

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
David Olano	7-8	87.5	0-0	3-3	1-1	2-2	1-2	50	0
Ethan Moczulski	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	59	0
Opponents	5-6	83.3	0-0	4-4	1-2	0-0	0-0	32	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Illinois	Opponents
Central Mich.	54,(49),(59),(34)	(32),(29),(25)
Eastern Ill.	(26)	
Kansas	(23),(50),(43)	(29)
Nebraska	(26)	(21),39

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Pat Bryant	4	-1	309	0	0	0	308	77.0
Kaden Feagin	4	242	25	0	0	0	267	66.8
Zakhari Franklin	4	0	243	0	0	0	243	60.8
Hank Beatty	4	0	29	109	0	0	138	34.5
Aidan Laughery	3	119	4	0	0	0	123	41.0
Josh McCray	4	105	7	0	0	0	112	28.0
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	106	6	0	0	0	112	28.0
Kenari Wilcher	4	0	18	0	79	0	97	24.3
Collin Dixon	4	0	68	0	0	0	68	17.0
Malik Elzy	4	0	66	0	0	0	66	16.5
Luke Altmyer	4	58	3	0	0	0	61	15.3
Xavier Scott	4	0	0	0	0	50	50	12.5
Tanner Arkin	4	0	49	0	0	0	49	12.3
Mac Resetich	4	0	0	43	0	0	43	10.8
Ashton Hollins	4	0	40	0	0	0	40	10.0
Carson Goda	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
Brandon Henderson	4	0	6	0	0	0	6	1.5
Torrie Cox Jr.	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Jordan Anderson	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Team	4	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-1.0
Total	4	626	891	152	79	51	1799	449.8
Opponents	4	417	752	22	118	0	1309	327.3

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Luke Altmyer	4	129	58	862	920	230.0
Kaden Feagin	4	54	242	0	242	60.5
Aidan Laughery	3	18	119	0	119	39.7
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	20	106	0	106	26.5
Josh McCray	4	22	105	0	105	26.3
Donovan Leary	1	5	0	29	29	29.0
Jordan Anderson	4	3	1	0	1	0.3
Pat Bryant	4	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Team	4	0	-4	0	-4	-1.0
Total	4	254	626	891	1517	379.3
Opponents	4	249	417	752	1169	292.3

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hugh Robertson	13	556	42.8	52	2	6	9	2	0
Total	13	556	42.8	52	2	6	9	2	0
Opponents	16	754	47.1	58	1	1	2	6	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Ethan Moczulski	25	1532	61.3	17	1			
Total	25	1532	61.3	17	1	6	40	25
Opponents	13	830	63.8	9	0	4	40.5	24

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
7	Matthew Bailey	4	10	13	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dylan Rosiek	4	10	13	23	1-11	1-11	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
10	Miles Scott	4	10	9	19	.	.	2-0	2	.	.	1	.	.	
14	Xavier Scott	4	16	2	18	2-6	1-4	3-50	2	.	.	1	.	.	
6	Dennis Briggs Jr.	4	7	10	17	3-25	2-23	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
17	Gabe Jacas	4	12	5	17	4-26	2-17	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
9	Seth Coleman	4	8	7	15	2-4	.	.	2	3	1-0	.	.	.	
41	James Kreutz	4	9	5	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
43	Joe Barna	4	4	5	9	1.5-6	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Kaleb Patterson	4	6	3	9	2-4	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
23	TeRah Edwards	4	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
5	Torrie Cox Jr.	4	4	3	7	.	.	2-1	1	.	.	.	.	.
34	Ryan Meed	4	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Alex Bray	4	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Alec Bryant	4	5	1	6	2-13	2-13	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	
26	Mac Resetich	4	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jaheim Clarke	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Terrance Brooks	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Pat Farrell	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
55	Jeremiah Warren	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Saboor Karriem	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Lane Hansen	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	C.J. Bufkin	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Luke Zardzin	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Angelo McCullom	3	.	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Malachi Hood	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Jojo Hayden	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	Kaden Feagin	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Enyce Sledge	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Kenenna Odeluga	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	4	124	106	230	18-96	10-75	7-51	11	9	3-0	6	0	0	
	Opponents	4	168	86	254	24-73	7-39	0-0	10	9	3-0	3	0	0	

TEAM STATISTICS

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Scoring	129	50
Points per game	32.3	12.5
Points Off Turnovers	34	7
First Downs	86	66
Rushing	32	26
Passing	45	34
Penalty	9	6
Rushing Yardage	626	417
Yards gained rushing	695	520
Yards lost rushing	69	103
Rushing attempts	144	121
Average per rush	4.3	3.4
Average per game	156.5	104.3
TDs Rushing	4	0
Passing Yardage	891	752
Comp-Att-Int	77-110-0	73-128-7
Average per pass	8.1	5.9
Average per catch	11.6	10.3
Average per game	222.8	188.0
TDs Passing	10	5
Total offense	1517	1169
Total plays	254	249
Average per play	6.0	4.7
Average per game	379.3	292.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	4-79	6-118
Punt returns: #-Yards	11-152	3-22
Int returns: #-Yards	7-51	0-0
Kick return average	19.8	19.7
Punt return average	13.8	7.3
Int return average	7.3	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	8-3
Penalties-Yards	21-166	24-213
Average per game	41.5	53.3
Punts-Yards	13-556	16-754
Average per punt	42.8	47.1
Net punt average	38.0	36.4
Kickoffs-Yards	25-1532	13-830
Average per kick	61.3	63.8
Net kick average	40.0	40.5
Time of possession / game	31:49	28:11
3rd-down conversion	21/48	23/54
3rd-down pct	44%	43%
4rd-down conversion	4/5	1/5
4rd-down pct	80%	20%
Sacks by-Yards	10-75	7-39
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	15	5
Field goals - attempts	8-9	5-6
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(16-16) 100%	(10-10) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(11-16) 69%	(5-10) 50%
PAT-attempts	(15-15) 100%	(5-5) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	156017	86936
Games / Avg per game	3/52006	1/86936
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Illinois	31	36	24	31	7	129
Opponents	13	20	7	10	0	50

RED ZONE STATISTICS

Illinois Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush Pass FGs			Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 45-0	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Kansas	W 23-17	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W 30-9	4	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/2024	at Nebraska	W 31-24	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 16 of 16 (100.0%)			16	16	92	11	4	7	5	5	0	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush Pass FGs			Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 45-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Kansas	W 23-17	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W 30-9	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/2024	Nebraska	W 31-24	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 10 of 10 (100.0%)			10	10	50	5	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0

