

FIGHTING ILLINI

FOOTBALL



ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (4-1, 1-1) vs. IOWA HAWKEYES (3-2, 1-1)

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 // 6:30 p.m. CT // Big Ten Network
Champaign, Illinois // Memorial Stadium



GAME DAY INFO

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ALL-TIME SERIES vs. IOWA

Series: Illinois leads, 38-37-2

Last: L, 33-23 (11/20/21 at Champaign)

Streak: L8

at Champaign: Illinois leads, 20-16

Bielema vs. Iowa: 3-3

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (4-1, 1-1)

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>	6:30 p.m. CT (BTN)
Oct. 15	Minnesota <i>HOMECOMING</i>	11 a.m. CT (BTN)
Oct. 29	at Nebraska	TBA
Nov. 5	Michigan State <i>DADS DAY</i>	TBA
Nov. 12	Purdue <i>SENIOR DAY</i>	TBA
Nov. 19	at #4 Michigan	TBA
Nov. 26	at Northwestern	TBA

Rankings are AP poll

Illinois Hosts Big Ten Night Game against Iowa

- Illinois returns home to face Iowa in the Illini's third Big Ten Saturday night game at Memorial Stadium in the last 14 years (2019 vs. Nebraska, 2013 vs. Wisconsin).
- Illinois is hosting its "Hail to the Orange Out!" promotion. Fans are encouraged to wear orange.
- Illinois is on a four-game home winning streak, outscoring opponents by 31.7 points (37.5-5.8).

Illinois Overpowers Wisconsin in Madison

- Illinois won in Madison for the first time in 20 years by outscoring the Badgers 17-0 in the third quarter and cruising to a 34-10 win.
- Illinois held Wisconsin to just two yards rushing, the fewest yards the Badgers have rushed for at home since being held to 12 yards on Nov. 3, 2007, vs. Ohio State.
- Illinois held the Badgers to just 10 total yards in the third quarter and did not allow a completed pass or a first down.
- The 24-point margin of victory 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.
- Bielema was the first Illinois head coach to win in his first trip to Madison since Lou Tepper in 1992.
- Bielema's three Big Ten road wins in first two seasons are the most since Lou Tepper won five Big Ten road games in his first two seasons 1992-93.
- Bielema is the first head coach in Illinois history to have wins at Penn State and at Wisconsin.
- The 2022 Illinois schedule has rematches against seven opponents that the Illini faced in Bielema's first season. Through the first two rematch games - Virginia and Wisconsin - the Illini are 2-0 and have flipped the score of those results dramatically in their favor, with a 49-point turnaround against Virginia and a 48-point turnaround vs. Wisconsin, for a total of 97 points.
- Bret Bielema improved to 9-8 in his Illinois career with the win last week. He is the first Illini head coach to start .500 or better through his first 17 games since John Mackovic started 10-6-1 in the 1988-89 seasons.

Illinois Defense Keeps Trending Up

- Illinois defensive ranks nationally: 1st in scoring defense (8.4), 1st in opponent passer rating (79.7), 2nd in red zone defense (50%), 3rd in total defense (228.0), 3rd in rushing defense (70.2), 5th in first downs allowed (61), 6th in takeaways (13), 8th in interceptions (8), 9th in third-down conversion rate against (25.7%).
- Illinois' 42 points allowed are its fewest through five games since 1950.
- Illinois' defense is ranked ninth in the nation by ESPN's SP+ metric and fifth by PFF.
- Illinois' run defense is ranked third in the nation and its pass coverage is ranked fourth by PFF.
- Illinois is one of two schools in the nation that has yet to allow a touchdown at home this season, along with UMass. UMass has only played one home game (vs. Stony Brook).
- Illinois has allowed 169 rushing yards over 112 rushes in the last four games (1.5 yards/rush).
- Illinois has at least one interception in all five games this season and has an interception in eight straight games dating back to last season.
- Six different Illini have an interception this season, tied for the sixth-most in the nation.
- During Illinois' four wins, opponents have a third down conversion rate of 16.4% (9-55). Wisconsin was 4-14 on third downs, Wyoming went 1-12, Virginia went 0-15, and Chattanooga was 4-14.
- Illinois has allowed 50 passing yards or less in two games (30 vs. Wyoming, 49 vs. Chattanooga). It is the first time since at least 2000 Illinois has held two opponents under 50 passing yards.
- Illinois 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).
- Kendall Smith ranks fifth in the nation in interceptions with three, one back of the national lead, and tied for the Big Ten lead. Illinois free safeties have eight interceptions in the last 15 games, with Kerby Joseph - a third round pick of the Detroit Lions - having five interceptions in the final 10 games of last season and Smith having three interceptions in the first five games this season.
- Devon Witherspoon ranks second in the nation in passes defended (1.8 per game) and Jartavius Martin ranks eighth (1.6 per game). Illinois is the only team with two ranked inside the top-15.
- Jartavius Martin has a pass breakup in six straight games dating back to last season.
- Keith Randolph has 1.0+ sacks in three straight games.
- Nine different Illini have a sack this season, tied for the fifth-most in the nation.

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: 106-66 in his 14th season
 Record at Illinois: 9-8 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: 621-614-51 (133rd year)

All-Time Big Ten Record: 354-450-32 (127th year)

Memorial Stadium Record: 278-250-14 (100th year)

Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)

National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)

Bowl Appearances (Last): 19 (2019 Redbox Bowl)

All-Time Bowl Record: 8-11

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ILLINI NOTES

Chase Brown Chases History

- Chase Brown is the nation's leading rusher with 733 yards.
- Brown ran for 129 yards at Wisconsin last week in Illinois' first win in Madison in 20 years.
- Brown leads the nation in rushes of 10+ yards (25), six more than any other player. He is tied for fourth in 20+ yard runs (7) and tied for second in 30+ yard runs (4).
- Brown ranks sixth in the nation in all-purpose yards (770) without doing kick or punt return duties.
- Brown is second in the nation in yards after contact (423) and fifth in forced missed tackles (32), according to PFF.
- Brown is the first Illini ever to rush for 100+ yards in six straight games.
- Brown is the only player in the nation to rush for 100+ in his last six team games. The streak of six straight 100-yard games is the second longest active streak in the nation, behind only Minnesota's Mohamed Ibrahim (13), who missed last week and most of the 2021 season.
- Brown is the first Illini in history to rush for 100+ yards in the first five games of a season.
- Brown had his 11th career 100-yard game against Wisconsin, tying Red Grange for the fourth-most in Illinois history. Only Robert Holcombe (16 from 1994-97), Mikel Leshoure (12 from 2008-10), and Jim Grabowski (12 from 1963-65) have more.
- 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 became the 14th 1,000-yard rusher in program history when he broke the 1,000-yard mark in the season finale against Northwestern last year. He finished the season with 1,005 rushing yards on 170 carries (5.9 per carry) and five touchdowns.
- Brown is looking to join an elite group if he can reach 1,000 yards again in 2022. Only Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe have reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons for Illinois.
- Brown surpassed 2,000 career yards in the season opener against Wyoming when he rushed for 151 yards and scored three touchdowns (2 rushing, 1 receiving).
- Brown has 2,296 rushing yards for his career at Illinois, No. 13 on Illinois' all-time career rushing list. Brown tallied 352 yards as a freshman at Western Michigan for 2,648 for his career, good for No. 13 on the NCAA's active career leaders list.
- Brown was the 14th 1,000-yard rusher coached by Bielema in his 13-year head coaching career.
- Brown's 223-yard rushing game at Penn State 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.
- Brown's 223 rushing yards at Penn State last year were the most ever by an opponent at Beaver Stadium and the fourth-most ever against Penn State.
- Brown was the first Illini in history to run for 220+ yards twice in a career. He did it in the span of three games during the 2021 season (vs. Charlotte, at Penn State).

#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, then he had nine more receptions and 103 yards against Chattanooga.
- Williams had a 90.3 grade by PFF against Indiana, the second-best offensive grade in the Big Ten in Week 1 behind only Ohio State QB C.J. Stroud.
- Williams has at least one catch in all 17 games of the last two seasons.
- Williams ranks 12th in the nation and fourth in the Big Ten in receptions per game (7.0).
- 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).

PB Breaks Out

- Pat Bryant had career highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (115) against Chattanooga.
- Bryant was the #1 graded Power-5 wide receiver in the nation last week, according to PFF.
- Bryant leads the Illini in receiving yards (313) and yards per catch (17.4).

Time of Possession

- Illinois is seventh in the nation in time of possession (34:43).
- Illinois has held the ball for 10+ minutes in every fourth quarter this season.

ILLINI NOTES

DeVito Playing Consistent

- Illinois QB Tommy DeVito is one of 21 quarterbacks nationally to have 1,100+ yards passing, 9+ touchdowns, and a completion percentage over 66%. In the Big Ten, only C.J. Stroud (Ohio State) has reached those numbers.
- DeVito is the only quarterback in the Big Ten with 9+ passing touchdowns and 3+ rushing touchdowns.
- DeVito's 1,112 passing yards are the most by an Illini through four games since Wes Lunt had 1,237 through five games in 2014.

The Law Firm

- 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.
- Newton is the #2 graded interior defensive lineman in the nation by PFF and Randolph is #42.
- Newton leads the nation in QB hits with 12 and is tied for the national lead in QB pressures with 28, both according to PFF.
- Newton and Randolph's combined 40 pressures are the most in the country among any interior defensive line tandem.

Sixth-Year Palczewski

- Alex Palczewski is the No. 2 graded tackle in the Big Ten according to PFF (min. 200 snaps).

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 high school 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.

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.

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 Illinois staff and student-athletes while continuing his medical plan and treatments.
- Sean Snyder was hired as special teams coordinator/specialists coach to fill Miller's spot.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

Palcho - Career Starts Leader

Illinois senior captain Alex Palczewski is the most veteran player in all of college football.

Palczewski is the NCAA's active leader in career starts with 57 and is eight away from tying the NCAA record set by App State WR Thomas Hennigan from 2017-21.

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 could become the first six-year starter in college athletics history (minimum 50% starts of team games).

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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
3	DD Snyder II	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Catholic	
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	
36	Ben Schultz	OLB	6-3	230	So.	Champaign, Ill.	Central	

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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	
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	
58	Matt Fries	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Cranford, N.J.	Cranford	
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 Whitnack	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	
81	Daniel Edwards	WR	5-11	160	R-Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park	
82	Luke Ford	TE	6-6	265	Sr.	Cartersville, Ill.	Cartersville	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	
96	Josh Leff	P	5-10	190	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif.	Sierra Canyon	
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.)

- » Starting right tackle, slid to start at left tackle at Indiana (9/2/22) in place of injured Julian Pearl
- » Began career at Wilfrid Laurier University in Warloo, Ontario, Canada before transferring to Garden City CC
- » 2021 NCAA D1 All-America first team, ranked No. 5 junior college offensive lineman (No. 21 overall) by 247Sports
- » Offers included Arizona, Bowling Green, Buffalo, Colorado, Fresno State, Hawaii, Jackson State, Kansas, Liberty, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Syracuse, Texas State, UCF, and West Virginia



72 ZY CRISLER

OL, 6-6, 330, SO.

