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GAME FIVE

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 // 11 am CT // FS1
Iowa City, Iowa // Kinnick Stadium (70,585)



ILLINOIS (2-2, 0-1)



IOWA (3-2, 0-2)

TELEVISION BROADCAST | BTN

» Brandon Gaudin (PBP), Glen Mason (analyst) & Elise Menaker (reporter) + Jim Ressler (producer) & Pat O'Connor (director)

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» Brian Barnhart (PBP), Martin O'Donnell (analysis), Carey Davis (sidelines) & Steve Kelly (Pre/HT/Post)
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GAMEDAY LINKS

Gameday Information: FightingIllini.com/gameday

TRAVEL & TICKET INFORMATION

The team plans to depart for Iowa City on Friday afternoon. There will not be any media availability in Iowa until after the game. Illinois-Iowa tickets are available at hawkeyesports.com.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 2	..... Ball State	..... W, 24-21
Sept. 9	..... at Western Kentucky	..... W, 20-7
Sept. 15	..... at #22/21 South Florida	..... L, 23-47
Sept. 29	..... Nebraska	..... L, 6-28
Oct. 7	..... at Iowa	..... 11 am (BTN)
Oct. 14	..... Rutgers	..... 11 am (BTN)
Oct. 21	..... at Minnesota	..... 2:30/3 pm (TV TBD)
Oct. 28	..... Wisconsin (Homecoming)	..... 11 am (TV TBD)
Nov. 4	..... at Purdue	..... TBD
Nov. 11	..... Indiana	..... TBD
Nov. 18	..... at Ohio State	..... TBD
Nov. 25	..... Northwestern	..... TBD
Dec. 2	..... Big Ten Championship Game	..... 7 pm (FOX)

All times Central ... rankings AP/Coaches poll on week of game

IOWA SCOREBOARD

Sept. 2	..... Wyoming	..... W, 24-3
Sept. 9	..... at Iowa State	..... W, 44-41
Sept. 16	..... North Texas	..... W, 31-14
Sept. 23	..... Penn State	..... L, 19-21
Sept. 30	..... at Michigan State	..... L, 10-17
Oct. 7	..... Illinois	..... 12 pm (BTN)
Oct. 21	..... at Northwestern	..... TBA
Oct. 28	..... Minnesota	..... TBA
Nov. 4	..... Ohio State	..... TBA
Nov. 11	..... at Wisconsin	..... 6 pm
Nov. 18	..... Purdue	..... TBA
Nov. 24	..... at Nebraska	..... 4 pm (FS1)

OPENING KICK

- **On the Road Again:** The Fighting Illini (2-2, 0-1) travel to Iowa this Saturday to face the Hawkeyes (3-2, 0-2) at Kinnick Stadium (11 am CT on BTN).
- **Old Rivals:** Saturday will be the 73rd meeting between the Illini and Hawkeyes in a series that dates back to 1899. Illinois leads the all-time series against Iowa, 38-32-2, and the Illini hold a slim 18-17-2 edge in Iowa City.
- **Block Party:** Illinois has three blocked kicks (2 field goals and one PAT) through four games to lead the nation in blocked kicks per game (0.75). The Illini are one of four teams with three blocked kicks along with Utah State, Hawaii and South Florida, who have all played five games. **Jamal Milan** blocked the potential game-tying field goal as time expired in the win over Ball State and then the Illini got a pair of blocks at USF, a blocked field goal by **Isaiah Gay** and a blocked PAT by **Tito Odenigbo** that was returned by **Nate Hobbs** for a defensive PAT.
- **Standout Stats:** A few interesting nuggets from the latest NCAA FBS stat rankings. For more follow @IlliniStats:
 - » Illinois is one of eight teams in FBS and two teams in the Big Ten (Maryland) that has yet to lose a fumble.
 - » Illinois is one of six teams in FBS and three teams in the Big Ten perfect on fourth down conversions (1-1).
 - » The Illini have forced seven fumbles in four games to rank seventh in FBS in forced fumbles per game (1.75).
 - » The Illini rank third in the Big Ten and 13th in FBS in kickoff return defense (15.71 ypr).
 - » Sophomore DB **Patrick Nelson** is tied for sixth in FBS with two forced fumbles in four games (0.50 per game).
- **Mike & Mike:** A pair of Mikes, Dudek and Epstein, have led the Illini offense through the first four games.
 - » Illini WR **Mike Dudek**, who missed all of 2015 and 2016 due to injury, hasn't missed a beat despite not playing in a game for 981 days. He leads the team receptions (16), receiving yards (195) and punt returns (13.8 ypr) on the season. His first catch in over two years was a 16-yard TD pass in the win over Ball State, who he racked up 102 all-purpose yards against. His 52-yard punt return late in the game set up the Illini's game-winning score in the final minutes.
 - » Freshman RB **Mike Epstein** is tied for fourth in the nation in touchdowns among true freshmen (4) and ranks eighth in the nation among true-freshmen in rushing yards per game (65.8). He had 21 carries for 111 yards in the week two win over WKU to become the first Illinois true freshman to eclipse 100 yards rushing since Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue 11/7/2015. Epstein had a team-high 105 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns in his Illini debut against Ball State and had 83 scrimmage yards and two TDs at USF.
- **Phillips All Over the Field:** Junior LB **Del'Shawn Phillips**, a junior college transfer in his first season at Illinois, ranks second in the Big Ten and ranks 20th in FBS in tackles per game (9.8). He had a Big Ten-best 16 tackles in the week one win over Ball State. In the week two win over WKU, Phillips put pressure up the middle to force the throw on Julian Jones' interception and tied for the team lead with six tackles. He added 17 tackles combined in the next two games against USF and Nebraska.
- **Fresh Faces:** Youth has been all over the field this season. In fact, the Illini are putting one of the youngest teams in the nation on the field.
 - » Illinois has started more true freshmen than any team in the nation (11): DB **Tony Adams**, OL **Larry Boyd**, TE **Louis Dorsey**, RB **Mike Epstein**, DL **Isaiah Gay**, DB **Nate Hobbs**, OL **Alex Palczewski**, DL **Bobby Roundtree**, WR **Ricky Smalling**, DB **Bennett Williams** and DL **Jamal Woods**. Baylor and LSU are tied for second with eight true-freshmen starters.
 - » The 10 true freshmen starters at USF in week three are the most in a game in program history. Prior to this season, the most true freshman to start at Illinois in a SEASON was nine in 1980. In the most recent game against Nebraska eight true-freshmen got starts, the second-most ever in a game in program history.
 - » Illinois has played 19 true freshmen, tied for the second-most in the nation (LSU 20, Ball State 19, UAB 19).
 - » Illinois had 19 first-time starters in the first four games, tied for second-most in FBS (Baylor 21, Ball State 19, UAB 19).
- **Hall of Fame Weekend:** Members of the inaugural 2017 Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame, including legendary linebacker **Dick Butkus**, were officially inducted on the weekend of 29-30. Butkus is the only surviving football inductee of seven. The list includes **Dike Eddleman** (1943, 47-49), **Red Grange** (1923-25), **George Halas** (1916-18), **George Huff** (1901-1936), **Buddy Young** (1944 & '46) and **Robert Zupke** (1913-41).
- **NFL Experience:** **Lovie Smith's** Illini staff has 56 seasons of combined NFL head and assistant coach experience – the most in college football in 2017, ahead of UCLA (45), Michigan (40), Baylor (38) and Alabama (34).

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ILLINOIS WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE // IOWA GAME

2 MONDAY	3 TUESDAY	4 WEDNESDAY	5 THURSDAY	6 FRIDAY	7 SATURDAY	8 SUNDAY
Smith Press Conference (1 pm, Press Box, L8) Coordinators & Selected Players Available (1:15 pm, Press Box, L8)	Smith B1G Teleconference (12:04 pm) Post-practice availability - Offensive players after practice (approx. 6:15 pm)	Post-practice availability - Defensive players after practice (approx. 6:15 pm)	No availability	No availability	GAME DAY Illinois vs. Nebraska (7 pm CT, FS1) Postgame player/coach availability	No availability

MEDIA INFORMATION

MONDAY'S SELECTED PLAYERS

Illini coordinators and players will be available on Monday at about 1:15 pm following head coach Lovie Smith's press conference on the 8th floor of the Memorial Stadium Press Box. The players this week are **DL James Crawford**, **QB Chayce Crouch**, **OL Christian DiLauro**, **RB Mike Epstein**, **DB Patrick Nelson**.

POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS

The first 30 minutes of practice are open to the media on Tuesday and Wednesday this week (4:25-4:55 each day). Interviews will take place after practice at about 6:15 p.m. each day. Media are asked to wait in the player's lounge on the north end of the stadium until notified by Athletics Communications staff that practice is over. (enter through the alley between ARC and Memorial Stadium).

PHONE INTERVIEWS

The best time for phone interviews is on Monday between 1:15 and 2 p.m. after Smith's press conference or on Tuesday and Wednesday after practice (approx. 6:15 p.m.). Other arrangements can be made with advance notice. **Requests for phone interviews must be made at least 24 hours in advance to Derek Neal (drneal@illinois.edu).**

PRESS CONFERENCE VIDEO

Video files (MP4) of Coach Smith's weekly press conference will be available for download on Box.com by 3 p.m. CT each Monday. Email drneal@illinois.edu for the link.

TELECONFERENCE ACCESS

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NEW KIDS ON THE QUAD

- A total of 33 players, including 19 true freshmen, have made their Illini debuts during the first four games of 2017.

True-Freshmen (19): DB Tony Adams, RB Ra'Von Bonner, OL Larry Boyd, DL Owen Carney, Jr., DB Dawson DeGroot, TE Louis Dorsey, RB Mike Epstein, DL Isaiah Gay, WR Carmoni Green, P Blake Hayes, DB Nate Hobbs, DB James Knight, LB Marc Mondesir, OL Alex Palczewski, DL Bobby Roundtree, WR Ricky Smalling, WR Kendall Smith, DB Bennett Williams, DL Jamal Woods

Redshirt Freshmen (10): DL Christian Abercrombie, RB Christian Bobak, OL Jake Cerny, DB Harvey Clayton Jr., OL Doug Kramer, QB Cam Miller, LS Sean Mills, TE Griffin Palmer, LB Ayo Shogbonyo, LS Ethan Tabel

Sophomores (2): OL Zeke Martin, LB Jimmy Marchese

Juniors (2): DL Sean Adesanya, LB Del'Shawn Phillips

THE ILLINOIS-IOWA SERIES

- Saturday will be the 73rd meeting between the Illini and Hawkeyes in a series that dates back to 1899.
- Illinois leads the all-time series against Iowa, 38-32-2.
- Illinois is 18-17-2 all-time against Iowa in Iowa City.
- Iowa has won four straight meetings dating back to 2008. Saturday, the Hawkeyes will attempt to tie their longest winning streak in the series (5, 2003-07).
- Iowa shut out Illinois, 28-0, at Memorial Stadium last season in the Illini's home finale. **Wes Lunt** finished 19-of-41 for 137 yards and **Zach Grant** caught 8 passes for 65 yards. **Tre Watson** led the defense with 15 tackles.
- The Illini lost at Iowa, 29-20, during Illinois' last trip to Iowa City in 2015, as the Hawkeyes held off a fourth-quarter comeback attempt by Illinois. **Geronimo Allison** caught a 53-yard touchdown pass from **Wes Lunt**, who threw for 317 yards, to cut Iowa's lead to 23-20 with 10:13 left in the fourth quarter. Jordan Canzeri rushed for 256 yards on 43 carries to lead Iowa.
- The Illini's last win in the series was a 27-24 victory in Champaign on Nov. 1, 2008. **Matt Eller** kicked a 46-yard-field goal with 24 seconds left and Illinois withstood Iowa's fourth-quarter comeback. Illinois sacked **Ricky Stanzi** six times, scoring a touchdown on one of them when defensive back **Dere Hicks** forced a fumble, scooped up the ball and ran in for 24-9 lead in the third quarter. The 2008 win snapped Iowa's five-game winning streak vs. Illinois, the longest by the Hawkeyes in the series.
- Illinois' last win over the Hawkeyes in Iowa City came in 1999, 40-24. Since then, the Illini have visited Kinnick Stadium just four times entering Saturday's matchup (2003, 2005, 2007, 2015).
- Mike Dudek** had a career-best two receiving touchdowns against Iowa in 2014.
- Al Brosky** started one of the most impressive streaks in college football history when he intercepted a pass Nov. 11, 1950 against Iowa. That was the first of Brosky's NCAA record 15 consecutive games with an interception.
- Shawn Wax** tied a program record with three touchdown receptions vs. Iowa 11/3/1990.
- Dike Eddleman** set an Illinois record with an 88-yard punt vs. Iowa 11/6/1948.
- Illinois' most rushing yards vs. Iowa: 178 **Jack Pierce** 11/10/1945, 174 **John Karras** 10/8/1949
- Illinois' most receiving yards vs. Iowa: 190 **Rex Smith** 11/8/1952, 148 **Geronimo Allison** 10/10/2015
- Illinois' most passing yards vs. Iowa: 358 **Jason Verduzco** 11/3/1990, 317 **Wes Lunt** 10/10/2015
- Illinois' longest rush vs. Iowa: 65 **Buddy Young** 10/14/1944, 63 **John Karras** 10/8/1949, 62 **Chubby Phillips** 10/27/1973, 61 **Dick Raklovits** 11/11/1950
- Illinois' longest pass vs. Iowa: 67 **O'Connell to Smith** 11/8/1952

IOWA CONNECTIONS

- Iowa wide receivers coach **Kelton Copeland** was on the coaching staff at Northern Illinois with Illinois running backs coach **Thad Ward** from 2013-15.
- Iowa has 21 Illinois natives on its roster.



