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2023 RELIAQUEST BOWL

ILLINOIS (8-4, 5-4 Big Ten)

vs.

MISSISSIPPI STATE (8-4, 4-4 SEC)

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Raymond James Stadium // Tampa, Fla.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

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ReliaQuest Bowl Event Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 28

6-8:30 p.m. ET Players night at Splitsville Sparkman Wharf
Players head to Splitsville for light snacks and games

Thursday, Dec. 29

12 p.m. ET Head coaches joint press conference (Hyatt House Hotel)
9 a.m.-10 p.m. ET Team outings at Busch Gardens
A day of entertainment and fun for the players and staff
3-4 p.m. ET Media photo opportunity at Busch Gardens
Six players from each team in a behind the scenes tour

Friday, Dec. 30

11:30-4 p.m. ET Clearwater Beach Day
A day of fun and sun on the white sandy beaches
7-10 p.m. ET Gridiron Gala (Tampa Marriott Water Street)
Prestigious evening for participating universities and VIPs

Saturday, Dec. 31

5:30-8 p.m. ET New Year's Eve Parade and Band Blast (Ybor City)
Parade featuring Illinois and Mississippi State bands
Battle of the Bands (Busch Gardens)
Time TBD

ILLINOIS NOTES

Illini on the Rise

- Illinois had its first 8-win season since the Rose Bowl team in 2007 went 9-4.
- Illinois finished 5-4 in the Big Ten, the Illini's first finish above .500 in the Big Ten since the 2007 team went 6-2.
- Illinois' SP+ rating by ESPN is 49 spots better than 2021 (15th from 64th).
- According to SP+, Illinois is the most improved team in the Big Ten and the ninth-most improved team in the nation year-over-year. TCU (+75), USC (+69), South Alabama (+65), Washington (+66), Tulane (+66), Kansas (+63), Duke (+60), and Troy (+58), are the only teams that have made bigger jumps in the SP+ than Illinois' 49-spot leap.
- Illinois and Michigan are the only teams in the nation with three wins over teams in the top 15 of total defense. The Illini have wins over top-15 defenses in Iowa (No. 5), Minnesota (No. 6), and Wisconsin (No. 13).
- Bielema is 13-11 in his Illinois career (9-9 Big Ten). It is the best two-year start for an Illinois head coach since John Mackovic started 16-7-1 in the 1988-89 seasons, spanning five head coaches.
- Bielema's five Big Ten road wins in his first two seasons are the most since Lou Tepper also won five Big Ten road games in his first two seasons from 1992-93.
- Illinois was 4-0 in October, completing its first undefeated October since going 3-0 in 2001. The Illini won four games in October for the first time since 1990.
- After winning in Madison for the first time since 2002, Illinois beat Iowa for the first time since 2008. The win over Iowa snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Hawkeyes.
- Illinois beat Iowa and Wisconsin in the same season for the first time since 1989.
- Illinois beat Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in the same season for the first time since 1983.
- The 24-point margin of victory over Wisconsin was the third-largest in an Illinois win in Madison and its biggest since 1988. It was the largest margin of victory for the Illini in a Big Ten road game since defeating Purdue by 34 points on Nov. 7, 2015.

One of the Best Defenses in the Nation

- Illinois ranked in the top 10 in 17 major defensive categories during the regular season: 1st in the nation in interceptions (22), 1st in passing efficiency defense (89.8), 1st in passing touchdowns allowed (8), 1st in yards per pass attempt (5.4), 1st in takeaways (30), 2nd in touchdowns allowed (14), 2nd in scoring defense (12.3), 2nd in red zone touchdown percentage (37.0%) 3rd in total defense (263.8), 3rd in rushing touchdowns allowed (6), 3rd in passes defended (82), 5th in passing defense (165.4), 6th in third down defense (29.0%), 7th in fewest red zone attempts allowed (27), 7th in fewest first downs allowed (177), 8th in rushing defense (98.4), and 10th in third down conversions against (49).
- Following conference championship games, Illinois will enter bowl season ranked No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense (12.2), interceptions (22), passing efficiency defense (89.8), passing touchdowns allowed (8), yards per pass attempt (5.4), and takeaways (30).
- Illinois' defensive architect, Ryan Walters, is one of five finalists and the lone minority finalist for the Broyles Award, given to the nation's best assistant coach.
- Illinois and Alabama are the only teams with two Bednarik semifinalists (DT Jer'Zhan Newton and CB Devon Witherspoon).
- Illinois' defense is ranked 3rd in the nation by ESPN's SP+ metric and 2nd by PFF.
- Illinois has allowed only 26 points in fourth quarters (2.2 per game).
- Illinois has allowed 12.8 points per game in road/neutral site games, the fewest in the country.
- Illinois held six opponents to single digit points, the most of any team in the country.
- Illinois has allowed fewer than 100 yards rushing in six of 12 games this season.
- Illinois' pass coverage is ranked third in the nation by PFF and its run defense is ranked fourth.
- Illinois had held six straight opponents to 14 points or fewer before the Michigan State game, the program's longest streak since 1989.
- Illinois has allowed only 14 touchdowns on 150 opponent drives (9.3%).
- Illinois allowed 11.9 points per game at home this season, its best mark at Memorial Stadium since the 1983 Big Ten championship team allowed 9.4 per game.

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (8-4, 5-4)

Aug. 27	Wyoming	W, 38-6
Sept. 2	at Indiana	L, 23-20
Sept. 10	Virginia <i>VARSITY I DAY</i>	W, 24-3
Sept. 22	Chattanooga <i>HALL OF FAME</i>	W, 31-0
Oct. 1	at Wisconsin	W, 34-10
Oct. 8	Iowa <i>HAIL TO THE ORANGE OUT</i>	W, 9-6
Oct. 15	Minnesota <i>HOMECOMING</i>	W, 26-14
Oct. 29	at Nebraska	W, 26-9
Nov. 5	Michigan State <i>DADS DAY</i>	L, 23-15
Nov. 12	Purdue <i>SENIOR DAY</i>	L, 31-24
Nov. 19	at #3/3 Michigan	L, 19-17
Nov. 26	at Northwestern	W, 41-3
Jan. 2	vs. #22/24 Mississippi State <i>RELIQUEST</i>	11 a.m. CT

Rankings are CFP/AP Poll

#22 MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (8-4, 4-4)

Sept. 3	Memphis	W, 49-23
Sept. 10	at Arizona	W, 39-17
Sept. 17	at LSU	L, 31-16
Sept. 24	Bowling Green	W, 45-14
Oct. 1	#17 Texas A&M	W, 42-24
Oct. 8	Arkansas	W, 40-17
Oct. 15	at #22 Kentucky	L, 27-17
Oct. 22	at #6 Alabama	L, 30-6
Nov. 5	Auburn	W, 39-33 (OT)
Nov. 12	#1/1 Georgia	L, 45-19
Nov. 19	East Tennessee State	W, 56-7
Nov. 24	at #20/20 Ole Miss	W, 24-22
Jan. 2	vs. Illinois <i>RELIQUEST</i>	11 a.m. CT

Rankings are CFP/AP Poll (only AP before November)

TEAM STATS COMPARISON

ILLINOIS	STAT	MISS. STATE
25.4	Points Per Game	32.7
12.3	Points Allowed Per Game	24.2
255	First Downs	275
2,139	Rushing Yards	946
4.2	Rushing Yards Per Attempt	3.5
17	Rushing Touchdowns	12
361-252-5	Att-Comp-Int	589-398-7
2,500	Passing Yards	3,772
6.9	Passing Yards Per Attempt	6.4
15	Passing Touchdowns	35
4,639	Total Offense	4,718
3,166	Total Defense	4,204
20.4	Kick Return Average	27.8
6.5	Punt Return Average	10.7
39.2	Yards Per Punt	40.0
20-24	Field Goals	10-15
81-758	Penalties	76-735
32:47	Time of Possession	30:19
68-176	Third Downs	63-162
12-25	Fourth Downs	14-28
28-193	Sacks-Yards	24-167
18-11	Fumbles-Lost	19-10
14-7	Forced Fumbles-Recovered	15-7
22	Interceptions	14

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (140,000)
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 56,644
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten (West Division)
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: 110-69 in his 14th season
 Record at Illinois: 13-11 in his second season

Assistant Coaches:

Ryan Walters: Defensive Coordinator
Barry Lunney Jr.: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
George McDonald: Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers
Kevin Kane: Associate Head Coach/Outside Linebackers
Bart Miller: Offensive Line
Andy Buh: Linebackers
Terrance Jamison: Defensive Line
Aaron Henry: Defensive Backs
Ben Miller: Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Cory Patterson: Running Backs
Sean Snyder: Special Teams Coordinator/Specialists

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2021 Record: 5-7, 4-5 (5th, Big Ten West Division)
2021 Starters Returning/Lost: 12/10
 Off: 6/5 Def: 6/5 ST (K/P/LS): 0/3
All-Time Record: 627-617-51 (133rd year)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 359-453-32 (127th year)
Memorial Stadium Record: 281-252-14 (100th year)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)
National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)
Bowl Appearances (Last): 20th in 2022 (2019 Redbox Bowl)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-11

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ILLINOIS NOTES

More on the Illinois Defense

- Illinois is 8-0 when allowing fewer than 19 points.
- Illinois is outscoring opponents 112-53 in the second half this season.
- During Illinois' eight wins, opponents have a third down conversion rate of 22.4% (24-107).
- Against Michigan, Illinois snapped a streak of 13 straight games with an interception, which was the longest active streak in the nation.
- Eight different Illini have an interception this season.
- Illinois held Wisconsin to just two yards rushing, the fewest yards the Badgers had rushed for at home since being held to 12 yards on Nov. 3, 2007, vs. Ohio State.
- The Illini did not allow a touchdown in nonconference play for the first time since 1921 (52-0 vs. South Dakota, 21-0 vs. DePauw), helping Illinois complete its first undefeated nonconference schedule since 2011. It was the first time Illinois played 3+ nonconference games without allowing a TD since 1917 (22-0 vs. Kansas, 44-0 vs. Oklahoma, 28-0 vs. Camp Funston).
- Illinois has allowed 50 passing yards or fewer in three games (30 vs. Wyoming, 49 vs. Chattanooga, 38 vs. Minnesota).
- Sydney Brown tied for the national lead in interceptions with six, the most by an Illini since 2001. It ranks as the seventh-most interceptions in Illinois history.
- Illinois and Middle Tennessee are the only teams in the nation with two players with 4+ INTs.
- Illinois, TCU, and Kansas State are the only teams in the nation with three players with 3+ INTs.
- Johnny Newton (54) and Seth Coleman (37) have 91 combined pressures, the most in the Big Ten among teammates, according to PFF.
- Devon Witherspoon and Jartavius Martin have combined for 31 passes defended, tied for the most in the nation among Power-5 teammates (Penn State's Joey Porter Jr. and Kalen King).
- Jartavius Martin has the No. 4 tackling grade in the Big Ten among defensive backs and the No. 12 grade in the nation.

Spoon - Thorpe Award Finalist

- Devon Witherspoon is one of three finalists for the Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back. He is the first Thorpe finalist in Illinois history.
- Witherspoon was the fourth Illini in history to be a Thorpe semifinalist, joining Henry Jones (1990), Eugene Wilson (2002), and Vontae Davis (2007, 2008).
- Witherspoon leads in the nation in reception percentage against (33.8), according to PFF.
- Witherspoon leads the nation in forced incompletions (16), according to PFF.
- Witherspoon is the No. 2 graded cornerback in the nation by PFF (91.4) and No. 1 in Power-5.
- Witherspoon has the No. 2 coverage grade in the nation by PFF (91.7) and No. 1 in Power-5.
- Witherspoon is fourth in the nation in NFL passer rating against (24.3), according to PFF.
- Witherspoon is sixth in the nation in passes defended (17).
- Devon Witherspoon in coverage vs. notable No. 1 receivers: vs. Ronnie Bell (MICH), 4 targets, 1 rec., 16 yards, 1 PBU ... vs. Charlie Jones (PUR), 4 targets, 2 rec., 21 yards, 1 PBU ... vs. Trey Palmer (NEB), 3 targets, 0 rec., 0 yards
- Witherspoon has allowed fewer than 35 receiving yards in 11 of 12 games this season.

The Law Firm of Newton and Randolph

- Defensive linemen Jer'Zhan "Johnny" Newton and Keith Randolph Jr., who go by the nickname "The Law Firm," have been one of the top defensive tackle duos in the nation to date.
- Johnny Newton is the No. 9 graded defender in the nation by PFF (91.0, min. 500 snaps).
- Newton leads the nation in QB hits (19) and ranks sixth in the nation in pressures (54).
- Newton and Randolph's combined 81 quarterback pressures are the most in the nation among any interior defensive line tandem. Newton has 54 pressures and Randolph has 27.
- Newton and Randolph were first and second in the Big Ten in TFLs (14.0, 13.0) during the regular season. They had 3.0+ more TFLs than any other Big Ten interior defensive linemen.
- Newton tied Pitt's Calijah Kancey (14.0) for the most TFLs by any Power-5 interior defensive linemen, and Randolph was third (13.0). Kancey was the ACC Defensive Player of the Year.
- Newton and Randolph had more TFLs than any defensive line combo in the nation (26.0).
- When adding in nose tackle Calvin Avery, the interior defensive line trio has more tackles (134) and TFLs (29.0) than any other interior defensive line group in the country.

ILLINOIS NOTES

Chase Brown: Chasing History FightingIllini.com/ChaseBrown

- Chase Brown is the nation's second-leading rusher with 1,653 yards.
- Brown led the Power-5 in rushing from start to finish during the 2022 regular season.
- Brown was one of three Doak Walker Award finalists, along with Blake Corum (Michigan) and Bijan Robinson (Texas).
- Brown tied for the national lead in 100-yard games (10) during the regular season.
- Brown was second in the nation in rushes of 10+ yards (48) during the regular season.
- Brown was third in the nation in all-purpose yards (1,883) during the regular season without having return duties.
- Illinois launched a campaign website for Brown on Oct. 19 to promote Brown's candidacy for national awards. The site launched at FightingIllini.com/ChaseBrown.
- Brown rushed for at least 98 yards in 11 of Illinois' 12 games.
- Brown did his best work against some of the nation's best rushing defenses, rushing for more yards than any other opponent against Michigan's No. 3-ranked rush defense (140 yards), Wisconsin's No. 12-ranked rush defense (129 yards), and Minnesota's No. 15-ranked rush defense (180 yards).
- Brown was fourth in the nation in forced missed tackles (79), fifth in the nation in yards after contact (935), and eighth in the nation in first down runs (79), according to PFF.
- Brown had one of his most impressive games at #3 Michigan. Against a defensive unit leading the nation in rushing defense (72.7), Brown ran for 140 yards and two touchdowns. He was just the third running back to rush for over 140 yards at Michigan Stadium during Jim Harbaugh's tenure (2015-), joining Ohio State stars J.K. Dobbins (2019) and Ezekiel Elliott (2015).
- In four road games against Top 25 teams over the last two years, Brown is averaging 138 rushing yards and has three 100-yard games. In two road games against Top 10 teams over the last two years, Brown is averaging 181.5 rushing yards.
- Brown tied the Illinois record at #3 Michigan with his 16th career 100-yard games, matching the record set by Robert Holcombe from 1994-97.
- Brown has set the Illinois single-season record for 100-yard rushing games with 10.
- Brown rushed for 100+ yards in an Illinois record 10 straight games before falling just short with 98 rushing yards against Purdue. He has rushed for 100+ in 11 of the last 13 games.
- Brown was the first Illini in history to rush for 100+ yards in the first nine games of a season.
- Brown was the first Big Ten player to record 100+ rushing yards in the first nine games of a season since Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott in 2015.
- Brown was the first running back in the nation to 1,000 yards and tied the Illinois record for the fastest to 1,000 when he eclipsed the mark in just seven games (tied J.C. Caroline, 1953).
- Brown was the first player in program history to rush for 140+ yards in the first three games of a season. He went for 146 yards on 20 carries against Virginia, had 199 yards on 36 carries at Indiana, and 151 yards on 19 carries against Wyoming in Week 0.
- Brown joined an elite group to reach 1,000 yards in two seasons for Illinois. Only legends Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons before Brown.
- Brown has 3,206 rushing yards for his career at Illinois, No. 2 on Illinois' career rushing list behind only Robert Holcombe's 4,105 (1994-97).
- Brown also tallied 352 yards as a freshman at Western Michigan for 3,558 for his career, good for sixth on the NCAA's active career leaders list.
- Brown was the 13th and 14th 1,000-yard rusher coached by Bielema in his 14-year head coaching career.
- Brown's 223-yard rushing game at Penn State last season marked his second game of 2021 with 200+ yards (257 vs. Charlotte). He joined Howard Griffith (1990) and Rashard Mendenhall (2007) as the only players in Illinois history with multiple 200-yard rushing games in a single season. Brown nearly became the first Illini running back to rush for 200 yards on three occasions, falling one yard short at Indiana this year.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Lucas Althaus	ALT-house
Jared Badie	BAY-dee
Zachary Barlev	BAR-luv
Tarique Barnes	ta-REEK
Keion Battle . . . . .	.KEE-on
Matt Bobak	BO-BACK
Verdis Brown	VUR-diss
Naivyan Cargill	NAY-vee-un
Mike Cerniglia Jr.	churr-NILL-ee-uh
Shammond Cooper	SHUH-mond
Zy Crisler . . . . .	.CRISS-ler
Tommy Cronin	CROW-nin
Kionte Curry . . . . .	.KEE-on-tay
Tommy DeVito . . . . .	.duh-VETO
TeRah Edwards	TEE-rah
Luciano Elias	lew-CHEE-ON-oh
Preston Engel	EN-gull
Nick Fedanzo	fa-DON-zo
Josh Gesky	guess-KEE
Ezekiel Holmes	ee-ZEE-kee-ul
Malachi Hood . . . . .	.MAL-uh-KY
Gabe Jacas . . . . .	.ACK-us
Terrell Jennings . . . . .	.ter-RELL
James Kreutz . . . . .	.krew-tz
Josh Kreutz . . . . .	.krew-tz
Aidan Laughery	LAW-fer-ree
Tailon Leitzsey	TAY-lon LIT-zee
Michael Marchese	mar-CASE
Jartavius Martin . . . . .	.jar-TAY-vee-us
Kirkland Michaux	mih-SHO
Magnus Møller	MOU-nus MOE-lar
Jer'Zhan Newton . . . . .	.jer-ZAWN
Tahveon Nicholson	TAH-vee-ON
Kenenna Odeluga . . . . .	.kuh-NEN-uh OH-duh-LOO-guh
Alex Palczewski . . . . .	.pal-CHESS-key
Alex Pihlstrom . . . . .	.PILL-strum
Fabrizio Pinton	fuh-BREE-ZEE-oh
Eian Pugh . . . . .	.EE-un PEW
Tip Reiman	RY-min
Dylan Rosiek	ROH-zee-ek
Xavier Scott	EX-ay-veer
Jameson Sheehan	SHE-uhn
Artur Sitkowski	AR-ter sit-KOW-skee
KhMari Thompson . . . . .	.kuh-MAR-ee
Sam Tsagalis . . . . .	.suh-GALL-is
Peyton Vining	VINE-ing
Raashaan Wilkins Jr.	ruh-SAWN
Devon Witherspoon	DEV-in

COACHES

Bret Bielema	BEEL-ma
Barry Lunney Jr. . . . . .	.LUN-ee
Andy Buh	B00

2022 AWARDS AND HONORS

NATIONAL AWARDS

RB Chase Brown

Doak Walker Award finalist (1 of 3)
Maxwell Award semifinalist (1 of 20)
Walter Camp Player of the Year semifinalist (1 of 22)
Walter Camp All-American second team
FWAA All-American second team
Associated Press Midseason All-American first team
CBS Sports Midseason All-American first team
The Athletic Midseason All-American first team
Sporting News Midseason All-American first team
PFF Midseason All-America second team

QB Tommy DeVito

Davey O'Brien Award Top 40

OLB Gabe Jacas

247Sports True Freshman All-American
College Football News Freshman All-American
Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year semifinalist (1 of 16)
247Sports Midseason True Freshman All-American
The Athletic Midseason Freshman All-American
On3 Midseason True Freshman All-American

DB Tailon Leitzse

Witten Collegiate Man of the Year semifinalist (1 of 20)

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

Sporting News Midseason All-America first team

DL Jer'Zhan "Johnny" Newton

Bednarik Award semifinalist (1 of 20)
Lombardi Award midseason watch list
Walter Camp All-American second team
Associated Press Midseason All-American first team
The Athletic Midseason All-America second team

OL Alex Palczewski

Lombardi Award midseason watch list

DC Ryan Walters

247Sports Defensive Coordinator of the Year
Broyles Award finalist (1 of 5)

CB Devon Witherspoon

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award finalist (1 of 3)
Bednarik Award semifinalist (1 of 20)
Walter Camp All-American first team
FWAA All-American first team
The Athletic Midseason All-America second team

WEEKLY AWARDS

RB Chase Brown

Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week vs. Indiana
Rose Bowl Game Player of the Week vs. Minnesota
Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Minnesota
Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Wyoming

DB Sydney Brown

Bednarik National Player of the Week vs. Northwestern
Walter Camp National Player of the Week vs. Northwestern
Senior Bowl National Player of the Week vs. Northwestern
Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week vs. Northwestern
East/West Shrine Bowl Breakout Player of the Week vs. Nebraska

QB Tommy DeVito

Davey O'Brien Great 8 vs. Nebraska

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

Bednarik Award National Player of the Week vs. Wyoming
PFF National Player of the Week vs. Wyoming

CB Devon Witherspoon

Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week vs. Virginia

K Fabrizio Pinton

Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Iowa
Big Ten Freshman of the Week vs. Iowa

ILLINOIS NOTES

Offensive Improvement

- Illinois has improved 56.8 yards/game from 2021, the best improvement in the Big Ten.
- Illinois ranks third in the nation in team completion percentage (69.8%), an 18.6% improvement of last year's completion percentage (51.2%) and a jump of 119 spots in the national rankings.
- Illinois is 54th in the nation in passing efficiency (138.9), an improvement of 67 spots in the national rankings year-over-year.

Tommy DeVito Passing Efficiently

- DeVito ranks third in the nation in completion percentage (69.9%).
- DeVito's 142.3 passer rating is on pace to break the Illini record of 141.6 set by Wes Lunt in 2014.
- DeVito is on pace for career highs in nearly every statistical category including completions, passing yards, and completion percentage.
- DeVito's .909 completion percentage at Nebraska broke the Illinois record (min. 20 attempts) previously held by Reilly O'Toole (.839 [26-31] vs. Charleston Southern, 9/15/2012). It also set the stadium record at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

#1 from QB to WR

- Former quarterback Isaiah Williams has been Illinois' leading receiver over the last two seasons, his first two seasons playing wide receiver in his life.
- Williams set career highs in receptions (9) and receiving yards (112) at Indiana. He has tied his career-high nine receptions on two more occasions this season (Chattanooga, Nebraska).
- Williams is fourth in the nation and first in the Big Ten in yards after catch (560) according to PFF.
- Williams is second in the nation in forced missed tackles among wide receivers (26).
- Williams has at least three catches in every game this season.
- Williams has at least one catch in all 24 games of the last two seasons.
- Williams ranks 21st in the nation and second in the Big Ten in receptions per game (6.0).
- Williams is second in the Big Ten in receptions, tied with Marvin Harrison Jr. (Ohio State) and behind only Charlie Jones (Purdue).
- Williams was sixth in the Big Ten in first down receptions during the regular season (31).
- Last season, Williams was third in the nation among Power-5 freshmen in receptions (47), behind only Texas' Xavier Worthy (62) and Georgia's Brock Bowers (56).

