



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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GAME 1

Illinois (0-0) vs. Missouri (0-0)

Sept. 1, 2007 // Edward Jones Dome (66,000)
 2:30 p.m. CT (2:36 kick) // St. Louis, Mo. // ESPN2

RADIO BROADCAST

The Illini Sports Network will carry the radio broadcast with its pregame show beginning at 1 p.m. CT. Calling the action will be Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Kurt Kittner (color analyst) and Steve Kelly (halftime and postgame). The broadcast can be heard on the 44-stations on the Illini Sports Network.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois/Missouri game will be nationally televised on ESPN2 with an air time of 2:36 CT. Dave Pasch will have the play-by-play calls, along with expert analyst Andre Ware and Jimmy Dykes on the sideline.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The University of Illinois football team will depart from campus at 2 p.m. CT on Friday, Aug. 31 via charter bus and conduct a walk-through at the Edward Jones Dome upon arrival. The walk-through is closed to the media, however media may get interviews with head coach Ron Zook before the walkthrough begins. Media should be at the Dome by 4:30 p.m. Football SID Cassie Arner will be traveling with the team, 217-390-6564.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	6 p.m. (BTN)
Sept. 15	at Syracuse	11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Sept. 22	at Indiana	TBA
Sept. 29	#17/18 Penn State	TBA
Oct. 6	#7/7 Wisconsin	TBA
Oct. 13	at Iowa	TBA
Oct. 20	#5/5 Michigan	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Ball State	11 a.m.
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	7 p.m. (BTN)
Nov. 10	at #11/10 Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 17	Northwestern	TBA

** all times Central ... rankings are AP/Coaches Poll*

MISSOURI SCOREBOARD

Sept. 1	vs. Illinois	2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sept. 8	at Ole Miss	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Western Michigan	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	Illinois State	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	#20/19 Nebraska	TBA
Oct. 13	at #8/8 Oklahoma	TBA
Oct. 20	Texas Tech	TBA
Oct. 27	Iowa State	TBA
Nov. 3	at Colorado	TBA
Nov. 10	#25/25 Texas A&M	TBA
Nov. 17	at Kansas State	TBA
Nov. 24	vs. Kansas	TBA

FOR OPENERS

- ▶ Illinois opens its 118th season of varsity football Saturday against Missouri.
- ▶ The Illini have compiled an all-time record of 74-38-5 in season openers, are 23-8-1 when opening the season on the road and 0-3 in neutral-site season openers.
- ▶ Illinois returns 20 starters from a year ago, nine on each side of the ball and two specialists.
- ▶ For the past two years, Illinois has been one of the youngest teams in the country. In 2005, the Illini were the most youthful squad and last year they were in the top three.
- ▶ The Illini return to St. Louis, bringing with them two natives in reshirt-freshmen Jerry Brown (Vashon) and Antonio Gully (Cardinal Ritter). Also from the state of Missouri is senior fullback Justin Ijei from Chesterfield.
- ▶ Illinois looks to defend its Big Ten rushing title from a year ago as the Illini return over 50 percent of their rushing attack. Despite losing leading rusher Pierre Thomas (69.2 ypg), the team's second and third rushers in tailback Rashard Mendenhall (53.3 ypg) and quarterback Juice Williams (48.0 ypg) are back. Mendenhall ranked 10th in the Big Ten in individual rushing last year and led the conference with an 8.2 yards per carry average. Williams broke the school records for rushing by a quarterback, setting marks for a career (576); season (576) and single game (145).
- ▶ Mendenhall needs 142 rushing yards to break the career 1,000 yard mark. In two seasons he has accumulated 858 yards on the ground on just 126 carries, for a 6.8 career yard per carry average. The highest yard per carry average of Illinois' all-time rushers belongs to Pierre Thomas, who posted 5.6 ypc from 2003-06.
- ▶ Last season, Illinois' played the 40th toughest schedule according to the final Sagarin ratings. This season doesn't offer any relief as the Illini prepare for seven teams on the schedule that went to a bowl game in 2006. Also among those are three teams ranked in the top-10 in No. 5 Michigan, No. 7 Wisconsin and No. 10 Ohio State, as well as No. 18 Penn State.

MISSOURI SERIES NOTES

- ▶ Sept. 1 marks the first time since 2003 that Illinois and Missouri have squared off. Mizzou leads the all-time series 13-7 and won both games in the two-game series played in 2002-03 in St. Louis.
- ▶ Missouri has won three of the last four games in the series and four of the last six, dating back to the 1991 season.
- ▶ Mizzou leads the series 3-1 in neutral-site games, all four being played in St. Louis. The Illini won the first game of the series, which was played in St. Louis, in 1896, but the Tigers took victories in 1969, 2002 and 2003.

ILLINI ON PRESEASON AWARDS LISTS

- ▶ Senior linebacker J Leman — Butkus Award; Lombardi Award; Bronko Nagurski Award; Lott Award
- ▶ Senior placekicker Jason Reda — Lou Groza Award
- ▶ Junior running back Rashard Mendenhall — Doak Walker Award
- ▶ Junior center Ryan McDonald — Rimington Award
- ▶ Sophomore quarterback Isiah "Juice" Williams — Manning Award
- ▶ Sophomore tight end Jeff Cumberland — Mackey Award

RECORDS TO WATCH

- ▶ Senior kicker Jason Reda currently stands ninth on the Illinois career scoring list, needing 12 points to pass Red Grange. Reda needs 88 points this season to become the career scoring leader.
- ▶ Reda also is sixth on the career field goals list, needing just five field goals to move into fourth place. He would need 19 FGs to become the career field goal record holder.
- ▶ Senior defensive tackle Chris Norwell needs just five more starts to set the Illinois record for most games started by a defensive lineman.
- ▶ Senior linebacker J Leman needs 68 tackles to move into 10th place on the Illini career tackles list.

ILLINI IN DOMES

- ▶ After a two-year drought of playing games in domes, Illinois will return to indoor football for three of their six away games this season, marking the first Dome appearance for head coach Ron Zook as an Illini. The team kicks off the season at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis against Missouri, where they are 0-2

DID YOU KNOW?

Illinois head coach Ron Zook and Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel played against each other in college. Zook at Miami (OH) and Pinkel at Kent State.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2006 averages

	ILL	MU
Overall Record	2-10	8-5
Conf. Record	1-7	4-4
Total Offense	345.3	425.6
Points Scored	19.6	30.1
First Downs	16.5	22.4
Rushing Yds.	188.8	149.5
Passing Yds.	156.5	276.2
Time of Possession	28:17	27:46
3rd Down Conversion	36.0	48.0
Points Allowed	26.8	19.5
Yards Allowed	310.1	320.2
Rushing Yds. Allowed	127.8	134.5
Passing Yds. Allowed	182.2	185.7

STATISTICAL LEADERS

(2006 returners averages listed)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
R. Mendenhall . . . 53.3	Temple 81.8
I. Williams 48.0	Daniel 29.2

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
I. Williams 124.1	Daniel 271.3

RECEPTION LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
Hudson 33.6	Coffman 49.1
Willis 26.1	Rucker 39.3

TACKLES LEADERS (TPG)

ILL	MU
Leman 12.7	Christopher 6.7
Steele 7.1	Terrell 5.4
Mitchell 6.6	L. Williams 4.1

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (total)

ILL	MU
Miller/Bellamy	Massey 3
Mitchell 2	Howard 2

POINTS SCORED (PPG)

ILL	MU
Reda 5.8	Wolfert 7.6
R. Mendenhall 3.0	Coffman 4.2
Hudson/Willis 1.5	Temple 3.2

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total)

ILL	MU
Leman 19.0	L. Williams 10.5
Norwell 12.5	Christopher 6.5

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

ILL	MU
R. Mendenhall 67.0	Temple 87.3
I. Williams 48.0	Coffman 49.1

in games. In the third week of the year, Illinois travels to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse to take on the Orange. Twice the Illini have played in SU's home dome, victorious in both contests. Finally in week 10, the squad heads to the Metrodome to play Minnesota in an evening contest. The Illini are 3-5-1 in the Metrodome since the Gophers began playing there in 1982.

ILLINI LINEBACKER J LEMAN

► At the time the 2006 Butkus Award Watch list was released, Illini linebacker J Leman was an unknown name to most people outside of the Illinois fan base, but now he enters the 2007 season as one of the top returning linebackers in the country. Last season, Leman jumped onto the national scene with dominant games against Michigan State, Wisconsin and then-No. 1 Ohio State. He earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors after totaling 19 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss against the top-ranked Buckeyes. He followed up that performance with 22 tackles and 2.5 TFL in the season finale at Northwestern. Leman led the Big Ten with 12.7 tackles per game and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. He was also named to the *Sports Illustrated* All-American team as an honorable mention and is one of only eight returning linebackers in the nation to earn all-star honors.

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

► For years, the Illini have used multiple running backs. This season, junior Rashard Mendenhall is likely to see the bulk of the carries. It will be the first time since 2002 and only the second time in 10 seasons that Illinois has primarily used one running back. However, the last time the Illini had a primary back, Antoino Harris broke the single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. In 1997 and 1996, Robert Holcombe was the team's sole running back. In those seasons, he rushed for 1,253 (5th) and 1,281 yards (2nd), respectively. Both those season efforts (as noted) rank in the top-5 on the school's season rushing yardage list.

BIG TEN 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

As the 2007 season begins, Illinois running back Rashard Mendenhall ranks 11th on the list of active running backs in the Big Ten. Now as the team's leading returning rusher and no longer sharing the spotlight with two other backs, Mendenhall looks to rise up that list.

1. Mike Hart, Sr., Michigan 3,679 yards
2. Tyrell Sutton, Jr., Northwestern 2,474 yards
3. Albert Young, Sr., Iowa 2,205 yards
4. Amir Pinnix, Sr., Minnesota 1,876 yards
5. Jehuu Caulcrick, Sr., Michigan State 1,593 yards
6. P.J. Hill, So., Wisconsin 1,569 yards
7. Javon Ringer, Jr., Michigan State 1,314 yards
8. Kory Sheets, Sr., Purdue 1,351 yards
9. Austin Scott, Sr., Penn State 1,021 yards
10. Damian Sims, Sr., Iowa 1,005 yards
- **Rashard Mendenhall, Jr., Illinois 858 yards**

ILLINI RECORDS IN SEASON OPENERS

- Rushing Yards: 143 by Pierre Thomas vs. Florida A&M, 9/4/04
- Passing Yards: 315 by Jack Trudeau vs. Northwestern, 9/1/84
- Completions: 31 by Jon Beutjer vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
- Touchdowns Rushing: 3 by Antoino Harris vs. California, 9/1/01
- Touchdowns Passing: 3, most recently by Kurt Kittner vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/2/00
- Receptions: 11 by David Williams vs. Northwestern, 9/1/84
- Touchdown Receptions: 3 by Greg Lewis vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/2/00
- Receiving Yards: 208 by David Williams vs. Northwestern, 9/1/84
- Sacks: 4 by Mike Poloskey vs. East Carolina, 8/31/91
- Points Scored: 79 vs. Illinois State, 9/16/44
- Margin of Victory: 73 (79-6) vs. Illinois State, 9/16/44

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- The Illini led the Big Ten in rushing and ranked 10th in the country with an 188.8 average. It was the highest rushing average for an Illini team since the 1973 season. The Illini's 5.2 yards per carry also ranked fifth in the nation last season. The squad began the season with a 300-yard rushing effort against Eastern Illinois and posted six additional 200-yard performances.
- Illinois proved last year that it had big-play ability. The squad posted 49 offensive plays over 20 yards. Quarterback Juice Williams threw nine touchdown passes, seven of which were for over 20 yards. Williams also became the only quarterback in school history to throw three touchdown passes of over 60 yards when he passed for 76, 69 and 69-yard scores. Williams completed 21 big-play passes, connecting with eight different targets. On the rushing side, backs ran for 23 carries over 20 yards, including Rashard Mendenhall's scampers of 86 and 79 yards.
- Junior receiver Kyle Hudson starts his third year of pulling double-duty as a wide receiver on the football team and a centerfielder on the Illini baseball team. Hudson led the Illini in receptions in 2006 and receiving

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Illinois	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	vs. Missouri
Indiana	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Indiana State
Iowa	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	vs. Northern Illinois
Michigan	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Appalachian State
Michigan State	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	UAB
Minnesota	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Bowling Green
Northwestern	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Northeastern
Ohio State	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Youngstown State
Penn State	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Florida International
Purdue	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	at Toledo
Wisconsin	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Washington State

2007 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Missouri	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	vs. Illinois
Western Illinois	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	South Dakota State
Syracuse	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Washington
Ball State	0	0	.00	0	0	.00	---	Miam (OH) - Aug. 30

yards each of his first two seasons.