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

- » Five straight starts at right guard to open Illini career
- » Second-team All-MACCC performer as a true freshman at Mississippi Gulf Coast
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Junior national ranks: #16 (Rivals), #44 (247), #50 (ESPN)
- » Junior college position ranks: #3 (247), #6 (ESPN)



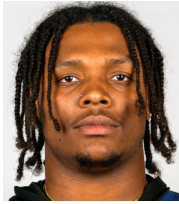
63 ALEX PALCZEWSKI

OL, 6-6, 315, SR.

MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT

- » 57 career starts are the most in Illinois history and second in Big Ten history
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media and coaches)
- » Started seven games at tackle and five games at guard in 2021
- » No. 37 graded tackle in the country by PFF (79.4) in 2021
- » Most of his extended family lives in Poland

OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST



54 JULIAN PEARL

OL, 6-6, 315, JR.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

- » Starting left tackle, 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

- » Five consecutive starts at center to open the 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

- » Made second-career start, first since 2020, at left guard at Indiana (9/2/22) in place of 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	5	5
CAREER		5	5

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2022	ILL	5	5
CAREER		5	5

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	5	5
CAREER		58	57

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	3	0
2020	ILL	7	3
2021	ILL	12	10
2022	ILL	4	4
CAREER		26	17

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	1	0
2020	ILL	8	2
2021	ILL	12	5
2022	ILL	5	5
CAREER		26	12

START STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	START
2019	ILL	1	0
2020	ILL	6	1
2022	ILL	4	1
CAREER		11	2

Palczewski Leading Illini in Year 6

- Senior offensive lineman Alex Palczewski returned to the Fighting Illini for a sixth season in 2022.
- Following the Wisconsin game, the Mount Prospect, Ill., product has now made 57 career starts in the Orange and Blue. His start vs. Wyoming broke a tie for the most career starts in Illinois history with former teammate Vederian Lowe, who is now with the Minnesota Vikings after being selected in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft. He is three starts away from breaking the Big Ten career record held by former Minnesota offensive lineman Connor Olson (59 from 2016-21).
- Palczewski, coming off an honorable mention All-Big Ten (coaches and media) season in 2021, was voted by his teammates as one of four team captains for the 2022 season, returning to the role after also being voted as a team captain in 2019. He helped lead the Fighting Illini to a berth in the Redbox Bowl during his first season as captain.

MOST STARTS IN BIG TEN HISTORY

PLAYER	STARTS
1. Connor Olson, OL, MINN, 2016-21	59
2. Alex Palczewski, OL, ILL, 2017-present	57
3. Billy Price, OL, OSU, 2014-17	55
4. Michael Deiter, OL, WIS, 2015-18	54
5. Marcus Rush, DE, MSU, 2011-14	53
Clayton Thorson, QB, NW, 2015-18	53
7. Vederian Lowe, OL, ILL, 2017-21	52
T.J. Edwards, ILB, WIS, 2015-18	52
9. Desmond King, DB, IOWA, 2013-16	51

QUARTERBACKS



3 TOMMY DEVITO

QB, 6-2, 210, SR.

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

- » Tied Illini record for a quarterback with three rushing TDs in win at Wisconsin (10/1/22)
- » 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).
- » Participated in Illinois spring practices and went 16-for-20 for 248 yards with three TDs in the spring game
- » As a freshman backup quarterback in 2018, led the Orange to critical wins over Florida State and North Carolina
- » Two career 300-yard passing games and five career games with 3+ touchdown passes
- » 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)



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 the season
- » 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



9 ARTUR SITKOWSKI

QB, 6-5, 225, JR.

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

- » 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
- » Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week 8/30/21 following 12-of-15, 124 yards, two touchdown performance in season-opening win over Nebraska (8/28/21)
- » Stepped in for injured Brandon Peters in his first career game for Illinois in the season opener against Nebraska 8/29/21
- » Fourth season of college football, but has only used one year of eligibility
- » 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

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	5	107	153	69.9	1121	7.3	9	2	11	70
CAREER		32	444	725	61.2	4987	6.9	37	14	92	551

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	5	33	13	0.4	3	0	0	-	0
CAREER		32	232	231	1.0	7	1	4	4.0	0

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	-	-

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	2	5	6	83.3	29	4.8	0	0	0	0
CAREER		25	309	576	53.6	2764	4.8	14	22	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	2	1	3	3.0	0	0	0	-	0
CAREER		25	71	-37	-0.5	0	0	0	-	0



RUNNING BACKS



2 CHASE BROWN

RB, 5-11, 205, JR.

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

- » Enters Week 6 vs. Iowa as the national leader in rushing yards (733).
- » First rusher in Illinois program history with six consecutive 100+-yard rushing games, dating back to season finale of 2021 season vs. Northwestern through the first five games of the 2022 campaign
- » Ranks No. 13 on the Illinois career rushing chart with 2,296 yards as an Illini, and is 244 yards from cracking the program's all-time top-10.
- » Only returning player in the country with two of the nation's top 17 rushing games from 2021
- » 2021 All-Big Ten third team (coaches and media)
- » Illinois' 14th 1,000-yard rusher in program history
- » 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

MAXWELL AWARD WATCH LIST
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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	5	120	733	6.1	4	8	37	4.6	1
CAREER TOTAL		40	468	2648	5.7	12	39	318	8.2	1
ILLINOIS TOTAL		27	397	2296	5.8	12	29	243	8.4	1



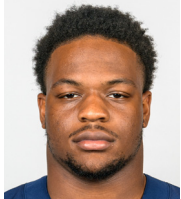
22 CHASE HAYDEN

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

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	4	16	59	3.7	0	2	12	6.0	0
CAREER		32	167	755	4.5	5	19	139	7.3	0



23 REGGIE LOVE III

RB, 5-11, 205, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Recorded a season-high nine carries for 33 yards vs. UVA (9/10) and added four totes for 35 yards vs. Chattanooga (9/22).
- » 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

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	5	27	137	5.1	1	0	0	-	0
CAREER		14	81	307	3.8	1	2	12	6.0	0



0 JOSH MCCRAY

RB, 6-1, 235, SO.

ENTERPRISE, ALA. / ENTERPRISE

- » Has not played since season-opener vs. Wyoming in Week 0.
- » 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
2021	ILL	11	112	549	4.9	2	2	43	21.5	0
2022	ILL	1	8	31	4.1	0	2	7	3.5	0
CAREER		12	120	580	4.9	2	4	50	12.5	0

Brown Looking to Leave Mark at Illinois

- 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.
- Brown is looking to join an elite group of running backs if he can reach 1,000 yards again in 2022. Only Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe have reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons for the Fighting Illini.
- Brown enters Game 6 vs. Iowa with 2,296 yards as an Illini and 2,648 yards for his collegiate career (including 352 as a freshman at Western Michigan). His 2,296 yards at Illinois are 13th in program history, and just 244 yards from moving into the program's all-time top 10.
- Through the Illini's first five games, Brown leads the FBS in total rushing yards (733) and ranks second in yards per game (146.6). Brown also ranks eighth in the nation in all-purpose yards per game (154.0).



ILLINOIS RUSHING RECORDS

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME

1. Mikel Leshoure at Northwestern, 11/20/2010 330
2. Robert Holcombe at Minnesota, 11/16/1996 315
3. Howard Griffith vs. Northwestern, 11/24/1990 263
4. Chase Brown vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021 257
5. Jim Grabowski vs. Wisconsin, 11/14/1964 239
6. Red Grange at Pennsylvania, 10/31/1925 237
7. Chase Brown at #7 Penn State, 10/23/2021 223

MOST 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Robert Holcombe, 1994-97 16
2. Mikel Leshoure, 2008-10 12
- Jim Grabowski, 1963-65 12
4. Chase Brown, 2018-present 11
- Red Grange, 1923-25 11
6. Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-07 10
- Antoneo Harris, 1999-02 10
8. Pierre Thomas, 2003-06 9
- Rich Johnson, 1966-68 9
- John Karras, 1949-51 9

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS - NOS. 7-13

7. Mikel Leshoure, 2008-10 2,557
- Juice Williams, 2006-09 2,557
9. Pierre Thomas, 2003-06 2,545
10. Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-07 2,539
11. Howard Griffith, 1987-90 2,485
12. Reggie Corbin, 2016-19 2,361
13. Chase Brown, 2018-present 2,296

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)
- » 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
- » 2021-22 Gatorade Illinois Football Player of the Year
- » Also played basketball and ran track in high school



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 17.4 yards per catch through the five game
- » Became the 14th Illini in program history to start 3+ games at wide receiver as a true freshman
- » 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

- » Multiple catches in each of the Illini's first five games, including a career-most five receptions at Wisconsin.
- » Recorded 11 receptions for 203 yards and three touchdowns in during the 2020 season
- » Appeared in 18 games over two seasons (2018 and 2019) with 12 catches for 148 yards and 1 touchdown at Miami before transferring to Illinois
- » Consensus four-star recruit by ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals also held offers from Alabama, Clemson and USC

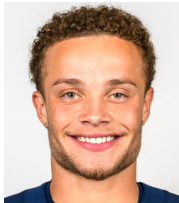


11 JONAH MORRIS

WR, 6-4, 210, SR.

AKRON, OHIO / HOBAN / NORTHERN COLORADO

- » Had one catch for 16 yards in win over Chattanooga (9/22), first catches since hauling in two for 18 yards in Illini debut vs. Wyoming (8/27)
- » Transfer from Northern Colorado, had also played at Indiana (2016-17) and Akron (2018-19)
- » Three-year letterwinner, team captain, and three-year starter at Archbishop Hoban
- » Also lettered in basketball and track and field



14 CASEY WASHINGTON

WR, 6-2, 200, JR.

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS / PFLUGERVILLE

- » 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
- » Scored first-career touchdown after recovering a fumble and taking it into the endzone against Maryland 9/17/21
- » Pulled in the team's longest reception of the season, a 56-yarder vs. Northwestern 11/27/21

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD WATCH LIST



1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

WR, 5-10, 180, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Nickname: "One" or "Uno"
- » 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).
- » Set career highs in catches (9) and receiving yards (112), and scored his first TD of the season at Indiana (9/2/22)
- » Led team with receptions (47) and yards (525), and tied for team lead with 4 touchdowns in 2021
- » Ranked third among Power-5 freshmen in receptions (47) in 2021
- » 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	4	0	0	-	0	2	16	8.0	0
CAREER		4	0	0	-	0	2	16	8.0	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2021	ILL	10	0	0	-	0	6	98	16.3	0
2022	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	18	313	17.4	2
CAREER		10	0	0	-	0	24	411	17.1	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	8	0	0	-	0	11	209	10.6	3
2021	ILL	4	0	0	-	0	0	0	--	0
2022	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	17	179	10.5	1
CAREER		35	0	0	-	0	40	536	13.4	5

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	3	0	0	-	0	3	34	11.3	0
CAREER		31	1	1	1.0	0	49	558	11.4	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	5	0	0	-	0	6	68	11.3	0
CAREER		32	0	30	-	1	48	600	12.5	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	5	1	1	1.0	0	35	291	8.3	2
CAREER		27	85	467	5.5	3	85	825	9.7	6

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		23	29	74	39.2	431	5.8	4	3	5	20



TIGHT ENDS



82 LUKE FORD

TE, 6-6, 265, SR.

