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FOOTBALL



ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (1-0) at INDIANA HOOSIERS (0-0)

Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 // 7:00 p.m. CT // FS1 Bloomington, Indiana // Memorial Stadium



GAME DAY INFO

TV | FS1

» Tim Brando (play-by-play) and Spencer Tillman (analyst)

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- » Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Martin O'Donnell (analyst), Michael Martin (sideline), and Steve Kelly (pregame/ halftime/postgame)
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at Indiana: 15-15-3 Bielema vs. Indiana: 7-0

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Aug. 27	Wyoming	W, 38-6
Sept. 2	at Indiana	7 p.m. CT (FS1)
Sept. 10	Virginia varsity i day	3 p.m. CT (ESPNU)
Sept. 22	Chattanooga HALL OF FAME	7:30 p.m. CT (BTN)
Oct. 1	at #18 Wisconsin	TBA
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Oct. 29	at Nebraska	TBA
Nov. 5	#15 Michigan State DADS	SDAY TBA
Nov. 12	Purdue SENIOR DAY	TBA
Nov. 19	at #8 Michigan	TBA
Nov. 26	at Northwestern	TBA
Rankings a	are AP poll	

Illini Win in Week 0

- Illinois beat Wyoming, 38-6, last week for a Week 0 win in its second straight season. Last season, Illinois beat Nebraska, 30-22, in Week 0.
- The Illini opened the game with a bang with a two-play touchdown drive and never trailed. Chase Brown took his first carry of the season 38 yards up the right sideline before senior Tommy DeVito connected with Brown for a 14-yard TD pass one play later on his first pass attempt as an Illini.
- Illinois allowed just 30 passing yards against Wyoming, its fewest passing yards allowed since Sept. 15, 2012 when the Illini held Charleston Southern to 29 passing yards.
- Illinois has held opponents to 20 points or less in five of its last six games, dating back to Oct. 23, 2021.
- Illinois held the Cowboys to 1-for-12 on third down. Wyoming started the game by going 0-for-11 on third down before picking up a third down in the fourth quarter against the Illini backups.
- Illinois' 477 yards of total offense were the Illini's most under Bret Bielema (most since 490 at Nebraska 11/21/2020).

Defensive Improvement

- Illinois announced a contract extension for defensive coordinator Ryan Walters on Nov. 14, 2021, after Walters helped Illinois have one of the best defensive turnarounds in college football.
- Illinois' defense made a 13.0-point improvement from 2020 to 2021 (34.9 ppg to 21.9 ppg). The 13.0 ppg improvement is the program's third-best improvement since 1950.
- Illinois' scoring defense (31st from 97th), total defense (32nd from 89th), and third-down defense (51st from 114th) all improved 50 or more spots in the national rankings.
- Illinois allowed only 18.9 points in Big Ten games, the fourth-best in the conference. In 2020, Illinois allowed 34.9 points per Big Ten game, ranking last in the conference.
- Illinois' Big Ten defensive ranks in conference play improved 7+ spots in points per game (4th from 14th), touchdowns allowed (t-3rd from 14th), yards per play (4th from 13th), yards per game (5th from 14th), rush yards per carry (7th from 14th), pass yards per throw (4th from 14th), and pass yards per game (1st from 10th).
- Illinois held nine of its 12 opponents under their season scoring average in 2021.
- Illinois' total defense improved by 101.0 yards per game from 2020 to 2021 (467.3 to 366.3). The 101.0 ypg improvement is the program's fourth-best improvement since 1950.
- Illinois' defense allowed only 48 points (12.0) in regulation of its four Big Ten road games in 2021, including only four TDs by opposing offenses in Big Ten road games.
- Illinois allowed only one passing touchdown over its final six games of the season and none in the final 19 quarters (4 games + final 3 quarters at Penn State).
- Illinois allowed only 2.5 yards per carry in Big Ten road games in 2021 (142 carries, 361 yards) and only 1.7 yards per carry in the fourth quarter of those games (31 carries, 52 yards).
- Illinois had a streak of holding opponents to 24 points or fewer in seven straight games from September 17 to November 6, 2021.

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 College Football Playoff 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.

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (140,000)

Founded: 1867 Enrollment: 56,299 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: 103-65 (.613) in his 14th season Record at Illinois: 6-7 (.462) 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

Off: 6/5 Def: 6/5 ST (K/P/LS): 0/3 **All-Time Record:** 620-613-51 (133rd year) **All-Time Big Ten Record:** 354-449-32 (127th year) **Memorial Stadium Record:** 277-250-14 (100th year)

Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001) National Championships (Last): 5 (1951) Bowl Appearances (Last): 19 (2019 Redbox Bowl)

All-Time Bowl Record: 8-11

National Championships (Last): 5 (1951) Bowl Appearances (Last): 19 (2019 Redbox Bowl)

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ILLINI NOTES

Chase Brown Chases History

- Chase Brown surpassed 2,000 career yards in the season opener against Wyoming when he rushed for 151 yards and scored three touchdowns (2 rushing, 1 receiving).
- Brown tied for the national lead in touchdowns during Week 0 with three TDs (Malachi Corley, Western Kentucky and Aidan Robbins, UNLV) and ranked fourth in rushing yards with 151.
- Brown became the 14th 1,000-yard rusher in program history when he broke the 1,000-yard mark in the season finale against Northwestern last year. He finished the season with 1,005 rushing yards on 170 carries (5.9 per carry) and five touchdowns.
- Brown is looking to join an elite group of running backs if he can reach 1,000 yards again in 2022. Only Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe have reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons for the Fighting Illini.
- Brown was the 14th 1,000-yard rusher coached by Bielema in his 13-year head coaching career.
- Brown's 223-yard rushing game at Penn State marked his second game of 2021 with 200+ yards (257 vs. Charlotte). He joined Howard Griffith (1990) and Rashard Mendenhall (2007) as the only players in Illinois history with multiple 200-yard rushing games in a single season.
- Brown's 223 rushing yards at Penn State were the most ever by an opponent at Beaver Stadium and the fourth-most ever against Penn State.
- Brown's 147 rushing yards at Minnesota were the most by an opponent at Minnesota since 2017.
- Brown was the first Illini in history to run for 220+ yards twice in a career. He did it in the span of three games during the 2021 season (vs. Charlotte, at Penn State).
- Brown led the nation in yards after contact in 2021's Week 8 with 145 at Penn State, according to PFF. He led the nation in yards after contact twice in a four-week span in October 2021 and he was the only running back to lead the nation in yards after contact twice during the 2021 season
- Brown had 71 carries last season while facing at least eight defenders in the box, and averaged 5.96 yards per carry with 4.97 of those yards coming after contact.
- Brown was 23rd in the nation and third in the Big Ten in rushing yards per game (100.5).
- Brown has 1,714 rushing yards for his career at Illinois, No. 23 on Illinois' all-time career rushing list. Brown also tallied 352 yards as a freshman at Western Michigan for 2,066 for his career.

Ground Game

- Illinois lined up with seven offensive linemen for 24 snaps at Penn State in 2021, leading to the most ever rushing yards by an opposing team at Beaver Stadium in a Big Ten game (357 rushing yards). The "barge" package produced 129 yards (5.4 yards/carry) and nine first downs.
- Illinois was 4-0 when it ran the ball 46+ times in 2021 with wins vs. Nebraska, vs. Charlotte, at #7 Penn State, and at #20 Minnesota.
- Brown had two of the nation's top 17 rushing games of the season. He and Michigan State's Kenneth Walker III were the only running backs with two of the top 17 highest rushing games.
- Brown rushed for a career-high 257 yards against Charlotte, the fourth-most in a game in Illinois history, and 223 yards at Penn State, the seventh-most in a game in Illinois history.
- Brown's 257 yards are the seventh-most by a running back in college football this season.
- Brown's 257 yards were the most by a RB coached by Bret Bielema in his 13 years as a head coach.
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- Brown had 200 yards after contact against Charlotte according to PFF, the most yards after contact in all of college football in Week 5 and tied for the fifth-most yards after contact in a game during the 2021 season.
- Josh McCray ran for a career-best 156 yards on 24 carries against Purdue 9/25/21. It was the fourth-most rushing yards by a true freshman in program history.
- McCray had 144 yards after contact at Purdue according to PFF, the second-most yards after contact in Week 4. He had another 100 yards after contact at Penn State.
- McCray's 156 rushing yards at Purdue were the fifth-most by a true freshman in 2021.
- McCray's 156 rushing yards at Purdue were the most by a true freshman in a road game in 2021.

Assistant Coaching Notes

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

ILLINI NOTES

2021 All-Big Ten

- Illinois returns six All-Big Ten selections from last year (bolded below)...
 - » DB Kerby Joseph » First Team (media), Second Team (coaches)
 - » C Doug Kramer » Second Team (coaches), Honorable Mention (media)
 - » RB Chase Brown » Third Team (coaches and media)
 - » K James McCourt » Third Team (coaches), Honorable Mention (media)
 - » P Blake Hayes » Third Team (coaches), Honorable Mention (media)
 - » DB Sydney Brown » Honorable Mention (coaches and media)
 - » OLB Owen Carney Jr. » Honorable Mention (coaches and media)
 - » OL Vederian Lowe » Honorable Mention (coaches and media)
 - » OL Alex Palczewski » Honorable Mention (coaches and media)
 - » DL Jer'Zhan Newton » Honorable Mention (media)
 - » DL Keith Randolph Jr. » Honorable Mention (media)
 - » DB Devon Witherspoon » Honorable Mention (media)

Incoming Transfers

- Like most teams in college football, Illinois will rely on the help of transfers. Here's a list of the 12 transfers to join the team for 2022, including their years of eligibility remaining.
 - » OL Isaiah Adams, Garden City CC (2 years) -- starting right guard vs. Wyoming
 - » WR Kody Case, South Dakota (1 year grad transfer)
 - » OL Zy Crisler, Mississippi Gulf Coast CC (3 years) -- starting left guard vs. Wyoming
 - » OL Dylan Davis, Furman (3 years)
 - » QB Tommy DeVito, Syracuse (1 year grad transfer) -- starting quarterback vs. Wyoming
 - » DL TeRah Edwards, Northwestern (4 years) -- 11 defensive snaps vs. Wyoming
 - » DB Terrell Jennings, Minnesota State (1 year grad transfer) -- 23 defensive snaps vs. Wyoming
 - » QB Kirkland Michaux, Blinn JC (4 years)
 - » WR Jonah Morris, Northern Colorado (1 year grad transfer) -- 2 receptions vs. Wyoming
 - » K/P Fabrizio Pinton, Air Force (4 years)
 - » DB Solo Turner, Hawaii (3 years)
 - » DL Raashaan Wilkins, Vanderbilt (2 years)

Graduates

- Illinois has 20 college graduates on its 2022 roster, 16.9% of its total roster. Here is a list of the Illini in graduate programs:
 - » Chase Brown: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
 - » Verdis Brown: Communication (Second Bachelor's Degree)
 - » Kody Case: Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 - » Tommy DeVito: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's Program)
 - » Preston Engel: Management (Master's Program)
 - » Caleb Griffin: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's Program)
 - » Chase Hayden: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's Program)
 - » Ezekiel Holmes: Communication (Second Bachelor's Degree)
 - » Terrell Jennings: Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
 - » Ryan Johnson: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's Program)
 - » Tailon Leitzsey: Management (Master's Program)
 - » Michael Marchese: Accountancy (Master's Program)
 - » Jartavius Martin: Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 - » Jonah Morris: Strategic Leadership & Management (Certificate Program)
 - » Alex Palczewski: Organizational & Community Leadership (Second Bachelor's Degree)
 - » Alex Pihlstrom: Strategic Brand Communication (Master's Program)
 - » Jordyn Slaughter: Communication (Second Bachelor's Degree)
 - » Kendall Smith: Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)
 - » Peyton Vining: Food Science & Human Nutrition (Master's Program)
 - » Raashaan Wilkins: Strategic Brand Communication (Certificate Program)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Lucas Althaus	ALT-house
	BAY-dee
Zachary Barlev	BAR-luv
Tarique Barnes	ta-REEK
Keion Battle	KEE-on
	B0-BACK
	VUR-diss
	NAY-vee-un
	churr-NILL-ee-uh
	SHUH-mond
	CRISS-ler
	CROW-nin
	KEE-on-tay
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	ter-RELL
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	pal-CHESS-key
	PILL-strum
	fuh-BREE-ZEE-oh
	EE-un PY00
	RY-min
	ROH-zee-ek
Xavier Scott	EX-ay-veer
Jameson Sheehan	SHE-uhn
Artur Sitkowski	AR-ter sit-KOW-skee
	kuh-MAR-ee
	suh-GALL-is
	ruh-SAWN
Devon Witherspoon	DEV-in

Palcho - Career Starts Leader

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

Palczewski is the NCAA's active leader in career starts with 53 and is 12 away from tying the NCAA record set by App State WR Thomas Hennigan from 2017-21.

Palczewski is the active leader in snaps, according to PFF.

Palczewski has started every game for the Illini in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022. The only games he has not started were one as a true freshman in 2017 and four after a knee injury in 2020.