- ▶ True-freshman wide receiver Arrelious Benn looks to make a start against Missouri, his first collegiate game. The last time a wide receiver started as a true freshman at Illinois was Lonnie Hurst in 2003 against Missouri.
- ▶ Quarterback Juice Williams was one of seven true-freshmen signal-callers to play last year. He and Thaddeus Lewis of Duke logged the most starts at nine apiece. Williams' record in those starts was 1-8, while Lewis' was 0-9.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ Illinois returns its top four tacklers from a year ago in J Leman, Antonio Steele, Kevin Mitchell and Justin Harrison. Vontae Davis, Brit Miller and Chris Norwell also return, meaning seven of the Illini's top eight defenders are back from 2006.
- ▶ The defense is extremely experienced, returning nine of 11 starters. All three starting linebackers return, along with three linemen and three defensive backs. Five Illini on defense have recorded 20 or more starts in their career: SS Justin Harrison (24), LB J Leman (28), FS Kevin Mitchell (21), DT Chris Norwell (33), DE Derek Walker (23).
- ▶ The Illini are hoping to register the same improvement in 2007 that they saw in 2006. The squad made drastic strides last season, shaving off nearly 160 yards per game. The biggest gains came in the rushing defense with the allowance of only 127 yards per game. The rushing defense improved its attack, allowing 103 yards less than it did one year prior, going from the league's worst to fifth-ranked. The total defense was giving up nearly 500 yards of offense in 2005 and ended the season stopping opponents for just over 300 yards per game. The Illini defense also increased the number of tackles behind the line of scrimmage by 21 in 2006, stopping opponents 83 times for a loss of 275 yards.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- ▶ Senior kicker Jason Reda has been a consistent force throughout his career, converting all but one extra-point try in three years (70-of-71). Last season, he was perfect on field goals under 40 yards and scored a career-high 69 points. He has connected on his last 58 PATs.
- ▶ Oddly enough, Illinois this year boasts a trio of four-year starters on the field goal and extra point units. Long snapper Kyle Knezetic, holder Frank Lenti Jr. and Reda have worked together extensively throughout their careers as Illini, giving the coaching staff a great deal of confidence in that special teams unit.

CLASSROOM STANDOUTS

- ▶ Six Illini have already earned their college degrees — FB Justin Ijei, WR Frank Lenti, Jr., DB Tyler Rouse, LB J Leman, DT Chris Norwell and OL Martin O'Donnell.
- ▶ Illinois junior linebacker J Leman is not only a standout on the field, but his accomplishments in the classroom include a bachelor's degree in just three years. He maintained a 3.7 GPA in communications, graduating in August of 2006. He is currently pursuing a master's degree which he will complete this December.
- ▶ The Illini's starting center Ryan McDonald is pursuing his undergraduate degree in one of the most difficult academic fields at the University of Illinois. Illinois is known for its engineering curriculum, ranking in the Top-10 in all nine disciplines, including the top-rated civil engineering program. McDonald has recorded a 3.87 in aeronautical engineering, a program which ranks eighth nationally. He had an internship this summer on campus working with NASA.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

USA TODAY COACHES POLL = Preseason

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	USC (45)	0-0	---
2.	LSU (4)	0-0	---
3.	Florida (9)	0-0	---
4.	Texas	0-0	---
5.	Michigan (2)	0-0	---
6.	West Virginia	0-0	---
7.	Wisconsin	0-0	---
8.	Oklahoma	0-0	---
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	---
10.	Ohio State	0-0	---
11.	Louisville	0-0	---
12.	California	0-0	---
13.	Georgia	0-0	---
14.	Auburn	0-0	---
15.	Tennessee	0-0	---
16.	Rutgers	0-0	---
17.	UCLA	0-0	---
18.	Penn State	0-0	---
19.	Nebraska	0-0	---
20.	Arkansas	0-0	---
21.	Florida State	0-0	---
22.	TCU	0-0	---
23.	Boise State	0-0	---
24.	Hawaii	0-0	---
25.	Texas A&M	0-0	---

Receiving Votes: Boston College 150, Georgia Tech 150, Miami (FL) 91, Notre Dame 90, South Carolina 90, Wake Forest 71, Missouri 58, Oregon State 52, BYU 47, Clemson 30, Oregon 30, South Florida 26, Texas Tech 20, Alabama 16, Oklahoma State 15, Southern Miss 14, Iowa 12, Kansas State 8, Memphis 5, Houston 4, Arizona 1, Duke 1, Kentucky 1, Washington State 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL = Preseason

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	USC (62)	0-0	---
2.	LSU (2)	0-0	---
3.	West Virginia (1)	0-0	---
4.	Texas	0-0	---
5.	Michigan	0-0	---
6.	Florida	0-0	---
7.	Wisconsin	0-0	---
8.	Oklahoma	0-0	---
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	---
10.	Louisville	0-0	---
11.	Ohio State	0-0	---
12.	California	0-0	---
13.	Georgia	0-0	---
14.	UCLA	0-0	---
15.	Tennessee	0-0	---
16.	Rutgers	0-0	---
17.	Penn State	0-0	---
18.	Auburn	0-0	---
19.	Florida State	0-0	---
20.	Nebraska	0-0	---
21.	Arkansas	0-0	---
22.	TCU	0-0	---
23.	Hawaii	0-0	---
24.	Boise State	0-0	---
25.	Texas A&M	0-0	---

Receiving Votes: Missouri 128, Georgia Tech 94, Boston College 75, Oregon 73, South Carolina 69, Miami (FL) 68, Alabama 66, Oregon State 42, Wake Forest 40, South Florida 28, Arizona State 17, BYU 14, Southern Miss 12, Notre Dame 11, Virginia 7, Clemson 6, Oklahoma State 3, Texas Tech 2

* Illinois' 2007 opponents in bold.

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'07	'06	'05	'04	TOT
Bellamy, Travon	.1	---	---	---	.1
Carson, Sam	.0	.2	---	---	.2
Cumberland, Jeff	.4	---	---	---	.4
Davis, Vontae	.11	---	---	---	.11
Davis, Will	.2	---	---	---	.2
Fulton, Xavier	---	.7	.3	.10	.10
Harrison, Justin	.14	.5	.7	.24	.24
Hicks, Dere	.1	---	---	---	.1
Hoomanawanui, M.	.3	---	---	---	.3
Hudson, Kyle	.11	.5	---	---	.16
James, Chris	.3	---	---	---	.3
Leman, J	.12	.11	.5	.28	.28
Lenti, Frank	.1	.0	.0	.1	.1
Lindquist, David	.2	.0	---	---	.2
McDonald, Ryan	.12	.11	---	---	.23
Mendenhall, Rashard	.1	.0	---	---	.1
Miller, Brit	.10	.5	---	---	.15
Millington, Akim	.10	---	---	---	.10
Mitchell, Kevin	.10	.11	.0	.21	.21
Myles, Charles	.11	.1	.0	.12	.12
Nabolotny, Mike	.1	---	---	---	.1
Norwell, Chris	.11	.11	.11	.33	.33
O'Donnell, Martin	.12	.10	.10	.32	.32
Pilcher, Doug	.10	---	---	---	.10
Sanders, Justin	.3	---	---	---	.3
Steele, Antonio	.12	---	---	---	.12
Sullivan, Tom	.1	---	---	---	.1
Thornhill, Anthony	.0	.6	.13	.13	.13
Walker, Derek	.12	.11	---	---	.23
Warren, DaJuan	.3	.7	.0	.10	.10
Weil, Russ	.3	.0	.2	.5	.5
Williams, Juice	.9	---	---	---	.9
Williams, Sirod	.0	.4	---	---	.4
Willis, Jacob	.5	---	---	---	.5

-- Redshirted or not on squad
 0 Played, but didn't start

ILLINI GRIDDERS MAKE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

► For the second straight summer the team hosted an event to raise money for the Cunningham Children's Home, located locally in Urbana. The event was a 12-hour supply drive to raise goods and money for the home from their Wish List. The team congregated on the East side of Memorial Stadium and along with the help of local radio stations, solicited the help of community members to give supplies and money to the Home. The team's two-year total of goods and money raised is \$20,000.

EXCITEMENT ABOUND FOR 2007 ILLINI FOOTBALL SEASON

► Great excitement surrounds the 2007 Illinois football season. More than 13,000 Illini fans have become new season ticket holders and the school has sold out its South Endzone "Horseshoe" section. Students have also jumped on board, with season ticket sales up by nearly 2,000.

► Phase I of the Memorial Stadium project will be completed next week in time for Illinois' home opener against Western Illinois. The students will be housed in the brand-new North Endzone seating as well as the Marching Illini. This is the first part of a \$116 million renovation taking place at the historic stadium right now.

RECORDS TO WATCH

CAREER 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

1.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105
2.	Antoineo Harris, 1999-2002	2,985
3.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	2,887
4.	Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	2,878
5.	Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	2,711
6.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	2,545
7.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	2,485
8.	Keith Jones, 1984-88	2,194
9.	John Karras, 1949-51	2,135
10.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	2,103
11.	Red Grange, 1923-25	2,071
12.	Rich Johnson, 1966-68	2,058
13.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	1,851
14.	Lonnie Perrin, 1972-75	1,771
15.	J.C. Caroline, 1953-54	1,696
16.	James Coleman, 1975-77	1,573
17.	George Uremovich, 1971-73	1,565
18.	Steve Feagin, 1989-92	1,558
19.	Steve Havar, 1995-99	1,541
20.	E.B. Halsey, 2003-06	1,448
21.	Darrell Robinson, 1969-71	1,357
22.	Buddy Young, 1944, 46	1,296
23.	Abe Woodson, 1954-56	1,276
24.	Bill Brown, 1958-60	1,269
25.	Ray Wilson, 1983-86	1,250
26.	Steve Greene, 1972-75	1,228
27.	Bobby Mitchell, 1955-57	1,109
28.	Dwight Beverly, 1982-83	1,103
29.	Mike Holmes, 1979-80	1,097
30.	Mike Navarro, 1970-72	1,083
31.	Harry Jefferson, 1954-56	1,032
32.	Ruck Steger, 1946-49	1,026
--	Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-present	.858

CAREER POINTS SCORED

	TD	X1	X2	FG	TP	
1.	Chris White, 1983-85	0	103	0	53	262
2.	Chris Richardson, 1991-94	0	103	0	52	259
3.	Doug Higgins, 1987-90	0	116	0	39	230
4.	Mike Bass, 1980-82	0	89	0	41	212
5.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	33	0	0	0	198
	Dan Beaver, 1973-76	0	84	0	38	198
7.	Neil Rackers, 1996-99	1	86	0	34	194
8.	Red Grange, 1923-25	31	0	0	0	186
9.	Jason Reda, 2004-present	0	70	0	35	175
10.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	29	0	0	0	174

CAREER FIELD GOALS

(since 1945)

1.	Chris White, 1983-85	53
2.	Chris Richardson, 1991-94	52
3.	Mike Bass, 1980-82	41
4.	Doug Higgins, 1987-90	39
5.	Dan Beaver, 1973-76	38
6.	Jason Reda, 2004-present	35
7.	Neil Rackers, 1996-99	34
8.	John Gockman, 2001-03	24
9.	Peter Christofilakos, 1999-2002	21
10.	Bart Macomber, 1914-16	17

CAREER TACKLES

1.	Dana Howard, 1991-94	595
2.	John Sullivan, 1974-78	501
3.	Darrick Brownlow, 1987-90	483
4.	John Gillen, 1977-80	441
5.	John Holecek, 1991-94	436
6.	Danny Clark, 1996-99	381
7.	Dick Butkus, 1962-64	374
8.	Steve Glasson, 1986-89	371
9.	Jerry Schumacher, 1999-02	370
10.	Scott Studwell, 1973-76	342
--	J Leman, 2004-present	275

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

1.	Simeon Rice, 1992-95	69-385
2.	Moe Gardner, 1987-90	57-226
3.	Fred Wakefield, 1997-2000	42-158
4.	Don Thorp, 1980-83	40-191
5.	Kevin Hardy, 1992-95	38-220
6.	Scott Davis, 1985-87	35-206
	Danny Clark, 1996-99	35-146
8.	Jerry Schumacher, 1999-02	33-110
9.	John DiFeliciantonio, 1974-76	32-147
	Tyrone Washington, 1992-95	32-101
	Mel Agee, 1987-90	32-143
--	J Leman, 2004-present	27.5-88

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

(Sack records kept since 1983)

1.	Simeon Rice, 1992-95*	44.5
2.	Scott Davis, 1983-87	23
3.	Fred Wakefield, 1997-2000	21
4.	Mike Poloskey, 1988-91	20
5.	Kevin Hardy, 1992-95	18
	Moe Gardner, 1987-90	18
7.	Terrell Washington, 1999-2001	15
	Mel Agee, 1987-90	15
9.	Derrick Strong, 2000-03	14
10.	Mike McGee, 1996-99	12
--	Chris Norwell, 2004-present	8
--	Derek Walker, 2006-present	6.5

*Big Ten record

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams vs. Purdue, 11/11/06	145
2.	Tim Brasic vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05	116
3.	Rick Weiss vs. Wisconsin, 10/14/78	106
4.	Mike Wells vs. Northwestern, 11/4/72	105
5.	Juice Williams vs. Michigan State, 9/30/06	103
6.	Fred Custardo at Ohio State, 10/9/65	100
7.	Juice Williams vs. Ohio, 10/14/06	96
8.	John Easterbrook vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/60	95
9.	Bob Naponic vs. Purdue, 10/29/66	91
10.	Tim Brasic vs. Rutgers, 9/3/2005	77

SEASON RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2006	576
2.	Tim Brasic, 2005	420
3.	Rick Weiss, 1978	297
4.	Mike Wells, 1972	287
5.	Ronald Fearn, 1961	219
6.	Bob Naponic, 1966	215
7.	Mike Wells, 1970	214
8.	Kurt Steger, 1977	174
9.	Bob Naponic, 1968	171
10.	Kurt Steger, 1975	163

CAREER RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	576
2.	Fred Custardo, 1963-65	516
3.	Tim Brasic, 2003-2006	498
4.	John Easterbrook, 1958-60	465
5.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	454
6.	Bob Naponic, 1966-68	440
7.	Kurt Steger, 1975-77	352
8.	Rick Weiss, 1978	297
9.	Ronald Fearn, 1961-63	277
10.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	158

DEPTH CHART

(as of Aug. 26)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

- 68 Xavier Fulton (6-5, 295, Jr.)
78 Ryan Palmer (6-7, 315, r-Fr.)