BY THE NUMBERS

7 – Football players & coaches in the inaugural Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame Class, inducted last weekend.

11 – Illinois true freshmen started in the first four games this season, the most in the nation this season and the most by an Illini team in program history.

76 – Freshmen and sophomores on this year's rosters (out of 101 players)

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2017 Season Statistics	ILL	IOWA
Overall Record	2-2	3-2
Conference Record	0-1	0-2
Total Offense	267.2	339.8
Points	18.2	25.6
First Downs	73	95
Rushing Yards	106.0	128.2
Passing Yards	161.2	211.6
Time of Possession	27:59	30:43
Third-Down Conversion	22-55	29-71
Points Allowed	25.8	19.2
Yards Allowed	427.5	376.8
Rushing Yards Allowed	179.5	134.8
Passing Yards Allowed	248.0	242.0

STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

Epstein	65.9	Wadley	73.6
Crouch	23.2	Butler	52.7

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

Crouch	106.8	Stanley	208.6
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RECEIVING LEADERS (YPG)

Dudek	48.8	Wadley	48.8
Turner	30.5	Easley	44.4
Smalling	29.2	Vandenberg	27.6

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (TOTAL)

Adams	1	Jackson	2
Jones	1	Three tied	1
Watson	1		

SCORING LEADERS (TOTAL)

Epstein	24	Wadley	30
McLaughlin	19	Recinos	26

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

Epstein	85.2	Wadley	142.4
Dudek	62.5	Kelly-Martin	60.0
Foster	48.5	Easley	44.4

TACKLES (TPG)

Phillips	9.75	Jewell	12.0
Watson	7.75	Niemann	6.0
Nelson	6.0	Bower/Taylor	5.6

TACKLES FOR LOSS (TOTAL)

Roundtree	3.0	Jewell	8.5
Watson	2.5	Hesse	6.5

YOUTH GONE WILD

- Out of 101 total players on the roster there are just nine total seniors, tied for the second-least in FBS – Georgia Southern (8) and Wake Forest (9).
- Only 25 total upperclassmen are on the roster – 9 seniors (8 scholarship seniors) and 16 juniors
- In contrast, there are 76 underclassmen – 22 sophomores and 54 freshmen (36 true-freshmen & 18 RS freshmen)
- Out of 101 players on the 2017 roster, 41 are newcomers
- Only four players entered 2017 with double-digit career starts – DiLauro 31, Turner 24, Allegretti 12, Dunlap 12. Two of the four didn't start week one (DiLauro and Dunlap).

FIRST TIMERS

- Illinois has used 19 first-time starters in 2017, the fourth-most in the nation behind Baylor (21), UAB (19) and Utah State (18). Last year's Illini team led the nation with 28 first-time starters.
- Illinois had 10 first-time starters in the opener - six on defense (S **Bennett Williams**, CB **Tony Adams**, DE **Bobby Roundtree**, DT **Tymir Oliver**, DE **Sean Adesanya**, LB **Del'Shawn Phillips**) and four on offense, including three offensive linemen (WR **Dominic Thieman**, OL **Doug Kramer**, OL **Zeke Martin**, OL **Adam Solomon**)
- There have been nine more first-time starters since the opener (OL **Larry Boyd**, TE **Louis Dorsey**, RB **Mike Epstein**, DL **Isaiah Gay**, DB **Nate Hobbs**, TE **Henry McGrew**, OL **Alex Palczewski**, DL **Bobby Roundtree**, WR **Ricky Smalling**, DL **Jamal Woods**)

FRESHMEN STARTERS SINGLE-GAME NOTES

- Illinois is playing and starting freshmen like never before in program history.
 - » **Cumulative true freshmen starts in a season:** 34 (1977), 33 (2006), 28 (2017)
 - » **2017 Freshman Starters by Game:** 3, 7, 10, 8 (program record before this season: 5)
- DE **Isaiah Gay** is the third-youngest player to start a game in FBS this season behind Duke DE Victor Dimukeje and Old Dominion QB Steve Williams. Gay turned 18 on Sept. 17. Those three are the only players to start in FBS as 17-year olds this season.
- Against USF, Illinois started five true freshmen on offense for the first time ever AND started five true freshmen on defense for the first time ever.
- Illinois started three true freshmen defensive backs against USF (S **Bennett Williams**, CB **Tony Adams**, CB **Nate Hobbs**) for the first time ever.
- Illinois has started two true freshmen on the offensive line (OL **Larry Boyd**, OL **Alex Palczewski**) for the last three straight game (only three times ever).
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line against Nebraska (DT **Jamal Woods**, DE **Bobby Roundtree**) for the third straight game (only three times in program history). DE **Isaiah Gay** has also started on the defensive line.
- Prior to this season, the previous high for most true freshmen started in a game at Illinois was five, which last happened Nov. 11, 2006 against Purdue (QB **Juice Williams**, WR **Chris James**, TE **Michael Hoomanawanui**, CB **Vontae Davis**, S **Travon Bellamy**).
- Illinois started three true freshmen in the season opener (S **Bennett Williams**, CB **Tony Adams**, DE **Bobby Roundtree**). In the previous 42 years, Illinois started a total of 12 true freshmen in the first game. The three true-freshmen starters tied for the second most in the nation in 2017 season openers behind LSU's four.
- Three Illini true freshmen started on defense in a season opener for the first time since 1980 (3). Illinois tied with Arizona and LSU for the most true-freshmen starters on defense in this year's season openers.

FRESHMEN LISTS

Cumulative true freshmen starts, season

34, 1977 (11 G)
 33, 2006 (12 G)
28, 2017 (4 G)
 27, 1980 (11 G)
 26, 2008 (12 G)

True freshmen played last 15 seasons

2017: 19 2009: 6
 2016: 9 2008: 14
 2015: 5 2007: 9
 2014: 3 2006: 16
 2013: 10 2005: 11
 2012: 6 2004: 7
 2011: 9 2003: 7
 2010: 8

WALK-ONS EARNING THEIR \$\$\$

- Redshirt junior walk-on kicker **Chase McLaughlin** was surprised with a scholarship during 2017 spring ball. McLaughlin, a Cypress, Texas, native, hit 12-of-17 field goals and 26-of-26 extra points in 2016 and has been rock-solid this season hitting 5-of-6 field goals and 4-of-4 PATs.
- In all, two players on the current roster have gone from walk-on status to scholarship student-athlete – RB **Nathan Echard** and McLaughlin.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Week 6)

Rk	Team	Record	Pts
1	Alabama(44)	5-0	1506
2	Clemson (17)	5-0	1475
3	Oklahoma	4-0	1392
4	Penn State	4-0	1325
5	Georgia	5-0	1237
6	Washington	5-0	1218
7	Michigan	4-0	1115
8	TCU	4-0	1079
9	Wisconsin	4-0	1028
10	Ohio State	4-1	1016
11	Washington State	5-0	980
12	Auburn	4-1	802
13	Miami	3-0	782
14	USC	4-1	713
15	Oklahoma State	4-1	664
16	Virginia Tech	4-1	549
17	Louisville	4-1	507
18	South Florida	5-0	440
19	San Diego State	5-0	373
20	Utah	4-0	358
21	Notre Dame	4-1	349
	Florida	3-1	349
23	West Virginia	3-1	221
24	NC State	4-1	149
25	UCF	3-0	120

Others receiving votes: Oregon 19, Florida State 15, Texas Tech 10, Georgia Tech 10, Stanford 8, Navy 7, Kansas State 3, Texas A&M 2, Memphis 2, Troy 1, Maryland 1

USA TODAY/COACHES (Week 6)

Rk	Team	Record	Pts
1	Alabama(59)	5-0	1618
2	Clemson (6)	5-0	1561
3	Oklahoma	4-0	1477
4	Penn State	5-0	1402
5	Washington	5-0	1352
6	Georgia	5-0	1265
7	Michigan	4-0	1218
8	Wisconsin	4-0	1118
9	Ohio State	4-1	1111
10	TCU	4-0	1075
11	Washington State	5-0	952
12	Miami	3-0	864
13	Auburn	4-1	794
14	Oklahoma State	4-1	765
15	USC	4-1	758
16	South Florida	5-0	573
17	Louisville	4-1	558
18	Utah	4-0	510
19	Virginia Tech	4-1	465
20	Florida	3-1	387
21	San Diego State	5-0	377
22	Notre Dame	4-1	244
23	West Virginia	3-1	243
24	NC State	4-1	129
25	UCF	3-0	61

Others receiving votes: Florida State 55, Kansas State 35, Georgia Tech 31, Navy 30, Texas A&M 27, Stanford 18, Oregon 17, Kentucky 14, Troy 9, Maryland 6, Michigan State 2, Mississippi State 1, Memphis 1, Colorado State 1, Arkansas 1

* Illinois' 2017 opponents in bold.

2017 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Nebraska	2	0	1.000	3	2	.600	W, 28-6 at Illinois	vs. Wisconsin
#9/8 Wisconsin	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	W, 33-24 vs. Northwestern	at Nebraska
Minnesota	0	1	.000	3	1	.750	L, 31-24 vs. Maryland	at Purdue
Purdue	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	BYE WEEK	vs. Minnesota
ILLINOIS	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	L, 28-6 vs. Nebraska	at Iowa
Northwestern	0	1	.000	3	2	.600	L, 33-24 at Wisconsin	vs. Penn State
Iowa	0	2	.000	3	2	.600	L, 17-10 at Michigan State	vs. Illinois
EAST DIVISION								
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
#10/9 Ohio State	2	0	1.000	4	1	.800	W, 56-0 at Rutgers	vs. Maryland
#4/4 Penn State	2	0	1.000	5	0	1.000	W, 45-14 vs. Indiana	at Northwestern
#7/7 Michigan	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	BYE WEEK	vs. Michigan State
Maryland	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750	W, 31-24 at Minnesota	at Ohio State
Michigan State	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750	W, 17-10 vs. Iowa	at Michigan
Rutgers	0	2	.000	1	4	.200	L, 56-0 vs. Ohio State	BYE WEEK
Indiana	0	2	.000	2	2	.500	L, 45-14 at Penn State	vs. Charleston So.

ILLINOIS NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Ball State	0	1	.000	2	3	.400	L, 55-3 at Western Michigan	at Akron
Western Kentucky	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	BYE WEEK	at UTEP
#18/16 South Florida	2	0	1.000	5	0	1.000	W, 61-31 at ECU	BYE WEEK

ILLINI STANDOUTS

- **Target Turner:** Senior WR **Malik Turner** led all Illini receivers in 2016 with 48 catches for 712 yards (14.8 ypc) and six TDs to earn honorable mention All-Big Ten accolades.
 - » Has caught at least one pass in 24 straight games, tied for the 19th longest active streaks in the nation and tied for second longest in the Big Ten (D.J. Moore, MD – 25, Matt VandeBerg, Iowa – 24). Turner has caught a pass in 31 of his last 32 games.
 - » Opened 2017 with 14 catches for 122 yards in the first four games.
 - » Ranks 10th place on the UI receiving yardage list with 1,600, just behind Shawn Wax, who had 1,614 yards from 1987-90.
 - » Career totals of 126 catches, 10 touchdowns and four 100-yard games all are just outside the Illini career top-10 lists (see page 13).
 - » Named to the Pro Football Focus preseason All-Big Ten first team
- **Elementary, Watson:** Junior LB **Tré Watson** had a breakout 2016 and picked up where he left off in the first four games this season.
 - » Voted a team captain by his teammates for each of the first four games this season.
 - » Second on the team and ninth in the Big Ten with 31 tackles in the first three games (7.8 tpg).
 - » Had his first career interception and returned a fumble 34 yards in the 2017 opener against Ball State. He was Illinois' second-leading tackler in the game with 12.
 - » Averaged 10.3 tackles per conference game last season to rank second in the B1G.
 - » Made 48 stops in last four games of 2016 (12.0 tpg), including 16 vs. Michigan St. & 15 vs. Iowa
 - » Second on team and fifth in Big Ten with 102 stops (8.5 tpg) in 2016
- **Jaylen Island:** Senior CB **Jaylen Dunlap** was a lock-down corner in 2016 and is back on the field after missing all of training camp and the first two games of 2017 due to injury.
 - » Has two tackles and one PBU in two games since returning from injury
 - » Has 14 career PBUs, most on the team
 - » Had 11 PBUs in 2016 (tied for 10th-most in a season in UI history)
 - » 10 PBUs during Big Ten play in 2016 (4th-most in the B1G)
 - » 9 PBUs in the last five games of 2016
 - » 7 PBUs Oct. 29-Nov. 7, 2016, tied for the most in the nation during a two-game span in the regular season
 - » 4 PBUs in 2016 win over Michigan State, tied for the fifth-most in a game in program history and the most by an Illini since 2002.
- **Roundtree Not Playing Like a Rookie:** Freshman DE **Bobby Roundtree** has been a force early in his UI career.
 - » Had 3.0 sacks through his first three college games.
 - » His 0.75 sacks/game are the most in the nation among true freshmen, tied for 36th overall in FBS and sixth in the Big Ten. He had 2.0 sacks and a forced fumble in the week two win over WKU.



ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS (2017)

TEAM RANKINGS (128 teams ranked)

CATEGORY	NCAA	B1G	STAT
3rd Down Conversion Pct	64th	6th	400
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	125th	14th	532
4th Down Conversion Pct	1st	1st	1,000
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	34th	4th	400
Blocked Kicks	1st	1st	3
Blocked Kicks Allowed	1st	1st	0
Blocked Punts Allowed	1st	1st	0
Completion Percentage	102nd	14th	540
Fewest Penalties	83rd	12th	32
Fewest Penalties Per Game	110th	14th	8.00
Fewest Penalty Yards	101th	13th	312
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	113th	14th	78.00
First Downs Defense	76th	12th	96
First Downs Offense	124th	14th	63
Fumbles Lost	1st	1st	0
Fumbles Recovered	51st	6th	3
Kickoff Return Defense	13th	3rd	15.71
Kickoff Returns	99th	9th	18.36
Net Punting	79th	11th	37.00
Passes Had Intercepted	102nd	12th	6
Passes Intercepted	78th	9th	3
Passing Offense	113rd	13th	161.3
Passing Yards Allowed	93rd	11th	248.0
Passing Yards per Completion	70th	8th	11.94
Punt Return Defense	26th	5th	2.89
Punt Returns	18th	3rd	13.75
Red Zone Defense	23rd	5th	722
Red Zone Offense	32nd	4th	909
Rushing Defense	91st	14th	179.5
Rushing Offense	112th	14th	106.0
Sacks Allowed	109th	11th	3.00
Scoring Defense	66th	11th	25.8
Scoring Offense	114th	14th	18.3
Tackles for Loss Allowed	109th	11th	7.25
Team Passing Efficiency	120th	13th	102.78
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	99th	14th	140.40
Team Sacks	38th	4th	2.50
Team Tackles for Loss	88th	11th	5.5
Time of Possession	97th	12th	27.59
Total Defense	98th	14th	427.5
Total Offense	126th	14th	267.3
Turnover Margin	63rd	7th	0.00
Turnovers Gained	76th	10th	6
Turnovers Lost	47th	5th	6
Winning Percentage	68th	10th	500

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-50)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
Field Goals Percentage	C. McLaughlin	.833	T-28th
Field Goals Per Games	C. McLaughlin	1.25	41st
Forced Fumbles	P. Nelson	0.50	T-6th
Fumbles Recovered	T. Watson/J. Milan/S. Green	1	T-20th
Sacks	B. Roundtree	0.75	36th
Total Tackles	D. Phillips	9.8	20th

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top-10)

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT	RANK
Combined Kick Returns	K. Foster	173	9th
Field Goals Percentage	C. McLaughlin	.833	T-3rd
Field Goals Per Games	C. McLaughlin	1.25	4th
Forced Fumbles	P. Nelson	0.50	T-1st
Fumbles Recovered	A. Hayes	0.33	8th
Fumbles Recovered	T. Watson/J. Milan/S. Green	1	T-4th
Kickoff Returns	K. Foster	19.2	10th
Rush Yards Per Carry	M. Epstein	5.26	8th
Rushing Touchdowns	M. Epstein	3	T-7th
Sacks	B. Roundtree	0.75	7th
Total Interceptions	T. Adams/J. Jones/ T. Watson	1	T-10th
Total Tackles	D. Phillips	9.8	2nd
Total Touchdowns	T. Watson	7.8	9th
Total Touchdowns	M. Epstein	4	T-5th

SAINT NICK

Junior OL Nick Allegretti is primed for a big season on and off the field.

- » Has been voted an offensive captain by his teammates for each of the first four games in 2017.
- » Started the 2017 opener at guard before moving over to center after Doug Kramer left the game win an injury. Allegretti has since started the last three games at center and has 16 career starts.
- » Named to Rimington Award preseason watch list for to the nation's top center.
- » Named to AFCA Good Works Team preseason watch list, one of the most prestigious off-the-field honors in college football, honoring a student-athlete's dedication to volunteerism, community involvement and enriching the lives of others.
- » Is the team's Uplifting Athletes chapter president, helping to raise over \$39,000 for rare disease research and awareness at the annual Lift for Life event.
- » Started all 12 games in 2016 and played 782 snaps, the most of any Illini offense player last season

DUDEK, WHERE'S MY CAR?

Junior WR Mike Dudek returned to action in the season opener against Ball State for the first time since Dec. 26, 2014, a span of 981 days.

- » Leads the team in catches (16), receiving yards (195), receiving touchdowns (1) and also is averaging 13.8 yards per punt return.
- » Caught a 16-yard touchdown on the Illini's second drive of the season-opening win over Ball State, his first catch over two years. He had 102 all-purpose yards in the victory.
- » Has at least two catches in all 17 career games he has played.
- » After producing the most prolific season for a freshman receiver in school history in 2014, Dudek suffered season-ending knee injuries during spring ball in both 2015 and 2016.
- » During his freshman season in 2014, Dudek hauled in 76 receptions for 1,038 yards to shatter Arrelious Benn's previous freshman marks of 54 catches and 676 yards in 2007 and place him in Illinois' season top-10 rankings.
- » Dudek was a 2014 first-team Freshman All-American by ESPN.com, Scout and 247sports after leading FBS freshmen in receiving yards (79.8 ypg), ranking 33rd overall and third in the Big Ten. He led the B1G in receptions (50) and receiving yards (716) during conference games and ranked fifth in FBS with 354 fourth-quarter receiving yards and tied for third nationally with 10 plays of 15+ yards in the fourth quarter.
- » Dudek became the eighth player in school history to record a 1,000 yard season as a receiver, ranking seventh on the UI single season list with 1,038 yards.

OFF THE FIELD NUGGETS

- **Travel Buddies:** Illini QB **Chayce Crouch** and WR **Mike Dudek** spent part of their summer together in Europe taking a study abroad program for the College of Business. The pair, who also have been roommates for three years, spent most of May in Vienna, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Prague and Budapest while taking a International Negotiations class.
- **First-time Footballer:** Freshman punter **Blake Hayes**, a native of Melbourne, Australia, had never played in or attended a college football game until making his Illini debut against Ball State on Sept. 2. Hayes played Australian rules football before training at ProKick Australia for the last two years in hopes of getting a college scholarship in the United States.
- **Rugby Champ:** Illini RB **Reggie Corbin** was a national champion rugby player in addition to being a football star in high school. Corbin helped Gonzaga HS in Washington D.C. to back-to-back rugby national titles in 2014 and 2015 after joining the team on a dare by star player Ben Cima, who plays on the U.S. national rugby team. The team lost only games in Corbin's two years on the team.
- **Facebook Find:** Facebook was a key part in the recruitment of freshman safety **Bennett Williams**, at least according to Illini defensive coordinator **Hardy Nickerson**. Nickerson was a teammate of Bennett's father, Garey Williams, at Cal and the two are connected on Facebook. Nickerson says he would see highlights of Bennett on Garey's Facebook page and became more impressed as he got older, eventually leading to his recruitment to Illinois.

LINEBACKER U, IT'S NOT WHERE YOU THINK IT IS

- Like many Illini teams over the years, the 2017 Illini defense is getting big production from its linebacking corps. Through four games, LBs **Del'Shawn Phillips** (9.8 tpg) and **Tré Watson** (7.8 tpg) lead the team in tackles, ranking second and ninth in the Big Ten, respectively.
- Illinois' history at the linebacker position is up there with any program in the nation. It begins with the greatest linebacker in football history, **Dick Butkus**, who was a two-time All-American and led the Fighting Illini to a 1964 Rose Bowl win over Washington. Illinois boasts two Butkus Award winners, **Dana Howard** in 1994 and **Kevin Hardy** in 1995, several first-team All-Americans like **Darrick Brownlow** (1990), **Simeon Rice** (1994 & '95) and **J Leman** (2007), not to mention second-team All-American **Scott Studwell** (1976) and NFL legend **Ray Nitschke**.



CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	TOT
DiLauro, Christian	3	12	12	7	---	34
Turner, Malik	3	9	10	5	---	27
Allegretti, Nick	4	12	0	---	---	16
Dunlap, Jaylen	2	12	0	0	0	14
Dudek, Mike	4	---	9	---	---	13
Watson, Tré	4	8	0	---	---	12
Meggins, Gabe	3	7	---	---	---	10
Nelson, Patrick	4	6	0	---	---	10
Crawford, James	1	4	4	0	---	9
Foster, Kendrick	1	7	0	0	---	8
Green, Stanley	1	7	---	---	---	8
Milan, Jamal	3	5	0	---	---	8
Jones, Julian	3	4	0	---	---	7
Crouch, Chayce	4	1	0	---	---	5
Echard, Nathan	2	2	1	0	---	5
Jackson, Kenyon	0	5	---	---	---	5
George Jr., Jeff	0	4	0	---	---	4
James, Chris	0	4	0	---	---	4
Oliver, Tymir	4	0	---	---	---	4
Phillips, Del'Shawn	4	---	---	---	---	4
Roundtree, Bobby	4	---	---	---	---	4
Watkins, Cameron	2	2	---	---	---	4
Boyd, Larry	3	---	---	---	---	3
Epstein, Mike	3	---	---	---	---	3
Hobbs, Nate	3	---	---	---	---	3
Hylton, Julian	0	3	0	---	---	3
Palczewski, Alex	3	---	---	---	---	3
Williams, Bennett	3	---	---	---	---	3
Adams, Tony	2	---	---	---	---	2
Corbin, Reggie	0	2	---	---	---	2
Dorsey, Louis	2	---	---	---	---	2
Fagan, Jordan	1	1	0	---	---	2
Gay, Isaiah	2	---	---	---	---	2
Mays, Sam	0	1	1	---	---	2
Smalling, Ricky	2	---	---	---	---	2
Sumpter, Frank	0	2	---	---	---	2
Thieman, Dominic	2	0	---	---	---	2
Adesanya, Sean	1	0	---	---	---	1
Hansen, Jake	---	1	---	---	---	1
Hayes, Ahmari	0	1	---	---	---	1
Kramer, Doug	1	---	---	---	---	1
Martin, Zeke	1	0	---	---	---	1
McGrew, Henry	1	0	0	---	---	1
Odenigbo, Tito	0	1	0	---	---	1
Reams, Caleb	0	1	---	---	---	1
Solomon, Adam	1	0	---	---	---	1
Williams, Justice	0	1	---	---	---	1
Woods, Jamal	1	---	---	---	---	1