BALL CONTROL STATISTICS

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 45-0	4-9 44.4	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Kansas	W 23-17	6-15 40.0	1-3 33.3	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	4-6 66.7	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W 30-9	4-11 36.4	2-3 66.7	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/20/2024	at Nebraska	Wot1 31-24	7-13 53.8	1-1 100.0	1-3 33.3	4-6 66.7	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
Illinois			21-48 43.8	5-9 55.6	4-14 28.6	4-10 40.0	8-15 53.3	0-0 0.0
Opponents			23-54 42.6	7-13 53.8	5-15 33.3	6-11 54.5	5-14 35.7	0-1 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 45-0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Kansas	W 23-17	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W 30-9	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/20/2024	at Nebraska	Wot1 31-24	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
Illinois			4-5 80.0	2-2 100.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W 45-0	36:01	09:24	08:35	04:40	13:22	00:00
09/07/2024	Kansas	W 23-17	30:38	07:35	06:50	04:09	12:04	00:00
09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W 30-9	30:57	06:25	10:04	07:52	06:36	00:00
09/20/2024	at Nebraska	Wot1 31-24	29:39	02:49	08:39	10:45	07:26	00:00
Illinois			Total 127:15	26:13	34:08	27:26	39:28	00:00
			Avg. 31:49	06:33	08:32	06:52	09:52	00:00
Opponents			Total 112:45	27:06	32:33	25:24	27:42	00:00
			Avg. 28:11	06:47	08:08	06:21	06:56	00:00

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing			Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards				
Eastern Ill.	45-0	27 / 9	10 / 1	14 / 6	3 / 2	42-244 / 22-49	21-29-0 / 16-32-2	242 / 147	71-486 / 54-196	44 / 25	0 / 4	
Kansas	23-17	14 / 18	5 / 10	9 / 7	0 / 1	34-79 / 33-178	16-25-0 / 18-32-3	192 / 141	59-271 / 65-319	58 / 89	1 / 4	
Central Mich.	30-9	20 / 19	8 / 8	11 / 8	1 / 3	29-137 / 33-142	19-29-0 / 15-29-1	242 / 167	58-379 / 62-309	61 / 0	0 / 1	
Nebraska	31-24	25 / 20	9 / 7	11 / 13	5 / 0	39-166 / 33-48	21-27-0 / 24-35-1	215 / 297	66-381 / 68-345	119 / 26	2 / 1	
Totals	129-50	86 / 66	32 / 26	45 / 34	9 / 6	144-626 / 121-417	77-110-0 / 73-128-7	891 / 752	254-1517 / 249-1169	282 / 140	3 / 10	

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Kansas	6-15 / 6-13	1-1 / 1-2	30:38 / 29:22	01:16	2.3 / 5.4	7.7 / 4.4	4.6 / 4.9	4-48.5 / 2-54.5	2-20.0 / 2-25.0	1 / 2
Central Mich.	4-11 / 5-13	1-1 / 0-1	30:57 / 29:03	01:54	4.7 / 4.3	8.3 / 5.8	6.5 / 5.0	3-44.0 / 4-49.5	10-81.0 / 6-49.0	3 / 3
Nebraska	7-13 / 8-15	2-3 / 0-1	29:39 / 30:21	-00:42	4.3 / 1.5	8.0 / 8.5	5.8 / 5.1	2-37.0 / 3-50.3	3-20.0 / 10-89.0	5 / 2
Totals	21-48 / 23-54	4-5 / 1-5	127:15 / 112:45	14:30	4.3 / 3.4	8.1 / 5.9	6.0 / 4.7	13-42.8 / 16-47.1	21-166.0 / 24-213.0	10 / 7

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

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	TE	WR	WR	TE/WR
Eastern Illinois	Davis	Gesky	Kreutz	Crisler	Priestly	Altmyer	Laughery	Arkin	Franklin	P. Bryant	Boyer
Kansas	Davis	Gesky	Kreutz	Crisler	Priestly	Altmyer	Feagin	Arkin	Franklin	P. Bryant	Dixon
Central Michigan	Davis	Gesky	Kreutz	Crisler	Priestly	Altmyer	Feagin	Arkin	Franklin	P. Bryant	Dixon
Nebraska	Davis	Gesky	Kreutz	Crisler	Priestly	Altmyer	Feagin	Arkin	Franklin	P. Bryant	Dixon
Penn State											
Purdue											
Michigan											
Oregon											
Minnesota											
Michigan State											
Rutgers											
Northwestern											
<i>Consecutive</i>	4	4	16	10	4	4	3	4	4	7	3
<i>Career</i>	4	12	16	28	4	13	7	7	4	27	3

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	OLB	DT	NT	DT/OLB	OLB/LB	LB	FS	SS	DB	DB	DB
Eastern Illinois	Coleman	Briggs	Edwards	Jacas	A. Bryant	Rosiek	M. Scott	Bailey	X. Scott	Cox	Patterson
Kansas	Coleman	Briggs	Edwards	Jacas	Meed	Rosiek	M. Scott	Bailey	X. Scott	Cox	Patterson
Central Michigan	Coleman	Briggs	Edwards	Jacas	A. Bryant	Rosiek	M. Scott	Bailey	X. Scott	Cox	Patterson
Nebraska	Coleman	Briggs	Edwards	Jacas	A. Bryant	Rosiek	M. Scott	Bailey	X. Scott	Cox	Patterson
Penn State											
Purdue											
Michigan											
Oregon											
Minnesota											
Michigan State											
Rutgers											
Northwestern											
<i>Consecutive</i>	19	4	4	11	2	6	16	4	10	4	4
<i>Career</i>	35	4	4	22	4	12	17	6	16	4	4

2024 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

(Rush/Pass/Rec/PR over 20 yds & KOR/Def over 40 yds)

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
Altmyer	0	12	0	0	0	12
P. Bryant	0	0	7	0	0	7
Feagin	3	0	0	0	0	3
Franklin	0	0	2	0	0	2
Laughery	2	0	0	0	0	2
McCray	2	0	0	0	0	2
Beatty	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dixon	0	0	1	0	0	1
Elzy	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hollins	0	0	1	0	0	1
Valentine	1	0	0	0	0	1

Eastern Illinois (6)

1Q	29	Feagin rush
2Q	22	Feagin rush
2Q	28	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
2Q	34	Altmyer pass to Elzy
3Q	29	Altmyer pass to Hollins
3Q	29	Laughery rush

Kansas (3)

2Q	42	Altmyer pass to Franklin
4Q	37	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
4Q	28	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant

Central Michigan (7)

1Q	28	McCray rush
2Q	31	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
3Q	33	Altmyer pass to Dixon
3Q	20	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
3Q	23	Altmyer pass to Franklin
4Q	24	McCray rush
4Q	22	Valentine rush

Nebraska (5)

1Q	29	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
1Q	27	Altmyer pass to P. Bryant
3Q	37	Beatty punt return
4Q	21	Laughery rush
OT	21	Feagin rush

ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

Eastern Illinois

1st	04:15	TD	Bryant, Pat 15 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	10/77/05:12
1st	00:43	TD	Arkin, Tanner 5 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	4/25/01:49
2nd	10:10	FG	Olano, David 26 yd Field Goal	10/53/04:45
2nd	04:13	TD	Bryant, Pat 28 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	7/63/2:19
2nd	01:30	TD	Elzy, Malik 34 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	4/67/00:59
3rd	07:04	TD	Feagin, Kaden 1 yd rush (Olano, David kick)	9/86/04:40
4th	13:51	TD	McCray, Josh 6 yd rush (Olano, David kick)	9/87/04:27