Left Guard

- 64 Martin O'Donnell (6-5, 300, Sr.)
74 Brandon Jordan (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)

Center

- 60 Ryan McDonald (6-5, 300, Jr.)
62 Eric Block (6-3, 290, Jr.)

Right Guard

- 52 Jon Asamoah (6-5, 300, So.)
58 Dan Motuliak (6-3, 293, Jr.)
74 Brandon Jordan (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)

Right Tackle

- 69 Akim Millington (6-6, 310, Sr.)
66 Randall Hunt (6-6, 295, r-Fr.)
75 Mark Jackson (6-5, 307, Fr.)

Quarterback

- 7 Juice Williams (6-2, 223, So.)
10 Eddie McGee (6-4, 200, r-Fr.)

Running Back

- 5 Rashard Mendenhall (5-11, 224, Jr.)
22 Daniel Dufrene (5-11, 197, So.)
34 Walter Mendenhall (6-0, 225, Jr.)

Fullback

- 41 Russ Weil (6-0, 241, Sr.)
30 Rahkeem Smith (6-1, 246, So.)

Wide Receiver

- 21 Kyle Hudson (5-11, 166, Jr.)
82 Frank Lenti (6-2, 190, Sr.)

Wide Receiver

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 215, Fr.)
13 Will Judson (5-8, 160, Jr.)
26 Brian Gamble (6-0, 193, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 11 Joe Morgan (6-2, 185, So.)
83 Jacob Willis (5-11, 182, Sr.)
8 DaJuan Warren (6-2, 215, Jr.)

Tight End

- 17 Jeff Cumberland (6-5, 244, So.) OR
16 Michael Hoomanawanui (6-5, 261, So.)

DEFENSE

Defensive End

- 91 Derek Walker (6-4, 276, Jr.)
99 Jerry Brown (6-4, 260, r-Fr.)

Defensive Tackle

- 96 Chris Norwell (6-6, 290, Sr.)
76 Mike Ware (6-3, 285, Sr.)

Defensive Tackle

- 94 David Lindquist (6-3, 276, Jr.)
56 Sirod Williams (6-0, 278, Jr.)
92 Josh Brent (6-2, 320, Fr.)

Defensive End

- 95 Doug Pilcher (6-5, 265, So.)
90 Antonio James (6-5, 265, So.)
81 Will Davis (6-3, 246, Jr.)

Linebacker

- 44 Brit Miller (6-1, 251, Jr.)
45 Rodney Pittman (6-2, 235, Jr.)

Linebacker

- 47 J Leman (6-2, 245, Sr.)
43 Sam Carson (6-1, 245, Jr.)

Linebacker

- 40 Antonio Steele (6-2, 218, Sr.)
2 Martez Wilson (6-4, 236, Fr.)
51 Anthony Thornhill (6-1, 221, Sr.)

Cornerback

- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 181, So.) OR
31 Travon Bellamy (6-0, 194, So.)

Free Safety

- 32 Justin Harrison (5-11, 207, Sr.)
24 Bo Flowers (6-2, 222, Fr.)

Strong Safety

- 42 Kevin Mitchell (6-0, 209, Sr.)
25 Justin Sanders (6-1, 205, Sr.)
20 Garrett Edwards (6-2, 210, r-Fr.)

Cornerback

- 1 Vontae Davis (6-0, 205, So.)
15 Chris Duval (5-11, 170, So.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker

- 13 Jason Reda (6-1, 200, Sr.)
35 Michael Cklamovski (6-4, 261, So.)

Punter

- 37 Kyle Yelton (6-0, 191, So.) OR
36 Jared Bosch (6-1, 219, So.) OR
87 Anthony Santella (6-2, 185, r-Fr.)

Holder

- 82 Frank Lenti (6-2, 185, Sr.)

Long Snapper

- 49 Kyle Knezetic (6-1, 205, Sr.)
39 Tad Keely (6-1, 215, r-Fr.)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

52	Jon Asamoah	.....ass-uh-MOW-uh
31	Travon Bellamy	.....TRAY-von
9	Arrelious Benn	.....us-REEL-ee-us
36	Jared Bosch	.....BOSH
18	Nate Bussey	.....BUS-see
35	Michael Cklamovski	.....cluh-MAHV-skee
22	Daniel Dufrene	.....doo-FRAIN
28	Dere Hicks	.....duh-RAY
16	Hoomanawanui	.....huh-oh-MAN-ow-uh-noo-ee
42	Justin Ijei	.....E.J.
55	Anterio Jackson	.....ann-TEAR-ee-oh
49	Kyle Knezetic	.....kuh-NEZ-uh-teck
47	J Leman	.....LAY-man
69	Akim Millington	.....UH-kim
58	Dan Motuliak	.....MOT-uh-lack
73	Mike Nabolotny	.....NOB-uh-lot-knee
48	Eriq Robertson	.....eric
8	DaJuan Warren	.....duh-WAHN
41	Russ Weil	.....while
3	Marques Wilkins	.....MAR-cuss
56	Sirod Williams	.....sur-ROD

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK

▶ Zook begins his 31st season of coaching college football, and his sixth as a head collegiate coach.

▶ Ron Zook has begun each of his first two seasons at Illinois with victories, joining the ranks of three other Illini head coaches to do the same (George Huff, 1895-1986; Edgar Holt, 1901-1902; Robert Zuppk 1913-1914).

▶ Zook began his tenure at Illinois in 2005 with a 33-30 come-from-behind, overtime victory over Rutgers, marking the first win for a first-year Illinois coach since Mike White, who guided the Illini to a 35-9 win over Northwestern on Sept. 6, 1980.

▶ Zook has put together back-to-back top-30 recruiting classes for the Illini. In 2007, Illinois ranked among the top-15 and third in the Big Ten. In 2006, Rivals rated the Illini No. 28 and fourth in the conference.

▶ 2005, the Illinois football team was the youngest in the nation, starting 15 freshmen and sophomores. Last season, the Illini were among the top-3.

▶ Zook led the University of Florida to three bowl games in three seasons. In 2002, against a schedule that ranked sixth toughest in the nation, the Gators ranked 24th in the final ESPN/USA Today Poll and extended their school record of consecutive January bowl appearances to 10.

▶ While not the head coach, Zook was integral in the University of Florida's 2007 national championship. Twenty-two of the 24 starters on the team were recruited by Zook and his staff, while at Florida.

▶ During his time at Florida, his Gator teams defeated six ranked teams, including a stretch of three weeks in a row in 2003.

Florida's win at Florida State in the 2004 season finale was the first win for the Gators in Tallahassee since 1986.

▶ In 2004, at Florida, Zook's Gator team dominated the SEC rankings with the league's leading rusher (Ciatrick Fason), passer (Chris Leak), receiver (O.J. Small) and scorer (Matt Leach).

▶ Zook has participated in 15 bowl games —three as a player and 12 as a coach.

▶ Zook has spent 18 years coaching BCS conference teams (SEC: Florida-8 seasons; Tennessee-3 seasons; Big Ten: Illinois-2 seasons; Ohio State-3 seasons; Big 12: Kansas-1 season; Big East: Virginia Tech-1 season).

▶ Zook coached for six seasons in the NFL, the Pittsburgh Steelers (1996-98), the Kansas City Chiefs (1999) and

New Orleans Saints (2000-01).

▶ In three years at Florida, Zook signed 10 Parade All-Americans. He signed six in the 2003 class alone, which ranked among the top-3 nationally.

▶ Despite his many seasons in the SEC, Zook has midwestern blood. He was born in Loudonville, Ohio and played defensive back for the Miami of Ohio from 1973-75. He began his college career as a walk-on and left as the team captain. During his time at Miami, the team posted a 32-1-1 record and played in three Tangerine Bowls.

▶ In each of his three seasons at Florida, the Gators finished the year ranked in the final Top-25 polls.

▶ Zook coached on five SEC championship teams, including a tie for the SEC East title in 2003 as the head coach at Florida.

THE ZOOK FILE

ZOOK'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005-	Illinois (head coach)
2002-04	Florida (head coach)
2000-01	New Orleans Saints (defensive coordinator)
1999	Kansas City Chiefs (defensive backs)
1996-98	Pittsburgh Steelers (special teams)
1995	Florida (associate head coach/special teams coordinator/nickelbackers and strong safeties)
1994	Florida (special teams coordinator/nickelbackers)
1991-93	Florida (defensive coordinator/defensive backs)
1988-90	Ohio State (defensive backs)
1987	Virginia Tech (defensive coordinator/assistant head coach)
1984-86	Tennessee (defensive backs)
1983	Kansas (defensive coordinator)
1981-82	Cincinnati (defensive coordinator)
1978-80	Murray State (defensive backs)
1976-77	Orrville High School

RON ZOOK'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Bowl	Final Polls
2002	Florida	8-5	6-2	Outback	NR/24th
2003	Florida	8-5	6-2(T1st E)	Outback	24/25
2004	Florida	7-4	4-4	Peach**	NR/25
2005	Illinois	2-9	0-8	---	---
2006	Illinois	2-9	1-6	---	---
2007	Illinois	0-0	0-0	---	---
Total	6 years	27-32	17-22	3 Bowls	

Polis listed as AP/Coaches
**Led Gators to Peach bowl berth, but did not coach

ZOOK YEAR-BY-YEAR

2007 // University of Illinois (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	6 p.m. (BTN)
Sept. 15	Syracuse	11 a.m. (ESPNU)
Sept. 22	Indiana	TBA
Sept. 29	#17/18 Penn State	TBA
Oct. 6	#7/7 Wisconsin	TBA
Oct. 13	Iowa	TBA
Oct. 20	#5/5 Michigan	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Ball State	11 a.m.
Nov. 3	Minnesota	7 p.m. (BTN)
Nov. 10	#11/10 Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 17	Northwestern	TBA

2006 // University of Illinois (2-10, 1-7 Big Ten)

Sept. 2	Eastern Illinois	W	42-17
Sept. 9	at Rutgers	L	0-33
Sept. 16	Syracuse	L	21-31
Sept. 23	#14 Iowa	L	7-24
Sept. 20	at Michigan State	W	23-20
Oct. 7	Indiana	L	32-34
Oct. 14	Ohio	L	17-20
Oct. 21	at Penn State	L	12-26
Oct. 28	at #17 Wisconsin	L	24-30
Nov. 4	#1 Ohio State	L	10-17
Nov. 11	Purdue	L	31-42
Nov. 18	at Northwestern	L	16-27

2005 // University of Illinois (2-9, 0-8 Big Ten)

Sept. 3	Rutgers	W	33-30 (OT)
Sept. 10	San Jose State	W	40-19
Sept. 17	at #15 California	L	20-35
Sept. 24	Michigan State	L	14-61
Oct. 1	Iowa	L	7-35
Oct. 8	Indiana	L	13-36
Oct. 22	#12 Penn State	L	10-63
Oct. 29	#15 Wisconsin	L	24-41
Nov. 5	at #12 Ohio State	L	2-40
Nov. 12	at Purdue	L	3-37
Nov. 19	Northwestern	L	21-38

2004 // University of Florida (7-4, 4-4 SEC)

Sept. 11	Eastern Michigan	W	49-10
Sept. 18	at #13 Tennessee	L	28-30
Sept. 25	Kentucky	W	20-3
Oct. 2	Arkansas	W	45-30
Oct. 9	#24 LSU	L	21-24
Oct. 16	Middle Tennessee	W	52-16
Oct. 23	at Mississippi State	L	31-38
Oct. 30	vs. #7 Georgia	L	24-31
Nov. 6	at Vanderbilt	W	34-17
Nov. 13	South Carolina	W	48-14
Nov. 20	at #10 Florida State	W	20-13

2003 // University of Florida (8-5, 6-2 SEC)

Aug. 30	San Jose State	W	65-3
Sept. 6	at #3 Miami	L	33-38
Sept. 13	Florida A&M	W	63-3
Sept. 20	#12 Tennessee	L	10-24
Sept. 27	at Kentucky	W	24-21
Oct. 4	Ole Miss	L	17-20
Oct. 11	at #6 LSU	W	19-7
Oct. 18	at #11 Arkansas	W	33-28
Nov. 1	vs. #4 Georgia	W	16-13
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt	W	35-17
Nov. 15	at South Carolina	W	24-22
Nov. 30	#9 Florida State	L	34-38
Jan. 1	vs. #13 Iowa*	L	17-37

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.

2002 // University of Florida (8-5, 6-2 SEC)

Aug. 31	UAB	W	51-3
Sept. 7	#1 Miami	L	16-41
Sept. 14	Ohio	W	34-6
Sept. 21	at #4 Tennessee	W	30-13
Sept. 28	Kentucky	W	41-34
Oct. 5	at Ole Miss	L	14-17
Oct. 12	#18 LSU	L	7-36
Oct. 19	Auburn	W	30-23 (ot)
Nov. 2	vs. #5 Georgia	W	20-13
Nov. 9	at Vanderbilt	W	21-17
Nov. 16	South Carolina	W	28-7
Nov. 30	at #23 Florida State	L	14-31
Jan. 1	vs. #12 Michigan*	L	30-38

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.