Sixth-Year Palczewski

- Alex Palczewski is the NCAA's active leader in career starts with 64 and is one away from tying the NCAA record set by App State WR Thomas Hennigan from 2017-21.
- Palczewski has helped the O-line become one of nine units in the nation up for the Joe Moore Award.
- Palczewski is the active leader in snaps, according to PFF.
- Palczewski has started every game for the Illini in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022. The only games he has not started were one as a true freshman in 2017 and four after a knee injury in 2020.
- Palczewski is the first 6-year starter in college sports history (min. 50% starts of team games).
- Palczewski is the No. 12 graded tackle in the nation and No. 4 in the Big Ten according to PFF (min. 500 snaps) this season.
- Palczewski has gone 645 consecutive pass blocking snaps without allowing a sack. He has not allowed a sack this season in 405 pass blocking snaps.
- Palczewski will be only the second Illini in history to captain two bowl teams, as he was also a captain for Illinois' 2019 Redbox Bowl appearance. Moe Gardner, who was selected for College Football Hall of Fame induction this year, captained Illinois bowl teams in 1989 and 1990.

Time of Possession

- Illinois ranked 12th in the nation in time of possession (32:51) during the regular season.
- Illinois is on pace to shatter the program record for time of possession of 32:19 set in 2010.
- Illinois doubled up Minnesota in time of possession, 40:04 to 19:56, after Minnesota came to Memorial Stadium as the national leader in time of possession, averaging 37:58 per game.

ILLINOIS NOTES

The Most All-Big Ten in Illinois History

- Illinois had 19 players earn All-Big Ten honors in 2022, the most in program history.
- Illinois had 31 All-Big Ten honorees in the last two seasons with Bret Bielema as head coach, the Illini's most ever in a two-year span.
- Illinois' seven honorees on the All-Big Ten first and second teams are the Illini's most since the 2001 Big Ten championship team had 10.
- This season was the first time Illinois has had three All-Big Ten first team honorees on defense since LB Dana Howard, LB Simeon Rice, and LB Kevin Hardy were all first team selections in 1994.
- Illinois has had as many All-Big Ten first team players on defense in the last two years as the previous 12 years combined (4).

Reese's Senior Bowl Invites

- Three Illini have accepted invitations to the Reese's Senior Bowl: RB Chase Brown, SS Sydney Brown, S Jartavius "Quan" Martin, and CB Devon Witherspoon.
- The Illinois record for Senior Bowl participants is two, set on multiple occasions, since the all-star event began in 1950.
- Last year, Illinois safety Kerby Joseph shined during Senior Bowl week on his way to becoming a third round pick by the Detroit Lions.

Recruiting the State of Illinois

- Illinois has made a huge commitment to recruiting the state of Illinois since Bielema took over as head coach. One of the first tasks Bielema assigned his assistant coaches was to call every high school head coach in the state of Illinois.
- Bielema named Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer Pat Ryan as the team's Director of Illinois High School Relations in April 2021. Ryan joined the Illini following a 30-year head coaching career at Metamora High School just outside of Peoria. One of the most decorated coaches in Illinois football history, Ryan led Metamora to seven state championship games, two state titles (2007, 2009), and a 268-75 (.781) record in 30 seasons.
- Illinois signed 11 of its 22 National Letter of Intent signees out of the state of Illinois, the largest group from the state in a single class for the Fighting Illini since 2003.
- Illinois signed its first Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year (Hank Beatty) since 2010-11.
- Illinois has 47 Illinois natives on its roster.

Assistant Coaching Notes

- Illinois associate head coach/outside linebackers coach Kevin Kane is the only assistant coach in the booth during games (of the 10 full-time assistants).
- Illinois special teams coordinator/tight ends coach Ben Miller was diagnosed with colon cancer in February. He will remain on a health-related leave through the 2022 season, but is able to stay in communication with the staff and players while continuing his medical plan.
- Sean Snyder was hired as special teams coordinator/specialists coach to fill Miller's spot.

Big Wins in the Bielema's Year One

- Bret Bielema became the first first-year head coach in Illinois history to win two top 25 games. The Illini had marquee wins at #7 (AP) Penn State, in the longest game in college football history, and at #20 (CFP) Minnesota, in Illinois' first ever CFP ranked win.
- The Illini were one of four teams to win two AP/CFP ranked games on the road in 2021, along with Boise State, Fresno State, and Mississippi State.
- Illinois had as many AP/CFP ranked wins in 2021 (2) as the previous 12 years combined.
- Illinois tied for its most Big Ten wins (4) since the 2007 team went 6-2 en route to the Rose Bowl (tied with the 2010, 2013, 2019, which also had four Big Ten wins).
- Illinois dominated Northwestern, 47-14, in the season finale for the Illini's first win in the Land of Lincoln Trophy rivalry game since 2015, snapping a six-game losing streak.
- According to ESPN's SP+ metric, Illinois had its best season since 2011 and 8th-best season in the last 25 years.

2022 ALL-BIG TEN

DB Devon Witherspoon

Defensive Back of the Year
All-Big Ten First Team (coaches and media)

DL Jer'Zhan "Johnny" Newton

All-Big Ten First Team (coaches and media)

DB Sydney Brown

All-Big Ten First Team (coaches)
All-Big Ten Second Team (media)

RB Chase Brown

All-Big Ten Second Team (coaches and media)

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

All-Big Ten Second Team (media)
All-Big Ten Third Team (coaches)

OT Alex Palczewski

All-Big Ten Second Team (media)
All-Big Ten Third Team (coaches)
Big Ten Sportsmanship Award

C Alex Pihlstrom

All-Big Ten Second Team (coaches)
All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

DL Keith Randolph

All-Big Ten Third Team (coaches and media)

OG Isaiah Adams

All-Big Ten Third Team (media)
All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches)

LB Tarique Barnes

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

LB Isaac Darkangelo

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

OT Julian Pearl

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

WR Isaiah Williams

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

DL Seth Coleman

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

OG Zy Crisler

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches)

QB Tommy DeVito

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

DL Gabe Jacas

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

DB Kendall Smith

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

K Caleb Griffin

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches)

SERIES vs. MISS. ST.

Series: Series tied, 1-1

Last: L, 28-21 (10/12/1980)

Streak: L1

Bowl Games: -

Bielema vs. Mississippi State: 1-4



RELIAQUEST BOWL HISTORY

Illinois will make its second appearance in Tampa's bowl.

Date	Winner	Loser	Score
Jan. 1, 2022	Arkansas	Penn State	24-10
Jan. 2, 2021	Mississippi	Indiana	26-20
Jan. 1, 2020	Minnesota	Auburn	31-24
Jan. 1, 2019	Iowa	Mississippi State	27-22
Jan. 1, 2018	South Carolina	Michigan	26-19
Jan. 2, 2017	Florida	Iowa	30-3
Jan. 1, 2016	Tennessee	Northwestern	45-6
Jan. 1, 2015	Wisconsin	Auburn	34-31
Jan. 1, 2014	LSU	Iowa	21-14
Jan. 1, 2013	South Carolina	Michigan	33-28
Jan. 2, 2012	Michigan State	Georgia	33-30
Jan. 1, 2011	Florida	Penn State	37-24
Jan. 1, 2010	Auburn	Northwestern	38-35
Jan. 1, 2009	Iowa	South Carolina	31-10
Jan. 1, 2008	Tennessee	Wisconsin	21-17
Jan. 1, 2007	Penn State	Tennessee	20-10
Jan. 2, 2006	Florida	Iowa	31-24
Jan. 1, 2005	Georgia	Wisconsin	24-21
Jan. 1, 2004	Iowa	Florida	37-17
Jan. 1, 2003	Michigan	Florida	38-30
Jan. 1, 2002	South Carolina	Ohio State	31-28
Jan. 1, 2001	South Carolina	Ohio State	24-7
Jan. 1, 2000	Georgia	Purdue	28-25
Jan. 1, 1999	Penn State	Kentucky	26-14
Jan. 1, 1998	Georgia	Wisconsin	33-6
Jan. 1, 1997	Alabama	Michigan	17-14
Jan. 1, 1996	Penn State	Auburn	43-14
Jan. 2, 1995	Wisconsin	Duke	34-20
Jan. 1, 1994	Michigan	NC State	42-7
Jan. 1, 1993	Tennessee	Boston College	38-23
Jan. 1, 1992	Syracuse	Ohio State	24-17
Jan. 1, 1991	Clemson	Illinois	30-0
Jan. 1, 1990	Auburn	Ohio State	31-14
Jan. 2, 1989	Syracuse	LSU	23-10
Jan. 2, 1988	Michigan	Alabama	28-24
Dec. 23, 1987	Boston College	Georgia	27-24

Illinois in the ReliaQuest Bowl

- Illinois will play in the ReliaQuest Bowl for the second time in program history.
- Illinois first appeared in Tampa in 1991 when the bowl was known as the Hall of Fame Bowl. It was the third straight bowl trip for the Illini under John Mackovic.
- Illinois lost 30-0 in the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl to Clemson. The Tigers took the opening kickoff and marched 71 yards in 16 plays before All-American kicker Chris Gardocki kicked an 18-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. Illinois fumbled on its first play from scrimmage, and on the very next play, Tiger quarterback DeChane Cameron hit Doug Thomas with a 14-yard touchdown pass to give his team a 10-0 lead. The Tiger offense tacked on two more touchdowns in the second quarter, while the Clemson defense held the Fighting Illini to just 22 total yards in the half. Illinois got its offense on track in the second half with 225 yards, but never could find the end zone.
- Bret Bielema will make his second appearance in the Tampa bowl game as a head coach. He previously took Wisconsin to Tampa for the 2008 game, which was named the Outback Bowl at the time, where the Badgers fell to Tennessee, 21-17. Bielema was also in Tampa for the 2005 Outback Bowl as Wisconsin's defensive coordinator, as the Badgers fell to Georgia, 24-21.
- Illinois has 18 players from Florida, tied for the most in the Big Ten. Seven of Illinois' starters on its nationally ranked defense are from Florida.
- The ReliaQuest Bowl will be the Illini's first bowl game in the state of Florida since the 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl, a dominant 63-21 win over Virginia in Miami.
- The ReliaQuest Bowl will be the ninth January bowl game in Illinois history and first since the 2008 Rose Bowl Game.
- Illinois played at Raymond James Stadium in 2017, a 47-23 loss to #22 South Florida. It was current Illini starter Alex Palczewski's second career start and first career road game. Palczewski was one of 10 true freshman starters for Illinois against USF, an Illini program record.

The Illinois-Mississippi State Series

- The ReliaQuest Bowl will be the third meeting between Illinois and Mississippi State.
- In the most recent meeting, Illinois fell, 28-21, to Mississippi State in Champaign 10/4/1980.
- In the programs' first meeting, Illinois won 27-0 in Champaign in 1923. Mississippi State was named Mississippi A&M at the time.

Illinois-Mississippi State Connections

- Illinois starting offensive guard Zy Crisler is a Crystal Springs, Mississippi, native and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast CC last year. Crystal Springs is a 2:30 drive from Starkville.

Illinois-Tampa Connections

- Illinois has 18 players on its roster from the state of Florida, including star DT Jer'Zhan Newton, who is from St. Petersburg, Florida (Clearwater Central Catholic). Other players from the Tampa Bay area include LB Dylan Rosiek (East Lake), LS Lane Hansen (East Lake), DB Peyton Vining (Bradenton), and OL Dylan Davis (Sarasota).
- Former Illinois star Bobby Roundtree was from Largo, Florida, in the Tampa Bay area.
- Bret Bielema's wife, Jen, is from Tampa and was born at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital, which is within one mile of Raymond James Stadium.

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
0	Josh McCray	RB	6-1	235	So.	Enterprise, Ala.	Enterprise	
1	Kionte Curry	DB	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Mims, Fla.	Cocoa	
1	Isaiah Williams	WR	5-10	180	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic	
2	Matthew Bailey	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Moline, Ill.	Moline	
2	Chase Brown	RB	5-11	205	Jr.	London, Ontario	St. Stephen's Episcopal (Fla.)	Western Michigan
3	Tommy DeVito	QB	6-2	210	Sr.	Cedar Grove, N.J.	Don Bosco Prep	Syracuse
4	Jer'Zhan Newton	DL	6-2	295	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Clearwater Central Catholic	
4	KhMari Thompson	WR	6-1	210	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Central Gwennett	Missouri
5	Caleb Griffin	K	6-3	215	Jr.	Danville, Ill.	Danville	
5	Calvin Hart Jr.	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	American Heritage	North Carolina State
6	Ashton Hollins	WR	6-5	180	Fr.	Lucedale, Miss.	George County	
6	Terrell Jennings	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Knob Hill, Colo.	Pine Creek	Minnesota State
7	Brian Hightower	WR	6-3	215	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)
7	Kendall Smith	DB	6-1	205	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill.	Bolingbrook	
8	Tarique Barnes	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Cordova	
8	Shawn Miller	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
9	Tyson Rooks	DB	6-4	190	Fr.	St. Simons Island, Ga.	Glynn Academy	
9	Artur Sitkowski	QB	6-5	225	Jr.	Old Bridge, N.J.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	Rutgers
10	Donovan Leary	QB	6-2	215	Fr.	Sicklerville, N.J.	Timber Creek	
10	Tahveon Nicholson	DB	5-11	180	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Lee	
11	Jake Huber	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Spring Grove, Ill.	Richmond-Burton	
11	Jonah Morris	WR	6-4	220	Sr.	Akron, Ohio	Hoban	Northern Colorado
12	Elijah Mc-Cantos	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Edison	
12	Kirkland Michaux	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	Austin, Texas	Westlake	Blinn JC
13	Pat Bryant	WR	6-3	195	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Atlantic Coast	
14	Xavier Scott	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Dwyer	
14	Casey Washington	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas	Pflugerville	
15	Prince Green	DB	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin	
15	Jameson Sheehan	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	Cary, Ill.	Cary-Grove	
16	Will McManus	K	5-10	185	Fr.	Glyndon, Md.	The Hun School (N.J.)	
16	Peyton Vining	DB	6-2	200	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	St. Stephen's Episcopal	Denison
17	Gabe Jacas	OLB	6-3	265	Fr.	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	Fort Pierce Central	
17	Ryan Johnson	QB	6-4	225	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis.	Ashwaubenon	Northern Michigan
18	Chase Miller	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Baltimore, Md.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
19	Eian Pugh	WR	6-3	170	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	Fenwick	
19	Hugh Robertson	P	6-2	225	R-Fr.	Melbourne, Australia	Assumption College Kilmore	
20	Naivyan Cargill	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Palm Beach Gardens	
20	Tyler Strain	DB	5-9	180	R-Fr.	Pace, Fla.	Pace (Fla.)	
21	Aidan Laughery	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Gibson City, Ill.	GCMS	
21	Jartavius Martin	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla.	Lehigh Acres	
22	Chase Hayden	RB	5-10	205	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Saint George's Independent	East Carolina
23	TeRah Edwards	DL	6-2	320	R-Fr.	Groveport, Ohio	Groveport Madison	Northwestern
23	Reggie Love III	RB	5-11	205	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic	
24	Nick Fedanzo	RB	6-0	210	So.	Lombard, Ill.	Montini Catholic	
25	Jordan Anderson	RB	6-4	240	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	Joliet Catholic	
25	Jared Badie	OLB	6-3	225	Fr.	Aurora, Ill.	Oswego East	
26	Mike Manning	DB	5-8	190	So.	Frankfort, Ill.	Lincoln-Way East	Butler
27	Matthew Bobak	DB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill.	Hinsdale Central	
28	Dylan Rosiek	LB	6-1	225	R-Fr.	East Lake, Fla.	East Lake	
29	TJ Griffin	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	Hickory Hills, Ill.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	
30	Sydney Brown	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	London, Ontario	St. Stephen's Episcopal (Fla.)	
31	Devon Witherspoon	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Pensacola, Fla.	Pine Forest	
32	Tailon Leitzsey	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Laurel, Md.	Riverside (S.C.)	Missouri Baptist
33	Ezekiel Holmes	OLB	6-5	245	Jr.	Wichita Falls, Texas	Hirschi	
34	Ryan Meed	LB	6-1	230	So.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Canarsie	
35	Grayson Griffin	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Aurora, Ill.	St. Francis	
36	Lane Hansen	LS	6-0	220	R-Fr.	East Lake, Fla.	East Lake	

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36	Ben Schultz	OLB	6-3	230	So.	Champaign, Ill.	Central	
37	Solo Turner	DB	6-2	220	So.	Frisco, Texas	Prestonwood Christian	Hawaii
38	Isaac Darkangelo	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Brighton, Mich.	Detroit Catholic Central	Northern Michigan
39	Aidan Hall	LS	6-2	205	So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Benet Academy	
39	Kenenna Odeluga	LB	6-1	230	R-Fr.	South Holland, Ill.	Mount Carmel	
40	Lucas Althaus	TE	6-6	240	R-Fr.	Alpha, Ill.	Alwood	
40	Shammond Cooper	OLB	6-2	220	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic	
41	James Kreutz	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Bannockburn, Ill.	Loyola Academy	
42	Michael Marchese	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Vernon Hills, Ill.	Stevenson	
42	Luke Zardzin	LB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Prospect	
43	Griffin Moore	TE	6-4	250	So.	Bloomington, Ill.	Bloomington	
44	Ben Clawson	WR	6-0	200	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Hersey	
45	Malachi Hood	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Joliet Catholic	
47	Preston Engel	LS	6-0	250	Jr.	Normal, Ill.	Normal Community	
48	Bryce Barnes	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Gibson City, Ill.	Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley	
48	Mike Cerniglia Jr.	TE	6-3	240	So.	Madison, Wis.	Memorial	Northern Illinois
49	Seth Coleman	OLB	6-5	240	So.	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy	
52	Verdis Brown	DL	6-4	345	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
53	Devin Hale	OL	6-0	310	R-Fr.	Springfield, Ill.	Sacred Heart-Griffin	
54	Julian Pearl	OL	6-6	315	Jr.	Danville, Ill.	Danville	
55	Sed McConnell	DL	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake	
56	Magnus Møller	OL	6-9	310	Fr.	Veije, Denmark	Rødkilde Gymnasium	
57	Evan Kirts	DL	6-5	300	So.	Evergreen Park, Ill.	Brother Rice	
62	Sam Tsaglis	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Prospect	
63	Alex Palczewski	OL	6-6	315	Sr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Prospect	
64	Josh Kreutz	OL	6-2	280	R-Fr.	Bannockburn, Ill.	Loyola Academy	
65	Joey Okla	OL	6-2	325	Fr.	Hartland, Wis.	Arrowhead	
66	Jordyn Slaughter	OL	6-5	325	Jr.	Belleville, Ill.	Althoff Catholic	
68	Zachary Barlev	OL	6-5	305	R-Fr.	Bolingbrook, Ill.	Plainfield East	
70	Tommy Cronin	OL	6-4	310	So.	Oak Park, Ill.	Oak Park River Forest	
71	Hunter Whitenack	OL	6-7	345	Fr.	New Carlisle, Ind.	New Prairie	
72	Zy Crisler	OL	6-6	330	So.	Crystal Springs, Miss.	Copiah Academy	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
73	Josh Gesky	OL	6-5	325	R-Fr.	Manteno, Ill.	Manteno	
74	Dylan Davis	OL	6-4	300	So.	Sarasota, Fla.	St. Stephen's Episcopal	Furman
75	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Glenbard West	
76	Clayton Leonard	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Danforth, Ill.	Iroquois West	
78	Isaiah Adams	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Ajax, Ontario	McLellan Catholic	Garden City CC (Kan.)
79	Luciano Elias	OL	6-5	320	Fr.	Wilmette, Ill.	New Trier	
80	Hank Beatty	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Rochester, Ill.	Rochester	
82	Luke Ford	TE	6-6	265	Sr.	Carterville, Ill.	Carterville	Georgia
83	Keion Battle	WR	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Oswego East	Northern Illinois
84	Owen Anderson	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Skillman, N.J.	The Hun School	
85	Miles Scott	WR	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Dolton, Ill.	Thornton Fractional North	
86	Weston Adams	WR	5-11	195	Fr.	Shell, Wyo.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
87	Kody Case	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	Lake City, Iowa	South Central Calhoun	South Dakota
88	Henry Boyer	TE	6-6	265	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Brother Rice	
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	DL	6-5	305	So.	Belleville, Ill.	Belleville West	
89	Tip Reiman	TE	6-5	265	So.	Rapid City, S.D.	O'Gorman	
90	Alec Bryant	OLB	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Pearland, Texas	Shadow Creek	Virginia Tech
91	Jamal Woods	DL	6-2	290	Sr.	Hueytown, Ala.	Hueytown	
93	Calvin Avery	DL	6-2	325	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	Bishop Dunne	
94	Raashaan Wilkins	DL	6-3	315	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Mt. Carmel	Vanderbilt
95	Nico Crawford	LS	6-1	250	Fr.	Dublin, Ohio	Dublin Scioto	
98	Deon Pate	OLB	6-2	265	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy	
98	Fabrizio Pinton	K/P	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Houston, Texas	The Woodlands	Air Force
99	Christian Lorenzo	DL	6-3	285	Fr.	DeKalb, Ill.	DeKalb	

Fr. and R-Fr. differentiates between true and second- or third-year freshmen

OFFENSIVE LINE



78 ISAIAH ADAMS
OL, 6-5, 315, JR.
AJAX, ONTARIO, CANADA / MCLELLAN CATHOLIC / GARDEN CITY CC (KAN.)
» 2022 All-Big Ten third team (media) and honorable mention (coaches)
» Led the team in knockdowns with 120.5
» Double-digit knockdowns in six of 12 games
» 11 starts at left guard; slid to start at left tackle at Indiana (9/2/22) in place of injured Julian Pearl
» No. 3 graded guard in the Big Ten (76.8) according to PFF (min. 450 snaps)
» Began career at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada before transferring to Garden City CC
» 2021 NCAA D1 All-America first team, ranked No. 5 juco offensive lineman (No. 21 overall) by 247Sports

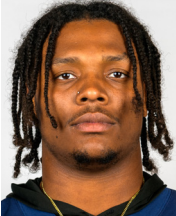


72 ZY CRISLER
OL, 6-6, 330, SO.
CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS. / COPIAH ACADEMY / MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC
» 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
» 12 straight starts at right guard to open Illini career
» Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
» Junior college national ranks: #16 (Rivals), #44 (247), #50 (ESPN)
» Junior college position ranks: #3 (247), #6 (ESPN)



63 ALEX PALCZEWSKI
OL, 6-6, 315, SR.
MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT
» 2022 All-American by AFCA (2nd), CBS (2nd), PFF (2nd)
» 2022 All-Big Ten second team (media) and third team (coaches)
» 64 career starts are the most in Big Ten History, one away from tying FBS record
» Enters the bowl having gone 668 pass-block snaps (99% at RT) without allowing a sack, according to PFF
» No. 10 graded tackle in the nation, fourth in the Big Ten, (82.2) according to PFF (min. 500 snaps)
» 48 career starts at tackles, 16 career starts at guard (11 as a freshman, 5 last season)
» Most of his extended family lives in Poland

OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST
ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD WATCH LIST



54 JULIAN PEARL
OL, 6-6, 315, JR.
DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE
» 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
» 11 starts at left tackle in 2022, returned to lineup vs. Virginia (9/10) after missing game at Indiana (9/2)
» Started five games at guard and five games at tackle in 2021
» Started three games at right tackle in 2020 after Alex Palczewski was injured
» Played basketball in high school
» Majoring in sociology



75 ALEX PIHLSTROM
OL, 6-6, 305, SR.
GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / GLENBARD WEST
» 2022 All-Big Ten second team (coaches) and honorable mention (media)
» 12 consecutive starts at center during 2022 season
» Converted from tight end to offensive line prior to 2020 season
» Former walk-on was awarded a scholarship in November 2020
» Helped Glenbard West to the 2015 7A Illinois state title

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY WATCH LIST



66 JORDYN SLAUGHTER
OL, 6-5, 325, JR.
BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ALTHOFF CATHOLIC
» Illinois' "sixth man" on the offensive line
» Made second-career start, first since 2020, at left guard at Indiana (9/2/22) in place of injured Julian Pearl
» Saw first action since 2020 in Illinois win over Wyoming (8/27/22) after missing the 2021 season due to injury
» Three-star recruit, ranked as the No. 75 offensive tackle in the nation by ESPN and No. 83 by 247Sports
» Also played basketball in high school

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	ILL	12	12
CAREER		12	12

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	ILL	12	12
CAREER		12	12

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2017	ILL	12	11
2018	ILL	12	12
2019	ILL	13	13
2020	ILL	4	4
2021	ILL	12	12
2022	ILL	12	12
CAREER		65	64

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	3	0
2020	ILL	7	3
2021	ILL	12	10
2022	ILL	11	11
CAREER		33	24

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	1	0
2020	ILL	8	2
2021	ILL	12	5
2022	ILL	11	11
CAREER		33	19

START STATISTICS			
YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	1	0
2020	ILL	6	1
2022	ILL	11	1
CAREER		19	3

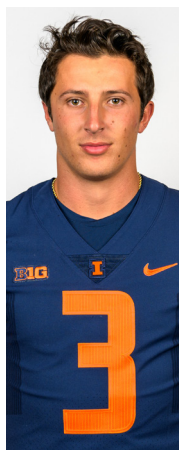
Illinois O-Line Recognized Among Nation's Best

- The Illinois offensive line was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award for the first time in the award's history on Nov. 15. Illinois was one of nine units honored from around the nation and one of only two from the Big Ten, along with Michigan.
- The offensive line has paved the way for the nation's second-leading rusher, Chase Brown (1,643 rushing yards).
- The Illinois O-line has been one of the toughest and most dependable in the nation to date. The line's five core starters have made 59 of 60 starts. Senior RT Alex Palczewski is the most veteran of the group with a Big Ten record 64 career starts.
- All five starters earned All-Big Ten recognition: **Alex Palczewski** (2nd team media, 3rd team coaches); **Alex Pihlstrom** (2nd team coaches; honorable mention media); **Isaiah Adams** (3rd team media, honorable mention coaches); **Julian Pearl** (honorable mention coaches and media); and **Zy Crisler** (honorable mention coaches).