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

2022 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS COLLEGE
NU.	Josh McCray	RB	6-1	235	So.	Enterprise, Ala.	Enterprise	PREVIOUS GULLEGE
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, III.	Moline	
2	Chase Brown	RB	5-11	205	Jr.	London, Ontario	St. Stephens Episcopal (Fla.)	Western Michigan
3	Tommy DeVito	QB	6-2	210	Sr.	Cedar Grove, N.J.	Don Bosco Prep	Syracuse
3	DD Snyder II	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Catholic	,
4	Jer'Zhan Newton	DL	6-2	295	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Clearwater Central Catholic	
4	Khmari Thompson	WR	6-1	210	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Central Gwennett	Missouri
5	Caleb Griffin	K	6-3	215	Jr.	Danville, III.	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, III.	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.		
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, III.	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, III.	Cary-Grove	
16 16	Will McManus	K	5-10 6-2	185 200	Fr.	Glyndon, Md.	The Hun School (N.J.)	Donicon
	Peyton Vining	DB	6-2 6-3	265	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Saint Stephens	Denison
17 17	Gabe Jacas Ryan Johnson	OLB QB	6-4	205	Fr. Sr.	Port St. Lucie, Fla. Green Bay, Wis.	Fort Pierce Central Ashwaubenon	Northern Michigan
18	Chase Miller	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Baltimore, Md.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	Northern Michigan
19	Eian Pugh	WR	6-3	170	Fr.	Naperville, III.	Fenwick	
19	Hugh Robertson	P	6-2	225	R-Fr.	Melbourne, Australia	Assumption College Kilmore	
20	Naivyan Cargill	ΤΈ	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, III.	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, III.	Montini Catholic	
25	Jordan Anderson	RB	6-4	240	Fr.	Naperville, III.	Joliet Catholic	
25	Jared Badie	0LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Aurora, III.	Oswego East	
26	Mike Manning	DB	5-8	190	So.	Frankfort, III.	Lincoln-Way East	Butler
27	Matthew Bobak	DB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Hinsdale, III.	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, III.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	
30	Sydney Brown	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	London, Ontario	St. Stephens 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	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, III.	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, III.	Central Prostonwood Christian	Howeii
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	
39	Aidan Hall	LS	6-2	205	So.	Glen Ellyn, III.	Benet Academy	
39	Kenenna Odeluga	LB	6-1	230	R-Fr.	South Holland, III.	Mount Carmel	
40	Lucas Althaus	TE	6-6	240	R-Fr.	Alpha, III.	Alwood	
40	Shammond Cooper	OLB	6-2	220	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic	
41	James Kreutz	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Bannockburn, III.	Loyola Academy	
42	Michael Marchese	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Vernon Hills, III.	Stevenson	
42	Luke Zardzin	LB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Mount Prospect, III.	Prospect	
43	Griffin Moore	TE	6-4	250	So.	Bloomington, III.	Bloomington	
44	Ben Clawson	WR	6-0	200	Fr.	Arlington Heights, III.	Hersey	
45	Malachi Hood	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Plainfield, III.	Joliet Catholic	
47	Preston Engel	LS	6-0	250	Jr.	Normal, III.	Normal Community	
48	Bryce Barnes	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Gibson City, III.	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, III.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	
53	Devin Hale	OL	6-0	310	R-Fr.	Springfield, III.	Sacred Heart-Griffin	
54	Julian Pearl	0L	6-6	315	Jr.	Danville, III.	Danville	
55	Sed McConnell	DL	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake	
56	Magnus Møller	0L	6-9	310	Fr.	Veije, Denmark	Rødkilde Gymnasium	
57	Evan Kirts	DL	6-5	300	So.	Evergreen Park, III.	Brother Rice	
58	Matt Fries	0L	6-5	275	Fr.	Cranford, N.J.	Cranford	
62	Sam Tsaglis	0L	6-2	275	Fr.	Arlington Heights, III.	Prospect	
63	Alex Palczewski	0L	6-6	315	Sr.	Mount Prospect, III.	Prospect	
64	Josh Kreutz	0L	6-2	280	R-Fr.	Bannockburn, III.	Loyola Academy	
65	Joey Okla	0L	6-2	325	Fr.	Hartland, Wis.	Arrowhead	
66	Jordyn Slaughter	0L	6-5	325	Jr.	Belleville, III.	Althoff Catholic	
68	Zachary Barlev	0L	6-5	305	R-Fr.	Bolingbrook, III.	Plainfield East	
70	Tommy Cronin	0L	6-4	310	So.	Oak Park, III.	Oak Park River Forest	
71	Hunter Whitenack	0L	6-7	345	Fr.	New Carlisle, Ind.	New Prairie	
72	Zy Crisler	0L	6-6	330	So.	Crystal Springs, Miss.	Copiah Academy	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
73	Josh Gesky	0L	6-5	325	R-Fr.	Manteno, III.	Manteno	mississippi duli Guast Go
73 74	Dylan Davis	0L	6-4	300	So.	Sarasota, Fla.	St. Stephen's Episcopal	Furman
7 4 75	Alex Pihlstrom	0L	6-6	305	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, III.	Glenbard West	Tulliali
75 76	Clayton Leonard	0L	6-4	290	Fr.			
78	Isaiah Adams	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Danforth, III.	Iroquois West McLellan Catholic	Garden City CC (Kan.)
78 79			6-5	320		Ajax, Ontario	New Trier	darden only oo (Nan.)
	Luciano Elias	0L			Fr.	Wilmette, III.		
80	Hank Beatty	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Rochester, III.	Rochester Winter Dark	
81	Daniel Edwards	WR	5-11	160	R-Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park	Casraia
82	Luke Ford	TE	6-6	265	Sr.	Carterville, III.	Carterville	Georgia
83	Keion Battle	WR	6-1	200	R-Fr.	Plainfield, III.	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, III.	Thornton Fractional North	
86	Weston Adams	WR	5-11	195	Fr.	Shell, Wyo.	IMG Academy (Fla.)	Cauth Dalata
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, III.	Brother Rice	
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	DL	6-5	305	So.	Belleville, III.	Belleville West	
89	Tip Reiman	TE	6-5	265	So.	Rapid City, S.D.	O'Gorman	V: · · T
90	Alec Bryant	0LB	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	W 1. 120
94	Raashaan Wilkins	DL	6-3	315	Jr.	Chicago, III.	Mt. Carmel	Vanderbilt
95	Nico Crawford	LS	6-1	250	Fr.	Dublin, Ohio	Dublin Scioto	
96	Josh Leff	Р	5-10	190	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif		
98	Deon Pate	OLB	6-2	265	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy	A: E
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, III.	DeKalb	

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

OFFENSIVE LINE



78 ISAIAH ADAMS

OL, 6-5, 315, JR.

AJAX, ONTARIO, CANADA / MCLELLAN CATHOLIC / GARDEN CITY CC (KAN.)

- » Made first start as an Illini vs. Wyoming (8/27/22)
- » Began career at Wilfrid Laurier University in Warloo, Ontario, Canada before transferring to Garden City CC
- » 2021 NJCAA D1 All-America first team, ranked No. 5 junior college offensive lineman (No. 21 overall) by 247Sports
- » Offers included Arizona, Bowling Green, Buffalo, Colorado, Fresno State, Hawaii, Jackson State, Kansas, Liberty, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Syracuse, Texas State, UCF, and West Virginia



72 ZY CRISLER

OL, 6-6, 330, SO.

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

- » Made first start as an Illini vs. Wyoming (8/27/22)
- » Second-team All-MACCC performer as a true freshman at Mississippi Gulf Coast
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Junior national ranks: #16 (Rivals), #44 (247), #50 (ESPN))
- » Junioro college position ranks: #3 (247), #6 (ESPN)

63 ALEX PALCZEWSKI

OL, 6-6, 315, SR.

MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT

- » 53 career starts broke tie with former teammate Vederian Lowe for the most in Illinois history
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media and coaches)
- » Started seven games at tackle and five games at guard in 2021
- » No. 37 graded tackle in the country by PFF (79.4) in 2021
- » Most of his extended family lives in Poland



54 JULIAN PEARL

OL, 6-6, 315, JR.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

- » Started five games at guard and five games at tackle in 2021
- » Started three games at right tackle in 2020 after Alex Palczewski was injured
- » Played basketball in high school
- » Majoring in sociology



75 ALEX PIHLSTROM

OL, 6-6, 305, SR.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / GLENBARD WEST

- » Played in all 12 games with five starts as a junior in 2021
- » Converted from tight end to offensive line prior to 2020 season
- » Former walk-on was awarded a scholarship in November 2020
- » Helped Glenbard West to the 2015 7A Illinois state title



66 JORDYN SLAUGHTER

OL, 6-5, 325, JR. Belleville, Ill. / Althoff Catholic

- » Saw first action since 2020 in Illinois win over Wyoming (8/27) after missing the 2021 season due to injury
- » Three-star recruit, ranked as the No. 75 offensive tackle in the nation by ESPN and No. 83 by 247Sports
- » Also played basketball in high school
- » Offers included Vanderbilt, Bowling Green and Toledo

Palczewski Leading Illini in Year 6

- Senior offensive lineman Alex Palczewski returns to the Fighting Illini for a sixth sesaon in 2022
- Following the season-opener vs. Wyoming, the Mount Prospect, III., product has now
 made 53 career starts in the Orange and Blue. His start vs. Wyoming broke a tie with
 former teammate Verderian Lowe, who is now with the Minnesota Vikings after being
 selected in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft.
- Palczewski, coming off an honorable mention All-Big Ten (coaches and media) season in 2021, was voted by his teammates as one of four team captains for the 2022 season, returning to the role after also being voted as a team captain in 2019. He helped lead the Fighting Illini to a berth in the Redbox Bowl during his first season as captain.



START STATISTICS									
YEAR	TEAM	G	START						
2022	ILL	1	1						
CAREER		1	1						



OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY WATCH LIST

START STATISTICS									
YEAR	TEAM	G	START						
2019	ILL	3	0						
2020	ILL	7	3						
2021	ILL	12	10						
2022	ILL	1	1						
CAREER		23	14						

START STATISTICS									
YEAR	TEAM	G	START						
2019	ILL	1	0						
2020	ILL	8	2						
2021	ILL	12	5						
2022	ILL	1	1						
CAREER		22	8						

START STATISTICS									
YEAR	TEAM	G	STAR						
2019	ILL	1	0						
2020	ILL	6	1						
2022	ILL	1	0						
CARFER		8	- 1						

MOST STARTS IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

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PLAYER	STARTS
1. Alex Palczewski, OL (2017-22)	53
2. Vederian Lowe, OL (2017-21)	52
3. Doug Kramer, OL (2017-21)	48
Nathan Scheelhaase, QB (2010-13)	48
Ryan McDonald, C (2005-08)	48
Tim Simpson, OL (1988-91)	48
6. Mason Monheim, LB (2012-15)	47
Jeff Allen, OL (2008-11)	47
Bucky Babcock, OL (2001-04)	47
Tony Pashos, OL (1999-2002)	47

QUARTERBACKS



3 TOMMY DEVITO

GOLDEN ARM WATCH LIST

QB, 6-2, 210, SR.

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

- » Made first career start for Illinois in the team's 38-6 win over Wyoming (8/27/22) in Week 0, on 27-for-37 (.730) passing for 194 yards and two passing touchdowns
- » Connected on a 14-yard TD pass to Chase Brown on his first pass attempt as an Illini
- » Partcipated in Illinois spring practices and went 16-for-20 for 248 yards with three TDs in the spring game
- » As a freshman backup quarterback in 2018, led the Orange to critical wins over Florida State and North Carolina
- » Two career 300-yard passing games and five career games with 3+ touchdown passes
- » Has known fellow Illini quarterback and New Jersey native Artur Sitkowski for more than a decade after the two grew up working with the same quarterback coach
- » No. 136 in the ESPN 300; Ranked eighth nationally by ESPN among pocket passers, and was also rated among the top pro-style QBs in the class of 2017 by 247Sports (8) and Rivals (14)



17 RYAN JOHNSON

QB, 6-4, 225, SR.

GREEN BAY, WIS. / ASHWAUBENON / NORTHERN MICHIGAN

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



9 ARTUR SITKOWSKI

QB. 6-5. 225. JR.

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

- » Missed final four games of 2021 season and 2022 spring practice following an injury to his left arm, at Penn State, that required surgery
- » Career-high three passing touchdowns against UTSA 9/4/21
- » Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week 8/30/21 following 12-of-15, 124 yards, two touchdown performance in season-opening win over Nebraska (8/28/21)
- » Stepped in for injured Brandon Peters in his first career game for Illinois in the season opener against Nebraska 8/29/21
- » Fourth season of college football, but has only used one year of eligibility
- » Started 13 games at Rutgers (11 in 2018, 2 in 2019)
- » Four-star recruit and rated the nation's No. 9 pro-style quarterback by ESPN.com in high school
- » Transferred to IMG Academy (Fla.) for his senior season

PASS	ING ST	ATIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKE	D YDS
2018	SYR	8	44	87	50.6	525	6.0	4	3	11	75
2019	SYR	12	213	337	63.2	2360	7.0	19	5	44	264
2020	SYR	4	48	96	50.0	593	6.2	4	2	20	106
2021	SYR	3	32	52	61.5	388	7.5	1	2	6	33
2021	ILL	1	27	37	73.0	194	5.2	2	0	0	0_
CAREE	R	28	364	609	59.8	4060	6.7	30	12	81	481
RUSH	ING/R	ECEIV	ING ST	ATIST	ICS						
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	R	EC Y	DS A	VG	TD
2018	SYR	8	23	-17	-0.7	1		0	0	-	0
2019	SYR	12	112	122	1.1	2		1 .	4 4	1.0	0
2020	SYR	4	43	23	0.5	0		0	0	-	0
2021	SYR	3	21	90	4.3	1		0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	1	2	4	2.0	0		0)	-	0
CAREE	R	28	201	222	1.1	4		1 .	4 4	1.0	0

PASSING STATIST	ICS
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YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2017	NMU	11	122	203	60.1	1,581	7.8	9	4	-	-
2018	NMU	DN	P - Inju	red							
2019	NMU	10	101	204	49.5	1,263	6.2	6	6	-	-
2020	NMU	DNF	DNP - Season Canceled (COVID-19)								
2021	ILL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CARE	R	22	223	407	54.8	2,844	7.0	17	10	-	-

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YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	INT	SACKED	YDS
2018	RUT	11	134	273	49.1	1158	4.2	4	18	12	96
2019	RUT	3	44	68	64.7	429	6.3	1	2	2	14
2020	RUT	4	52	81	64.2	444	5.5	3	0	6	33
2021	ILL	5	74	148	50.0	704	4.8	6	2	8	48
2022	ILL	1	3	3	100.0	23	7.7	0	0	0	0
CAREE	R	24	307	573	53.6	2758	4.8	14	22	28	191

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	
2018	RUT	11	22	-66	-3.0	0	0	0	-	0	
2019	RUT	3	8	-7	-0.9	0	0	0	-	0	
2020	RUT	4	14	2	0.1	0	0	0	-	0	
2021	ILL	5	26	31	1.2	0	0	0	-	0	
2022	ILL	1	0	0		0	0	0	-	0	
CAREE	R	23	70	-40	-0.6	0	0	0	-	0	



RUNNING BACKS



2 CHASE BROWN

RB, 5-11, 205, JR.