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

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- **Coveting the Rock:** Illinois is one of eight teams in FBS and two teams in the Big Ten that has yet to lose a fumble, along with Mississippi State, Maryland, SMU, Miami Fla., Iowa State, Alabama and Virginia.
- **Fourth to First:** Illinois is one of six teams in FBS and three teams in the Big Ten perfect on fourth down conversions (1-1), joining Alabama (8-8), Minnesota (4-4), Michigan (4-4), UNLV (2-2) and Miami Fla. (1-1).
- **No Small Feat:** Freshman WR **Ricky Smalling's** 76-yard reception from Jeff George Jr. at USF in week three was the longest in program history by a true freshman and was the longest Illini reception since Nathan Scheelhaase connected with A.J. Jenkins for 77 yards on 10/6/2011. Smalling finished one yard short of becoming the sixth Illini in history with a 100-yard receiving game as a true freshmen.
- **Like Father, Like Son:** Sophomore QB **Jeff George Jr.** entered the USF game in the second half and went 12-of-22 passing for 211 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. His 76-yard completion to Smalling was Illinois longest since 10/8/2011 at Indiana (Scheelhaase to Jenkins, 77 yards). George is the son of former Illini QB and No. 1 overall NFL Draft pick Jeff George.
- **Double Trouble:** Freshman RB **Mike Epstein** had his second career two-touchdown game in just the third game of his career. He ran eight times for 56 yards and a TD and caught two passes for 27 yards and a TD against USF.
- **Freshman First:** Freshman RB **Ra'Von Bonner** scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard run at USF.
- **Line In, Line Out:** No Illini offensive lineman started in the same spot during Week 1 and Week 2.
- **Three's Company:** A trio of offensive linemen made their first career starts in the season-opening win over Ball State – redshirt-freshman **Doug Kramer**, sophomore **Zeke Martin** and sophomore **Adam Solomon**. As a result, senior OL **Christian DiLauro's** streak of 31 straight start came to an end.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- **Punching It Out:** Nebraska had a season-high four fumbles against the Illini. On the season, the Illini have forced seven fumbles and rank seventh in FBS in forced fumbles per game (1.75).
- **He's Back:** Senior DE **James Crawford** returned from suspension against Nebraska and showed no rust with five tackles, 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, a forced fumble and a QB hurry.
- **Nelson Making Noise:** Sophomore DB **Patrick Nelson** had his second career forced fumble, and second this season, in the third quarter. He's tied for the Big Ten lead and sixth in FBS at 0.5 FF/game. He led Illinois with 10 tackles, his season high, against the Huskers and is third on the team with 24 tackles this season. Nelson burst onto the scene in Big Ten play last season. He had 16 tackles at Nebraska in his first career start and then 14 at Rutgers to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors. Nelson's 48 tackles in the month of October were the most by any FBS freshman and his 7.7 tackles per game in conference play ranked 16th in the Big Ten last season.
- **Sack Lunch:** Illinois ranks fourth in the Big Ten in sacks per game (2.5). Nine different Illini have at least a half-sack on the season.
- **Defense Is The Best Offense:** Illinois' defense scored as many points as Western Kentucky's offense in the 20-7 week two win. Putting points on the board is trademark of Lovie Smith defenses.
- **WKU Lows:** Western Kentucky was held under 10 points for the first time since losing 35-0 at Alabama 9/8/2012. Six rushing yards were its lowest since at least 2000. WKU had -5 rushing yards in the second half.
- **Share the Wealth:** 23 Illini made at least one tackle against WKU, while no Illini had more than six tackles.
- **Better Late Than Never:** After allowing Ball State to convert 12 of its first 16 third downs in the season opener, the Illini defense buckled down and did not allow a conversion any of BSU's final five third downs.
- **Freshman Firsts:** Several Illini had significant firsts at USF – freshman DB **Tony Adams** had his first career interception, while sophomore DT **Tymir Oliver** and junior DE **Sean Adesanya** each had his first career sack.
- **Playing like a Vet:** Freshman DB **Bennett Williams** had a team-high 12 tackles against USF and is fifth on the team with 21 tackles on the season.
- **Big Play Jay:** Junior LB **Julian Jones** returned an interception for a touchdown in the win over WKU. It was Illinois' first interception returned for a touchdown since **Darius Mosely** at Rutgers 10/15/2016 and his first career interception. Illinois' defense scored as many points as WKU's offense in the game.
- **Long time Coming:** Third-year DE **Sean Adesanya** finally made his Illini debut after two years battling injuries. The 2015 junior college transfer missed all of 2015 and 2016 due to injuries. He got the start against Ball State and made two tackles on the day. He picked up his first career sack in game three at USF.
- **Freshman Threesome:** Three Illini true freshmen started on defense in a season opener for the first time since 1980.
 - » Freshman DE **Bobby Roundtree** was the first Illini true freshman defensive end to start the season opener since Terry Cole in 1980 against Northwestern. He had five tackles, 1.0 sack and 2 PBUs in his debut.
 - » Freshman S **Bennett Williams** was the first Illini true freshman safety to start the season opener since at least 1980. He had six tackles and 0.5 TFL in his debut.
 - » Freshman CB **Tony Adams** was the first Illini true freshman cornerback to start the season opener since Vontae Davis in 2006 against Eastern Illinois. Adams had four tackles in his Illini debut.
- **Two Is Better Than One:** Freshmen defensive ends **Bobby Roundtree** and **Isaiah Gay** were all over the backfield against Western Kentucky. They combined for 3.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and a QB hurry. Roundtree had 2.0 sacks and the forced fumble.

2017-18 BIG TEN BOWL POSSIBILITIES

Jan. 8	CFP National Championship Game
Jan. 1	CFB Playoff Semifinals (Rose & Sugar)
Jan. 1	Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl BIG/ACC vs. SEC
Jan. 1	Outback Bowl vs. SEC
Dec. 30	Capital One Orange Bowl BIG/SEC/ND vs. ACC
Dec. 30	TaxSlayer Bowl BIG/ACC/ND vs. SEC
Dec. 29	Franklin American Music City Bowl BIG/ACC vs. SEC
Dec. 28	Holiday Bowl vs. Pac-12
Dec. 27	Foster Farms Bowl vs. Pac-12
Dec. 27	New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. ACC/ND
Dec. 26	Quick Lane Bowl vs. ACC/ND
Dec. 23	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl vs. Army



2017 GAME CAPTAINS

The team votes on different team captains for each game week throughout the season.

BALL STATE — OL Nick Allegretti, QB Chayce Crouch, ST Nathan Echard, RB Kendrick Foster, DL Tymir Oliver, LB Tré Watson

WESTERN KENTUCKY — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Mike Dudek

SOUTH FLORIDA — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Chase McLaughlin

NEBRASKA — OFF Nick Allegretti, DEF Tre Watson, ST Chase McLaughlin

THE SPECIAL TEAMS

- **Block Party:** Illinois blocked two kicks against USF for the first time since 10/31/2015 at Penn State. Through four-games, the Illini are tied for the NCAA lead with three total block and lead the nation in average blocks per game (0.75).
- **Coverage Kings:** The Illini rank third in the Big Ten and 13th in FBS in kickoff return defense (15.71 ypr). Northwestern (15.55) and Ohio State (15.67) are just ahead of the Illini.
- **Hobbs Nobbing:** Freshman DB **Nate Hobbs** returned a blocked extra point for two points in the first quarter at USF, marking the Illini's first defensive extra point since Kevin Mitchell (75 yards) at Ohio State, 11/5/2005
- **It's a Block-Off:** Illinois opened the season with a 24-21 win over Ball State on Sept. 2 thanks to a walk-off blocked field goal by sophomore DT **Jamal Milan**. The 6-3, 300-pound Milan got his paw on the Cardinals' 54-yard attempt as time expired, sealing victory for the Orange and Blue. It was the first FG block of his career and the first by an Illini first since Rob Bain vs. Western Michigan 9/17/16.
- **Dudek Sparks Return Game:** **Mike Dudek's** 52-yard punt return late in the fourth quarter set up the game-winning touchdown in the season-opening win over Ball State. It was the longest punt return by an Illini since V'Angelo Bentley's 67-yard return vs. Ohio State on Nov. 16, 2013.
- **Punter from Down Under:** True-freshman Australian punter **Blake Hayes** was outstanding in his college debut against Ball State, averaging 46.0 yards per punt on four kicks, including a long of 54 and one downed inside the 20. A native of Melbourne, Hayes came to the United States in June having never attended an American football game. An Australian Rules Football player in his homeland, Hayes trained for American Football at Prokick Australia. On the season, Hayes ranks sixth in the nation in punting average among true freshmen (39.0).
- **Chase McLongkick:** Junior PK **Chase McLaughlin** kicked a career-long 53-yard field goal against Minnesota in 2016, tied for the fourth-longest in school history and the longest since **Taylor Zalewski** kicked a 54-yarder against Purdue on Nov. 17, 2012. Now in his second season as primary kicker in 2017, McLaughlin has been rock-solid, hitting 17-of-23 field goals and 30-of-30 extra points over the last two seasons.
- **New Kids on the Block:** This year's KPS unit features newcomers at both punter and long snapper. True-freshman Australian **Blake Hayes** won the punting job over the summer, while a pair of redshirt freshmen split long-snapping duties with **Sean Mills** snapping on punts and **Ethan Tabel** handling FG and PAT snaps.

FIGHTING ILLINI FACTS

- **Tough Road:** Only five college football teams will play against more 2016 bowl teams this year. Illinois' nine bowl opponents are tied for sixth in the nation behind Notre Dame (11), Syracuse (11), Duke (10), Ole Miss (10) and South Carolina (10). Two of Illinois' three non-conference opponents won 11 games in 2016 – Western Kentucky (11-3) and USF (11-2).
- **Boys of Summer:** The Illini are 25-5 in Aug./Sept. home games dating back to the start of 2007, including a 2-1 mark this season.
- **Home Sweet Home:** Illinois now has 20 consecutive home-opening wins, the fourth-longest active streak in the nation behind only Florida (27), Oklahoma State (22) and Wisconsin (22). Florida's 2017 home opener is Sept. 9 vs. Northern Colorado. Illinois is 90-33-5 all-time in home-openers.
- **Starting Off Right:** The Illini have an all-time record of 81-42-5 in season openers and are 58-27-4 when opening the season at home. The Illini have won their last 12 season openers at Memorial Stadium dating back to 1997.
 - In fact, the Illini have won...**
 - » 7 straight season openers (last loss 2010 vs. Missouri in St. Louis)
 - » 12 straight season openers at Memorial Stadium (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi)
 - » 20 straight home-openers (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi)
- **Hard Knox:** Assistant Director of Athletics and Director of Football Operations **Tim Knox** was named 2016 Operations Director of the Year by Football Scoop. Prior winners select the award each year. His broad range of responsibilities includes the overall management of the football budget, team travel, and bowl game coordination.

ALL OVER THE NFL

- A total of 16 former Fighting Illini were on 2017 opening day NFL rosters – OT **Jeff Allen** (Texans), WR **Geronimo Allison** (Packers), WR **Arrelious Benn** (Jaguars), CB **Vontae Davis** (Colts), **Clayton Fejedelem** (Bengals), RB **Josh Ferguson** (Colts – IR) TE **Michael Hoomanawanui** (Saints), OL **Ted Karras** (Patriots), TE **Matt LaCosse** (Giants), DE **Corey Liuget** (Chargers), LB **Whitney Mercilus** (Texans), LB **Hardy Nickerson** (Bengals), , DE **Dawuane Smoot** (Jaguars), DT **Akeem Spence** (Lions), DE **Jihad Ward** (Raiders) and DB **Tavon Wilson** (Lions).
- Three more Illini are on NFL practice squads to start the 2017 season – CB **Justin Hardee** (Saints), DE **Carroll Phillips** (Jaguars) and OLB **Gimel President** (Texans).
- DE **Dawuane Smoot** was selected in the third round of the 2017 NFL Draft (68th overall), becoming the sixth Illinois defensive lineman drafted since 2011 (Corey Liuget 2011, Whitney Mercilus 2012, Akeem Spence 2013, Michael Buchanan 2013, Jihad Ward 2016).
- Illinois has had at least one player drafted in 42 of the last 45 years and has 241 all-time NFL Draft picks.

2017 ILLINOIS HONORS**OL Nick Allegretti**

- Rimington Award Preseason watch list (C)
- AFCA Good Works Team preseason watch list (off-the-field)

OL Christian DiLauro

- Senior Bowl Preseason watch list

DB Jaylen Dunlap

- Senior Bowl Preseason watch list

RB Kendrick Foster

- Doak Walker Award preseason watch list (RB)

WR Malik Turner

- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten First Team
- Senior Bowl Preseason watch list
- Campbell Trophy watch list (top student-athlete)



FUTURE ILLINOIS SCHEDULES

2018 // Final	Oct. 24 Minnesota
Sept. 1 Kent State	Oct. 31 at Wisconsin
Sept. 8 Western Illinois	Nov. 7 Iowa
Sept. 15 South Florida (Chicago)	Nov. 14 at Indiana
Sept. 22 Penn State	Nov. 21 Ohio State
Sept. 29 OPEN	Nov. 28 at Northwestern
Oct. 6 @ Rutgers	Dec. 5 B1G Championship
Oct. 13 Purdue	
Oct. 20 @ Wisconsin	2021 // Final
Oct. 27 @ Maryland	Sept. 4 UTSA
Nov. 3 Minnesota	Sept. 11 @ Virginia
Nov. 10 @ Nebraska	Sept. 18 Maryland
Nov. 17 Iowa	Sept. 25 at Purdue
Nov. 24 at Northwestern	Oct. 2 Charlotte
Dec. 1 B1G Championship	Oct. 9 OPEN
	Oct. 16 at Penn State
2019 // Final	Oct. 23 Wisconsin
Aug. 31 Akron	Oct. 30 Rutgers
Sept. 7 @ UConn	Nov. 6 at Minnesota
Sept. 14 Eastern Michigan	Nov. 13 Nebraska
Sept. 21 Nebraska	Nov. 20 at Iowa
Sept. 28 OPEN	Nov. 27 Northwestern
Oct. 5 @ Minnesota	Dec. 4 B1G Championship
Oct. 12 Michigan	
Oct. 19 Wisconsin	2022 // B1G Schedule TBA
Oct. 26 @ Purdue	Sept. 10 Virginia
Nov. 2 Rutgers	Sept. 17 Wyoming
Nov. 9 @ Michigan State	Sept. 24 Central Michigan
Nov. 16 OPEN	
Nov. 23 @ Iowa	2023 // 2 non-conference TBA
Nov. 30 Northwestern	Sept. 9 @ Kansas
Dec. 7 B1G Championship	
2020 // Final	2024 // 2 non-conference TBA
Sept. 5 Florida Atlantic	Sept. 7 Kansas
Sept. 12 UConn	
Sept. 19 Bowling Green	2025 // 2 non-conference TBA
Sept. 26 OPEN	Sept. 6 @ Duke
Oct. 3 at Rutgers	
Oct. 10 at Nebraska	2026 // 2 non-conference TBA
Oct. 17 Purdue	Sept. 12 Duke

KEEP AN EYE ON THESE ILLINI

Five Fighting Illini players earned mention on preseason award watch lists.

