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FOOTBALL



ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (8-4, 5-4 B1G) vs. #22 MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (8-4, 4-4 SEC)

Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 // 11 a.m. CT // ESPN2
ReliaQuest Bowl // Tampa, Florida // Raymond James Stadium



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TV | ESPN2

RADIO | Busey Bank Illini Sports Network

- » Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Martin O'Donnell (analyst), Michael Martin (sideline), and Steve Kelly (pregame/halftime/postgame)
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ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (8-4, 5-4)

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

Rankings are CFP/AP Poll

Illini on the Rise

- Illinois had its first 8-win season since the Rose Bowl team in 2007 went 9-4.
- Illinois finished 5-4 in the Big Ten, the Illini's first finish above .500 in the Big Ten since the 2007 team went 6-2.
- Illinois' SP+ rating by ESPN is 47 spots better than 2021 (17th from 64th).
- According to SP+, Illinois was the most improved team in the Big Ten and the 10th-most improved team in the nation year-over-year during the regular season. TCU (+75), USC (+71), South Alabama (+65), Washington (+65), Kansas (+62), Tulane (+61), Duke (+58), Troy (+51), and LSU (+50), are the only teams that have made bigger jumps in the SP+ than Illinois' 47-spot leap.
- Illinois and Michigan are the only teams in the nation with three wins over teams in the top 15 of total defense. The Illini have wins over top-15 defenses in Iowa (No. 5), Minnesota (No. 6), and Wisconsin (No. 13).
- Bielema is 13-11 in his Illinois career (9-9 Big Ten). It is the best two-year start for an Illinois head coach since John Mackovic started 16-7-1 in the 1988-89 seasons, spanning five head coaches.
- Bielema's five Big Ten road wins in his first two seasons are the most since Lou Tepper also won five Big Ten road games in his first two seasons from 1992-93.
- Illinois was 4-0 in October, completing its first undefeated October since going 3-0 in 2001. The Illini won four games in October for the first time since 1990.
- After winning in Madison for the first time since 2002, Illinois beat Iowa for the first time since 2008. The win over Iowa snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Hawkeyes.
- Illinois beat Iowa and Wisconsin in the same season for the first time since 1989.
- Illinois beat Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in the same season for the first time since 1983.
- The 24-point margin of victory over Wisconsin was the third-largest in an Illinois win in Madison and its biggest since 1988. It was the largest margin of victory for the Illini in a Big Ten road game since defeating Purdue by 34 points on Nov. 7, 2015.

One of the Best Defenses in the Nation

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

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (140,000)
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 56,644
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten (West Division)
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Robert J. Jones
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bret Bielema

Overall Record: 110-69 in his 14th season

Record at Illinois: 13-11 in his second season

Assistant Coaches:

Ryan Walters: Defensive Coordinator

Barry Lunney Jr.: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

George McDonald: Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers

Kevin Kane: Associate Head Coach/Outside Linebackers

Bart Miller: Offensive Line

Andy Buh: Linebackers

Terrance Jamison: Defensive Line

Aaron Henry: Defensive Backs

Ben Miller: Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends

Cory Patterson: Running Backs

Sean Snyder: Special Teams Coordinator/Specialists

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2021 Record: 5-7, 4-5 (5th, Big Ten West Division)

2021 Starters Returning/Lost: 12/10

Off: 6/5 Def: 6/5 ST (K/P/LS): 0/3

All-Time Record: 627-617-51 (133rd year)

All-Time Big Ten Record: 359-453-32 (127th year)

Memorial Stadium Record: 281-252-14 (100th year)

Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)

National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)

Bowl Appearances (Last): 20th in 2022 (2019 Redbox Bowl)

All-Time Bowl Record: 8-11

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ILLINI NOTES

More on the Illinois Defense

- Illinois is 8-0 when allowing fewer than 19 points.
- Illinois is outscoring opponents 112-53 in the second half this season.
- During Illinois' seven wins, opponents have a third down conversion rate of 22.4% (24-107).
- Against Michigan, Illinois snapped a streak of 13 straight games with an interception, which was the longest active streak in the nation.
- Eight different Illini have an interception this season.
- Illinois held Wisconsin to just two yards rushing, the fewest yards the Badgers have rushed for at home since being held to 12 yards on Nov. 3, 2007, vs. Ohio State.
- 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).
- Illinois has allowed 50 passing yards or fewer in three games (30 vs. Wyoming, 49 vs. Chattanooga, 38 vs. Minnesota).
- Sydney Brown tied for the national lead in interceptions with six, the most by an Illini since 2001. It ranks as the seventh-most interceptions in Illinois history.
- Illinois and Middle Tennessee are the only teams in the nation with two players with 4+ INTs.
- Illinois, TCU, and Kansas State are the only teams in the nation with three players with 3+ INTs.
- Johnny Newton (54) and Seth Coleman (37) have 91 combined pressures, the most in the Big Ten among teammates, according to PFF.
- Devon Witherspoon and Jartavius Martin have combined for 31 passes defended, tied for the most in the nation among Power-5 teammates (Penn State's Joey Porter Jr. and Kalen King).
- Jartavius Martin has the No. 4 tackling grade in the Big Ten among defensive backs and the No. 12 grade in the nation.

Spoon - Thorpe Award Finalist

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

The Law Firm of Newton and Randolph

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

ILLINI NOTES

Chase Brown: Chasing History FightingIllini.com/ChaseBrown

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

COACHES

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

2022 AWARDS AND HONORS

NATIONAL AWARDS

RB Chase Brown

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

QB Tommy DeVito

Davey O'Brien Award Top 40

OLB Gabe Jacas

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

DB Tailon Leitzsey

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

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

Sporting News Midseason All-America first team

DL Jer'Zhan "Johnny" Newton

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

OL Alex Palczewski

Lombardi Award midseason watch list

DC Ryan Walters

Broyles Award finalist (1 of 5)

CB Devon Witherspoon

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

WEEKLY AWARDS

RB Chase Brown

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

DB Sydney Brown

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

QB Tommy DeVito

Davey O'Brien Great 8 vs. Nebraska

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

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

CB Devon Witherspoon

Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week vs. Virginia

K Fabrizio Pinton

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

ILLINI NOTES

Offensive Improvement

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

Tommy DeVito Passing Efficiently

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

#1 from QB to WR

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

Sixth-Year Palczewski

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

Time of Possession

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

ILLINI NOTES

The Most All-Big Ten in Illinois History

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

Reese's Senior Bowl Invites

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

Recruiting the State of Illinois

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

Assistant Coaching Notes

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

Big Wins in the Bielema's Year One

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

2022 ALL-BIG TEN

DB Devon Witherspoon

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

DL Jer'Zhan "Johnny" Newton

All-Big Ten First Team (coaches and media)

DB Sydney Brown

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

RB Chase Brown

All-Big Ten Second Team (coaches and media)

DB Jartavius "Quan" Martin

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

OT Alex Palczewski

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

C Alex Pihlstrom

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

DL Keith Randolph

All-Big Ten Third Team (coaches and media)

OG Isaiah Adams

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

LB Tarique Barnes

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

LB Isaac Darkangelo

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

OT Julian Pearl

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

WR Isaiah Williams

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches and media)

DL Seth Coleman

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

OG Zy Crisler

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches)

QB Tommy DeVito

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

DL Gabe Jacas

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (media)

DB Kendall Smith

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K Caleb Griffin

All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (coaches)

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

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



BRET BIELEMA

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

THE BIELEMA FILE

HOMETOWN

Prophetstown, Illinois

BIRTHDATE

January 13, 1970

FAMILY

Wife: Jen

Daughters: Briella and Brexli

EDUCATION

B.S., marketing — Iowa, 1992

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Iowa, 1989-92

Signed free-agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks, 1993

Milwaukee Mustangs, Arena Football League, 1994

BOWL COACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Belk Bowl

2015 Liberty Bowl

2014 Texas Bowl

2012 Rose Bowl

2011 Rose Bowl

2009 Champs Sports Bowl

2008 Champs Sports Bowl

2008 Outback Bowl

2007 Capital One Bowl

2006 Capital One Bowl

2005 Outback Bowl

2004 Fiesta Bowl

2002 Holiday Bowl

2001 Alamo Bowl

1997 Sun Bowl

1996 Alamo Bowl

1995 Sun Bowl

YEAR-BY-YEAR

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

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

Bret Bielema was named as the 26th Fighting Illini Head Football Coach in the history of the program in December 2020. A native of Prophetstown, Illinois, Bielema has 25 years of collegiate coaching experience and compiled a 14-year record of 110-69 (.614) as head coach at Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Illinois. From 2006-12 Bielema was the head coach at Wisconsin, where he led the Badgers to three Big Ten championships (2010-12), six consecutive bowl games and a 68-24 record (.739). Bielema then spent five seasons as head coach at Arkansas from 2013-17. After inheriting a depleted roster and enduring a difficult first season, he led the Razorbacks to three consecutive bowl games, including victories against Texas in 2014 and Kansas State in 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	W-L	POSTSEASON
2006	Wisconsin	12-1 (.923)	Capital One Bowl
2007	Wisconsin	9-4 (.692)	Outback Bowl
2008	Wisconsin	7-6 (.538)	Champs Sports Bowl
2009	Wisconsin	10-3 (.769)	Champs Sports Bowl
2010	Wisconsin	11-2 (.846)	Rose Bowl
2011	Wisconsin	11-3 (.786)	Rose Bowl
2012	Wisconsin	8-5 (.615)	(Did not coach Rose Bowl)
2013	Arkansas	3-9 (.250)	
2014	Arkansas	7-6 (.538)	Texas Bowl
2015	Arkansas	8-5 (.615)	Liberty Bowl
2016	Arkansas	7-6 (.538)	Belk Bowl
2017	Arkansas	4-8 (.333)	
2021	Illinois	5-7 (.417)	
2022	Illinois	8-4 (.667)	ReliaQuest Bowl

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



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR. **OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS**

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Barry Lunney Jr. 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**

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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**

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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**

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

Cory Patterson is in his fifth season overall as an assistant coach at Illinois in 2022, and his second under head coach Bret Bielema who retained Patterson on his coaching staff, changing his role to running backs coach. Patterson 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**

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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 Mizzou, 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

GAME DAY LOCATION: BOOTH

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

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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

GAME DAY LOCATION: FIELD

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. MISS. ST.