MOST STARTS IN FBS HISTORY

#	PLAYER	STARTS
1.	Thomas Hennigan, WR, App State, 2017-21	65
2.	Alex Palczewski, OL, Illinois, 2017-Present	64
3.	Trey Carter, OL, Coastal Carolina, 2017-21	61
4.	Thomas Sargeant, OL, Liberty, 2017-21	60
	Airon Servais, OL, Syracuse, 2016-21	60
	Ben Petrula, OL, Boston College, 2017-21	60
7.	Connor Olson, OL, Minnesota, 2016-21	59

QUARTERBACKS



3 TOMMY DEVITO

QB, 6-2, 210, SR.

CEDAR GROVE, N.J. / DON BOSCO PREP / SYRACUSE

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Leads the Big Ten and ranks No. 4 nationally in completion percentage (69.9%)
- » Returned from injury vs. Iowa to lead Illinois to a 26-n over Minnesota (10/15/22), earning the No. 1 QB grade in the Big Ten, and the No. 3 grade in the nation, according to PFF
- » Entering ReliaQuest Bowl, ranks 18th nationally in overall offensive grade (84.5) and in passing grade (80.9 according to PFF (minimum 375 dropbacks)
- » Connected on a 14-yard TD pass to Chase Brown on his first pass attempt as an Illini vs. Wyoming (8/27/22)
- » Tallied 13 consecutive completions vs. Virginia (9/10/22), tied for the fourth-longest streak in program history and the most since Nathan Scheelhaase's record of 15 straight vs. Northwestern (11/30/2013)
- » As a freshman backup quarterback in 2018, led the Orange to critical wins over Florida State and UNC
- » Has known fellow Illini quarterback and New Jersey native Artur Sitkowski for more than a decade after the two grew up working with the same quarterback coach
- » No. 136 in the ESPN 300; Ranked eighth nationally by ESPN among pocket passers, and was also rated among the top pro-style QBs in the class of 2017 by 247Sports (8) and Rivals (14)

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD TOP 40
GOLDEN ARM WATCH LIST

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2018	SYR	8	44	87	50.6	525	6.0	4	3	11	75
2019	SYR	12	213	337	63.2	2360	7.0	19	5	44	264
2020	SYR	4	48	96	50.0	593	6.2	4	2	20	106
2021	SYR	3	32	52	61.5	388	7.5	1	2	6	33
2022	ILL	12	234	335	69.9	2397	7.2	15	4	20	129
CAREER		39	571	907	63.0	6263	6.9	43	16	101	610

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	SYR	8	23	-17	-0.7	1	0	0	-	0
2019	SYR	12	112	122	1.1	2	1	4	4.0	0
2020	SYR	4	43	23	0.5	0	0	0	-	0
2021	SYR	3	21	90	4.3	1	0	0	-	0
2022	ILL	12	63	70	1.1	5	0	0	-	0
CAREER		39	262	288	1.1	9	1	4	4.0	0



17 RYAN JOHNSON

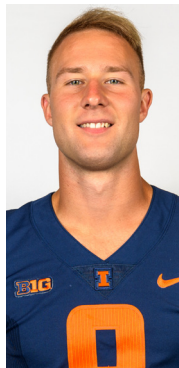
QB, 6-4, 225, SR.

GREEN BAY, WIS. / ASHWAUBENON / NORTHERN MICHIGAN

- » Played one snap in the win at #20 Minnesota in 2021, his only snap of his Illini career
- » Completed 101 passes for 1,263 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore at Northern Michigan
- » Completed 122 passes for 1,581 yards and nine touchdowns as a freshman at Northern Michigan
- » Transferred to Illinois with two years of eligibility remaining

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2017	NMU	11	122	203	60.1	1,581	7.8	9	4	-	-
2018	NMU	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	NMU	10	101	204	49.5	1,263	6.2	6	6	-	-
2020	NMU	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	ILL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAREER		22	223	407	54.8	2,844	7.0	17	10	-	-



9 ARTUR SITKOWSKI

QB, 6-5, 225, JR.

OLD BRIDGE, N.J. / IMG ACADEMY (FLA.) / RUTGERS

- » Entered game in place of injured starter Tommy DeVito vs. Iowa (10/8/22) and helped lead the Illini to a 9-6 victory over the Hawkeyes
- » Missed final four games of 2021 season and 2022 spring practice following an injury to his left arm, at Penn State, that required surgery
- » Career-high three passing touchdowns against UTSA 9/4/21
- » Stepped in for injured starter Brandon Peters in his first career game for Illinois in the 2021 season opener and helped Illinois to a 30-22 victory, earning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors for his 12-of-15, 124-yard, two-touchdown performance.
- » Started 13 games at Rutgers (11 in 2018, 2 in 2019)
- » Four-star recruit and rated the nation's No. 9 pro-style quarterback by ESPN.com in high school
- » Transferred to IMG Academy (Fla.) for his senior season

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2018	RUT	11	134	273	49.1	1158	4.2	4	18	12	96
2019	RUT	3	44	68	64.7	429	6.3	1	2	2	14
2020	RUT	4	52	81	64.2	444	5.5	3	0	6	33
2021	ILL	5	74	148	50.0	704	4.8	6	2	8	48
2022	ILL	3	18	25	72.0	103	4.1	0	1	0	0
CAREER		26	322	595	54.1	2838	4.8	14	23	28	191

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	RUT	11	22	-66	-3.0	0	0	0	-	0
2019	RUT	3	8	-7	-0.9	0	0	0	-	0
2020	RUT	4	14	2	0.1	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	5	26	31	1.2	0	0	0	-	0
2022	ILL	3	5	18	3.6	0	0	0	-	0
CAREER		26	75	-22	-0.3	0	0	0	-	0

DeVito On Target

- Tommy DeVito, has been extremely accurate in leading the Fighting Illini offense, ranking first in the Big Ten and fourth nationally in completion percentage (.699). DeVito enters the 2023 ReliaQuest Bowl in position to break Nate Scheelhaase's Illini record of .667 (287-430) set in 2013.
- DeVito, who earlier in the season tallied 13 straight completions in the Illini's win vs. Virginia, had another near-perfect performance in the Illinois' 26-9 Week 9 win at Nebraska, hitting his first 11 passes and finishing 20-for-22 for a completion percentage of 90.9 percent, while tossing two TD passes.
- DeVito's .909 completion percentage vs. Nebraska:
 - » Ranked first nationally among all FBS QBs with more than two passing attempts in Week 9
 - » Broke the Illinois single-game record (min. 20 attempts) previously held by Reilly O'Toole (.839 [26-31] vs. Charleston Southern, 9/15/2012)
 - » Set the stadium record at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium
 - » Is the second-best ever by a Nebraska opponent



RUNNING BACKS



2 CHASE BROWN

RB, 5-11, 205, JR.

LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.) / W. MICHIGAN

- » 2022 All-American by Walter Camp (2nd team), AFCA (2nd), FWAA (2nd), CBS (2nd), and PFF (3rd)
- » 2022 All-Big Ten second team (coaches and media)
- » Enters bowl season as the nation's second-leading rusher and the Power-5's leader (1,643 yards)
- » Rushed for more yards than any other opponent against Michigan's No. 3-ranked rush defense (140 yards), Wisconsin's No. 12-ranked rush defense (129 yards), and Minnesota's No. 15-ranked rush defense (180 yards)
- » No. 2 on the Illinois career rushing chart with 3,558 yards as an Illini, second only to Illini record holder Robert Holcombe (4,105 yards from 1994-97)
- » No. 6 among active FBS players with 3,558 career yards (including 352 as a freshman at Western Michigan)
- » Season's first 1,000-yard rusher, eclipsed mark in only 7 games to tie program record set in 1953 by J.C. Caroline
- » Single-season program record with 11 100+-yard games this season; Also tied career record with 16 100-yard games (Robert Holcombe, 1994-97)
- » First rusher in Illinois program history with 10 consecutive 100+-yard rushing games; streak ran from 2021 season finale vs. Northwestern (11/27/21) through Game 9 this season vs. Michigan State (11/5/22)
- » Illinois' 14th 1,000-yard rusher in program history, and 1 of 3 with multiple 1,000-yard seasons
- » One of three Illini to ever record two 200-yard rushing games in one season (Mendenhall, Griffith)
- » Identical twin brother, Sydney, is a senior safety and team captain for the Illini

DOAK WALKER AWARD FINALIST

MAXWELL AWARD SEMIFINALIST

JON CORNISH AWARD FINALIST



22 CHASE HAYDEN

RB, 5-10, 205, SR.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / ST. GEORGE'S INDEPENDENT / ARKANSAS / EAST CAROLINA

- » Started his collegiate career at Arkansas in 2017 for head coach Bret Bielema
- » Rushed for 120 yards in his debut against Florida A&M for Arkansas
- » Father, Aaron Hayden, rushed for over 2,000 yards at Tennessee from 1991-94 and played four years in the NFL after being drafted in the fourth round in 1995
- » Brother, Dallan, is a freshman running back at Ohio State



23 REGGIE LOVE III

RB, 5-11, 205, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Closed the regular season with a career-high 85 yards and a rushing TD, in the Illini's win at Northwestern
- » Scored first-career touchdown, a 33-yard carry, vs. Wyoming (8/27)
- » Played for head coach Cory Patterson, now Illinois' running backs coach, during his first two high school seasons
- » Four-star recruit by Rivals, three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN



0 JOSH MCCRAY

RB, 6-1, 235, SO.

ENTERPRISE, ALA. / ENTERPRISE

- » Has battled injuries all season, limiting him to three games (will take a four-game redshirt)
- » 142 rushing yards at #7 Penn State were most ever 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
- » High school coach was Jed Kennedy, the same high school coach as Bielema product Melvin Gordon

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	WMU	13	71	352	5.0	0	10	75	7.5	0
2019	ILL	4	3	18	6.0	0	0	0	-	0
2020	ILL	8	104	540	5.2	3	7	64	9.1	0
2021	ILL	10	170	1005	5.9	5	14	142	10.1	0
2022	ILL	12	328	1643	5.0	10	27	240	8.9	3
CAREER TOTAL		47	676	3558	5.3	18	58	521	9.0	3
ILLINOIS TOTAL		34	605	3206	5.3	18	48	446	9.3	3

FOR MORE ON BROWN'S CHASE FOR HISTORY VISIT:

FIGHTINGILLINI.COM/CHASEBROWN

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2017	ARK	7	61	326	5.3	4	1	23	23.0	0
2018	ARK	12	57	251	4.4	1	11	61	5.5	0
2019	ARK	4	12	39	3.3	0	4	12	3.0	0
2020	ECU	3	16	62	3.9	0	1	31	31.0	0
2021	ILL	2	5	18	3.6	0	0	0	-	0
2022	ILL	5	22	87	4.0	0	2	12	6.0	0
CAREER		33	173	783	4.5	5	19	139	7.3	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2020	ILL	3	10	12	1.2	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	6	44	158	3.6	0	2	12	6.0	0
2022	ILL	12	59	276	4.7	2	3	9	3.0	0
CAREER		21	113	446	3.9	2	5	21	4.2	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2021	ILL	11	112	549	4.9	2	2	43	21.5	0
2022	ILL	3	12	39	3.3	0	4	19	4.8	0
CAREER		14	124	588	4.7	2	6	62	10.3	0

Brown's Record-Breaking Season

- Chase Brown is coming off of a career year in 2021, recording a team-most 1,005 yard and five scores to lead the Illini's potent rushing attack, and has posted one of the top single seasons in program history in 2022
- In reaching the 1,000 rushing yard mark in the second consecutive season, Brown has joined join an elite group of Illini running backs. Only Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe had reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons for the Fighting Illini prior to Brown.
- Brown enters the ReliaQuest Bowl with 1,643 yards on the year and is 55 yards from breaking Mikel LeShoure's single-season rushing record of 1,697 yards set in 2010.
- For his career, Brown has tallied 3,206 yards as an Illini and 3,558 yards overall (including 352 as a freshman at Western Michigan). His 3,206 yards at Illinois are second in program history, trailing only Robert Holcombe (4,105 yards from 1994-97)
- Entering bowl season, Brown ranks second in the FBS in total rushing yards (1,643), third in rushing yards per game (136.9) and sixth in all-purpose yards per game (156.92).



ILLINOIS RUSHING RECORDS

SEASON RUSHING LEADERS

1. Mikel LeShoure, 2010	1,697
2. Rashard Mendenhall, 2007	1,681
3. Chase Brown, 2022	1,643
4. Antoine Harris, 2002	1,330
5. Robert Holcombe, 1996	1,281

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

1. Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105
2. Chase Brown, 2018-present	3,206
3. Antoine Harris, 1999-2002	2,985
4. Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	2,887
5. Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	2,878

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Chase Brown, 2018-present	16
Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	16
3. Mikel LeShoure, 2008-10	12
Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	12
5. Red Grange, 1923-25	11

WIDE RECEIVERS



80 HANK BEATTY

WR, 5-11, 185, FR.

ROCHESTER, ILL. / ROCHESTER

- » Hauled in catches in each of his first two collegiate games vs. Wyoming (8/27/22) and at Indiana (9/2/22), and notched a career-best two grabs in Illinois' win vs. Iowa (10/8/22)
- » 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



13 PAT BRYANT

WR, 6-3, 195, SO.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / ATLANTIC COAST

- » Part of first offensive game in program history with two 100-yard receivers (with Isaiah Williams) and a 100-yard rusher (Chase Brown) in a single game (vs. Chattanooga on 9/22/22).
- » Ranks first among Illini receivers at 13.32 yards per catch through 12 games (min. 5 receptions)
- » 14th Illini in program history to start 3+ games at wide receiver as a true freshman in 2021
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals with offers from Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, Miami, Minnesota, Penn State, Florida State and Virginia
- » Brother, Brandon Harris, played linebacker at USF



7 BRIAN HIGHTOWER

WR, 6-3, 215, JR.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. / IMG ACADEMY (FLA.) / MIAMI

- » At least one catch in first 11 games this season, including career-high 5 vs. Wisconsin (10/1/22), Iowa (10/8/22), and Purdue (11/12/22); also totaled a season-high 89 receiving yards vs. Purdue.
- » Recorded 11 receptions for 203 yards and three touchdowns in during the 2020 season
- » Played 18 games over two seasons (2018-19) w/ 12 catches, 148 yards and 1 TD at Miami before transfer
- » Consensus four-star recruit by ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals also held offers from Alabama, Clemson and USC



11 JONAH MORRIS

WR, 6-4, 210, SR.

AKRON, OHIO / HOBAN / NORTHERN COLORADO

- » Hauled in season-long 21-yard reception in Illinois' 9-6 victory over Iowa (10/8/22)
- » Transfer from Northern Colorado, had also played at Indiana (2016-17) and Akron (2018-19)
- » Three-year letterman, team captain, and starter at Archbishop Hoban
- » Also lettered in basketball and track in high school



14 CASEY WASHINGTON

WR, 6-2, 200, JR.

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS / PFLUGERVILLE

- » Hauled in a career-most six receptions for a season-high 53 yards at #3 Michigan (11/19/22), and followed with three catches for 22 yards at Northwestern (11/26/22) to close the season
- » Second on the team in receptions (21) and receiving yards (294) as a junior in 2021
- » Caught game-winning two-point conversion at #7 Penn State 10/23/21 to win the longest game in college football history (20-18, 9 OT); sent gloves to the College Football Hall of Fame for display



1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

WR, 5-10, 180, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- » Nickname: "One" or "Uno"
- » At least one catch in all 24 games over the last two seasons; had 3+ catches in each game of 2022 season
- » Ranks 21st in the nation and second in the Big Ten in receptions per game (6.0)
- » Leads Illinois in receptions (72), receiving yards (579), and touchdown receptions (5)
- » 72 receptions rank sixth in a single season in program history
- » Enters ReliaQuest Bowl ranking second among all Power 5 WRs with 560 yards after catch, via PFF
- » Part of first offensive game in program history with two 100-yard receivers (with Pat Bryant) and a 100-yard rusher (Chase Brown) in a single game (vs. Chattanooga on 9/22/22).
- » Converted QB, set Illinois record for rushing yards by a QB in a game (195) at Rutgers in 2020
- » Switched to wide receiver for the final two practices of spring ball in 2021
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN; Illinois' highest ranked QB recruit since Juice Williams (2006)
- » Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2022	ILL	7	0	0	-	0	7	25	3.6	0
CAREER		7	0	0	-	0	7	25	3.6	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2021	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	6	98	16.3	0
2022	ILL	11	0	0	-	0	34	453	13.3	2
CAREER		16	0	0	-	0	40	551	13.8	2

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	MIA-FL	11	0	0	-	0	4	60	12.0	1
2019	MIA-FL	7	0	0	-	0	8	88	12.0	0
2020	ILL	6	0	0	-	0	11	209	19.0	3
2022	ILL	11	0	0	-	0	37	452	12.2	2
CAREER		35	0	0	-	0	60	809	13.5	6

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2017	IND	9	0	0	-	0	0	0	12.0	0
2018	AKRN	12	1	1	1.0	0	26	381	12.0	1
2021	N.COLO.	5	0	0	-	0	20	143	10.6	1
2022	ILL	4	0	0	-	0	4	55	13.8	0
CAREER		30	1	1	1.0	0	50	579	11.6	2

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2019	ILL	10	0	0	-	0	11	132	12.0	0
2020	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	10	106	10.6	0
2021	ILL	12	0	30	-	1	21	294	14.0	0
2022	ILL	11	0	0	-	0	24	238	9.9	0
CAREER		38	0	30	-	1	66	770	11.7	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2019	ILL	4	9	16	1.8	0	3	9	3.0	0
2020	ILL	6	63	389	6.2	1	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	12	61	5.1	2	47	525	11.2	4
2022	ILL	12	7	5	0.7	0	72	595	8.3	5
CAREER		34	91	471	5.2	3	122	1129	9.3	9

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2019	ILL	4	3	10	30.0	38	3.8	0	1	1	3
2020	ILL	6	26	63	41.3	393	6.2	4	2	4	17
2021	ILL	12	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		32	29	74	39.2	431	5.8	4	3	6	32



TIGHT ENDS



82 LUKE FORD

TE, 6-6, 265, SR.

CARTERVILLE, ILL. / CARTERVILLE / GEORGIA

- » Season-high four receptions vs. Virginia (9/10/22)
- » Season-high 26 receiving yards vs. Michigan State (11/5/22)
- » Originally verbally committed to Bret Bielema at Arkansas before going to Georgia
- » Illinois native sat out 2019 after transferring from Georgia, where he played nine games in 2018
- » Ranked No. 1 TE in the nation by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports and ESPN in class of 2018; No. 42 overall recruit in the nation in the class of 2018 by Rivals and No. 51 by 247Sports

MACKEY AWARD WATCH LIST

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2018	UGA	9	0	0	-	0	1	4	4.0	0
2020	ILL	2	0	0	-	0	2	15	7.5	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	15	114	7.6	2
2022	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	10	88	8.8	0
CAREER		35	0	0	-	0	28	221	7.9	2



42 MICHAEL MARCHESE

TE, 6-4, 235, SR.

VERNON HILLS, ILL. / STEVENSON

- » Averages a team-best 18.9 yards per reception
- » Scored TDs in back-to-back games - vs. Virginia (9/10/22) and vs. Chattanooga (9/22/22) - in 46th and 47th games of his Illini career
- » Switched to tight end during 2021 spring practices
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 4/6/21

/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2017	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2018	ILL	11	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2019	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2020	ILL	3	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	2	30	15.0	0
2022	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	7	132	18.9	2
CAREER		55	0	0	-	0	9	162	18.0	2



89 TIP REIMAN

TE, 6-5, 265, SO.