J LEMAN 47

LB, 6-3, 243, SR.
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
CENTRAL

- Butkus Award Candidate
- Preseason First-Team All-America (Blue Ribbon)
- Preseason Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (Blue Ribbon)
- Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (Street & Smith)
- Rated Top-3 Linebacker (Rivals)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (cbs.sportsline.com)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (USA Today)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (Lindy's)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (Street & Smith)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (Blue Ribbon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (college-footballnews.com)
- Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten (The Sporting News)
- Rated Big Ten's Hardest-Hitting Linebacker (The Sporting News)
- Ninth-rated NFL Talent in Big Ten (Lindy's)
- Rated No. 6 Linebacker (Lindy's)
- Rated Top-8 Linebacker (The Sporting News)
- Rated No. 11 Player in the Big Ten (collegefootballnews.com)

2006: Earned first-team All-Big Ten honors by the media and second team by the coaches ... Named honorable mention All-American by *Sports Illustrated* ... Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors by Scout.com ... Team's Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Linebacker of the Year ... Team Captain ... Finished the season as the Big Ten leader in tackles with 152 (12.7 per game), which also ranked third in the NCAA ... Recorded 19 tackles for loss, which were the second best in the conference and rated seventh in the nation ... Total tackles of 152 were the most for an Illinois player since the 1990 season ... His 152 tackles and 19 tackles for loss both rank sixth in the Illinois record books for a single season ... Played and started in all 12 games ... Was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for the second time during the season with his 22-tackle performance at Northwestern ... Posted 22 tackles at Northwestern, which tied the most by an NCAA player in 2006 and the most by any player in the Big Ten ... Recorded 13 tackles and a career-high two quarterback hurries and passes broken up ... Earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors for performance against Ohio State ... Recorded 19 tackles against then-No. 1 Ohio State, including 3.5 TFL, one sack and a forced fumble ... Led the Illini with 13 tackles, including nine solos and 2.5 TFLs, at Wisconsin ... Had a team-high seven tackles, including five solos, to go along with two TFLs and a sack at Penn State, leading Illinois in tackles ... Had a team-best 13 tackles – including five solos – against Ohio ... Also recorded three TFLs for eight yards against the Bobcats ... Led the Illini in tackles with 10 stops, including four solos, against Indiana ... Also had a career-high two QB hurries and a half-sack against the Hoosiers ... Led the Illini in tackles with 11 at Michigan State, including four solos ... Also recorded 1.5 TFLs for four yards at MSU ... Had a team-high 12 tackles, including six solos, against Iowa ... Also had one TFL for one yard against the Hawkeyes ... Had 15 tackles, including six solos, to lead the Illini against Syracuse ... Also broke up a career-high two passes against the Orange ... Led the Illini with 12 tackles, including seven solos, at Rutgers ... Also had one TFL, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry against the Scarlet Knights ... Recorded five tackles, including three solos, against Eastern Illinois ... Was named a "Boom" by collegefootballnews.com for success from the 2003 recruiting class ... Earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2005: Named the team's Outstanding Linebacker ... Started all 11 games for the

Illini at linebacker and also played 140 plays on special teams ... Finished the season second on the team in total tackles with 67 ... Had a season-best day at Purdue as he posted nine tackles, including eight solo stops and two tackles for loss ... Recorded eight tackles on three occasions — at Indiana, at Iowa and against Wisconsin ... Forced two fumbles, one each in back-to-back games at Iowa and Indiana ... Had one pass broken up against Michigan State and hurried the quarterback against San Jose State ... Earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors ... Named Academic All-Big Ten.

2004: Named to The Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Sixth on the team in tackles with 56 ... Played in every game, earning starts in the final five contests ... In first career start, had eight tackles vs. Michigan ... Made 10 tackles vs. Iowa and also had a TFL and half sack ... Recorded seven tackles, one TFL and a forced fumble vs. Indiana ... Had a QB hurry, a PBU and four tackles at Wisconsin ... Collected a TFL, a sack and eight tackles, including six solos at Northwestern ... Made seven tackles at Michigan St. ... Had six tackles in the season-opener vs. FAMU ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: All-State selection by the *Champaign News-Gazette* and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association ... Named the Area Player of the Year by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Named among the Top-100 inside linebackers in the country by Rivals.com ... Also tabbed an All-Conference and All-Area pick as a junior ... Tallied 356 career tackles including 191 as a senior ... Added 26 tackles-for-loss, nine sacks, three blocked punts, five forced fumbles and an interception as a senior ... Caught 20 passes for 275 yards as a tight end ... Earned eight prep letters, three in both football and basketball, and two in track ... High school coach was former Illini Jeff Hasenstab.

Personal: Full given name is Jeremy Leman ... Born March 1, 1985 ... Son of Happy and Dianne Leman ... Has three brothers and one sister ... Graduated in August 2006 with a degree in speech communications in only three years at the University of Illinois ... Currently enrolled in graduate school in human resource management ... Active in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship ... Worked for a family-owned lawn service prior to beginning college, mowing 70 lawns in the Champaign area ... Hopes to become a sports anchor or television personality following graduation ... First Champaign Central signee at Illinois since Greg Boysaw in 1985 ... Lists Dana Howard as his Fighting Illini hero.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 22 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 Solos: 11 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 TFL: 3.5 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06
 FF: 1, five times (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)
 QB Sack: 1, four times (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
 QBH: 2, twice (last time vs. Purdue 11/11/06)
 PBU: 2, twice (last time vs. Purdue 11/11/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	28	28	56	3-11	1.5-10	1
2005	11	37	30	67	5.5-12	0-0	1
2006	12	75	77	152	19-65	4.0-27	5
TOTAL	34	140	135	275	27.5-88	5.5-37	7

LEMAN GAME-BY-GAME

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	7	5	12	1-1	0-0	1	1-0
SU	6	9	15	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	6	6	12	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	4	7	11	1.5-4	0-0	0	0-0
IND	4	6	10	0.5-1	0.5-1	2	0-0
OHIO	5	8	13	3-8	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	5	2	7	2-10	1-7	0	0-0
@WIS	9	4	13	2.5-9	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	8	11	19	3.5-7	1-8	0	1-0
PUR	7	6	13	1.5-4	0.5-3	2	0-0
@NW	11	11	22	2.5-10	1-8	0	0-0

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
RU	3	3	6	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
SJSU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@CAL	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
@IND	6	2	8	1.5-5	0-0	0	1-0
PSU	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PUR	8	1	9	2-3	0-0	0	0-0
NW	5	1	6	1-2	0-0	0	0-0

2004	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
FAMU	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
UCLA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
VMU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MSU	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	5	5	10	1-3	0.5-3	0	0-0
IND	3	4	7	1-1	0-0	0	1-0
@NW	6	2	8	1-7	1-7	0	0-0

PLAYER PROFILES

52 // JON ASAMOAH

OL, 6-5, 300, SO.

PARK FOREST, ILL./RICH EAST

CAREER NOTES: In 2006, played in five of the last six games of the season at offensive guard, logging 48 plays ... Earned *Chicago Tribune* special mention All-State in high school ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-State ... Two-time first-team All-Conference SICA Green ... Also earned three letters in basketball ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Earned the Cook County Circuit Court - Black History Award for academics and community service.

31 // TRAVON BELLAMY

DB, 6-0, 194, SO.

GREENBELT, MD./ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

CAREER INFO: Played in 11 of 12 games at the nickelback position in 2006 as a true-freshman ... Tied for team leading two interceptions, one coming for a touchdown against 17th-ranked Wisconsin ... Had career game against Indiana, recording four tackles and two PBU ... In high school, he set a school record with a 101-yard interception return for a touchdown return in 2005, one of two touchdown returns on the season ... Recorded three interceptions in the same game he set the school record return ... Reports a 4.40 second 40-yard dash ... Chose Illinois over Oregon State, Kansas State, North Carolina and Virginia.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

Solos: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

PBU: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

INT: 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)

INT Yards: 47 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06

Touchdowns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	4	11	15	0-0	2-88	2

9 // ARRELIOUS BENN

WR, 6-2, 215, FR.

WASHINGTON, DC/DUNBAR

CAREER NOTES: Is predicted by many publications to be one of the Big Ten's top newcomers (The Sporting News, cbs.sport-sline.com, Street & Smith, Lindy's, ESPN.com, Blue Ribbon) ... One of the most highly publicized recruits in school history ... Named to The Sporting News' All-Spring team for his performance in the 2007 spring game, catching five passes for 145 yards ... 2006 *USA Today* first-team All-American ... *Parade* All-American ... 2006 DC Gatorade Player of the Year ... Named the Walter Payton Award winner by EA Sports for most-dedicated high school athlete ... 2006 East U.S. Army All-American ... Earned first-team All-Met honors by *The Washington Post* in both 2005 and 2006 ... Rated the 17th-best player in the country by Rivals.com ... Also ranked No. 17 by ESPN.com ... Caught 56 passes for 1,039 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Was the first player in Dunbar High School history to crack 1,000 yards receiving ... High school teammate of current Illini cornerback Vontae Davis and fellow freshman Nate Bussey ... Chose Illinois over Florida State, Notre Dame and Maryland ... Enrolled in general curriculum.

62 // ERIC BLOCK

OL, 6-3, 290, JR.

NEW ORLEANS, LA./JESUIT

CAREER NOTES: In 2006, played in the season opener against Eastern Illinois, participating in seven offensive snaps ... Got his first collegiate action in 2005, against Penn State and played in three games ... Played 51 offensive snaps in games against PSU, Wisconsin and at Purdue ... Parents were displaced in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina ... Majoring in political science.

36 // JARED BOSCH

P, 6-1, 219, SO.

MAHOMET, ILL./MAHOMET-SEYMOUR

CAREER NOTES: Is in the starting punter position battle with Utah-transfer Anthony Santella and last season's starter Kyle Yelton ... Punted in the final three games of the 2006 season, making his first collegiate appearance against then-No. 1 Ohio State ... Had four punts for a 38.0 average against OSU ... During that game, downed one inside the 20 yardline and had a career long of 42 yards ... Earned a total of 10 letters in football, basketball and track in high school ... Was an All-Conference selection three straight years as a punter, running back, kick returner and linebacker ... Majoring in general engineering ... Graduated in the top 10 percent of his high school class ... Turns 20 on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 4 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

Yardage: 152 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

Average: 38.0 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

Long Punt: 42 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

Inside 20 Yardline: 1 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	FC	I20	LG
2006	8	281	35.1	0	0	1	42

99 // JERRY BROWN

DL, 6-4, 253, R-FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO./VASHON

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... Named the team's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year ... Was a 2005 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* first-team All-Metro as a high school senior ... Recorded 362 career tackles, 37 career sacks and one interception while lettering four times ... Also won three letters in track ... Chose Illinois over Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska ... Started playing football at age six.

43 // SAM CARSON III

LB, 6-1, 245, JR.

WOODRIDGE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

CAREER NOTES: Played in the first five games of 2006 before suffering a hand injury ... Played in all 11 games in 2005, starting against Iowa and Penn State ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Named the team's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year ... Finished his high school career with a school record 366 tackles ... Father, Sam, played football at Eastern Illinois ... Cousin, Roosevelt Brown, played for the Chicago Cubs ... Majoring in actuarial science.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05

Solos: 2 at Iowa, 10/1/05

TFL: 1 vs. Michigan State, 9/24/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	8	12	20	2-2	0-0	0
2006	5	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	16	10	16	26	2-2	0-0	0

35 // MICHAEL CKLAMOVSKI

PK, 6-4, 261, SO.

WILLOW SPRINGS, ILL./LYONS TOWNSHIP

CAREER NOTES: Kicked off six times in four games in 2006, averaging 60.2 yards per kickoff with one touchback ... Played soccer in high schools as a freshman and sophomore and moved over to football for his senior year only ... Uncle, Vlade Janikevski, was a Hall of Fame football player at Ohio State, playing from 1977-80 ... Past summer jobs include being a Congressional Intern.

17 // JEFF CUMBERLAND

TE, 6-5, 244, SO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO/BROOKHAVEN

CAREER NOTES: 2006 Honorable mention freshman All-America by The Sporting News ... Finished his true-freshman season playing in all 12 games and starting five ... Was second on the team in catches with 16 ... Listed as the No. 66 recruit in the nation by ESPN.com ... Made 25 catches for 801 yards, recording 32 yards per catch in high school ... Recorded the best 40-yard dash and vertical leap among tight ends at the Los Angeles NIKE Training Camp ... Ran a 10.6 in the 100 meters ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State, Minnesota, West Virginia and Marshall ... Raised by grandmother, Rosline Cumberland.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)

Yards: 62 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

Long Reception: 45 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	16	232	14.5	19.3	1	45

PLAYER PROFILES

1 // VONTAE DAVIS

DB, 6-0, 205, SO.
WASHINGTON, D.C./DUNBAR

CAREER NOTES: Was a consensus first-team Freshman All-American by every publication last season ... Is a preseason first-team All-Big Ten pick at corner ... Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors last year ... Held OSU's Ted Ginn to just 26 yards receiving ... Recorded his first career interception against Eastern Illinois ... 2005 D.C. Gatorade Player of the Year ... Named the No. 1 recruit in the DC area by Rivals.com ... Recorded eight interceptions and 38 solo tackles as a senior in high school ... Recorded 4.40 second 40-yard dash and 33-inch vertical jump ... Chose Illinois over Maryland, Michigan State and Virginia ... Brother, Vernon, played tight end at Maryland and was the sixth overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft, selected by the San Francisco 49ers.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Solos: 5, two times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
INT: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
TFL: 1, twice (vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06)
PBU: 1, six times (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	12	30	22	52	2.5-7	1-0	6

81 // WILL DAVIS

DL, 6-3, 246, JR.
GREENBELT, MD. / ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, starting the last two at defensive end ... Had nine quarterback hurries last season, second-most on the team ... Moved to defensive end during 2006 spring practice ... Played in eight games as both a wide receiver and tight end in 2005 ... Recorded 136 tackles and 24 sacks in high school ... Mom played basketball for the Liberian national team and the University of Liberia and his uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia ... Majoring in community health ... Chose Illinois over UConn, Boston College and Virginia.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
QB Hurries: 2, twice (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	11	7	18	3.5-20	2-19	9

22 // DANIEL DUFRENE

RB, 5-11, 197, SO.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. /STRANAHAN/COLL OF THE SEQUOIAS

CAREER NOTES: An All-Conference selection at College of the Sequoias, rushed for 750 yards and nine touchdowns last season as a freshman ... Signed with Vanderbilt out of high school and attended for one semester (redshirted) before transferring ... Rushed for 1,472 yards as a senior in high school, while scoring 15 touchdowns ... Chose Illinois over UCLA and Louisville.