MAXWELL AWARD WATCH LIST Doak walker award watch list

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

- » 151 yards vs. Wyoming (8/27) were the most by an Illini rusher in an opener since at least 1945
- » Eclipsed 2,000 yards for his collegiate career, vs. Wyoming, including 352 yards as a frosh at W. Michigan
- » Only returning player in the country with two of the nation's top 17 rushing games from 2021
- » 2021 All-Big Ten third team (coaches and media)
- » Illinois' 14th 1,000-yard rusher in program history
- » One of three Illini to ever record two 200-yard rushing games in one season (Mendanhall, Griffith)
- » Identical twin brother, Sydney, is a senior safety and team captain for the Illini

22 CHASE HAYDEN

RB, 5-10, 205, SR.

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

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



23 REGGIE LOVE III

RB. 5-11. 205. SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Scored first-career touchdown, a 33-yard carry, vs. Wyoming (8/27)
- » Played for head coach Cory Patterson, who is now Illinois' running backs coach, during his first two high school seasons
- » Four-star recruit by Rivals, three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN



O JOSH MCCRAY

RB, 6-1, 235, SO.

ENTERPRISE, ALA. / ENTERPRISE

- » Ninth in the Big Ten in yards per carry (4.9), and 14th among freshmen nationally in 2021
- » 142 rushing yards at #7 Penn State were most ever by an Illini true freshman against a Top-25 team
- » 156 rushing yards at Purdue 9/25/21 ranked nationally as the fifth-most by a true freshman in 2021 and the most by a true freshman in a road game in 2021
- » High school coach was Jed Kennedy, the same high school coach as Bielema product Melvin Gordon

RUSH	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS													
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD				
2018	WMU	13	71	352	5.0	0	10	75	7.5	0				
2019	ILL	4	3	18	6.0	0	0	0	-	0				
2020	ILL	8	104	540	5.2	3	7	64	9.1	0				
2021	ILL	10	170	1005	5.9	5	14	142	10.1	0				
2022	ILL	1	19	151	7.9	2	3	16	5.3	1				
CAREE	R	36	367	2066	5.6	10	34	297	8.7	1				

RUS	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS													
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD				
2017	ARK	7	61	326	5.3	4	1	23	23.0	0				
2018	ARK	12	57	251	4.4	1	11	61	5.5	0				
2019	ARK	4	12	39	3.3	0	4	12	3.0	0				
2020	ECU	3	16	62	3.9	0	1	31	31.0	0				
2021	ILL	2	5	18	3.6	0	0	0	-	0				
2022	ILL	1	7	28	4.0	0	2	12	6.0	0				
CARE	ER	29	158	724	4.6	5	19	139	7.3	0				

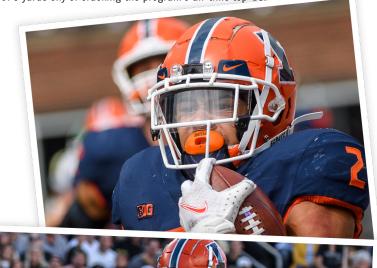
RUSH	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS														
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD					
2020	ILL	3	10	12	1.2	0	0	0	-	0					
2021	ILL	6	44	158	3.6	0	2	12	6.0	0					
2022	ILL	1	3	46	15.3	1	0	0	-	0					
CAREE	R	10	57	216	3.8	1	2	12	6.0	0					

RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS													
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD			
2021	ILL	11	112	549	4.9	2	2	43	21.5	0			
2022	ILL	1	8	33	4.1	0	2	7	3.5	0			
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Brown Looking to Leave Mark at Illinois

- **Chase Brown** is coming off of a career year in 2021, recording a team-most 1,005 yard and five scores to lead the Illini's potent rushing attack.
- Brown is looking to join an elite group of running backs if he can reach 1,000 yards again in 2022. Only Jim Grabowski and Robert Holcombe have reached 1,000 yards rushing in two seasons for the Fighting Illini.

 Additionally, Brown entered the 2022 season with 1,563 rushing yards in his Illinois career, 976 yards shy of cracking the program's all-time top-10.



ILLINOIS RUSHING RECORDS

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME
1. Mikel Leshoure at Northwestern, 11/20/2010
2. Robert Holcombe at Minnesota, 11/16/1996
3. Howard Griffith vs. Northwestern, 11/24/1990 263
4. Chase Brown vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021257
5. Jim Grabowski vs. Wisconsin, 11/14/1964 239
6. Red Grange at Pennsylvania, 10/31/1925
7. Chase Brown at #7 Penn State, 10/23/2021223
MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME BY A TRUE FRESHMAN
1. Rocky Harvey vs. Middle Tennesee, 9/12/1998215
2. Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue, 11/7/2015 180
Mitchell Brookins at Northwestern, 11/17/1979180
4. Jason Ford vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008 172
5 Josh McCray at Purdue 9/25/2021 156

WIDE RECEIVERS



13 PAT BRYANT

WR. 6-3, 195, SO.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / ATLANTIC COAST

- » Became the 14th Illini in program history to start 3+ games at wide receiver as a true freshman
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Brother, Brandon Harris, played linebacker at USF
- » Offers included Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, Miami, Minnesota, Penn State, Florida State, Virginia



7 BRIAN HIGHTOWER

WR, 6-3, 215, JR.

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

- » 12-career games with eight starts entering the 2022 season
- » Recorded 11 receptions for 203 yards and three touchdowns in during the 2020 season
- » Appeared in 18 games over two seasons (2018 and 2019) with 12 catchesd for 148 yards and 1 touchdown at Miami before transerring to Illinois
- » Consensus four-star recruit by ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals also held offers from Alabama, Clemson and USC



11 JONAH MORRIS

WR. 6-4. 210. SR.

AKRON, OHIO / HOBAN / NORTHERN COLORADO

- » Caught two balls for 18 yards in Illini debut vs. Wyoming (8/27)
- » Tranfer from Northern Colorado, had also played at Indiana (2016-17) and Akron (2018-19)
- » Three-year letterwinner, team captain, and three-year starter at Archbishop Hoban
- » Also lettered in basketball and track and field



14 CASEY WASHINGTON

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD WATCH LIST

WR. 6-2. 200. JR.

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS / PFLUGERVILLE

- » Second on the team in receptions (21) and receiving yards (294) as a junior in 2021
- » Caught game-winning two-point conversion at #7 Penn State 10/23/21 to win the longest game in college football history (20-18, 9 OT); sent gloves to the College Football Hall of Fame for display
- » Scored first-career touchdown after recovering a fumble and taking it into the endzone against Maryland 9/17/21
- » Pulled in the team's longest reception of the season, a 56-yarder vs. .Northwestern 11/27/21



1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

WR, 5-10, 180, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Nickname: "One" or "Uno"
- » Led team in receptions (47) and yards (525), and tied for team lead with 4 touchdowns in 2021
- » Ranked third among Power-5 freshmen in receptions (47) in 2021
- » Converted QB, set Illinois record for rushing yards by a QB in a game (195) at Rutgers in 2020
- » Switched to wide receiver for the final two practices of spring ball in 2021
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN; Illinois' highest ranked QB recruit since Juice Williams (2006)
- » Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports

RUSH	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS											
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD		
2021	ILL	10	0	0	-	0	6	98	16.3	0		
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	3	44	14.7	1		
CAREE	R	11	0	0	-	0	9	142	15.8	1		

RUSH	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS												
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD			
2018	MIA-FL	11	0	0	-	0	4	60	12.0	1			
2019	MIA-FL	7	0	0	-	0	8	88	12.0	0			
2020	ILL	8	0	0	-	0	11	209	10.6	3			
2021	ILL	4	0	0	-	0	0	0		0			
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	4	32	8.0	0			
CAREE	R	31	0	0	-	0	27	389	14.4	4			

YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2017	IND	9	0	0	-	0	0	0	12.0	0
2018	AKRN	12	0	0	-	0	26	381	12.0	1
2021	N.COLO.	5	0	0	-	0	20	143	10.6	1
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	2	18	9.0	0
CAREI	ER	27	0	0	-	0	48	542	11.3	2

RUSH	RUSHING/RECEIVING STATISTICS												
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD			
2019	ILL	10	0	0	-	0	11	132	12.0	0			
2020	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	10	106	10.6	0			
2021	ILL	12	0	30	-	1	21	294	14.0	0			
2021	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	3	26	8.7	0			
CAREE	R	28	0	30	-	1	45	558	12.4	0			

RUSH	ING/R	ECEIV	ING ST	ATIST	ICS						
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	R	EC	YDS	AVG	TD
2019	ILL	4	9	16	1.8	0		3	9	3.0	0
2020	ILL	6	63	389	6.2	1		0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	12	61	5.1	2	4	7	525	11.2	4
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0		7	26	3.7	0
CAREE	R	23	84	466	5.5	3	5	7	560	9.8	4
PASS	ING ST	ATIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	G	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	YDS/A	TDS	IN	r sacki	ED YDS
2019	ILL	4	3	10	30.0	38	3.8	0	1	1	3
2020	ILL	6	26	63	41.3	393	6.2	4	2	4	17
2021	ILL	12	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
CAREF	R	23	29	74	39.2	431	5.8	4	3	5	20





TIGHT ENDS



82 LUKE FORD

MACKEY AWARD WATCH LIST

TE, 6-6, 265, SR.

CARTERVILLE, ILL. / CARTERVILLE / GEORGIA

- » Started all 12 games at TE in 2021, posting 15 receptions for 114 yards and two touchdowns
- » Originally verbally committed to Bret Bielema at Arkansas before going to Georgia
- » Illinois native sat out 2019 after transferring from Georgia, where he played nine games in 2018
- » Ranked No. 1 TE in the nation by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports and ESPN in class of 2018; No. 42 overall recruit in the nation in the class of 2018 by Rivals and No. 51 by 247Sports



42 MICHAEL MARCHESE

TE, 6-4, 235, SR. Vernon Hills, Ill. / Stevenson

- » Enters 2022 having played in 43 career games at Illinois
- » Hauled in first-career reception for a 15-yard gain in Illinois win over Northwestern 11/27/21
- » Switched to tight end during 2021 spring practices
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 4/6/21



89 TIP REIMAN

TE, 6-5, 265, SO. RAPID CITY, S.D. / O'GORMAN

- » First career touchdown in Illinois' upset win at #20 Minnesota 11/6/21
- » Majoring in Kinesiology, wants to be a strength and conditioning coach
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Bret Bielema during team meeting 9/8/21
- » Married his wife Maddy, an alumna of the Illinois swimming & diving program, in March 2022

RUSH	ING/RE	CEIV	ING STA	TISTI	CS						
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	
2018	UGA	9	0	0	-	0	1	4	4.0	0	
2020	ILL	8	0	0	-	0	2	15	7.5	0	
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	15	114	7.6	2	
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	0	0		0	
CAREE	R	30	0	0	-	0	18	133	7.4	2	

RUSH	ING/RE	CEIV	ING STA	TISTI	CS					
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2017	ILL	5	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2018	ILL	11	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2019	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2020	ILL	3	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	1	15	15.0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	1	10	10.0	0
CAREE	R	44	0	0	-	0	3	40	13.3	0

RUSH	ING/RE	CEIV	ING STA	TISTI	CS					
YEAR	TEAM	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2020	ILL	8	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0
2021	ILL	12	0	0	-	0	3	43	14.3	1
2022	ILL	1	0	0	-	0	1	12	12.0	0
CAREE	R	21	0	0	-	0	4	55	13.8	1



DEFENSIVE LINE



93 CALVIN AVERY

DL, 6-2, 325, SR.

DALLAS, TEXAS / BISHOP DUNNE

- » Ranks first among veteran group of returning defensive lineman with 42 career games played as an Illini
- » Ranked as No. 9 defensive tackle in the nation by Rivals, No. 16 by ESPN and No. 23 by 247Sports
- » 2017 Under Armour All-America Game participant and 2017 US Army All-American Game invitee
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals coming out of Bishop Dunne



48 BRYCE BARNES

DL, 6-2, 280, JR.

GIBSON CITY, ILL. / GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY

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



52 VERDIS BROWN

DL, 6-4, 345, JR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / IMG ACADEMY (FLA.)

- » Played defensive tackle in 2018, then switched to offensive line for 2019 and 2020, before switching back to defensive line for 2021
- » Started all eight games on the offensive line in 2020
- » Announced his commitment to Illinois at Robert A. Black Elementary School in Chicago
- » Completed bachelor's degree in Afridan-American studies and pursuing second bachelor's in communication



23 TERAH EDWARDS

DL, 6-2, 320, R-FR.