Series: Series tied, 1-1

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

Streak: L1

Bowl Games: -

Bielema vs. Ole Miss: 4-0 (one loss vacated)



RELIAQUEST BOWL HISTORY

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

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

Illinois in the ReliaQuest Bowl

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

The Illinois-Mississippi State Series

- The ReliaQuest Bowl will be the third ever meeting between Illinois and Mississippi State.
- Illinois fell, 28-21, to Mississippi State in Champaign during the 1980 season.
- In the programs' first meeting, Illinois won 27-0 in Champaign in 1923. Mississippi State was called Mississippi A&M at the time.

Illinois-Mississippi State Connections

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



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POSTSEASON BOWLS



ILLINOIS BOWL HISTORY

Jan. 1, 1947	Rose	UCLA	W, 45-14
Jan. 1, 1952	Rose	Stanford	W, 40-7
Jan. 1, 1964	Rose	Washington	W, 17-7
Dec. 29, 1982	Liberty	Alabama	L, 15-21
Jan. 2, 1984	Rose	UCLA	L, 9-45
Dec. 31, 1985	Peach	Army	L, 29-31
Dec. 29, 1988	All-American	Florida	L, 10-14
Jan. 1, 1990	Citrus	Virginia	W, 31-21
Jan. 1, 1991	Hall of Fame	Clemson	L, 0-30
Dec. 31, 1991	John Hancock	UCLA	L, 3-6
Dec. 30, 1992	Holiday	Hawaii	L, 17-27
Dec. 31, 1994	Liberty	E. Carolina	W, 30-0
Dec. 30, 1999	MicronPC.com	Virginia	W, 63-21
Jan. 1, 2002	Sugar	LSU	L, 34-47
Jan. 1, 2008	Rose	USC	L, 17-49
Dec. 29, 2010	Texas	Baylor	W, 38-14
Dec. 31, 2011	Kraft Fight Hunger	UCLA	W, 20-14
Dec. 26, 2014	Heart of Dallas	La. Tech	L, 18-35
Dec. 30, 2019	Redbox	California	L, 20-35

All-Time Record: 8-11

Streak: L2

January Bowls: 8 (4-4)

Most Points: 63 vs. Virginia (1999 MicronPC.com)

Biggest Margin: 42 vs. Virginia (1999 MicronPC.com)

Most Consecutive Wins: 3 (1947-64)

Most Consecutive Appearances: 5 (1988-92)

vs. Pac-12: 4-4

vs. ACC: 2-1

vs. SEC: 0-3

vs. Independent: 1-1

vs. Big 12: 1-0

vs. WAC: 0-1

vs. C-USA: 0-1

1947 ROSE BOWL

JAN. 1, 1947 // PASADENA, CALIF.

In the first Rose Bowl under the Big Ten-Pac 10 agreement, unheralded Illinois routed highly-ranked UCLA, 45-14. Illinois running backs Julius Rykovich and Claude "Buddy" Young rushed for 103 yards apiece. During the course of the game, six different Illinois players scored touchdowns as the Fighting Illini racked up their first Bowl victory.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	19	0	20	45
UCLA	7	7	0	0	14

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL	Julius Rykovich 1 run (kick failed)
UCLA	Ernie Case 1 run (Case kick)
ILL	Buddy Young 2 run (Maechtke kick)
ILL	Paul Patterson 4 run (kick failed)
ILL	Perry Moss 1 run (kick blocked)
UCLA	Al Hoisch 100 kick return (Case kick)
ILL	Buddy Young 1 run (Maechtke kick)
ILL	Ruck Steger 68 interception return (kick failed)
ILL	Stan Green 81 interception return (Maechtke kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 320-78-398; UCLA – 62-176-238.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Rykovich 18-103-1, Young 20-103-2; UCLA – Hoisch 4-27-0, Cal Rossi 10-25-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Moss 8-3-0-0-85; UCLA – Case 24-11-2-0-165.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Rykovich 1-44-0, Bill Huber 2-21-0; UCLA – Burr Baldwin 3-57-0, Dave Dobrow 2-28-0.

1952 ROSE BOWL

JAN. 1, 1952 // PASADENA, CALIF.

For three quarters, Illinois and Stanford battled in what appeared to be a low-scoring, defensive struggle. Late in the third quarter, Illinois scored the first of 34 unanswered points to blow out Stanford. Illinois took the lead on a six-yard touchdown run by Johnny Karras, then exploded for 27 fourth-quarter points to give Illinois and Head Coach Ray Eliot a second Rose Bowl victory in as many tries. Illinois rolled up 434 yards in total offense, with Mattoon's Bill Tate picking up 150 yards on the ground. The 1952 Rose Bowl was the first nationally telecast college football game.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	0	7	27	40
Stanford	7	0	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL	Pete Bachouras 6 run (kick failed)
STAN	Harry Hugasian 1 run (Gary Kerkorian kick)
ILL	Bill Tate 5 run (Sam Rebecca kick)
ILL	John Karras 7 run (Rebecca kick)
ILL	Bill Tate 8 run (Rebecca kick)
ILL	Don Stevens 7 run (kick blocked)
ILL	John Ryan 6 pass from Don Engels (Rebecca kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 371-73-444; STAN – 53-180-233.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Tate 20-150-1, Karras 13-58-1; STAN – Hugasian 14-41-1.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Tom O'Connell 14-6-1-0-67; STAN – Gary Kerkorian 22-11-2-0-166.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Bachouras 3-36-0; STAN – William McColl 4-62-0, Hugasian 4-49-0.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



1964 ROSE BOWL

JAN. 1, 1964 // PASADENA, CALIF.

Illinois made its first appearance in Pasadena in 12 years, led by linebacker Dick Butkus and fullback Jim Grabowski. Illinois trailed 7-0 before Jim Plankenhorn's 32-yard field goal with one second remaining in the first half put the Illini on the scoreboard. Illinois came out strong in the second half, grinding out touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to wear down the Huskies, 17-7. Grabowski earned MVP honors, gaining 125 yards and scoring one touchdown.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	7	7	17
Washington	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

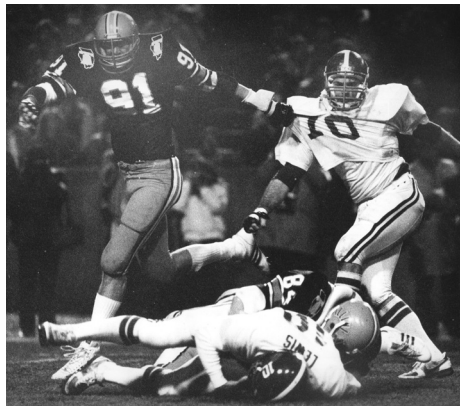
WASH Dave Kopay 7 run (Ron Medved kick)
 ILL Jim Plankenhorn 32 FG
 ILL Jim Warren 2 run (Plankenhorn kick)
 ILL Jim Grabowski 1 run (Plankenhorn kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 102-43-145; WASH – 59-71-130.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Grabowski 23-125-1, Sam Price 10-55-0; WASH – Kopay 4-29-1, Steve Bramwell 5-22-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Fred Custardo 7-4-0-0-43, Mike Taliaferro 8-2-0-0-16; WASH – Bill Siler 17-6-3-0-46.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Ron Fearn 3-24-0; WASH – Al Libke 3-19-9.



1982 LIBERTY BOWL

DEC. 29, 1982 // MEMPHIS, TENN.

Illinois reappeared on the bowl scene after a 19-year absence, facing Alabama and Paul "Bear" Bryant, who was coaching his final game. Illinois saw its perfect bowl record snapped with a 21-15 loss. Fighting Illini quarterback Tony Eason set a Liberty Bowl record, throwing for 423 yards, but Alabama's bruising ground attack mustered 217 yards and proved to be the difference. The game would later become a made-for-television movie "Bear," starring Gary Busey.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	6	0	9	15
Alabama	7	0	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

BAMA Ricky Moore 4 run (Peter Kim kick)
 ILL Joe Curtis 1 run (kick failed)
 BAMA Jesse Bendross 8 run (Kim kick)
 ILL Oliver Williams 2 pass from Tony Eason (pass failed)
 ILL Mike Bass 23 FG
 BAMA Craig Turner 1 run (Kim kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 21-423-444; BAMA – 217-130-347.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Curtis 7-13-1, Richard Ryles 4-10-0; BAMA – Moore 13-65-1, Jeff Fagan 6-38-0, Turner 11-36-1.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Eason 55-35-4-1-423, Kris Jenner 3-0-3-0-0; BAMA – Walter Lewis 13-7-2-0-130.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Mike Martin 8-127-0, Williams 7-84-1, Tim Brewster 6-55-0; BAMA – Jesse Bendross 3-51-0, Joey Jones 2-60-0.



1984 ROSE BOWL

JAN. 2, 1984 // PASADENA, CALIF.

Head Coach Mike White led Illinois to a perfect 9-0 Big Ten Conference record and the first Fighting Illini visit to Pasadena in 20 years. UCLA ended fourth-ranked Illinois' hopes for a national championship with a 45-9 victory. The Bruins piled up 21 second-quarter points en route to a 28-3 halftime lead. UCLA quarterback Rick Neuheisel enjoyed the best game of his college career, completing 22 of 31 passes for 298 yards. The Bruins rushing attack ground out 232 yards to give UCLA 511 yards in total offense. Illinois ended the season with a 10-2 record, only the second Illinois team in history to win 10 or more games, and became the first and only team in conference history to defeat all nine Big Ten opponents in the same season.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	0	6	9
UCLA	7	21	10	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY

UCLA Paul Bergmann 3 pass from Rick Neuheisel (Lee kick)
 ILL Chris White 41 FG
 UCLA Kevin Nelson 28 run (Lee kick)
 UCLA Karl Dorrell 16 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
 UCLA Mike Young 53 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
 UCLA Dorrell 15 pass from Neuheisel (Lee kick)
 UCLA John Lee 29 FG
 ILL Thomas Rooks 5 pass from Jack Trudeau (pass failed)
 UCLA Bryan Wiley 8 run (Lee kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 0-205-205; UCLA – 213-298-511.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Dwight Beverly 4-22-0, Thomas Rooks 8-21-0; UCLA – Nelson 18-69-1, Frank Cephus 12-86-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Yds.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Trudeau 39-23-3-1-178; UCLA – Neuheisel 31-22-0-4-298.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – David Williams 10-88-0, Tim Brewster 5-60-0; UCLA – Young 5-129-1, Dorrell 5-61-2, Bergmann 4-54-1.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



1985 PEACH BOWL

DEC. 31, 1985 // ATLANTA, GA.