15 // CHRIS DUVALT

DB, 5-11, 171, SO.
LAKELAND, FLA./LAKE GIBSON

CAREER NOTES: Played in nine games in 2006, primarily on special team ... Was a strong kick returner for the Illini last year, averaging 21.9 yards on eight kicks, including a long of 37 yards at Northwestern ... Ranked the 25th best cornerback in the nation and 49th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com ... Recorded 50 tackles, five interceptions and eight pass break ups in 2005 as a high school senior ... Recorded a 4.38 second 40-yard dash at the Tallahassee NIKE Training Camp ... Played point guard for high school basketball team ... Chose Illinois over West Virginia and South Carolina.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, two times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
Solos: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
KO Returns: 4 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
Long KO Return: 37 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	9	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2006	8	175	21.9	0	37

20 // GARRETT EDWARDS

DB, 6-2, 210, R-FR.
DOWNERS GROVE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE NORTH

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... 2005 All-State selection by *Chicago Tribune*, *Tribune* and *Champaign News-Gazette* first-team All-State as a high school senior ... Played running back, wide receiver, free safety and quarterback in high school ... Part of 2004 8A State Championship team ... Two uncles played college football, Ron Leoni (Illinois) and Dave Edwards (Indiana).

24 // BO FLOWERS

DB, 6-2, 222, FR.
MELROSE PARK, ILL./WALTHER LUTHERAN

CAREER NOTES: Comes to Illinois after a four-year career in minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers organizations ... Was drafted in the fifth round out of high school by the Detroit Tigers ... Is a 23-year-old freshman and will turn 24 on Nov. 12th ... Is a walk-on, with Detroit paying for his college education ... *Chicago Sun-Times* 2002 Male Athlete of the Year ... Was a four-star recruit by Rivals.com as a high school senior in 2002 ... Earned all-state honors in 2002 in both baseball and football ... Full name is Clarence Flowers, Jr. ... Nickname is "Bo" which was passed down by his father, who also goes by Bo.

68 // XAVIER FULTON

OL, 6-5, 295, JR.
FLOSSMOOR, ILL./HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

CAREER NOTES: Sat out the 2006 season with an injury ... Switched to offensive tackle in 2007 spring drills ... Played and started in the first seven games of the 2005 at defensive end season before suffering a season-ending knee injury ... Played in eight games and started three as a true freshman in 2004 at defensive end ... Career defensive stats in 15 games were 19 total tackles, two tackles for loss and a half sack.

26 // BRIAN GAMBLE

DB, 6-0, 193, FR.
MASSILLON, OHIO/WASHINGTON

CAREER NOTES: Came to Illinois as a defensive back and moved to receiver during training camp ... Rated a top-100 recruit in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... Played running back and defensive back in high school ... Also caught 56 career passes for 991 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 17.7 yards per catch ... High school teammate of current Illinois defensive end Antonio James ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota and West Virginia.

32 // JUSTIN HARRISON

DB, 5-11, 207, SR.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL./BLOOMINGTON

CAREER NOTES: Started all 12 games in 2006 at safety ... Had best game of the year against then No. 1 Ohio State, posting 10 tackles ... Forced three fumbles (at MSU, at WIS and vs. PUR) and recovered a fumble at Northwestern ... Recorded an interception against Syracuse ... Missed the 2005 non-conference season with a hip injury, but in just eight games he still finished third on the team in total tackles with 63 ... Started five games in 2005 ... In just his second game back, he got his first interception of the season, picking off Iowa's Drew Tate and returning it 30 yards ... Had three hip surgeries and a hand surgery between December 2004 and September 2005 ... Earned Rivals.com Freshman All-America honors in 2004 ... Also made The Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Ranked 17th in the Big Ten in tackles per game with 7.2 ... Played in all 11 games and earned starts in the final seven in 2004 ... Father, Michael, played football and baseball at Millikin University ... Brother, Mike, played at McKendree College and is a coach at his alma mater this year ... Uncle, Eric Wright, played cornerback for the San Francisco 49ers for 12 years ... Originally from East St. Louis, his parents played on teams with Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Kellen Winslow and Jerome Heavens ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Michigan, 10/16/04
Solos: 7 at Northwestern, 11/20/04 & vs. Penn State, 10/22/05
TFL: 1 at Indiana, 10/8/05
Interceptions: 1, three times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
INT Return: 72 vs. Michigan, 10/16/04
Forced Fumble: 1, four times (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
Fumble Recovered: 1, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
PBU: 2, three times (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2004	11	42	37	79	0-0	1-72	0
2005	8	41	22	63	1.5-4	1-30	1
2006	12	32	31	63	0-0	1-1	8
TOTAL	31	115	90	205	1.5-4	3-103	9

PLAYER PROFILES

28 // DERE HICKS

DB, 5-10, 181, SO.

ROANOKE, VA./WILLIAM FLEMING/VALLEY FORGE

CAREER NOTES: Played in 11 of 12 games, starting against Ohio State ... Joined the team in January of 2006 ... Led Valley Forge team to an undefeated season ... Recorded 45 tackles and five interceptions ... Returned three interceptions for touchdowns ... Posted a 4.40 in the 40-yard dash ... Also played quarterback and returned kicks ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini Randall Hunt ... Won a Virginia High School state championship in hurdles ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse and Connecticut.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)
Solos: 2, three times (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0

16 // MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI

TE, 6-5, 261, SO.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL./CENTRAL CATHOLIC

CAREER NOTES: Played in 10 games in 2006, starting three as a true-freshman ... Caught a pass for a two-point conversion vs. Purdue ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* first-team All-State ... Made 50 receptions for 843 yards and 12 touchdowns as a high school senior ... Chose Illinois over Purdue, Northern Illinois and Oregon State ... Father, Isy, played football for Illinois State University.

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	10	0	0	0	0	0	-

21 // KYLE HUDSON

WR, 5-11, 166, JR.

MATTOON, ILL./MATTOON

CAREER NOTES: Led the team for the second straight year in receiving yardage ... Played in all 12 games, starting 11 in 2006 ... Had three catches over 25 yards, including a 53 and 69-yarder ... Two-sport athlete, who lettered in both football and baseball in bot 2005-06 and 2006-07 ... Was named the University of Illinois' 2006 Newcomer of the Year ... Named the team's Rookie of the Year and Most Outstanding Wide Receiver in 2005 ... Was the team's leading receiver with 469 yards as a true freshman ... Averaged 15.1 yards per catch in 2005 ... Has started the last two seasons at centerfield for the Illinois baseball ... As a freshman he led the team in hitting with a .370 average in all games and .375 in conference play ... Also stole 10 bases in 14 attempts ... In 2007, he was second in batting average (.351) on-base pct (.427) and stolen bases (16) ... In two seasons he has started 88 games, all while splitting time with spring football ... As a high school junior, won the state high jump title with a jump of 6'10" ... Majoring in sport management ... Personal best 40 time was recorded at 4.4 seconds flat.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 10 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Receiving Yards: 114 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Long Reception: 69 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Carries: 1 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Rushing Yards: 24 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Long Run: 24 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
All-Purpose Yards: 138 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	31	469	15.1	42.6	1	43
2006	12	30	403	13.4	33.6	3	69
TOTAL	23	61	872	14.3	37.9	4	69

66 // RANDALL HUNT

OL, 6-6, 304, R-FR.

HIGHTSTOWN, N.J./HIGHTSTOWN/VALLEY FORGE

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... Joined the team in January of 2006 ... Attended Valley Forge Military Academy in 2005 ... Helped lead team to undefeated season ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini, Dere Hicks ... In high school, was named an Associated Press second team All-State ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

90 // ANTONIO JAMES

DL, 6-5, 255, SO.

MASSILLON, OHIO/WASHINGTON

CAREER NOTES: In 2006, played in all 12 games at defensive end, logging a season-high 51 plays vs. Wisconsin ... Recorded a career-high three tackles, including two solos, against Iowa ... In high school, earned Associated Press first-team Division I All-Ohio ... Helped lead Washington to a 13-2 final record, making the Ohio state championship game ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
Solos: 2 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	2

74 // BRANDON JORDAN

OL, 6-5, 295, R-FR.

MERRILLVILLE, IND./MERRILLVILLE

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... Rated the No. 14 player in the state of Indiana in 2005 ... Graded out at 91 percent in senior season ... Chose Illinois over Nebraska, Northern Illinois and Ball State ... High school coach was Jeff Yelton, the father of Illini teammate, Kyle Yelton.

13 // WILL JUDSON

WR, 5-8, 160, JR.

FAYETTEVILLE, GA./SANDY CREEK/FLORIDA A&M

CAREER NOTES: Transferred to Illinois from Florida A&M in 2005 and earned a scholarship this fall ... At FAMU he returned punts and kicks, averaging 5.8 ypp and 19.3 ypk ... Was named the 2002 AJC Special Teams Player of the Year for his efforts returning kicks, punts and blocking punts... Member of AAAA state champion 400m relay team ... Majoring in sport management ... Father played 10 seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

49 // KYLE KNEZETIC

LS, 6-0, 205, SR.

CHannahon, ILL./MINOOKA

CAREER NOTES: Four-year starter at long snapper (alongside kicker Jason Reda) ... Played in all 108 snapping opportunities, and a perfect 24-for-24 extra point attempts ... In 2005, played in all 11 games, snapping 112 plays ... Aided kicker Jason Reda in his perfect 20-for-20 PAT performance in 2005 ... Was the snapper for 13 made field goals in 2005 ... Played in every game as a true-freshman in 2004 ... Was the snapper for all eight made field goals and for the 26 made extra points ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Penn State, 10/22/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0
2005	11	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0
2006	12	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	34	8	6	14	0-0	0-0	0

82 // FRANK LENTI JR.

WR/HOLDER, 6-2, 190, SR.

SOUTH HOLLAND, ILL./MT. CARMEL

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games in 2006, starting the season opener ... Also served as holder on all field goal and PAT attempts ... Caught touchdown pass, a 44-yarder against Ohio ... In 2005, played in all 11 games at receiver ... Was the team's full-time holder for all field goals and extra points ... Member of UI squad in 2004 ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Played for his father Frank Lenti Sr. at Mt. Carmel ... Team won the state championship his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons ... Majoring in speech communications.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, two times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Receiving Yards: 55 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Receiving TDs: 1 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Long Catch: 44 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	5	35	7.0	3.2	0	10
2006	12	3	68	22.7	5.7	1	44
TOTAL	23	8	103	12.9	4.5	1	44

PLAYER PROFILES

94 // DAVID LINDQUIST

DL, 6-3, 276, JR.
HIGHLAND PARK, ILL./HIGHLAND PARK

CAREER NOTES: Led the Big Ten with four fumble recoveries in 2006 ... Played in nine games at defensive tackle in 2005 ... Named team's Most Improved Player ... Played in all 12 games, starting two ... Rotated in at defensive tackles along with Chris Norwell and Josh Norris last season ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Won a total of 11 high school varsity letters, with four in both hockey and lacrosse, and three in football ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Solos: 3 at Rutgers, 9/9/06
TFL: 1.5 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
FR: 1, five times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
QB Hurries: 2 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	9	3	6	9	1-3	0-0	0
2006	12	16	17	33	5.0-23	2-16	6
TOTAL	21	19	23	42	6.0-26	2-16	6

60 // RYAN MCDONALD

OL, 6-5, 293, JR.
HOLLAND, MICH./WEST OTTAWA

CAREER NOTES: Helped lead Illinois to 2006 rushing title ... Started all 12 games at center in 2006 ... Team rushed for over 200 yards on seven occasions ... Earned summer internship on U of I campus with NASA ... Named to the 2005 Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... 3.87 GPA in aerospace engineering ... Started all 11 games, 10 at right tackle and the season finale at left tackle in 2005 ... Was in on 716 offensive snaps and 43 special teams plays ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Father, Phil, played center for the Illini from 1974-76.

10 // EDDIE MCGEE

QB, 6-4, 200, R-FR.
WASHINGTON, DC/H.D. WOODSON

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... Finished the his high school senior season with 2,890 yards passing and 22 touchdowns ... Also ran for 770 yards and five touchdowns ... Had two 300-plus yard passing performances and completed a career-best five touchdown passes in a single game ... From the same high school as current Jacksonville Jaguar, Byron Leftwich.