RAPID CITY, S.D. / O'GORMAN

- » Enters bowl season leading Illinois tight ends in receptions (17) and yards (156)
- » Recorded a career-high four receptions for 29 yards vs. Michigan State (11/5/22)
- » Scored second career TD on a 2-yard reception to give Illinois a 21-3 lead vs. Virginia (9/10/22)
- » First career touchdown in Illinois' upset win at #20 Minnesota 11/6/21
- » Majoring in Kinesiology, wants to be a strength and conditioning coach
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 9/8/21
- » Married his wife Maddy, an alumna of the Illinois swimming & diving program, in March 2022

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2020	ILL	8	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	3	43	14.3	1
2022	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	17	156	9.2	1
CAREER		32	0	0	-	0	20	199	9.9	2



DEFENSIVE LINE



93 CALVIN AVERY

DL, 6-2, 325, SR.
DALLAS, TEXAS / BISHOP DUNNE

- » Ranks first among veteran group of returning defensive lineman with 54 career games played as an Illini
- » Recorded first quarterback hurry of his career in the Illini's win at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » Ranked as No. 9 defensive tackle in the nation by Rivals, No. 16 by ESPN and No. 23 by 247Sports
- » 2017 Under Armour All-America Game participant and 2017 US Army All-American Game invitee
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals coming out of Bishop Dunne



48 BRYCE BARNES

DL, 6-2, 280, JR.
GIBSON CITY, ILL. / GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY

- » Began as a tight end in 2019 before moving to defensive tackle in 2020, then to outside linebacker in 2021 before moving back to defensive line in the spring of 2022
- » Helped lead GCMS to back-to-back IHSA Class 2A State Championships in 2017 and 2018
- » Also played basketball at GCMS, scoring 1,000+ career points and helping team to third place at IHSA 2A state finals



23 TERAH EDWARDS

DL, 6-2, 320, R-FR.
GROVE PORT, OHIO / GROVE PORT MADISON / NORTHWESTERN

- » Recorded first-career sack for the Illini vs. Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » Joins Illinois with four years of collegiate eligibility entering 2022 season after spending 2020 (COVID) and 2021 (redshirt) seasons at Northwestern
- » Two-year letterman in wrestling in high school earning a pair of Ohio Capital Conference (OCC) titles
- » Offers out of high school included Indiana, Iowa State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Rutgers, Tennessee and Vanderbilt



4 JER'ZHAN NEWTON

DL, 6-2, 295, SO.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- » 2022 All-American by Walter Camp (2nd team), CBS (2nd), and PFF (2nd)
- » 2022 All-Big Ten first team (coaches and media)
- » Goes by "Johnny" but chose to be listed on the roster as his real name, Jer'Zhan
- » Half of the starting defensive tackle duo, along with Keith Randolph Jr., nicknamed "The Law Firm"
- » Newton and Randolph lead the nation among d-line tandems with a combined 81 pressures
- » Nation's No. 5-graded interior defensive lineman (90.9) according to PFF (min. 450 snaps)
- » Ranks first nationally among all defensive linemen in QB hits with 18, and is second in the nation (first in the Power 5) in total QB pressures with 54 according to PFF (min. 450 snaps)
- » Tied for the Power-5 lead in TFLs among interior defensive linemen (14.0)
- » Tied for second on the team in tackles (59.0), first in sacks (5.5), and first in tackles for loss (14.0)

BEDNARIK AWARD SEMIFINALIST
ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD WATCH LIST



88 KEITH RANDOLPH JR.

DL, 6-5, 305, SO.
BELLEVILLE, ILL. / BELLEVILLE WEST

- » 2022 All-Big Ten third team (coaches and media)
- » Half of the starting defensive tackle duo, along with Keith Randolph Jr., nicknamed "The Law Firm"
- » Newton and Randolph lead the nation among d-line tandems with a combined 81 pressures
- » Nation's No. 20-graded interior defensive lineman (80.3) according to PFF (min. 450 snaps)
- » Third in Power-5 in TFLs among interior defensive linemen (13.0)
- » Second on the team in TFLs (13.0), tied for second in sacks (4.5), and fifth in total tackles (51.0)
- » Had 1.0+ sacks in four straight games vs. Virginia, Chattanooga, Wisconsin, and Iowa
- » Did not start playing football until his junior year of high school
- » Also played basketball in high school and led Belleville West to two state titles alongside former Ohio State star, and current New Orleans Pelicans forward E.J. Liddell



91 JAMAL WOODS

DL, 6-2, 290, SR.
HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

- » Goes by "Bobo"
- » Returns for sixth year of eligibility after missing eight games in 2018, four games in 2019, and four games in 2020 due to injury
- » Outside of football, is a talented chef who aspires to own a food truck, and has a rap album on Spotify
- » 2017 BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	12	6	12	18	1.5-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2019	ILL	12	2	6	8	1-4	1-4	0	0	0	0	1
2020	ILL	7	10	4	14	1-6	1-6	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	11	7	3	10	1.5-6	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	12	12	24	2-4	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
CAREER		54	37	38	75	7-24	2.5-13	0	0	1	0	2

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	8	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	11	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	11	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		43	6	7	13	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	NU	2	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	NU	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	6	8	14	1.5-10	1-10	0	0	0	1	0
CAREER		18	8	8	16	1.5-10	1-10	0	0	0	1	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

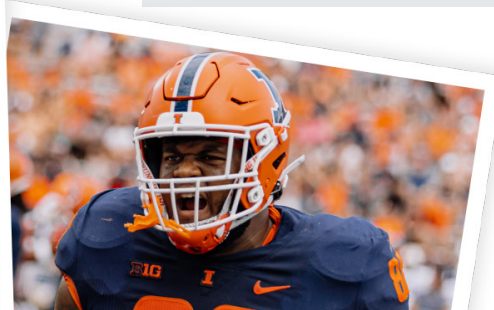
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	ILL	8	6	17	23	1.5-11	1.5-11	0	0	1	0	0
2021	ILL	12	19	30	49	4-30	3-28	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	27	32	59	14-66	5.5-50	0	1	0	2	0
CAREER		32	53	79	132	19.5-107	10-89	0	1	1	2	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	4	3	4	7	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	5	4	8	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	10	21	21	42	5.5-13	4-12	1	2	1	0	0
2022	ILL	12	23	28	51	13-43	4.5-28	1	1	0	0	1
CAREER		31	51	57	108	19-58	8.5-40	2	4	1	0	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2017	ILL	11	12	12	24	3.5-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	ILL	4	11	2	13	4-12	1-2	0	3	0	0	0
2019	ILL	9	10	4	14	5.5-19	0.5-3	0	0	1	0	0
2020	ILL	4	2	2	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	9	7	5	12	2-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	10	5	6	11	1.5-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		48	47	31	78	17-48	1.5-5	0	3	1	0	0



OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

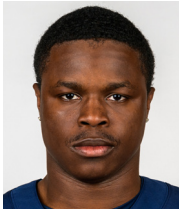


90 ALEC BRYANT

OLB, 6-3, 240, R-FR.

PEARLAND, TEXAS / SHADOW CREEK / VIRGINIA TECH

- » Tallied first-career half-sack vs. Chattanooga (9/22/22) and added another at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » Transferred from Virginia Tech with four years of eligibility remaining; sat out 2021 due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Played in one game as a freshman for Virginia Tech, at Virginia 12/12/20
- » Won Texas 5A state championship at Shadow Creek High School in 2019
- » Four-star recruit by Rivals was rated as the No. 13 weak-side defensive end in the country by 247Sports



49 SETH COLEMAN

OLB, 6-5, 240, SO.

MELBOURNE, FLA. / HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Posted big game in win vs. Iowa (10/8/22) with 5 tackles (4 solo), 2.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, four QB hurries and a pass breakup that led to a fourth quarter interception on the ensuing drive following Illinois' go-ahead field goal
- » Enters bowl season ranked second on the team in QB hurries (10) and tied for second in sacks (4.5)
- » Key PBU led to Tarique Barnes interception in Illinois' win at No. 20 Minnesota (11/6/21)
- » Broke into the starting lineup in 2020 with four starts; Played 10 games (three starts) in 2021



33 EZEKIEL HOLMES

OLB, 6-5, 245, JR.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS / HIRSCHI

- » Out for season following injury vs. Virginia (9/10/22) after playing in each of Illinois' first three games, including one start
- » Played in all 12 games with five tackles and 1.0 TFL as a sophomore in 2021
- » Earned bachelor's degree in sociology and pursuing second bachelor's in communication
- » Plays the piano and drums, and also played basketball and threw shot put in high school
- » Three-star recruit rated as the NO. 60 weak-side defensive end in the nation by 247Sports



17 GABE JACAS

OLB, 6-3, 265, FR.

PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA. / FORT PIERCE CENTRAL

- » Freshman All-American by 247Sports, College Football News (CFN), and PFF
- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Tied for the team lead with eighth tackles including two 1/2 sacks vs. Chattanooga (9/22/22)
- » Recorded 2.0 sacks vs. Virginia (9/10/22), becoming the first Illini true freshman with 2.0+ sacks in a game since Bobby Roundtree vs. Western Kentucky in 2017
- » Three-star recruit ranked No. 60 by 247Sports and No. 70 by On3 among edge rushers
- » Also a state champion and all-state wrestler at Fort Pierce Central

SHAUN ALEXANDER FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	VT	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	11	6	3	9	3.5-12	1.5-9	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		12	6	3	9	3.5-12	1.5-9	0	1	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	3	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	3-14	2-12	0	2	1	1	0
2022	ILL	11	23	19	42	5-26	4.5-25	0	6	0	0	0
CAREER		32	43	34	77	11.5-48	6.5-37	0	8	1	1	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	1	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
2020	ILL	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	12	2	3	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	3	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		21	4	5	9	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2022	ILL	12	13	18	31	5-36	4-33	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		12	13	18	31	5-36	4-33	0	0	0	0	0

Jacas Making Impact as True Freshman

- Freshman OLB Gabe Jacas made an immediate impact as a true freshman for the Illini, earning All-BIG honorable mention honors and being named one of 16 semifinalists for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.
- Through his first 12 games (seven starts), Jacas is fourth on the team with 4.0 sacks, tied for the second-most by a true freshman in Illini history, and enters the ReliaQuest Bowl tied for second in the Big Ten among edge players with 13 quarterback hits, while ranking sixth in total pressures (34)
- Jacas earned the first start of his collegiate career in the Illini's win at Wisconsin on Oct. 1, recording one solo stop and a quarterback hurry vs. the Badgers.
- With the start vs. the Badgers, Jacas became the first true freshman to start for the Illini this season.
- He is the first true freshman to start at linebacker/outside linebacker for Illinois since James Knight in 2017. Jacas is the 17th true freshman linebacker/outside linebacker to start a game in Illinois history.
- In the Illini's win vs. Virginia (9/10/22), Jacas recorded 2.0 sacks becoming the first true freshman with 2.0+ sacks in a game for the Illini since Bobby Roundtree did so vs. Western Kentucky in 2017.

ILLINOIS RECORD

TRUE FRESHMAN SEASON SACKS

1. Simeon Rice, 19929.0
2. Gabe Jacas, 20224.0
- Bobby Roundtree, 20174.0



LINEBACKERS



8 TARIQUE BARNES

LB, 6-1, 230, JR.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / CORDOVA

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- » Has recorded at least 0.5+ TFL in eight of the Illini's 12 regular-season games
- » Third on the team overall with 8.5 TFLs entering the ReliaQuest Bowl
- » Second on the team with a combined 120 tackles in 2021 (80) and 2022 (40) seasons, trailing only Sydney Brown (140)
- » Recorded 12 tackles (six solo) at Wisconsin 10/9/21, tying Sydney Brown (also vs. Wisconsin) and Jake Hansen (vs. Maryland 9/17/21) for the highest single-game total of the 2021 season

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2020	ILL	5	12	13	25	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	1	0	1	0
2021	ILL	12	44	36	80	3-17	1-10	1	6	1	0	0
2022	ILL	12	29	11	40	8.5-26	1.5-7	0	2	0	0	0
CAREER		42	93	65	158	16-75	4.5-37	2	9	3	1	0



38 ISAAC DARKANGELO

LB, 6-1, 230, SR.

BRIGHTON, MICH. / DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL / NORTHERN MICHIGAN

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- » Enters ReliaQuest Bowl leading the team with 66 tackles (40 solo, 66 assisted); also fourth on the team in both tackles for loss (7.5) and quarterback hurries (4)
- » Career-high 12 tackles (10 solo) vs. Purdue (11/12/22); notched first-career sack in win at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » Began collegiate career at Division II Northern Michigan and earned All-GLIAC second team honors as a sophomore in 2019 after tallying 105 tackles in 10 games in 2019

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	12	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	40	26	66	7.5-16	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
CAREER		25	44	29	73	7.5-16	1-3	0	0	0	1	0



5 CALVIN HART JR.

LB, 6-1, 230, JR.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. / AMERICAN HERITAGE / NORTH CAROLINA STATE

- » Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week 8/30/21 following fumble recovery TD and 1.5 TFLs vs. Nebraska 8/28/21
- » Missed final 11 games of 202 season with an injury suffered in the season opener against Nebraska
- » Seven tackles, including 1.5 TFL, in his first career start vs. #5 Clemson 11/9/19
- » Played linebacker and safety at American Heritage High School for head coach and former Pro Bowler Pat Surtain

DICK BUTKUS AWARD WATCH LIST

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	NCST	4	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	NCST	11	18	17	35	5.5-29	1.0-15	0	0	0	1	0
2020	NCST	10	6	12	18	3.0-13	2.0-11	0	0	2	0	0
2021	ILL	1	2	4	6	1.5-8	1.0-7	0	0	0	1	0
2022	ILL	11	12	9	21	1.5-7	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		37	38	42	80	11.5-57	4.5-36	0	0	2	2	0

Hart Returns From Injury

- Calvin Hart Jr. announced he would miss the remainder of the 2021 season after an injury in the season-opener against Nebraska.
- Hart was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (8/30/21) for his performance in last year's opener vs. the Cornhuskers after recording a following fumble recovery TD and 1.5 TFLs in the Illini victory.

Barnes Anchors Defensive Middle

- Tarique Barnes had a breakout season for the Fighting Illini defense in 2021 posting 80 tackles (four behind Sydney Brown for the team lead), 2.0 sacks, one pick, five pass breakups, and two forced fumbles on the season en route to Phil Steele All-Big Ten fourth team honors
- Barnes' on-field production continued in a big way in 2022 as the junior linebacker started every game for the Illini's highly-rated defense, adding another 40 tackles with 8.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks en route to honorable mention All-Big Ten honors from both the coaches and media.
- Over the past two seasons Barnes ranks second to Sydney Brown (140) with a combined 120 total tackles - 80 in 2021 and 40 in 2022.



SECONDARY

**2 MATTHEW BAILEY**

DB, 6-2, 205, FR.
MOLINE, ILL. / MOLINE

- » Recorded second-career interception in fourth quarter of Illinois' 9-6 win over Iowa (10/8/22)
- » Against Virginia (9/10/22), became the first true freshman in the nation to record a fumble recovery for a TD and an interception in the same game since 2006 (Jerrett Sanderson of Bowling Green vs. FIU)
- » 2021 Illinois High School Coaches Association 7A All-State first team
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ranked No. 130 safety nationally, and the No. 37 player in Illinois
- » Set Moline records for single-season receiving yards (802) and touchdown receptions (10) as a senior

**30 SYDNEY BROWN**

DB, 6-0, 205, SR.
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.)

- » 2022 All-American by CBS (honorable mention) and PFF (3rd team)
- » 2022 All-Big Ten first team (coaches) and second team (media)
- » Second nationally and first in the Big Ten with six interceptions, tied for seventh in a season in Illini history
- » 10 career INTs ranks tied for eighth in the Illini record book, most since Eugene Wilson (11 from 1999-02)
- » Tied for second on the team in tackles (59), while adding 3.5 TFLs, seven pass breakups, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery for a touchdown.
- » Led Illinois with 83 tackles including a team-best 51 unassisted stops in 2021

JON CORNISH AWARD FINALIST

**6 TERRELL JENNINGS**

DB, 6-1, 190, SR.
KNOB HILL, COLO. / PINE CREEK / MINNESOTA STATE

- » Nicknamed "Rello"
- » Sustained season-ending injury in Illinois game vs. Michigan State (11/5/22)
- » Path to Illinois began at Santa Barbara City College (2017), followed by two years at North Dakota (2018 and 2019) and two years at Minnesota State (2020 and 2021)
- » Started in 10 games for Minnesota State in 2021 after the 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID

**32 TAILON LEITZSEY**

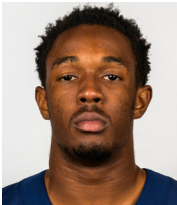
DB, 6-0, 190, SR.
LAUREL, MD. / RIVERSIDE (S.C.) / MISSOURI BAPTIST

- » Awarded a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 4/6/21
- » Worked two jobs and slept in his car for nearly a week prior to joining the Illinois team
- » Earned bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2020 and working toward master's in management
- » Volunteers with several local programs and schools, in addition to running his own free youth football camp each of the last two years, and organizing the "Packed for Success" backpack drive in the Champaign-Urbana community

WITTEN COLLEGIATE MAN OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST
WUERFFEL TROPHY NOMINEE**21 JARTAVIUS MARTIN**

DB, 6-0, 195, SR.
LEHIGH ACRES, FLA. / LEHIGH ACRES

- » Goes by "Quan"
- » 2022 All-Big Ten second team (media), and third team (coaches)
- » 21st nationally and third in the B1G with 1.2 passes defended per game
- » #1 tackling grade (90.7) among B1G cornerbacks, #2 nationally; also ranked #2 in B1G 2021, according to PFF
- » Became the second Illinois true freshman cornerback to start the first two games of the season since 1980 in 2018, joining Vontae Davis (2006)

**10 TAHVEON NICHOLSON**

DB, 5-11, 180, SO.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / LEE

- » Goes by "Taz"
- » Sustained season-ending wrist injury in Illinois game vs. Purdue (11/12/22)
- » Recorded first-career interception, and ranked second on the team with six tackles (all solo) in Illinois' 34-10 victory at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » 2021 Academic All-Big Ten performer pursuing bachelor's in recreating, sport & tourism
- » Attended Palmetto Prep Academy for one year following high school and played defensive back and wide receiver

**7 KENDALL SMITH**

DB, 6-1, 205, SR.
BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 17th in FBS and third in the Big Ten with four interceptions
- » Special teams player of the week in Illinois' upset win at No. 20 Minnesota (11/6/21)
- » First significant playing time was against Iowa in 2020 after DB Nate Hobbs left with an injury
- » Has played both wide receiver and defensive back at Illinois
- » Ranked No. 9 recruit in Illinois by ESPN coming out of Bolingbrook

**31 DEVON WITHERSPOON**

DB, 6-0, 180, JR.
PENSACOLA, FLA. / PINE FOREST

- » 2022 All-American by Walter Camp (1st team), AFCA (1st), FWAA (1st), CBS (1st), and PFF (1st)
- » 2022 Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year, the first in Illinois history
- » All-Big Ten first team (coaches and media)
- » Projected first round draft pick in this year's NFL Draft, would be the first Illini first-rounder since 2012
- » 34.4% reception percentage against, No. 3 in the country according to PFF (min. 400 coverage snaps)
- » No. 2 graded CB in the country with an overall grade of 91.6, and a coverage grade of (92.0), via PFF
- » Sixth nationally and second in the B1G with 1.4 passes defended per game

JIM THORPE AWARD FINALIST
BEDNARIK AWARD SEMIFINALIST

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2022	ILL	12	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0
CAREER		12	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	10	25	30	55	2-4	0-0	1	6	0	0	0
2019	ILL	11	51	37	88	2.5-3	0-0	3	4	0	0	0
2020	ILL	6	20	16	36	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2021	ILL	12	51	32	83	1.5-6	1-5	0	3	2	0	0
2022	ILL	12	40	19	59	3.5-14	1-6	6	13	1	1	0
CAREER		51	186	133	319	10-29	2-11	10	26	4	1	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018 N. DAK		3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 N. DAK		4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 MN ST.		10	15	4	19	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	0
2022 ILL		9	10	1	11	1-9	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		26	25	8	33	1-9	0-0	1	4	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	7	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		20	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	10	25	17	42	1.5-4	0-0	3	6	0	0	0
2019	ILL	12	14	9	23	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
2020	ILL	8	25	13	38	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0
2021	ILL	12	33	22	55	1.5-7	0-0	1	8	1	0	0
2022	ILL	12	47	12	59	3-10	1-6	3	14	2	0	0
CAREER		54	144	73	217	10-33	1-6	7	30	4	2	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2021	ILL	7	9	2	11	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
2022	ILL	10	18	1	19	1-3	0-0	1	7	1	0	0
CAREER		17	27	3	30	1-3	0-0	1	9	1	0	0

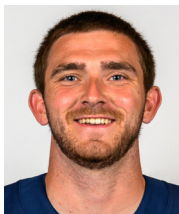
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2017	ILL	12	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	ILL	10	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2019	ILL	2	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	8	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	12	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	21	13	34	0-0	0-0	4	9	0	0	0
CAREER		56	38	27	65	0-0	0-0	4	10	1	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	23	10	33	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
2020	ILL	7	19	14	33	1-4	0-0	2	2	1	3	0
2021	ILL	10	42	10	52	6-25	0-0	0	9	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	32	9	41	2.5-7	0-0	3	17	0	0	0
CAREER		42	116	43	159	11.5-36	1-11	5	30	1	3	0

SPECIALISTS



5 CALEB GRIFFIN

K, 6-3, 215, JR.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

- » 2022 All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- » Hit a career-long 48-yard field goal at Indiana (9/2/22)
- » Also played wide receiver during 2021 spring practices
- » Four sport athlete at Danville High School (football, baseball, basketball, soccer)
- » Holds bachelor's degree in marketing and master's degree in management; pursuing second master's in strategic brand communication



39 AIDAN HALL

LS, 6-2, 205, SO.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / BENET ACADEMY

- » Snapped on punt team in all 12 games; also handled FG/PAT snapping duties in first three games of the season
- » Played in two games at long snapper as a redshirt freshman in 2020
- » Working toward bachelor's degree in systems engineering & design
- » Chose Illinois specifically to study at the Grainger College of Engineering



36 LANE HANSEN

LS, 6-0, 220, R-FR.

EAST LAKE, FLA. / EAST LAKE

- » Snapped on field goals and PATs over last nine regular-season games (since Game 4 vs. Chattanooga)
- » 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)
- » Majoring in kinesiology



98 FABRIZIO PINTON

K/P, 6-3, 230, R-FR.

HOUSTON, TEXAS / THE WOODLANDS / AIR FORCE

- » Made Illini debut with two kickoffs in win at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » Scored all nine points, with FGs of 27, 37, and 36 yards, in Illinois' 9-6 victory over Iowa (10/8/22); found out he was kicking in pre-game, taking over duties in place of the injured Caleb Griffin
- » First year at Illinois as a redshirt freshman after transferring from the Air Force Academy
- » 2019-20 all-state second team selection at The Woodlands High School



19 HUGH ROBERTSON

P, 6-2, 225, R-FR.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

- » Recorded career-long 64-yard punt at No. 3 Michigan (11/19/22)
- » Placed four punts inside the 20-yard line in Illinois' 9-6 victory over Iowa (10/8/22)
- » Born in 1993 and graduated high school in 2011; entered 2022 with four years of eligibility remaining
- » Former member of the Australian Army, also played Australian rules football before coming to Illinois
- » Chose Illinois, in part, because fellow Australian and former Illini punter Blake Hayes spoke so highly of the university and football program

Robertson Among Oldest in FBS

- **Hugh Robertson**, Illinois' redshirt freshman punter from Melbourne, Australia, enters the 2022 season ranked as the third-oldest player in the NCAA Division I football bowl subdivision (FBS) and the oldest player in the Big Ten Conference.
- Robertson, born Jan. 16, 1993, was 29 years, 223 days old when Illinois opened the season Aug. 27 vs. Wyoming, ranking third on the list behind fellow Aussie punters Tom Hutton (32, Oklahoma St.) and Luke Larsen (30, East Carolina).

OLDEST PLAYERS IN FBS

NAME, POSITION	SCHOOL	CLASS	AGE (DOB)
Tom Hutton, P	Oklahoma State	Sr.	32 (3/3/90)
Luke Larsen, P	East Carolina	So.	30 (7/18/92)
Hugh Robertson, P	Illinois	R-Fr.	29 (1/16/93)
Jordy Sandy, P	TCU	Sr.	29 (5/27/93)
Lou Hedley, P	Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	29 (6/26/93)

RETURNERS



16 PEYTON VINING

DB/KR, 6-2, 200, SR.