Kansas

1st	03:35	FG	Olano, David 23 yd Field Goal	14/62/07:35
2nd	01:05	FG	Olano, David 50 yd Field Goal	7/43/02:27
2nd	00:36	TD/INT	Scott, Xavier 30 yd interception return (Olano, David kick)	
4th	09:34	TD	Feagin, Kaden 1 yd rush (Olano, David kick)	8/80/03:54
4th	00:58	FG	Olano, David 43 yd Field Goal	15/42/06:46

Central Michigan

1st	07:05	TD	Bryant, Pat 11 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	12/59/06:25
2nd	01:55	FG	Olano, David 49 yd Field Goal	6/26/02:53
2nd	00:00	FG	Moczulski, Ethan 59 yd Field Goal	5/34/00:36
3rd	13:05	TD	Bryant, Pat 20 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	4/75/01:55
3rd	04:43	FG	Olano, David 34 yd Field Goal	10/62/04:29
4th	09:34	TD	Feagin, Kaden 2 yd rush (Olano, David kick)	4/46/02:23

Nebraska

1st	11:54	TD	Bryant, Pat 27 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	6/78/02:08
2nd	11:37	FG	Olano, David 26 yd Field Goal	8/62/03:48
3rd	01:55	TD	Arkin, Tanner 3 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	11/57/05:00
4th	10:36	TD	Henderson, Brandon 6 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	9/75/04:21
OT	00:00	TD	Bryant, Pat 4 yd reception thrown by Altmyer, Luke (Olano, David kick)	2/25/00:00

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	42	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	244	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.8	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	2	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	29	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	29	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	21	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS PASSING	242	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	242	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	8.3	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	8.3	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
TD PASSES	4	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	4	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	71	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	486	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.8	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
POINTS	45	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	5	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	27	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PENALTIES	10	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	81	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
TURNOVERS	2	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
PUNTS	4	Kansas (09/07/2024)
	4	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	48.5	Kansas (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	52	Kansas (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	37	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	33	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	33	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	33	Kansas (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	178	Kansas (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.4	Kansas (09/07/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	0	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	0	Kansas (09/07/2024)
	0	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	35	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS PASSING	297	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	8.5	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TD PASSES	3	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	68	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	345	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.1	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
POINTS	24	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
SACKS BY	3	Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	20	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
PENALTIES	10	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	89	at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TURNOVERS	4	Kansas (09/07/2024)
	4	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	7	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	54.5	Kansas (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	58	Kansas (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	15	Kansas (09/07/2024)

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	16	Kaden Feagin vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
	16	Kaden Feagin vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	108	Kaden Feagin vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	1	Kaden Feagin vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	1	Kaden Feagin vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
	1	Josh McCray vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
	1	Kaden Feagin vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG RUSH	29	Aidan Laughery vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
	29	Kaden Feagin vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	29	Luke Altmyer vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	Luke Altmyer at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS PASSING	242	Luke Altmyer vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
TD PASSES	4	Luke Altmyer at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	4	Luke Altmyer vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG PASS	42	Luke Altmyer vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
RECEPTIONS	9	Zakhari Franklin vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	102	Pat Bryant vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Pat Bryant at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	2	Pat Bryant vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	2	Pat Bryant vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	42	Zakhari Franklin vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	4	Hugh Robertson vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
	4	Hugh Robertson vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	48.5	Hugh Robertson vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	52	Hugh Robertson vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Hugh Robertson vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	37	Hank Beatty at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	24	Kenari Wilcher at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TACKLES	9	Dylan Rosiek at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	9	Miles Scott vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
SACKS	2	Alec Bryant at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Alec Bryant at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	2	Gabe Jacas vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	20	Dante Dowdell at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	101	Devin Neal vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
TD RUSHES	none	
LONG RUSH	35	Myles Bailey vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	35	Dylan Raiola at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24	Dylan Raiola at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
YARDS PASSING	297	Dylan Raiola at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TD PASSES	3	Dylan Raiola at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
LONG PASS	44	Dylan Raiola at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
RECEPTIONS	9	Luke Grimm vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	94	Jahmal Banks at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Isaiah Neyor at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	44	Isaiah Neyor at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
FIELD GOALS	3	Tristan Mattson vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
LONG FIELD GOALS	32	Tristan Mattson vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
PUNTS	7	Jacob Horvath vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	54.5	Damon Greaves vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	58	Damon Greaves vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Jacob Horvath vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	15	Trevor Wilson vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	28	Trevor Wilson vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
TACKLES	12	Jordan Kwiatkowski vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	12	Elijah Tolbert vs Eastern Ill. (08/29/2024)
SACKS	1	Ceyair Wright at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	1	John Bullock at Nebraska (09/20/2024)
	1	Da'Raun McKinney vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	1	Elijah Rikard vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	1	Fernando Sanchez III vs Central Mich. (09/14/2024)
	1	Marvin Grant vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Cornell Wheeler vs Kansas (09/07/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS	none	

GAME SUMMARIES



GAME 1

EASTERN ILLINOIS 0
ILLINOIS 45

AUG. 29, 2024

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 43,849

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	14	17	7	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: P. Bryant 15 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 4:15 (10/77/5:12)
 ILL: Arkin 5 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 0:43 (4/25/1:49)

Second Quarter

ILL: Olano 26 yd FG 10:10 (10/53/4:45)
 ILL: P. Bryant 28 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 4:13 (2/29/0:38)
 ILL: Elzy 34 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 1:30 (4/67/0:59)

Third Quarter

ILL: Feagin 1 yd rush (Olano kick) 7:04 (9/86/4:40)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: McCray 6 yd rush (Olano kick) 13:51 (9/87/4:27)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	EIU	ILL
First Downs	9	27
Rushes-Yards	22-56	42-251
Passing Yards	147	242
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-2	21-29-0
Total Yards	196	486
Punts-Avg	7-42.3	4-39
Kickoff Returns	2-25.0	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-45
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Sacks By	0	1
Third-down Conv.	4-13	4-10
Time of Possession	23:59	36:01

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Altmyer 19-24-213-4-0
 EIU - Holley 16-32-147-0-2

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Feagin 16-108-1
 EIU - Flowers 9-28-0

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - P. Bryant 5-63-2
 EIU - Smith 5-63-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Bailey 6, 0.0-0; Briggs 5, 0.0-0
 EIU - Tolbert 12, 1.5-1; Shockey 9, 0.0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' 45-0 win marked the program's largest shutout victory since Oct. 27, 1973, vs. Iowa (50-0).
- Junior QB Luke Altmyer threw a career-high four touchdown passes.
- Eleven different players caught a pass against EIU.
- Sophomore RB Kaden Feagin recorded the first 100-yard rushing game of his career.
- Illinois head coach Bret Bielema improved to 4-0 in season-openers at Illinois and moved to 19-19 overall at Illinois. Bielema is the first Illinois head coach to start .500 or better through his first 38 games since Lou Tepper started 19-18-1 in 1995.