CARTERVILLE, ILL. / CARTERVILLE / GEORGIA

- » Hauled in four receptions for a season-high 20 yards vs. Virginia (9/10/22)
- » 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	8	0	0	-	0	2	15	7.5	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	15	114	7.6	2
2022	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	6	30	5.0	0
CAREER		34	0	0	-	0	24	163	6.8	2



42 MICHAEL MARCHESE

TE, 6-4, 235, SR.

VERNON HILLS, ILL. / STEVENSON

- » 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
- » Enters 2022 having played in 43 career games at Illinois
- » Switched to tight end during 2021 spring practices
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 4/6/21

RUSHING/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	1	15	15.0	0
2022	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	5	98	19.6	2
CAREER		48	0	0	-	0	7	128	18.3	2



89 TIP REIMAN

TE, 6-5, 265, SO.

RAPID CITY, S.D. / O'GORMAN

- » 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	5	0	0	-	0	6	43	7.2	1
CAREER		25	0	0	-	0	9	86	9.6	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 46 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-America 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

- » Two-year letterman in wrestling in high school earning a pair of Ohio Capital Conference (OCC) titles
- » 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

- » Goes by "Johnny" but chose to be listed on the roster as his real name, Jer'Zhan
- » Recorded sacks in three consecutive games - at Indiana (9/2), vs. Virginia (9/10), vs. Chattanooga (9/22) - and already has a career-high 4.5 TFLs for the 2022 season.
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Became the 18th true freshman to start a game on the defensive line in Illinois history in 2020



88 KEITH RANDOLPH JR.

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

- » Enters Iowa game as team leader in total tackles (27) and tackles for loss (6.5), while tying for lead with 3.0 sacks
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 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 available 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	5	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
CAREER		46	28	31	59	4.5-17	2-10	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	5	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		37	5	5	10	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	5	4	5	9	1.5-10	1-10	0	0	0	1	0
CAREER		11	6	5	11	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	5	11	15	26	4.5-29	3-27	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		25	37	62	99	10-70	7.5-66	0	0	1	0	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	4	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	5	11	16	27	6.5-24	3-17	1	1	0	0	0
CAREER		24	39	45	84	12.5-39	7-29	2	4	1	0	0

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	3	3	4	7	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		41	45	29	74	16-45	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

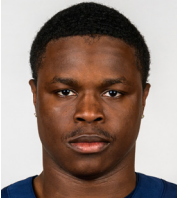
» Returned to action vs. Chattanooga (9/22/22) and tallied first half-sack of his career, then added another at Wisconsin (10/1/22)

» 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 weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports



49 SETH COLEMAN

OLB, 6-5, 240, SO.

MELBOURNE, FLA. / HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

» Notched first sack of the season vs. Virginia (9/10/22) and posted game-high 4 QBH vs. UTC (9/22).

» Played in 10 games with three starts as a redshirt freshman in 2021

» 22 tackles, 3.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, two PBUs, one fumble recovery, and one forced fumble on the season

» Key PBU led to Tarique Barnes interception in Illinois' win at No. 20 Minnesota 11/6/21

» Broke into the starting lineup in 2020 and started four games



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 Illini's first three games (1 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 weakside defensive end in the nation by 247Sports



17 GABE JACAS

OLB, 6-3, 265, FR.

PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA. / FORT PIERCE CENTRAL

» 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 by ranked No. 60 by 247Sports and No. 70 by On3 among edge rushers in the Class of 2022

» Also a state champion and all-state wrestler at Fort Pierce Central

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	4	3	2	5	1.5-9	1.5-9	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		5	4	3	2	5	1.5-9	1.5-9	0	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	5	7	9	16	1.5-9	1.5-9	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		26	27	24	51	8-31	3.5-21	0	3	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	5	5	7	12	3-29	3-29	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		5	5	7	12	3-29	3-29	0	0	0	0	0

Jacas Earns First Start at OLB

- Freshman OLB Gabe Jacas earned the first start of his collegiate career in the Illini's win at Wisconsin on Oct. 1, recording one solo stop and continuing a trend of putting pressuring on the opposing quarterback with 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. Additionally, 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.
- Through his first five games, Jacas is tied for the team lead with 3.0 sacks. In the Illini's win vs. Virginia (9/10/22), he 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.



LINEBACKERS



8 TARIQUE BARNES

LB, 6-1, 230, JR.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / CORDOVA

- » 2021 Phil Steele All-Big Ten fourth team
- » Played in all 12 games with 10 starts as a sophomore in 2021, tallying 79 tackles (second on the team) including 3 TFLs and one sack, plus one interception, one forced fumble and six passes defended
- » 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.



38 ISAAC DARKANGELO

LB, 6-1, 230, SR.

BRIGHTON, MICH. / DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL / NORTHERN MICHIGAN

- » Recorded his first-career sack to go along with five total tackles (two solo) in Illinois' win at Wisconsin (10/12/21)
- » No. 9 special teams grade (77.8) in B1G among players with 50+ coverage snaps, according to PFF in 2021
- » Began collegiate career at Division II Northern Michigan and earned All-GIAC second team honors as a sophomore in 2019 after tallying 105 tackles in 10 games in 2019
- » Selected as NMU's 2019 Male Athlete of the Year



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 the remainder of the 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
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	43	36	79	3-17	1-10	1	6	1	0	0
2022	ILL	5	6	3	9	3.5-8	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER		35	70	57	127	11-57	3-30	2	8	3	1	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2021	ILL	12	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	5	10	14	24	1-3	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
CAREER		18	14	17	31	1-3	1-3	0	0	0	1	0

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	5	5	5	10	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		31	31	38	69	11.0-54	4.0-33	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 Broke Out in 2021

- Tarique Barnes had a breakout season for the Fighting Illini defense in 2021 posting 79 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



SECONDARY



2 MATTHEW BAILEY

DB, 6-2, 205, FR.

MOLINE, ILL. / MOLINE

- » 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.)

- » Forced fumble on punt return vs. Virginia (9/10/22) led to Matthew Bailey's recovery for deciding TD
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media and coaches)
- » Led Illinois with 83 tackles including a team-best 51 unassisted stops in 2021
- » Father played in CFL for three seasons, mother was a figure skater
- » Identical twin brother, Chase, transferred to Illinois in 2019 from Western Michigan and led the Illini rushing attack as a 1,000-yard rusher in 2021



6 TERRELL JENNINGS

DB, 6-1, 190, SR.

NOB HILL, COLO. / PINE CREEK / MINNESOTA STATE

- » Nicknamed "Rello"
- » Originally planned to attend Oklahoma to play rugby
- » Path to Illinios 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 LEITZEY

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

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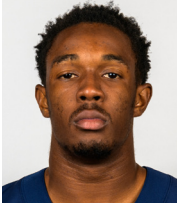


21 JARTAVIUS MARTIN

DB, 6-0, 195, SR.

LEHIGH ACRES, FLA. / LEHIGH ACRES

- » Goes by "Quan"
- » Ranks eighth nationally in passes defended per game (1.6)
- » #2 tackling grade among Big Ten cornerbacks in 2021, according to PFF (88.8)
- » 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"
- » 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
- » Recorded a career-high four tackles (all solo) at Purdue 9/25/21
- » 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

- » First in the Big Ten and fifth nationally in interceptions with 3 interceptions, notching picks at Indiana (9/2/22), vs. Virginia (9/10/22), and at Wisconsin (10/1/22).
- » 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

- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Second nationally in passes defended per game (1.8)
- » Led the Illini and ranked ninth in the Big Ten with nine pass breakups on the season in 2021
- » Chase-down tackle at the goal line in the fourth quarter vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led to goal-line stop to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Tied for fifth among Big Ten cornerbacks in defensive stops in 2021, according to PFF (19)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2022	ILL	5	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0
CAREER		5	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	2	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	5	12	6	18	2-12	1-6	0	4	1	0	0
CAREER		44	158	120	278	8.5-27	2-11	4	17	4	0	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	5	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		22	19	7	26	0-0	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	5	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER		13	2	0	2	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	5	20	6	26	2-8	1-6	1	8	0	0	0
CAREER		47	117	67	184	9-31	1-6	5	24	2	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	5	14	0	14	1-3	0-0	1	3	1	0	0
CAREER		12	23	2	25	1-3	0-0	1	5	1	0	0

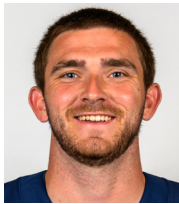
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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	5	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	0	0
CAREER		49	23	17	40	0-0	0-0	3	6	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	5	15	2	17	0-0	0-0	1	9	0	0	0
CAREER		35	99	36	135	9-29	1-11	3	22	1	3	0

SPECIALISTS



5 CALEB GRIFFIN

K, 6-3, 215, JR.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

- » 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

- » Started at long snapper in five consecutive games to open 2022 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



19 HUGH ROBERTSON

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

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

- » Made Illinois debut in 2020 with one punt for 38 yards vs. Penn State 12/19/20
- » Born in 1993 and graduated high school in 2011, but enters 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 of the fellow Australian and former Illini punter Blake Hayes spoke so highly of the university and football program

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	18-18	7-11	3-3	2-3	2-4	0-1	39	48
CAREER		23-23	8-12	4-4	2-3	2-4	0-1	47	48

GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G
2020	ILL	2
2021	ILL	0
2022	ILL	5
CAREER		7

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	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	5	22	776	51	35.3	0	12	5	1	0
CAREER		8	23	814	51	35.4	0	13	5	1	0

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 the Illini kicked off the season on Aug. 27 vs. Wyoming, ranking third on the list behind fellow Australian punters Tom Hutton (32, Oklahoma State) 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)
Austin Aune, QB	North Texas	Jr.	28 (9/6/93)
Mark Crawford, P	Minnesota	Jr.	28 (12/28/93)
Laine Wilkins, P	Houston	So.	28 (3/30/94)

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

PUNT 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
2021	ILL	2	-	-	-	-	--	--
2022	ILL	5	6	124	0	43	20.7	24.8
CAREER		22	27	669	1	91	24.7	24.8

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2019	ILL	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	ILL	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2022	ILL	5	10	88	0	24	8.8	17.6
CAREER		27	10	88	0	24	8.8	3.3