BRADENTON, FLA. / ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL / DENISON

- » Only player on the Illini roster with a return touchdown in his career (2019 for Denison)
- » Played in two games for the Illini and used the season as a redshirt year in 2021
- » Transferred to Illinois after four years at Denison (missed 2018 season due to injury)
- » Graduated with a degree in health exercise and sport studies from Denison in 2021, and pursuing master's in food science & human nutrition at Illinois



1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

WR/PR, 5-10, 180, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Nickname: "One" or "Uno"
- » Recorded longest punt return of his career (24 yards) vs. Virginia (9/10/22)
- » Converted QB, set Illinois record for rushing yards by a QB in a game (195) at Rutgers in 2020
- » Switched to wide receiver for the final two practices of spring ball in 2021
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN; Illinois' highest ranked QB recruit since Juice Williams (2006)
- » Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2019	ILL	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2020	ILL	5-5	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	8	28
2021	ILL	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2022	ILL	31-31	13-17	5-5	4-5	4-6	0-1	70	48
CAREER		36-36	14-18	6-6	4-5	4-6	0-1	78	48

GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G
2020	ILL	2
2021	ILL	0
2022	ILL	12
CAREER		14

GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G
2022	ILL	9
CAREER		9

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2022	ILL	2-3	7-7	3-3	4-4	0-0	0-0	21	37
CAREER		2-3	7-7	3-3	4-4	0-0	0-0	21	37

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	NO.	YDS	LNG	AVG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
2020	ILL	2	1	38	38	38.0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	1	0	0	0	00.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	12	55	2154	64	39.2	4	23	16	8	0
CAREER		15	56	2192	64	39.1	4	24	16	8	0

KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2017	DEN	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	DEN	10	15	407	1	91	27.1	40.7
2020	DEN	1	6	138	0	30	23.0	138.0
2022	ILL	12	9	188	0	43	20.9	15.7
CAREER		27	30	733	1	91	24.4	27.1

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2022	ILL	12	15	112	0	24	7.5	9.3
CAREER		12	15	112	0	24	7.5	9.3



BRET BIELEMA

- HEAD COACH
- IOWA '92
- SECOND 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

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

YEAR-BY-YEAR

2021- Illinois
2020 New York Giants
2019 New England Patriots
2018 New England Patriots
2013-17 Arkansas
2006-12 Wisconsin
2004-05 Wisconsin
2002-03 Kansas State
1996-2001 Iowa
1994-95 Iowa

Head Coach (13-11)
Outside Linebackers, Senior Assistant Coach
Defensive Line
Consultant to the Head Coach
Head Coach (29-34)
Head Coach (68-24)
Defensive Coordinator
Co-Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers
Graduate Assistant

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 25 years of collegiate coaching experience and compiled a 14-year record of 110-69 (.614) as head coach at Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Illinois. 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.

Bielema has guided Illinois to an 8-4 record in 2022 and he has the Fighting Illini back in a bowl game in just his second season in Champaign. The Illini were ranked in the AP Top 25 for five straight weeks and Illinois was ranked in the College Football Playoff rankings for the first time in school history. Illinois ranked in the top 10 in the nation in 17 major defensive categories during the regular season, including leading the nation in interceptions (22), ranking second in scoring defense (12.3), and third in total defense (263.8). Two Illini were national awards finalists in RB Chase Brown (Doak Walker Award) and CB Devon Witherspoon (Paycom Jim Thorpe Award).

In Bielema's first season in Champaign, Illinois went 5-7 overall record and 4-5 Big Ten record in 2021, including ranked road wins over #7 Penn State in the longest game in college football history (9 OT) and #20 Minnesota, the Illini's first ever win over a College Football Playoff ranked opponent. Illinois' scoring defense (31st from 97th), third down defense (31st from 89th), and total defense (52nd from 114th) all improved more than 50 spots in the nation rankings from 2020. The Illini made massive gains in the Big Ten defensive rankings, as well, jumping 9+ spots in scoring defense (4th from 14th), touchdowns allowed (t-3rd from 14th), yards allowed per game (5th from 14th), and passing yards allowed per game (1st from 10th).

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, helping the Hawkeyes share the 1990 Big Ten title with Illinois. After two years as a graduate assistant and six seasons as linebacker coach at Iowa, Bielema spent two years as Co-Defensive Coordinator at Kansas State under Hall-of-Famer Bill Snyder, helping the Wildcats win the 2003 Big 12 Championship. Two seasons later, he was named Defensive Coordinator at Wisconsin under Hall-of-Famer Barry Alvarez and moved into the head coaching role of the Badgers in 2006 when Alvarez retired.

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In Bielema's debut season at Wisconsin in 2006, the Badgers finished 12-1, including a victory in the Capital One Bowl against Arkansas. He was the first coach in Big Ten history to win 10 games in his first

season, the first Wisconsin coach to win 11 games prior to a bowl game and became the third coach in NCAA history to win 12 games in his first season. Bielema won 17 of his first 18 games with the Badgers. The Badgers shared or won Big Ten championships three straight seasons from 2010-12 and he led Wisconsin to victories in the first two Big Ten championship games.

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

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

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

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

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	8-4 (.667)	ReliaQuest Bowl

TOTAL: 14TH YEAR // OVERALL: 110-69 // BIG TEN: 47-28

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR.
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Barry Lunney Jr. is in his first season at Illinois in 2022, reuniting with head coach Bret Bielema after Lunney spent five years as the tight ends coach at Arkansas under Bielema from 2013-17. Lunney has led Illinois to big improvements in 2022, as Illinois features the nation's second-leading rusher in Chase Brown and an efficient passing attack. Illinois has improved 56.8 yards/game from 2021, the best improvement in the Big Ten. The Illini rank third in the nation in team completion percentage (69.8%), an 18.6% improvement of last year's completion percentage (51.2%) and a jump of 119 spots in the national rankings. QB Tommy DeVito ranks third in the nation in completion percentage (69.9%) and his 142.3 passer rating is on pace to break the Illini single-season record. Lunney came to Champaign from UTSA, where he served as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in 2020 and 2021.



GEORGE McDONALD
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

George McDonald is in his second season at Illinois in 2022. McDonald returned to his alma mater following six seasons at N.C. State and with experience in three Power-5 conferences and the NFL. In 2022, McDonald has led WR Isaiah Williams to one of the most productive seasons for an Illini wide receiver in recent history. Williams is second in the Big Ten in receptions, tied with Marvin Harrison Jr. (Ohio State) and behind only Charlie Jones (Purdue), and ranks 21st in the nation in receptions per game (6.0). According to PFF, Williams is fourth in the nation and first in the Big Ten in yards after catch (560) and second in the nation in forced missed tackles among wide receivers (26). McDonald also ran track his freshman and senior years, earning All-Big Ten honors his senior year when he set an Illinois record with a time of 6.74 in the 60 meters, to win the 1999 Big Ten Indoor Championships 60m title. He earned his bachelor's degree in health planning and administration from Illinois in 1999.



BART MILLER
OFFENSIVE LINE

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Bart Miller is in his second season at Illinois in 2022, after joining Bret Bielema's coaching staff for the second time. Miller has taken the Illinois offensive line to the next level, as the Illini are regarded as one of the most physical teams in the country. Illinois was named one of nine finalists for the prestigious Joe Moore Award, given to the nation's best offensive line. It was the first time since the award's creation that Illinois was named a finalist. All five starting offensive linemen were named All-Big Ten in 2022, led by second team selections RT Alex Palczewski and C Alex Philstrom. Miller came to Champaign-Urbana after two successful seasons as offensive line coach and offensive run-game coordinator at Wyoming. Miller's first full-time coaching position came as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin under Bielema in 2012.



CORY PATTERSON
RUNNING BACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Cory Patterson is in his fifth season overall as an assistant coach at Illinois in 2022, and his second under head coach Bret Bielema who retained Patterson on his coaching staff, changing his role to running backs coach. Patterson has coached one of the best running backs in the nation in 2022, as Chase Brown has rewritten the Illinois record books. The first ever Doak Walker Award finalist in Illinois history, Brown is the nation's second-leading rusher with 1,653 yards and he led the Power-5 in rushing from start to finish during the 2022 regular season. He produced an Illinois record 10 games of 100+ rushing yards in 2022, an Illinois record, including starting the season with nine straight 100-yard games, another Illinois record. Patterson spent his first three seasons with the Illini as tight ends coach after three seasons as the highly successful head coach at Trinity Catholic High School in St. Louis.



SEAN SNYDER
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/SPECIALISTS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Sean Snyder, a veteran Power-5 special teams coordinator, joined the Illini staff for his first season in 2022. He stepped in as Illinois' special teams coordinator, while Ben Miller remained on health-related leave through the 2022 season. Snyder came to Champaign from USC where he spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons as the Trojans' special teams coordination. Snyder spent more than two decades at Kansas State, where his father, Bill Snyder, was a legendary head coach. He served in various administrative and coaching roles. Snyder's collegiate career began at Iowa in 1988 and 1989 before he finished as a consensus All-America punter at Kansas State.



BEN MILLER
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS

Ben Miller was named Illinois football's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach in January 2021. Miller, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in February, remained on a health-related leave through the 2022 season. He stayed in communication with the Illinois staff and student-athletes as much as possible while continuing his medical plan and treatments. Miller coached one of the top special teams units in the nation and one of the best tight end duos in the Big Ten in 2021. Illinois' veteran special teams unit, led by All-Big Ten performers K James McCourt and P Blake Hayes, helped the Illini finish #1 in the nation in special teams, according to ESPN's SP+ rating.

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



RYAN WALTERS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Ryan Walters joined the Illinois football staff as defensive coordinator in January 2021. One of the nation's fastest rising young coaches, Walters arrived at Illinois following six seasons at Missouri, including three years as the Tigers' defensive coordinator and two years as co-defensive coordinator. A year after taking Illinois' defense to new heights, Walters has turned the Illini unit into one of the best in the nation. Illinois ranked in the top 10 in the nation in 17 major defensive categories during the regular season, including leading the nation in interceptions (22), ranking second in scoring defense (12.3), and third in total defense (263.8). Walters' unit is led by Bednarik Award semifinalists and All-Americans CB Devon Witherspoon and DT Jer'Zhan Newton as Illinois and Alabama are the only teams with two Bednarik semifinalists, which lists the top 20 defenders in the nation. For his efforts, Walters was named the 247Sports Defensive Coordinator of the Year and one of five finalists for the Broyles Award, given to the nation's top assistant coach.



KEVIN KANE ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH

Kevin Kane, who is in his second season at Illinois in 2022, reunited with Bielema following three seasons leading a stingy defense at SMU as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Kane has led Illinois' group of outside linebackers to new heights in 2022, as Seth Coleman and Gabe Jacas combined for the most quarterback hits in the nation among edge duos and both were named All-Big Ten honorable mention. Jacas was a Freshman All-American after totaling 31 tackles, 5.0 TFLs, and 4.0 sacks, the second-most sacks by an Illini true freshman in program history. Coleman was sixth on the team in tackles with 41 and second in sacks with 4.5. Kane joined the SMU staff in 2018 and in his first two seasons led the Mustangs to several national top 25 rankings, including the No. 1 ranking for sacks per game (3.92) and No. 3 ranking in tackles for loss (8.5 avg) in 2019. He made the move to SMU after spending the 2016 and 2017 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Northern Illinois.



ANDY BUH LINEBACKERS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Andy Buh is in his second season at Illinois in 2022. He joined the Illini on Bielema's first coaching staff, bringing 23 years of collegiate coaching experience to Champaign-Urbana including four different stops as defensive coordinator in three Power-5 conferences. Bielema and Buh spent the 2012 season together at Wisconsin helping the Badgers win the Big Ten Championship. He made the move to Illinois after spending the 2020 season as outside linebackers coach at Arizona. Buh also spent time in the Big Ten as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Rutgers in 2019 and three years as defensive coordinator at Maryland from 2016-18. He also served as a coordinator earlier in his career at California, Nevada and Stanford.



TERRANCE JAMISON DEFENSIVE LINE

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Terrance Jamison is in his second season at Illinois in 2022, leading one of the best defensive line units in the nation. All-American DT Jer'Zhan Newton leads the nation in QB hits (19) and ranks sixth in the nation in pressures (54) and together with All-Big Ten DT Keith Randolph, the duo led the nation in quarterback pressures among defensive line partners with 81. Newton and Randolph each tied for second in Power-5 in tackles for loss among interior defensive linemen (13.0 each), behind only Pitt's Calijah Kancey (14.0), the ACC Defensive Player of the Year. Their 13.0 tackles for loss were each more than 3.0 better than the next closest Big Ten interior defensive lineman. When adding nose tackle Calvin Avery, Illinois' three interior defensive linemen totaled more tackles and TFLs than any other interior defensive line trio in the nation. A two-time graduate of Wisconsin, Jamison played on the defensive line for the Badgers under Bielema from 2005-07 before knee injuries forced him to the sidelines.



AARON HENRY DEFENSIVE BACKS

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Aaron Henry, who was a standout player and coached under Bielema at Wisconsin and Arkansas, respectively, is in his second season at Illinois in 2022. Henry has led Illinois' defensive backs unit to one of the best in college football. The Illini finished the regular season leading the nation in interceptions (22), passing efficiency defense (89.8), fewest passing touchdowns allowed (8), and fewest yards per pass attempt (5.4). Henry's group is led by Big Ten Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year Devon Witherspoon, who was also one of five finalists for the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award. Witherspoon led the nation in forced incompletions (16) and reception percentage against (33.8), according to PFF. He was the No. 2 graded cornerback in the nation by PFF (91.4) and No. 1 in Power-5. Witherspoon was named a first team All-American.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	12	328	1699	56	1643	5.0	10	49	136.9
Reggie Love III	12	59	294	17	277	4.7	2	33	23.1
Chase Hayden	6	22	94	7	87	4.0	0	23	14.5
Tommy Devito	12	63	209	139	70	1.1	5	18	5.8
Josh McCray	3	12	43	4	39	3.3	0	9	13.0
Hugh Robertson	12	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	1.9
Artur Sitkowski	3	5	19	1	18	3.6	0	11	6.0
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	5	9.0
Isaiah Williams	12	7	25	20	5	0.7	0	13	0.4
Team	12	15	0	31	-31	-2.1	0	0	-2.6
Total	12	515	2415	275	2140	4.2	17	49	178.3
Opponents	12	373	1515	334	1181	3.2	6	44	98.4

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	12	142.3	234-335-4	69.9	2397	15	63	199.8
Artur Sitkowski	3	98.6	18-25-1	72.0	103	0	34	34.3
Chase Brown	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	138.9	252-361-5	69.8	2500	15	63	208.3
Opponents	12	89.8	183-370-22	49.5	1985	8	62	165.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	12	72	595	8.3	5	63	49.6
Brian Hightower	12	37	452	12.2	2	35	37.7
Pat Bryant	11	34	453	13.3	2	43	41.2
Chase Brown	12	27	240	8.9	3	43	20.0
Casey Washington	12	24	238	9.9	0	25	19.8
Tip Reiman	12	17	156	9.2	1	20	13.0
Luke Ford	12	10	88	8.8	0	18	7.3
Michael Marchese	12	7	132	18.9	2	39	11.0
Hank Beatty	11	7	25	3.6	0	8	2.3
Jonah Morris	6	4	55	13.8	0	21	9.2
Josh McCray	3	4	19	4.8	0	9	6.3
Miles Scott	12	4	29	7.3	0	19	2.4
Reggie Love III	12	3	9	3.0	0	5	0.8
Chase Hayden	6	2	12	6.0	0	8	2.0
Total	12	252	2500	9.9	15	63	208.3
Opponents	12	182	1979	10.9	8	62	164.9

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Isaiah Williams	15	112	7.5	0	24
Kody Case	2	16	8.0	0	14
Miles Scott	2	9	4.5	0	5
Peyton Vining	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hank Beatty	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	21	137	6.5	0	24
Opponents	6	51	8.5	0	40

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Sydney Brown	6	86	14.3	1	39
Kendall Smith	4	41	10.3	0	22
Jartavius Martin	3	0	0.0	0	0
Devon Witherspoon	3	97	32.3	0	57
Tyler Strain	2	16	8.0	0	16
Matthew Bailey	2	5	2.5	0	5
Keith Randolph Jr.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tahveon Nicholson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	22	257	11.7	1	57
Opponents	5	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Peyton Vining	9	188	20.9	0	43
Pat Bryant	2	48	24.0	0	27
Michael Marchese	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	12	245	20.4	0	43
Opponents	25	506	20.2	0	92

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Sydney Brown	1	53	53.0	1	53
Jer'Zhan Newton	2	0	0.0	0	0
Matthew Bailey	1	0	0.0	1	0
Tailon Leitzsey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Michael Marchese	1	0	0.0	0	0
Isaac Darkangelo	1	0	0.0	0	0
TeRah Edwards	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	53	6.6	2	53
Opponents	11	13	1.2	0	8

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Isaac Darkangelo	12	40	26	66	7.5-16	1-3	.	.	4	1-0	.	.	.
30	Sydney Brown	12	41	19	60	3.5-14	1-6	6-86	7	1	1-53	1	.	.
4	Jer'Zhan Newton	12	27	32	59	14-66	5.5-50	.	1	11	2-0	.	.	.
21	Jartavius Martin	12	47	12	59	3-10	1-6	3-0	11	1	.	2	.	.
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	12	23	28	51	13-43	4.5-28	1-12	.	3	.	.	1	.
49	Seth Coleman	11	23	19	42	5-26	4.5-25	.	6	10	.	.	.	.
31	Devon Witherspoon	12	31	9	40	2.5-7	.	3-97	14	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tarique Barnes	12	29	11	40	8.5-26	1.5-7	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
7	Kendall Smith	12	20	13	33	.	.	4-41	5	.	.	.	.	.
17	Gabe Jacas	12	13	18	31	5-36	4-33	.	.	5	.	.	.	.
93	Calvin Avery	12	12	12	24	2-4	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
5	Calvin Hart Jr.	11	12	9	21	1.5-7	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Tahveon Nicholson	10	18	1	19	1-3	.	1-0	6	.	.	1	.	.
23	TeRah Edwards	12	6	8	14	1.5-10	1-10	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
6	Terrell Jennings	9	10	1	11	1-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
91	Jamal Woods	10	5	6	11	1.5-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
20	Tyler Strain	11	6	4	10	0.5-0	.	2-16	2	.	.	.	.	.
14	Xavier Scott	10	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
90	Alec Bryant	11	6	3	9	3.5-12	1.5-9	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
28	Dylan Rosiek	12	4	4	8	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
48	Bryce Barnes	11	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Kenenna Odeluga	12	4	2	6	3.5-15	2-13	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
2	Matthew Bailey	12	3	2	5	.	.	2-5	2	1	1-0	.	.	.
42	Michael Marchese	12	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
1	Kionte Curry	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Ryan Meed	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Tailon Leitzsey	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
33	Ezekiel Holmes	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Evan Kirts	5	2	.	2	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Peyton Vining	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Sed McConnell	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Brian Hightower	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jared Badie	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Elijah Mc-Cantos	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Isaiah Williams	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	James Kreutz	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Shammond Cooper	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tyson Rooks	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	416	252	668	81-341	28-193	22-257	60	45	8-53	6	1	0
Opponents		12	526	382	908	75-262	21-141	5-0	16	12	11-13	11	0	0

SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Chase Brown	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Caleb Griffin	-	13-17	31-31	-	-	-	-	-	70
Tommy Devito	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30
Isaiah Williams	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Fabrizio Pinton	-	7-7	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	23
Michael Marchese	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Sydney Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Brian Hightower	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Reggie Love III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pat Bryant	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tip Reiman	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
Matthew Bailey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	35	20-24	33-34	0	1	1	0	0	305
Opponents	14	17-22	12-14	0	0	0	0	0	147

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caleb Griffin	13-17	76.5	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-6	0-1	48	0
Fabrizio Pinton	7-7	100.0	0-0	3-3	4-4	0-0	0-0	37	0
Opponents	17-22	77.3	0-0	6-6	5-6	6-10	0-0	46	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Illinois	Opponents
Wyoming	42,(27),51	(22),(46)
Indiana	(29),(48)	(39),(43),(43)
Virginia	31,(23),45	(42),41
Chattanooga	(34)	43
Wisconsin	(44),(31)	(39)
Iowa	(27),(36),(37)	(32),45,(27)
Minnesota	(31),(23),(23),(30)	
Nebraska	(36),(41)	(26)
Purdue	(38)	44,(25)
Michigan	(29)	(46),(41),(33),(35)
Northwestern	(23),(43)	(28)
Michigan St.		(21),31

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Tommy Devito	12	398	70	2397	2467	205.6
Chase Brown	12	329	1643	0	1643	136.9
Reggie Love III	12	59	277	0	277	23.1
Artur Sitkowski	3	30	18	103	121	40.3
Chase Hayden	6	22	87	0	87	14.5
Josh McCray	3	12	39	0	39	13.0
Hugh Robertson	12	1	23	0	23	1.9
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	9.0
Isaiah Williams	12	7	5	0	5	0.4
Team	12	0	-31	0	-31	-2.6
Total	12	876	2140	2500	4640	386.7
Opponents	12	743	1181	1985	3166	263.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hugh Robertson	54	2102	38.9	64	3	23	16	7	0
Total	54	2102	38.9	64	3	23	16	7	0
Opponents	70	2898	41.4	68	2	23	20	14	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Caleb Griffin	48	2971	61.9	31	1			
Will McManus	15	848	56.5	0	0			
Fabrizio Pinton	3	159	53.0	0	0			
Total	66	3978	60.3	31	1	26	38.5	26
Opponents	43	2569	59.7	26	1	14	39	25

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				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	7	5	31 4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	5	3	17 2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	4	2	10 1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	3	3	17 2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W 34-10	5	5	27 3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	4	3	9 0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	5	5	19 1	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W 26-9	3	3	17 2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	4	1	8 1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	4	4	24 3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/19/2022	at Michigan	L 17-19	2	2	10 1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/26/2022	at Northwestern	W 41-3	4	4	24 3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 40 of 50 (80.0%)			50	40	213 23	14	9	17	19	4	1	2	0	1	

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts TDs				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	1	1	3 0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/02/2022	Indiana	L 20-23	2	2	10 1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	1	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	2	0	0 0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/01/2022	Wisconsin	W 34-10	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	3	2	6 0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	2	2	14 2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/29/2022	Nebraska	W 26-9	1	1	3 0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	5	4	23 3	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	4	4	24 3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/19/2022	Michigan	L 17-19	4	3	13 1	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/26/2022	Northwestern	W 41-3	2	1	3 0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 20 of 27 (74.1%)			27	20	99 10	6	4	10	13	1	2	1	0	0	

CONVERSIONS/TIME OF POSSESSION STATISTICS

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	7-16 43.8	1-4 25.0	3-7 42.9	2-3 66.7	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	9-17 52.9	4-5 80.0	1-4 25.0	2-3 66.7	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	5-14 35.7	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-4 25.0	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	7-15 46.7	1-3 33.3	5-6 83.3	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W 34-10	3-13 23.1	1-3 33.3	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	4-16 25.0	2-5 40.0	0-4 0.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	6-17 35.3	0-3 0.0	2-5 40.0	2-3 66.7	2-6 33.3	0-0 0.0
10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W 26-9	7-15 46.7	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	6-17 35.3	2-3 66.7	1-4 25.0	2-5 40.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	5-13 38.5	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	3-4 75.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/19/2022	at Michigan	L 17-19	5-13 38.5	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
11/26/2022	at Northwestern	W 41-3	4-10 40.0	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	3-3 100.0	0-0 0.0
Illinois			68-176 38.6	14-40 35.0	20-50 40.0	17-38 44.7	17-48 35.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents			49-169 29.0	14-42 33.3	10-40 25.0	15-45 33.3	10-42 23.8	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W 34-10	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	3-3 100.0	2-2 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	4-4 100.0	2-2 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W 26-9	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	1-6 16.7	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/19/2022	at Michigan	L 17-19	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/26/2022	at Northwestern	W 41-3	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Illinois			12-25 48.0	6-8 75.0	2-5 40.0	2-3 66.7	2-9 22.2	0-0 0.0
Opponents			8-19 42.1	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	1-5 20.0	5-10 50.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	36:36	07:54	10:11	07:11	11:20	00:00
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	36:33	10:39	08:37	07:05	10:12	00:00
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	34:41	06:46	08:40	08:13	11:02	00:00
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	31:47	08:41	07:49	04:54	10:23	00:00
10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W 34-10	33:56	05:33	09:44	07:08	11:31	00:00
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	31:05	05:57	10:56	05:53	08:19	00:00
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	40:04	05:56	13:46	04:09	16:13	00:00
10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W 26-9	38:13	06:36	11:32	08:14	11:51	00:00
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	31:55	05:07	10:10	06:02	10:36	00:00
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	27:45	04:42	07:50	08:51	06:22	00:00