GAME 2

#19 KANSAS 17
ILLINOIS 23

SEPT. 7, 2024

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,670

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Kansas	0	10	7	0	17
Illinois	3	10	0	10	23

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Olano 23 yd FG 3:35 (14/62/7:35)

Second Quarter

KAN: Allen 29 yd FG 12:39 (10/64/5:56)
 KAN: Grimm 3 yd pass from Daniels (Allen kick) 3:32 (7/81/3:05)
 ILL: Olano 50 yd FG 1:05 (7/43/2:27)
 ILL: X. Scott 30 yd interception (Olano kick) 0:36

Third Quarter

KAN: Arnold 13 yd pass from Daniels (Allen kick) 4:57 (14/81/8:17)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Feagin 1 yd rush (Olano kick) 9:34 (8/80/3:54)
 ILL: Olano 43 yd FG 0:58 (15/42/6:46)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	KAN	ILL
First Downs	18	14
Rushes-Yards	33-186	34-79
Passing Yards	141	192
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-3	16-25-0
Total Yards	327	271
Punts-Avg	2-54.5	4-48.5
Kickoff Returns	3-67	1-20
Penalties-Yards	2-25	2-20
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Sacks By	2	1
Third-down Conv.	6-13	6-15
Time of Possession	29:22	30:38

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Altmyer 16-25-192-0-0

KAN - Daniels 18-32-141-2-3

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Feagin 16-41-1

KAN - Neal 14-101-0

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Franklin 9-99-0

KAN - Grimm 9-40-1

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - M. Scott 9, 0.0-0; X. Scott 8, 1.0-4

KAN - Grant 9, 1.0-7; Wheeler 8, 3.0-6

GAME NOTES

- Illinois picked up its best nonconference win since defeating No. 17 Arizona on Sept. 16, 1995.
- The Illini outscored the Jayhawks, 10-0, in the fourth quarter, while outgaining them, 122-45.
- The Illinois defense has recorded at least two interceptions in each game this season and in three straight overall dating back to 2023.
- DB Xavier Scott recorded his first-career pick six and his first-career two-interception game.
- Scott also forced a fumble on the final play of the game to become the first player in the nation with three takeaways this season.

GAME 3

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 9
ILLINOIS 30

SEPT. 14, 2024

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 51,498

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Central Michigan	3	3	0	3	9
Illinois	7	6	10	7	30

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Bryant 11 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 7:05 (12/59/6:25)
 CMU: Mattson 32 yd FG 1:58 (10/61/5:07)

Second Quarter

ILL: Olano 49 yd FG 1:55 (6/26/2:53)
 CMU: Mattson 29 yd FG 0:36 (10/64/1:19)
 ILL: Moczulski 59 yd FG 0:00 (5/34/0:36)

Third Quarter

ILL: Bryant 20 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 13:05 (4/75/1:55)
 ILL: Olano 34 yd FG 4:43 (10/62/4:29)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Mattson 25 yd FG 11:58 (12/59/3:59)
 ILL: Feagin 2 yd rush (Olano kick) 9:34 (4/46/2:23)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	CMU	ILL
First Downs	19	20
Rushes-Yards	33-142	29-137
Passing Yards	167	242
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-1	19-29-0
Total Yards	309	379
Punts-Avg	4-49.5	3-44.0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-49	10-81
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Sacks By	3	3
Third-down Conv.	5-13	4-11
Time of Possession	29:03	30:57

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Altmyer 19-29-242-2-0

CMU - Labas 12-25-125-0-1

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - McCray 8-54-0

CMU - Bailey 6-49-0

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Bryant 7-102-2

CMU - Boyd 3-38-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Bailey 7, 0-0; Jacas 6, 2-15

CMU - Kwiatkowski 12, 0.5-1; Kent 7, 0.5-2

GAME NOTES

- Illinois has started 3-0 for the first time since 2011.
- Bret Bielema is the first coach in program history to have a 3-0 start within his first four seasons since Ron Turner did so in his third year in 1999.
- Ethan Moczulski made a 59-yard field goal to end the first half, setting a new program record. It was the first attempted field goal of his collegiate career.
- The Illini defense has recorded at least one interception for the third-straight game.

GAME SUMMARIES



GAME 4

#24 ILLINOIS 31
 #22 NEBRASKA 24

SEPT. 20, 2024

MEMORIAL STADIUM // LINCOLN, NEB. // 86,936

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Illinois	7	3	7	7	7	31
Nebraska	10	7	0	7	0	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: P. Bryant 27 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 11:54 (6/78/2:08)
 NEB: Hohl 21 yd FG 3:15 (18/72/8:39)
 NEB: Neyor 6 yd pass from Raiola (Hohl kick) 0:32 (4/37/2:09)

Second Quarter

ILL: Olano 26 yd FG 11:37 (8/62/3:48)
 NEB: Neyor 11 yd pass from Raiola (Hohl kick) 0:16 (9/70/3:06)

Third Quarter

ILL: Arkin 3 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 1:55 (11/57/5:00)

Fourth Quarter

NEB: Bonner 1 yd pass from Raiola (Hohl kick) 14:57 (5/75/1:58)
 ILL: Henderson 6 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 10:36 (9/75/4:21)

Overtime

ILL: P. Bryant 4 yd pass from Altmyer (Olano kick) 0:00 (2/25/0:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	NEB
First Downs	25	20
Rushes-Yards	39-166	33-48
Passing Yards	215	297
Comp-Att-Int	21-27-0	24-35-1
Total Yards	381	345
Punts-Avg	2-37.0	3-50.3
Kickoff Returns	3-59	1-26
Penalties-Yards	3-20	9-89
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-0
Sacks By	5	2
Third-down Conv.	7-13	8-15
Time of Possession	29:39	30:21

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Altmyer 21-27-215-4-0

NEB - Raiola 24-35-297-3-1

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Feagin 12-69-0

NEB - Dowdell 20-72-0

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - P. Bryant 5-74-2

NEB - Banks 8-94-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Rosiek 9, 1.0-11; X. Scott 6, 1.0-2

NEB - Bullock 9, 1.0-2; Wright 6, 1.0-5

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' first 4-0 start since 2011, and only second since 1951.
- Illinois picked up its first ranked win as a ranked team since #12 Illinois defeated #25 Ohio State on Nov. 17, 2001.
- Bret Bielema improved to 3-0 in overtime games as Illinois head coach.
- The Illini have won three-straight games at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.
- Brandon Henderson became the first Illinois offensive lineman to score a touchdown since Corey Lewis on Nov. 9, 2013, at Indiana.
- WR Pat Bryant recorded his third two-TD game of the season and moved to fourth in program history with 15 TD catches for his career.