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	Josh Gesky General Studies	Magnus Moeller Philosophy
Weston Adams Engineering Technology & Management for Agricultural Systems (ETMAS)	Prince Green General Studies	Griffin Moore Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Lucas Althaus Agribusiness Markets and Management	Caleb Griffin Strategic Brand Communication (Second Master's)	Jonah Morris Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
Jordan Anderson General Studies	Grayson Griffin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jer'Zhan Newton Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Owen Anderson General Studies	TJ Griffin Organizational & Community Leadership	Tahveon Nicholson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Calvin Avery Sociology	Devin Hale General Studies	Kenenna Odeluga Finance
Jared Badie Communication	Aidan Hall Systems Engineering and Design	Joey Okla Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Matthew Bailey Kinesiology	Lane Hansen Kinesiology	Alex Palczewski Organizational & Community Leadership (Second Bachelor's)
Zachary Barlev Mathematics	Calvin Hart Communication	Deon Pate Sociology
Bryce Barnes Community Health	Chase Hayden Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Julian Pearl Sociology
Tarique Barnes Advertising	Brian Hightower Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Alex Pihlstrom Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Keion Battle Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	Ashton Hollins General Studies	Fabrizio Pinton Public Policy & Law
Hank Beatty Business Undeclared	Ezekiel Holmes Communication (Second Bachelor's)	Eian Pugh Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Matt Bobak Advertising	Malachi Hood Astronomy	Keith Randolph Jr. Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Henry Boyer Business Undeclared	Jake Huber Mechanical Engineering	Tip Reiman Kinesiology
Chase Brown Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Gabe Jacas Community Health	Hugh Robertson Management
Sydney Brown Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Terrell Jennings Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)	Tyson Rooks General Studies
Verdis Brown Communication (Second Bachelor's)	Ryan Johnson Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Dylan Rosiek Kinesiology
Alec Bryant General Studies	Evan Kirts Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Ben Schultz Agribusiness Markets and Management
Pat Bryant Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	James Kreutz General Studies	Miles Scott Kinesiology
Naivyan Cargill General Studies	Josh Kreutz General Studies	Xavier Scott General Studies
Kody Case Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)	Aidan Laughery Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jameson Sheehan Community Health
Mike Cerniglia Jr. Communication	Donovan Leary General Studies	Artur Sitkowski Communication
Ben Clawson Advertising	Josh Leff Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jordyn Slaughter Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Seth Coleman Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Tailon Leitzsey Management (Master's)	Kendall Smith Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
Shammond Cooper Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Clayton Leonard Kinesiology	DD Snyder General Studies
Nico Crawford Middle Grades Education	Christian Lorenzo General Studies	Tyler Strain General Studies
Zy Crisler Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Reggie Love Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	KhMari Thompson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Thomas Cronin History	Mike Manning Psychology	Sam Tsagalis Biology
Kionte Curry General Studies	Michael Marchese Accountancy (Second Master's)	Solo Turner Organization & Community Leadership
Isaac Darkangelo Communication	Jartavius Martin Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)	Peyton Vining Food Science & Human Nutrition (Master's)
Dylan Davis History	Elijah Mc-Cantos General Studies	Casey Washington Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Tommy DeVito Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Sed McConnell General Studies	Hunter Whitenack General Studies
Daniel Edwards General Studies	Josh McCray General Studies	Raashaan Wilkins Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
TeRah Edwards Communication	Will McManus Business Undeclared	Isaiah Williams Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Luciano Elias General Studies	Ryan Meed Kinesiology	Devon Witherspoon Communication
Preston Engel Management (Master's)	Kirkland Michaux Agribusiness Markets and Management	Jamal Woods Community Health
Nick Fedanzo Communication	Chase Miller Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Luke Zardzin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Luke Ford Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Shawn Miller General Studies	
Matt Fries General Studies		



SMITH FOOTBALL CENTER



The Standard of Excellence

Opened in 2019, The Henry Dale and Betty Smith Football Center is a 107,650 square foot facility adjoining the south end of the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility. The facility features new and expanded strength and conditioning and sports medicine space, coaches' offices, position meeting rooms, player development areas, locker rooms, and other areas for recruiting and prospect hosting.





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	Head Coach (9-8)
2020	New York Giants	Outside Linebackers, Senior Assistant Coach
2019	New England Patriots	Defensive Line
2018	New England Patriots	Consultant to the Head Coach
2013-17	Arkansas	Head Coach (29-34)
2006-12	Wisconsin	Head Coach (68-24)
2004-05	Wisconsin	Defensive Coordinator
2002-03	Kansas State	Co-Defensive Coordinator
1996-2001	Iowa	Linebackers
1994-95	Iowa	Graduate Assistant

Bret Bielema was named as the 26th Fighting Illini Head Football Coach in the 132-year history of the program in December 2020.

A native of Prophetstown, Illinois, Bielema came to Champaign with 24 years of collegiate coaching experience and a 12-year record of 97-58 (.626) as head coach at Wisconsin and Arkansas.

Bielema led Illinois to a 5-7 record in his first since with the Fighting Illini in 2021, including road wins that gained national notoriety over #7 Penn State and #20 Minnesota to give Bielema more AP/CFP ranked wins than any other first-year coach in Illinois history. The Illini won at #7 Penn State, 20-18, in nine overtimes to mark the longest game in college football history. Chase Brown ran for 223 yards, the most ever by a Big Ten opponent at Beaver Stadium, and Brandon Peters connected with Casey Washington in the back of the end zone of the ninth overtime to stun the Penn State crowd. Two games later, Illinois earned its first ever win over a College Football Playoff ranked opponent by taking down #20 Minnesota, 14-6, in Minneapolis behind a dominant effort by the defense.

The Illini run game and defense were the keys to Illinois success in 2021, as Chase Brown rushed for over 1,000 yards and the Illini's 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 national rankings from 2020. Twelve Illini earned All-Big Ten honors, most notably Kerby Joseph, who was Illinois' first All-Big Ten first-team defensive back since 1989. Joseph tied for the national lead in interceptions with five and ranked third in the nation in fumble recoveries with three.

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

In 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.

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.

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	4-1 (.800)	

TOTAL: 14TH YEAR // OVERALL: 106-66 // BIG TEN: 43-25



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR.
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

Barry Lunney Jr. enters 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 comes to Champaign from UTSA, where he served as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in 2020 and 2021. Lunney helped bring UTSA to new heights, reaching No. 15 nationally while winning its first Conference USA championship. The UTSA offense ranked 11th in the nation in scoring and 34th in total offense in 2021, averaging 36.9 points per game and 439.0 yards per game. Lunney also spent three seasons at Tulsa (2000-02), two at San Jose State (2003-04), nine as the offensive coordinator at Bentonville (Ark.) High School (2005-13), and nine combined years at Arkansas (1998-99, 2013-19). Lunney started 40 games at quarterback during his time as a player at Arkansas from 1992-95. He was a team captain on the 1995 team that played in the SEC Championship Game for the first time in school history, and he left Arkansas holding school career records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass completions, pass attempts and total offensive plays. He graduated from Arkansas with a degree in kinesiology in 1996. Lunney and his wife, Janelle, have two sons, Luke and Levi.



GEORGE MCDONALD
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS

George McDonald enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. McDonald returns to his alma mater following six seasons at N.C. State and with experience in three Power-5 conferences and the NFL. McDonald began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ball State before earning his first full-time position at Northern Illinois from 2001-03. While in DeKalb, he coached First-Team All-MAC receiver, and current Minnesota head coach, P.J. Fleck, second-team All-American Dan Sheldon, and All-American Darrell "The Thrill" Hill. McDonald was a four-year letterwinner at receiver for the Fighting Illini and completed his Illinois football career with 57 receptions for 589 yards and four touchdowns. He led the Big Ten in kickoff return yardage in 1996 (736) while returning 57 kickoffs for 1,276 yards (22.4 avg.) during his career. 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, a mark that still ranks seventh on the Illini top times list, 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. He and his wife, the former Heather Anderson, have two sons, Roman and Maverick.



BART MILLER
OFFENSIVE LINE

Bart Miller enters his second season at Illinois in 2022, after joining Bret Bielema's coaching staff for the second time. He comes 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. He took over the offensive line unit in September of 2012 after serving as a graduate assistant coach the previous season at Wisconsin. The Badgers ranked No. 13 in the nation in rushing offense in 2012, averaging 236.36 rushing yards per game. Wisconsin won its third straight Big Ten Championship that season, defeating Nebraska 70-31 in the Big Ten Championship Game, and played in a third consecutive Rose Bowl. At Wisconsin, Miller coached First Team All-Big Ten selections Travis Frederick (center) and Rick Wagner (left tackle) in 2012. Miller played football and graduated from Elk Grove High School in the Chicago area prior to completing his bachelor's degree in organizational communication from New Mexico in 2007. He obtained a master's degree in education from New Mexico State in 2011. Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Miller and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Barrett and Gunner.



CORY PATTERSON
RUNNING BACKS

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 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. Patterson's stable of running backs produced impressive numbers, as the Illini's top tandem of Chase Brown and Josh McCray combined to rush for more than 1,500 yards. Patterson helped Illinois to the 2019 Redbox Bowl, the program's first bowl in five years. Patterson has been key to Illinois' recruiting efforts, specifically in St. Louis. Two of the highest rated recruits in the modern era have signed from St. Louis since the arrival of Patterson. Isaiah Williams, Patterson's quarterback at Trinity, and Shammond Cooper, Trinity's star linebacker, both came to Champaign-Urbana in 2019 as four-star prospects and top 150 recruits in the nation. Patterson is a 2002 finance graduate of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. He and his wife Tiffany have two daughters, Nyla and Nori.



SEAN SNYDER
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/SPECIALISTS

Sean Snyder, a veteran Power-5 special teams coordinator, joins the Illini staff for his first season in 2022. He steps in as Illinois' special teams coordinator, while Ben Miller (who also coaches Illini tight ends) remains on health-related leave through the 2022 season. Snyder comes to Champaign from USC where he spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons as the Trojans' special teams coordinator. Previously, Snyder spent more than two decades at Kansas State, where his father, Bill Snyder, was a legendary head coach. Snyder began at Kansas State as a part-time assistant coach in 1994 and 1995, then served as director of football operations from 1996 to 1998, assistant athletic director for football operations in 1999 and 2000, associate athletic director in 2001 and senior associate athletic director from 2002 to 2010. He served as special teams coordinator/associate head coach from 2011-18 and special teams analyst in 2019 before moving to USC. Snyder's collegiate career began at Iowa in 1988 and 1989 before he finished as a consensus All-America punter at Kansas State. Snyder was inducted into K-State's Ring of Honor in 2002 and into its Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016. He and his wife, Wanda, have three children and five grandchildren.



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, will remain on a health-related leave through the 2022 season. He will stay 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, helping Illinois to a 5-7 record and ranked wins over #7 Penn State and #20 Minnesota. 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. McCourt tied a program record with four 50+-yard field goals and two-time Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week Hayes left Champaign with nearly every punting record in Illini history, including landing half of his punts inside the 20 for an Illini-record 34 punts inside the 20.