NCAA AND BIG TEN SUMMARY

ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (REGULAR SEASON)

CATEGORY	NCAA	B1G	STAT
3rd Down Conversion Pct	.76	.9	.386
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	.7	.2	.290
4th Down Conversion Pct	.74	.8	.480
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	.30	.3	.421
Completion Percentage	.3	.1	.698
Fewest Penalties	.100	.12	.82
Fewest Penalties Per Game	.98	.12	6.83
Fewest Penalty Yards	.116	.13	.773
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	.116	.13	64.42
First Downs Defense	.9	.4	.178
First Downs Offense	.55	.6	.255
Fumbles Lost	.107	.13	.11
Fumbles Recovered	.42	.3	.8
Kickoff Return Defense	.70	.9	20.24
Kickoff Returns	.59	.7	20.42
Net Punting	.100	.12	36.87
Passes Had Intercepted	.12	.2	.5
Passes Intercepted	.1	.1	.22
Passing Offense	.97	.10	208.3
Passing Yards Allowed	.5	.1	165.4
Passing Yards per Completion	.125	.14	9.92
Punt Return Defense	.85	.10	8.5
Punt Returns	.80	.8	6.52
Red Zone Defense	.11	.2	.741
Red Zone Offense	.96	.10	.800
Rushing Defense	.8	.2	98.4
Rushing Offense	.49	.5	178.3
Sacks Allowed	.48	.7	1.75
Scoring Defense	.2	.1	12.2
Scoring Offense	.82	.8	25.4
Tackles for Loss Allowed	.86	.10	6.25
Team Passing Efficiency	.54	.5	138.92
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	.1	.1	89.77
Team Sacks	.46	.7	2.33
Team Tackles for Loss	.25	.3	6.8
Time of Possession	.13	.3	32.51
Total Defense	.3	.2	263.8
Total Offense	.71	.7	386.7
Turnover Margin	.2	.1	+14
Turnovers Gained	.1	.1	.30
Turnovers Lost	.52	.6	.16
Winning Percentage	.30	.4	.667

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (REGULAR SEASON TOP 75)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose Yards	C. Brown	1,883	6th
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	.765	64th
Field Goal Per Game	Griffin	1.3	40th
Fumbles Recovered	Newton	.2	22nd
Interceptions	S. Brown	.6	1st
Punt Returns	Williams	7.5	24th
Rush Yards Per Carry	C. Brown	5.01	73rd
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	1,643	2nd
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	136.9	3rd

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (REGULAR SEASON TOP 10)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose	C. Brown	1,883	1st
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	.765	7th
Field Goals Per Game	Griffin	1.22	4th
Fumble Recovered	Newton	.2	2nd
Punt Returns	Williams	7.5	1st
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	1,643	1st
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	136.9	2nd
Sacks	Newton	5.5	7th
Total Interceptions	S. Brown	.6	1st

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						Coaches		
Rk	Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Poll	Conference Championship	
1	1	Georgia (62)	SEC	13-0	1574	*1	W 50-30 N #11 LSU	
2	2	Michigan (1)	Big Ten	13-0	1513	*2	W 43-22 N Purdue	
3	3	TCU	Big 12	12-1	1430	4	L 31-28 (OT) N #13 Kansas State	
4	5	Ohio State	Big Ten	11-1	1398	3	DNP	
5	6	Alabama	SEC	10-2	1285	5	DNP	
6	7	Tennessee	SEC	10-2	1233	6	DNP	
7	12	Utah	Pac-12	10-3	1110	10	W 47-24 N #4 USC	
8	4	USC	Pac-12	11-2	1068	8	L 47-24 N #12 Utah	
9	8	Penn State	Big Ten	10-2	1063	7	DNP	
10	10	Clemson	ACC	11-2	1042	11	W 39-10 N #24 North Carolina	
11	13	Kansas State	Big 12	10-3	1032	9	W 31-28 (10T) N #3 TCU	
12	9	Washington	Pac-12	10-2	933	12	DNP	
13	14	Florida State	ACC	9-3	708	13	DNP	
14	18	Tulane	AAC	11-2	681	17	W 45-28 H #22 UCF	
15	15	Oregon	Pac-12	9-3	670	14	DNP	
16	11	LSU	SEC	9-4	660	15	L 50-30 N #1 Georgia	
17	16	Oregon State	Pac-12	9-3	644	16	DNP	
18	17	UCLA	Pac-12	9-3	570	18	DNP	
19	19	Notre Dame	Ind	8-4	394	20	DNP	
20	20	South Carolina	SEC	8-4	382	19	DNP	
21	21	Texas	Big 12	8-4	305	21	DNP	
22	23	UTSA	C-USA	11-2	227	22	W 48-27 H North Texas	
23	NR	Troy	Sun Belt	11-2	158	24	W 45-26 H Coastal Carolina	
24	25	Mississippi State	SEC	8-4	119	23	DNP	
25	NR	NC State	ACC	8-4	59	RV	DNP	
RV	24	North Carolina	ACC		39	25	L 39-10 N #10 Clemson	
RV	22	UCF	AAC		36	RV	L 45-28 A #18 Tulane	
RV	NR	Cincinnati	AAC		32	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	Mississippi	SEC		27	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	Fresno State	MWC		25	RV	W 28-16 A Boise State	
RV	NR	Purdue	Big Ten		17	RV	L 43-22 N #2 Michigan	
RV	NR	South Alabama	Sun Belt		17	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	Illinois	Big Ten		11	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	Boise State	MWC		6	RV	L 28-16 H Fresno State	
RV	NR	Pittsburgh	ACC		4	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	Minnesota	Big Ten		2	RV	DNP	
RV	NR	James Madison	Sun Belt		1	NR	DNP	
NR	NR	Air Force	MWC		0	RV	DNP	
NR	NR	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt		0	RV	L 45-26 A Troy	
NR	NR	Duke	ACC		0	RV	DNP	

2022 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION				B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
Purdue	6-3	.667	2-2	4-1	4-2	W3	8-4	.667	4-2	4-2	0-0	W3			
Illinois	5-4	.556	2-2	2-2	4-1	W1	8-4	.667	5-2	3-2	0-0	W1			
Iowa	5-4	.556	2-2	3-2	4-2	L1	7-5	.583	4-3	3-2	0-0	L1			
Minnesota	5-4	.556	2-2	3-2	3-3	W1	8-4	.667	5-2	3-2	0-0	W1			
Wisconsin	4-5	.444	2-2	2-3	3-3	L1	6-6	.500	4-3	2-3	0-0	L1			
Nebraska	3-6	.333	1-3	2-2	1-5	W1	4-8	.333	2-5	2-2	0-1	W1			
Northwestern	1-8	.125	0-2	0-5	1-4	L7	1-11	.083	0-6	0-5	1-0	L11			
EAST DIVISION				B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
Michigan	9-0	1.000	5-0	4-0	6-0	W9	13-0	1.000	8-0	4-0	1-0	W13			
Ohio State	8-1	.889	4-1	4-0	5-1	L1	11-1	.917	7-1	4-0	0-0	L1			
Penn State	7-2	.778	4-1	3-1	4-2	W4	10-2	.833	6-1	4-1	0-0	W4			
Maryland	4-5	.444	3-2	1-3	3-3	W1	7-5	.583	5-2	2-3	0-0	W1			
Michigan State	3-6	.333	2-3	1-3	1-5	L2	5-7	.417	4-3	1-4	0-0	L2			
Indiana	2-7	.222	1-4	1-3	1-5	L1	4-8	.333	3-4	1-4	0-0	L1			
Rutgers	1-8	.111	1-4	0-4	1-5	L5	4-8	.333	2-4	2-4	0-0	L5			

2022 STARTERS BY POSITION

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	3	Tommy DeVito	12
RB	2	Chase Brown	12
WR	1	Isaiah Williams	12
	7	Brian Hightower	11
	13	Pat Bryant	10
	14	Casey Washington	2
TE	89	Tip Reiman	12
	82	Luke Ford	1
OL	63	Alex Palczewski	12
	72	Zy Crisler	12
	75	Alex Philstrom	12
	78	Isaiah Adams	12
	54	Julian Pearl	11
	66	Jordyn Slaughter	1

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DL	4	Jer’Zhan Newton	12
	88	Keith Randolph Jr.	12
	93	Calvin Avery	10
	91	Jamal Woods	2
LB	8	Tarique Barnes	12
	5	Calvin Hart Jr.	10
	38	Isaac Darkangelo	2
OLB	49	Seth Coleman	11
	17	Gabe Jacas	7
	33	Ezekiel Holmes	1
DB	21	Jartavius Martin	12
	30	Sydney Brown	12
	31	Devon Witherspoon	12
	10	Tahveon Nicholson	10
	7	Kendall Smith	7

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	5	Caleb Griffin	9
	98	Fabrizio Pinton	3
P	19	Hugh Robertson	12

CAREER STARTS ILLINOIS GAMES ONLY

PLAYER	’22	’21	’20	’19	’18	’17	TOT
Palczewski, Alex	12	12	4	13	12	11	64
Brown, Sydney	12	12	6	10	10	--	50
Martin, Jartavius	12	8	2	5	8	--	35
Witherspoon, Devon	12	10	6	3	--	--	31
Brown, Chase	12	9	6	0	0	--	27
Newton, Jer’Zhan	12	11	3	--	--	--	26
Pearl, Julian	11	11	4	--	--	--	26
Barnes, Tarique	12	10	2	0	--	--	24
Williams, Isaiah	12	5	4	--	--	--	21
Hightower, Brian	11	1	7	--	--	--	19
Pihlstrom, Alex	12	5	2	0	--	--	19
Coleman, Seth	11	3	4	0	--	--	18
Randolph, Keith	11	7	0	0	--	--	18
Woods, Jamal	2	1	3	5	4	4	18
Avery, Calvin	11	2	2	--	--	--	15
Ford, Luke	1	12	2	--	--	--	15
Reiman, Tip	12	3	0	--	--	--	15
Bryant, Pat	10	3	--	--	--	--	13
Washington, Casey	2	5	1	5	--	--	13
Adams, Isaiah	12	--	--	--	--	--	12
Crisler, Zy	12	--	--	--	--	--	12
DeVito, Tommy	12	--	--	--	--	--	12
Nicholson, Tahveon	10	2	--	--	--	--	12
Hart Jr., Calvin	10	1	--	--	--	--	11
Brown, Verdis	0	0	8	0	--	--	8
Smith, Kendall	7	1	0	0	0	--	8
Jacas, Gabe	7	--	--	--	--	--	7
Marchese, Michael	0	1	2	0	3	0	6
Sitkowski, Artur	0	3	--	--	--	--	3
Barnes, Bryce	0	0	2	--	--	--	2
Darkangelo, Isaac	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
Slaughter, Jordyn	1	0	1	--	--	--	2
Barlev, Zach	0	1	--	--	--	--	1
Holmes, Ezekiel	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
McCray, Josh	0	1	--	--	--	--	1
Pate, Deon	0	0	0	0	1	--	1
Scott, Miles	0	1	--	--	--	--	1

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

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			
Wyoming	38-6	26 / 10	13 / 9	11 / 0	2 / 1	41-258 / 31-182	30-40-0 / 5-20-1	217 / 30	81-475 / 51-212	123 / 50	0 / 3
Indiana	20-23	29 / 20	16 / 2	11 / 15	2 / 3	54-216 / 26-32	21-36-1 / 28-52-1	232 / 330	90-448 / 78-362	55 / 29	4 / 2
Virginia	24-3	18 / 12	9 / 4	8 / 4	1 / 4	45-198 / 29-42	17-25-1 / 13-34-2	196 / 180	70-394 / 63-222	72 / 14	4 / 3
Chattanooga	31-0	21 / 7	6 / 4	14 / 3	1 / 0	36-164 / 33-93	26-35-0 / 6-19-2	338 / 49	71-502 / 52-142	47 / 0	1 / 2
Wisconsin	34-10	19 / 12	5 / 1	9 / 9	5 / 2	42-137 / 24-2	18-24-0 / 17-33-2	167 / 206	66-304 / 57-208	33 / 148	0 / 3
Iowa	9-6	18 / 13	12 / 3	5 / 9	1 / 1	45-200 / 30-52	19-30-1 / 18-36-1	116 / 170	75-316 / 66-222	3 / 49	3 / 1
Minnesota	26-14	27 / 12	13 / 7	13 / 3	1 / 2	54-220 / 24-142	25-32-0 / 6-18-3	252 / 38	86-472 / 42-180	18 / 168	0 / 3
Nebraska	26-9	18 / 9	8 / 3	9 / 5	1 / 1	48-188 / 25-60	20-22-0 / 11-24-3	179 / 188	70-367 / 49-248	71 / 32	1 / 4
Michigan St.	15-23	25 / 18	9 / 7	14 / 10	2 / 1	47-153 / 29-112	25-37-0 / 19-29-1	288 / 182	84-441 / 58-294	23 / 8	1 / 1
Purdue	24-31	18 / 25	4 / 6	12 / 12	2 / 7	33-102 / 33-142	18-32-1 / 25-40-1	201 / 237	65-303 / 73-379	71 / 27	1 / 1
Michigan	17-19	20 / 18	7 / 6	13 / 11	0 / 1	34-148 / 40-168	21-30-0 / 18-34-0	178 / 208	64-326 / 74-376	27 / 45	0 / 1
Northwestern	41-3	16 / 22	7 / 11	7 / 8	2 / 3	36-156 / 49-154	12-18-1 / 17-31-5	136 / 167	54-292 / 80-321	149 / 0	1 / 6
Totals	305-147	255 / 178	109 / 63	126 / 89	20 / 26	515-2140 / 373-1181	252-361-5 / 183-370-22	2500 / 1985	876-4640 / 743-3166	692 / 570	16 / 30

Opponents	3rd Down		4th Down		Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
	Conversion		Conversion									
Wyoming	7-16 / 1-12		1-2 / 0-1		36:36 / 23:24	13:12	6.3 / 5.9	5.4 / 1.5	5.9 / 4.2	4-46.3 / 7-35.9	8-95.0 / 4-39.0	0 / 0
Indiana	9-17 / 10-19		0-2 / 0-0		36:33 / 23:27	13:06	4.0 / 1.2	6.4 / 6.3	5.0 / 4.6	4-28.5 / 6-39.7	8-81.0 / 3-35.0	1 / 3
Virginia	5-14 / 0-15		1-1 / 1-4		34:41 / 26:09	08:32	4.4 / 1.4	7.8 / 5.3	5.6 / 3.5	5-42.0 / 9-40.8	10-71.0 / 5-40.0	5 / 3
Chattanooga	7-15 / 4-14		0-2 / 0-0		31:47 / 28:13	03:34	4.6 / 2.8	9.7 / 2.6	7.1 / 2.7	5-31.4 / 9-40.7	2-25.0 / 1-15.0	5 / 3
Wisconsin	3-13 / 4-14		1-2 / 0-3		33:56 / 26:04	07:52	3.3 / 0.1	7.0 / 6.2	4.6 / 3.6	4-36.5 / 4-53.5	8-75.0 / 10-78.0	5 / 2
Iowa	4-16 / 5-17		3-3 / 0-0		31:05 / 28:55	02:10	4.4 / 1.7	3.9 / 4.7	4.2 / 3.4	6-41.5 / 8-40.9	7-56.0 / 8-67.0	5 / 0
Minnesota	6-17 / 2-7		4-4 / 1-1		40:04 / 19:56	20:08	4.1 / 5.9	7.9 / 2.1	5.5 / 4.3	3-39.7 / 4-40.3	6-56.0 / 2-20.0	2 / 0
Nebraska	7-15 / 2-12		0-0 / 0-0		38:13 / 21:47	16:26	3.9 / 2.4	8.1 / 7.8	5.2 / 5.1	6-44.0 / 6-48.2	8-72.0 / 3-30.0	2 / 2
Michigan St.	6-17 / 3-11		1-6 / 1-1		31:55 / 28:05	03:50	3.3 / 3.9	7.8 / 6.3	5.3 / 5.1	3-21.0 / 5-49.6	4-39.0 / 7-77.0	1 / 3
Purdue	5-13 / 5-13		0-0 / 1-2		27:45 / 32:15	-04:30	3.1 / 4.3	6.3 / 5.9	4.7 / 5.2	6-40.3 / 4-44.8	12-121.0 / 6-80.0	0 / 2
Michigan	5-13 / 7-19		0-2 / 3-4		24:57 / 35:03	-10:06	4.4 / 4.2	5.9 / 6.1	5.1 / 5.1	5-41.0 / 4-28.5	4-40.0 / 4-25.0	0 / 0
Northwestern	4-10 / 6-16		1-1 / 1-3		26:39 / 33:21	-06:42	4.3 / 3.1	7.6 / 5.4	5.4 / 4.0	3-49.3 / 4-36.0	5-42.0 / 5-44.0	2 / 3
Totals	68-176 / 49-169		12-25 / 8-19		394:11 / 326:39	67:32	4.2 / 3.2	6.9 / 5.4	5.3 / 4.3	54-38.9 / 70-41.4	82-773.0 / 58-550.0	28 / 21

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	WR/TE
Wyoming	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Indiana	Adams	Slaughter	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Virginia	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Chattanooga	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Wisconsin	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Iowa	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Minnesota	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Ford
Nebraska	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Michigan State	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Purdue	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Michigan	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Washington	Hightower
Northwestern	Pearl	Adams	Pihlstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Washington	Hightower
Consecutive	10	12	12	12	24	12	18	12	12	2	5
Career	26	12	19	12	64	12	27	15	21	13	19

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	OLB/DB	DT	NT	DT	LB	OLB/LB	OLB/DB	CB	SS	STAR	CB/LB
Wyoming	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Holmes	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Indiana	Coleman	Randolph	Woods	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Smith	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Virginia	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Smith	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Chattanooga	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Smith	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Wisconsin	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Iowa	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Minnesota	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Smith	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Nebraska	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Michigan State	Coleman	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Purdue	Smith	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Hart Jr.	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Nicholson
Michigan	Smith	Randolph	Avery	Newton	T. Barnes	Coleman	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Darkangelo
Northwestern	Smith	Avery	Woods	Newton	T. Barnes	Coleman	Jacas	Witherspoon	S. Brown	Martin	Darkangelo
Consecutive	3	10	1	21	20	2	5	18	24	12	2
Career	8	15	18	26	24	18	7	31	50	35	2

2022 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

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

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
DeVito	0	27	0	0	0	27
C. Brown	10	0	2	0	0	12
Hightower	0	0	8	0	0	8
Bryant	0	0	7	0	0	7
Love III	4	0	0	0	0	4
Williams	0	0	4	0	0	4
Marchese	0	0	3	0	0	3
Washington	0	0	3	0	0	3
Sitkowski	0	2	0	0	0	2
Hayden	1	0	0	0	0	1
Morris	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reiman	0	0	1	0	0	1
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Vining	0	0	0	0	1	1

Wyoming (4)

1Q	43	Vining kick return
1Q	38	C. Brown rush
3Q	27	DeVito pass to Bryant
4Q	33	Love III rush

Indiana (5)

1Q	32	C. Brown rush
1Q	21	DeVito pass to Bryant
2Q	20	DeVito pass to Williams
2Q	22	DeVito pass to Bryant
3Q	22	C. Brown rush

Virginia (4)

1Q	39	DeVito pass to Marchese
1Q	43	DeVito pass to Bryant
2Q	36	C. Brown rush
3Q	24	DeVito pass to Washington

Chattanooga (7)

1Q	26	DeVito pass to Bryant
1Q	37	DeVito pass to Bryant
2Q	25	DeVito pass to Marchese
2Q	27	DeVito pass to Hightower
2Q	24	C. Brown rush
3Q	63	DeVito pass to Williams
4Q	23	Love III rush

Wisconsin (4)

1Q	35	DeVito pass to Hightower
3Q	22	DeVito pass to Bryant
3Q	20	DeVito pass to Marchese
3Q	49	C. Brown rush

Iowa (4)

1Q	22	DeVito pass to Hightower
3Q	23	C. Brown rush
4Q	34	Sitkowski pass to Hightower
4Q	21	Sitkowski pass to Morris

Minnesota (3)

1Q	40	DeVito pass to C. Brown
3Q	35	DeVito pass to Hightower
4Q	23	Hayden rush

Nebraska (3)

1Q	20	DeVito pass to Reiman
1Q	46	DeVito pass to Williams
2Q	21	C. Brown rush

Michigan State (3)

1Q	60	DeVito pass to Williams
4Q	22	DeVito pass to Hightower
4Q	23	DeVito pass to Washington

Purdue (3)

1Q	33	DeVito pass to Hightower
2Q	25	DeVito pass to Washington
3Q	23	DeVito pass to Hightower

Michigan (1)

3Q	37	C. Brown rush
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Northwestern (4)

1Q	20	Love III rush
1Q	23	Robertson rush
2Q	32	Love III rush
4Q	43	DeVito pass to C. Brown

ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

Wyoming

1st	14:19	TD	Brown, Chase 14 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	2-52 0:35
2nd	8:12	TD	Brown, Chase 11yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	6-59 2:19
2nd	4:33	FG	Griffin, Caleb 27 yd field goal	6-10 2:13
3rd	2:56	TD	Bryant, Pat 8 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	11-78 5:06
4th	14:56	TD	Brown, Chase 5yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	5-44 1:14
4th	6:49	TD	Love III, Reggie 33 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	7-70 4:09

Indiana

1st	6:22	TD	Williams,Isaiah 5 yd pass from DeVito,Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	10-83 3:35
2nd	7:01	FG	Griffin,Caleb 29 yd Field Goal	9-64 3:42
3rd	12:59	TD	Hightower,Brian 16 yd pass from DeVito,Tommy (Griffin,Caleb kick)	5-41 1:30
4th	2:16	FG	Griffin,Caleb 48 yd Field Goal	7-15 2:20

Virginia

1st	5:38	TD	Bailey, Matthew fumble recovery (Griffin,Caleb kick)	3-3 0:00
1st	3:35	TD	Marchese, Michael 39 yd pass from DeVito,Tommy (Griffin,Caleb kick)	3-57 0:56
2nd	14:56	TD	Marchese, Michael 39 yd pass from DeVito,Tommy (Griffin,Caleb kick)	4-69 1:43
3rd	3:32	FG	Griffin, Caleb 23 yd field goal	10-49 3:39

Chattanooga

1st	12:15	TD	Brown, Chase 9 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	5-64 1:26
1st	2:39	FG	Griffin, Caleb 34 yd FG	9-63 4:06
2nd	9:14	TD	Marchese, Michael 25 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	9-80 3:02
2nd	5:52	TD	Bryant, Pat 17 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	5-48 1:43
3rd	4:56	TD	Williams, Isaiah 63 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	2-67 0:30

Wisconsin

1st	4:30	TD	DeVito, Tommy 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	7-16 3:39
2nd	7:31	TD	DeVito, Tommy 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	6-47 2:48
3rd	10:24	TD	DeVito, Tommy 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	10-75 4:36
3rd	9:03	FG	Griffin, Caleb 44 yd FG	4- -10 1:18
3rd	6:42	TD	Brown, Chase 49 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	4-70 1:14
4th	14:18	FG	Griffin, Caleb 31 yd FG	9-40 5:18

Iowa

1st	9:03	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 27 yd FG	17-66 5:57
2nd	8:00	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 37 yd FG	9-37 4:05
4th	2:49	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 36 yd FG	9-26 4:30