On a cold, rainy day in Atlanta, Army scored two touchdowns on halfback option plays to take an eight-point lead into the final five minutes. Trailing 31-23 with less than a minute left, Illinois quarterback Jack Trudeau hit All-American receiver David Williams for a 54-yard touchdown to bring the Fighting Illini within two points of a tie. Trudeau's two-point conversion pass attempt was broken up and Army handed Illinois its third consecutive Bowl defeat in the 1980s. Trudeau set Peach Bowl records with 38 completions in 55 attempts for 401 yards.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	3	13	7	6	29
Army	7	14	7	3	31

SCORING SUMMARY

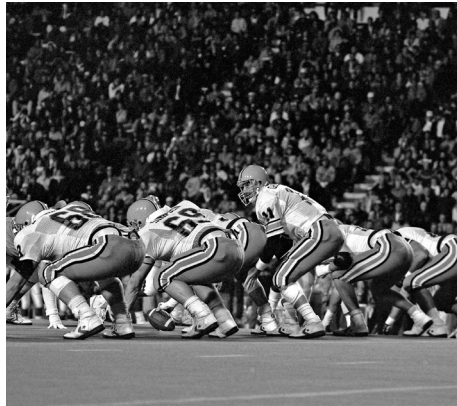
ARMY Rob Healy 22 run (Stopa kick)
 ILL Chris White 45 FG
 ILL Cap Boso 1 pass from Jack Trudeau (White kick)
 ARMY Doug Black 1 run (Stopa kick)
 ARMY White 33 pass from Lampley (Stopa kick)
 ILL David Williams 15 pass from Trudeau (pass failed)
 ILL Ray Wilson 1 run (White kick)
 ARMY Spellmon 26 pass from Jones (Stopa kick)
 ARMY Craig Stopa 39 FG
 ILL Williams 54 pass from Trudeau (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 77-401-478; ARMY – 291-94-385.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Thomas Rooks 10-35-0, Wilson 8-31-1; ARMY – Healy 23-107-1, Lampley 16-76-0, Black 15-73-1.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Yds.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Trudeau 55-38-2-3-401; ARMY – Healy 6-3-1-0-35.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – David Williams 7-109-2, Stephen Pierce 6-92-0, Anthony Williams 5-59-0.



1988 ALL-AMERICAN BOWL

DEC. 29, 1988 // BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Coach John Mackovic led Illinois to a surprising 6-4-1 record and a third-place finish in the Big Ten, earning a date with SEC powerhouse Florida in the All-American Bowl. On the first play from scrimmage, Florida freshman Emmitt Smith scampered 55 yards for a touchdown. Illinois tied the score on a 30-yard run by Keith Jones in the second quarter. After a fourth-quarter Doug Higgins field goal gave Illinois a three-point lead, Smith scored his second TD with less than four minutes remaining to give the Gators the victory.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	7	0	3	10
Florida	7	0	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

FLA Emmitt Smith 55 run (John Francis kick)
 ILL Keith Jones 30 run (Doug Higgins kick)
 ILL Doug Higgins 44 FG
 FLA Smith 2 run (Francis kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 55-194-249; FLA – 187-69-256.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Jones 18-88-1; FLA – Smith 28-159-2.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Jeff George 37-20-2-0-194; FLA – Kyle Morris 12-6-2-0-50.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Mike Bellamy 5-49-0; Steven Williams 5-49-0; FLA – Terence Barber 4-29-0.



1990 CITRUS BOWL

JAN. 1, 1990 // ORLANDO, FLA.

Illinois snapped a 26-year bowl victory drought with a 31-21 win over Virginia in the Florida Citrus Bowl. Illinois jumped on the Cavaliers early, with linebacker Bill Henkel recovering a fumble on the opening kickoff. Five plays later, quarterback Jeff George drilled a 15-yard scoring strike to Steven Williams. After Virginia tied the game early in the second quarter, George directed Illinois on an 80-yard scoring drive. Illinois opened the second half with an 84-yard drive capped by fullback Howard Griffith's three-yard touchdown. Early in the fourth quarter, receiver Mike Bellamy scored on a 26-yard pass from George to clinch an Illini victory. George earned MVP honors, completing 26-of-38 for 321 yards and three TDs.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	10	7	7	31
Virginia	0	7	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL S. Williams 15 pass from George (Higgins kick)
 UVA Finkelston 30 pass from Moore (McInerney kick)
 ILL Dan Donovan 1 pass from George (Higgins kick)
 ILL Doug Higgins 34 FG
 ILL Howard Griffith 3 run (Higgins kick)
 UVA Marcus Wilson 2 run (McInerney kick)
 ILL Mike Bellamy 24 pass from George (Higgins kick)
 UVA Moore 4 pass from S. Moore (McInerney kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 176-321-497; UVA – 110-112-222.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Griffith 18-93-0, Steve Feagin 10-54-0; UVA – Terry Kirby 8-64-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – George 38-26-1-3-321; UVA – S. Moore 27-17-2-2-191.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Bellamy 8-166-1, Williams 4-45-1; UVA – Finkelston 3-69-1, Herman Moore 5-56-1.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



1991 HALL OF FAME BOWL

JAN. 1, 1991 // TAMPA, FLA.

The Fighting Illini's trip to the Hall of Fame Bowl would be Illinois' third bowl appearance in as many years under John Mackovic, but it would also be the most disappointing. The Tigers took the opening kickoff and marched 71 yards in 16 plays before All-American kicker Chris Gardocki kicked an 18-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. Record-setting Illini running back Howard Griffith fumbled on Illinois' first play from scrimmage, and on the very next play, Tiger quarterback DeChane Cameron hit Doug Thomas with a 14-yard touchdown pass to give his team a 10-0 lead. The Tiger offense tacked on two more touchdowns in the second quarter, while the Clemson defense held the Fighting Illini to just 22 total yards in the half. Illinois got its offense on track in the second half with 225 yards, but never could find paydirt.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Clemson	10	14	3	3	30

SCORING SUMMARY

CLEM Chris Gardocki 18 FG
 CLEM Doug Thomas 14 pass from DeChane Cameron (Gardocki kick)
 CLEM Howard Hall 17 pass from Cameron (Gardocki kick)
 CLEM Arlington Nunn 34 interception return (Gardocki kick)
 CLEM Chris Gardocki 26 FG
 CLEM Chris Gardocki 43 FG

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 62-185-247; CLEM – 148-157-305.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Howard Griffith 15-59-0; CLEM – Cameron 17-76-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Jason Verduzco 25-13-2-0-121; CLEM – Cameron 20-14-0-2-141.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Shawn Wax 6-77-0; Steven Mueller 3-76-0; CLEM – Thomas 5-57-1; Terry Smith 3-43-0.



1991 JOHN HANCOCK BOWL

DEC. 31, 1991 // EL PASO, TEXAS

The Illini were playing their first game under new head coach Lou Tepper, who was named John Mackovic's replacement a little more than two weeks earlier when Mackovic took the head coaching job at Texas. The UI defense certainly came to play, holding the high-octane UCLA attack to just 268 yards of total offense. The Illini offense didn't fare much better, though, totaling 308 yards of its own in a classic defensive struggle. Illinois missed an early scoring opportunity when Jason Verduzco's pass was intercepted at the Bruin goal line. The Illinois defense forced a UCLA fumble six plays later, but promptly turned the ball back to the Bruins at the UI 24-yard line after a blocked punt. The Illinois defense held UCLA to a field goal. Both teams traded punches until Illini freshman Chris Richardson kicked a 27-yard field goal. The score remained tied until the opening drive of the fourth quarter when Illinois' Filmel Johnson fumbled a UCLA punt at the UI 11-yard line that lead to a 19-yard Louis Perez field goal. Illinois LB Mike Poloskey earned the Jimmy Rogers Jr. Trophy as the game's Most Valuable Lineman.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	0	0	3
UCLA	3	0	0	3	6

SCORING SUMMARY

UCLA Louis Perez 32 FG
 ILL Chris Richardson 27 FG
 UCLA Louis Perez 19 FG

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 119-189-308; UCLA – 92-176-268.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Steve Feagin 12-71-0; UCLA – Kevin Williams 24-52-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Jason Verduzco 38-17-3-0-189; UCLA – Tommy Maddox 28-17-1-0-176.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – John Wright 9-94-0; UCLA – Sean LaChapelle 5-69-0; Ricky Davis 4-41-0.



1992 HOLIDAY BOWL

DEC. 30, 1992 // SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Coach Lou Tepper ended his first full year at the helm of the Illini by leading the team to its fifth-consecutive bowl appearance, the longest such streak in school history. Illinois' offense got off to a quick start against Hawaii, marching 73 yards in nine plays to take a 7-0 lead after the first quarter. The Illini were down by three, 10-7, at halftime, but Hawaii stormed out of the locker room to piece together scoring drives of 80 and 62 yards. On its opening possession of the fourth quarter, a botched Illini lateral gave Hawaii the ball on the Illini's 21, but the UI defense held the Rainbows to a field goal. On Illinois' next possession, an interception gave Hawaii the ball once again, and the Rainbows proceeded to kill Illinois' hopes for a victory by cruising for another score. John Wright caught his second TD pass of the contest in the waning minutes to make the final score 27-17.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	7	3	0	7	17
Hawaii	0	7	10	10	27

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL Wright 14 pass from Verduzco (Richardson kick)
 HAW Travis Sims 6 run (Elam kick)
 ILL Chris Richardson 19 FG
 HAW Travis Sims 1 run (Elam kick)
 HAW Jason Elam 45 FG
 HAW Jason Elam 37 FG
 HAW Branch 53 pass from Carter (Elam kick)
 ILL Wright 18 pass from Verduzco (Richardson kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 108-248-356; HAW – 287-115-402.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL – Darren Boyer 11-39-0; Steve Feagin 7-31-0; HAW – Travis Sims 29-113-2; Michael Carter 21-105-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL – Jason Verduzco 34-26-1-2-248; HAW – Michael Carter 16-6-2-1-15.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL – John Wright 7-82-2; HAW – Darrick Branch 1-53-1.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



1994 LIBERTY BOWL

DEC. 31, 1994 // MEMPHIS, TENN.