5 // RASHARD MENDENHALL

RB, 5-11, 224, JR.
SKOKIE, ILL./NILES WEST

CAREER NOTES: A Doak Walker Award Candidate ... Finished the season ranked 10th in the Big Ten in rushing in 2006 ... Led the conference in yards per carry, 8.2 ... Had two 100-yard rushing games last season ... Tied for team lead with five touchdown runs ... Posted two of the longest running plays in school history with 79 and 86-yard run ... Played in 10 games at running back, rushing for 218 yards on 48 carries in 2005 ... Joined the Illinois team in the spring of 2005, graduating early from high school ... Rated the No. 1 recruit in the state of Illinois by Scout.com ... Averaged 9.1 yards per carry as a senior at Niles West, rushing for 1,453 yards on 160 attempts and 14 touchdowns ... Older brother, Walter, is also a member of the Illini

football team ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Would like to pursue a career in graphic design.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 14 at Penn State, 10/21/06
Rushing Yards: 162 at Penn State, 10/21/06
Long Run: 86 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
Rushing TDs: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
Receptions: 4, two times (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06)
Receiving Yards: 78 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Long Reception: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Receiving TDs: 1, three times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
All-Purpose Yards: 173 at Penn State, 10/21/06

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	10	48	218	4.5	21.8	0	18
2006	12	78	640	8.2	53.3	5	86
TOTAL	22	126	858	6.8	39.0	5	86

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	10	13	82	6.3	8.2	2	16
2006	12	12	164	13.7	13.6	1	76
TOTAL	22	25	246	9.8	11.2	3	76

34 // WALTER MENDENHALL

RB, 6-0, 225, JR.
SKOKIE, ILL./NILES WEST

CAREER NOTES: Played in eight games, primarily on special teams in 2006 ... Logged five snaps at running back ... Two-time Academic All-Big Ten ... Played in 10 games on special teams and five at linebacker in 2005 ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Named the team's Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year ... Averaged 7.7 yards per carry as a senior at Niles West, rushing for 1,158 yards on 151 attempts for 14 touchdowns ... Would like to pursue a career as a high school teacher and coach after graduation ... Younger brother, Rashard, is also a junior on Illini team ... Majoring in sociology.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
Rushing Yards: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
Tackles: 4 vs. Michigan State, 9/24/05
Solos: 2 vs. Michigan State, 9/24/05
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	8	2	5	2.5	0.75	0	6

44 // BRIT MILLER

LB, 6-1, 251, JR.
DECATUR, ILL./EISENHOWER

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, starting 10 in 2006 ... Tied for team lead with two interceptions, one at Penn State and vs. Eastern Illinois ... Forced a fumble vs. Purdue ... Played in all 11 games, starting the final four at linebacker in 2005 ... Averaged 9.5 tackles during his four starts with 3.5 tackles for loss ... Played quarterback in high school ... Majoring in history.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Solos: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
TFL: 2 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
PBU: 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Interception: 1, twice (at Penn State, 10/21/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	30	16	46	4.5-20	1-12	0
2006	12	18	25	43	4.5-6	0-0	1
TOTAL	23	48	41	89	9.0-26	1-12	1

69 // AKIM MILLINGTON

OL, 6-6, 313, SR.
NORMAN, OKLA./WHEATON NORTH/OKLAHOMA

CAREER NOTES: Started 11 games at left tackle in 2006 ... Helped lead the Illini offense to a 2006 rushing title ... Team rushed for over 200 yards on seven occasions ... Joined the team in spring of 2006 after transferring from Oklahoma ... Won the starting job as right tackle at Oklahoma before leaving the team for personal reasons in 2005 ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Rated among the top 30 offensive linemen in the nation in high school ... Majoring in sociology ... Born and raised in Trinidad ... Moved to the U.S. in 6th grade.

42 // KEVIN MITCHELL

DB, 6-0, 209, SR.
FT. WAYNE, IND./HOMESTEAD

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, starting 10 in 2006 ... Posted two interception to tie for team best ... Finished the season ranked 16th in the Big Ten and third on the team in total tackles ... Led the team in tackles with 78 in 2005 ... Recovered a botched two-point conversion for a defensive extra point at Ohio State ... Played in every game in 2004 ... Blocked a punt at Michigan St. that was recovered for a touchdown ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Majoring in speech communications ... Brother Phil Hayes played football at Arkansas ... Father played football at Indiana ... Uncle Jon Hayes played football at Purdue.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 14 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Solos: 6, five times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
TFL: 2 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05
Interception: 1, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)
PBU: 2 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
QBH: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Punt Block: 1 at Michigan St., 10/9/04
Punt Return: 1 at Michigan St., 10/9/04
Punt Return Yds: 32 at Michigan St., 10/9/04

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2004	10	9	7	16	0-0	0-0	1
2005	11	49	29	78	4.5-11	0-0	3
2006	12	38	41	79	4.0-13	2-0	3
TOTAL	33	96	77	173	8.5-24	2-0	7

11 // JOE MORGAN

WR, 6-2, 185, SO.
CANTON, OHIO/MCKINLEY

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games on both special teams and at receiver ... Caught two passes for 24 yards ... Had a career-long catch of 19 yards vs. Iowa ... Also posted nine special teams tackles ... In high school, was named to the Associated Press first-team All-Ohio ... Set school records for receiving yardage and touchdowns in a season ... Helped lead his McKinley team to a 12-1 record in 2005 ... Recorded a 4.4 40-yard dash time ... Hails from the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame ... Won the Ohio state title in the long jump in 2006 with a mark 24-6, which was also the third-best jump in meet history.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice (last time at Michigan State, 9/30/06)
Receiving Yards: 19 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
Long Reception: 19 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	2	24	12.0	2.0	0	19

PLAYER PROFILES

58 // DAN MOTULIAK

OL, 6-3, 293, JR.
LAFAYETTE, IND./JEFFERSON

CAREER NOTES: Member of UI squad in 2005 and 2006 ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Also a four-time letterwinner in wrestling in high school ... Majoring in geography.

96 // CHRIS NORWELL

DL, 6-6, 303, SR.
CINCINNATI, OHIO/ANDERSON

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, starting 11 in 2006 ... Finished the season ranked ninth in the Big Ten in tackles for loss ... Had 4.5 TFL against Northwestern, which ranked ninth on Illinois' single-game list ... Named the team's Most Improved Player in 2005 ... Started all 11 games at defensive tackle for the second consecutive year ... Led all defensive linemen in tackles with 46 and led the team with 7.5 tackles for loss ... Registered multiple tackles for loss against San Jose State (3, career-high) and at Purdue (2) ... Blocked a field goal against California in 2005 ... Earned Freshman All-America honors by Rivals.com in 2004 ... Also named to The 2004 Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Started all 11 games ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Graduated in May with a degree in sports management ... Has seven brothers and sisters.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
Solos: 6, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
TFL: 4.5 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
QB Sacks: 1.5, twice (last time at Michigan State, 9/30/06)
QBH: 2 at Penn State, 10/21/06
FF: 1, two times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
PBU: 1, four times (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)
Blocked Kick: 1 (FG) vs. California, 10/17/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	14	26	40	2.0-2	0-0	3
2005	11	29	17	46	7.5-31	3.0-19	1
2006	12	18	24	42	12.5-49	5.0-28	3
TOTAL	34	61	67	128	22.0-82	8.0-47	7

64 // MARTIN O'DONNELL

OL, 6-5, 305, SR.
DOWNERS GROVE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

CAREER NOTES: Will be a four-year starter at left guard in 2007 ... Started and played in all 12 games ... Helped lead team to 2006 rushing title ... Team rushed for over 200 yards on seven different occasions ... Illinois' 5.2 yards per carry also led the conference and ranked fifth in the nation ... Started 10 games at left guard in 2005 ... Was in on 625 offensive snaps and 33 special teams plays ... Earned Freshman All-America honors by Rivals.com in 2004 ... Also named to The 2004 Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Started the final 10 games of the year and played all but five offensive snaps on the year at left guard ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Earned *Parade* All-American honors and was named top offensive lineman in country in 2003 ... Graduated in May 2007 in history and speech communications ... Plans to be a high school coach and history teacher.

78 // RYAN PALMER

OL, 6-7, 308, R-FR.
CANTON, OHIO/GLEN OAK

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2006 season ... In high school, he graded out at over 90 percent and was named first-team All-State by the Associated Press ... Also lettered in basketball ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Plans to major in business.

95 // DOUG PILCHER

DL, 6-5, 265, SO.
HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

CAREER NOTES: Started 10 games and played in all 12 in 2006 ... Named to the freshman All-Big Ten team by The Sporting News ... Ranked third on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss ... Redshirted the 2005 season ... In high school, made 97 tackles, 21 for loss, and 18 sacks as a senior ... *SuperPrep* All-Region ... Recorded 26 career sacks for a school record, breaking his brother Steve's mark ... Majoring in business ... Both parents attended Illinois and his brother is currently attending.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, two times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Solos: 2, two times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
TFL: 1.5, two times (last time vs. Indiana, 10/7/06)
QBH: 3 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
PBU: 1 at Michigan State, 9/30/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	8	16	24	6.5-8	0-0	5

45 // RODNEY PITTMAN

LB, 6-2, 235, JR.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD./FRIENDLY

CAREER NOTES: Saw action in 10 games in 2006 ... Recorded a quarterback hurry vs. Wisconsin ... Played in all 11 games, primarily on special teams as a true-freshman in 2005 ... For his high school career, he totaled 270 tackles, 22 sacks and 36 quarterback hurries ... Chose Illinois over Marshall, Syracuse and Boston College ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Iowa, 10/1/05
Solos: 4 at Iowa, 10/1/05
QB Hurry: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0
2006	11	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	1
TOTAL	22	4	7	11	0-0	0-0	1

13 // JASON REDA

PK, 6-1, 204, SR.
ROCK ISLAND, ILL./ROCK ISLAND

CAREER NOTES: Lou Groza Award Candidate ... Has made 35 career field goals, which ranks sixth on the Illinois all-time field goal list ... Has 175 career points which ranks ninth on Illinois all-time scoring list ... Led team in scoring with 69 points ... Was perfect in extra point attempts in 2006 for the second straight year ... Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors last season ... His 20-for-20 PATs in 2005 rank ninth on the school's single-season list ... Ranked eighth in the Big Ten in kick-scoring, averaging 5.9 points per game ... Was the only

kicker in the conference to be perfect on extra points in 2005 ... Hit a career-long 52-yarder at Indiana ... Scored a career-best 16 points against SJSU ... Named to *The 2004 Sporting News* Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Majoring in speech communications.

CAREER HIGHS

FG Made: 4, two times (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
FG Attempts: 4, two times (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
Long FG: 52 at Indiana, 10/8/05
Points: 16 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05
PAT Made: 7 vs. FAMU, 9/4/04
PAT Attempts: 7 vs. FAMU, 9/4/04

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lng	Pts
2004	26-27	7-12	3-5	3-5	1-2	0-0	40	47
2005	20-20	13-20	5-6	5-8	2-4	1-2	52	59
2006	24-24	15-19	7-8	5-5	3-6	0-0	41	69
TOTAL	70-71	35-51	15-19	13-18	6-12	1-2	52	175

25 // JUSTIN SANDERS

DB, 6-1, 202, SR.
PEARL, MISS. /PEARL/NE MISSISSIPPI CC

CAREER NOTES: Played in 11 games, starting three in 2006 ... Had an interception vs. Ohio ... Joined the team in January 2006 ... Was an honorable mention NCAA preseason All-American after a successful 2004 season ... Chose Illinois over Kentucky, Ole Miss and Oklahoma State ... Was a member of the 2004 state champion Pearl HS powerlifting team ... Father, John, played six years in the NFL, three for New England and three with Philadelphia ... Majoring in speech communications.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Solos: 4 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
TFL: 0.5 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
QB Sacks: 0.5 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	9	10	19	0.5-3	1-11	0

87 // ANTHONY SANTELLA

P, 6-2, 180, R-FR.
WAUCONDA, ILL./WAUCONDA/UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

2006: Member of University of Utah football team ... Joined the Illinois team during 2007 spring practice.

High School: Played both football and soccer at Wauconda High School ... Averaged 44 yards per punt and kicked a career-long field goal of 47 yards ... Eighty percent of his kickoffs were touchbacks ... Earned first-team All-Midwest honors by kicking.com ... Named to All-Area and All-Conference teams in football and soccer ... In soccer, helped lead his team to its first-ever appearance in the Sweet 16 ... In two years, he totaled 22 goals and 33 assists.

Personal: Full name is Anthony Joseph Santella ... Son of Gene and Karen Santella ... Born on March 6, 1988 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Plans on majoring in business-marketing.

PLAYER PROFILES

30 // RAHKEEM SMITH

RB, 6-1, 246, SO.
LOMBARD, ILL./WILLOWBROOK/HARGRAVE PREP

CAREER NOTES: Played his first season at Illinois as a linebacker ... Moved to fullback on the first day of 2007 fall training camp ... Played in eight games in 2006, primarily on special teams ... Recorded his first collegiate tackle vs. Indiana ... Attended Hargrave Prep school in 2005 ... Named the ninth-best prep school player by Scout.com ... Led his high school team in rushing with 783 yards on 146 carries as a running back, scoring nine touchdowns... Suffered a lacerated kidney injury as a sophomore ... Is one of eight children ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Brother, Tramell, was an All-American middle-distance runner on the Illinois track team from 2003-07.