NCAA RANKINGS (Through Week 4 / Sept. 22, 2024)

TEAM RANKINGS (133 teams ranked)

CATEGORY	NCAA	B1G	STAT
3rd Down Conversion Pct	.52	.13	0.438
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	.106	.16	0.426
4th Down Conversion Pct	.19	.7	0.800
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	.10	.4	0.200
Blocked Kicks Allowed	.1	.1	.0
Blocked Punts Allowed	.1	.1	.0
Completion Percentage	.15	.7	0.700
Defensive TDs	.13	.3	.1
Fewest Penalties	.53	.10	.21
Fewest Penalties Per Game	.45	.6	5.25
Fewest Penalty Yards	.45	.6	5.25
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	.28	.6	41.50
First Downs Defense	.54	.11	.66
First Downs Offense	.35	.5	.86
Fumbles Lost	.95	.13	.3
Fumbles Recovered	.20	.2	.3
Kickoff Return Defense	.91	.12	19.67
Kickoff Returns	.63	.10	19.75
Net Punting	.83	.14	38.00
Passes Had Intercepted	.1	.1	.0
Passes Intercepted	.4	.1	.7
Passing Offense	.77	.11	222.8
Passing Yards Allowed	.50	.12	188.0
Passing Yards per Completion	.80	.8	11.57
Punt Return Defense	.71	.9	7.33
Punt Returns	.36	.3	13.82
Red Zone Defense	.110	.12	1.000
Red Zone Offense	.1	.1	1.000
Rushing Defense	.35	.11	104.3
Rushing Offense	.73	.10	156.5
Sacks Allowed	.73	.12	1.75
Scoring Defense	.15	.4	12.5
Scoring Offense	.51	.8	32.3
Tackles for Loss Allowed	.98	.15	6.00
Team Passing Efficiency	.18	.6	168.04
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	.29	.8	108.33
Team Sacks	.37	.8	2.50
Team Tackles for Loss	.107	.14	4.5
Time of Possession	.33	.8	31.49
Total Defense	.32	.9	292.3
Total Offense	.82	.12	379.3
Turnover Margin	.3	.1	1.75
Turnovers Gained	.5	.1	10
Turnovers Lost	.26	.6	.3
Winning Percentage	.1	.1	1.000

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-75)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
Completion Percentage	Altmyer	71.4	13
Completions Per Game	Altmyer	18.75	48
Field Goal Percentage	Olano	87.5	25
Field Goal Per Game	Olano	1.75	18
Forced Fumbles Per Game	Jacas/Rosiek	.05	8
Fumbles Recovered	A. Bryant/Coleman/Patterson	.1	6
Interceptions Per Game	X. Scott	.08	3
	Cox/M. Scott	.05	15
Passes Defended Per Game	X. Scott	.13	32
Passing Efficiency	Altmyer	171.8	19
Passing TDs	Altmyer	10	13
Passing Yards	Altmyer	862	46
Passing Yards Per Game	P. Bryant	215.5	64
Points Responsible For	Altmyer	60	22
Points Responsible For Per Game	Altmyer	15.0	37
Punt Return Yards Per Game	Beatty	15.6	20
Receiving TDs	P. Bryant	6	2
	Arkin	2	70
Receiving Yards	P. Bryant	309	38
Receiving Yards Per Game	P. Bryant	77.3	48
Receptions Per Game	Franklin	5.3	54
	P. Bryant	5.0	60
Rushing TDs	Feagin	3	49
Scoring Per Game	P. Bryant/Olano	9.0	36
Total Interceptions	X. Scott	3	2
	Cox/M. Scott	2	8
Total Offense Per Game	Altmyer	230.0	71
Total Points Scored	P. Bryant/Olano	36	26
Total Touchdowns	P. Bryant	6	14
Yards per Pass Attempt	Altmyer	8.21	50

AP TOP 25 (Week 4 / Sept. 22, 2024)

Rk	Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Coaches Poll	Last Game
1	1	Texas (44)	SEC	4-0	1527	*2	W, 51-3 vs. Louisiana Monroe
2	2	Georgia (13)	SEC	3-0	1482	*1	DNP
3	3	Ohio State (5)	Big Ten	3-0	1432	*3	W, 49-14 vs. Marshall
4	4	Alabama	SEC	3-0	1328	4	DNP
5	6	Tennessee	SEC	4-0	1283	6	W, 25-15 at #16 Oklahoma
6	5	Mississippi	SEC	4-0	1269	5	W, 52-13 vs. Georgia Southern
7	8	Miami (FL)	ACC	4-0	1139	9	W, 50-15 vs. South Florida
8	9	Oregon	Big Ten	3-0	1073	7	DNP
9	10	Penn State	Big Ten	3-0	1051	8	W, 56-0 vs. Kent State
10	12	Utah	Big 12	4-0	1037	10	W, 22-19 at #14 Oklahoma State
11	7	Missouri	SEC	4-0	1009	11	W, 30-27 (10T) vs. Vanderbilt
12	18	Michigan	Big Ten	3-1	805	12	W, 27-24 vs. #11 USC
13	11	USC	Big Ten	2-1	690	16	L, 27-24 at #18 Michigan
14	16	LSU	SEC	3-1	637	13	W, 34-17 vs. UCLA
15	19	Louisville	ACC	3-0	553	17	W, 31-19 vs. Georgia Tech
16	17	Notre Dame	Ind	3-1	546	14	W, 28-3 vs. Miami (OH)
17	21	Clemson	ACC	2-1	540	15	W, 59-35 vs. NC State
18	20	Iowa State	Big 12	3-0	530	19	W, 52-7 vs. Arkansas State
19	24	Illinois	Big Ten	4-0	458	21	W, 31-24 (10T) at #22 Nebraska
20	14	Oklahoma State	Big 12	3-1	388	20	L, 22-19 vs. #12 Utah
21	15	Oklahoma	SEC	3-1	375	18	L, 25-15 vs. #6 Tennessee
22	NR	BYU	Big 12	4-0	327	22	W, 38-9 vs. #13 Kansas State
23	13	Kansas State	Big 12	3-1	168	25	L, 38-9 at BYU
24	25	Texas A&M	SEC	3-1	77	24	W, 26-20 vs. Bowling Green
25	NR	Boise State	MWC	2-1	69	RV	W, 56-14 vs. Portland State
RV	NR	Washington State	Pac-12		67	RV	W, 54-52 (20T) vs. San Jose State
RV	NR	Indiana	Big Ten		63	RV	W, 52-14 vs. Charlotte
RV	NR	Boston College	ACC		55	RV	W, 23-19 vs. Michigan State
RV	NR	UNLV	MWC		53	23	DNP
RV	NR	Pittsburgh	ACC		37	RV	W, 73-17 vs. Youngstown State
RV	22	Nebraska	Big Ten		25	RV	L, 31-24 (10T) vs. #24 Illinois
RV	NR	Iowa	Big Ten		24	RV	W, 31-14 at Minnesota
RV	NR	James Madison	Sun Belt		11	RV	W, 70-50 at North Carolina
RV	NR	South Carolina	SEC		7	RV	W, 50-7 vs. Akron
RV	NR	Liberty	CUSA		4	RV	W, 35-24 vs. East Carolina
RV	NR	Arkansas	SEC		3	RV	W, 24-14 at Auburn
RV	NR	UCF	Big 12		3	RV	DNP
RV	NR	Arizona	Big 12		2	RV	DNP
RV	NR	SMU	ACC		2	RV	W, 66-42 vs. TCU
RV	NR	Navy	AAC		1	RV	W, 56-44 vs. Memphis