GROVE PORT, OHIO / GROVE PORT MADISON / NORTHWESTERN

- » Joins Illinois with four years of collegiate elegibility entering 2022 season after spending 2020 (COVID) and 2021 (redshirt) seasons at Northwestern
- » Two-year letterman in wrestling in high school earning a pair of Ohio Capital Conference (OCC) titles
- » Offers out of high school included Indiana, Iowa State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Rutgers, Tennessee and Vanderbilt



4 JER'ZHAN NEWTON

DL, 6-2, 295, SO.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- » Goes by "Johnny" but chose to be listed on the roster as his real name, Jer'Zhan
- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Became the 18th true freshman to start a game on the defensive line in Illinois history in 2020
- » Highest rated true freshman defender (85.8) by PFF after his first career forced fumble and two tackles against Purdue 10/31/20



88 KEITH RANDOLPH JR.

DL, 6-5, 305, SO.

BELLEVILLE, ILL. / BELLEVILLE WEST

- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » First career interception vs. Charlotte 10/2/21
- » Did not start playing football until his junior year of high school
- » Also played basketball in high school and led Belleville West to two state titles along with Ohio State basketball star E.J. Lidell



91 JAMAL WOODS

DL, 6-2, 290, SR.

HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

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



DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	12	6	12	18	1.5-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2019	ILL	12	2	6	8	1-4	1-4	0	0	0	0	1
2020	ILL	7	10	4	14	1-6	1-6	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	11	7	3	10	1.5-6	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREE	R	43	27	27	54	5.0-20	2.5-13	0	0	0	0	2

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	8	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	11	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREE	R	33	3	3	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	ST/	ATIST	ICS									
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2019	ILL	13	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	ILL	8	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2021	ILL	8	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
CARE	ER	30	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	NU	2	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	NU	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
CAREI	ER	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	ILL	8	6	17	23	1.5-11	1.5-11	0	0	1	0	0
2021	ILL	12	19	30	49	3-30	3-28	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	R	21	27	51	78	4.5-41	4.5-39	0	0	1	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	4	3	4	7	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	5	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	10	21	21	42	5.5-13	4-12	1	2	1	0	0
2022	ILL	1	2	4	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	R	20	30	33	63	6.5-16	4.0-12	1	3	1	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	ST/	TIST	ICS									
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2017	ILL	11	12	12	24	3.5-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	ILL	4	11	2	13	4-12	1-2	0	3	0	0	0	
2019	ILL	9	10	4	14	5.5-19	0.5-3	0	0	1	0	0	
2020	ILL	4	2	2	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2021	ILL	9	7	5	12	2-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022	ILL	1	1	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
CARE	ER	38	42	25	67	15.5-43	1.5-5	0	3	1	0	0	



OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS



90 ALEC BRYANT

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

PEARLAND, TEXAS / SHADOW CREEK / VIRGINIA TECH

- » Transferred from Virginia Tech with four years of eligibility remaining; sat out 2021 due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Played in one game as a freshman for Virginia Tech, at Virginia 12/12/20
- » Won Texas 5A state championship at Shadow Creek High School in 2019
- » Four-star recruit by Rivals was rated as the No. 13 weakside defensive end in the country by 247Sports



49 SETH COLEMAN

OLB, 6-5, 240, SO.

MELBOURNE, FLA. / HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

- » Played in 10 games with three starts as a redshirt freshman in 2021
- » 22 tackles, 3.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, two PBUs, one fumble recovery, and one forced fumble on the season
- » Key PBU led to Tarique Barnes interception in Illinois' win at No. 20 Minnesota 11/6/21
- » Broke into the starting lineup in 2020 and started four games



33 EZEKIEL HOLMES

OLB, 6-5, 245, JR.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS / HIRSCHI

- » Played in all 12 games with five tackles and 1.0 TFL as a sophomore in 2021
- » Earned bachelor's degree in sociology and pursing second bachelor's in communication
- » Plays the piano and drums, and also played basketball and threw shot put in high school
- » Three-star recruit rated as the NO. 60 weakside defensive end in the nation by 247Sports

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	ATIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2020	VT	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	ER	2	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS									
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2019	ILL	3	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	ILL	8	7	6	13	3.5-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2021	ILL	10	13	9	22	3-14	2-12	0	2	1	1	0	
2022	ILL	1	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
CARE	ER	22	20	18	38	6.5-22	2.0-12	0	2	1	1	0	

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	ILL	12	2	3	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	ER	19	2	5	7	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0





LINEBACKERS



8 TARIQUE BARNES

LB, 6-1, 230, JR.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / CORDOVA

- » 2021 Phil Steele All-Big Ten fourth team
- » Played in all 12 games with 10 starts as a sophomore in 2021, tallying 79 tackles (second on the team) including 3 TFLs and one sack, plus one interception, one forced fumble and six passes defensed.
- » Recorded 12 tackles (six solo) at Wisconsin 10/9/21, tying Sydney Brown (also vs. Wisconsin) and Jake Hansen (vs. Maryland 9/17/21) for the highest single-game total of the season.



38 ISAAC DARKANGELO

LB. 6-1. 230. SR.

BRIGHTON, MICH. / DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL / NORTHERN MICHIGAN

- » Played in all 12 games as a junior in 2021, tallying seven tackles on the season
- » No. 9 special teams grade (77.8) in B1G among players with 50+ coverage snaps, according to PFF in 2021
- » Began collegiate career at Division II Northern Michigan and earned All-GLIAC second team honors as a sophomore in 2019 after after tallying 105 tackles in 10 games in 2019
- » Selected as NMU's 2019 Male Athlete of the Year



5 CALVIN HART JR.

LB, 6-1, 230, JR.

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

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

DEFE	NSIVE	ST/	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2020	ILL	5	12	13	25	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	1	0	1	0
2021	ILL	12	43	36	79	3-17	1-10	1	6	1	0	0
2022	ILL	1	1	1	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	ER	31	64	55	119	5.0-27	2.0-19	2	7	2	1	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2021	ILL	12	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	ER	13	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	ATIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	NCST	4	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	NCST	11	18	17	35	5.5-29	1.0-15	0	0	0	1	0
2020	NCST	10	6	12	18	3.0-13	2.0-11	0	0	2	0	0
2021	ILL	1	2	4	6	1.5-8	1.0-7	0	0	0	1	0
2022	ILL	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CARE	ER	27	27	35	62	10.0-50	4.0-33	0	0	2	2	0

Hart Returns From Injury

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

DICK BUTKUS AWARD WATCH LIST

Barnes Broke Out in 2021

• Tarique Barnes had a breakout season for the Fighting Illini defense in 2021 posting 79 tackles (four behind Sydney Brown for the team lead), 2.0 sacks, one pick, five pass breakups, and two forced fumbles on the season en route to Phil Steele All-Big Ten fourth team honors



SECONDARY



30 SYDNEY BROWN

DB. 6-0. 205. SR.

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

- » 2021 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media and coaches)
- » Led Illinois with 83 tackles including aa team-best 51 unassisted stops.
- » Father played in CFL for three seasons, mother was a figure skater
- » Identical twin brother, Chase, transferred to Illinois in 2019 from Western Michigan and led the Illini rushing attack as a 1,000-yard rusher in 2021.



6 TERRELL JENNINGS

DB, 6-1, 190, SR.

KNOB HILL, COLO. / PINE CREEK / MINNESOTA STATE

- » Nicknamed "Rello"
- » Originally planned to attend Oklahoma to play rugby
- » Path to Illinios began at Santa Barbara City College (2017), followed by two years at North Dakota (2018 and 2019) and two years at Minnesota State (2020 and 2021)
- » Started in 10 games for Minnesota State in 2021 after the 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID



32 TAILON LEITZSEY

WUERFFEL TROPHY WATCH LIST

DB. 6-0. 190. SR.

LAUREL. MD. / RIVERSIDE / MISSOURI BAPTIST

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



21 JARTAVIUS MARTIN

DB, 6-0, 195, SR.

LEHIGH ACRES, FLA. / LEHIGH ACRES

- » Goes by "Quan"
- » #2 tackling grade among Big Ten cornerbacks in 2021, according to PFF (88.8)
- » Heads into 2022 ranking third among Illini returners in tackles (55) and second in passes defensed (8)
- » Became the second Illinois true freshman cornerback to start the first two games of the season since 1980 in 2018, joining Vontae Davis (2006)



10 TAHVEON NICHOLSON

DB, 5-11, 180, SO.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / LEE

- » Goes by "Taz"
- » 2021 Academic All-Big Ten performer pursuing bachelor's in recreating, sport & tourism
- » Recorded a career-high four tackles (all solo) at Purdue 9/25/21
- » Attended Palmetto Prep Academy for one year following high school and played defensive back and wide



7 KENDALL SMITH

DB, 6-1, 205, SR.

BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

- » Specail teams player of the week in Illinois' upset win at No. 20 Minnesota (11/6/21)
- » Started at safety in Illinois' 47-14 season-ending win over Northwestern 11/27/21
- » First significant playing time was against lowa in 2020 after DB Nate Hobbs left with an injury
- » Has played both wide receiver and defensive back at Illinois
- » Ranked No. 9 recruit in Illinois by ESPN coming out of Bolingbrook



31 DEVON WITHERSPOON

DB, 6-0, 180. JR.

PENSACOLA, FLA. / PINE FOREST

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

DEFE	NSIVE	ST/	ATIST	ICS									
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2018	ILL	10	25	30	55	2-4	0-0	1	6	0	0	0	
2019	ILL	11	51	37	88	2.5-3	0-0	3	4	0	0	0	
2020	ILL	6	20	16	36	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	
2021	ILL	12	51	32	83	1.5-6	1-5	0	3	2	0	0	
2022	ILL	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	
CAREI	ER	40	148	116	264	6.5-15	1.0-5	4	14	3	0	0	

DEFENSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018 N. DAK	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 N. DAK	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 MN ST.	10	15	4	19	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	0
2022 ILL	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	18	16	7	23	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS									
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2020	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2021	ILL	7	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022	ILL	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
CAREE	R	9	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	ILL	10	25	17	42	1.5-4	0-0	3	6	0	0	0
2019	ILL	12	14	9	23	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
2020	ILL	8	25	13	38	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0
2021	ILL	12	33	22	55	1.5-7	0-0	1	8	1	0	0
2022	ILL	1	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0
CAREE	R	43	102	63	165	5.0-17	0-0	4	19	2	2	0

DEFENSIV	E ST/	ATIST	ICS								
YEAR TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2021 ILL	7	9	2	11	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
2021 ILL	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	8	10	2	12	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2017	ILL	12	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	ILL	10	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2019	ILL	2	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILL	8	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	ILL	12	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREE	R	45	17	14	31	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0

DEFE	NSIVE	STA	TIST	ICS								
YEAR	TEAM	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	ILL	13	23	10	33	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
2020	ILL	7	19	14	33	1-4	0-0	2	2	1	3	0
021	ILL	10	42	10	52	6-25	0-0	0	9	0	0	0
2022	ILL	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
AREE	R	31	84	35	119	7.0-29	0-0	3	13	1	3	0



SPECIALISTS



5 CALEB GRIFFIN

K, 6-3, 215, JR.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

- » Has played in six games for Illinois, four games (two starts) in 2020 and two games in 2021
- » Also played wided receiver during 2021 spring practices
- » Four sport athlete at Danville High School (football, baseball, basketball, soccer)
- » Holds bachelor's degree in marketing and master's degree in management; pursuing second master's in strategic brand communication



39 AIDAN HALL LS, 6-2, 205, SO.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / BENET ACADEMY

- » Started at long snapper in win over Wyoming (8/27) to open 2022 season
- » Played in two games at long snapper as a redshirt freshman in 2020
- » Working toward bachelor's degree in systems engineering & design
- » Chose Illinois specifically to study at the Grainger College of Engineering



19 HUGH ROBERTSON

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

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

- » Made Illinois debut in 2020 with one punt for 38 yards vs. Penn State 12/19/20
- » Born in 1993 and graduated high school in 2011, but enters 2022 with four years of eligibility remaining
- » Former member of the Australian Army, also played Australian rules football before coming to Illinois
- » Chose Illinois, in part, because of the fellow Australian and former Illini punter Blake Hayes spoke so highly of the university and football program

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YEAR	TEAM	G	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	TB	FC	120	50+	BLK	
2020	ILL	1	1	38	38	38.0	0	1	0	0	0	
2022	ILL	1	4	185	51	46.3	0	3	2	1	0	
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Robertson Among Oldest in FBS

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

OLDEST PLAYERS IN FBS			
NAME, POSITION	.SCHOOL	CLASS	AGE (DOB)
Tom Hutton, P	. Oklahoma State	SR.	32 (03/3/90)
Luke Larsen, P	. East Carolina	S0.	30 (7/18/92)
Hugh Robertson, P	. Illinois	R-Fr.	29 (1/16/93)
Jordy Sandy, P	.TCU	Sr.	29 (5/27/93)
Lou Hedley, P	. Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	29 (6/26/93)
Austin Aune, QB	. North Texas	Jr.	28 (9/6/93)
Mark Crawford, P	. Minnesota	Jr.	28 (12/28/93)
Laine Wilkins, P	. Houston	So.	28 (3/30/94)

RETURNERS



16 PEYTON VINING

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

BRADENTON, FLA. / SAINT STEPHENS EPISCOPAL / DENISON

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



1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

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

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

- » Nickname: "One" or "Uno"
- » Led team in receptions (47) and yards (525), and tied for team lead with 4 touchdowns in 2021
- » Converted QB, set Illinois record for rushing yards by a QB in a game (195) at Rutgers in 2020
- » Switched to wide receiver for the final two practices of spring ball in 2021
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN; Illinois' highest ranked QB recruit since Juice Williams (2006)
- » Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports

	PUNT					KICKOFF			
YEAR	TEAM	G	YDS	AVG/G	TD	YDS	AVG/G	TD	
2017	DEN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2019	DEN	10	-	-	-	407	40.7	1	
2020	DEN	1	-	-	-	138	138.0	0	
2021	ILL	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2022	ILL	1	-	-	-	53	53.0	0	
CAREE	R	22	-	-	-	598	27.2	1	

RETURN STATISTICS									
YEAR	TEAM	G	YDS	PUNT AVG/G	TD		KICKOFF AVG/G	TD	
2019	ILL	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2020	ILL	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2021	ILL	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2022	ILL	1	2	14.0	-	-	-		
CAREE	R	23	2	14.0	-	-	-	-	

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

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

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

ACADEMIC MAJORS - FALL 2022

Isaiah Adams Sociology	Josh Gesky General Studies	Magnus Moeller Philosophy
Weston Adams Engineering Technology & Management for	Prince Green General Studies	Griffin Moore Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Agricultural Systems (ETMAS)	Caleb Griffin Strategic Brand Communication (Second	Jonah Morris Strategic Leadership & Management
Lucas Althaus Agribusiness Markets and Management	Master's)	(Certificate Program)
Jordan Anderson General Studies	Grayson Griffin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jer'Zhan Newton Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Owen Anderson General Studies	TJ Griffin Organizational & Community Leadership	Tahveon Nicholson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Calvin Avery Sociology	Devin Hale General Studies	Kenenna Odeluga Finance
Jared Badie Communication	Aidan Hall Systems Engineering and Design	Joey Okla Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Matthew Bailey Kinesiology	Lane Hansen Kinesiology	Alex Palczewski Organizational & Community Leadership
Zachary Barlev Mathematics	Calvin Hart Communication	(Second Bachelor's)
Bryce Barnes Community Health	Chase Hayden Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Deon Pate Sociology
Tarique Barnes Advertising	Brian Hightower Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Julian Pearl Sociology
Keion Battle Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	Ashton Hollins General Studies	Alex Pihlstrom Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Hank Beatty Business Undeclared	Ezekiel Holmes Communication (Second Bachelor's)	Fabrizio Pinton Public Policy & Law
Matt Bobak Advertising	Malachi Hood Astronomy	Eian Pugh Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Henry Boyer Business Undeclared	Jake Huber Mechanical Engineering	Keith Randolph Jr Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Chase Brown Strategic Brand Communication (Master's	Gabe Jacas Community Health	Tip Reiman Kinesiology
Sydney Brown Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Terrell Jennings Strategic Brand Communication	Hugh Robertson Management
Verdis Brown Communication (Second Bachelor's)	(Certificate Program)	Tyson Rooks General Studies
Alec Bryant General Studies	Ryan Johnson Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)	Dylan Rosiek Kinesiology
Pat Bryant Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Evan Kirts Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Ben Schultz Agribusiness Markets and Management
Naivyan Cargill General Studies	James Kreutz General Studies	Miles Scott Kinesiology
Kody Case Strategic Leadership & Management	Josh Kreutz General Studies	Xavier Scott General Studies
(Certificate Program)	Aidan Laughery Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jameson Sheehan Community Health
Mike Cerniglia Jr Communication	Donovan Leary General Studies	Artur Sitkowski Communication
Ben Clawson Advertising	Josh Leff Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jordyn Slaughter Communication (Second Bachelor's)
Seth Coleman Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Tailon Leitzsey Management (Master's)	Kendall Smith Strategic Brand Communication
Shammond Cooper . Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Clayton Leonard Kinesiology	(Certificate Program)
Nico Crawford Middle Grades Education	Christian Lorenzo General Studies	DD Snyder General Studies
Zy Crisler Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Reggie Love Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Tyler Strain General Studies
Thomas Cronin History	Mike Manning Psychology	Khmari Thompson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Kionte Curry General Studies	Michael Marchese . Accountancy (Second Master's)	Sam Tsagalis Biology
Isaac Darkangelo Communication	Jartavius Martin Strategic Leadership & Management	Solo Turner Organization & Community Leadership
Dylan Davis History	(Certificate Program)	Peyton Vining Food Science & Human Nutrition (Master's)
Tommy DeVito Strategic Brand Communication (Master's	Elijah Mc-Cantos General Studies	Casey Washington Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Daniel Edwards General Studies	Sed McConnell General Studies	Hunter Whitenack General Studies
TeRah Edwards Communication	Josh McCray General Studies	Raashaan Wilkins Strategic Brand Communication
Luciano Elias General Studies	Will McManus Business Undeclared	(Certificate Program)
Preston Engel Management (Master's)	Ryan Meed Kinesiology	Isaiah Williams Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Nick Fedanzo Communication	Kirkland Michaux Agribusiness Markets and Management	Devon Witherspoon . Communication
Luke Ford Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Chase Miller Recreation, Sport, & Tourism	Jamal Woods Community Health
Matt Fries General Studies	Shawn Miller General Studies	Luke Zardzin Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
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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 — lowa, 1992

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

lowa, 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

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

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

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

The Illini run game and defense were the keys to Illinois success in 2021, as Chase Brown rushed for over 1,000 yards and the Illini's scoring defense (31st from 97th), third down defense (31st from 89th), and total defense (52nd from 114th) all improved more than 50 spots in the national rankings from 2020. Twelve Illini earned All-Big Ten honors, most notably Kerby Joseph, who was Illinois' first All-Big Ten first-team defensive back since 1989, Joseph tied for the national lead in interceptions with five and ranked third in the nation in fumble recoveries with three.

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

In Bielema's debut season at Wisconsin in 2006, the Badgers finished 12-1, including a victory in the Capital One Bowl against Arkansas. He was the first coach in Big Ten history to win 10 games in his first season, the first Wisconsin coach to win 11 games prior to a bowl game and became the third coach in NCAA history to win 12 games in his first season. Bielema won 17 of his first 18 games with the Badgers. The Badgers shared or won Big Ten championships three straight seasons from 2010-12 and he led Wisconsin to victories in the first two Big Ten championship games.

Bielema's coaching pedigree and list of football mentors matches that of any coach in the nation. He played for and coached under Hall-of-Famer Hayden Fry, helping the Hawkeyes share the 1990 Big Ten title with Illinois. After two years as a graduate assistant and six seasons as linebacker coach at lowa, Bielema spent two years as Co-Defensive Coordinator at Kansas State under Hall-of-Famer Bill Snyder, helping the Wildcats win the 2003 Big 12 Championship. Two seasons later, he was named Defensive Coordinator at Wisconsin under Hall-of-Famer Barry Alvarez and moved into the head coaching role of the Badgers in 2006 when Alvarez retired.

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

Bielema was a defensive lineman at lowa 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 lowa 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

YEAR-BY-YEAR

2021-Illinois Head Coach (6-7) 2020 **New York Giants** Outside Linebackers, Senior Assistant Coach 2019 **New England Patriots Defensive Line New England Patriots** Consultant to the Head Coach 2018 2013-17 Arkansas Head Coach (29-34) 2006-12 Wisconsin Head Coach (68-24) 2004-05 Wisconsin **Defensive Coordinator** 2002-03 Kansas State Co-Defensive Coordinator

1996-2001 lowa Linebackers **Graduate Assistant** lowa

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	1-0 (1.000)	

1994-95



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



BARRY LUNNEY JR.

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

Barry Lunney Jr. enters his first season at Illinois in 2022, reuniting with head coach Bret Bielema after Lunney spent five years as the tight ends coach at Arkansas under Bielema from 2013-17. Lunney comes to Champaign from UTSA, where he served as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in 2020 and 2021. Lunney helped bring UTSA to new heights, reaching No. 15 nationally while winning its first Conference USA championship. The UTSA offense ranked 11th in the nation in scoring and 34th in total offense in 2021, averaging 36.9 points per game and 439.0 yards per game. Lunney also spent three seasons at Tulsa (2000-02), two at San Jose State (2003-04), nine as the offensive coordinator at Bentonville (Ark.) High School (2005-13), and nine combined years at Arkansas (1998-99, 2013-19). Lunney started 40 games at quarterback during his time as a player at Arkansas from 1992-95. He was a team captain on the 1995 team that played in the SEC Championship Game for the first time in school history, an he left Arkansas holding school career records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass completions, pass attempts and total offensive plays. He graduate from Arkansas with a degree in kinesiology in 1996. Lunney an his wife, Janelle, have two sons, Luke and Levi.



GEORGE MCDONALD

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS

George McDonald enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. McDonald returns to his alma mater following six seasons at N.C. State and with experience in three Power-5 conferences and the NFL. McDonald began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ball State before earning his first full-time position at Northern Illinois from 2001-03. While in DeKalb, he coached First-Team All-MAC receiver, and current Minnesota head coach, P.J. Fleck, second-team All-American Dan Sheldon, and All-American Darrell "The Thrill" Hill. McDonald was a four-year letterwinner at receiver for the Fighting Illini and completed his Illinois football career with 57 receptions for 589 yards and four touchdowns. He led the Big Ten in kickoff return yardage in 1996 (736) while returning 57 kickoffs for 1,276 yards (22.4 avg.) during his career. McDonald also ran track his freshman and senior years, earning All-Big Ten honors his senior year when he set an Illinois record with a time of 6.74 in the 60 meters, a mark that still ranks seventh on the Illini top times list, to win the 1999 Big Ten Indoor Championships 60m title. He earned his bachelor's degree in health planning and administration from Illinois in 1999. He and his wife, the former Heather Anderson, have two sons, Roman and Maverick.



BART MILLER OFFENSIVE LINE

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



CORY PATTERSON

RUNNING BACKS

Cory Patterson is in his fifth season overall as an assistant coach at Illinois in 2022, and his second under head coach Bret Bielema who retained Patterson on his coaching staff, changing his role to running backs coach. Patterson spent his first three seasons with the Illini as tight ends coach after three seasons as the highly successful head coach at Trinity Catholic High School in St. Louis. Patterson's stable of running backs produced impressive numbers, as the Illini's top tandem of Chase Brown and Josh McCray combined to rush for more than 1.500 yards. Patterson helped Illinois to the 2019 Redbox Bowl, the program's first bowl in five years. Patterson has been key to Illinois' recruiting efforts, specifically in St. Louis. Two of the highest rated recruits in the modern era have signed from St. Louis since the arrival of Patterson. Isaiah Williams, Patterson's quarterback at Trinity, and Shammond Cooper, Trinity's star linebacker, both came to Champaign-Urbana in 2019 as four-star prospects and top 150 recruits in the nation. Patterson is a 2002 finance graduate of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. He and his wife Tiffany have two daughters, Nyla and Nori.



SEAN SNYDER

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/SPECIALISTS

Sean Snyder, a veteran Power-5 special teams coordinator, joins the Illini staff for his first season in 2022. He steps in as Illinois' special teams coordinator, while Ben Miller (who also coaches Illini tight ends) remains on health-related leave through the 2022 season. Snyder comes to Champaign from USC where he spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons as the Trojans' special teams coordination. 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 grand children.



BEN MILLER

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS

Ben Miller was named Illinois football's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach in January 2021. Miller, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in February, will remain on a health-related leave through the 2022 season. He will stay in communication with the Illinois staff and student-athletes as much as possible while continuing his medical plan and treatments. Miller coached one of the top special teams units in the nation and one of the best tight end duos in the Big Ten in 2021, helping Illinois to a 5-7 record and ranked wins over #7 Penn State and #20 Minnesota. Illinois' veteran special teams unit, led by All-Big Ten performers K James McCourt and P Blake Hayes, helped the Illini finish #1 in the nation in special teams, according to ESPN's SP+ rating. McCourt tied a program record with four 50+-yard field goals and two-time Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week Hayes left Champaign with nearly every punting record in Illini history, including landing half of his punts inside the 20 for an Illini-record 34 punts inside the 20.

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS



RYAN WALTERS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

One of the nation's top young coaches, Ryan Walters enters his second season at Illinois in 2022, and is coming off a season in which he and the Illini's veteran defensive staff engineered one of the nation's biggest defensive turnarounds in 2021. Prior to coming to Illinois, Walters spent six season 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

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

Andy Buh enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. He joined the Illini on Bielema's first coaching staff, bringing 23 years of collegiate coaching experience to Champaign-Urbana including four different stops as defensive coordinator in three Power-5 conferences. Bielema and Buh spent the 2012 season together at Wisconsin helping the Badgers win the Big Ten Championship. He makes the move to Illinois after spending the 2020 season as outside linebackers coach at Arizona. Buh also spent time in the Big Ten as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Rutgers in 2019 and three years as defensive coordinator at Maryland from 2016-18. He also served as a coordinator earlier in his career at California, Nevada and Stanford. Buh had a successful three-year run at Maryland, guiding a Terrapins defense that collected 37 sacks in 2016. Buh's defense allowed just one 300-yard passer in his first season at Maryland and allowed just 212.3 passing yards per game on the season. The following year, Buh's defense collected 10 interceptions and saw four players earn All-Big Ten honors. A native of Escondido, California, Buh and his wife, Kelly, have two sons, Luke and Logan. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at Nevada in 1995.