Making its sixth bowl appearance in seven years, Illinois dominated Liberty Bowl opponent East Carolina from the beginning. The Illini took a 14-0 first-quarter lead on Johnny Johnson touchdown passes to Ken Dilger and Jasper Strong. In the second quarter the Illini added a Chris Richardson field goal and a touchdown reception by Jason Dulick to pull away, 24-0. Illinois' final score came in the third quarter on another Johnson TD strike, this time to Ty Douthard. Johnson's four touchdown passes and 250 yards passing earned him Most Valuable Offensive Player and Most Valuable Player of the Game honors. The Illini defense forced four interceptions and a fumble, allowing a total of only 271 total yards. All-American linebacker Simeon Rice led the way with 10 tackles. The Liberty Bowl was the Illini's first Bowl victory since 1990. Illinois' 30-0 victory was the most lopsided win in Liberty Bowl history and was the only shutout posted among the 1994-95 Bowls.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	10	6	0	30
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL	Dilger 17 pass from Johnny Johnson (Richardson kick)
ILL	Strong 73 pass from Johnson (Richardson kick)
ILL	Richardson 21 FG
ILL	Jason Dulick 5 pass from Johnson (Richardson kick)
ILL	Ty Douthard 30 pass from Johnson (kicked failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 134-255-389; ECU - 92-179-271.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Ty Douthard 13-52-0; Robert Holcombe 12-46-0; ECU - Marcus Crandell 41-20-4-0-179. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Johnny Johnson 30-18-0-4-250; Scott Weaver 4-2-0-0-5; ECU - Marcus Crandell 41-20-4-0-179. Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): UI - Jasper Strong 3-96-1, Ken Dilger 7-60-1, Jason Dulick 3-30-1; ECU - Scott Richards 4-25-0, Jason Nichols 6-55-0.



1999 MICRONPC.COM BOWL

DEC. 30, 1999 // MIAMI, FLA.

The Illini took advantage of the school's first bowl appearance in five years with an impressive 63-21 victory over highly touted running back Thomas Jones and the Virginia Cavaliers. In a game which pitted two evenly matched, 7-4 squads, the Illini dominated with 611 yards total offense and nine touchdowns. On the first drive of the game, Kurt Kittner led the Illini down field 71 yards and scored on a one-yard run. The Illini then rattled off 35 unanswered points, including a flea-flicker pass from wide receiver Brandon Lloyd to Kittner for 30 yards and a halftime score of 42-7. Kittner threw a school record 24th touchdown pass on a one-yard reception to Jameel Cook. The Illini broke 22 Illinois and Micronpc.com Bowl records that night and scored the second-most points in collegiate bowl history.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	28	7	14	63
Virginia	7	0	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL	Kurt Kittner 1 yd run (Neil Rackers kick)
UVA	Thomas Jones 7 yd run (Todd Braverman kick)
ILL	Rocky Harvey 47 yd run (Rackers kick)
ILL	Kittner 30 yd pass from Lloyd (Rackers kick)
ILL	Jameel Cook 61 yd pass from Kittner (Rackers kick)
ILL	Steve Havard 2 yd run (Rackers kick)
ILL	Cook 1 yd pass from Kittner (Rackers kick)
UVA	Kevin Coffey 5 yd pass from Ellis (Braverman kick)
ILL	Havard 2 yd run (Rackers kick)
ILL	Harvey 9 yd run (Rackers kick)
ILL	Kirk Johnson 1 yd run (Rackers kick)
UVA	Thompson 55 yd pass from Rivers (Braverman kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 325-286-611; UVA - 172-208-380.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Harvey 10-122-2; Havard 15-75-2; Kittner 4-11-1; Johnson 3-5-1; UVA - Jones 23-110-1. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Kittner 24-14-1-2-254; UVA - Ellis 32-15-1-1-146. Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Cook 4-88-2, Lloyd 3-57-0, Dean 2-42-0, Young 1-31-0, Kittner 1-30-1; UVA - Jones 5-31-0, McMullen 3-31-0.



2002 SUGAR BOWL

JAN. 1, 2002 // NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Big Ten champion Illinois made a late rally but couldn't overcome LSU's fast start as it fell in its first-ever Bowl Championship Series contest 47-34 at the Nokia Sugar Bowl. The Tigers scored the game's first 28-points and jumped out to a 34-7 halftime advantage thanks to a 27-point second quarter that saw Domanick Davis run for a pair of scores and Rohan Davey throw for two more. The Illini matched LSU's hot start with a second half rally as Kurt Kittner threw for 182 yards and three scores after halftime to cut the Tiger lead to 13 midway through the fourth quarter. But Illinois couldn't get any closer as LSU converted a pair of third downs to run out the clock and get the win.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	7	14	13	34
LSU	7	27	7	6	47

SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	Domanick Davis 4 yard run (Corbello kick)
LSU	Davis 25 yard run (kick blocked)
LSU	Davis 16 yard run (Corbello kick)
LSU	Reed 5 yard pass from Davey (Corbello kick)
ILL	Hodges 2 yard pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	Robert Royal 7 yard pass from Davey (Corbello kick)
ILL	Lloyd 17 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	Reed 32 yard pass from Davey (Corbello kick)
ILL	Lloyd 10 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
ILL	Young 17 yd pass from Kittner (Christofilakos kick)
LSU	Davis 4 yard run (pass failed)
ILL	Young 40 yard pass from Lloyd (pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 61-302-363; LSU - 151-444-595.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Harvey 9-42; Lloyd 1-14; Davis 4-13; Harris 2-3; LSU - Davis 28-122-4; Henderson 13-54. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Kittner 35-14-1-262-4; LSU - Davey 53-31-0-444-3. Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Young 6-178-2; Lloyd 5-56-2; Davis 2-24; Harvey 1-42; Hodges 1-2-1; LSU - Reed 14-239-2; Clayton 8-120; Myers 4-51; Royal 2-15-1; Webster 2-14; Davis 1-5.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



2008 ROSE BOWL

JAN. 1, 2008 // PASADENA, CALIF.

The Illini took themselves out of the 2008 Rose Bowl game with four turnovers, which resulted in 28 USC points, and squandered four trips in the red zone for no points to fall to the Trojans, 49-17. Making their first bowl appearance in six years, the Big Ten's second-place team squared off against No. 6 USC, the Pac-10 champs. Junior tailback Rashard Mendenhall rattled off 155 rushing yards on USC's fourth-ranked defense and added another 59 yards receiving. With a 21-3 halftime deficit, Illinois came out in the second half, scoring a quick touchdown on a 79-yard run by Mendenhall. After another 55-yard burst by Mendenhall, the Illini threatened inside the 20 yard line, but a Jacob Willis fumble near the goal line gave the momentum back to USC. From there, the Trojans scored 28 unanswered points before an Arrelious Benn 56-yard reception from Eddie McGee capped the game's scoring in the fourth quarter. Sophomore defender Vontae Davis tied an Illinois bowl record with 13 solo tackles. Early in the game, senior safety Justin Harrison picked off a John David Booty pass returning it 45 yards, but a missed field goal gave the Illini no points.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	7	7	17
USC	14	7	14	14	49

SCORING SUMMARY

USC	Washington 8 yard pass from Booty (Buehler kick)
USC	Reed 34 yard pass from Green (Buehler kick)
USC	Washington 3 yard run (Buehler kick)
ILL	Jason Reda 28 yard field goal
ILL	Rashard Mendenhall 79 yard run (Reda kick)
USC	Davis 2 yard pass from Booty (Buehler kick)
USC	McKnight 6 yard run (Buehler kick)
USC	Ausberry 15 yard pass from Booty (Buehler kick)
USC	Hershel 3 yard run (Buehler kick)
ILL	Benn 56 yard pass from McGee (Reda kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 144-301-445; USC - 344-289-633.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 17-155-1; McGee 2-7; Weil 2-1; Dufrene 1-0; Williams 15-(19); USC - McKnight 10-125-1; Johnson 9-104; Washington 12-75-1; Dennis 6-30-1; Adewale 1-17; Bradford 1-5; Havili 1-5; Booty 3-(17).
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Williams 35-21-2-0-245; McGee 1-1-0-1-56; USC - Booty 37-25-1-3-255; Green 1-1-0-1-34.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Benn 5-80-1; R. Mendenhall 5-59; Willis 4-74; Cumberland 3-37; Warren 3-25; Gamble 2-26; USC - Davis 7-87-1; McKnight 6-45; Havili 4-63; Washington 3-12; Ausberry 2-28; Johnson 2-15; Reed 1-34; Hazelton 1-5.



2010 TEXAS BOWL

DEC. 29, 2010 // HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mikel Leshoure ran for 184 yards and three touchdowns as Illinois earned its first bowl victory since 1999, beating Baylor 38-14 in the Texas Bowl. The Illini spoiled the Bears' first bowl appearance in 16 seasons. Both teams finished at 7-6. Leshoure had a 5-yard TD run in the second quarter, a 13-yard score in the third quarter and another 5-yard touchdown run in the fourth period. The performance gave him the school single-season rushing record with 1,697 yards. The Illini built a 24-0 lead and Leshoure's last touchdown put the game out of reach. Leshoure was chosen the most valuable player. Illinois finished with 291 yards rushing and 533 yards of total offense to give coach Ron Zook his first bowl win as a head coach in his fourth try. Freshman quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase got off to a sensational start, completing all of his 13 passes in the first half, and finished 18 of 23 for 242 yards. He scored on a 55-yard touchdown run with 41 seconds to play to make it 38-14. Illinois opened the second half with an 87-yard drive capped by a 13-yard touchdown run by Leshoure. Leshoure also scored the 2-point conversion to extend the lead to 24-0 and set the Illinois single-season scoring record. Illinois led 9-0 before a 5-yard touchdown run by Leshoure about 10 minutes before halftime stretched the lead to 16-0. That score was set up by a 52-yard reception by Ryan Lankford a play earlier.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	10	8	14	38
Baylor	0	0	7	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL	Derek Dimke 38 yard FG
ILL	Derek Dimke 28 yard FG
ILL	Derek Dimke 43 yard FG
ILL	Mikel Leshoure 5 yard run (Dimke kick)
ILL	Mikel Leshoure 13 yard run (Leshoure rush)
BAY	Jay Finley 4 yard run (Jones kick)
BAY	Kendall Wright 39 yard pass from Robert Griffin III (Jones kick)
ILL	Leshoure 5 yard run (Dimke kick)
ILL	Nathan Scheelhaase 55 yard run (Dimke kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 291-242-533; BAY - 124-313-437.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Leshoure 29-184-3; Ford 12-54-0; Scheelhaase 9-53-1; BAY - Finley 12-63-1; Griffin 16-44-0; Reese 1-17-0.
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Scheelhaase 23-18-0-0-242; BAY - Griffin 41-30-0-1-306.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Jenkins 6-52-0; Fayson 4-31-0; Ford 3-29-0; Leshoure 2-21-0; Lankford 1-52-0; Millines 1-32-0; E. Wilson 1-25-0; BAY - Wright 12-127-1; Gordon 6-50-0; Taylor 5-81-0; Reese 3-22-0; Sampson 2-3-0; Williams 1-12-0; Monk 1-10-0; Buerck 1-8-0.