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



RYAN WALTERS
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

One of the nation's top young coaches, Ryan Walters enters his second season at Illinois in 2022, and is coming off a season in which he and the Illini's veteran defensive staff engineered one of the nation's biggest defensive turnarounds in 2021. Prior to coming to Illinois, Walters spent six seasons at Missouri, including three years as the Tigers' defensive coordinator and two years as co-defensive coordinator, overseeing an impressive transformation of the Tiger defense into one of the SEC's top units. In 2019, Walters' defense ranked in the nation's Top 20 in several major categories, including total defense (14th NCAA/3rd SEC – 312.0 avg) and scoring defense (17th NCAA/6th SEC – 19.4 avg.), while excelling as a Top 10 pass defense (eighth in passing yards allowed NCAA/2nd SEC – 179.3 avg.). A native of Aurora, Colorado, Walters played collegiately at Colorado, where he was a standout safety for the Buffaloes (2004-08). He began his coaching career as a student assistant at Colorado working with the secondary in 2009, and then spent two years on staff at Arizona, where he was a graduate assistant in 2010 before being promoted to defensive backs coach for the 2011 season. Walters and his wife Tara have two sons, Aaron and Cason.



KEVIN KANE
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Kevin Kane, who enters 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 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. That was his second stint at NIU, having served in multiple capacities for the Huskies from 2011-14. Kane helped the Huskies to five bowl appearances during his time in DeKalb, including a win in the 2012 GoDaddy.com Bowl over Arkansas State, and three MAC Championships. During the 2015 season, Kane coached linebackers at Kansas. A 2006 graduate of Kansas, Kane played linebacker for the Jayhawks, earning All-Big 12 honorable mention accolades from the Associated Press as a junior and senior. He and wife Theresa have two sons, Jack and Colin, and one daughter, Nora.



ANDY BUH
LINEBACKERS

Andy Buh enters 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 makes 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. Buh had a successful three-year run at Maryland, guiding a Terrapins defense that collected 37 sacks in 2016. Buh's defense allowed just one 300-yard passer in his first season at Maryland and allowed just 212.3 passing yards per game on the season. The following year, Buh's defense collected 10 interceptions and saw four players earn All-Big Ten honors. A native of Escondido, California, Buh and his wife, Kelly, have two sons, Luke and Logan. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at Nevada in 1995.



TERRANCE JAMISON
DEFENSIVE LINE

Terrance Jamison enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. Jamison made the move to Illinois following one season at Purdue. 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. He combined to serve four seasons as a student assistant (2008-09), quality control assistant (2011) and a graduate assistant (2012) at UW. Prior to making the move to Purdue in 2020, Jamison spent the 2019 season at Air Force in a similar role, where he helped the Falcons to an 11-2 record that included a 31-21 victory over Washington State in the Cheez-It Bowl. That Air Force defensive unit finished in the top 20 nationally in a number of categories, including rushing defense (7th, 100.5), defensive touchdowns (12th, 3), total defense (17th, 319.6) and scoring defense (20th, 19.8). A native of Riverdale, Illinois, who graduated from Thornton Township High School, Jamison has two degrees from Wisconsin, a bachelor's in agricultural business management (2009) and a master's in educational leadership and policy analysis (2011). He and his wife, Ashley, have two daughters, Ava and Mackenzie, and one son, Jayce.



AARON HENRY
DEFENSIVE BACKS

Aaron Henry, who was a standout player and coached under Bielema at Wisconsin and Arkansas, respectively, enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. Henry joined the Illini after SEC, ACC and Big Ten stops at Vanderbilt, North Carolina State and Rutgers. Henry played under Bielema at Wisconsin where he was a All-Big Ten defensive back, earning 32 starts from 2007-11, and helping lead the Badgers to consecutive Big Ten titles and Rose Bowl appearances as a junior and senior. Henry spent the 2020 season as cornerbacks coach at Vanderbilt after three seasons at North Carolina State. He worked under Commodore and Wolfpack defensive coordinator Ted Roof at both schools, and helped NC State to a 9-3 record and Gator Bowl appearance in 2018. Henry has coached in three bowl games, including the 2018 Gator Bowl, 2017 Sun Bowl and 2015 Liberty Bowl. At native of Immokalee, Florida, Henry played football and baseball at Immokalee High School. As a wide receiver and defensive back, he helped Immokalee to the 2004 Florida state title and an undefeated regular season in 2006.

SERIES vs. IOWA

Series: Illinois leads, 38-37-2

Last: L, 33-23 (11/20/21 at Champaign)

Streak: L8

at Champaign: Illinois leads, 20-16

Bielema vs. Iowa: 3-3



LAST MEETING

ILLINOIS23
 #18/17 IOWA33

NOV. 20, 2021

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	10	3	3	7	23
Iowa	7	10	3	13	33

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Ford 13 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick), 8:37 (12-75, 6:23)

ILL: McCourt 46 yd FG, 3:20 4-0, 01:21

IOW: Jones 100 yd kickoff return (Shudak kick), 3:05 (00:00-10:7)

Second Quarter

IOW: Bruce 2 yd rush (Shudak kick), 14:08 (7-50, 2:22)

IOW: Shudak 51 yd FG, 6:41 (11-58, 6:26)

ILL: McCourt 45 yd FG, 3:13 (8-48, 3:28)

Third Quarter

IOW: Shudak 48 yd FG, 9:12 (11-42, 05:48)

ILL: McCourt 53 yd FG, 2:46 (5-45, 01:55)

Fourth Quarter

IOW: Shudak 29 yd FG, 9:53 (5-7, 01:34)

IOW: Shudak 30 yd FG, 1:55 (7-43, 03:42)

IOW: Campbell 32 yd interception return (Shudak kick), 1:36 (0-0, 0:19)

ILL: Williams 16 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick), 0:31 (5-75, 01:05)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILLINOIS	IOWA
First Downs	11	18
Rushes-Yards	25-64	52-172
Passing Yards	248	83
Comp-Att-Int	16-36-2	6-18-1
Total Yards	312	255
Punts-Avg	7-47.3	4-46.5
Kickoff Returns	0	4
Penalties-Yards	10-96	3-22
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	2-14	2-19
Third-down Conv.	4 of 16	5 of 16
Time of Possession	25:42	34:01

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Brown, C. 13-42-0, McCray 6-16-0

IOWA-Goodsopn 27-132-0, Williams 10-56-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - Peters 16-36-238-2-2

IOWA - Morgan 6-17-83-1-0

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Washington 3-61-0, Williams 2-36-1,

IOWA - Bruce IV 2-45-0, Ragaini 2-20-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Gay 10, 5.5-12; Witherspoon 7, 1.0-4;

Newton 7, 1.0-11. IOWA - Campbell 8, 0.0-0 Benson 7, 0.0-0, Lee 4, 1.0-10

GAME NOTES

- The Fighting Illini defense held Iowa to season-low 83 passing yards, the fewest passing yards given up in a game since allowing 82 passing yards at Northwestern on Dec. 12, 2020.

- Illinois outgained Iowa in the contest, racking up a 312-255 advantage in total offense including a 248-83 edge in passing yards.

- Senior OLB Isaiah Gay recorded career highs in total tackles (10) and tackles for loss (5.5).

- Gay's 5.5 TFLs were third in a single game in program history.

The Illinois-Iowa Series

- Saturday will be the 78th meeting between the Illini and Hawkeyes in a series that dates back to 1899.
- Illinois and Iowa did not play a game from 1953-1966 because of a fight following the 1952 game.
- Illinois leads the all-time series 38-37-2.
- Iowa has won eight straight meetings dating back to 2008, their longest streak in the series history.
- Last year, Illinois led 10-0 in Iowa City before falling 33-23. Illinois head coach Bret Bielema could not make the return trip to his alma mater due to being isolated in COVID protocols.
- In Iowa's last visit to Champaign, Illinois jumped out to a 14-0 lead before the Hawkeyes stormed back for a 35-21 win over Illinois. Illini starting quarterback Brandon Peters finished the game with 10 completions for 116 yards and two touchdowns.
- Al Brosky started one of the most impressive streaks in college football history when he intercepted a pass Nov. 11, 1950 against Iowa. That was the first of Brosky's NCAA record 15 consecutive games with an interception.
- Shawn Wax tied a program record with three touchdown receptions vs. Iowa 11/3/1990.
- Dike Eddleman set an Illinois record with an 88-yard punt vs. Iowa 11/6/1948.

Illinois Superlatives vs. Iowa

- Illinois' most rushing yards vs. Iowa: 178 Jack Pierce 11/10/1945, 174 John Karras 10/8/1949
- Illinois' most receiving yards vs. Iowa: 190 Rex Smith 11/8/1952, 148 Geronimo Allison 10/10/2015
- Illinois' most passing yards vs. Iowa: 358 Jason Verduzco 11/3/1990, 317 Wes Lunt 10/10/2015
- Illinois' longest rush vs. Iowa: 65 Buddy Young 10/14/1944, 63 John Karras 10/8/1949, 62 Chubby Phillips 10/27/1973, 61 Dick Raklovits 11/11/1950
- Illinois' longest pass vs. Iowa: 67 O'Connell to Smith 11/8/1952

Illinois-Iowa Connections

- Illinois head coach Bret Bielema played football at Iowa as a defensive lineman from 1989-92.
- Bielema served as a graduate assistant at Iowa from 1994-95 before spending five years as linebackers coach (1996-2001) for the Hawkeyes.
- Iowa offensive line coach George Barnett was a graduate assistant at Illinois during the 2004 season.
- Iowa senior Henry Marchese is the twin brother of
- Illinois senior Michael Marchese's twin brother, Henry, played football for Iowa. Their dad, John Marchese, played football at Iowa from 1982-86.
- Illinois head football athletic trainer Jeremy Busch graduated from Iowa and worked as an undergraduate athletic trainer for the Hawkeyes.

ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (130 teams ranked)

CATEGORY	NCAA	B1G	STAT
3rd Down Conversion Pct	58	10	413
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	9	2	257
4th Down Conversion Pct	104	9	333
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	6	1	125
Completion Percentage	11	3	700
Fewest Penalties	93	12	36
Fewest Penalties Per Game	93	12	7.2
Fewest Penalty Yards	108	12	347
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	109	12	69.4
First Downs Defense	5	2	61
First Downs Offense	46	6	113
Fumbles Lost	121	13	7
Fumbles Recovered	17	2	5
Kickoff Return Defense	82	13	20.91
Kickoff Returns	61	6	20.67
Net Punting	111	14	35.36
Passes Had Intercepted	21	2	2
Passes Intercepted	8	1	8
Passing Offense	80	11	230
Passing Yards Allowed	10	3	157.8
Passing Yards per Completion	114	13	10.27
Punt Return Defense	4	2	-1
Punt Returns	58	5	8.07
Red Zone Defense	2	1	500
Red Zone Offense	104	10	750
Rushing Defense	3	1	70.2
Rushing Offense	29	4	194.6
Sacks Allowed	77	9	2.2
Scoring Defense	1	1	8.4
Scoring Offense	75	8	29.4
Tackles for Loss Allowed	94	13	6.2
Team Passing Efficiency	50	7	146.44
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	1	1	79.67
Team Sacks	13	1	3.2
Team Tackles for Loss	42	4	6.4
Time of Possession	6	2	34:43
Total Defense	3	2	228
Total Offense	54	8	424.6
Turnover Margin	28	2	0.8
Turnovers Gained	6	1	13
Turnovers Lost	94	11	9
Winning Percentage	17	4	.800

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-75)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose Yards	C. Brown	770	8th
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	0.636	84th
Field Goal Per Game	Griffin	1.4	24th
Fumbles Recovered (Leitzsey/Edwards/Darkangelo)		1	27th
Interceptions Per Game	Smith	0.6	6th
Punt Returns	Williams	8.8	31st
Punting	Robertson	35.3	77th
Passing Yards Per Completion	N/A		
Rush Yards Per Carry	C. Brown	6.11	30th
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	733	1st
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	146.6	2nd
Sacks	Newton	3	58th
Total Interceptions	Smith	3	5th

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose	C. Brown	770	2nd
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	0.636	10th
Field Goals Per Game	Griffin	1.4	4th
Fumble Recovered (Edwards/Darkangelo)		1	2nd
Interceptions Per Game	Smith	0.6	1st
Punt Returns	Williams	8.8	2nd
Punting	Robertson	35.3	10th
Yards Per Carry	C. Brown	6.11	8th
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	733	1st
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	146.6	1st
Sacks	Newton	3	3rd
Total Interceptions	Smith	3	1st

2022 AP TOP 25

Rk	Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Poll	Coaches	Last Game
1	2	Alabama	SEC	5-0	1523	1		W 49-26 A #20 Arkansas
2	1	Georgia	SEC	5-0	1521	2		W 26-22 A Missouri
3	3	Ohio State	Big Ten	5-0	1488	3		W 49-10 H Rutgers
4	4	Michigan	Big Ten	5-0	1348	4		W 27-14 H Iowa
5	5	Clemson	ACC	5-0	1345	5		W 30-20 H #10 NC State
6	6	USC	Pac 12	5-0	1233	6		W 42-25 H Arizona State
7	9	Oklahoma State	Big 12	4-0	1182	7		W 36-25 A #16 Baylor
8	8	Tennessee	SEC	5-0	1129	8		BYE
9	14	Ole Miss	SEC	5-0	1068	9		W 22-19 H #7 Kentucky
10	11	Penn State	Big Ten	5-0	959	10		W 17-7 H Northwestern
11	12	Utah	Pac 12	4-1	884	11		W 42-16 H Oregon State
12	13	Oregon	Pac 12	4-1	872	12		W 45-27 H Stanford
13	7	Kentucky	SEC	4-1	832	13		L 22-19 A #14 Ole Miss
14	10	NC State	ACC	4-1	691	14		L 30-20 A #5 Clemson
15	22	Wake Forest	ACC	4-1	627	15		W 31-21 A #23 Florida State
16	19	BYU	Ind.	4-1	604	16		W 38-26 H Utah State
17	NR	TCU	Big 12	4-0	514	18		W 55-24 H #18 Oklahoma
18	NR	UCLA	Pac 12	5-0	510	19		W 40-32 H #15 Washington
19	NR	Kansas	Big 12	5-0	476	17		W 14-11 H Iowa State
20	25	Kansas State	Big 12	4-1	417	20		W 37-28 H Texas Tech
21	15	Washington	Pac 12	4-1	180	24		L 40-32 A UCLA
22	NR	Syacuse	ACC	5-0	173	21		W 59-0 Wagner
23	NR	Mississippi State	SEC	4-1	164	23		W 42-24 H #17 Texas A&M
24	NR	Cincinnati	AAC	4-1	134	NR		W 31-21 A Tulsa
25	NR	LSU	SEC	4-1	108	NR		W 21-17 A Auburn

2022 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
Illinois	1-1	.500	0-0	1-1	1-0	W1	4-1	.800	3-0	1-1	0-0	W3
Purdue	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	1-0	W1	3-2	.600	2-1	1-1	0-0	W2
Northwestern	1-1	.500	0-0	0-1	1-0	L1	1-4	.200	0-3	0-1	1-0	L4
Minnesota	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-1	L1	4-1	.800	3-1	1-0	0-0	L1
Iowa	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	L1	3-2	.600	2-2	1-0	0-0	L1
Nebraska	1-1	.500	1-0	0-0	0-1	W1	2-3	.400	2-2	0-0	0-1	W1
Wisconsin	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L2	2-3	.400	2-2	0-1	0-0	L2
EAST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
Michigan	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	1-0	W2	5-0	1.000	4-0	1-0	0-0	W5
Ohio State	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	1-0	W2	5-0	1.000	5-0	0-0	0-0	W5
Penn State	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	0-0	W2	5-0	1.000	3-0	2-0	0-0	W5
Maryland	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	1-1	W1	4-1	.800	3-0	1-1	0-0	W1
Indiana	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1	3-2	.600	3-0	0-2	0-0	L2
Rutgers	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L2	3-2	.600	1-1	2-1	0-0	L2
Michigan State	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L2	2-3	.400	2-1	0-2	0-0	L3

2022 STARTERS BY POSITION

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	3	Tommy DeVito	5
RB	2	Chase Brown	5
WR	7	Brian Hightower	5
	1	Isaiah Williams	5
	13	Pat Bryant	5
TE	89	Tip Reiman	5
OL	63	Alex Palczewski	5
	72	Zy Crisler	5
	75	Alex Philstrom	5
	78	Isaiah Adams	5
	54	Julian Pearl	4
	66	Jordyn Slaughter	1

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DL	4	Jer'Zhan Newton	5
	88	Keith Randolph Jr.	5
	93	Calvin Avery	4
	91	Jamal Woods	1
LB	5	Calvin Hart Jr.	5
	8	Tarique Barnes	5
OLB	49	Seth Coleman	5
	33	Ezekiel Holmes	1
	17	Gabe Jacas	1
DB	10	Tahveon Nicholson	5
	21	Jartavius Martin	5
	30	Sydney Brown	5
	31	Devon Witherspoon	5
	7	Kendall Smith	3

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	5	Caleb Griffin	5
P	19	Hugh Robertson	5
LS	39	Aidan Hall	5

CAREER STARTS ILLINOIS GAMES ONLY

PLAYER	'22	'21	'20	'19	'18	'17	TOT
Palczewski, Alex	5	12	4	13	12	11	57
Brown, Sydney	5	12	6	10	10	--	43
Martin, Jartavius	5	8	2	5	8	--	28
Witherspoon, Devon	5	10	6	3	--	--	24
Brown, Chase	5	9	6	0	0	--	20
Newton, Jer'Zhan	5	11	3	--	--	--	19
Pearl, Julian	4	11	4	--	--	--	19
Woods, Jamal	1	1	3	5	4	4	17
Barnes, Tarique	5	10	2	0	--	--	17
Ford, Luke	0	12	2	--	--	--	14
Williams, Isaiah	5	5	4	--	--	--	14
Hightower, Brian	5	1	7	--	--	--	13
Coleman, Seth	5	3	4	0	--	--	12
Pihlstrom, Alex	5	5	2	0	--	--	12
Randolph, Keith	5	7	0	0	--	--	12
Washington, Casey	0	5	1	5	--	--	11
Brown, Verdis	0	0	8	0	--	--	8
Avery, Calvin	4	2	2	--	--	--	8
Bryant, Pat	5	3	--	--	--	--	8
Reiman, Tip	5	3	0	--	--	--	8
Nicholson, Tahveon	5	2	--	--	--	--	7
Hart Jr., Calvin	5	1	--	--	--	--	6
Marchese, Michael	0	1	2	0	3	0	6
Adams, Isaiah	5	--	--	--	--	--	5
Crisler, Zy	5	--	--	--	--	--	5
DeVito, Tommy	5	--	--	--	--	--	5
Smith, Kendall	3	1	0	0	0	--	4
Sitkowski, Artur	0	3	--	--	--	--	3
Barnes, Bryce	0	0	2	--	--	--	2
Slaughter, Jordyn	1	0	1	--	--	--	2
Barlev, Zach	0	1	--	--	--	--	1
Jacas, Gabe	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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	5	120	754	21	733	6.1	4	49	146.6
Tommy Devito	5	33	90	77	13	0.4	3	18	2.6
Reggie Love III	5	27	146	9	137	5.1	1	33	27.4
Chase Hayden	4	16	62	3	59	3.7	0	12	14.8
Josh McCray	1	8	31	0	31	3.9	0	9	31.0
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	5	9.0
Isaiah Williams	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Artur Sitkowski	2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Team	5	9	0	13	-13	-1.4	0	0	-2.6
Total	5	218	1096	123	973	4.5	8	49	194.6
Opponents	5	143	529	178	351	2.5	1	39	70.2

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	5	148.3	107-153-2	69.9	1121	9	63	224.2
Artur Sitkowski	2	123.9	5-6-0	83.3	29	0	11	14.5
Chase Brown	5	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	146.4	112-160-2	70.0	1150	9	63	230.0
Opponents	5	79.7	69-158-8	43.7	789	2	62	157.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	5	35	291	8.3	2	63	58.2
Pat Bryant	5	18	313	17.4	2	43	62.6
Brian Hightower	5	17	179	10.5	1	35	35.8
Chase Brown	5	8	37	4.6	1	14	7.4
Casey Washington	5	6	68	11.3	0	24	13.6
Luke Ford	5	6	30	5.0	0	9	6.0
Tip Reiman	5	6	43	7.2	1	12	8.6
Michael Marchese	5	5	98	19.6	2	39	19.6
Jonah Morris	5	3	34	11.3	0	16	6.8
Chase Hayden	4	2	12	6.0	0	8	3.0
Josh McCray	1	2	7	3.5	0	5	7.0
Miles Scott	5	2	25	12.5	0	19	5.0
Beatty Hank	4	2	16	8.0	0	8	4.0
Total	5	112	1150	10.3	9	63	230.0
Opponents	5	69	789	11.4	2	62	157.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Isaiah Williams	10	88	8.8	0	24
Kody Case	2	16	8.0	0	14
Miles Scott	2	9	4.5	0	5
Total	14	113	8.1	0	24
Opponents	2	-2	-1.0	0	10

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kendall Smith	3	41	13.7	0	22
Keith Randolph Jr.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jartavius Martin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Devon Witherspoon	1	40	40.0	0	40
Tahveon Nicholson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Matthew Bailey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	93	11.6	0	40
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Peyton Vining	6	124	20.7	0	43
Total	6	124	20.7	0	43
Opponents	11	230	20.9	0	38