TERRANCE JAMISON

DEFENSIVE LINE

Terrance Jamison enters his second season at Illinois in 2022. Jamison made the move to Illinois following one season at Purdue. A two-time graduate of Wisconsin, Jamison played on the defensive line for the Badgers under Bielema from 2005-07 before knee injuries forced him to the sidelines. He combined to serve four seasons as a student assistant (2008-09), quality control assistant (2011) and a graduate assistant (2012) at UW. Prior to making the move to Purdue in 2020, Jamison spent the 2019 season at Air Force in a similar role, where he helped the Falcons to an 11-2 record that included a 31-21 victory over Washington State in the Cheez-It Bowl. That Air Force defensive unit finished in the top 20 nationally in a number of categories, including rushing defense (7th, 100.5), defensive touchdowns (12th, 3), total defense (17th, 319.6) and scoring defense (20th, 19.8). A native of Riverdale, Illinois, who graduated from Thornton Township High School, Jamison has two degrees from Wisconsin, a bachelor's in agricultural business management (2009) and a master's in educational leadership and policy analysis (2011). He and his wife, Ashley, have two daughters, Ava and Mackenzie, and one son, Jayce.



AARON HENRY DEFENSIVE BACKS

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

SERIES vs. INDIANA

Series: 44-24-3

Last: L, 24-14 11/11/2017 at Champaign

Streak: L3

at Indiana: 15-15-3

Bielema vs. Indiana: 7-0

LAST MEETING

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 40,195

SCORING BY QUARTER

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

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

IND: Ellison 2 yard run (Oakes kick), 6:30 (10-45, 2:59)
 IND: Thomas 4 yard pass from Lagow (Oakes kick), 0:48 (8-90, 2:16)

Third Quarter

lLL: Dorsey 77 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick), 14:42 (1-77, 0:18) IND: Oakes 28 yard field goal, 5:13 (9-68, 1:51)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Reams 14 yard pass from George, Jr. (McLaughlin kick), 12:59 (6-74, 1:54) IND: Cobbs, Jr. 5 yard pass from Lagow (Oakes kick), 5:45 (8-41, 2:52)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	IND	ILL
First Downs		10
Rushes-Yards	42-139	
Passing Yards		261
Comp-Att-Int	32-48-1	13-26-2
Total Yards		294
Punts-Avg	9-39.1	
Kickoff Returns	1-25	4-92
Penalties-Yards	5-49	8-73
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	
Sacks By	8-58	2-16
Third-down Conv	5-20	2-14
Time of Possession	34:25	25:35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): IND - Gest 17-82-0, Ellison 13-49-1, Williams 2-16-0. ILL - Foster 22-83-0, George, Jr. 8-(-50)-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): IND - Lagow 32-48-1-2-289. ILL - George, Jr. 13-26-2-2-261.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): IND - Timian 5-62-0, Cobbs, Jr. 4-54-1, Williams 5-36-0. ILL - Dorsey 3-107-1, Smalling 3-73-0, Reams 2-18-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, IFL-Yds): IND - Dutra 9. 0.5-1; Covington 8, 1.5-10,

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): IND - Dutra 9. 0.5-1; Covington 8, 1.5-10, Johnson 7, 3.5-15. ILL - Nelson 10; Green 8; Woods 8, 2.5-6

GAME NOTES

- Freshman TE Louis Dorsey's 77-yard touchdown reception from Jeff George Jr. to start the second half was...
- » the longest reception in Illinois history by a true freshman
- » tied for the ninth-longest passing play in Illinois history
- » the second longest in Illinois history by a tight end (83 yards, Boso vs. USC, 1985).
- » tied for the longest in Illinois history against Indiana during their 72 meetings (2011 Scheelhaase to Jenkins. 77 vards).
- Dorsey's 107 receiving yards were the most by a true freshman tight end in Illinois history.



Illinois-Indiana Series

- Illinois leads the all-time series against Indiana 44-24-3.
- Illinois and Indiana are meeting for the second time since 2013 after also meeting in 2017. The four years off ties
 for the longest break in the series since 1960. The Illini and Hoosiers also had a four-year break from 1991-94.
- Illinois and Indiana were originally scheduled to play Nov. 14, 2020 in Bloomington before COVID-19 altered the schedule and reduced the number of games.
- Illinois fell 24-14 in the teams' last meeting in 2017 in Champaign. Jeff George Jr. connected with Lou Dorsey on a 77-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, the longest reception in Illinois history by a true freshman.
- In Illinois' last visit to Bloomington in 2013, Illinois had 30 first downs and Nate Scheelhaase threw for a career-high 450 yards but Illinois fell 52-35. Steve Hull had nine receptions for 224 yards, the second most ever by an Illini, and caught touchdowns of 60 and 54 yards. Indiana gained 650 total yards.

Illinois-Indiana Connections

- Illinois WR Jonah Morris spent his first two seasons of college football at Indiana. He redshirted in 2016 and played in nine games in 2017, including being named Indiana's Special Teams Player of the Game against Illinois.
- Illinois freshman OL Hunter Whitenack is the Illini's only Indiana native (New Carlisle).
- Illinois offensive quality control staffer Danny Cameron played three seasons at Indiana from 2014-16. His father, Cam Cameron, was Indiana's head coach from 1997-2001.

Illinois-Indiana Series Superlatives

- Illinois' most receiving yards vs. IND: 224 Steve Hull 11/9/2013
- Illinois' most rushing yards vs. IND: 214 Rashard Mendenhall 9/22/2007
- Illinois' most passing yards vs. IND: 450 Nate Scheelhaase 11/9/2013
- Illinois' longest rush vs. IND: 83 John Karras 10/27/1951, 67 Robert Holcombe 10/5/1996, 67 John Karras 10/28/1950
- Illinois' longest pass vs. IND: 77 Scheelhaase to Jenkins 10/8/2011, 67 Scheelhaase to Jenkins 10/8/2011
- Last 100-yard receiving game vs. IND: Lou Dorsey, 107, 11/11/2017
- Last 100-yard rushing game vs. IND: Donovonn Young, 124, 10/27/2012
- Last 300-yard passing game vs. IND: Nate Scheelhaase, 450, 11/9/2013

ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (130 teams ranked)	
CATEGORYNCAAB1G STAT	
3rd Down Conversion Pct	3
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense1 0.083	3
4th Down Conversion Pct	
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense)
Completion Percentage)
Fewest Penalties82	ô
Fewest Penalties Per Game8	ô
Fewest Penalty Yards	5
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	5
First Downs Defense)
First Downs Offense	ô
Fumbles Lost)
Fumbles Recovered	
Kickoff Return Defense	
Kickoff Returns	
Net Punting	5
Passes Had Intercepted	
Passes Intercepted	
Passing Offense	
Passing Yards Allowed	n.
Passing Yards per Completion	
Punt Return Defense	
Punt Returns	
Red Zone Defense	
Red Zone Offense	
Rushing Defense	
Rushing Offense	<u>-</u>
Sacks Allowed	
Scoring Defense	
Scoring Offense	
Tackles for Loss Allowed	
Team Passing Efficiency	1
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	
Team Tackles for Loss	
Time of Possession	
Total Defense	
Total Offense	1
Turnover Margin	3
Turnovers Gained	3
Turnovers Lost	
Winning Percentage	J
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NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-75)	
CATEGORYPLAYER STATRANI	
All Purpose Yards C. Brown 167 5ti	
Field Goal Percentage	
Field Goal Per Game	
Fumbles Recovered Leitzsey 1s	
Interceptions Per GameWitherspoon12nd	t
Punt Returns	1
Passing Yards Per Completion Devito 7.26 17th	1
Punting	d
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Sacks	
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BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY	DI AVED	CTAT DANK
All Purpose		
Field Goal Percentage	Grittin .	
Field Goals Per Game	Griffin .	
Fumble Recovered	. Edwards .	1 1st
Interceptions Per Game W	itherspoon .	1 1st
Passing Yards Per Completion	Devito .	7.26 3rd
Punt Returns	Case .	1st
Punting	Robertson .	46.32nd
Yards Per Carry	. C. Brown .	7.9 1st
Rushing Yards	. C. Brown .	151 1st
Rushing Yards Per Game	. C. Brown .	151 1st
Sacks	N/A	
Total Interceptions	itherspoon .	1st
Yards Per Pass Attempt	Devito .	5.24 3rd

2022 AP TOP 25

l							Coaches	
ı	Rk	Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Poll	Last Bowl/Game
ı	1	NA	Alabama	SEC	0-0	1566	1	L 33-18 N #3 Georgia (CFP)
ı	2	NA	Ohio State	Big Ten	0-0	1506	2	W 48-45 N #11 Utah (Rose)
ı	3	NA	Georgia	SEC	0-0	1455	3	W 33-18 N #1 Alabama (CFP)
ı	4	NA	Clemson	ACC	0-0	1292	4	W 20-13 N Iowa State (Cheez-It)
ı	5	NA	Notre Dame	Ind	0-0	1242	5	L 37-35 N #9 Okla. St. (Fiesta)
ı	6	NA	Texas A&M	SEC	0-0	1212	7	L 27-25 A LSU (Week 13)
ı	7	NA	Utah	Pac-12	0-0	1209	8	L 48-45 N #6 OSU (Rose)
ı	8	NA	Michigan	Big Ten	0-0	1203	6	L 34-11 N #3 Georgia (CFP)
ı	9	NA	Oklahoma	Big 12	0-0	956	9	W 47-32 N #14 Oregon (Alamo)
ı	10	NA	Baylor	Big 12	0-0	884	10	W 21-7 N #8 Ole Miss (Sugar)
ı	11	NA	Oregon	Pac-12	0-0	831	12	L 47-32 N #16 Oklahoma (Alamo)
ı	12	NA	Oklahoma State	Big 12	0-0	814	11	W 37-35 N #5 Notre Dame (Fiesta)
ı	13	NA	NC State	ACC	0-0	752	13	W 34-30 H N. Carolina (week 13)
ı		NA	USC	Pac-12	0-0	711	15	L 35-31 H #13 BYU (Week 13)
ı	15	NA	Michigan State	Big Ten	0-0	631	14	W 31-21 N #12 Pittsburgh (Peach)
ı	16	NA	Miami (FL)	ACC	0-0	476	17	W 47-10 A Duke (Week 13)
ı		NA	Pittsburgh	ACC	0-0	383	16	L 31-21 N #11 Mich. State (Peach)
ı		NA	Wisconsin	Big Ten	0-0	365	20	W 20-13 N Ariz. State (Las Vegas)
ı		NA	Arkansas	SEC	0-0	348	23	W 24-10 N Penn State (Outback)
ı		NA	Kentucky	SEC	0-0	332	21	W 20-17 N #15 Iowa (Citrus)
ı		NA	Ole Miss	SEC	0-0	324	24	L 21-7 N #7 Baylor (Sugar)
ı		NA	Wake Forest	ACC	0-0	303	19	W 38-10 N Rutgers (Gator)
		NA	Cincinnati	AAC	0-0	265	22	L 27-6 N #1 Alabama (CFP)
ı		NA	Houston	AAC	0-0	263	25	W 17-13 N Auburn (Birmingham)
I	25	NA	BYU	Ind	0-0	234	NR	L 31-28 N UAB (Independence)
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2022 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERAL	LPCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT:	STREAK
Northwestern	1-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	1-0	W1	1-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	1-0	W1
Illinois	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Purdue	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Nebraska	0-1	.000	0-0	0-0	0-1	L1	0-1	.000	0-0	0-0	0-1	L1
EAST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERAL	LPCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
Indiana	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Maryland	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Michigan	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Michigan State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Ohio State	0-0	.000										
Ohio State Penn State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	DIV	STREAK	OVERAI	LPCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
lowa	7-2	0.778	4-1	3-1	4-2	W4	10-4	0.714	6-1	4-1	0-2	L2
Wisconsin	6-3	0.667	3-2	3-1	5-1	L1	9-4	0.692	5-2	3-1	1-1	W1
Minnesota	6-3	0.667	3-2	3-1	4-2	W2	9-4	0.692	4-3	4-1	1-0	W3
Purdue	6-3	0.667	3-2	3-1	4-2	W2	9-4	0.692	4-2	4-2	1-0	W3
Illinois	4-5	0.444	2-3	2-2	3-3	W1	5-7	0.417	3-4	2-3	0-0	W1
Nebraska	1-8	0.111	1-4	0-4	1-5	L6	3-9	0.250	3-4	0-5	0-0	L6
Northwestern	1-8	0.111	1-4	0-4	0-6	L6	3-9	0.250	3-4	0-5	0-0	L6
EAST DIVISION	B1G	PCT.	HOME	ΛWΛV	nıv	STREAK	OVERAI	I DCT	HUME	ΛWΛV	NEIIT	CTDEVK
	8-1	0.889	4-0	4-1	5-1	W4		0.857	7-0	4-1	1-1	1
Michigan					٠.							
Ohio State	8-1	0.889	4-0	4-1	5-1	L1	11-2	0.846	6-1	4-1	1-0	W1
Michigan State	7-2	0.778	4-0	3-2	5-1	W1	11-2	0.846	6-0	4-2	1-0	W2
Penn State	4-5	0.444	2-2	2-3	3-3	L1	7-6	0.538	5-3	2-3	0-0	L2
Maryland	3-6	0.333	1-3	2-3	2-4	W1	7-6	0.538	4-3	2-3	1-0	W2
Rutgers	2-7	0.222	0-4	2-3	1-5	L2	5-8	0.385	2-4	3-3	0-1	L3

2022 STARTERS BY POSITION

OFFENSE

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	3	Tommy DeVito	1
RB	2	Chase Brown	1
WR	1	Isaiah Williams	1
	13	Pat Bryant	1
	7	Brian Hightower	1
TE	89	Tip Reiman	1
0L	54	Julian Pearl	1
	63	Alex Palczewski	1
	72	Zy Crisler	1
	75	Alex Philstrom	1
	78	Isaiah Adams	1