2011 KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

DEC. 31, 2011 // SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Terry Hawthorne intercepted a Kevin Prince pass and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown with 43 seconds left in the third quarter to give Illinois its first lead of the game and the Illini held off UCLA for a 20-14 victory in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl at AT&T Park. It marked the first time in school history that Illinois had won bowl games in consecutive years and snapped a six-game losing streak after the Illini began the season 6-0. Nathan Scheelhaase sealed the victory with a 60-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Jenkins midway through the fourth quarter. A stingy Illinois defense limited the Bruins to 18 yards rushing - the lowest by an FBS opponent since 2005 - and only 219 total yards of offense, and recorded five sacks, breaking the single-season school record. Consensus All-American Whitney Mercilus recorded 1.5 sacks, equaling Simeon Rice's school-record 16 from 1994, and giving him 22.5 tackles for loss on the season, the second-most in school history. Jenkins caught six passes for 80 yards on the day, falling two yards short of tying David Williams' single-season record for receiving yards with his season total of 1,276 yards. The game was played under unique circumstances as both schools had interim coaching staffs for the game, most of which were not retained after the bowl.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	3	7	10	20
UCLA	0	7	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

UCLA	Embree 16 yard pass from Prince (Gonzalez kick)
ILL	Dimke 36 yard field goal
ILL	Hawthorne 39 yard interception return (Dimke kick)
ILL	Dimke 37 yard field goal
ILL	Jenkins 60 yd pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)
UCLA	Rosario 38 yard pass from Prince (Gonzalez kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL - 178-148-326; UCLA - 30-201-231.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Scheelhaase 22-110, Young 12-45, Jenkins 1-16, Pollard 4-13, O'Toole 1-1, Team 1-(-1), Millines 1-(-2), Dimke 1-(-4), UCLA - Coleman 9-39, Franklin 8-29, James 2-(-6), Team 1-(-13), Prince 10-(-31).
 Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-TD-Yds.): ILL - Scheelhaase 18-30-1-1-139, O'Toole 0-2-0-0-0, Millines 1-1-0-0-9. UCLA - Prince 14-29-1-2-201.
 Receiving (No.-Yds.-TD): ILL - Jenkins 6-80-1, Lankford 3-25, Millines 2-18, Villinas 2-15, Young 2-(-1), Scheelhaase 1-9, Harris 1-6, Davis 1-0, Pollard 1-(-4). UCLA - Fauria 5-36, Smith 3-60, Rosario 3-55-1, Evans 1-29, Embree 1-16-1, Coleman 1-5.

POSTSEASON BOWLS



2014 ZAXBY'S HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

DEC. 26, 2014 // DALLAS, TEXAS

Reilly O'Toole threw for 295 yards and a touchdown for the Fighting Illini and fellow seniors Jon Davis and Donovan Young each found the end zone in their final game in Orange and Blue. But special teams and big plays burned Illinois in a 35-18 loss in the 2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl. Illinois (6-7) struggled early with penalties and missed field goals, but got within three points early in the fourth quarters. But Kenneth Dixon scored his second TD from one yard out with six minutes left to make it 28-18 and the Illini couldn't answer. Illinois appeared to have gotten a break when LaKeith Walls sacked Cody Sokol, causing him to fumble. Jihad Ward returned it 19 yards before Dixon forced a fumble and Sokol recovered. That drive was capped by Dixon's TD. O'Toole was 24 of 39 for a season-high 295 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	3	6	6	3	18
Louisiana Tech	14	7	0	14	35

SCORING SUMMARY

LT Craft 16 yard run (Barnes kick)
 ILL Zalewski 27 yard field goal
 LT Dixon 8- yard pass from Sokol (Barnes kick)
 ILL Davis 25 yard pass from O'Toole (kick failed)
 LT Woods 69 yard interception return (Barnes kick)
 ILL Young 3 yard run (O'Toole pass failed)
 ILL Reisner 43 yard field goal
 LT Dixon 1 yard run (Barnes kick)
 LT Martin 28 yard run (Barnes kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 122-329-451; LT – 114-247-361.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL – Ferguson 7-50, Dudek 1-50, Young 6-18-1, O'Toole 18-2-0, Davis 1-2. LT – Dixon 13-63-1, Martin 4-38-1, Craft 5-16-1, Henderson 3-11, Lee 1-0, Team 2-(-4), Sokol (3-(-10)).
 Passing (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL – O'Toole 24-39-1-1-295, Lunt 4-8-0-0-34. LT – Sokol 14-28-0-1-247.
 Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL – Dudek 7-73, Turner 6-84, Ferguson 6-54, Allison 4-72, Davis 2-38-1, Young 2-(-2), Hardee 1-10. LT – Henderson 4-93, Dixon 4-79-1, Turner 3-38, Taylor 2-20, Lee 1-17.
 Tackle Leaders (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL – Thomas III 5, Neal, Jr. 5, 1.0-1, Petty 5. LT – Villemez 10, 0.5-2, 1.5-5, Woods 9, Liggins 9, 1.0-7, Brice 6, 1.0-9, 1.0-9, Bates 6, 5.5-35, 4.5-32.



2019 REDBOX BOWL

DEC. 30, 2019 // SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

The Illini outgained Cal, 450-395, but did not force a turnover on defense for the first time this season. Brandon Peters passed for 273 yards and one touchdown for Illinois (6-7) in his return after sitting out the regular-season finale with a concussion. Peters, who was shaken up again after diving out of bounds following a scramble late in the fourth quarter, completed 22 of 37 passes and added a team-high 68 rushing yards. Cal's Chase Garbers threw four touchdown passes and ran for another score. The offensive MVP of the game, Garbers completed 22 of 31 passes for 272 yards with TD passes of 4, 3, 2 and 6 yards.

SCORING	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	10	3	0	7	20
California	7	14	7	7	35

SCORING SUMMARY

ILL McCourt 25 yard field goal
 CAL Moore 4 yard pass from Garbers (Thomas kick)
 ILL Barker 5 yard pass from Peters (McCourt kick)
 CAL Garbers 1 yard run (Thomas kick)
 CAL Brown Jr. 3 yard pass from Garbers (Thomas kick)
 ILL McCourt 30 yard field goal
 CAL Reinwald 2 yard pass from Garbers (Thomas kick)
 ILL Corbin 6 yard run (McCourt kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

(Rushing-Passing-Total): ILL – 165-285-450; CAL – 123-272-395

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL – Peters 8-68-0, Corbin 14-41-1, Brown 11-39-0, Bonner 5-17-0. CAL – Brown Jr. 20-120-0, Dancy 2-11-0, Netherda 2-9-8-0, Collins 2-3-0, Garbers 11-(-19)-1.
 Passing (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL – Peters 22-37-1-1-273, Miller 1-1-0-0-12. CAL – Garbers 22-31-0-4-272.
 Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL – Navarro 6-77-0, Sandy 4-22-0, Barker 3-55-1, I. Williams 3-9-0, Davis 2-43-0, Brown 2-17-0, J. Williams 1-14-0, Washington 1-14-0, Palmer 1-12-0, Pettibon 0-14-0. CAL – Polk 5-105-0, Remigio 4-36-1, Tonges 3-65-0, Brown Jr. 3-17-1, Crawford 2-29-0, Collins 2-11-0, Moore 1-4-1, Dancy 1-3-0, Reinwald 1-2-1.
 Tackle Leaders (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL – Hobbs 9, 0.0-0, Tolson 9, 1.0-3, Brown 8, 0.0-0, Harding 6, 1.5-3. CAL – Weaver 9, 0.0-0, Deng 8, 0.0-0, Goode 8, 1.0-3, Johnson 3, 2.0-9.

BOWL RECORDS

TEAM TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Yards Gained

Illinois 611, vs. Virginia (1999 Micronpc.com)
Opponent 633, USC (2008 Rose)

Fewest Yards Gained

Illinois 205, vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent 182, Washington (1964 Rose)

Most Touchdowns Scored (Rush/Pass)

Illinois 9, vs. Virginia (1999 Micronpc.com)
Opponent 7, LSU (2002 Sugar) & USC (2008 Rose)

Fewest Touchdowns Scored (Rush/Pass)

Illinois 0, vs. UCLA (1991 John Hancock);
0, vs. Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame)
Opponent 0, UCLA (1991 John Hancock);
0, East Carolina (1994 Liberty)

TEAM FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs

Illinois 29, vs. Virginia (1990 Citrus)
Opponent 32, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest First Downs

Illinois 14, vs. Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame)
14, vs. UCLA (1991 John Hancock)
14, vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent 12, UCLA (1947 Rose Bowl)
12, Washington (1964 Rose)
12, Florida (1988 All-American)

Most First Downs by Rushing

Illinois 19, vs. UCLA (1947 Rose)
Opponent 16, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Fewest First Downs by Rushing

Illinois 3, vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
3, vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent 2, UCLA (2011 Kraft Fight Hunger)

Most First Downs by Passing

Illinois 19, vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent 26, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest First Downs by Passing

Illinois 4, vs. UCLA (1947 Rose)
Opponent 4, Washington (1964 Rose)

Most First Downs by Penalty

Illinois 3, vs. USC (2008 Rose)
Opponent 5, California (2019 Redbox Bowl)

TEAM RUSHING

Most Rushes

Illinois 66, vs. Washington (1964 Rose)
Opponent 64, Army (1985 Peach)

Fewest Rushes

Illinois 17, vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent 23, East Carolina (1994 Liberty)

Most Rushing Yards Gained

Illinois 361, vs. Stanford (1952 Rose)
Opponent 344, USC (2008 Rose)

Fewest Rushing Yards Gained

Illinois 0, vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent 19, UCLA (2011 Kraft Fight Hunger)

Most Rushing TDs

Illinois 6, vs. Virginia (1999 MicronPC.com)
Opponent 4, LSU (2002 Sugar)

TEAM PASSING

Most Passes Attempted

Illinois 58, vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent 53, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest Passes Attempted

Illinois 15, (1947, 1952, 1964 Rose)
Opponent 13, Alabama (1982 Liberty)

Most Passes Completed

Illinois 38, vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent 31, LSU (2002 Sugar), Baylor (2010 Texas)