- » **Nick Allegretti** – Rimington Trophy (C), AFCA Good Works (Community Service)
- » **Christian DiLauro** – Senior Bowl
- » **Jaylen Dunlap** – Senior Bowl
- » **Kendrick Foster** – Doak Walker (RB)
- » **Malik Turner** – Senior Bowl

LOVIE'S ILLINI

- Long-time NFL head coach **Lovie Smith** is in his second season on the sidelines at Illinois.
- Smith is the 25th head coach at Illinois and is the first African-American head football coach in program history.
- Smith was hired as Fighting Illini head coach on March 7, 2016, by Director of Athletics **Josh Whitman**, who was on his third day on the job as Illinois AD.
- After spending 19 years in the NFL, including 11 as a head coach, 2016 was the first year for Lovie at college since 1996.
- Smith led the Chicago Bears for nine seasons from 2004-12 and was 81-63 (.563), including three division titles, two NFC Championship Game appearances (2006 and 2010) and a berth in Super Bowl XLI.
- The AP Coach of the Year in 2005, Smith's 81 wins with Chicago are the third-most in Bears history.
- Prior to coming to Illinois, Smith spent the previous two seasons as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where the Bucs improved from two victories in 2014 to six wins in 2015.

NO. 1 IN NFL EXPERIENCE...AGAIN

Lovie Smith's Fighting Illini coaching staff is loaded with experience from the NFL level, boasting 56 years of coaching in the NFL – the most of any college staff in the country for the second straight season.

Illini NFL Experience by the Numbers:

- » 99 Years NCAA Coaching Experience
- » 56 Years NFL Coaching Experience
- » 14 Years NFL Playing Experience
- » 3 Super Bowl Appearances
- » 1 Super Bowl Title
- » 1 NFL Coach of the Year
- » 1 NCAA Championship

Of the 10 full time coaches (including Lovie), seven have NFL experience.

- » Lovie Smith – 19 seasons (11 head coach, 8 assistant/coordinator)
- » Bob Ligashesky – 12 seasons (assistant coach/coordinator)
- » Luke Butkus – 8 seasons (assistant coach)
- » Mike Phair – 7 seasons (assistant coach)
- » Andrew Hayes-Stoker – 5 seasons (assistant coach)
- » Hardy Nickerson – 3 seasons (assistant coach)
- » Garrick McGee – 2 season (assistant coach)

GRADS ON GRADS ON GRADS

The 2017 Fighting Illini roster features six student-athletes that have already earned a bachelor's degree and are working toward a second bachelor's degree or a master's degree this fall.

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Bachelor's Degree</u>	<u>Degree Pursuing</u>
James Crawford	Communication (Dec. '16)	Agriculture Leadership Education (2nd bachelor's)
Christian DiLauro	Agriculture & Consumer Economics (Dec. '16)	Agriculture Leadership Education (2nd bachelor's)
Jaylen Dunlap	Communication (Dec. '16)	Education Policy, Org. & Leadership (Master's)
Nate Echard	Agriculture & Consumer Economics (May '17)	Technology Management (Master's)
Kendrick Foster	Recreation, Sport & Tourism (May '17)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism (Master's)
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FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER ON THE HORIZON

Dramatic upgrades are coming soon to the Fighting Illini football facilities. Plans announced in July 2017 call for a brand-new 107,000 square foot, \$79.2 million Illinois Football Performance Center to be constructed next to the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility, and adjacent to Memorial Stadium. Construction is scheduled to break ground in early 2018, with the project scheduled for completion prior to the start of the 2019 season. More information on the project can be found at <http://illinoisrenaissance.com>.



2017 UNIFORM COMBINATIONS

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Helmet</u>	<u>Jersey</u>	<u>Pants</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
Ball State	W	Orange	Blue	Orange	1-0
Western Kentucky	W	Orange	Blue	Orange	2-0
at South Florida	L	Orange	White	Orange	0-1
Nebraska	L	Orange	Orange	Orange	0-1
at Iowa					
Rutgers					
at Minnesota					
Wisconsin					
at Purdue					
Indiana					
at Ohio State					
Northwestern					



ILLINI COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS

In booth during game:

Lovie Smith Head Coach
 Garrick McGee Offensive Coordinator/QB
 Hardy Nickerson Defensive Coordinator/LB
 Bob Ligashesky Special Teams Coordinator/TE
 Mike Phair Run Game Coordinator/DL
 Donnie Abraham Defensive Backs/SAF
 Luke Butkus Offensive Line
 Andrew Hayes-Stoker Wide Receivers

In Booth During Game:

Thad Ward Running Backs
 Paul Williams Defensive Backs/CB

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: Urbana-Champaign
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 44,880
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference (Division): Big Ten (West)
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor: Robert J. Jones
Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf – 60,670)

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

2016 Record: 3-9, 2-7 (6th Big Ten West Division)
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: 4-3
2016 Starters Returning/Lost: 10/14
 Off: 5/6 Def: 4/7 ST (PK/P): 1/1
2016 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 32/24
 Off: 12/12 Def: 19/10 ST (PK/P): 1/2
All-Time Record (Years): 602-577-51 (128th)
All-Time Big Ten Record (Years): 341-418-32 (122nd)
Memorial Stadium Record (Years): 270-232-14 (95th)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001)
National Championships (Last): 5 (1951)
Bowl Appearances (Last): 18 (2014 Heart of Dallas)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-10 (.444)

FOOTBALL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mailing Address: Memorial Stadium
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WHITMAN IN CHARGE

- Former Fighting Illini tight end **Josh Whitman** was announced as Director of Athletics at Illinois in February, 2016. His first order of business? Hiring **Lovie Smith** as head coach two days after officially starting the job.
- Whitman was named the university's 14th permanent director of athletics on Feb. 17 and officially started on March 5. On March 7, he made headlines by hiring coaching icon Lovie Smith to lead the football program.
- Since those whirlwind first few days, Whitman has formulated an aggressive agenda, including launching the University's Athletics Hall of Fame and planning for a new \$79.2 million football performance center. He has hired six new head coaches, starting with Lovie Smith.
- At the time of his hiring, Whitman was 37 years old, making him the youngest athletics director in the Autonomy 5
- Prior to coming back to Illinois, Whitman served as director of athletic as Washington University in St. Louis and UW-LaCrosse and also practiced law in Washington, D.C.
- Whitman has two Illinois degrees. He graduated with Bronze Tablet honors in 2001 while earning a bachelor's degree in finance. In 2008, he graduated summa cum laude from the Illinois College of Law. He worked in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Illinois while earning his law degree.
- A native of West Lafayette, Ind., Whitman was a four-year starting tight end and two-time First Team Academic All-American on the gridiron for Illinois. He then spent parts of four seasons as a player in the NFL, including stints with the Chargers, Dolphins, Seahawks and Bills.

UPLIFTING ATHLETES RAISES RECORD MONEY

- Fighting Illini players raised over \$39,000 for rare disease research and awareness, a new event record, with their sixth annual Lift for Life fundraiser through Uplifting Athletes on June 23, 2017. The Illini are inspired by former Illini OL **Andrew Carter**, whose playing career was cut short by Acoustic neuroma – a rare, slow-growing tumor of the nerve that connects the ear to the brain. Junior OL **Nick Allegretti** serves as president of the UI chapter of Uplifting Athletes and helped organize the event, which featured the entire Fighting Illini team participating in a strongman competition at Memorial Stadium. In six years, the Illini have raised nearly \$100,000 to help fight rare diseases. Find more on Andrew Carter's story here: <http://bit.ly/CarterFeature>.

GRANGE GROVE THE PLACE TO BE ON GAME DAY

- Grange Grove, the grassy area directly west of Memorial Stadium, will once again be THE place for Illini fans on football game days. Opened in 2015, Grange Grove is a free, high-energy tailgating area in the shadows of Memorial Stadium.
- Grange Grove opens at 7am on game days for public tailgating. Programming in the area, including live music and children's areas, starts approximately three hours before kickoff. The tailgating lot will close at 10pm or an hour after the conclusion of the game (for night games).
- More information on Grange Grove can be found at FightingIllini.com/GrangeGrove

ILLINI GAMES BROADCAST IN CHINESE ONCE AGAIN

- Illinois Athletics and the Fighting Illini Radio Network, under the direction of Fighting Illini Sports Properties, will once again broadcast in Mandarin Chinese online through FightingIllini.com. It will mark the third straight season of Mandarin broadcasts at Illinois, a trend the Illini started last season.
- The broadcast will be led by Jiajun (Jaden) Li and Diwen (Stephen) Shi
- Over 5,500 students from China attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, making them the largest group of international students on campus. The number of Chinese students attending Illinois has gradually increased from 850 students in the fall of 2005 to more than six times that number today.
- Broadcasting football games in Chinese is one part in a series of moves to better connect with international students on campus. Beginning in 2013, Illinois Athletics has partnered with Inclusive Illinois, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and the International Student and Scholar Services office to host Football 101 – an interactive and educational session about the basics of football taught by the Fighting Illini football team; and Basketball Carnival – an open gym focusing on the fundamentals of basketball.

WEEKLY COACHES RADIO SHOW

The Lovie Smith radio show airs live from Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy every Monday evening of a game week from 7-8 p.m. on the Illini Sports Network. Hosted by Fighting Illini football play-by-play voice Brian Barnhart, the live show allows University of Illinois students and the Champaign-Urbana community the opportunity to meet coaches and ask questions about the Illinois football program.



2017 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

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

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Def	ST	Tot
George Jr.	0	4	0	0	0	4
Dudek	0	0	2	0	1	3
Dorsey	0	0	3	0	0	3
Epstein	1	0	1	0	0	2
Crouch	0	3	0	0	0	2
Turner	0	0	1	0	0	1
Smalling	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	7	8	0	1	10

BALL STATE (3)

- 2Q 31 Dudek reception (from Crouch)
- 4Q 25 Turner reception (from Crouch)
- 4Q 52 Dudek punt return

WESTERN KENTUCKY (1)

- 2Q 20 Dorsey reception (from Crouch)

SOUTH FLORIDA (6)

- 2Q 23 Dorsey reception (from Crouch)
- 2Q 45 Epstein rush*
- 4Q 76 Smalling reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 32 Dorsey reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 27 Dudek reception (from George, Jr.)
- 4Q 21 Epstein reception (from George, Jr.)*

NEBRASKA (0)

None

ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES

BALL STATE

- 1st 9:58 TD Dudek, Mike 16 yard pass from Crouch (Miller pass failed) 1 play, 16 yards, 0:07
- 2nd 7:52 TD Epstein, Mike 6 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 12 plays, 69 yards, 5:46
- 2nd 0:21 FG McLaughlin, Chase 40 yard field goal 7 plays, 58 yards, 2:36
- 4th 2:06 TD Epstein, Mike 1 yard run (Crouch rush) 4 plays, 35 yards, 1:34

WESTERN KENTUCKY

- 1st 8:45 FG McLaughlin, Chase 37 yard field goal 7 plays, 17 yards, 3:14
- 2nd 9:58 FG McLaughlin, Chase 20 yard field goal 14 plays, 63 yards, 6:59
- 2nd 1:21 TD Jones, Julian 10 yard interception return (McLaughlin kick) N/A
- 3rd 8:19 TD Crouch, Chayce 9 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 6 plays, 29 yards, 1:34

SOUTH FLORIDA

- 1st 8:20 PAT Hobbs, Nate PAT Return N/A
- 2nd 2:18 TD Epstein, Mike 45 yard run (McLaughlin kick) 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:31
- 4th 13:30 TD Epstein, Mike 21 yard pass from Crouch (George, Jr. pass failed) 3 plays, 80 yards, 0:33
- 4th 6:13 TD Bonner, RaVon 1 yard run (Dudek pass from George, Jr.) 4 plays, 79 yards, 1:40

NEBRASKA

- 2nd 14:57 FG McLaughlin, Chase 25 yard field goal 15 plays, 64 yards, 9:00
- 3rd 7:49 FG McLaughlin, Chase 25 yard field goal 12 plays, 46 yards, 5:35