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DL	4	Jer'Zhan Newton	1
	88	Keith Randolph Jr.	1
	93	Calvin Avery	1
LB	5	Calvin Hart Jr.	1
	8	Tarique Barnes	1
OI B	33	Fzekiel Holmes	1
ULD	49	Seth Coleman	1
	43	Setti Golelliali	1
DB	10	Tahveon Nicholson	1
	21	Jartavius Martin	1
	30	Sydney Brown	1
	31	Devon Witherspoon	1

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	5	Caleb Griffin	1
P	19	Hugh Robertson	1
LS	39	Aidan Hall	1

CAREER STARTS	ILLIN	NOIS GAN	IES ONL)				
PLAYER	.'22.	.'21	'20.	.'19 .	'18'1	7	TOT
Palczewski, Alex	. 1 .	. 12.	4 .	. 13 .	.121	1	53
Brown, Sydney	. 1 .	. 12.	6 .	. 10 .	.10		39
Martin, Jartavius	. 1 .	8	2 .	5	. 8		24
Witherspoon, Devon.	. 1 .	. 10.	6 .	3			20
Woods, Jamal	. 0 .	1	3 .	5	. 4	4	16
Brown, Chase	. 1 .	9 .	6 .	0	. 0		16
Pearl, Julian	. 1 .	. 11.	4 .				16
Newton, Jer'Zhan	. 1 .	. 11.	3 .				15
Ford, Luke	. 0 .	. 12.	2 .				14
Barnes, Tarique							13
Washington, Casey .	. 0 .	5 .	1 .	5			11
Williams, Isaiah	. 1 .	5 .	4 .				10
Hightower, Brian							9
Brown, Verdis							8
Coleman, Seth							8
Pihlstrom, Alex							8
Randolph, Keith							8
Marchese, Michael .							6
Avery, Calvin							5
Bryant, Pat							4
Reiman, Tip							4
Nicholson, Tahveon .							3
Sitkowski, Artur							3
Barnes, Bryce	. 0 .	0	2 .				2
Hart Jr., Calvin	. 1 .	1					2
Barlev, Zach	. 0 .	1					1
Adams, Isaiah							1
Crisler, Zy							1
DeVito, Tommy							1
Holmes, Ezekiel							1
McCray, Josh							1
Pate, Deon							1
Scott, Miles							1
Slaughter, Jordyn							1
Smith, Kendall							1
= Redshirted/did not pla	y/not o	n squa	d; 0 =	Played,	didn't start		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

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Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	1	19	156	5	151	7.9	2	38	151.0
Josh McCray	1	8	33	0	33	4.1	0	9	33.0
Chase Hayden	1	7	30	2	28	4.0	0	9	28.0
Reggie Love III	1	3	46	0	46	15.3	1	33	46.0
Tommy Devito	1	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	2	4.0
Team	1	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	1	41	269	9	260	6.3	3	38	260.0
Opponents	1	31	183	1	182	5.9	0	37	182.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	1	135.3	27-37-0	73.0	196	2	27	196.0
Artur Sitkowski	1	164.4	3-3-0	100.0	23	0	11	23.0
Total	1	137.5	30-40-0	75.0	219	2	27	219.0
Opponents	1	27.6	5-20-1	25.0	30	0	9	30.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	1	7	26	3.7	0	13	26.0
Brian Hightower	1	4	32	8.0	0	12	32.0
Casey Washington	1	3	26	8.7	0	9	26.0
Chase Brown	1	3	16	5.3	1	14	16.0
Pat Bryant	1	3	43	14.3	1	27	43.0
Chase Hayden	1	2	12	6.0	0	8	12.0
Jonah Morris	1	2	18	9.0	0	11	18.0
Josh McCray	1	2	10	5.0	0	5	10.0
Michael Marchese	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Tip Reiman	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
Miles Scott	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Beatty Hank	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total	1	30	219	7.3	2	27	219.0
Opponents	1	5	30	6.0	0	9	30.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kody Case	2	16	8.0	0	14
Isaiah Williams	2	14	7.0	0	14
Total	4	30	7.5	0	14
Opponents	1	10	10.0	0	10

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Devon Witherspoon	1	40	40.0	0	40
Total	1	40	40.0	0	40
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Peyton Vining	2	53	26.5	0	43
Total	2	53	26.5	0	43
Opponents	2	40	20.0	0	21

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Tailon Leitzsey	1	0	0.0	0	0
TeRah Edwards	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Team Defense

				Та	ckles		Sacks	Pass	defens	se	Fumble	es	blk	d
##	Player	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
21	Jartavius Martin	1	5	2	7				3					
4	Jer'Zhan Newton	1	2	4	6									
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	1	2	4	6	0.5-1								
93	Calvin Avery	1	2	2	4							1		
38	Isaac Darkangelo	1	3	1	4									
5	Calvin Hart Jr.	1	1	2	3									
49	Seth Coleman	1		3	3									
8	Tarique Barnes	1	1	1	2	0.5-0								
91	Jamal Woods	1	1	1	2									
23	TeRah Edwards	1		2	2						1-0			
2	Matthew Bailey	1	1	1	2				1					
30	Sydney Brown	1	1	1	2				1					
33	Ezekiel Holmes	1		1	1									
32	Tailon Leitzsey	1	1		1						1-0			
39	Kenenna Odeluga	1	1		1									
90	Alec Bryant	1		1	1									
31	Devon Witherspoon	1		1	1			1-40						
10	Tahveon Nicholson	1	1		1									
6	Terrell Jennings	1	1		1									
17	Gabe Jacas	1	1		1									
28	Dylan Rosiek	1		1	1									
20	Tyler Strain	1							1					
	Totals	1	24	28	52	1-1	0-0	1-40	6	0	2-0	1	0	0
	Opponents	1	48	36	84	4-7	0-0	0-0	1	2	0-0	0	0	0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring

				PA					
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Chase Brown	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Caleb Griffin	-	1-3	5-5	-	-	-	-	-	8
Reggie Love III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pat Bryant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	5	1-3	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	38
Opponents	0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caleb Griffin	1-3	33.3	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	27	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	46	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Illinois	Opponents
Wyoming	42,(27),51	(22),(46)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Chase Brown	1	151	16	0	0	0	167	167.0
Peyton Vining	1	0	0	0	53	0	53	53.0
Reggie Love III	1	46	0	0	0	0	46	46.0
Pat Bryant	1	0	43	0	0	0	43	43.0
Josh McCray	1	33	10	0	0	0	43	43.0
Chase Hayden	1	28	12	0	0	0	40	40.0
Isaiah Williams	1	0	26	14	0	0	40	40.0
Devon Witherspoon	1	0	0	0	0	40	40	40.0
Brian Hightower	1	0	32	0	0	0	32	32.0
Casey Washington	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	26.0
Jonah Morris	1	0	18	0	0	0	18	18.0
Kody Case	1	0	0	16	0	0	16	16.0
Tip Reiman	1	0	12	0	0	0	12	12.0
Michael Marchese	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Beatty Hank	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	8.0
Miles Scott	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	6.0
Tommy Devito	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Team	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
Total	1	260	219	30	53	40	602	602.0
Opponents	1	182	30	10	40	0	262	262.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Tommy Devito	1	39	4	196	200	200.0
Chase Brown	1	19	151	0	151	151.0
Reggie Love III	1	3	46	0	46	46.0
Josh McCray	1	8	33	0	33	33.0
Chase Hayden	1	7	28	0	28	28.0
Artur Sitkowski	1	3	0	23	23	23.0
Team	1	0	-2	0	-2	-2.0
Total	1	81	260	219	479	479.0
Opponents	1	51	182	30	212	212.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hugh Robertson	4	185	46.3	51	0	3	2	1	0
Total	4	185	46.3	51	0	3	2	1	0
Opponents	7	251	35.9	59	0	2	0	1	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Caleb Griffin	7	456	65.1	5	0			
Total	7	456	65.1	5	0	2	41.6	23
Opponents	3	178	59.3	1	0	2	33.3	31

RED ZONE STATISTICS

Illinois Inside Opponent Red-Zone

					Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	F	ailed t	:o s	core in	side	RZ
Date	Opponent		Score	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	1
	Totals 5 of	7 (7	1.4%)	7	5	31	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1

Opponents Inside Illinois Red-Zone

				Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	Fa	ailed t	o so	core in	side	RZ
Date	Opponent		Score	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
	Totals 1 of 1	L (10	0.0%)	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	First Downs		Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-			
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-AttInt	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Wyoming	38-6	26 / 10	13/9	11/0	2/1	41-260 / 31-182	30-40-0 / 5-20-1	219 / 30	81-479 / 51-212	123 / 50	0/3
Totals	38-6	26 / 10	13 / 9	11/0	2/1	41-260 / 31-182	30-40-0 / 5-20-1	219 / 30	81-479 / 51-212	123 / 50	0/3

	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	
Opponents	Conversion	Conversion	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	Sacks
Wyoming	7-16 / 1-12	1-2 / 0-1	36:36 / 23:24	13:12	6.3 / 5.9	5.5 / 1.5	5.9 / 4.2	4-46.3 / 7-35.9	6-65.0 / 4-39.0	0/0
Totals	7-16 / 1-12	1-2 / 0-1	36:36 / 23:24	13:12	6.3 / 5.9	5.5 / 1.5	5.9 / 4.2	4-46.3 / 7-35.9	6-65.0 / 4-39.0	0/0

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

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STA	ARTERS										
GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	TE	WR
Wyoming	Adams	Crisler	Pihlstrom	Pearl	Palczewski	DeVito	C. Brown	Williams	Bryant	Reiman	Hightower
Consecutive	1	1	1	11	13	1	8	3	1	1	1
Career	1	1	8	16	53	1	16	10	4	4	2
DEFENSIVE STA	ARTERS										
DEFENSIVE STA Game	ARTERS Olb	DT	NT	DT	OLB	LB	LB	СВ	22	STAR	СВ
		DT Randolph	NT Avery	DT Newton	OLB Holmes	LB T. Barnes	LB Hart Jr.	CB Witherspoon	SS S. Brown	STAR Martin	CB Nicholson
GAME	OLB										



2022 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS (Rush/Pass/Rec/PR over 20 yds & KOR/Def over 40 yds)

Player	. Run	Pass	Rec	. Def	.ST	. Tot
C. Brown	1	0	0	0	. 0	1
DeVito	0	1	0	0	. 0	1
Love	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

ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

Wyoming

1st 14:19 TD Bro	wn, Chase 14 yd pass from Devito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)2-52 0:35
2nd 8:12TD Bro	wn, Chase 11yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)
2nd 4:33FG Grif	fin, Caleb 27 yd field goal
3rd 2:56 TD Bry	ant, Pat 8 yd pass from DeVito, Tommy (Griffin, Caleb kick)11-78 5:06
4th 14:56 TD Bro	wn, Chase 5yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)
4th 6:49 TD Lov	e III, Reggie 33 yd rush (Griffin, Caleb kick)

SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	41	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	260	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	219	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER PASS	5.5	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD PASSES	2	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	81	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	479	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.9	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
POINTS	38	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
SACKS BY	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	26	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PENALTIES	6	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	65	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TURNOVERS	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	4	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTING AVG	46.3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	51	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	14	Wyoming (08/27/2022)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	31	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	182	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.9	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	20	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
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	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TOTAL PLAYS	51	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TOTAL OFFENSE	212	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.2	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
POINTS	6	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
SACKS BY	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
FIRST DOWNS	10	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PENALTIES	4	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PENALTY YARDS	39	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TURNOVERS	3	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	7	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTING AVG	35.9	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	59	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	Wyoming (08/27/2022)



SUPERLATIVE STATISTICS

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	19	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	151	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	2	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG RUSH	38	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	37	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	196	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD PASSES	2	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PASS	27	Tommy Devito vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
RECEPTIONS	7	Isaiah Williams vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RECEIVING	43	Pat Bryant vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Chase Brown vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	1	Pat Bryant vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG RECEPTION	27	Pat Bryant vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	4	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTING AVG	46.3	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	51	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Hugh Robertson vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT RETURN	14	Isaiah Williams vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	14	Kody Case vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	43	Peyton Vining vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TACKLES	7	Jartavius Martin vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
SACKS	none	
TACKLES FOR LOSS	0.5	Keith Randolph Jr. vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	0.5	Tarique Barnes vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	17	Titus Swen vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RUSHING	98	Titus Swen vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RUSHES	none	
LONG RUSH	37	Andrew Peasley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS ATTEMPTS	20	Andrew Peasley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PASS COMPLETIONS	5	Andrew Peasley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS PASSING	30	Andrew Peasley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD PASSES	none	
LONG PASS	9	Andrew Peasley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
RECEPTIONS	2	Joshua Cobbs vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
YARDS RECEIVING	14	Joshua Cobbs vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TD RECEPTIONS	none	
LONG RECEPTION	9	Joshua Cobbs vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
FIELD GOALS	2	John Hoyland vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG FIELD GOALS	46	John Hoyland vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS	7	Clayton Stewart vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTING AVG	35.9	Clayton Stewart vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG PUNT	59	Clayton Stewart vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	none	
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	Caleb Cooley vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	21	Cameron Stone vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
TACKLES	9	Easton Gibbs vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
SACKS	none	
TACKLES FOR LOSS	1	DeVonne Harris vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	1	Shae Suiaunoa vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	1	Jordan Bertagnole vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
	1	Cole Godbout vs Wyoming (08/27/2022)
INTERCEPTIONS	none	

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

WYOMING		6		
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SCORING BY QUARTER

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

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 11yd 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	WY0
First Downs	26	10
Rushes-Yards	41-260	31-182
Passing Yards	217	
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-TD-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.

CAME 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).