Fewest Passes Completed

Illinois 4, vs. UCLA (1947 Rose)
Opponent 6, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Most Passes Intercepted

Illinois 7, vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent 4, UCLA (1947 Rose)

Fewest Passes Intercepted

Illinois 0, vs. Washington (1964 Rose);
0, vs. Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame);
0, vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent 0, UCLA (1984 Rose); LSU (2002 Sugar); Baylor (2010 Texas);
Louisiana Tech (2014 Heart of Dallas); California (2019 Redbox)

Most Yards Passing

Illinois 423, vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent 444, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest Yards Passing

Illinois 59, vs. Washington (1964 Rose)
Opponent 68, Washington (1964 Rose)

Highest Completion Percentage

Illinois .782 (18-23), vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent .721 (31-43), Baylor (2010 Texas)

Lowest Completion Percentage

Illinois .400, vs. Washington (1964 Rose)
Opponent .353, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Most Touchdown Passes

Illinois 5, vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent 4, UCLA (1984 Rose);
4, LSU (2002 Sugar);
4, USC (2008 Rose)
4, California (2019 Redbox)

TEAM PUNTING

Most Punts

Illinois 9, vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent 8, UCLA (1947 Rose);
8, LSU (2002 Sugar);
8, UCLA (2011 Kraft Fight Hunger)

Fewest Punts

Illinois 0, vs. Virginia (1999 Micronpc.com)
Opponent 2, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Highest Punting Average

Illinois 50.5, vs. Stanford (1952 Rose)
Opponent 46.0, Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame)

Lowest Punting Average

Illinois 33.3, vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent 30.3, Stanford (1952 Rose)

Highest Punt Return Average

Illinois 17.0, vs. UCLA (1947 Rose)
Opponent 14.5, UCLA (1991 John Hancock)

BOWL RECORDS

TEAM KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

Illinois	6, vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent	8, UCLA (1947 Rose)

Highest Kickoff Return Average

Illinois	33.3, vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent	32.6, UCLA (1947 Rose)

Lowest Kickoff Return Average

Illinois	11.0, vs. UCLA (2011 Kraft Fight Hunger)
Opponent	9.0, UCLA (1991 John Hancock)

TEAM PENALTIES

Most Penalties Against

Illinois	15, vs. East Carolina (1994 Liberty)
Opponent	13, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest Penalties Against

Illinois	2, vs. Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame)
Opponent	3, Alabama (1982 Liberty); 3, Army (1985 Peach); 3, Hawaii (1992 Holiday); 3, UCLA (2011 Kraft Fight Hunger)

Most Yards Penalized

Illinois	164, vs. East Carolina (1994 Liberty)
Opponent	113, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Fewest Yards Penalized

Illinois	25, vs. Hawaii (1992 Holiday)
Opponent	14, Alabama (1982 Liberty)

TEAM FUMBLES

Most Fumbles

Illinois	6, vs. USC (2008 Rose)
Opponent	5, Washington (1964 Rose)

Fewest Fumbles

Illinois	0, vs. East Carolina (1994 Liberty); 0, vs. Stanford (1952 Rose)
Opponent	0, Army (1985 Peach); USC (2008 Rose); California (2019 Redbox)

Most Fumbles Lost

Illinois	3, vs. Washington (1964 Rose)
Opponent	3, Alabama (1982 Liberty)

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Most Carries

Illinois	29, Mikel Leshoure vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	29, Travis Sims, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Most Yards Gained

Illinois	187, Mikel Leshoure vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	159, Emmitt Smith, Florida (1988 All-American)

Yards per Rush (min. 5 carries)

Illinois	12.2, Rocky Harvey vs. Virginia (1999 Micronpc.com)
Opponent	12.5, Joe McKnight, USC (2008 Rose)

Most Rushing TDs

Illinois	3, Mikel Leshoure vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	4, Domenick Davis, LSU (2002 Sugar)

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Most Passes Attempted

Illinois	55, Tony Eason vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty); 55, Jack Trudeau vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent	53, Rohan Davey, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Passes Completed

Illinois	38, Jack Trudeau vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent	31, Rohan Davey, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Touchdown Passes Thrown

Illinois	4, Johnny Johnson vs. East Carolina (1994 Liberty); 4, Kurt Kittner vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent	4, Rick Neuheisel, UCLA (1984 Rose); 4, Chase Garbers, California (2019 Redbox)

Most Passing Yardage

Illinois	423, Tony Eason vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent	444, Rohan Davey, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Interceptions Thrown

Illinois	4, Tony Eason vs. Alabama (1982 Liberty)
Opponent	4, Marcus Crandell, East Carolina (1994 Liberty)

Best Completion Percentage (min. 5 att.)

Illinois	.783, Nathan Scheelhaase (18-23) vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	.732, Robert Griffin III (30-41), Baylor (2010 Texas)

Consecutive Completions

Illinois	13 (to start game), Nathan Scheelhaase vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
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INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Most Receptions

Illinois	10, David Williams vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent	14, Josh Reed, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Reception Yardage

Illinois	178, Walter Young vs. LSU (2002 Sugar)
Opponent	239, Josh Reed, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Touchdown Receptions

Illinois	2, five times (last, Walter Young and Brandon Lloyd vs. LSU, 2002 Sugar)
Opponent	2, Karl Dorrell, UCLA (1984 Rose); Josh Reed, LSU (2002 Sugar)

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Most Touchdowns

Illinois	3, Mikel Leshoure (all rushing) vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	4, Domanick Davis, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Points

Illinois	20, Mikel Leshoure vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	24, Domanick Davis, LSU (2002 Sugar)

Most Extra Points

Illinois	9, Neil Rackers vs. Virginia (1999 Micronpc.com)
Opponent	7, David Buehler, USC (2008 Rose)

INDIVIDUAL FIELD GOALS

Longest Field Goal

Illinois	45, Chris White vs. Army (1985 Peach)
Opponent	45, Jason Elam, Hawaii (1992 Holiday)

Most Field Goals

Illinois	3, Derek Dimke (38, 28, 43) vs. Baylor (2010 Texas)
Opponent	3, Chris Gardocki, Clemson (1991 Hall of Fame)

TACKLES

Most Tackles

Illinois	13, Vontae Davis vs. USC (2008 Rose); 13, Moe Gardner vs. Florida (1988 All-American); 13, Don Thorp vs. UCLA (1984 Rose)
Opponent	15, Daren Hart, East Carolina (1994 Liberty)

ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (130 teams ranked)

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

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-75)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose Yards	C. Brown	1,883	6th
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	.765	64th
Field Goal Per Game	Griffin	1.3	40th
Fumbles Recovered	Newton	.2	22nd
Interceptions Per Game	S. Brown	0.5	3rd
Punt Returns	Williams	7.5	24th
Punting	N/A		
Passing Yards Per Completion	N/A		
Rush Yards Per Carry	C. Brown	5.01	73rd
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	1,643	2nd
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	136.9	3rd
Sacks	Newton	5.5	104th
Total Interceptions	S. Brown	6	1st

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
All Purpose	C. Brown	1,883	1st
Field Goal Percentage	Griffin	.765	7th
Field Goals Per Game	Griffin	1.22	4th
Fumble Recovered	Newton	.2	2nd
Interceptions Per Game	S. Brown	0.5	1st
Punt Returns	Williams	7.5	1st
Punting	N/A		
Yards Per Carry	C. Brown	5.01	11th
Rushing Yards	C. Brown	1,643	1st
Rushing Yards Per Game	C. Brown	136.9	2nd
Sacks	Newton	5.5	7th
Total Interceptions	S. Brown	6	1st

2022 AP TOP 25 - Nov. 27, 2022

Rk	Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Coaches		Last Game
						Poll		
1	1	Georgia (62)	SEC	12-0	1570	1		W 37-14 H Georgia Tech
2	3	Michigan	Big Ten	12-0	1516	2		W 45-23 A #2 Ohio State
3	4	TCU	Big 12	12-0	1449	3		W 62-14 H Iowa State
4	5	USC	Pac-12	11-1	1382	4		W 38-27 H #15 Notre Dame
5	2	Ohio State	Big Ten	11-1	1313	5		L 45-23 H #3 Michigan
6	8	Alabama	SEC	10-2	1243	6		W 49-27 H Auburn
7	9	Tennessee	SEC	10-2	1195	8		W 56-0 A Vanderbilt
8	11	Penn State	Big Ten	10-2	1131	7		W 35-16 H Michigan State
9	12	Washington	Pac-12	10-2	1048	9		W 51-33 A Washington State
10	7	Clemson	ACC	10-2	928	11		L 31-30 H South Carolina
11	6	LSU	SEC	9-3	874	13		L 38-23 A Texas A&M
12	14	Utah	Pac-12	9-3	849	12		W 63-21 A Colorado
13	15	Kansas State	Big 12	9-3	815	10		W 47-27 H Kansas
14	16	Florida State	ACC	9-3	730	14		W 45-38 H Florida
15	9	Oregon	Pac-12	9-3	701	15		L 38-34 A #21 Oregon State
16	21	Oregon State	Pac-12	9-3	662	16		W 38-34 H #9 Oregon
17	17	UCLA	Pac-12	9-3	616	17		W 35-28 A California
18	19	Tulane	AAC	10-2	581	18		W 27-24 A #24 Cincinnati
19	15	Notre Dame	Ind.	8-4	384	19		L 38-27 A #6 USC
20	NR	South Carolina	SEC	8-4	358	20		W 31-30 A #8 Clemson
21	24	Texas	SEC	8-4	316	21		W 38-27 H Baylor
22	25	UCF	AAC	9-3	170	23		W 46-39 A South Florida
23	NR	UTSA	C-USA	10-2	145	24		W 34-31 H UTEP
24	17	North Carolina	ACC	9-3	114	22		L 30-27 H NC State
25	NR	Mississippi State	SEC	8-4	99	25		W 24-22 A #20 Ole Miss