BIG TEN STANDINGS (Through Week 4 / Sept. 22, 2024)

TEAM	B1G	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	L10	STREAK
Illinois	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	W4
Indiana	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	W4
Iowa	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	0-0	3-1	W2
Michigan	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	3-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	W2
Michigan State	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	2-0	1-1	0-0	3-1	L1
Washington	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	3-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	W1
Maryland	0-1	.000	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	0-0	3-1	W2
Nebraska	0-1	.000	3-1	.750	3-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	L1
USC	0-1	.000	2-1	.667	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-1	L1
Minnesota	0-1	.000	2-2	.500	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	L1
Northwestern	0-1	.000	2-2	.500	2-1	0-1	0-0	2-2	L1
UCLA	0-1	.000	1-2	.333	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	L2
Ohio State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Oregon	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Penn State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Rutgers	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Purdue	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	L2

STARTERS BY POSITION

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	9	Luke Altmyer	4
RB	3	Kaden Feagin	3
	21	Aidan Laughery	1
WR	4	Zakhari Franklin	4
	13	Pat Bryant	4
	17	Collin Dixon	3
TE	85	Tanner Arkin	4
	88	Henry Boyer	1
OL	58	Melvin Priestly	4
	64	Josh Kreutz	4
	72	Zy Crisler	4
	73	Josh Gesky	4
	74	J.C. Davis	4

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DL	6	Dennis Briggs Jr.	4
	23	TeRah Edwards	4
LB	28	Dylan Rosiek	4
	34	Ryan Meed	1
OLB	9	Seth Coleman	4
	17	Gabe Jacas	4
	3	Alec Bryant	3
DB	5	Torrie Cox Jr.	4
	7	Matthew Bailey	4
	10	Miles Scott	4
	14	Xavier Scott	4
	22	Kaleb Patterson	4

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
KO	27	Ethan Moczulski	4
PK	24	David Olano	4
P	19	Hugh Robertson	4
LS	36	Lane Hansen	4

CAREER STARTS ILLINOIS GAMES ONLY

PLAYER	'24	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19	TOT
Coleman, Seth	4	12	12	3	4	0	35
Crisler, Zy	4	11	13	--	--	--	28
Bryant, Pat	4	9	11	3	--	--	27
Jacas, Gabe	4	10	8	--	--	--	22
Scott, Miles	4	12	0	1	--	--	17
Kreutz, Josh	4	12	--	--	--	--	17
Scott, Xavier	4	11	1	--	--	--	15
Altmyer, Luke	4	9	--	--	--	--	13
Gesky, Josh	4	8	--	--	--	--	12
Rosiek, Dylan	4	8	--	--	--	--	12
Arkin, Tanner	4	3	--	--	--	--	7
Feagin, Kaden	3	4	--	--	--	--	7
Strain, Tyler	0	5	1	--	--	--	6
Bailey, Matthew	4	1	1	--	--	--	6
Odeluga, Kenenna	0	5	--	--	--	--	5
Bryant, Alec	3	1	--	--	--	--	4
Briggs Jr., Dennis	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Cox Jr., Torrie	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Davis, J.C.	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Edwards, TeRah	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Franklin, Zakhari	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Patterson, Kaleb	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Priestly, Melvin	4	--	--	--	--	--	4
Dixon, Collin	3	--	--	--	--	--	3
Whitenack, Hunter	0	3	--	--	--	--	3
Boyer, Henry	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
McCray, Josh	0	1	0	1	--	--	2
Meed, Ryan	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
Holmes, Ezekiel	0	0	1	--	--	--	1
Kreutz, James	0	1	--	--	--	--	1
Laughery, Aidan	1	--	--	--	--	--	1

-- = Redshirted/did not play/not on squad; 0 = Played, didn't start

THE LAST TIME (TEAM)

	Illinois	Opponent
80 points:	87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912	--
70 points:	79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944	70, Michigan (70-21), 11/7/1981
60 points:	65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010	63, Maryland (63-33), 10/27/2018
50 points:	55 vs. Minnesota (55-31), 11/3/2018	56, at Penn State (21-56), 12/19/2020
40 points:	45, vs. Eastern Illinois, 08/29/2024	45, Northwestern (43-45), 11/25/2023
Allowed 0 points:	vs. Eastern Illinois (45-0), 08/29/2024	vs. Wisconsin (0-24), 10/9/2021
Allowed 0 points in 2nd half:	at Nebraska (26-9) 10/29/2022	Nebraska (7-20), 10/6/23
Did not score a touchdown:	vs. Iowa (9-6) 10/8/2022	Central Michigan (30-9), 9/14/2024
400 rushing yards:	430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020
300 rushing yards:	357 at Penn State 10/23/2021	330, at Indiana, 09/2/2022
200 rushing yards:	244, vs. Eastern Illinois, 08/29/2024	253, at Penn State, 12/19/2020
Three 70+ yard runs:	3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	93, Minnesota, 11/4/2023
Fewer than 100 rushing yards:	79, vs. #19 Kansas, 09/07/2024	48, at #22 Nebraska, 09/20/24
Fewer than 50 yards rushing:	35 vs. Mississippi State, 1/2/2023	2, Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
Fewer than 20 yards rushing:	19 vs. Nebraska 10/6/2023	-10, Murray State, 9/3/2016
Negative yards net rushing:	-27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993	Missouri, 9/10/1994
One first down:		Michigan, 10/27/1934
Zero first downs:		423, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
400 passing yards:	450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014	330, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
300 passing yards:	348 vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	38, Minnesota, 10/15/2022
Fewer than 100 passing yards:	80 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	
4 TD catches by tight ends:	4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	712, Maryland, 10/27/2018
700 total net yards:	723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944	674, vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019
600 total net yards:	662 vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	539, Kansas, 9/8/2023
500 total net yards:	510 vs. Florida Atlantic 09/23/2023	451, Indiana, 11/11/2023
400 total net yards:	486, vs. Eastern Illinois, 08/29/2024	196, Eastern Illinois, 08/29/2024
Fewer than 200 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	96, South Dakota State, 9/10/2011
Fewer than 100 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	
9+ sacks in a game:	9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001	6, Kansas, 9/8/2023
6+ sacks in a game:	6 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	7, vs. Mississippi State, 1/2/2023
No sacks allowed:	vs. Eastern Illinois, 08/29/2024	
Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:	vs. Iowa, 10/8/2022 and vs. Minnesota, 10/16/2022	
15+ TFL in a game:	15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002	10, vs. Mississippi State, 1/2/2023
10+ TFL in a game:	11 vs. Iowa 10/8/2022	13, Iowa, 11/18/23
10+ passes broken up:	11 vs. Florida Atlantic, 9/23/2023	
Forced 5+ turnovers:	5 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020	lowa, 11/18/2023
Turned ball over 5+ times:	5 vs. Penn State, 9/16/2023	
No turnovers:	vs. Central Michigan, 09/14/2024	Northwestern (2), 11/29/2014
Back-to-back games with no turnovers:	at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 and vs. Iowa, 12/5/2020	Michigan State, 11/5/2022
Two successful two-point conversions:	at Kansas (2), 9/8/2023	
Five field goals:	5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001	at Nebraska, 10/1/2016
Missed extra point kick:	vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	
Blocked two kicks:	2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017	
Blocked two punts:	2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	
Entire game without punting:	vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	
No penalties:	vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	
A successful on-side kick:	vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014	
Overtime game:	Win at #22 Nebraska, 31-24, 09/20/24	
Overtime game at home:	Win vs. Indiana, 48-45 (OT), 11/11/2023	
A game with a weather delay:	at South Florida, 9/15/2017 (0:37 delay)	
A game was postponed:	vs. Kent State, 9/4/2015 (2:50 delay) Eventually postponed and played next day on 9/5/2015	