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
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
Matthew Bailey	1	0	0.0	1	0
Total	5	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	7	13	1.9	0	8

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	5	11	16	27	6.5-24	3-17	1-12	.	2	.	.	.	.
4	Jer'Zhan Newton	5	11	15	26	4.5-29	3-27	.	.	5	.	.	.	.
21	Jartavius Martin	5	20	6	26	2-8	1-6	1-0	7	.	.	.	.	.
38	Isaac Darkangelo	5	10	14	24	1-3	1-3	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
30	Sydney Brown	5	12	6	18	2-12	1-6	.	4	.	.	1	.	.
31	Devon Witherspoon	5	15	2	17	.	.	1-40	8	.	.	.	.	.
49	Seth Coleman	5	7	9	16	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
10	Tahveon Nicholson	5	14	.	14	1-3	.	1-0	2	.	.	1	.	.
17	Gabe Jacas	5	5	7	12	3-29	3-29	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
5	Calvin Hart Jr.	5	5	5	10	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Calvin Avery	5	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
7	Kendall Smith	5	6	3	9	.	.	3-41	2	.	.	.	.	.
8	Tarique Barnes	5	6	3	9	3.5-8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
23	TeRah Edwards	5	4	5	9	1.5-10	1-10	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
91	Jamal Woods	3	3	4	7	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dylan Rosiek	5	2	3	5	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	Alec Bryant	4	3	2	5	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
48	Bryce Barnes	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Terrell Jennings	5	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Ezekiel Holmes	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Tyler Strain	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
16	Peyton Vining	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Matthew Bailey	5	1	1	2	.	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
39	Kenenna Odeluga	5	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
32	Tailon Leitzsey	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
9	Tyson Rooks	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	Sed McConnell	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Shammond Cooper	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jared Badie	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Brian Hightower	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	James Kreutz	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Kionte Curry	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Michael Marchese	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
34	Ryan Meed	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		5	160	114	274	32-180	16-116	8-93	29	21	5-0	3	0	0
Opponents		5	227	170	397	31-118	11-70	2-0	9	6	7-13	7	0	0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Caleb Griffin	-	7-11	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	39
Chase Brown	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tommy Devito	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Isaiah Williams	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Michael Marchese	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pat Bryant	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Brian Hightower	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Reggie Love III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tip Reiman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Matthew Bailey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	18	7-11	18-18	0	0	0	0	0	147
Opponents	3	7-9	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	42

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caleb Griffin	7-11	63.6	0-0	3-3	2-3	2-4	0-1	48	0
Opponents	7-9	77.8	0-0	1-1	2-2	4-6	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

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Tommy Devito	5	186	13	1121	1134	226.8
Chase Brown	5	121	733	0	733	146.6
Reggie Love III	5	27	137	0	137	27.4
Chase Hayden	4	16	59	0	59	14.8
Artur Sitkowski	2	7	3	29	32	16.0
Josh McCray	1	8	31	0	31	31.0
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	9.0
Isaiah Williams	5	1	1	0	1	0.2
Team	5	0	-13	0	-13	-2.6
Total	5	378	973	1150	2123	424.6
Opponents	5	301	351	789	1140	228.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hugh Robertson	22	776	35.3	51	0	12	5	1	0
Total	22	776	35.3	51	0	12	5	1	0
Opponents	35	1436	41.0	65	1	10	10	8	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Caleb Griffin	23	1453	63.2	16	1			
Will McManus	5	301	60.2	0	0			
Fabrizio Pinton	2	111	55.5	0	0			
Total	30	1865	62.2	16	1	11	39.7	25
Opponents	15	928	61.9	9	0	6	39.3	25

RED ZONE STATISTICS

Illinois Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
										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	1
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	5	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	4	2	10	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	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
Totals 18 of 24 (75.0%)			24	18	102	12	6	6	6	8	1	0	2	0	1

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
										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
09/02/2022	Indiana	L 20-23	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	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
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
10/01/2022	Wisconsin	W 34-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 3 of 6 (50.0%)			6	3	13	1	1	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0

BALL CONTROL 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
Illinois			31-75 41.3	8-18 44.4	11-23 47.8	6-16 37.5	6-18 33.3	0-0 0.0
Opponents			19-74 25.7	6-20 30.0	2-19 10.5	5-19 26.3	6-16 37.5	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
Illinois			3-9 33.3	1-2 50.0	0-1 0.0	2-2 100.0	0-4 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			1-8 12.5	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-2 0.0	0-4 0.0	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
Illinois			Total 173:33	39:33	45:01	34:31	54:28	00:00
			Avg. 34:43	07:55	09:00	06:54	10:54	00:00
Opponents			Total 127:17	29:32	36:44	30:03	30:58	00:00
			Avg. 25:27	05:54	07:21	06:01	06:12	00:00

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	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 / 200	66-304 / 57-202	33 / 148	0 / 3
Totals	147-42	113 / 61	49 / 20	53 / 31	11 / 10	218-973 / 143-351	112-160-2 / 69-158-8	1150 / 789	378-2123 / 301-1140	330 / 241	9 / 13

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
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 / 6.1	4.6 / 3.5	4-27.5 / 4-53.5	8-75.0 / 10-78.0	5 / 2
Totals	31-75 / 19-74	3-9 / 1-8	173:33 / 127:17	46:16	4.5 / 2.5	7.2 / 5.0	5.6 / 3.8	22-35.3 / 35-41.0	36-347.0 / 23-207.0	16 / 11

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
Wyoming	Pearl	Adams	Philstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Indiana	Adams	Slaughter	Philstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Virginia	Pearl	Adams	Philstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Chattanooga	Pearl	Adams	Philstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
Wisconsin	Pearl	Adams	Philstrom	Crisler	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Reiman	Williams	Bryant	Hightower
<i>Consecutive</i>	3	5	5	5	17	5	11	5	5	5	5
<i>Career</i>	19	5	12	5	57	5	20	8	14	8	13

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	OLB	DT	NT	DT	LB	LB	OLB/DB	CB	SS	STAR	CB
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
<i>Consecutive</i>	5	10	3	14	13	5	1	11	17	5	5
<i>Career</i>	12	12	8	19	17	6	1	24	43	28	7

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	15	0	0	0	15
Bryant	0	0	7	0	0	7
C. Brown	7	0	0	0	0	7
Marchese	0	0	3	0	0	3
Love III	2	0	0	0	0	2
Williams	0	0	2	0	0	2
Hightower	0	0	2	0	0	2
Vining	0	0	0	0	1	1
Washington	0	0	1	0	0	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

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 (Griffiin, 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

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	54	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
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	38	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
SACKS BY	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	10	Virginia (09/10/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	95	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TURNOVERS	4	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	4	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PUNTS	5	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	5	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTING AVG	46.3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	51	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	Virginia (09/10/2022)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	33	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	182	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.9	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	1	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
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	6.3	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TD PASSES	1	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	1	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	78	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	362	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
POINTS	23	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
SACKS BY	3	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	3	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	3	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	20	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PENALTIES	10	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	78	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
TURNOVERS	3	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	3	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	9	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	9	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTING AVG	53.5	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
LONG PUNT	65	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	Wyoming (08/27/2022)

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	36	Chase Brown at Indiana (09/02/2022)
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 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 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	1	Pat Bryant vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	1	Michael Marchese vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	1	Isaiah Williams vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	1	Tip Reiman vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
	1	Michael Marchese vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
	1	Brian Hightower at Indiana (09/02/2022)
	1	Isaiah Williams at Indiana (09/02/2022)
	1	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	1	Pat Bryant vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG RECEPTION	63	Isaiah Williams vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTS	5	Hugh Robertson vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	5	Hugh Robertson vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
PUNTING AVG	46.3	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	51	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	24	Isaiah Williams vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	43	Peyton Vining vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TACKLES	8	JerZhan Newton vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	8	Gabe Jacas vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	18	Ailym Ford vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	98	Titus Swen vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	1	Shaun Shivers at Indiana (09/02/2022)
LONG RUSH	39	Ailym Ford vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	52	Connor Bazelak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	28	Connor Bazelak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
YARDS PASSING	330	Connor Bazelak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
TD PASSES	1	Graham Mertz at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	1	Connor Bazelak at Indiana (09/02/2022)
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	1	Isaac Guerendo at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	1	D.J. Matthews Jr. at Indiana (09/02/2022)
LONG RECEPTION	62	Lavel Davis Jr. vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
FIELD GOALS	3	Charles Campbell at Indiana (09/02/2022)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46	John Hoyland vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	7	Gabe Boring vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	7	Clayton Stewart vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTING AVG	53.5	Andy Vujnovich at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
LONG PUNT	65	Gabe Boring vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Gabe Boring vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	Caleb Cooley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	38	Isaac Guerendo at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
TACKLES	13	Langston Long vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
SACKS	2	Keeanu Benton at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	2	Devonsha Maxwell vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Keeanu Benton at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	2	Devonsha Maxwell vs Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	2	JH Tevis at Indiana (09/02/2022)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Anthony Johnson vs Virginia (09/10/2022)
	1	Josh Sanguinetti at Indiana (09/02/2022)

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

WYOMING 6
ILLINOIS 38

AUG. 27, 2022

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 37,832

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 was the most in a game since posting 490 yards vs. Nebraska on Nov. 21, 2020.
- Illinois has scored 30 points or more in back-to-back season openers for the first time 2015 & 2016 (52 points in each game).
- The Illini did not allow a touchdown in today's game for the first time since Aug. 31, 2019, vs. Akron, which was also a season opener.
- Illinois has held opponents to 20 points or less in five of their last six games, dating back to Oct. 23, 2021.
- 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.
- Twelve different Illini caught a pass in today's game.
- Illinois committed no turnovers and also did not allow a sack in a game for the first time since Oct. 30, 2021, vs. Rutgers
- The Illini defense held the Cowboys to 1-for-12 on third down. Wyoming started the game by going 0-for-11 on third down.
- OL Alex Palczewski made his 53rd-career start, becoming Illinois' all-time leader in starts, breaking a tie with former teammate Vederian Lowe.
- RB Chase Brown scored the first Illinois points of the season on the first receiving touchdown of his career, a 14-yard reception.
- Brown rushed for 151 yards in the game, exceeding 2,000 yards for his career (1,714 yards at Illinois/352 yards at Western Michigan). He has also rushed for over 100 yards in back-to-back contests, doing so in the 2021 season finale vs. Northwestern (112 yards).
- QB Tommy DeVito made his first start at Illinois and completed 27 of his 37 passes for 192 yards and 2 touchdowns. DeVito surpassed 4,000 career yards with his performance (3,866 yards at Syracuse).