40 // ANTONIO STEELE

LB, 6-2, 218, SR.
CLEVELAND, OHIO/ST. PETER CHANEL/
LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

CAREER NOTES: Started all 12 games at linebacker in 2006 ... Finished 10th in the Big Ten and second on the team in tackles, posting 85 ... Had five TFL and a sack ... Had two double-digit tackle performances, at Rutgers (12) and at Northwestern (11) ... Joined the team in January 2006 ... Rated by Rivals.com among the top-100 junior college prospects ... Led the team in tackles, making 85 stops, six tackles for loss and two sacks ... Chose Illinois over Texas A&M and Ole Miss ... Majoring in speech communications ... Brother, Markus Steele, also went to LBCC then went on to play for USC and three years in the NFL with the Denver Broncos and Dallas Cowboys.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 12 at Rutgers, 9/9/06
Solos: 4, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
TFL: 1.5 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Fumble Recovery: 1 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06
PBU: 3 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
QBH: 2 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	24	61	85	5-14	1-6	3

51 // ANTHONY THORNHILL

LB, 6-1, 221, SR.
DETROIT, MICH./DETROIT CENTRAL

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, recording 19 total tackles ... Played in all 11 games, starting the first six in 2005 ... Collected 54 tackles in 11 games, earning seven starts in 2004 ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Four-year starter for Detroit Central ... High school coach was his father, Michael Thornhill ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Pregame ritual is to eat a half of a bag of skittles, just the red and green ... Wants to go into real estate after graduation.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 10 vs. Michigan, 10/16/04
Solos: 7 at Iowa, 10/1/05
TFL: 1, three times (last time at Iowa, 10/1/05)
QB Sacks: 0.5 vs. Rutgers, 9/3/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	31	23	54	1-1	0-0	0
2005	11	18	12	30	3-10	0.5-5	0
2006	12	6	13	19	1.5-3	0-0	0
TOTAL	34	55	48	103	5.5-14	0.5-5	0

91 // DEREK WALKER

DL, 6-4, 276, JR.
GLENDALE HEIGHTS, ILL./GLENBARD EAST

CAREER NOTES: Led team in sacks (5.5) and quarterback hurries (11) in 2006 ... Named team's defensive lineman of the year ... Played in all 12 games, starting 10 ... Earned 2005 Freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News ... Started all 11 games at defensive end, finishing the year with 26 total tackles and six tackles for loss, second-most on the team ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Registered 125 tackles, 11 sacks, 30 hurries, two forced fumbles and two passes defended as a high school senior ... Majoring in speech communications ... Wants to be a graphic designer.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 5, two times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Solos: 3, three times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
TFL: 2.5 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
QB Sacks: 1.5 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
QB Hurries: 3 at Penn State, 10/21/06
PBU: 1, three times (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	15	11	26	6.0-23	1.0-6	3
2006	12	12	17	29	8.0-33	5.5-25	11
TOTAL	21	27	28	55	14.0-56	6.5-31	14

76 // MIKE WARE

DL, 6-3, 280, SR.
NAPERVILLE, ILL./WAUBONSIE VALLEY/WHEATON COLL.

CAREER NOTES: Earned a scholarship for his senior season ... Played in the 2006 season opener against Eastern Illinois ... Sat out due to NCAA transfer rule in 2005 ... Earned Illinois Defensive Scout Team of the Year award ... Transferred to Illinois from Wheaton College ... Majoring in speech communications.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0

8 // DAJUAN WARREN

WR, 6-2, 215, SR.
SOUTHFIELD, MICH./SOUTHFIELD

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games in 2006 ... Threw a 27-yard touchdown pass against Indiana ... Also punted for the Illini against Rutgers ... Had a 17-game streak with at least one pass caught dating from 11/6/04-9/23/06 ... Played in all 11 games and started seven at receiver in 2005 ... Played in eight games in 2004 ... Moved to receiver during the 2004 training camp ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Three-year starter at quarterback for Southfield High School ... High school quarterback threw for 4,400 yards and scored 42 TDs in his prep career ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 4, two times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Receiving Yards: 44, two times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
Long Reception: 35 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2004	9	6	52	8.7	6.5	0	14
2005	11	21	205	9.8	18.6	0	35
2006	12	15	186	12.4	13.3	0	32
TOTAL	32	42	443	10.5	13.8	0	35

41 // RUSS WEIL

RB, 6-0, 241, SR.
MINOOKA, ILL./MINOOKA

CAREER NOTES: Team's primary fullback in 2006, starting three games and playing in all 12 ... Had one carry on the year ... Played in all 11 games at fullback in 2005 ... Switched to fullback from linebacker in the spring of 2005 ... Started the final two games at linebacker and played in 10 games during the 2004 season ... As a high school running back, finished his career with 2,500 yards and 32 touchdowns ... Won two Illinois state wrestling titles at 215 pounds in 2002 and 2004 ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS
Carries: 1, two times (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
Rushing Yards: 6 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05
Long Run: 6 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05
Receptions: 1 at Indiana, 10/8/05 & at Ohio State, 11/5/05
Long Reception: 17 at Indiana, 10/8/05
Tackles: 4 at Northwestern, 11/20/04
Solos: 3 at Minnesota, 10/23/04
TFL: 1 at Northwestern, 11/20/04

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	1	6	6.0	0.5	0	6
2006	12	1	4	4.0	0.3	0	4
TOTAL	23	2	10	5.0	0.4	0	6

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	2	22	11.0	2.0	0	17
2006	12	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	-
TOTAL	23	2	22	11.0	1.0	0	17

83 // JACOB WILLIS

WR, 5-11, 182, SR.
CHAMPAIGN, ILL./JOLIET JC/CENTENNIAL

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games in 2006, starting five ... Finished second on the team with 16 catches and led team with 19.6 yards per catch average ... Caught three passes for over 25 yards, including a 69-yarder at Michigan State ... Redshirted the 2005 season ... Recorded 558 yards on 22 catches as a senior in 2002 ... Father, Lenny, is the Director of Facilities for the Illinois athletic department and played football at Ohio State University ... Father also went on to play professionally with the Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills ... Brother, Lenny, also lettered for the Illini from 1995-99 ... Brother, Justin, was drafted by the Atlanta Braves ... Majoring in sociology.

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 3, four times (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
Receiving Yards: 91 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
Long Reception: 69 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
TDs: 2 at Michigan State, 9/30/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	16	313	19.6	26.1	3	69

PLAYER PROFILES

7 // JUICE WILLIAMS

QB, 6-2, 223, SO.
CHICAGO, ILL./CHICAGO VOCATIONAL

CAREER NOTES: Rated as the Big Ten's best running quarterback by Street & Smith, Lindy's and The Sporting News ... Earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors in 2006 by The Sporting News ... Got his first career win at Michigan State ... Set school record for rushing yardage in a career, season and single-game for a quarterback ... Was one of five true-freshmen quarterbacks to start in 2006 ... Also threw three touchdown passes over 65 yards, the most by a QB in school history ... Top-100 recruit ... Ranked No. 5 among senior quarterbacks in the nation by SI.com ... Second-rated prospect from the state of Illinois and No. 3 pro-style quarterback in the nation according to Rivals.com ... Threw for 1,841 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed for 1,441 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Averaged 21.8 yards per carry ... Won Best Feet and Most Likely to Play First Awards at the 2005 EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback camp ... Chose Illinois over North Carolina, Penn State, Tennessee and Ohio State ... Full given name is Isiah John Williams ... Goes by "Juice" ... Went to same high school as Hall of Famer Dick Butkus, who is also his Illini hero ... Nearly died at birth due to the excessive weight of 13 pounds and eight ounces.

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 16 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Attempts: 34 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Yards: 227 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Passing Touchdowns: 2, three times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Long Pass: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Carries: 22 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Rushing Yards: 145 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Rushing Touchdown: 1, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
Long Rush: 45 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
2006	12	261	103	39.5	1489	9	9	76

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	154	576	3.7	48.0	2	45

56 // SIROD WILLIAMS

DL, 6-0, 278, JR.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO/GARFIELD HEIGHTS

CAREER NOTES: Played in three games in 2006, totaling two tackles, one each in the first two games of the season ... Played in seven games as a true-freshman in 2005, starting three at defensive end ... Collected 15 tackles and one tackle for loss ... Set high school records in the weight room with a 300 power clean, 35-inch vertical jump and a 3.85 shuttle run ... Majoring in sport management ... Tore his ACL in high school and returned to action three months later.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
Solos: 3 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
TFL: 1 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Penn State, 10/22/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	7	8	7	15	1-2	0-0	1
2006	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	10	8	9	17	1-2	0-0	1

2 // MARTEZ WILSON

LB, 6-4, 236, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL./SIMEON

CAREER NOTES: One of the most highly touted recruits in school history ... 2006 *USA Today* first-team All-American ... *Parade* All-American ... Ranked sixth on the ESPN Top-150 list ... No. 1 in the Midwest by the *Detroit Free Press* ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... Five-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Finished his senior season with 240 tackles, seven sacks, one interception, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery ... Offensively, he had 42 catches for 1,005 yards and nine touchdowns ... Also ran track, specializing in the 100 and 200 meter dashes ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Notre Dame, USC, Ohio State, Miami (FL), Florida and Michigan.

37 // KYLE YELTON

P, 6-0, 191, SO.
CHESTERTON, IND./CHESTERTON

CAREER NOTES: Was the team's primary punter in 2006 ... Joined Illinois team in the spring of 2006 after graduating early from high school ... Averaged 42 yards per punt as a senior and was 3-of-5 on field goals in high school ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Father played football at Ball State and is the head coach at Merrillville (Ind.) High School.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 7 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Yardage: 292 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Average: 42.2 at Penn State, 10/21/06
Long Punt: 57 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Inside 20: 2 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	FC	I20	LG
2006	49	1833	37.4	6	5	6	57

TEAM STATISTICS

2006 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	REC	ATTEN.
Sept. 2	Eastern Illinois	W	42-17	1-0	45,444
Sept. 9	at Rutgers	L	0-33	1-1	41,036
Sept. 16	Syracuse	L	21-31	1-2	40,657
Sept. 23	#14 Iowa	L	7-24	1-3	43,066
Sept. 30	at Michigan State	W	23-20	2-3	71,268
Oct. 7	Indiana	L	32-34	2-4	43,006
Oct. 14	Ohio	L	17-20	2-5	34,328
Oct. 21	at Penn State	L	12-26	2-6	108,112
Oct. 28	at #17 Wisconsin	L	24-30	2-7	81,300
Nov. 4	#1 Ohio State	L	10-17	2-8	53,351
Nov. 11	Purdue	L	31-42	2-9	44,266
Nov. 18	at Northwestern	L	16-27	2-10	22,242

2006 TEAM STATISTICS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Scoring	235	321
Points Per Game	19.6	26.8
First Downs	198	209
Rushing	105	91
Passing	84	105
Penalty	9	13
Rushing Yardage	2266	1534
Yards Gained Rushing	2546	1855
Yards Lost Rushing	280	321
Rushing Attempts	434	462
Average Per Rush	5.2	3.3
Average Per Game	188.8	127.8
TDs Rushing	15	19
Passing Yardage	1878	2187
Att-Comp-Int	332-140-14	335-186-10
Average Per Pass	5.7	6.5
Average Per Catch	13.4	11.8
Average Per Game	156.5	182.2
TD Passing	11	11
Total Offense	4144	3721
Total Plays	766	797
Average Per Play	5.4	4.7
Average Per Game	345.3	310.1
Kick Returns #-Yards	41-801	31-684
Punt Returns#-Yards	23-116	22-251
Int Returns #-Yards	10-119	14-166
Kick Return Average	19.5	22.1
Punt Return Average	5.0	11.4
Int Return Average	11.9	11.9
Fumbles-Lost	34-21	20-10
Penalties-Yards	59-460	54-414
Average Per Game	38.3	34.5
Punt Yards	67-2338	74-2926
Average Per Punt	34.9	39.5
Net Punt Average	29.4	35.8
Time of Possession/Game	28:17	31:43
3rd Down Conversions	61/169	72/180
3rd Down Pct	36%	40%
4th Down Conversions	4/9	5/8
4th Down Percent	44%	62%
Sack-By-Yards	23-144	30-205
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns Scored	27	38
Field Goal Attempts	15-19	18-21
On-Side Kicks	0-4	1-1
Red-Zone Scores	28-33	38-47
PAT- Attempts	24-24	37-38
Attendance	304,118	323,958
Games/Avg. Per Game	7/43,445	5/64,792

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Totals
Illinois	56	89	31	59	--	235
Opponents	61	117	85	58	--	321

2006 ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

Pos.	(selected by coaches)	(selected by media)
QB	Troy Smith, OSU Chad Henne, Mich.	Troy Smith, OSU Chad Henne, Mich.
RB	Mike Hart, Mich. Tony Hunt, PSU	Mike Hart, Mich. Tony Hunt, PSU
RB	Antonio Pittman, OSU P.J. Hill, Wis.	P.J. Hill, Wis. Antonio Pittman, OSU
WR	Mario Manningham, Mich. Ted Ginn, Jr., OSU	Ted Ginn, Jr., OSU James Hardy, Ind.
WR	Anthony Gonzalez, OSU Dorien Bryant, PUR	Dorien Bryant, PUR Mario Manningham, Mich.
C	Doug Datish, OSU Mark Bihl, Mich.	Doug Datish, OSU Mark Bihl, Mich.
OG	Mike Jones, Iowa Adam Kraus, Mich.	Adam Kraus, Mich. Mike Jones, Iowa
OG	T.J. Downing, OSU Kyle Cook, MSU	T.J. Downing, OSU Jordan Grimes, PUR
OT	Jake Long, Mich. Marshal Yanda, Iowa	Jake Long, Mich. Kirk Barton, OSU
OT	Joe Thomas, Wis. Levi Brown, PSU Mike Otto, PUR	Joe Thomas, Wis. Levi Brown, PSU
TE	Matt Spaeth, Minn. Scott Chandler, Iowa	Matt Spaeth, Minn. Travis Beckum, Wis.
PK	Garrett Rivas, Mich. Taylor Mehlhaff, Wis.	Garrett Rivas, Mich. Taylor Mehlhaff, Wis.