THE LAST TIME (INDIVIDUAL)

	Illinois	Opponent
Rushing		
300 yards rushing:	330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010	
250 yards rushing:	257, Chase Brown vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021	256, Jordan Canzeri, Iowa, 10/10/2015
200 yards rushing:	223, Chase Brown at Penn State 10/23/21	224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020
150 yards rushing:	180, Chase Brown vs. Minnesota 10/15/2022	224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020
Back-to-back 175-yard rushing games:	Rashard Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)	
Back-to-back 150-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (151 vs. Wyoming, 8/27/2022 & 199 at Indiana, 9/2/2022)	
Three consecutive 140-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (146 vs. Iowa, 10/8/22; 180 vs. Minnesota, 10/15/22; 149 at Nebraska, 10/29/22)	
10+ consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown, 11/27/2021-11/5/2022 (10 games)	
Two rushers with 175 yards:	Harvey (215), Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998	
Two rushers with 100 yards:	C. Brown. (223) and McCray (142) at Penn State, 10/23/2021	Mellusi (145), Allen (131), Wisconsin 10/9/2021
80+ yard rushing play:	80, Chase Brown vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021	
75+ yard rushing play:	77, Reggie Corbin vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018 (3rd quarter)	79, Justin Jackson, vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17
Two 40+ runs in one quarter:	56 and 56 (2nd), Kendrick Foster vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016	Carlos Hyde (51, 55 in 4th), Ohio State, 11/16/2013
True-freshman rushed for 100 yards:	Josh McCray, 156 at Purdue, 9/25/2021	
True-freshman rushed for 100 yards in first career game:	E.B. Halsey, 139 vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003	
40 rushing attempts:	41, Chase Brown vs. Minnesota, 10/15/2022	
30 rushing attempts:	33, Chase Brown vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2022	
Two rushers with 2 TDs:	Corbin (2) & Bush, Jr. (2) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	
8 TDs rushing:	Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990	
4 TDs rushing:	Antoineo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002	
3 TDs rushing:	Tommy DeVito (3) at Wisconsin, 10/1/2022	
2+ TDs rushing by a QB:	Luke Altmyer (2) at Kansas, 9/8/2023	
Receiving		
200 yards receiving:	218, Casey Washington vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	246, Roy Roundtree, Michigan, 11/6/2010
150 yards receiving:	178, Josh Imatorbhebhe at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	156, Cam Camper, Indiana, 9/2/2022
100 yards receiving:	102, Pat Bryant vs. Central Michigan, 09/14/2024	124, Cam Johnson, Northwestern, 11/25/2023
Two 100-yard receivers:	Pat Bryant (112) and Isaiah Williams (103) vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	Cam Camper (156), D.J. Matthews Jr (109), at Indiana, 9/2/2022
Running back with 100+ yards receiving:	100, Josh Ferguson vs. Northwestern, 10/27/2015	
70+ yard pass play:	80, Casey Washington from John Paddock vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	75, Penn State (Sean Clifford to Jahan Dotson), 12/19/2020
60+ yard pass play:	80, Casey Washington from John Paddock vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	62, Virginia (Brennan Armstrong to Lavel Davis Jr.), 9/10/2022
50+ yard pass play:	80, Casey Washington from John Paddock vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	62, Virginia (Brennan Armstrong to Lavel Davis Jr.), 9/10/2022
10+ receptions:	13, Isaiah Williams vs. Minnesota, 11/4/2023	11, Donaven McCulley, Indiana, 11/11/2023
Two receivers with 2 TDs:	Will Judson and Chris Duvall vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008	
Three receiving TDs:	Casey Washington (3) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	
Offensive lineman caught a pass:	Brandon Henderson, (1 rec. 4 yds.), at #22 Nebraska, 09/20/24	
Offensive lineman scored a TD:	Brandon Henderson, 4-yard reception, at #22 Nebraska, 09/20/24	
Passing		
600 yards passing:	621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
500 yards passing:	507, John Paddock vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	
400 yards passing:	456, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014	405, Brennan Armstrong, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
300 yards passing:	334, John Paddock, vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	330, Connor Bazelak, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
Consecutive 300-yard passing games:	N. Scheelhaase at Penn State (321, 11/2/2013) and at Indiana (450, 11/9/2013)	
Three consecutive 300-yard passing games:	Jason Verduzco vs. East Carolina (352, 8/31/1991), at Missouri (431, 9/14/1991) and vs. Houston (341, 9/21/1991)	
6 TDs passing:	Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
5 TDs passing:	John Paddock (5) vs. Indiana, 11/11/2023	Brennan Armstrong (5) at Virginia, 9/11/2021
4 TDs passing:	Luke Altmyer (4), at #22 Nebraska, 09/20/2024	Brennan Armstrong (5) at Virginia, 9/11/2021
3 TDs passing:	John Paddock (3) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	Dylan Raiola (3) at #22 Nebraska (09/20/2024)
Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:	N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11	
10+ consecutive completions in a game:	John Paddock (12) vs. Northwestern 11/25/2023	Ben Bryant (12) Northwestern, (11/25/23)
Back-to-back games w/ 10+ consecutive completions:	Tommy DeVito (10) at Indiana, 9/2/2022 and (13) vs. Virginia, 9/10/2022	
Non-QB with passing TD:	Isaiah Williams (WR) vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	Trey Potts (RB) vs. Penn State, 9/16/2023

THE LAST TIME (INDIVIDUAL)