Minnesota

1st	10:56	TD	Brown, Chase 40 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy	9-75 4:04
2nd	13:06	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 31 yd FG	15-74 5:36
2nd	0:20	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 23 yd FG	19-72 8:05
3rd	11:45	TD	DeVito, Tommy 5 yd rush (Pinton, Fabrizio kick)	7-75 2:49
4th	13:02	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 23 yd FG	15-75 6:54
4th	3:22	FG	Pinton, Fabrizio 30 yd FG	14-68 6:44

Nebraska

1st	12:33	TD	Williams, Isaiah 46 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy	5-75 2:27
2nd	6:03	TD	Brown, Chase 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	2-11 2:28
2nd	:23	TD	Brown, Chase 12 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy	11-72 4:08
3rd	3:29	FG	Griffin, Caleb 36 yd FG	13-70 7:27
4th	11:12	FG	Griffin, Caleb 41 yd FG	4-2 2:00

Michigan State

1st	8:03	TD	Williams, Isaiah 60 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	2-59 4:42
4th	14:27	TD	Williams, Isaiah 7 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (2pt pass to Reiman, Tip)	8-56 3:25

Purdue

1st	8:07	TD	Brown, Chas 2 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	6-74 2:31
2nd	4:33	TD	Brown,Chase 8 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	10-75 4:13
3rd	1:13	TD	Hightower,Brian 6 yd pass from DeVito,Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)	11-63 5:36
4th	0:17	FG	Griffin, Caleb 38 yd FG	5-40 0:42

Michigan

1st	4:03	FG	Griffin, Caleb 29 yd Field Goal	10-59 4:44
3rd	7:43	TD	Brown, Chase 8 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	9-67 3:21
3rd	1:36	TD	Brown, Chase 37 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	3-63 1:05

Northwestern

1st	5:22	TD	Love III, Reggie 2 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	10-70 4:08
2nd	7:57	FG	Griffin, Caleb 23 yd FG	4-23 2:01
2nd	1:25	TD	DeVito, Tommy 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	5-56 1:22
3rd	8:51	FG	Griffin, Caleb 43 yd FG	6-22 2:59
3rd	7:23	TD	Brown, Sydney 53 yd fumble recovery (Griffin, Caleb kick)	--
3rd	4:06	TD	Brown, Sydney 39 yd interception return (Griffin, Caleb kick)	--
4th	5:25	TD	Brown, Chase 1 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)	11-75 6:52

ILLINOIS TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	54	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
	54	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	258	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	4	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	338	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
YARDS PER PASS	9.7	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TD PASSES	3	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	90	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	502	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.1	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
POINTS	41	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
SACKS BY	5	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	5	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	5	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	5	Virginia (09/10/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	29	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PENALTIES	12	Purdue (11/12/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	121	Purdue (11/12/2022)
TURNOVERS	4	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
	4	Virginia (09/10/2022)
PUNTS	6	Purdue (11/12/2022)
	6	at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	6	Iowa (10/08/2022)
PUNTING AVG	49.3	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
LONG PUNT	64	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Iowa (10/08/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	24	Virginia (09/10/2022)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	49	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	182	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.9	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
TD RUSHES	2	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	52	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS PASSING	330	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS PER PASS	7.8	at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
TD PASSES	3	Purdue (11/12/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	80	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	379	Purdue (11/12/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.2	Purdue (11/12/2022)
POINTS	31	Purdue (11/12/2022)
SACKS BY	3	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	3	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	3	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	3	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	3	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	25	Purdue (11/12/2022)
PENALTIES	10	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	80	Purdue (11/12/2022)
TURNOVERS	6	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
PUNTS	9	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	9	Virginia (09/10/2022)
PUNTING AVG	53.5	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
LONG PUNT	68	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	4	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	40	at Michigan (11/19/2022)

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	41	Chase Brown vs Minnesota (10/15/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	199	Chase Brown at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TD RUSHES	3	Tommy Devito at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
LONG RUSH	49	Chase Brown at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Tommy Devito vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	37	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	332	Tommy Devito vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TD PASSES	3	Tommy Devito vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
LONG PASS	63	Tommy Devito vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
RECEPTIONS	9	Isaiah Williams at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	9	Isaiah Williams vs Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	9	Isaiah Williams vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	9	Isaiah Williams at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS RECEIVING	115	Pat Bryant vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Isaiah Williams vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
LONG RECEPTION	63	Isaiah Williams vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTS	6	Hugh Robertson vs Purdue (11/12/2022)
	6	Hugh Robertson at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	6	Hugh Robertson vs Iowa (10/08/2022)
PUNTING AVG	49.3	Hugh Robertson at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
LONG PUNT	64	Hugh Robertson at Michigan (11/19/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Hugh Robertson vs Iowa (10/08/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	Isaiah Williams at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	24	Isaiah Williams vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	43	Peyton Vining vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TACKLES	12	Isaac Darkangelo vs Purdue (11/12/2022)
SACKS	2	Seth Coleman vs Iowa (10/08/2022)
	2	Gabe Jacas vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3	Jer'Zhan Newton vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	28	Devin Mockobee vs Purdue (11/12/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	127	Mohamed Ibrahim vs Minnesota (10/15/2022)
TD RUSHES	1 1 1 1 1 1	Blake Corum at Michigan (11/19/2022) Devin Mockobee vs Purdue (11/12/2022) Jarek Broussard vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022) Mohamed Ibrahim vs Minnesota (10/15/2022) Tanner Morgan vs Minnesota (10/15/2022) Shaun Shivers at Indiana (09/02/2022)
LONG RUSH	44	Mohamed Ibrahim vs Minnesota (10/15/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	52	Connor Bazalak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Connor Bazalak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS PASSING	330	Connor Bazalak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TD PASSES	3	Aidan O'Connell vs Purdue (11/12/2022)
LONG PASS	62	Brennan Armstrong vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
RECEPTIONS	11	Cam Camper at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS RECEIVING	156	Cam Camper at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Payne Durham vs Purdue (11/12/2022)
LONG RECEPTION	62	Lavel Davis Jr. vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
FIELD GOALS	4	Jake Moody at Michigan (11/19/2022)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46 46	Jake Moody at Michigan (11/19/2022) John Hoyland vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	8	Tory Taylor vs Iowa (10/08/2022)
PUNTING AVG	53.5	Andy Vujnovich at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
LONG PUNT	68	Bryce Baringer vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Bryce Baringer vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	40	Ronnie Bell at Michigan (11/19/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	92	Quentin Redding vs Minnesota (10/15/2022)
TACKLES	13 13	Tyler Nubin vs Minnesota (10/15/2022) Langston Long vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
SACKS	2 2	Keeanu Benton at Wisconsin (10/01/2022) Devonnsha Maxwell vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3.5	Cal Haladay vs Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
INTERCEPTIONS	1 1 1 1 1	Rod Heard II at Northwestern (11/26/2022) Kieren Douglas vs Purdue (11/12/2022) Quinn Schulte vs Iowa (10/08/2022) Anthony Johnson vs Virginia (09/10/2022) Josh Sanguinetti at Indiana (09/02/2022)

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

The 2022 Fighting Illini roster features 20 student-athletes that 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	DEGREES EARNED	DEGREE/CERTIFICATE PURSUING
Chase Brown	Communication	Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Verdis Brown	African-American Studies	Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Kody Case	Physical Education (at South Dakota)	Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
Tommy DeVito	Sociology (at Syracuse)	Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Preston Engel	Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Management (Master's)
Caleb Griffin	Marketing, MS: Management	Strategic Brand Communication (Second Master's)
Chase Hayden	Business Marketing (at Arkansas)	Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Ezekiel Holmes	Sociology	Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Terrell Jennings	Business Management (at Minnesota State)	Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
Ryan Johnson	Finance/Risk Management (at Northern Michigan)	Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Tailon Leitzsey	Kinesiology	Management (Master's)
Michael Marchese	Economics; MS: Management	Accountancy (Second Master's)
Jartavius Martin	Communication	Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
Jonah Morris	Criminology & Criminal Justice (at Northern Colorado)	Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
Alex Palczewski	Kinesiology	Organizational & Community Leadership (Second Bachelor's)
Alex Pihlstrom	Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Jordyn Slaughter	Sociology	Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Kendall Smith	Learning & Education Studies	Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
Peyton Vining	Health Exercise and Sport Studies (at Denison)	Food Science & Human Nutrition (Master's)
Raashaan Wilkins	Economics (at Vanderbilt)	Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)

ACADEMIC MAJORS — FALL 2022

Isaiah Adams Sociology
 Weston Adams Engineering Technology & Management for Agricultural Systems (ETMAS)
 Lucas Althaus Agribusiness Markets and Management
 Jordan Anderson General Studies
 Owen Anderson General Studies
 Calvin Avery Sociology
 Jared Badie Communication
 Matthew Bailey Kinesiology
 Zachary Barlev Mathematics
 Bryce Barnes Community Health
 Tarique Barnes Advertising
 Keion Battle Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
 Hank Beatty Business Undeclared
 Matt Bobak Advertising
 Henry Boyer Business Undeclared
Chase Brown Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 Sydney Brown Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Verdis Brown Communication (Second Bachelor's)
 Alec Bryant General Studies
 Pat Bryant Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Naivyan Cargill General Studies
Kody Case Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 Mike Cerniglia Jr. Communication
 Ben Clawson Advertising
 Seth Coleman Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Shammond Cooper Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Nico Crawford Middle Grades Education
 Zy Crisler Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Thomas Cronin History
 Kionte Curry General Studies
 Isaac Darkangelo Communication
 Dylan Davis History
Tommy DeVito Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 TeRah Edwards Communication
 Luciano Elias General Studies
Preston Engel Management (Master's)
 Nick Fedanzo Communication
 Luke Ford Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Matt Fries General Studies

Josh Gesky General Studies
 Prince Green General Studies
Caleb Griffin Strategic Brand Communication (Second Master's)
 Grayson Griffin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 TJ Griffin Organizational & Community Leadership
 Devin Hale General Studies
 Aidan Hall Systems Engineering and Design
 Lane Hansen Kinesiology
 Calvin Hart Communication
Chase Hayden Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 Brian Hightower Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Ashton Hollins General Studies
Ezekiel Holmes Communication (Second Bachelor's)
 Malachi Hood Astronomy
 Jake Huber Mechanical Engineering
 Gabe Jacas Community Health
Terrell Jennings Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
Ryan Johnson Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 Evan Kirts Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 James Kreutz General Studies
 Josh Kreutz General Studies
 Aidan Laughery Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Donovan Leary General Studies
Tailon Leitzsey Management (Master's)
 Clayton Leonard Kinesiology
 Christian Lorenzo General Studies
 Reggie Love Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Mike Manning Psychology
Michael Marchese Accountancy (Second Master's)
Jartavius Martin Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 Elijah Mc-Cantos General Studies
 Sed McConnell General Studies
 Josh McCray General Studies
 Will McManus Business Undeclared
 Ryan Meed Kinesiology
 Kirkland Michaux Agribusiness Markets and Management
 Chase Miller Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Shawn Miller General Studies

Magnus Moeller Philosophy
 Griffin Moore Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Jonah Morris Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 Jer'Zhan Newton Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Tahveon Nicholson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Kenenna Odeluga Finance
 Joey Okla Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Alex Palczewski Organizational & Community Leadership (Second Bachelor's)
 Deon Pate Sociology
 Julian Pearl Sociology
Alex Pihlstrom Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 Fabrizio Pinton Public Policy & Law
 Eian Pugh Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Keith Randolph Jr. Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Tip Reiman Kinesiology
 Hugh Robertson Management
 Tyson Rooks General Studies
 Dylan Rosiek Kinesiology
 Ben Schultz Agribusiness Markets and Management
 Miles Scott Kinesiology
 Xavier Scott General Studies
 Jameson Sheehan Community Health
 Artur Sitkowski Communication
Jordyn Slaughter Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Kendall Smith Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
 Tyler Strain General Studies
 Khmari Thompson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Sam Tsagalis Biology
 Solo Turner Organization & Community Leadership
Peyton Vining Food Science & Human Nutrition (Master's)
 Casey Washington Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Hunter Whitenack General Studies
Raashaan Wilkins Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
 Isaiah Williams Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
 Devon Witherspoon Communication
 Jamal Woods Community Health
 Luke Zardzin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Wyoming	3	0	3	0	6
Illinois	7	10	7	14	38

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: C. Brown 14 yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) 14:19 (2-52 0:35)
WYO: Hoyland 22 yd FG :34 (8-70 4:05)

Second Quarter

ILL: C. Brown 11 yd rush (Griffin kick) 8:12 (6-59 2:19)
ILL: Griffin 27 yd FG 4:33 (6-10 2:13)

Third Quarter

WYO: Hoyland 46 yd FG 12:15 (7-47 2:45)
ILL: Bryant 8yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) (11-78 5:06)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Brown 5 yd rush 14:56 (5-44 1:14)
ILL: Love III 33 yd rush 6:49 (7-70 4:09)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	WYO
First Downs	26	10
Rushes-Yards	41-260	31-182
Passing Yards	217	30
Comp-Att-Int	30-40-0	5-20-1
Total Yards	477	212
Punts-Avg	4-46.2	8-38.2
Kickoff Returns	2-53	2-40
Penalties-Yards	6-65	4-39
Fumbles-Lost	0	1-1
Sacks By	0	0
Third-down Conv.	7-16	1-12
Time of Possession	36:36	23:24

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 19-151-2
WYO - Swen 17-98-0
PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-Yds): ILL - DeVito 27-37-0-2-194.
WYO - Peasley 5-20-1-0-30.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Bryant 3-44-1
WYO - Cobbs 2-14-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Martin 7, 0
WYO - Gibbs 9, 0.

GAME NOTES

- The 477 total yards of offense by the Illini were the most in a game since posting 490 yards vs. Nebraska on Nov. 21, 2020.
- The Illini did not allow a touchdown for the first time since Aug. 31, 2019, vs. Akron, which was also a season opener.
- Illinois allowed just 30 passing yards in today's game, the first time since Oct. 21, 2017, at Minnesota, that they have held an opponent under 50 passing yards.



GAME 2

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SEPT. 2, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // BLOOMINGTON, IND // 44,357	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	3	7	3	20
Indiana	3	13	0	7	23

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IND: Campbell 39 yd FG 10:03 (8-39 1:57)
ILL: Williams 5 yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) 6:22 (10-83 3:35)

Second Quarter

IND: Matthews Jr. 52 yd pass from Bazalak (Campbell kick) 10:43 (1-52 :08)
ILL: Griffin 29 yd FG 7:01 (9-64 3:42)
IND: Campbell 43 yd FG 5:07 (6-50 1:54)
IND: Campbell 43 yd FG :22 (12-54 3:37)

Third Quarter

ILL: Hightower 16 yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) 12:59 (5-41 1:30)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Griffin 48 yd FG 2:16 (7-15 2:20)
IND: Shivers 1 yd rush (Campbell kick) :23 (12-75 1:53)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	IND
First Downs	29	20
Rushes-Yards	54-216	26-32
Passing Yards	232	330
Comp-Att-Int	21-36-1	28-52-1
Total Yards	448	362
Punts-Avg	4-28.5	6-39.7
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-26	1-21
Penalties-Yards	8-81	3-35
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-1
Sacks-Yards	1-14	3-22
Third-down Conv.	9-17	10-19
Time of Possession	36:33	23:27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 36-199-0
IND - Shivers 15-28-1
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 21-35-232-2-1.
IND - Bazalak 28-52-330-1-1
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-112-1, Hightower 4-43-1
IND - Camper 11-156-0, Matthews Jr. 7-109-1
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - S. Brown 8, 1-6, Witherspoon 7, 0-0
IND - Jones 12, 1-7, Pierre 7, 1-7

GAME NOTES

- The Illinois defense allowed just 32 rushing yards, the first time since Sept. 7, 2019, at Connecticut that the Illini defense allowed 32 rushing yards or fewer in a game.
- Illinois had 448 yards of total offense, the first time since 2013 that the Illini offense has posted at least 440 yards of offense in the first two games of the season.
- The Illinois offense recorded 29 first downs and made at least 26 first downs in each of the first two games this season.



GAME 3

VIRGINIA.....	3
ILLINOIS.....	24
SEPT. 10, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 33,669	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Virginia	3	0	0	0	3
Illinois	14	7	3	0	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

VA: Farell 42 yd FG 11:08 (4-8 1:41)
ILL: Bailey fum. recovery (Griffin kick) 6:30 (3-3 0:00)
ILL: Marchese! 39 yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) 3:35 (3-57 :56)

Second Quarter

ILL: Reiman 2 yd pass from Devito (Griffin kick) 14:56 (4-69 1:43)

Third Quarter

ILL: Griffin 23 yd FG 3:32 (10-49 3:39)

Fourth Quarter

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TEAM STATISTICS

Category	UVA	ILL
First Downs	11	18
Rushes-Yards	29-42	45-198
Passing Yards	180	196
Comp-Att-Int	13-35-2	17-25-1
Total Yards	222	394
Punts-Avg	9-40.8	5-42.0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-21	4-57
Penalties-Yards	5-40	10-71
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Sacks-Yards	3-23	5-39
Third-down Conv.	1-16	5-14
Time of Possession	26:09	33:51

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 20-146-0, Love III 9-33-0
UVA - Woolfolk 1-31-0, Jones 7-26-0
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 17-25-196-2-1
UVA - Armstrong 13-32-180-0-2
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Bryant - 2-20-0, Marchese - 2-43-1
UVA - Thompson 5-62-0, Davis Jr. 2-67
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Witherspoon 7, 0-0, Randolph 7, 2.5-11 ; UVA - Long 13, 1-3, Jackson 9, 1-9

GAME NOTES

- Illinois recorded its first home win over a nonconference Power-5 team since Sept. 17, 2011, a 17-14 victory over No. 22 Arizona State.
- Virginia's three points were the fewest allowed by the Illini defense against a Power-5 opponent since beating Iowa 31-0 on Oct. 14, 2000.
- Virginia's 222 total yards were the fewest allowed by the Illini defense against a Power-5 foe since permitting 219 to UCLA in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl (20-14 Illini win).
- Illinois' run defense held the Cavaliers to just 42 yards and an average of 1.4 yards one week after limiting Indiana to 32 rushing yards (1.2 average).

GAME SUMMARIES



GAME 4
CHATTANOOGA 0
ILLINOIS 31
SEPT. 22, 2022
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 37,579

SCORING BY QUARTER

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

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: C. Brown 9 yd rush (Griffin kick) 12:15 (5-64 1:26)
ILL: Griffin 34 yd FG 2:39 (9-63 4:06)

Second Quarter

ILL: Marchese 25 yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 9:14 (9-80 3:02)
ILL: Bryant 17 yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 5:52 (5-48 1:43)

Third Quarter

ILL: Williams 63 yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 4:56 (2-67 :30)

Fourth Quarter

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	UTC
First Downs	21	7
Rushes-Yards	37-167	33-93
Passing Yards	335	49
Comp-Att-Int	25-34-0	6-19-2
Total Yards	502	142
Punts-Avg	5-31.4	9-40.7
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-30	0
Penalties-Yards	2-25	1-15
Fumbles-Lost	0	0
Sacks-Yards	4-27	3-14
Third-down Conv.	7-15	4-14
Time of Possession	31:47	28:13

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 20-108-1

UTC - Ford 17-93-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 23-31-329-3-0

UTC - Hutchinson 6-18-49-0-2

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-103-1, Bryant 6-112-1
UTC - Arnett 3-32-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Newton 8, 1.5-7, Jasas 8, 1-6
UTC - Dicks III 7, 0-0, Jones 7, 0-0

GAME NOTES

- Chase Brown became the first Illini in history to rush for 100 yards or more in five straight games.
- Illinois had two 100-yard receivers (Williams, Bryant) and one 100-yard rusher (Brown) for the first time in program history.
- Illinois went 3-0 in nonconference play, going undefeated in nonconference play for the first time since 2011 (4-0).
- Illinois had a 100-yard rusher and two 100-yard receivers in the same game for the first time in program history.



GAME 5
ILLINOIS 34
WISCONSIN 10
OCT. 1, 2022
CAMP RANDALL STADIUM // MADISON, WIS. // 73,502

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	7	17	3	34
Wisconsin	7	3	0	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

WIS: Guerendo 21 yd pass from Mertz (Van kick) 11:15 (7-53 3:39)
ILL: DeVito 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 4:30 (7-16 3:39)

Second Quarter

WIS: Van 39 yd FG 14:53 (10-45 4:32)
ILL: DeVito 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 7:31 (6-47 2:48)

Third Quarter

ILL: DeVito 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 10:24 (10-75 4:36)
ILL: Griffin 44 yd FG 9:03 (4- -10 1:18)
ILL: C. Brown 49 yd rush (Griffin kick) 6:42 (4-70 1:14)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Griffin 31 yd FG 14:18 (9-40 5:18)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WIS	ILL
First Downs	12	17
Rushes-Yards	24-2	42-137
Passing Yards	206	167
Comp-Att-Int	17-33-0	18-24-2
Total Yards	208	304
Punts-Avg	4-53.5	4-34.5
Kickoff Returns-Yds	7-148	0
Penalties-Yards	10-77	8-75
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0
Sacks-Yards	2-11	5-29
Third-down Conv.	4-14	3-13
Time of Possession	34:33	35:39

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 25-129-1

WIS - Mellusi 7-16-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 18-24-167-0-0

WIS - Mertz 17-32-206-1-2

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 7-31-0, Hightower 5-59-0
WIS - Dike 5-76-0, Eschenbach 5-32-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Martin 7, 1-6, Nicholson 6, 1-3
WIS - Turner 8, 0-0, Njongmeta 8, 0.5-3

GAME NOTES

- Illinois won in Madison for the first time since 2002, snapping an eight-game losing streak.
- Illinois scored over 30 points in Madison for the first time since Nov. 9, 2002, and for just the fifth time overall.
- The 24-point margin of victory was the third-largest in an Illini win in Madison.
- It was the largest margin of victory for the Illini in a Big Ten road game since defeating Purdue by 34 points on Nov. 7, 2015.



GAME 6
IOWA 6
ILLINOIS 9
OCT. 8, 2022
MEMORIAL STADIUM // MADISON, WIS. // 44,910

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Iowa	3	3	0	0	6
Illinois	3	3	0	3	9

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Pinton 27 yd FG 9:03 (17-66 5:57)
IOWA: Stevens 32 yd FG 3:51 (10-59 5:07)

Second Quarter

ILL: Pinton 37 yd FG 8:00 (9-37 4:05)
IOWA: Stevens 27 yd FG 2:48 (4-(-4) 1:28)

Third Quarter

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Fourth Quarter

ILL: Pinton 36 yd FG 2:49 (9-26 4:30)f

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	IOWA	ILL
First Downs	13	18
Rushes-Yards	30-52	45-200
Passing Yards	170	116
Comp-Att-Int	18-36-1	19-30-1
Total Yards	222	316
Punts-Avg	8-40.9	6-41.5
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-49	0
Penalties-Yards	8-67	7-60
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Sacks-Yards	0	5-38
Third-down Conv.	5-17	4-16
Time of Possession	28:55	31:05

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 31-146-0
IOWA - Williams 7-23-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Sitkowski 13-19-74-0-1
IOWA - Petras 18-36-170-0-1

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Hightower 5-68-0, C. Brown 4-17-0
IOWA - Laporta 9-100-0, Ragani 7-46-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Newton 7, 2.5-6, Barnes 5, 1.5-10
IOWA - Campbell 13, 0-0, Sculte 9, 0-0

GAME NOTES

- Illinois improved to 5-1 on the season. It is the first time since 2011 that the Illini won at least five of their opening six games (6-0).
- Illinois snapped an eight-game losing streak against Iowa, the Hawkeyes' longest winning streak in the all-time series.
- Illinois beat Iowa and Wisconsin in the same season for the first time since 1989.
- Illinois won three-straight games against Big Ten West opponents for the first time since the Big Ten switched to East/West divisions in 2014.
- Brown rushed for 100 yards in seven-straight games, extending his program record.