(selected by coaches)

ILLINOIS honorable mention selections: Vontae Davis, Jason Reda, Pierre Thomas
 Offensive Player of the Year: Troy Smith, OSU
 Offensive Lineman of the Year: Jake Long, Mich.
 Defensive Player of the Year: LaMarr Woodley, Mich.
 Defensive Lineman of the Year: LaMarr Woodley, Mich.
 Freshman of the Year: P.J. Hill, Wis.

Pos.	(selected by coaches)	(selected by media)
DL	Alan Branch, Mich. Vernon Gholston, OSU	Alan Branch, Mich. Vernon Gholston, OSU
DL	LaMarr Woodley, Mich. David Patterson, OSU	LaMarr Woodley, Mich. Willie Vandesteeg, Minn.
DL	Quinn Pitcock, OSU Jay Alford, PSU	Quinn Pitcock, OSU Jay Alford, PSU
DL	Anthony Spencer, PUR Matt Shaughnessy, Wis.	Anthony Spencer, PUR Matt Shaughnessy, Wis.
LB	David Harris, Mich. J Leman, ILL	J Leman, ILL David Harris, Mich.
LB	Paul Posluszny, PSU Dan Connor, PSU	Paul Posluszny, PSU Dan Connor, PSU
LB	James Laurinaitis, OSU Shawn Crable, Mich.	James Laurinaitis, OSU Mike Klinkenborg, Iowa
DB	Leon Hall, Mich. Marcus Paschal, Iowa	Leon Hall, Mich. Tracy Porter, IND
DB	Malcolm Jenkins, OSU Jamar Adams, Mich.	Malcolm Jenkins, OSU Brandon Mitchell, OSU
DB	Antonio Smith, OSU Justin King, PSU	Antonio Smith, OSU Jack Ikegwuonu, Wis.
DB	Jack Ikegwuonu, Wis. Brandon Mitchell, OSU Roderick Rogers, Wis.	Anthony Scirrotto, PSU Roderick Rogers, Wis.
P	Brandon Fields, MSU Jeremy Kapinos, PSU	Brandon Fields, MSU Jeremy Kapinos, PSU

(selected by media)

ILLINOIS honorable mention selections: Alan Ball, Vontae Davis, Jason Reda
 Offensive Player of the Year: Troy Smith, OSU
 Defensive Player of the Year: LaMarr Woodley, Mich.
 Freshman of the Year: P.J. Hill, Wis.
 Dave McClain Coach of the Year: Bret Bielema, Wis.

First team selections in bold

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G	Punt Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Thomas	12	131	767	12	755	5.8	5	62	62.9	Halsey	23	116	5.0	0	20
R. Mendenhall	12	78	653	13	640	8.2	5	86	53.3	Total	23	116	5.0	0	20
I. Williams	12	154	770	194	576	3.7	2	45	48.0	Opponents	22	251	11.4	1	18
Halsey	12	26	116	3	113	4.3	1	39	9.4	Interceptions					
Brasic	6	22	109	32	77	3.5	2	12	12.8	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
McPhearson	12	10	73	1	72	7.2	0	30	6.0	Miller	2	19	9.5	0	19
Warren	12	5	31	5	26	5.2	0	12	2.4	Bellamy	2	88	44.0	1	47
C. James	11	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	1.3	Mitchell	2	0	0.0	0	0
W. Mendenhall	8	2	6	1	5	2.5	0	6	0.6	Ball	1	0	0.0	0	0
Weil	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3	Harrison	1	1	1.0	0	1
Ellis	12	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.2	V. Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	8	3	0	19	-19	-6.3	0	0	-2.4	Sanders	1	11	11.0	0	8
Totals	12	434	2546	280	2266	5.2	15	86	188.8	Total	10	119	11.9	1	47
Opponents	12	462	1855	321	1534	3.3	19	44	127.8	Opponents	14	166	11.9	2	62

Passing	GP	Eff	Comp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G	Kick Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
I. Williams	12	91.87	103-261-9	39.5	1489	9	76	124.1	Halsey	13	227	17.5	0	25
Brasic	6	81.92	35-66-5	53.0	346	0	25	57.7	McPhearson	8	147	18.4	0	21
Halsey	12	282.2	1-2-0	50.0	16	1	16	1.3	Duvalt	8	175	21.9	0	37
Warren	11	328.40	1-2-0	50.0	27	1	27	2.5	Thomas	7	223	31.9	0	75
TEAM	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	Hoomanawanui	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	12	92.18	140-332-14	42.2	1878	11	76	156.5	Weil	1	14	14.0	0	14
Opponents	12	115.23	186-335-10	55.5	2187	11	65	182.2	Harrison	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

Receiving	GP	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G	Fumble Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
Hudson	12	30	403	13.4	3	69	33.6	Total	0	0	0.0	0	0	
J. Willis	12	16	313	19.6	3	69	26.1	Opponents	3	31	10.3	3	15	
Cumberland	12	16	232	14.5	1	45	19.3	FG Sequence						
Warren	12	15	186	12.4	0	32	15.5	Illinois	Opponents					
R. Mendenhall	12	12	164	13.7	1	76	13.7	Eastern Illinois	--	(42)				
Thomas	12	12	79	6.6	1	23	6.6	Rutgers	--	(37), (39)				
McPhearson	12	11	179	16.3	0	52	14.9	Syracuse	--	(36)				
Halsey	12	9	35	3.9	0	14	2.9	Iowa	46, 46	(45)				
Ellis	12	8	121	15.1	1	44	10.1	Michigan State	(27), (34), (39)	(31), (27)				
C. James	11	5	76	15.2	0	47	6.9	Indiana	(41), (28)	(23), (33), (33)				
Lenti, Jr.	12	3	68	22.7	1	44	5.7	Ohio	(25), 41	(32), (32)				
Morgan	12	2	24	12.0	0	19	2.0	Penn State	(41), (21), (40), (36)	(49), 44				
Jensen	3	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7	Wisconsin	(20)	(21), (21), (33)				
Total	12	140	1878	13.4	11	76	156.5	Ohio State	(27)	(50)				
Opponents	12	186	2187	11.8	11	65	182.2	Purdue	(38), (29), (30)	(36)				

Scoring	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
Reda	0	15-19	24-24	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	69
R. Mendenhall	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Thomas	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Hudson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
J. Willis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
I. Williams	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	12
Brasic	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Lenti, Jr.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Bellamy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ellis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Cumberland	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Halsey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Pilcher	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Hoomanawanui	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Weil	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	27	15-19	24-24	0-1	1	1-2	0	1	235
Opponents	38	18-21	37-38	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	321

Field Goals	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Long	Blk
Reda	15-19	78.9	0-0	7-8	5-5	3-6	0-0	41	0

Fumble Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	31	10.3	3	15

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
Eastern Illinois	--	(42)
Rutgers	--	(37), (39)
Syracuse	--	(36)
Iowa	46, 46	(45)
Michigan State	(27), (34), (39)	(31), (27)
Indiana	(41), (28)	(23), (33), (33)
Ohio	(25), 41	(32), (32)
Penn State	(41), (21), (40), (36)	(49), 44
Wisconsin	(20)	(21), (21), (33)
Ohio State	(27)	(50)
Purdue	(38), (29), (30)	(36)
Northwestern	20	(36), (22)

-Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

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Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
I. Williams	12	415	576	1489	2065	172.1
Thomas	12	131	755	0	755	62.9
R. Mendenhall	12	78	640	0	640	53.3
Brasic	6	88	77	346	423	70.5
Halsey	12	28	113	16	129	10.8
McPhearson	12	10	72	0	72	6.0
Warren	12	7	26	27	53	4.4
C. James	11	1	14	0	14	1.3
W. Mendenhall	8	2	5	0	5	0.6
Weil	12	1	4	0	4	0.3
Ellis	12	1	3	0	3	0.2
TEAM	8	4	-19	0	-19	-2.4
Total	12	766	2266	1878	4144	345.3
Opponents	12	797	1534	2187	3721	310.1

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blk
Yelton	49	1833	37.4	57	6	5	6	1
Bosch	8	281	35.1	42	0	0	1	0
Warren	7	192	27.4	50	0	0	0	0
Reda	1	32	32.0	32	0	0	1	0
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	67	2338	34.9	57	6	5	7	2
Opponents	74	2926	39.5	78	8	12	30	0

Kickoffs	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	RT	Net	Ydln
Reda	45	2669	59.3	15	3			
Cklamovski	6	361	60.2	1	0			
Total	51	3030	59.4	16	3	684	39.7	25
Opponents	67	3993	59.6	24	0	801	40.5	24

All Purpose	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg.
Thomas	12	755	79	0	223	-	1057	88.1
R. Mendenhall	12	640	164	0	0	0	804	67.0
I. Williams	12	576	0	0	0	0	576	48.0
Halsey	12	113	35	116	227	0	491	40.9
Hudson	12	0	403	0	0	0	403	33.6
McPhearson	12	72	179	0	147	0	398	33.2
J. Willis	12	0	313	0	0	0	313	26.1
Duvalt	9	0	0	0	175	0	175	19.4
Cumberland	12	0	232	0	0	0	232	19.3
Warren	12	26	186	0	0	0	212	17.7
Brasic	6	77	0	0	0	0	77	12.8
Ellis	12	3	121	0	0	0	124	10.3
C. James	11	14	76	0	0	0	90	8.2
Bellamy	11	0	0	0	0	88	88	8.0
Lenti, Jr.	12	0	68	0	0	0	68	5.7
Miller	12	0	0	0	16	19	35	2.9
Morgan	12	0	24	0	0	0	24	2.0
Weil	12	4	0	0	14	0	18	1.5
Sanders	11	0	0	0	0	11	11	1.0
Hoomanawanui	10	0	0	0	9	0	9	0.9
W. Mendenhall	8	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.6
Harrison	12	0	0	0	-2	1	-1	-0.1
Jensen	3	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.7
Mitchell	12	0	0	0	-8	0	-8	-0.7
TEAM	8	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-2.4
Total	12	2266	1878	116	801	119	5180	431.7
Opponents	12	1534	2187	251	684	166	4822	401.8

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by # of plays	ILLINOIS 15 (76 yds., 5:01, TD) vs. Syracuse	OPPONENT 14 (80 yds., 6:44, TD) Ohio State & (92 yds., 5:43, TD) Northwestern
by # of yards	99 (5 pl., 1:46, TD) vs. Syracuse	92 (14 pl., 5:43, TD) Northwestern
Time of Possession	7:16 (14 pl., 66 yds., FG) at Michigan State	6:44 (14 pl., 80 yds., TD) Ohio State

RED ZONE STATS

INSIDE THE 20

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	33	47
Total Scores	28	38
Touchdowns	16	25
Field Goals	12	13
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	3	7
Lost on Missed Field Goals	1	2
End of Game or Half	1	0
Scoring Percentage	85%	81%
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	48%	53%
Percent of Total Drives	21%	30%

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	160	156
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	4026	5907
Average Starting Field Position	25.2	37.9
Times Started Inside the 20	44	22
Drives Started in Plus Territory	12	48

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	20	33
Total Scores	9	18
Scoring Percentage	45%	55%
Points off Turnovers	51	106

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	TACKLES			FOR LOSS	I-SACKS-I NO- YDS	PASS DEF		QBH	FUMBLES		BLKD KICK	SAF
		UT	AT	TOTAL			INT-YDS	BRUP		RCV-YDS	FF		
J Leman	12	75	77	152	19.0-65	4.0-27	-	4	5	-	2	-	-
Antonio Steele	12	24	61	85	5.0-14	1.0-6	-	5	3	1-0	-	-	-
Kevin Mitchell	12	38	41	79	4.0-13	1.0-7	2-0	3	1	-	1	-	-
Justin Harrison	12	32	31	63	-	-	1-1	8	-	1-0	3	-	-
Alan Ball	12	43	19	62	3.5-9	-	1-0	12	2	-	-	-	-
Vontae Davis	12	30	22	52	2.5-7	-	1-0	6	1	1-0	-	-	-
Brit Miller	12	18	25	43	4.5-6	-	2-19	-	1	-	1	-	-
Chris Norwell	12	18	24	42	12.5-49	5.0-28	-	1	3	1-0	2	-	-
Josh Norris	12	16	23	39	6.0-21	2.0-13	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
David Lindquist	12	16	17	33	5.0-23	2.0-16	-	1	6	4-0	-	-	-
Derek Walker	12	12	17	29	8.0-33	5.5-25	-	2	11	-	-	-	-
Doug Pilcher	12	8	16	24	6.5-8	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	1
Anthony Thornhill	11	6	13	19	1.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justin Sanders	11	9	10	19	0.5-3	0.5-3	1-11	-	1	-	-	-	-
Will Davis	12	11	7	18	3.5-20	2.0-19	-	-	9	-	2	-	-
Travon Bellamy	11	4	11	15	-	-	2-88	2	2	-	-	-	-
Dere Hicks	10	9	5	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joe Morgan	12	7	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antonio James	12	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
E.B. Halsey	12	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russ Weil	12	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Carson III	5	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharriff Abdullah	12	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Hoomanawanui	10	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Rodney Pittman	10	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Kyle Knezetic	12	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sirod Williams	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyler Rouse	12	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pierre Thomas	12	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Duvalt	9	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hudson	12	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W. Mendenhall	8	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rahkeem Smith	7	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jim LaBonte	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marques Wilkins	9	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melvin Alaeze	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Ware	4	1	-	1	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Maddox	11	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Yelton	12	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Reda	12	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derrick McPhearson	12	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin O'Donnell	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
TEAM	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12	411	450	861	83-275	23-144	10-119	47	57	10-0	11	-	1
Opponents	12	371	396	767	61-271	30-205	14-166	46	38	20-31	18	2	1