TURNOVERS FORCED

TEAM	INT	FUMBLE	TOTAL
Illinois	3	3	6
Opponent	6	0	6

BALL STATE (2)

- 1Q Nelson forced fumble (Watson 15 yard return)
- 3Q Watson interception (21 yard return)

WESTERN KENTUCKY (2)

- 2Q Julian Jones interception (returned 10 yards for TD)
- 2Q Roundtree sack forced fumble (recovered by Milan)

SOUTH FLORIDA (1)

- 1Q Adams interception (no return)

NEBRASKA (1)

- 3Q Nelson forced fumble (Stanley Green returned 5 yards)



CHARTING THE ILLINI

LONGEST DRIVES DRIVES

by # of plays	ILLINOIS 15, 2x (84 yds, 6:41, TD vs. WKU & 64 yds, 9:00, FG vs. NEB)
by # of yards	84 (125 plays, 6:41, TD vs. WKU)
Time of Possession	9:00 (15 plays, 64 yards, FG vs. NEB)

OPPONENT

15 (2x – 80 yds, 6:30, TD & 75 yds, 5:19, TD, Ball State)
93 (14 plays, 6:27, TD, NEB)
6:54 (13 plays, 53 yards, End of Half, NEB)

RED ZONE STATS (inside the 20)

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	11	18
Total Scores	10	13
Touchdowns	6	11
Field Goals	4	2
Lost on Downs/Turnover/Punt	0	2
Lost on Missed/Blocked Field Goals	0	1
End of Game or Half	1	2
Scoring Percentage	.909	.722
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	.545	.611
Percent of Total Drives	.250	.383

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	44	47
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	1,307	1,360
Average Starting Field Position	29.7	28.9
Times Started Inside the 20	10	9
Drives Started in Plus Territory	7	4

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	6	6
Total Scores	2	3
Scoring Percentage	.333	.500
Points off Turnovers	13 (2 TD, 0 FG)	13 (1 TD, 2 FG)

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2017 season	6, Ball State	10, Ball State & WKU	3, Nebraska	14, at USF	--	24, Ball State
Lovie Smith Era	14, UNC & Murray St.	21, Murray State	10, Rutgers & MSU	14, MSU ('16) & USF ('17)	0, Purdue	52, Murray State

ILLINOIS ACADEMICS

GRADS ON GRADS ON GRADS

The 2017 Fighting Illini roster features six student-athletes that already earned a bachelor's degree prior to the 2017 season.

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Bachelor's Degree</u>	<u>Degree Pursuing</u>
James Crawford	Communication (Dec. '16)	Agriculture Leadership Education (2nd bachelor's)
Christian DiLauro	Agriculture & Consumer Economics (Dec. '16)	Agriculture Leadership Education (2nd bachelor's)
Jaylen Dunlap	Communication (Dec. '16)	Education Policy, Organization & Leadership (Master's)
Nate Echard	Agriculture & Consumer Economics (May '17)	Technology Management (Master's)
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MAKING THE GRADE

The Illini continue to excel in the classroom.

- A total of 32 football student-athletes earned degrees in 2016-17, including six that are on the 2017 roster pursuing second degrees or master's degrees.
- Illini players have earned 112 degrees in the last three years – 32 in 2017, 42 in 2016 and 38 in 2015.
- Illinois has broken its school record for Academic All-Big Ten selections in each of the last five seasons. Prior to 2012, the school record was 12 (2000 & 2009). Since then, the Illini have had 18 (2012), 21 (2013), 29 (2014), 31 (2015) and now 35 (2016).
- In addition to being a new program record, the 35 Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 2016 was the most by any Big Ten school.
- For 10 consecutive semesters, at least 40 football student-athletes have posted at least a 3.0 grade-point-average, including 59 in Spring 2016. In the same time frame, Illinois' team GPA also has risen steadily from 2.71 in fall 2012 to a high of 3.06 in Spring 2016.

<u>Semester</u>	<u>3.0+ GPAs</u>	<u>Team GPA</u>
Fall 2012	42	2.71
Spring 2013	51	2.87
Fall 2013	43	2.84
Spring 2014	41	2.90
Fall 2014	56	2.97
Spring 2015	60	2.98
Fall 2015	58	2.92
Spring 2016	59	3.06
Fall 2016	45	2.81
Spring 2017	47	2.90



TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Yd-TD	Passing C-A-Int-TD	Passing Yards	Total Offense	Punt	Fumbles	Penalties	Time Poss
Illinois	24	14	30-71-2	10-19-1-1	145	216	5-221	1-0	3-30	23:27
vs. Ball State	21	21	51-171-2	21-34-1-1	204	375	4-161	1-1	2-25	36:33
Illinois	20	19	50-193-1	14-25-1-0	107	300	7-243	4-0	9-95	37:54
vs. Western Kentucky	7	14	16-6-1	28-43-1-0	238	244	7-216	4-1	11-100	22:06
Illinois	23	15	15-67-2	20-40-3-1	287	354	7-285	0-0	15-138	21:43
at South Florida	47	38	66-376-2	17-32-1-4	304	680	3-122	0-0	16-140	38:17
Illinois	6	15	37-93-0	10-16-1-0	106	199	5-185	3-0	5-49	28:52
vs. Nebraska	28	23	38-165-1	17-24-0-3	246	411	2-67	4-1	5-70	31:08
Illinois										
at Iowa										
Illinois										
vs. Rutgers										
Illinois										
at Minnesota										
Illinois										
vs. Wisconsin										
Illinois										
at Purdue										
Illinois										
vs. Indiana										
Illinois										
at Ohio State										
Illinois										
vs. Northwestern										

ILLINOIS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	T	G	C	G	T	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR/TE	TE
Ball State	Megginson	Martin	Kramer	Allegretti	Solomon	Crouch	Foster	Dudek	Turner	Thieman	Echard
Western Kentucky	Boyd	Palczewski	Allegretti	Megginson	DiLauro	Crouch	Epstein	Dudek	Thieman	Dorsey (TE)	Echard
South Florida	Boyd	Palczewski	Allegretti	Megginson	DiLauro	Crouch	Epstein	Dudek	Turner	Smalling	Dorsey
Nebraska	Boyd	Palczewski	Allegretti	Fagan	DiLauro	Crouch	Epstein	Dudek	Turner	Smalling	McGrew
Iowa											
Rutgers											
Minnesota											
Wisconsin											
Purdue											
Indiana											
Ohio State											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	3	3	16	1	3	4	3	4	2	2	1
Career	3	3	16	2	34	5	3	13	27	2	1

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB/NB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Ball State	Roundtree	Milan	Oliver	Adesanya	Phillips	Watson	Jones	Watkins	Nelson	Williams	Adams
Western Kentucky	Roundtree	Milan	Oliver	Gay	Phillips	Watson	Jones	Watkins	Nelson	Green	Hobbs
South Florida	Roundtree	Milan	Oliver	Gay	Phillips	Watson	Adams (NB)	Dunlap	Nelson	Williams	Hobbs
Nebraska	Roundtree	Woods	Oliver	Crawford	Phillips	Watson	Jones	Dunlap	Nelson	Williams	Hobbs
Iowa											
Rutgers											
Minnesota											
Wisconsin											
Purdue											
Indiana											
Ohio State											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	4	1	4	1	4	8	1	2	4	2	3
Career	4	1	4	9	4	12	7	14	10	3	3



RECORDS TO WATCH

Through Nebraska Game (9/29/17)

ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL CAREER

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	262
2.	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	169
3.	Josh Ferguson, 2011-15	168
4.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	167
5.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-02	160
6.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	159
	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	159
8.	Walter Young, 1999-02	147
9.	Mike Martin, 1979-82	143
10.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	128
--	Malik Turner, 2014-	126

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	24
2.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-2002	21
3.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	19
4.	Walter Young, 1999-02	15
	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	15
	Mike Martin, 1980-82	15
7.	Greg Lewis, 1999-2002	12
	Shawn Wax, 1988-90	12
	Oliver Williams, 1981-82	12
	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	12
--	Malik Turner, 2014-	10

CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	3,392
2.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-02	2,583
3.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	2,432
4.	Walter Young, 1998-02	2,382
5.	Mike Martin, 1979-82	2,300
6.	John Wright Sr., 1965-67	2,284
7.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	2,221
8.	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	2,004
9.	Shawn Wax, 1987-90	1,614
10.	Malik Turner, 2014-	1,600
11.	Josh Ferguson, 2011-15	1,507

CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	16
2.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-2002	12
	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	12
4.	A.J. Jenkins, 2008-11	8
	Mike Martin, 1980-82	8
6.	Walter Young, 1999-2002	7
7.	Mike Bellamy, 1988-89	6
8.	Geronimo Allison, 2014-15	5
	Steve Hull, 2010-13	5
	Arrelious Benn, 2007-09	5
--	Malik Turner, 2014-	4

CAREER FIELD GOAL ACCURACY

(min. 20 att.)	PCT	FG
1.	Derek Dimke, 2008-11	.848 39-46
2.	Peter Christofilakos, 1999-02	.840 21-25
3.	Jason Reda, 2004-07	.750 51-68
4.	Mike Bass, 1980-82	.745 41-55
5.	Chase McLaughlin, 2015-present	.739 17-23
6.	Chris White, 1983-85	.736 53-72
7.	Chris Richardson, 1991-94	.712 52-73
8.	Doug Higgins, 1987-1990	.684 39-57
9.	Neil Rackers, 1996-99	.667 34-51
10.	Taylor Zalewski, 2012-15	.636 35-55
10.	Matt Eller, 2008-10	.613 19-31



2017 STARTERS



Starters by position (through 3 games)

OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	7	Chayce Crouch	4
RB	26	Mike Epstein	3
	22	Kendrick Foster	1
WR	18	Mike Dudek	4
	11	Malik Turner	3
	6	Ricky Smalling	2
	8	Dominic Thiemann	2
TE	19	Louis Dorsey	2
	39	Nathan Echard	2
	45	Henry McGrew	1
OL	53	Nick Allegretti	4
	76	Larry Boyd	3
	67	Christian DiLauro	3
	63	Alex Palczewski	3
	72	Gabe Megginson	3
	66	Jordan Fagan	1
	65	Doug Kramer	1
	71	Zeke Martin	1
	52	Adam Solomon	1

DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
DE	97	Bobby Roundtree	4
	92	Isaiah Gay	2
	5	James Crawford	1
	47	Sean Adesanya	1
DT	96	Tymir Oliver	4
	55	Jamal Milan	3
	91	Jamal Woods	1
LB	3	Del'Shawn Phillips	4
	33	Tré Watson	4
	2	Julian Jones	3
CB	8	Nate Hobbs	3
	1	Jaylen Dunlap	2
	6	Tony Adams	2
	31	Cameron Watkins	2
S	21	Patrick Nelson	4
	4	Bennett Williams	3
	7	Stanley Green	1

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	43	Chase McLaughlin	4
P	14	Blake Hayes	4

BOLD = started most recent game

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Sean Adesanya	ah-de-SAN-yuh
Nick Allegretti	al-uh-GRET-ee
Bryce Baringer	BEAR-in-grr
Nolan Bernat	burr-KNAT
Christian Bobak	bo-BACK
Ra'Von Bonner	.RAY-von
Trenard Davis	tre-NARD
Mike Dudek	DOO-deck
Nathan Echard	ECK-erd
Mike Epstein	ep-STEEN
Jordan Fagan	FAY-gin
Dele Harding	DAY-LAY
Jimmy Marchese	mar-CASE
Michael Marchese	mar-CASE
Alec McEachern	Mc-CARE-un
Jamal Milan	muh-LAN
Marc Mondesir	mon-duh-SEER
Tito Odenigbo	oh-DEN-uh-bo
Lere Oladipo	luh-RAY
Alex Palczewski	pal-CHESS-key
Alex Pihlstrom	.PILL-strum
Charlie Reinkemeyer	.RINE-kuh-my-er
Ayo Shogboyo	EYE-oh shog-BAHN-yo
Ethan Tabel	tuh-BELL
Dominic Thieman	THEE-man
Malik Turner	ma-LEEK



KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – OFFENSE

QB	7	Chayce Crouch (Jr., 6-4, 230)	3-2 as a starter (Wins at Rutgers, vs. Ball State, vs. Western Kentucky) ... Missed final six games of 2016 ... Career 4.2 yards/carry
QB	3	Jeff George Jr. (So., 6-3, 215)	Career-high 211 passing yards at USF ... Four starts (first at Michigan) in 2016 ... Father is former Illini and No. 1 pick Jeff George
RB	26	Mike Epstein (Fr., 6-0, 195)	T-4th in the nation in TDs among true freshmen (4) ... Led St. Thomas Aquinas to 2016 Florida 7A state title with 1,500+ total yards
RB	22	Kendrick Foster (Sr., 5-9, 190)	Led Illini in rushing yards (720), touchdowns (9) and all-purpose yards (1,328) in 2016... Third in the Big Ten in ypc (5.71) in 2016
RB	2	Reggie Corbin (So., 5-10, 190)	14th in the nation in yards/carry among freshmen (6.08) in 2016, best by an Illini freshman since at least 2000
FB	36	Austin Roberts (Jr., 6-2, 245)	Academic All-Big Ten as a biology major ... Injured after three games played in 2016
WR	11	Malik Turner (Sr., 6-3, 200)	All-Big Ten honorable mention (media) in 2016 ... Sixth in the Big Ten in receptions per game (4.4) in 2016
WR	18	Mike Dudek (Jr., 5-11, 185)	Ball State was his first game since Dec. 26, 2014 (981 days) due to two knee injuries ... ESPN.com True-Freshman All-American in 2014
WR	8	Dominic Thieman (So., 6-3, 190)	Started the opener against Ball State ... Career highs in receptions (4) and receiving yards (25) vs. Minnesota in 2016
WR	4	Ricky Smalling (Fr., 6-1, 205)	Four-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN and Scout ... 76-yard reception at USF was longest in Illinois history by a true freshman
WR	9	Sam Mays (Jr., 6-3, 200)	Game-winning TD vs. Michigan State with 1:35 remaining in 2016 ... Career-high 39 receiving yards vs. Minnesota and Michigan State
TE	19	Louis Dorsey (Fr., 6-6, 225)	First start against WKU ... Three catches, 62 yards at USF ... Ranked No. 16 TE in the nation by ESPN and No. 47 by 247Sports
TE	45	Henry McGrew (Jr., 6-3, 245)	First start against Nebraska ... Former linebacker ... Has played primarily on special teams the last two seasons
T	67	Christian DiLauro (Sr., 6-5, 300)	Snapped 31 straight starts in opener against Ball State ... 2014 ESPN.com Big Ten All-Freshman team ... Majoring in agri-accounting
G	66	Jordan Fagan (Sr., 6-6, 290)	First start of the season vs. Nebraska ... Played in seven games with one start in 2016
G	72	Gabe Megginson (So., 6-5, 305)	Eight career starts at guard, two starts at tackle ... Consensus four-star recruit ... Ranked as the No. 1 OL in Illinois out of HS
C	65	Doug Kramer (r-Fr., 6-2, 295)	Started opener vs. Ball St. ... Redshirted as a true freshman in 2016 ... 2015 West Suburban Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year
G/C	53	Nick Allegretti (Jr., 6-4, 320)	16 straight starts ... Captain during the first four weeks ... AFCA Good Works Team watch list ... Rimington Award watch list
G	63	Alex Palczewski (Fr., 6-6, 290)	First career start against WKU ... He and Larry Boyd are first true freshmen combo to start on OL in Illinois history
T	76	Larry Boyd (Fr., 6-6, 340)	First career start against WKU ... Four-star recruit by ESPN ... 2016 Missouri Football Coaches Association all-state first team

KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – DEFENSE

DE	97	Bobby Roundtree (Fr., 6-5, 245)	Leads the nation in sacks among true freshmen (0.75 per game) ... Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Scout
DE	5	James Crawford, Jr. (Sr., 6-2, 235)	Former linebacker transitioned to defensive lineman for 2017 ... Starting linebacker for the first three games of 2016
DE	92	Isaiah Gay (Fr., 6-3, 215)	First career start against WKU... Last member of 2017 signing class ... 25 TFLs and 17 sacks as a senior in HS
DE	47	Sean Adesanya (Jr., 6-3, 250)	First career start vs. Ball State... Redshirted in 2015 after transferring from Eastern Arizona (JUCO), injured in 2016
DE	34	Christian Abercrombie (r-Fr., 6-1, 230)	Redshirted last year as a true freshman ... Three-star recruit by ESPN.com and Scout ... 106 tackles, 4.0 sacks and four INTs as a senior
DT	96	Tymir Oliver (So., 6-4, 285)	Played primarily on special teams last year ... 2015 Pennsylvania Football Writers Association First-Team All-State
DT	55	Jamal Milan (So., 6-3, 300)	Blocked FG in final seconds vs. Ball State ... 27 tackles (11 solo), 3.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, two FF, one FR, two QBH in 2016
DT	95	Kenyon Jackson (So., 6-0, 290)	18 tackles (six solo) as a true freshman in 2016 ... Started five games in 2016 ... Father, Keith, was a six-time NFL Pro Bowl selection
LB	2	Julian Jones (Jr., 6-2, 220)	INT returned 10 yards for TD vs. WKU ... 32 tackles (16 solo), 2.0 TFLs in 2016 ... Career-high 11 tackles at Michigan
LB	33	Tré Watson (Jr., 6-2, 235)	2016 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media) ... T-2nd in Big Ten in tackles during Big Ten games (93) in 2016, with Iowa's Josey Jewell
LB	9	Dele Harding (So., 6-1, 235)	Career-high seven tackles and 0.5 TFL vs. Michigan State ... Missed the final three games with an injury
LB	3	Del'Shawn Phillips (Jr., 6-2, 220)	16 tackles in Illini debut vs. Ball State ... Garden City CC transfer ... Four-star recruit by Scout ... Led Garden City to 2016 JUCO national title
CB	1	Jaylen Dunlap (Sr., 6-1, 190)	Missed first two games of 2017 ... 11 PBUs tied for the 10th most in an Illini single season ... Fourth on the team with 63 tackles in 2016
CB	8	Nate Hobbs (Fr., 6-0, 180)	First career start vs. WKU ... High jumped 6-9 and long jumped 22' 11.25 in high school
CB	6	Tony Adams (Fr., 6-0, 190)	First Illini true freshman to start opener at CB since Vontae Davis in 2006 ... Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and Scout
CB	27	Ahmari Hayes (Sr., 6-3, 190)	Transfer from College of San Mateo (JUCO) ... Nine games played with one start at cornerback in 2016 ... Career-high four tackles vs. Rutgers
CB	31	Cameron Watkins (So., 6-0, 190)	Third career start in the opener against Ball State ... PBU in three straight games against Michigan State, Wisconsin and Iowa in 2016
CB	23	Frank Sumpter (So., 5-10, 185)	Nine games played with two starts at DB in 2016 ... Missed the last three games of 2016 with an injury
CB	12	Chris James (Jr., 5-11, 195)	23 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, three PBUs in 2016 while playing in all 12 G in 2016 ... Career-high six tackles against UNC and Western Michigan
CB	10	James Knight (Fr., 5-10, 205)	Three-star recruit by 247Sports ... Led East St. Louis to 2016 IHSA 7A state championship and an undefeated season
SS	21	Patrick Nelson (So., 6-2, 210)	2016 ESPN.com, Big Ten Network All-Freshman Teams ... Third on the team with 75 tackles in 2016... Tied Illini season-high 16 tackles at Nebraska
SS	7	Stanley Green (So., 5-11, 195)	Started seven games as a true freshman in 2016 ... 10+ tackles in three games (Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan) in 2016
FS	4	Bennett Williams (Fr., 6-0, 200)	First Illini true freshman to start opener at safety since at least 1980... Father, Garey, played at California with Illini DC Hardy Nickerson
FS	24	Dawson DeGroot (Fr., 6-1, 190)	Three-star recruit by 247Sports ... 2016 Florida 6A all-state third team ... 96 tackles, one INT and three fumble recoveries as a senior

KEY PLAYER QUICK FACTS – SPECIAL TEAMS

K	43	Chase McLaughlin (Jr., 6-1, 180)	17-23 FG, 30-30 PAT in his career ... 53-yard FG vs. Minnesota in 2016 is fourth longest in Illini history ... Mechanical engineering major
K	17	James McCourt (Fr., 6-1, 220)	Was in competition with 2016 starter Chase McLaughlin during 2017 training camp
P	14	Blake Hayes (Fr., 6-6, 230)	College debut was first football game he ever attended ... Melbourne, Australia native ... Played Australian rules football for 3 years in HS
LS	58	Sean Mills (r-Fr., 6-3, 215)	Snapped for punts for all four games ... Snapped for field goals at USF ... Redshirted in 2016 as a true freshman
LS	56	Ethan Tabel (r-Fr., 6-0, 220)	Snapped for field goals in three of four games ... Redshirted in 2016 as a true freshman



2017 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER (As of 9/22/17)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS COLLEGE	NO	NAME	POS
34	Christion Abercrombie	DL	6-1	230	r-Fr.	4-4	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake	1	Jaylen Dunlap	DB
6	Tony Adams	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	5-4	Belleville, Ill./St. Louis University HS	2	Reggie Corbin	RB
47	Sean Adesanya	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	2-2	Rahway, N.J./Rahway/Eastern Arizona JC	2	Julian Jones	LB
53	Nick Allegretti	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	2-2	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East	3	Jeff George, Jr.	QB
37	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	195	Fr.	5-4	Waterford, Mich./Notre Dame Prep	3	Del'Shawn Phillips	LB
84	James Bartholomew	WR	5-8	165	Fr.	5-4	Hilton Head Island, S.C./Hilton Head Christian	4	Ricky Smalling	WR
28	Nolan Bernat	DB	5-10	190	So.	4-3	Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett HS/College of Dupage	4	Bennett Williams	DB
29	Christian Bobak	RB	6-0	200	r-Fr.	4-4	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central	5	James Crawford	DL
21	Ra'Von Bonner	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	5-4	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore	5	Carmoni Green	WR
76	Larry Boyd	OL	6-6	340	Fr.	5-4	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic	6	Tony Adams	DB
27	Dre Brown	RB	5-11	215	So.	3-3	DeKalb, Ill./DeKalb	7	Chayce Crouch	QB
99	Owen Carney Jr.	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	5-4	Miami, Fla./Miami Central	7	Stanley Green	DB
73	Jake Cerny	OL	6-5	305	r-Fr.	4-4	Traverse City, Mich./Traverse City West	8	Nate Hobbs	DB
20	Harvey Clayton Jr.	DB	6-2	215	r-Fr.	4-4	Miami, Fla./Coral Reef	8	Dominic Thieman	WR
51	Sean Coghlan	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita	9	Dele Harding	LB
2	Reggie Corbin	RB	5-10	190	So.	3-3	Upper Marlboro, Md./Gonzaga College	9	Sam Mays	WR
5	James Crawford	DL	6-2	235	Sr.	1-1	Deerfield, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	10	James Knight	DB
7	Chayce Crouch	QB	6-4	230	Jr.	2-2	Newark, Ohio/Newark Catholic	10	Cam Thomas	QB
15	Trenard Davis	WR	6-0	190	So.	3-3	Boynton Beach, Fla./American Heritage School	11	Malik Turner	WR
24	Dawson DeGroot	DB	6-1	190	Fr.	5-4	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers	12	Chris James	DB
67	Christian DiLauro	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	1-1	Uniontown, Ohio/Green	12	Charlie Reinkemeyer	QB
19	Louis Dorsey	TE	6-6	225	Fr.	5-4	Jacksonville, Fla./Jean Ribault	13	Caleb Reams	TE
18	Mike Dudek	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	2-2	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley	14	Blake Hayes	P
1	Jaylen Dunlap	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	1-1	Chicago, Ill./Crete-Monee	14	Cam Miller	QB
82	William DuPont	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	5-4	St. Louis, Mo./Lafayette HS	15	Trenard Davis	WR
39	Nathan Echard	TE	6-2	230	Sr.	1-1	Eureka, Mo./Eureka	16	Connor Kelly	QB
26	Mike Epstein	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	5-4	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	17	James McCourt	PK
66	Jordan Fagan	OL	6-6	290	Sr.	2-1	Chula Vista, Calif./Olympian/Grossmont Coll. (CA)	17	Kendall Smith	WR
22	Kendrick Foster	RB	5-9	190	Sr.	1-1	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods	18	Mike Dudek	WR
75	Kurt Gavin	OL	6-4	300	r-Fr.	4-4	Mokena, Ill./Lincoln-Way East	19	Louis Dorsey	TE
92	Isaiah Gay	DL	6-3	215	Fr.	5-4	Nashville, N.C./Northern Nash	20	Harvey Clayton Jr.	DB
3	Jeff George, Jr.	QB	6-3	215	So.	3-3	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central	21	Ra'Von Bonner	RB
5	Carmoni Green	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	5-4	Miami, Fla./Miami Central	21	Patrick Nelson	DB
53	Kendrick Green	DL	6-4	300	Fr.	5-4	Peoria, Ill./Peoria	22	Kendrick Foster	RB
7	Stanley Green	DB	5-11	195	So.	4-3	East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis Senior	23	Conner Lillig	RB
35	Jake Hansen	LB	6-2	230	So.	4-3	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake	23	Frank Sumpter	DB
9	Dele Harding	LB	6-1	235	So.	4-3	Elkton, Md./Eastern Christian	24	Dawson DeGroot	DB
27	Ahmari Hayes	DB	6-3	190	Sr.	2-1	Davis, Calif./Davis HS/College of San Mateo	25	Shawn McPartland	WR
14	Blake Hayes	P	6-6	230	Fr.	5-4	Melbourne, Australia/Brighton	26	Mike Epstein	RB
48	Kevin Hinders	DL	6-5	235	Fr.	5-4	Champaign, Ill./St. Thomas More	26	Evan Jones	DB
8	Nate Hobbs	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	5-4	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Male	27	Dre Brown	RB
37	Zac Holman	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	2-2	Cronulla, Australia/De La Salle Cronulla	27	Ahmari Hayes	DB
30	Julian Hylton	DB	6-1	210	Jr.	2-2	Tinley Park, Ill./Lincoln-Way North	28	Nolan Bernat	DB
95	Kenyon Jackson	DL	6-0	290	So.	4-3	Little Rock, Ark./Parkview Arts & Science Magnet	29	Christian Bobak	RB
12	Chris James	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	2-2	Orange, Texas/West Orange-Stark	30	Julian Hylton	DB
88	Brandon Jones	RB	6-5	240	r-Fr.	4-4	Columbia, Mo./Hickman	31	Cameron Watkins	DB
26	Evan Jones	DB	6-2	190	r-Fr.	4-4	Atlanta, Ga./Salem	32	Justice Williams	LB
2	Julian Jones	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	3-2	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake	33	Tré Watson	LB
80	Keith Jones	WR	6-0	160	r-Fr.	4-4	Chicago, Ill./Hansberry College Prep	34	Christion Abercrombie	DL
16	Connor Kelly	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita	35	Jake Hansen	LB
10	James Knight	DB	5-10	205	Fr.	5-4	East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis	36	Austin Roberts	RB
65	Doug Kramer	OL	6-2	295	r-Fr.	4-4	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central	37	Bryce Baringer	P
23	Conner Lillig	RB	5-10	180	Fr.	5-4	Oak Park, Ill./Fenwick HS	37	Zac Holman	DB
79	Vederian Lowe	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	5-4	Rockford, Ill./Auburn	38	Brandon Roberts	RB
41	Jimmy Marchese	LB	6-2	220	So.	3-3	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson	39	Nathan Echard	TE
42	Michael Marchese	DB	6-3	190	Fr.	5-4	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson	40	Ryan Tucker	P
71	Zeke Martin	OL	6-5	300	So.	3-3	Medina, Ohio/Medina	41	Jimmy Marchese	LB