GAME SUMMARIES



GAME 7

MINNESOTA	14
#24 ILLINOIS	26
OCT. 15, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,683	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Minnesota	0	7	7	0	14
Illinois	7	6	7	6	26

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: C. Brown 40 yd pass from DeVito (Pinton kick) 10:56 (9-75 4:04)

Second Quarter

ILL: Pinton 31 yd FG 13:06 (15-74 5:36)
MIN: Morgan 9 yd rush (Trickett kick) 8:30 (8-80 4:32)
ILL: Pinton 23 yd FG :20 (19-72 8:05)

Third Quarter

MIN: Ibrahim 4 yd rush (Trickett kick) 14:34 (1-4 1:13)
ILL: DeVito 5 yd rush (Pinton kick) 11:45 (7-75 2:49)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Pinton 23 yd FG 13:02 (15-75 6:54)
ILL: Pinton 30 yd FG 3:22 (14-68 6:44)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MINN
First Downs	27	12
Rushes-Yards	54-220	24-142
Passing Yards	252	38
Comp-Att-Int	25-32-0	6-18-3
Total Yards	472	180
Punts-Avg	3-39.7	4-40.3
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-18	6-168
Penalties-Yards	6-56	2-20
Fumbles-Lost	0	0
Sacks-Yards	2-14	0
Third-down Conv.	6-17	2-7
Time of Possession	40:04	19:56

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 41-180-0

MINN - Ibrahim 15-127-1

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 25-32-252-1-0

MINN - Morgan 4-12-21-0-1

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-62-0, Bryant 7-58-0

MINN - Spann-Ford 4-32-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Jacas 6, 1-4, S. Brown 5, 1 INT

MINN - Nubin 13, 2-6, Oliver 10, 1-1

GAME NOTES

- Illinois got off to a 6-1 start, tied for its best start since starting 6-0-1 in 1953.
- Illinois reached six wins on Oct. 15, its second-quickest date to six wins in the last 100 years (Oct. 8, 2011). It is tied for fourth-quickest to six wins by date for any Illini team.
- Illinois was the 10th team in the nation to reach bowl eligibility, joining Alabama, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio State, Ole Miss, USC, and UCLA.



GAME 8

#17 ILLINOIS	26
NEBRASKA	9
OCT. 29, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // LINCOLN, NEB. // 86,691	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	14	3	3	26
Nebraska	3	6	0	0	9

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Williams 46 yd pass from DeVito 12:33 (5-75 2:27)
NEB: Bleekrode 26 yd FG 1:49 (9-73 3:15)

Second Quarter

NEB: Vokolek 56 yd pass from Thompson 9:38 (5-93 2:24)
ILL: C. Brown 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 6:03 (2-11 :28)
ILL: C. Brown 12 yd pass from DeVito :23 (11-72 4:08)

Third Quarter

ILL: Griffin 36 yd FG 3:29 (13-70 7:27)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Griffin 41 yd FG 11:12 (4-2 2:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	NEB
First Downs	18	9
Rushes-Yards	48-188	25-60
Passing Yards	179	188
Comp-Att-Int	20-22-0	11-24-3
Total Yards	367	248
Punts-Avg	6-44	6-48.2
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0	2-32
Penalties-Yards	8-72	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Sacks-Yards	2-16	2-19
Third-down Conv.	7-15	2-12
Time of Possession	38:13	21:47

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 32-149-1

NEB - Grant 12-61-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 20-22-179-2-0

NEB - Thompson 7-15-172-1-2

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-93-1, C. Brown 3-13-1

NEB - Grant 3-27-0, Brown 2-47-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - S. Brown 6, 1.5-2 (2 INT), Nicholson 4

NEB - Reimer 9, 5-1, Buford Jr. 7, 1-1

GAME NOTES

- Illinois started the season 7-1, tied for its best start since starting 7-0-1 in 1951. This season was the fourth time Illinois has started 7-1 since the undefeated season of 1951, joining 1983, 1989 and 2001.
- Illinois was 7-1 for the first time since 2001.
- Illinois was 7-1 or better for the 13th time in program history.
- The Illinois defense had an interception in 11-straight games dating back to last season after three at Nebraska.
- Tommy DeVito completed 20 of his 22 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns.His 90.9 completion percentage sets a program record.



GAME 9

MICHIGAN STATE	23
#14/16 ILLINOIS	15
NOV. 5, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 56,092	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State	3	6	14	0	23
Illinois	7	0	0	8	15

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Williams 60 yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 8:03 (2-59 :42)
MSU: Patton 20 yd FG 1:36 (15-72 6:27)

Second Quarter

MSU: Mosley 1 yd pass from Thorne 10:21 (7-61 3:48)

Third Quarter

MSU: Broussard 11 yd rush (Patton kick) 5:45 (6-29 2:43)
MSU: Reed 16 yd pass from Thorne (Patton kick) 2:57 (3-41 1:22)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Williams 7 yd pass from DeVito (2pt pass to Reiman) 14:27 (8-56 3:25)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	MSU	ILL
First Downs	18	25
Rushes-Yards	29-112	47-153
Passing Yards	182	288
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-1	25-37-0
Total Yards	294	441
Punts-Avg	5-49.6	3-21
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-8	1-21
Penalties-Yards	7-77	4-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Sacks-Yards	3-18	1-6
Third-down Conv.	3-11	6-17
Time of Possession	28:05	31:55

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 33-136-0

MSU - Berger 15-81-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 25-37-288-2-0

MSU - Thorne 19-29-182-2-1

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Williams 5-98-2, Reiman 4-29-0

MSU - Reed 5-68-1, Berger 3-29-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Newton 8, 3-7, Martin 7, 1 FF

MSU - Speed 12, 0, VanSumneren 10, 0

GAME NOTES

- Alex Palczewski started for the 61st time in his career, extending his Illinois and Big Ten record for career starts. Palczewski is now tied for second for most starts in FBS history.
- Chase Brown rushed for over 100 yards in his 10th straight game, extending his program record.
- Brown ended the game at 2,907 rushing yards in his Illini career, passing Jim Grabowski for fourth and later Thomas Rooks for third on the program's all-time rushing list.
- Brown's 15 100-yard games is second-most in program history. He trails only Robert Holcombe (16) for the most all-time.

GAME SUMMARIES



GAME 10

PURDUE.....	31
#21/21 ILLINOIS.....	24
NOV. 12, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,574	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Purdue	0	14	7	10	31
Illinois	7	7	7	3	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: C. Brown 2yd rush (Griffin kick) 8:07 (6-74 2:31)

Second Quarter

PUR: Mockabee 6yd rush (Fineran kick) 8:46 (5-55 2:01)
ILL: C. Brown 8yd rush (Griffin kick) 4:33 (10-75 4:13)
PUR: Jones 32yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 1:40 (2-63 :18)

Third Quarter

PUR: Durham 5yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 6:57 (12-90 4:56)
ILL: Hightower 6yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 1:13 (11-63 5:36)

Fourth Quarter

PUR: Durham 12 yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 13:13 (8-77 2:59)
PUR: Fineran 25 yd FG 1:05 (8-25 2:32)
ILL: Griffin 38 yd FG :17 (5-40 :42)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PUR	ILL
First Downs	25	18
Rushes-Yards	33-142	33-102
Passing-Yards	237	201
Comp-Att-Int	25-40-1	18-32-1
Total Yards	379	303
Punts-Avg	4-44.8	7-42
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-19	3-55
Penalties-Yards	6-80	12-121
Fumbles-Lost	0	0
Sacks-Yards	2-22	0
Third-down Conv.	5-13	5-13
Time of Possession	32:15	27:45

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 23-98-2
PUR - Mockabee 28-106-1
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 18-32-201-1-1
PUR - O'Connell 25-40-237-3-1
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Hightower 5-89-1, C. Brown 3-32
PUR - Durham 7-70-2, Sheffield 6-72-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Darkangelo 12, 10 solo, S. Brown 7, 0
PUR - Kane 9, 1-4, Brothers 8, 0

GAME NOTES

- Chase Brown rushed for 98 yards and two touchdown, snapping his streak of 10 straight 100-yard games.
- It was the second time in 2022 that Chase Brown rushed for two touchdowns in a game.
- Brown moved up to second on Illinois' all-time rushing list with 3,005 yards. He is just the second player in program history with 3,000 rushing yards in their Illini career.



GAME 11

ILLINOIS.....	17
#3/3 MICHIGAN.....	19
NOV. 19, 2022	
MICHIGAN STADIUM // ANN ARBOR, MICH. // 110,433	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	14	0	17
Michigan	7	0	3	9	19

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

MICH: Corum 2 yd rush (Moody kick) 11:28 (7-75 3:32)

Second Quarter

ILL: Griffin 29 yd FG 4:03 (10-59 4:44)

Third Quarter

MICH: Moody 46 yd FG 11:10 (7-24 2:41)
ILL: C. Brown 8 yd rush (Griffin kick) 7:43 (9-67 3:21)
ILL: C. Brown 37 yd rush (Griffin kick) 1:36 (3-63 1:05)

Fourth Quarter

MICH: Moody 41 yd FG 12:31 (5-15 1:34)
MICH: Moody 33 yd FG 3:14 (12-54 4:52)
MICH: Moody 35 yd FG :09 (8-35 2:06)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MICH
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	34-148	40-168
Passing-Yards	178	208
Comp-Att-Int	21-30-0	18-34-0
Total Yards	326	376
Punts-Avg	5-41	4-28.5
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-27	0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	4-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Sacks-Yards	0	0
Third-down Conv.	5-13	7-19
Time of Possession	24:57	35:03

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 29-140-2
MICH - Corum 18-108-1
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 21-38-178-0-0
MICH - McCarthy 18-34-208-0-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Washington 6-53-0, Williams 5-26-0
MICH - Johnson 5-38-0, Loveland 3-50-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - S. Brown 8, 0, Darkangelo 7, 2.5-7
MICH - Colson 6, 0.5-1, Sainristil 5, 0

GAME NOTES

- The seven first-half points allowed by Illinois was the fewest points scored by Michigan in any half this season.
- The Illini scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, the first third-quarter touchdowns allowed by Michigan all season.
- Brown rushed for 100 yards for the 16th time in his Illini career, matching Robert Holcombe for the program record.
- It was Brown's 10th 100-yard effort of the season, the most in a single campaign in Illini history.



GAME 12

ILLINOIS.....	41
NORTHWESTERN.....	3
NOV. 26, 2022	
RYAN FIELD // EVANSTON, ILL. // 25,744	

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	10	17	7	41
Northwestern	0	0	0	3	3

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Love III 2 yd rush (Griffin kick) 5:22 (10-70 4:08)

Second Quarter

ILL: Griffin 23 yd FG 7:57 (4-23 2:01)
ILL: DeVito 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 1:25 (5-56 1:22)

Third Quarter

ILL: Griffin 43 yd FG 8:51 (6-22 2:59)
ILL: S. Brown 53 yd fumble recovery 7:23
ILL: S. Brown 39 yd interception return 4:06

Fourth Quarter

NOR: Stage 28 yd FG 12:17 (9-60 3:46)
ILL: C. Brown 1 yd rush 5:25 (11-75 6:52)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	NOR
First Downs	16	22
Rushes-Yards	36-156	49-154
Passing-Yards	136	167
Comp-Att-Int	12-18-1	17-31-5
Total Yards	292	321
Punts-Avg	3-39.3	4-36
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0	0
Penalties-Yards	5-41	5-43
Fumbles-Lost	0	2-1
Sacks-Yards	2-3	3-12
Third-down Conv.	4-9	6-16
Time of Possession	26:39	33:21

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Love III 11-85-1
NOR - Freeman 12-22-93-0-4
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 12-18-136-0-1
NOR - Hull 20-53-0
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Bryant 3-33-0
NOR - Washington 7-56-0
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Darkangelo 10, 2-5, Barnes 7, 1.5-4
NOR - Turner 7, 0, Mueler 6, 0

GAME NOTES

- Bret Bielema was the first Illinois head coach to win their first two games against Northwestern since John Mackovic (1988-89).
- Bret Bielema's five Big Ten road wins in his first two seasons were the most since Lou Tepper also won five Big Ten road games in his first two seasons 1992-93.
- Illinois forced six turnovers (1 FR, 5 INT) setting a season high.
- Illinois' five interceptions were the most by a Big Ten team in 2022.
- Sydney Brown was the first player in the nation with 2+ INTs, 1+ INT TD, and 1+ fumble return TD in the last 15 years.

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:	41 vs. Northwestern, 11/26/2022	42, at Virginia (14-42), 9/11/2021
Allowed 0 points:	vs. Chattanooga, (31-0) 09/22/2022	
Allowed 0 points in 2nd half:	at Nebraska (26-9) 10/29/2022	
Did not score a touchdown:	vs. Iowa (9-6) 10/8/2022	
Did not score a touchdown and won:	vs. Iowa (9-6) 10/8/2022	Northwestern (3-41) 11/26/2022
400 rushing yards:	430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	
300 rushing yards:	357 at Penn State 10/23/2021	411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020
200 rushing yards:	220 vs. Minnesota, 10/15/2022	330, at Indiana, 09/2/2022
Three 70+ yard runs:	3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	253, at Penn State, 12/19/2020
Fewer than 100 rushing yards:	60 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	
Fewer than 50 yards rushing:	26 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	60, Nebraska, 10/29/2022
Fewer than 20 yards rushing:	14 vs. Northwestern 11/30/2019	2, Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
Negative yards net rushing:	-27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993	2, Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
One first down:		-10, Murray State, 9/3/2016
Zero first downs:		Missouri, 9/10/1994
400 passing yards:	450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014	Michigan, 10/27/1934
300 passing yards:	335 vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	423, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
Fewer than 100 passing yards:	80 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	330, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
4 TD catches by tight ends:	4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	38, Minnesota, 10/15/2022
700 total net yards:	723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944	
600 total net yards:	646 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	712, Maryland, 10/27/2018
500 total net yards:	502 vs. Chattanooga 09/22/2022	674, vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019
400 total net yards:	441 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2022	556, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
Fewer than 200 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	491, Wisconsin 10/9/2021
Fewer than 100 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	180, Minnesota 10/15/2022
9+ sacks in a game:	9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001	96, South Dakota State, 9/10/2011
6+ sacks in a game:	6 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	
No sacks allowed:	vs. #3 Michigan 11/19/2022	6, Maryland 9/17/2021
Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:	vs. Iowa, 10/8/2022 and vs. Minnesota, 10/16/2022	#3 Michigan, 11/19/2022
15+ TFL in a game:	15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002	
10+ TFL in a game:	11 vs. Iowa 10/8/2022	10, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
10+ passes broken up:	11 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009	
Forced 5+ turnovers:	6 at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	
Turned ball over 5+ times:	6 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/22/2012	
No turnovers:	vs. Minnesota 10/15/22	
Back-to-back games with no turnovers:	at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 and vs. Iowa, 12/5/2020	Nebraska, 9/21/2019
Successful two-point conversion:	vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2022	Northwestern (2), 11/29/2014
Two successful two-point conversions:	at Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012	
Five field goals:	5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001	
Missed extra point kick:	at Nebraska 10/29/2022	Michigan State, 11/5/2022
Blocked two kicks:	2 at South Florida, 9/15/2021	
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	at Nebraska, 10/1/2016
A successful on-side kick:	vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014	
Overtime game:	Win at Penn State, 20-8 (90T), 10/23/21	
Overtime game at home:	Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016	
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:	R. 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, 09/25/2021 and at	
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:	Tommy DeVito (3) at Wisconsin, 10/1/2022	
Receiving		
200 yards receiving:	200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014	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:	112, Pat Bryant vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	156, Cam Camper, Indiana, 9/2/2022
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:	83, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Brandon Peters at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	75, Penn State (Sean Clifford to Jahan Dotson), 12/19/2020
60+ yard pass play:	63, Isaiah Williams from Tommy Devito vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	62, Virginia (Brennan Armstrong to Lavel Davis Jr.), 9/10/2022
50+ yard pass play:	56, Casey Washington from Brandon Peters vs NW, 11/27/2021	62, Virginia (Brennan Armstrong to Lavel Davis Jr.), 9/10/2022
10+ receptions:	11, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016	11, Cam Camper, Indiana, 9/2/2022
Two receivers with 2 TDs:	Will Judson and Chris Duval vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008	
Three receiving TDs:	A.J. Jenkins (3) vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011	
Offensive lineman caught a pass:	Jeff Allen, (1 rec., 2 yds) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/2010	
Offensive lineman scored a TD:	Corey Lewis, fumble recovery in end zone at Indiana, 11/9/2013	
Passing		
600 yards passing:	621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
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400 yards passing:	456, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014	405, Brennan Armstrong, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
300 yards passing:	329, Tommy Devito, vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	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:	Nathan Scheelhaase (5) vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	Brennan Armstrong (5) at Virginia, 9/11/2021
4 TDs passing:	Brandon Peters (4) at UConn, 9/7/2019	
3 TDs passing:	Tommy Devito (3) vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	
Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:	Nathan Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11	
10+ consecutive completions in a game:	Tommy DeVito (11) at Nebraska, 10/29/2022	
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:	Trenard Davis (WR) vs. Penn State, 9/21/2018	

THE LAST TIME (INDIVIDUAL)

	Illinois	Opponent
Defense		
20 Tackles:	J Leman (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:	Sydney Brown (2), Devon Witherspoon (2) at Northwestern, 11/22/2022	
3+ sacks in a game:	Owen Carney, Jr. (3.0) vs Purdue, 10/31/2020	
5+ TFLs in a game:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
4+ TFLs in a game:	Jamal Milan (4.0) at Purdue, 10/26/2019	
4+ PBUs in a game:	Devon Witherspoon (4) vs. Nebraska, 8/28/2021	
3+ PBUs in a game:	Devon Witherspoon (3) vs. Virginia, 9/10/2022	Herbig (3), Wisconsin, 10/9/2021
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:	Sydney Brown (39 yards) at Northwestern, 11/22/2022	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	Grant Marvin (4 yards), Purdue, 10/31/2020
Fumble recovery TD, INT TD, 2 INTs in one game:	Sydney Brown at Northwestern, 11/26/2022	
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	Team (tackle in end zone), Minnesota, 10/29/2016
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:	233, Chase Brown vs. Minnesota, 10/15/2022	
4 total TDs:	Brandon Peters (4 pass) at UConn, 9/7/2019	
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:	Fabrizio Pinton (3) vs. Minnesota, 10/15/2022	Charles Campbell, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
Made 50+ yard field goal:	James McCourt (55) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
Three 50+ yard field goals:	--	Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998
Made 40+ yard field goal:	Caleb Griffin (43) at Northwestern, 11/26/22	Jake Moody (46 & 41), #3 Michigan 11/19/2022
Blocked a punt:	Dawson DeGroot vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018	
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:	Isaiah Gay at USF, 9/15/2017	
Blocked a PAT:	Keith Randolph Jr. at Nebraska, 10/29/2022	
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:	Tommy Devito pass vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2022	
Two two-point conversions in the same game:	2 at Ohio State, 11/3/2012 (Russell pass to LaCrosse; Russell rush)	

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL COMBINED STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/27/2022	Wyoming	W	38-6	37832
*	09/02/2022	at Indiana	L	20-23	44357
	09/10/2022	Virginia	W	24-3	33669
	09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W	31-0	37579
*	10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W	34-10	73502
*	10/08/2022	Iowa	W	9-6	44910
*	10/15/2022	Minnesota	W	26-14	45683
*	10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W	26-9	86691
*	11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L	15-23	56092
*	11/12/2022	Purdue	L	24-31	45574
*	11/19/2022	at Michigan	L	17-19	110433
*	11/26/2022	at Northwestern	W	41-3	25744

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	12	328	1699	56	1643	5.0	10	49	136.9
Reggie Love III	12	59	294	17	277	4.7	2	33	23.1
Chase Hayden	6	22	94	7	87	4.0	0	23	14.5
Tommy Devito	12	63	209	139	70	1.1	5	18	5.8
Josh McCray	3	12	43	4	39	3.3	0	9	13.0
Hugh Robertson	12	1	23	0	23	23.0	0	23	1.9
Artur Sitkowski	3	5	19	1	18	3.6	0	11	6.0
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	5	9.0
Isaiah Williams	12	7	25	20	5	0.7	0	13	0.4
Team	12	15	0	31	-31	-2.1	0	0	-2.6
Total	12	515	2415	275	2140	4.2	17	49	178.3
Opponents	12	373	1515	334	1181	3.2	6	44	98.4

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	12	142.3	234-335-4	69.9	2397	15	63	199.8
Artur Sitkowski	3	98.6	18-25-1	72.0	103	0	34	34.3
Chase Brown	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	138.9	252-361-5	69.8	2500	15	63	208.3
Opponents	12	89.8	183-370-22	49.5	1985	8	62	165.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	12	72	595	8.3	5	63	49.6
Brian Hightower	12	37	452	12.2	2	35	37.7
Pat Bryant	11	34	453	13.3	2	43	41.2
Chase Brown	12	27	240	8.9	3	43	20.0
Casey Washington	12	24	238	9.9	0	25	19.8
Tip Reiman	12	17	156	9.2	1	20	13.0
Luke Ford	12	10	88	8.8	0	18	7.3
Michael Marchese	12	7	132	18.9	2	39	11.0
Hank Beatty	11	7	25	3.6	0	8	2.3
Jonah Morris	6	4	55	13.8	0	21	9.2
Josh McCray	3	4	19	4.8	0	9	6.3
Miles Scott	12	4	29	7.3	0	19	2.4
Reggie Love III	12	3	9	3.0	0	5	0.8
Chase Hayden	6	2	12	6.0	0	8	2.0
Total	12	252	2500	9.9	15	63	208.3
Opponents	12	182	1979	10.9	8	62	164.9

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-4	5-2	3-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-4	2-2	3-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics

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First Downs	255	178
Rushing	109	63
Passing	126	89
Penalty	20	26
Rushing Yardage	2140	1181
Rushing attempts	515	373
Average per rush	4.2	3.2
Average per game	178.3	98.4
TDs Rushing	17	6
Passing Yardage	2500	1985
Comp-Att-Int	252-361-5	183-370-22
Average per pass	6.9	5.4
Average per catch	9.9	10.8
Average per game	208.3	165.4
TDs Passing	15	8
Total offense	4640	3166
Average per play	5.3	4.3
Average per game	386.7	263.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	12-245	25-506
Punt returns: #-Yards	21-137	6-51
Int returns: #-Yards	22-257	5-0
Fumbles-Lost	18-11	14-8
Penalties-Yards	82-773	58-550
Punts-Avg	54-38.9	70-41.4
Time of possession / game	32:51	27:13
3rd-down conversion	68/176	49/169
4rd-down conversion	12/25	8/19
PAT-attempts	(33-34) 97%	(12-14) 86%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-1) 100%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Sydney Brown	6	86	14.3	1	39
Kendall Smith	4	41	10.3	0	22
Jartavius Martin	3	0	0.0	0	0
Devon Witherspoon	3	97	32.3	0	57
Tyler Strain	2	16	8.0	0	16
Matthew Bailey	2	5	2.5	0	5
Keith Randolph Jr.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tahveon Nicholson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	22	257	11.7	1	57
Opponents	5	0	0.0	0	0



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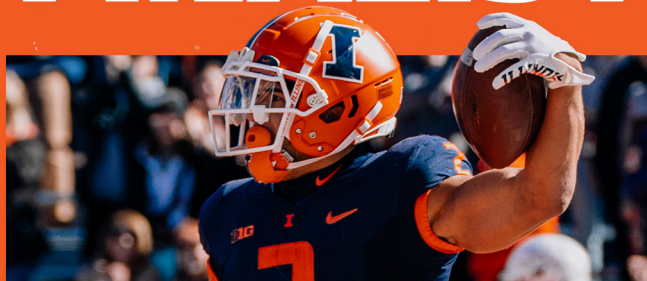
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