	Illinois	Opponent
Defense		
20 Tackles:	J Lemam (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007	
19 Tackles:	Clayton Fejedelem (19) vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/2015	
4 interceptions:	Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974	
3 interceptions:	Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001	
2 interceptions:	Xavier Scott vs. #19 Kansas, 09/07/2024	
3+ sacks in a game:	Seth Coleman (3.0) at Maryland, 10/14/2023	
5+ TFLs in a game:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
4+ TFLs in a game:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
4+ PBUs in a game:	Devon Witherspoon (4) vs. Nebraska, 8/28/2021	Jermari Harris (4), Iowa, 11/18/2023
3+ PBUs in a game:	Xavier Scott (3) vs. Wisconsin, 10/21/2023	Joe Evans (3), Iowa, 11/18/2023
3+ PBUs in back-to-back games:	Devon Witherspoon (3) at Indiana, 9/2/22 and (3) vs. Virginia, 9/10/22	
Interception by a lineman:	Keith Randolph, vs. Chattanooga, 9/22/2022	
Interception return for TD:	Xavier Scott (30 yards) vs. #19 Kansas, 09/07/2024	Tyler Coyle (52 yards), at UConn, 9/7/2019
Two players with interception returns for TD in a game:	Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards), Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	
Fumble recovery for TD:	Sydney Brown (53 yards) at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	Garner Wallace, Northwestern, 11/25/2023
Fumble recovery TD, INT TD, 2 INTs in one game:	Sydney Brown at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	
Forced 3 turnovers	Xavier Scott (2 INT, 1 FF) vs. #19 Kansas, 09/07/2024	
Two defensive touchdowns:	Sydney Brown (1 INT TD, 1 FR TD) at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	
Safety:	Kerby Joseph special teams tackle vs. Nebraska 8/28/2021	Joe Evans (tackle in end zone), Iowa, 11/18/2023
Defensive extra point:	Nate Hobbs (75 yards) at USF, 9/15/2017	
Total Offense/All-Purpose		
500 yards total offense:	503, Juice Williams vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008	
400 yards total offense:	439, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014	
300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing:	431 (310-121), Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008	
300 all-purpose yards:	328, A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011	
200 all-purpose yards:	218, Casey Washington vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023	
4 total TDs:	Luke Altmyer (4 pass) at #22 Nebraska, 09/20/2024	
2 TDs in 1 minute:	Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue (3rd quarter), 11/7/2015	
Special Teams		
5 field goals:	Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990	
4 field goals:	James McCourt (4) vs. Northwestern, 11/27/21	Jake Moody, #3 Michigan 11/19/2022
3 field goals:	David Olano (3) vs. #19 Kansas, 09/07/2024	Alex Felkins, Penn State, 9/16/2023
Made 50+ yard field goal:	Ethan Moczulski (59) vs. Central Michigan, 09/14/2024	
Three 50+ yard field goals:	--	Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998
Blocked a punt:	Ashton Hollins at Purdue, 9/30/2023	
Blocked punt for a touchdown:	Dawson DeGroot (block), Stanley Green (TD) vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018	A.J. Epenesa (19 yards), Iowa, 11/17/2018
Blocked two field goals:	Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001	
Blocked two PATs:	Rob Bain at Penn State, 10/31/2015	
Blocked a field goal:	Jer'Zhan Newton at Iowa, 11/18/2023	
Blocked a PAT:	Alec Bryant at Iowa, 11/18/2023	
Punt return for TD:	V'Angelo Bentley (67 yards) vs. Ohio State, 11/16/2013	K. Groenewed (61 yards), Iowa, 11/17/2018
Kickoff return for TD:	V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013	C. Jones (100 yards), Iowa, 11/20/21
Blocked FG returned for TD:	Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois State, 9/6/2003	
Two-point conversion:	vs. Northwestern, 11/25/2023 (Paddock pass to Reiman)	Wisconsin, 10/21/23 (Nowakowski pass)
Two two-point conversions in the same game:	2 at Kansas, 9/8/2023 (McCray rush; Altmyer pass to Love III)	

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL COMBINED STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/29/2024	Eastern Ill.	W	45-0	43849
	09/07/2024	Kansas	W	23-17	60670
	09/14/2024	Central Mich.	W	30-9	51498
*	09/20/2024	at Nebraska	Wot1	31-24	86936

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kaden Feagin	4	54	245	3	242	4.5	3	29	60.5
Aidan Laughery	3	18	120	1	119	6.6	0	29	39.7
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	20	110	4	106	5.3	0	22	26.5
Josh McCray	4	22	114	9	105	4.8	1	28	26.3
Luke Altmyer	4	24	103	45	58	2.4	0	18	14.5
Jordan Anderson	4	3	3	2	1	0.3	0	2	0.3
Pat Bryant	4	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Team	4	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	4	144	695	69	626	4.3	4	29	156.5
Opponents	4	121	520	103	417	3.4	0	35	104.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Luke Altmyer	4	171.8	75-105-0	71.4	862	10	42	215.5
Donovan Leary	1	88.7	2-5-0	40.0	29	0	18	29.0
Total	4	168.0	77-110-0	70.0	891	10	42	222.8
Opponents	4	108.3	73-128-7	57.0	752	5	44	188.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Zakhari Franklin	4	21	243	11.6	0	42	60.8
Pat Bryant	4	20	309	15.5	6	37	77.3
Tanner Arkin	4	6	49	8.2	2	16	12.3
Collin Dixon	4	5	68	13.6	0	33	17.0
Josh McCray	4	4	7	1.8	0	6	1.8
Hank Beatty	4	4	29	7.3	0	14	7.3
Aidan Laughery	3	3	4	1.3	0	7	1.3
Kaden Feagin	4	3	25	8.3	0	12	6.3
Malik Elzy	4	3	66	22.0	1	34	16.5
Ashton Hollins	4	2	40	20.0	0	29	10.0
Kenari Wilcher	4	2	18	9.0	0	11	4.5
Carson Goda	2	1	18	18.0	0	18	9.0
Luke Altmyer	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Brandon Henderson	4	1	6	6.0	1	6	1.5
Ca'Lil Valentine	4	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.5
Total	4	77	891	11.6	10	42	222.8
Opponents	4	73	752	10.3	5	44	188.0

Game Records

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

Team Statistics

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First Downs	86	66
Rushing	32	26
Passing	45	34
Penalty	9	6
Rushing Yardage	626	417
Rushing attempts	144	121
Average per rush	4.3	3.4
Average per game	156.5	104.3
TDs Rushing	4	0
Passing Yardage	891	752
Comp-Att-Int	77-110-0	73-128-7
Average per pass	8.1	5.9
Average per catch	11.6	10.3
Average per game	222.8	188.0
TDs Passing	10	5
Total offense	1517	1169
Average per play	6.0	4.7
Average per game	379.3	292.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	4-79	6-118
Punt returns: #-Yards	11-152	3-22
Int returns: #-Yards	7-51	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	8-3
Penalties-Yards	21-166	24-213
Punts-Avg	13-42.8	16-47.1
Time of possession / game	31:49	28:11
3rd-down conversion	21/48	23/54
4rd-down conversion	4/5	1/5
PAT-attempts	(15-15) 100%	(5-5) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Xavier Scott	3	50	16.7	1	30
Miles Scott	2	0	0.0	0	0
Torrie Cox Jr.	2	1	0.5	0	1
Total	7	51	7.3	1	30
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0