2022 BIG TEN STANDINGS

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

2022 STARTERS BY POSITION

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

CAREER STARTS ILLINOIS GAMES ONLY

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

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

Passing

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

Receiving

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

Punt Returns

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

Interceptions

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

Kick Returns

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

Fumble Returns

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Team Defense

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring

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

Field Goals

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

FG Sequence

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

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

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

Punting

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

Kickoffs

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

RED ZONE STATISTICS

Illinois Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored	Pts TDs		TDs	TDs Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/27/2022	Wyoming	W 38-6	7	5	31 4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
09/02/2022	at Indiana	L 20-23	5	3	17 2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/10/2022	Virginia	W 24-3	4	2	10 1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/22/2022	Chattanooga	W 31-0	3	3	17 2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/01/2022	at Wisconsin	W 34-10	5	5	27 3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/08/2022	Iowa	W 9-6	4	3	9 0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/15/2022	Minnesota	W 26-14	5	5	19 1	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/29/2022	at Nebraska	W 26-9	3	3	17 2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/05/2022	Michigan St.	L 15-23	4	1	8 1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
11/12/2022	Purdue	L 24-31	4	4	24 3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/19/2022	at Michigan	L 17-19	2	2	10 1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/26/2022	at Northwestern	W 41-3	4	4	24 3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 40 of 50 (80.0%)			50	40	213 23	14	9	17	19	4	1	2	0	1	

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

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

CONVERSIONS/TIME OF POSSESSION STATISTICS

3rd-Down Conversions

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

4th-Down Conversions

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

Time of Possession

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

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

Opponents	3rd Down 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 / 6.2	4.6 / 3.6	4-36.5 / 4-53.5	8-75.0 / 10-78.0	5 / 2
Iowa	4-16 / 5-17	3-3 / 0-0	31:05 / 28:55	02:10	4.4 / 1.7	3.9 / 4.7	4.2 / 3.4	6-41.5 / 8-40.9	7-56.0 / 8-67.0	5 / 0
Minnesota	6-17 / 2-7	4-4 / 1-1	40:04 / 19:56	20:08	4.1 / 5.9	7.9 / 2.1	5.5 / 4.3	3-39.7 / 4-40.3	6-56.0 / 2-20.0	2 / 0
Nebraska	7-15 / 2-12	0-0 / 0-0	38:13 / 21:47	16:26	3.9 / 2.4	8.1 / 7.8	5.2 / 5.1	6-44.0 / 6-48.2	8-72.0 / 3-30.0	2 / 2
Michigan St.	6-17 / 3-11	1-6 / 1-1	31:55 / 28:05	03:50	3.3 / 3.9	7.8 / 6.3	5.3 / 5.1	3-21.0 / 5-49.6	4-39.0 / 7-77.0	1 / 3
Purdue	5-13 / 5-13	0-0 / 1-2	27:45 / 32:15	-04:30	3.1 / 4.3	6.3 / 5.9	4.7 / 5.2	6-40.3 / 4-44.8	12-121.0 / 6-80.0	0 / 2
Michigan	5-13 / 7-19	0-2 / 3-4	24:57 / 35:03	-10:06	4.4 / 4.2	5.9 / 6.1	5.1 / 5.1	5-41.0 / 4-28.5	4-40.0 / 4-25.0	0 / 0
Northwestern	4-10 / 6-16	1-1 / 1-3	26:39 / 33:21	-06:42	4.3 / 3.1	7.6 / 5.4	5.4 / 4.0	3-49.3 / 4-36.0	5-42.0 / 5-44.0	2 / 3
Totals	68-176 / 49-169	12-25 / 8-19	394:11 / 326:39	67:32	4.2 / 3.2	6.9 / 5.4	5.3 / 4.3	54-38.9 / 70-41.4	82-773.0 / 58-550.0	28 / 21

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

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

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

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

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

2022 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

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

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

Wyoming (4)

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

Indiana (5)

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

Virginia (4)

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

Chattanooga (7)

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

Wisconsin (4)

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

Iowa (4)

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

Minnesota (3)

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

Nebraska (3)

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

Michigan State (3)

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

Purdue (3)

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

Michigan (1)

3Q	37	C. Brown rush
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Northwestern (4)

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

ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

Wyoming

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

Indiana

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

Virginia

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

Chattanooga

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

Wisconsin

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

Iowa

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

Minnesota

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

Nebraska

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

Michigan State

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

Purdue

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

Michigan

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

Northwestern

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

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS TEAM GAME HIGHS

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

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

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

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	33	Purdue (11/12/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	102	Purdue (11/12/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.1	Purdue (11/12/2022)
TD RUSHES	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	0	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	0	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	0	at Indiana (09/02/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	18	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	12	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
YARDS PASSING	116	Iowa (10/08/2022)
YARDS PER PASS	3.9	Iowa (10/08/2022)
TD PASSES	0	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	0	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	54	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	292	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.2	Iowa (10/08/2022)
POINTS	9	Iowa (10/08/2022)
SACKS BY	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Purdue (11/12/2022)
	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	16	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
PENALTIES	2	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	25	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
PUNTS	3	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	3	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	3	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
PUNTING AVG	21.0	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
LONG PUNT	38	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	38	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	0	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	0	Virginia (09/10/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Purdue (11/12/2022)
	0	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	24	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	24	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	2	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	0.1	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
TD RUSHES	0	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	0	at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	0	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)
	0	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	0	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	18	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	5	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	30	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER PASS	1.5	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD PASSES	0	at Northwestern (11/26/2022)
	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	0	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
	0	Virginia (09/10/2022)
	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	42	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	142	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	2.7	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
POINTS	0	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
SACKS BY	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	0	Iowa (10/08/2022)
	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	7	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PENALTIES	1	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	15	Chattanooga (09/22/2022)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Michigan (11/19/2022)
	0	Michigan St. (11/05/2022)
	0	at Nebraska (10/29/2022)
	0	Minnesota (10/15/2022)
	0	at Wisconsin (10/01/2022)

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

The 2022 Fighting Illini roster features 20 student-athletes that already earned undergraduate degrees and are currently pursuing second bachelor's degree's or are enrolled in master's or certificate programs at the University of Illinois.

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

ACADEMIC MAJORS — FALL 2022

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

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

WYOMING	6
ILLINOIS	38

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SCORING BY QUARTER

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

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

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

Second Quarter

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

Third Quarter

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

Fourth Quarter

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 19-151-2

WYO - Swen 17-98-0

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-Yds): ILL - DeVito 27-37-0-2-194.

WYO - Peasley 5-20-1-0-30.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Bryant 3-44-1

WYO - Cobbs 2-14-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Martin 7, 0

WYO - Gibbs 9, 0.

GAME NOTES

- The 477 total yards of offense by the Illini 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

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SCORING BY QUARTER

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

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

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

Second Quarter

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

Third Quarter

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

Fourth Quarter

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 36-199-0

IND - Shivers 15-28-1

PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 21-35-232-2-1.

IND - Bazalak 28-52-330-1-1

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-112-1, Hightower 4-43-1

IND - Camper 11-156-0, Matthews Jr. 7-109-1

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - S. Brown 8, 1-6, Witherspoon 7, 0-0

IND - Jones 12, 1-7, Pierre 7, 1-7

GAME NOTES

- The Illinois defense allowed just 32 rushing yards, the first time since Sept. 7, 2019, at Connecticut that the Illini defense allowed 32 rushing yards or fewer in a game.
- Illinois had 448 yards of total offense 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 Illinois 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 Illinois 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 Illinois 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.

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

SCORING BY QUARTER

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 31-146-0	
IOWA - Williams 7-23-0	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - Sitkowski 13-19-74-0-1	
IOWA - Petras 18-36-170-0-1	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Hightower 5-68-0, C. Brown 4-17-0	
IOWA - Laporta 9-100-0, Ragani 7-46-0	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Newton 7, 2.5-6, Barnes 5, 1.5-10	
IOWA- Campbell 13, 0-0, Sculte 9, 0-0	

GAME NOTES

- Illinois improved to 5-1 on the season. It is the first time since 2011 that the Illini won at least five of their opening six games (6-0).
- Illinois snapped an eight-game losing streak against Iowa, the Hawkeyes' longest winning streak in the all-time series.
- Illinois beat Iowa and Wisconsin in the same season for the first time since 1989.
- Illinois won three-straight games against Big Ten West opponents for the first time since the Big Ten switched to East/West divisions in 2014.
- Chase Brown rushed for 146 yards in today's game, adding to his national leading total of 879.
- Brown rushed for 100 yards in seven-straight games, extending his program record.
- Brown was the first Illini back to open a season with six-straight 100-yard games.
- DB Sydney Brown had two pass breakups, a season high.
- DB Matthew Bailey recorded his second interception of the season in the fourth quarter.
- K Fabrizio Pinton scored the first points of his career with his opening-drive field goal. He went 3-for-3 in field goal attempts in the game and earned Big Ten Special Teams and Freshman of the Week honors.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 7	
MINNESOTA	14
#24 ILLINOIS	26
OCT. 15, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,683	

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
ILL:	C. Brown 40 yd pass from DeVito (Pinton kick) 10:56 (9-75 4:04)
Second Quarter	
ILL:	Pinton 31 yd FG 13:06 (15-74 5:36)
MIN:	Morgan 9 yd rush (Trickett kick) 8:30 (8-80 4:32)
ILL:	Pinton 23 yd FG :20 (19-72 8:05)
Third Quarter	
MIN:	Ibrahim 4 yd rush (Trickett kick) 14:34 (1-4 :13)
ILL:	DeVito 5 yd rush (Pinton kick) 11:45 (7-75 2:49)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Pinton 23 yd FG 13:02 (15-75 6:54)
ILL:	Pinton 30 yd FG 3:22 (14-68 6:44)

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 41-180-0	
MINN - Ibrahim 15-127-1	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 25-32-252-1-0	
MINN - Morgan 4-12-21-0-1	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-62-0, Bryant 7-58-0	
MINN - Spann-Ford 4-32-0	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Jacas 6, 1-4, S. Brown 5, 1 INT	
MINN - Nubin 13, 2-6, Oliver 10, 1-1	

GAME NOTES	
• Illinois got off to a 6-1 start, tied for its best start since starting 6-0-1 in 1953.	
• Illinois reached six wins on Oct. 15, its second-quickest date to six wins in the last 100 years (Oct. 8, 2011). It is tied for fourth-quickest to six wins by date for any Illini team.	
• Illinois was the 10th team in the nation to reach bowl eligibility, joining Alabama, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio State, Ole Miss, USC, and UCLA.	
• The Illinois offense had three scoring drives that went for 15 plays or more and four total that went for 14 plays or more.	
• Alex Palczewski started for the 59th time in his career, extending his Illinois record for career starts. Palczewski tied the Big Ten record of 59 set by Minnesota offensive lineman Connor Olson from 2016-21	
• Brown has now rushed for 100 yards in eight-straight games, extending his program record.	
• Brown is also the first Illini back to open a season with seven-straight 100-yard games.	
• Brown had his 13th-career 100-yard game, the second-most in program history.	
• Brown moved up to sixth on Illinois' all-time rushing list at 2,622 yards.	
• Brown was the first running back in the country to reach 1,000 yards rushing and tied J.C. Caroline (1953) as the fastest to 1,000 rushing yards in Illinois history.	
• Brown's 41 carries is fourth-most in a single game in program history and the most by an running back in college football this season.	