GAME 2

ILLINOIS 20
INDIANA 23

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 Illinoi 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 in tonight's game. This is 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 Illini controlled the football for more than 36 minutes in each of the first two games of the season.
- The Illinoi offense recorded 29 first downs and made at least 26 first downs in each of the first two games this season.
- The Illini went 9-for-17 on third down, converting a season-high 52.9 percent on such downs.
- RB Chase Brown rushed for 199 yards on 36 carries and became the first Illinoi running back to rush for 100 yards in three-straight games since Reggie Corbin from Oct. 20 - Nov. 3, 2018.
- Brown became the first Illini in history to rush for more than 150 yards in each of the first two games of a season.
- Brown was also the first Illini running back since Mikel Leshoure to open a season with back-to-back games with 100 yards or more on the ground.
- WR Isaiah Williams set career-highs in receptions (9) and receiving yards (112). He also caught his first touchdown of the season in the first quarter.
- DB Kendall Smith recorded his first career interception on the second play of the third quarter.
- DB Devon Witherspoon had three passes broken up, a game high.

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: Marchesel 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

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 non-conference Power-5 team since Sept. 17, 2011, a 17-14 victory over No. 22 Arizona State.
- Virginia's 3 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).
- Illinois overcame four turnovers in the win vs. Virginia. It marks the first time that the Illini recorded four or more turnovers and still defeated a Power-5 opponent since a 20-16 victory at Purdue on Nov. 23, 2013 (2 fumbles, 2 interceptions).
- Illinois' defense held Virginia QB Brennan Armstrong to a 41% completion percentage (13-32), the first outing of his career with a completion percentage below 50%.
- RB Chase Brown rushed for 146 yards on 20 carries and became the 19th player in program history to eclipse 2,000 rushing yards in an Illini uniform.
- Brown has now recorded nine career 100-yard rushing games, tied for sixth-most in Illinoi history.
- Brown, including his 112 yards in last year's finale vs. Northwestern, becomes the fourth player in program history to record four straight 100-yard rushing games

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, Jacas 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).
- It is the longest such streak since the Illini won five-straight home contests from Nov. 22, 2014, to Sept. 20, 2015.
- Tonight was the Illini's first shutout win since a 44-0 victory over Western Illinois on Sept. 12, 2015.
- It is also the fewest yards allowed since holding Western Illinois to 141 yards on Sept. 12, 2015.
- The defense has also held opponents to fewer than 25 points in 12 of their last 13 games.
- Tonight marks the first time in program history that the Illini had a 100-yard rusher and two 100-yard receivers in the same game.
- Illinois recorded 502 yards of total offense in tonight's game, a season high. They have 400 yards of total offense or more in three of the four games this season.
- It was the first time since Nov. 10, 2018, at Nebraska, that the Illini offense recorded at least 500 total yards.

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 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.
- The Illinois offense went 5-for-5 in the red zone today, scoring three touchdowns and kicking two field goals.
- Illinois held Wisconsin to just two yards rushing, the fewest yards the Badgers have rushed for at home since being held to 12 yards on Nov. 3, 2007, vs. Ohio State.
- RB Chase Brown rushed for 129 yards, adding to his national leading total of 733.
- Brown has rushed for 100 yards in six-straight games, extending his program record.
- He is the first Illini to open a season with five-straight 100-yard games.
- Brown had his 11th career 100-yard game, tying Red Grange for the fourth-most in program history.

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:	47 vs. Northwestern, 11/27/2021	42, at Virginia (14-42), 9/11/2021
Allowed 0 points:	vs. Chattanooga, (31-0) 09/22/2022	
Allowed 0 points in 2nd half:	vs. Wisconsin (34-10) 10/1/2022	
Did not score a touchdown:	at Purdue (9-13), 09/25/2021	Chattanooga (0-31) 09/22/2022
400 rushing yards:	430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020
300 rushing yards:	357 at Penn State 10/23/2021	330, at Indiana, 09/2/2022
200 rushing yards:	216 at Indiana, 9/2/2022	253, at Penn State, 12/19/2020
Three 70+ yard runs:	3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	
Fewer than 100 rushing yards:	26 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	2, Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
Fewer than 50 yards rushing:	26 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	2, Wisconsin, 10/1/2022
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	-10, Murray State, 9/3/2016
One first down:		Missouri, 9/10/1994
Zero first downs:		Michigan, 10/27/1934
400 passing yards:	450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014	423, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
300 passing yards:	335 vs. Chattanooga, 09/22/2022	330, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
Fewer than 100 passing yards:	80 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	30, Wyoming, 8/27/2022
4 TD catches by tight ends:	4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	
700 total net yards:	723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944	712, Maryland, 10/27/2018
600 total net yards:	646 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	674, vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019
500 total net yards:	502 vs. Chattanooga 09/22/2022	556, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
400 total net yards:	448 at Indiana, 9/2/2022	491, Wisconsin 10/9/2021
Fewer than 200 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	142, Chattanooga 09/22/2022
Fewer than 100 total net yards:	93 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	96, South Dakota State, 9/10/2011
9+ sacks in a game:	9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001	
6+ sacks in a game:	6 at Minnesota 11/3/2021	6, Maryland 9/17/2021
No sacks allowed:	vs. Wyoming 8/27/2022	Wyoming, 8/27/2022
Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:	vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016 and at Wisconsin, 11/12/2016	
15+ TFL in a game:	15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002	
10+ TFL in a game:	10 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019	10, at Indiana, 9/2/2022
10+ passes broken up:	11 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009	
Forced 5+ turnovers:	5 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020	
Turned ball over 5+ times:	6 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/22/2012	
No turnovers:	vs. Wisconsin 10/2/22	
Back-to-back games with no turnovers:	at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 and vs. Iowa, 12/5/2020	
Successful two-point conversion:	vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019	Nebraska, 9/21/2019
Two successful two-point conversions:	at Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012	Northwestern (2), 11/29/2014
Five field goals:	5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001	
Missed extra point kick:	at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	Minnesota, 11/2/2021
Blocked two kicks:	2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017	
Blocked two punts:	2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	
Entire game without punting:	vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013	
No penalties:	vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021	
A successful on-side kick:	vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014	
Overtime game:	Win at 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:	199, Chase Brown at Indiana 9/2/2022	224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020
Back-to-back 175-yard rushing games:	Rashard Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)	
Back-to-back 150-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (151 vs. Wyoming, 8/27/2022 & 199 at Indiana, 9/2/2022)	
Three consecutive 140-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown (151 vs. Wyoming, 8/27/22; 199 at Indiana, 9/2/22; 146 vs. Virginia, 9/10/22)	
Four consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown, 11/27/2021-9/10/2022 (4 games)	
Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown, 11/27/2021-9/22/2022 (5 games)	
Six consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Chase Brown, 11/27/2021-10/1/2022 (6 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:	40, Antoine Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002	
30 rushing attempts:	36, Chase Brown at Indiana, 9/2/22	
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:	Antoine 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 Duvall 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 Bazalak, 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:	N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11	
10+ consecutive completions in a game:	Tommy DeVito (13) vs. Virginia, 9/10/2022	
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 Lemam (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007	
19 Tackles:	Clayton Fejedelem (19) vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/2015	
4 interceptions:	Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974	
3 interceptions:	Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001	
2 interceptions:	Sydney Brown (2) vs. Michigan State, 11/9/2019	
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 (76 yards) at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	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:	Matthew Bailey (0 yards; fumbled punt ret.) vs. Virginia, 9/10/2022	Grant Marvin (4 yards), Purdue, 10/31/2020
Fumble recovery for TD and INT in same game:	Matthew Bailey (recovery on fumbled punt ret.) vs. Virginia, 9/10/2022	
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:	205, Chase Brown at Indiana, 9/2/22	
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	Keith Duncan, Iowa 11/23/2019
3 field goals:	James McCourt (3) at Iowa, 11/20/21	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 (44) at Wisconsin, 10/2/22	Brendan Farrell (42), Virginia, 9/10/2022
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:	Calvin Avery vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019	
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:	Dre Brown run vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019	
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

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	5	120	754	21	733	6.1	4	49	146.6
Reggie Love III	5	27	146	9	137	5.1	1	33	27.4
Chase Hayden	4	16	62	3	59	3.7	0	12	14.8
Josh McCray	1	8	31	0	31	3.9	0	9	31.0
Tommy Devito	5	33	90	77	13	0.4	3	18	2.6
Aidan Laughery	1	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	5	9.0
Artur Sitkowski	2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Isaiah Williams	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
Team	5	9	0	13	-13	-1.4	0	0	-2.6
Total	5	218	1096	123	973	4.5	8	49	194.6
Opponents	5	143	529	178	351	2.5	1	39	70.2

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	5	148.3	107-153-2	69.9	1121	9	63	224.2
Artur Sitkowski	2	123.9	5-6-0	83.3	29	0	11	14.5
Chase Brown	5	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	146.4	112-160-2	70.0	1150	9	63	230.0
Opponents	5	79.7	69-158-8	43.7	789	2	62	157.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	5	35	291	8.3	2	63	58.2
Pat Bryant	5	18	313	17.4	2	43	62.6
Brian Hightower	5	17	179	10.5	1	35	35.8
Chase Brown	5	8	37	4.6	1	14	7.4
Casey Washington	5	6	68	11.3	0	24	13.6
Luke Ford	5	6	30	5.0	0	9	6.0
Tip Reiman	5	6	43	7.2	1	12	8.6
Michael Marchese	5	5	98	19.6	2	39	19.6
Jonah Morris	5	3	34	11.3	0	16	6.8
Chase Hayden	4	2	12	6.0	0	8	3.0
Josh McCray	1	2	7	3.5	0	5	7.0
Miles Scott	5	2	25	12.5	0	19	5.0
Beatty Hank	4	2	16	8.0	0	8	4.0
Total	5	112	1150	10.3	9	63	230.0
Opponents	5	69	789	11.4	2	62	157.8

Game Records

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

Team Statistics

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First Downs	113	61			
Rushing	49	20			
Passing	53	31			
Penalty	11	10			
Rushing Yardage	973	351			
Rushing attempts	218	143			
Average per rush	4.5	2.5			
Average per game	194.6	70.2			
TDs Rushing	8	1			
Passing Yardage	1150	789			
Comp-Att-Int	112-160-2	69-158-8			
Average per pass	7.2	5.0			
Average per catch	10.3	11.4			
Average per game	230.0	157.8			
TDs Passing	9	2			
Total offense	2123	1140			
Average per play	5.6	3.8			
Average per game	424.6	228.0			
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-124	11-230			
Punt returns: #-Yards	14-113	2--2			
Int returns: #-Yards	8-93	2-0			
Fumbles-Lost	9-7	5-5			
Penalties-Yards	36-347	23-207			
Punts-Avg	22-35.3	35-41.0			
Time of possession / game	34:43	25:27			
3rd-down conversion	31/75	19/74			
4rd-down conversion	3/9	1/8			
PAT-attempts	(18-18) 100%	(3-3) 100%			
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%			
Interceptions					
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kendall Smith	3	41	13.7	0	22
Keith Randolph Jr.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jartavius Martin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Devon Witherspoon	1	40	40.0	0	40
Tahveon Nicholson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Matthew Bailey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	93	11.6	0	40
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0