THE LAST TIME (TEAM)

80 points: 70 points: 60 points: 50 points: 40 points:

O points in 2nd half: Allowed O points:

Did not score a touchdown: 400 rushing yards: 300 rushing yards: 200 rushing yards: Three 70+ yard runs:

Fewer than 100 rushing yards: Fewer than 50 yards rushing: Fewer than 20 yards rushing: Negative yards net rushing:

One first down: Zero first downs: 400 passing yards: 300 passing yards:

Fewer than 100 passing yards: 4 TD catches by tight ends: 700 total net yards: 600 total net yards: 500 total net yards: 400 total net yards:

Fewer than 250 total net yards: Fewer than 100 total net yards: 9+ sacks in a game: 6+ sacks in a game:

Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:

15+ TFL in a game: 10+ TFL in a game: 10+ passes broken up: Forced 5+ turnovers: Turned ball over 5+ times:

No sacks allowed:

No turnovers:

Back-to-back games with no turnovers: Successful two-point conversion:

Two successful two-point conversions:

Five field goals: Missed extra point kick: Blocked two kicks: Blocked two punts:

Entire game without punting:

No penalties:

A successful on-side kick:

Overtime game:

Overtime game at home: A game with a weather delay: A game was postponed: Illinois

87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912 79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944 65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010 55 vs. Minnesota (55-31), 11/3/2018 47 vs. Northwestern, 11/27/2021

Western Illinois (44-0), 9/12/2015 at Purdue (9-13), 09/25/2021 430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018 357 at Penn State 10/23/21 260 vs. Wyoming, 8/27/2022

3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018

26 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021 26 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021 14 vs. Northwestern 11/30/2019 -27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993

450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014 369 at Michigan State, 11/9/2019 80 at Minnesota 11/3/2021 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944 646 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018 509 at Nebraska, 11/10/2018 477 vs. Wyoming, 8/27/2022

93 vs. Wisconsin 10 9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001 6 at Minnesota 11/3/2021 vs.Wyoming 8/27/2022

vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016 and at Wisconsin, 11/12/2016

15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002 10 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019 11 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009 5 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 6 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/22/2012

vs. Rutgers 10/30/21

at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 and vs. lowa, 12/5/2020

vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019 at Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001 at Michigan State, 11/9/2019 2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017 2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013 vs. Wisconsin 10/9/2021 vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014

Win at Penn State, 20-8 (90T), 10/23/21 Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (0T), 10/8/2016 at South Florida, 9/15/2017 (0:37 delay) vs. Kent State, 9/4/2015 (2:50 delay)

Eventually postponed and played next day on 9/5/2015

Opponent

70, Michigan (70-21), 11/7/1981 63, Maryland (63-33), 10/27/2018 56, at Penn State (21-56), 12/19/2020 42, at Virginia (14-42), 9/11/2021 Penn State 10/23/21

Wyoming, (6-38) 8/27/2022 411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 253, at Penn State, 12/19/2020

83, Purdue, 10/31/2020

10, UConn, 9/7/2019 -10, Murray State, 9/3/2016 Missouri, 9/10/1994 Michigan, 10/27/1934 423, at Virginia, 9/11/2021 327, at Penn State, 12/19/2020 30, Wyoming, 8/27/2022

712, Maryland, 10/27/2018 674, vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019 556, at Virginia, 9/11/2021 491, Wisconsin 10/9/2021 182, Wyoming 8/27/2022 96, South Dakota State, 9/10/2011

6, Maryland 9/17/2021 Wyoming, 8/27/2022

Nebraska, 9/21/2019 Northwestern (2), 11/29/2014

Minnesota, 11/2/2021

at Nebraska, 10/1/2016

THE LAST TIME (INDIVIDUAL)

	Illinois	Opponent
Rushing		
300 yards rushing:	330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010	
250 yards rushing:	·	256, Jordan Canzeri, Iowa, 10/10/2015
200 yards rushing:	•	224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020
150 yards rushing:		224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020
Back-to-back 175-yard rushing games:	Rashard Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)
Three consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Reggie Corbin, 10/20/2018-11/3/2018 (3 games)	
Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games:	Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)	
Two rushers with 175 yards:	Harvey (215), Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998	
Two rushers with 100 yards:		Mellusi (145), Allen (131), Wisconsin 10/9/2021
80+ yard rushing play:	80, Chase Brown vs. Charlotte, 10/2/2021	
75+ yard rushing play:		79, Justin Jackson, vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17
Two 40+ runs in one quarter:		Carlos Hyde (51, 55 in 4th), Ohio State, 11/16/2013
True-freshman rushed for 100 yards:	Josh McCray, 156 at Purdue, 09/25/2021 and at	
True-freshman rushed for 100 yards in first career game:		
40 rushing attempts:	40, Antoineo Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002	
30 rushing attempts:	33, C. Brown at Penn State 10/23/21	
Two rushers with 2 TDs:	Corbin (2) & Bush, Jr. (2) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018	
8 TDs rushing:	Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990	
4 TDs rushing:	Antoineo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002	
3 TDs rushing:	A.J. Bush, Jr. (3) at Nebraska, 11/10/2018	
2+ TDs rushing by a QB:	A.J. Bush, Jr. (3) at Nebraska, 11/10/2018	
Receiving		
200 yards receiving:	200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014	246, Roy Roundtree, Michigan, 11/6/2010
150 yards receiving:	178, Josh Imatorbhebhe at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	155, Zakhari Franklin, UTSA, 9/4/2021
100 yards receiving:	113, Isaiah Williams vs. Northwestern, 11/27/2021	133, Jelani Woods, Virginia, 9/11/2021
Two 100-yard receivers:	Turner (164) and Hardee (125) at Northwestern, 11/26/2016	David Bell (122), Milton Wright (100), Purdue, 10/31/20
Running back with 100+ yards receiving:	100, Josh Ferguson vs. Northwestern, 10/27/2015	
70+ yard pass play:	83, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Brandon Peters at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	75, Penn State (Sean Clifford to Jahan Dotson), 12/19/202
60+ yard pass play:	83, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Brandon Peters at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	
50+ yard pass play:	56, Casey Washington from Brandon Peters vs NW, 11/27/2021	75, Penn State (Sean Clifford to Jahan Dotson), 12/19/202
10+ receptions:	11, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016	10, Zakhari Franklin, UTSA, 9/4/2021
Two receivers with 2 TDs:	Will Judson and Chris Duvalt vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008	
Three receiving TDs:	A.J. Jenkins (3) vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011	
Offensive lineman caught a pass:	Jeff Allen, (1 rec., 2 yds) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/2010	
Offensive lineman scored a TD:	Corey Lewis, fumble recovery in end zone at Indiana, 11/9/2013	
Passing		
600 yards passing:	621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
500 yards passing:	621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
400 yards passing:		405, Brennan Armstrong, at Virginia, 9/11/2021
300 yards passing:	369, Brandon Peters. at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	350, Taulia Tagovailoa vs. Maryland, 9/17/2021
Consecutive 300-yard passing games:	N. Scheelhaase at Penn State (321, 11/2/2013) and at Indiana (450, 11/9/2013)	
Three consecutive 300-yard passing games:	Jason Verduzco vs East Carolina (352, 8/31/1991), at Missouri (431,	, 9/14/1991) and vs. Houston (341, 9/21/1991)
6 TDs passing:	Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980	
5 TDs passing:		Brennan Armstrong (5) at Virginia, 9/11/2021
4 TDs passing:	Brandon Peters (4) at UConn, 9/7/2019	·
3 TDs passing:	Sitkowski, Artur (3) vs UTSA, 11/4/2021	
Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:	N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11	
Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game: 10+ consecutive completions in a game:	N. Scheelhaase, // & 6/ yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11 Brandon Peters (10) at UConn, 9/7/2019	

THE LAST TIME (INDIVIDUAL)

	Illinois	Opponent
Defense		
20 Tackles:	J Leman (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007	
19 Tackles:	Clayton Fejedelem (19) vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/2015	
4 interceptions:	Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974	
3 interceptions:	Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001	
2 interceptions:	Sydney Brown (2) vat Michigan State, 11/9/2019	
3+ sacks in a game:	Owen Carney, Jr. (3.0) vs Purdue, 10/31/2020	
5+ TFLs in a game:	Isaiah Gay (5.5) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
4+ TFLs in a game:	Jamal Milan (4.0) at Purdue, 10/26/2019	
4+ PBUs in a game:	Devon Witherspoon (4) vs. Nebraska, 8/28/2021	
3+ PBUs in a game:	Devon Witherspoon (4) vs. Nebraska, 8/28/2021	Herbig (3), Wisconsin, 10/9/2021
3+ PBUs in back-to-back games:	Jaylen Dunlap vs. Minnesota (3) and Michigan State (4), 10/29/16-11/5/16	,
Interception by a lineman:	Keith Randolph, vs. Charlotte 10/3/2021	
Interception return for TD:	Sydney Brown (76 yards) at Michigan State, 11/9/2019	Tyler Coyle (52 yards), at UConn, 9/7/2019
	Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards), Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010	·,···,·- (,-··,,···, -···
Fumble recovery for TD:	CJ Hart (41 yards) vs UTSA, 9/4/20210	Grant Marvin (4 yards), Purdue, 10/31/2020
Safety:	Kerby Joseph special teams tackle vs. Nebraska 8/28/2021	Team (tackle in end zone), Minnesota, 10/29/2016
Defensive extra point:	Nate Hobbs (75 yards) at USF, 9/15/2017	
Total Offense/All-Purpose		
500 yards total offense:	503, Juice Williams vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008	
400 yards total offense:	439, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014	
300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing:	431 (310-121), Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008	
300 all-purpose yards:	328, A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011	
200 all-purpose yards:	223, Chase Brown at Penn State, 10/23/21	
4 total TDs:	Brandon Peters (4 pass) at UConn, 9/7/2019	
2 TDs in 1 minute:	Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue (3rd quarter), 11/7/2015	
Special Teams		
5 field goals:	Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990	
4 field goals:	James McCourt (4) vs. Northwestern, 11/27/21	Keith Duncan, Iowa 11/23/2019
3 field goals:	James McCourt (3) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
Made 50+ yard field goal:	James McCourt (55) at Iowa, 11/20/21	
Three 50+ yard field goals:		Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998
Blocked a punt:	Dawson DeGroot vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018	
Blocked punt for a touchdown:	Dawson DeGroot (block), Stanley Green (TD) vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018	A.J. Epenesa (19 yards), Iowa, 11/17/2018
Blocked two field goals:	Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001	
Blocked two PATs:	Rob Bain at Penn State, 10/31/2015	
Blocked a field goal:	Isaiah Gay at USF, 9/15/2017	
Blocked a PAT:	Calvin Avery vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019	
Punt return for TD:	V'Angelo Bentley (67 yards) vs. Ohio State, 11/16/2013	K. Groenewed (61 yards), Iowa, 11/17/2018
Kickoff return for TD:	V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013	C. Jones (100 yards), Iowa, 11/20/21
Blocked FG returned for TD:	Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois State, 9/6/2003	(200 jana0); 10114; 11110/11
Two-point conversion:	Dre Brown run vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019	
	2 at Ohio State, 11/3/2012 (Russell pass to LaCosse; Russell rush)	
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TEAM/INDIVIDUAL COMBINED STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.	
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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chase Brown	1	19	156	5	151	7.9	2	38	151.0
Reggie Love III	1	3	46	0	46	15.3	1	33	46.0
Josh McCray	1	8	33	0	33	4.1	0	9	33.0
Chase Hayden	1	7	30	2	28	4.0	0	9	28.0
Tommy Devito	1	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	2	4.0
Team	1	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	1	41	269	9	260	6.3	3	38	260.0
Opponents	1	31	183	1	182	5.9	0	37	182.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Devito	1	135.3	27-37-0	73.0	196	2	27	196.0
Artur Sitkowski	1	164.4	3-3-0	100.0	23	0	11	23.0
Total	1	137.5	30-40-0	75.0	219	2	27	219.0
Opponents	1	27.6	5-20-1	25.0	30	0	9	30.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Isaiah Williams	1	7	26	3.7	0	13	26.0
Brian Hightower	1	4	32	8.0	0	12	32.0
Casey Washington	1	3	26	8.7	0	9	26.0
Chase Brown	1	3	16	5.3	1	14	16.0
Pat Bryant	1	3	43	14.3	1	27	43.0
Chase Hayden	1	2	12	6.0	0	8	12.0
Jonah Morris	1	2	18	9.0	0	11	18.0
Josh McCray	1	2	10	5.0	0	5	10.0
Michael Marchese	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Tip Reiman	1	1	12	12.0	0	12	12.0
Miles Scott	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Beatty Hank	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total	1	30	219	7.3	2	27	219.0
Opponents	1	5	30	6.0	0	9	30.0

Game Records

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

Team Statistics

	ILS	OPP
First Downs	26	10
Rushing	13	9
Passing	11	0
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Yardage	260	182
Rushing attempts	41	31
Average per rush	6.3	5.9
Average per game	260.0	182.0
TDs Rushing	3	0
Passing Yardage	219	30
Comp-Att-Int	30-40-0	5-20-1
Average per pass	5.5	1.5
Average per catch	7.3	6.0
Average per game	219.0	30.0
TDs Passing	2	0
Total offense	479	212
Average per play	5.9	4.2
Average per game	479.0	212.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-53	2-40
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-30	1-10
Int returns: #-Yards	1-40	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-65	4-39
Punts-Avg	4-46.3	7-35.9
Time of possession / game	36:36	23:24
3rd-down conversion	7/16	1/12
4rd-down conversion	1/2	0/1
PAT-attempts	(5-5) 100%	(0-0) 0%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Devon Witherspoon	1	40	40.0	0	40
Total	1	40	40.0	0	40
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0