GAME 8	
#17 ILLINOIS	26
NEBRASKA	9
OCT. 29, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // LINCOLN, NEB. // 86,691	

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
ILL:	Williams 46 yd pass from DeVito 12:33 (5-75 2:27)
NEB:	Bleekrode 26 yd FG 1:49 (9-73 3:15)
Second Quarter	
NEB:	Vokolek 56 yd pass from Thompson 9:38 (5-93 2:24)
ILL:	C. Brown 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 6:03 (2-11 :28)
ILL:	C. Brown 12 yd pass from DeVito :23 (11-72 4:08)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	Griffin 36 yd FG 3:29 (13-70 7:27)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Griffin 41 yd FG 11:12 (4-2 2:00)

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 32-149-1	
NEB - Grant 12-61-0	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 20-22-179-2-0	
NEB - Thompson 7-15-172-1-2	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL -Williams 9-93-1, C. Brown 3-13-1	
NEB - Grant 3-27-0, Brown 2-47-0	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - S. Brown 6, 1.5-2 (2 INT), Nicholson 4	
NEB - Reimer 9, .5-1, Buford Jr. 7, 1-1	

GAME NOTES	
• Illinois started the season 7-1, tied for its best start since starting 7-0-1 in 1951. This season was the fourth time Illinois has started 7-1 since the undefeated season of 1951, joining 1983, 1989 and 2001.	
• Illinois was 7-1 for the first time since 2001.	
• Illinois was 7-1 or better for the 13th time in program history.	
• The Illinois defense had an interception in 11-straight games dating back to last season after three at Nebraska.	
• In eight games this season, the Illini have only allowed 17 points in the second half and with just seven of those points coming in the fourth quarter.	
• After allowing 219 total yards in the first half, the Illini defense allowed just 29 total yards on 20 plays (1.5 yards per play) in the second half.	
• Illinois had the ball for 10:51 in the fourth quarter. The Illini have held the ball for 10 minutes or more in the fourth quarter in seven of their eight games.	
• OL Alex Palczewski started for the 60th time in his career, extending his Illinois record for career starts. Palczewski has now started the most games in Big Ten history.	
• Tommy DeVito completed 20 of his 22 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns.	
• His 90.9 completion percentage sets a program record and set a Memorial Stadium record. It was the second-best mark by an opponent against Nebraska overall.	

GAME 9	
MICHIGAN STATE	23
#14/16 ILLINOIS	15
NOV. 5, 2022	
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 56,092	

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
ILL:	Williams 60 yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 8:03 (2-59 :42)
MSU:	Patton 20 yd FG 1:36 (15-72 6:27)
Second Quarter	
MSU:	Mosley 1 yd pass from Thorne 10:21 (7-61 3:48)
Third Quarter	
MSU:	Broussard 11 yd rush (Patton kick) 5:45 (6-29 2:43)
MSU:	Reed 16 yd pass from Thorne (Patton kick) 2:57 (3-41 1:22)
Fourth Quarter	
ILL:	Williams 7 yd pass from DeVito (2pt pass to Reiman) 14:27 (8-56 3:25)

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - C. Brown 33-136-0	
MSU - Berger 15-81-0	
PASSING (Comp-Att-Yds-TD-INT): ILL - DeVito 25-37-288-2-0	
MSU - Thorne 19-29-182-2-1	
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Williams 5-98-2, Reiman 4-29-0	
MSU - Reed 5-68-1, Berger 3-29-0	
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Newton 8, 3-7, Martin 7, 1 FF	
MSU - Speed 12, 0, VanSumeren 10, 0	

GAME NOTES	
• Alex Palczewski started for the 61st time in his career, extending his Illinois and Big Ten record for career starts. Palczewski is now tied for second for most starts in FBS history.	
• Chase Brown rushed for over 100 yards in his 10th straight game, extending his program record.	
• Brown ended the game at 2,907 rushing yards in his Illini career, passing Jim Grabowski for fourth and later Thomas Rooks for third on the program's all-time rushing list.	
• Brown's 15 100-yard games is second-most in program history. He trails only Robert Holcombe (16) for the most all-time.	
• The Illini defense has recorded at least one interception in every game this season and in 12 straight overall, dating back to last season.	
• 10 different Illini players caught a reception against Michigan State.	
• The Illini offense surpassed 400 total yards for the fifth time this season.	
• WR Isaiah Williams caught five passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns.	
• Williams' 60-yard touchdown in the first quarter was his second touchdown reception of at least 60 yards this season.	
• Tommy DeVito completed 25 of his 37 passes for 288 yards and two touchdowns. It was his sixth game this season with at least two passing touchdowns.	

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 10		
PURDUE.....	31	
#21/21 ILLINOIS.....	24	
NOV. 12, 2022		
MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 45,574		

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
ILL:	C. Brown 2yd rush (Griffin kick) 8:07 (6-74 2:31)
Second Quarter	
PUR:	Mockobee 6yd rush (Fineran kick) 8:46 (5-55 2:01)
ILL:	C. Brown 8yd rush (Griffin kick) 4:33 (10-75 4:13)
PUR:	Jones 32yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 1:40 (2-63 :18)
Third Quarter	
PUR:	Durham 5yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 6:57 (12-90 4:56)
ILL:	Hightower 6yd pass from DeVito (Griffin kick) 1:13 (11-63 5:36)
Fourth Quarter	
PUR:	Durham 12 yd pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick) 13:13 (8-77 2:59)
PUR:	Fineran 25 yd FG 1:05 (8-25 2:32)
ILL:	Griffin 38 yd FG :17 (5-40 :42)

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

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

GAME NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chase Brown rushed for 98 yards and two touchdown, snapping his streak of 10 straight 100-yard games. It was the second time in 2022 that Chase Brown rushed for two touchdowns in a game. Brown moved up to second on Illinois' all-time rushing list with 3,005 yards.He is just the second player in program history with 3,000 rushing yards in their Illini career. The Illini defense has recorded at least one interception in every game this season and in 13 straight overall, dating back to last season. Alex Palczewski started for the 62nd time in his career, extending his Illinois and Big Ten record for career starts. Palczewski is all alone in second for most starts in FBS history, behind only 65 Thomas Hennigan WR App State (2017-21). 	

GAME 11		
ILLINOIS.....	17	
#3 MICHIGAN.....	19	
NOV. 19, 2022		
MICHIGAN STADIUM // ANN ARBOR, MICH. // 110,433		

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
MICH:	Corum 2 yd rush (Moody kick) 11:28 (7-75 3:32)
Second Quarter	
ILL:	Griffin 29 yd FG 4:03 (10-59 4:44)
Third Quarter	
MICH:	Moody 46 yd FG 11:10 (7-24 2:41)
ILL:	C. Brown 8 yd rush (Griffin kick) 7:43 (9-67 3:21)
ILL:	C. Brown 37 yd rush (Griffin kick) 1:36 (3-63 1:05)
Fourth Quarter	
MICH:	Moody 41 yd FG 12:31 (5-15 1:34)
MICH:	Moody 33 yd FG 3:14 (12-54 4:52)
MICH:	Moody 35 yd FG :09 (8-35 2:06)

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

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

GAME NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The seven first-half points allowed by Illinois was the fewest points scored by Michigan in any half this season. The Illini scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, the first third-quarter touchdowns allowed by Michigan all season. Chase Brown rushed for 140 yards on 29 carries to go along with two touchdowns. Brown rushed for 100 yards for the 16th time in his Illini career, matching Robert Holcombe for the program record. It was Brown's 10th 100-yard effort of the season, the most in a single campaign in Illini history. Brown broke the Illinois single-season record for carries. Brown was just the third player to rush for 140+ yards at Michigan in the last eight years, joining Ohio State standouts J.K Dobbins (2019) and Ezekiel Elliott (2015). Casey Washington recorded career highs in receptions (6) and yards (53) in the game. Isaac Darkangelo recorded a career-best 2.5 tackles for a loss. Seth Coleman broke up two passes, the second time this season that he has done so. Sydney Brown led the team with eight total tackles, five of which were solos. Hugh Robertson recorded a career-best 64-yard punt. 	

GAME 12		
ILLINOIS.....	41	
NORTHWESTERN.....	3	
NOV. 26, 2022		
RYAN FIELD // EVANSTON, ILL. // 25,744		

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

SCORING SUMMARY	
First Quarter	
ILL:	Love III 2 yd rush (Griffin kick) 5:22 (10-70 4:08)
Second Quarter	
ILL:	Griffin 23 yd FG 7:57 (4-23 2:01)
ILL:	DeVito 1 yd rush (Griffin kick) 1:25 (5-56 1:22)
Third Quarter	
ILL:	Griffin 43 yd FG 8:51 (6-22 2:59)
ILL:	S. Brown 53 yd fumble recovery 7:23
ILL:	S. Brown 39 yd interception return 4:06
Fourth Quarter	
NOR:	Stage 28 yd FG 12:17 (9-60 3:46)
ILL:	C. Brown 1 yd rush 5:25 (11-75 6:52)

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

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

GAME NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bret Bielema was the first Illinois head coach to win their first two games against Northwestern since John Mackovic (1988-89). Bret Bielema's five Big Ten road wins in his first two seasons were the most since Lou Tepper also won five Big Ten road games in his first two seasons 1992-93. Illinois finished 5-4 in the Big Ten, the Illini's first finish above .500 in the Big Ten since the 2007 team went 6-2. Illinois leads the all-time series against Northwestern, 57-54-5. Illinois forced six turnovers in the game (1 FR, 5 INT) setting a season high. Illinois had five interceptions, its most in a single game since at least 2000. Illinois has won its first game in Evanston since 2014. Illinois has won at least eight games in a season for the first time since 2007 (9-4). Doak Walker Award semifinalist Chase Brown was slowed by a first quarter injury and had 104 all-purpose (61 rush, 43 receiving). He finished the regular season with 1,643 rushing yards, the third-most in Illinois history and the most by any Power-5 player during the regular season. Thorpe Award semifinalist Devon Witherspoon recorded his second and third interceptions of the season. 	

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL COMBINED STATISTICS

Team Results

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

Rushing

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

Passing

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

Receiving

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

Game Records

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

Team Statistics

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

Interceptions

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