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9	Sam Mays	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	3-2	Missouri City, Texas/The Kinkaid School	42	Michael Marchese	DB
17	James McCourt	PK	6-1	220	r-Fr.	4-4	Parkland, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	43	Chase McLaughlin	PK
46	Alec McEachern	DB	6-1	215	Fr.	5-4	Plainfield, Ill./Benet Academy	44	Drew Murtaugh	LB
45	Henry McGrew	TE	6-3	245	Jr.	2-2	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley	45	Henry McGrew	TE
43	Chase McLaughlin	PK	6-1	180	Jr.	2-2	Cypress, Texas/Cypress Woods	46	Alec McEachern	DB
25	Shawn McPartland	WR	5-10	175	r-Fr.	4-4	Lemont, Ill./Lemont	47	Sean Adesanya	DL
72	Gabe Megginson	OL	6-5	305	So.	3-3	Jacksonville, Ill./Jacksonville	48	Kevin Hinders	DL
55	Jamal Milan	DL	6-3	300	So.	3-3	Chicago, Ill./Al Raby	51	Sean Coghlan	LB
14	Cam Miller	QB	6-1	215	r-Fr.	4-4	Evergreen Park, Ill./Brother Rice	52	Ayo Shogbonyo	LB
58	Sean Mills	LS	6-3	215	r-Fr.	4-4	Metuchen, N.J./St. Joseph	52	Adam Solomon	OL
54	Marc Mondesir	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita	53	Nick Allegretti	OL
44	Drew Murtaugh	LB	6-3	225	r-Fr.	4-4	Crystal Lake, Ill./Crystal Lake South	53	Kendrick Green	DL
21	Patrick Nelson	DB	6-2	210	So.	3-3	Chicago, Ill./Hales Franciscan	54	Marc Mondesir	LB
94	Tito Odenigbo	DL	6-3	300	Jr.	2-2	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville	55	Jamal Milan	DL
90	Lere Oladipo	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	5-4	Huntley, Ill./Huntley	56	Ethan Tabel	LS
96	Tymir Oliver	DL	6-4	285	So.	4-3	Sharon Hill, Pa./West Philadelphia Catholic	58	Sean Mills	LS
63	Alex Palczewski	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	5-4	Mount Prospect, Ill./Prospect	63	Alex Palczewski	OL
81	Griffin Palmer	TE	6-5	225	r-Fr.	4-4	St. Charles, Mo./De Smet Jesuit	65	Doug Kramer	OL
98	Deon Pate	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	5-4	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy	66	Jordan Fagan	OL
3	Del'Shawn Phillips	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	3-2	Highland Park, Mich./Cass Tech/Garden City CC	67	Christian DiLauro	OL
89	Alex Pihlstrom	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	5-4	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West	68	Jake Stover	OL
13	Caleb Reams	TE	6-2	250	So.	3-3	Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township	71	Zeke Martin	OL
12	Charlie Reinkemeyer	QB	5-11	175	Fr.	5-4	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest HS	72	Gabe Megginson	OL
36	Austin Roberts	RB	6-2	245	Jr.	2-2	Rice Lake, Wis./Rice Lake	73	Jake Cerny	OL
38	Brandon Roberts	RB	6-3	250	Sr.	1-1	Peoria, Ill./Richwoods	74	Andrew Trainer	OL
97	Bobby Roundtree	DL	6-5	245	Fr.	5-4	Largo, Fla./Largo	75	Kurt Gavin	OL
52	Ayo Shogbonyo	LB	6-2	230	r-Fr.	4-4	Arlington, Tex./Mansfield Summitt	76	Larry Boyd	OL
4	Ricky Smalling	WR	6-1	205	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice	79	Vedarian Lowe	OL
17	Kendall Smith	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	5-4	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook	80	Keith Jones	WR
52	Adam Solomon	OL	6-6	310	So.	3-3	Indianapolis, Ind./Bishop Chatard	81	Griffin Palmer	TE
68	Jake Stover	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita	82	William DuPont	WR
23	Frank Sumpter	DB	5-10	185	So.	3-3	Cleveland, Ohio/Glenville	83	Bobby Walker	TE
56	Ethan Tabel	LS	6-0	220	r-Fr.	4-4	Barrington, Ill./Barrington	84	James Bartholomew	WR
8	Dominic Thieman	WR	6-3	190	So.	4-3	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	88	Brandon Jones	RB
10	Cam Thomas	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	5-4	Chicago Heights, Ill./Marian Catholic	89	Alex Pihlstrom	TE
74	Andrew Trainer	OL	6-7	280	r-Fr.	4-4	Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School	90	Lere Oladipo	DL
40	Ryan Tucker	P	6-3	200	Jr.	2-2	Chicago, Ill./Marist	91	Jamal Woods	DL
11	Malik Turner	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	2-1	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin	92	Isaiah Gay	DL
83	Bobby Walker	TE	6-4	230	So.	3-3	Golf, Ill./Loyola Academy	94	Tito Odenigbo	DL
31	Cameron Watkins	DB	6-0	190	So.	3-3	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn	95	Kenyon Jackson	DL
33	Tré Watson	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	2-2	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic	96	Tymir Oliver	DL
4	Bennett Williams	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	5-4	Campbell, Calif./St. Francis	97	Bobby Roundtree	DL
32	Justice Williams	LB	6-3	220	So.	3-3	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland	98	Deon Pate	DL
91	Jamal Woods	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	5-4	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown	99	Owen Carney Jr.	DL

NOTE: Eligibility - first number is years left on clock, second number is seasons of eligibility remaining (i.e. 5-4 means 5 years to play 4 seasons)

ILLINOIS COACHING STAFF

Lovie Smith	Head Coach
Garrick McGee	Offensive Coordinator/QB
Hardy Nickerson	Defensive Coordinator/LB
Mike Phair	Run Game Coordinator/DL
Bob Ligashesky	Special Teams Coordinator/TE
Donnie Abraham	Defensive Backs/Safeties
Luke Butkus	Offensive Line
Andrew Hayes-Stoker	Wide Receivers
Thad Ward	Running Backs
Paul Williams	Defensive Backs/CB



ROSTER BREAKDOWN

SIGNEES (25)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
6	Tony Adams	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	5-4	Belleville, Ill./St. Louis University HS
21	Ra'Von Bonner	RB	5-11	220	Fr.	5-4	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
76	Larry Boyd	OL	6-6	360	Fr.	5-4	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
99	Owen Carney Jr.*	DL	6-3	230	Fr.	5-4	Miami, Fla./Miami Central
24	Dawson DeGroot	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	5-4	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers
19	Louis Dorsey	TE	6-6	225	Fr.	5-4	Jacksonville, Fla./Jean Ribault
26	Mike Epstein	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	5-4	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
92	Isaiah Gay	DL	6-3	215	Fr.	5-4	Nashville, N.C./Northern Nash
5	Carmoni Green*	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	5-4	Miami, Fla./Miami Central
53	Kendrick Green	DL	6-4	300	Fr.	5-4	Peoria, Ill./Peoria
14	Blake Hayes	P	6-6	230	Fr.	5-4	Melbourne, Australia/Brighton
25	Nate Hobbs	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	5-4	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Male
10	James Knight	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	5-4	East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis
79	Vederian Lowe	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	5-4	Rockford, Ill./Auburn
54	Marc Mondesir	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
90	Lere Oladipo	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	5-4	Huntley, Ill./Huntley
63	Alex Palczewski	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	5-4	Mount Prospect, Ill./Prospect
98	Deon Pate	DL	6-3	245	Fr.	5-4	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
3	Del'Shawn Phillips*	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	3-2	Highland Park, Mich./Cass Tech/Garden City CC
97	Bobby Roundtree	DL	6-5	245	Fr.	5-4	Largo, Fla./Largo
4	Ricky Smalling	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice
17	Kendall Smith	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	5-4	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook
10	Cam Thomas	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	5-4	Chicago Heights, Ill./Marian Catholic
4	Bennett Williams	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	5-4	Campbell, Calif./St. Francis
91	Jamal Woods	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	5-4	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown

WALK-ONS ADDED TO ROSTER FOR 2017 (16)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	ELIG.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
37	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	190	Fr.	5-4	Waterford, Mich./Notre Dame Prep
84	James Bartholomew	WR	5-8	160	Fr.	5-4	Hilton Head Island, S.C./Hilton Head Christian
28	Nolan Bernat	DB	5-10	190	So.	4-3	Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett HS/College of Dupage
51	Sean Coghlan	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
82	William DuPont	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	5-4	St. Louis, Mo./Lafayette HS
48	Kevin Hinders	DL	6-5	235	Fr.	5-4	Champaign, Ill./St. Thomas More
80	Keith Jones*	WR	6-0	150	r-Fr.	4-4	Chicago, Ill./Hansberry College Prep
16	Connor Kelly	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
23	Conner Lillig	RB	5-10	180	Fr.	5-4	Oak Park, Ill./Fenwick,
42	Michael Marchese	DB	6-3	190	Fr.	5-4	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson
46	Alec McEachern	DB	6-1	200	Fr.	5-4	Plainfield, Ill./Benet Academy
25	Shawn McPartland*	WR	5-10	175	r-Fr.	4-4	Lemont, Ill./Lemont
89	Alex Pihlstrom	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	5-4	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
12	Charlie Reinkemeyer	QB	5-11	175	Fr.	5-4	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest HS
68	Jake Stover	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	5-4	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
56	Ethan Tabel*	LS	6-0	220	r-Fr.	4-4	Barrington, Ill./Barrington

* Early enrollee, Jan. 2017

2017 ROSTER BY CLASS

SENIORS (9)

James Crawford
Christian DiLauro
Jaylen Dunlap
Nathan Echard
Jordan Fagan
Kendrick Foster
Ahmari Hayes
Brandon Roberts
Malik Turner

JUNIORS (16)

Sean Adesanya
Nick Allegretti
Chayce Crouch
Mike Dudek
Zac Holman
Julian Hylton
Chris James
Julian Jones
Sam Mays
Henry McGrew
Chase McLaughlin
Tito Odenigbo
Del'Shawn Phillips
Austin Roberts
Ryan Tucker
Tre Watson

SOPHOMORES (22)

Nolan Bernat
Dre Brown
Reggie Corbin
Trenard Davis
Stanley Green
Jake Hansen
Dele Harding
Kenyon Jackson
Jimmy Marchese
Zeke Martin
Gabe Megginson
Jamal Milan
Patrick Nelson
Tymir Oliver
Caleb Reams
Adam Solomon
Frank Sumpter
Dominic Thieman
Bobby Walker
Cameron Watkins
Justice Williams

RS FRESHMEN (18)

Christian Abercrombie
Christian Bobak
Jake Cerny
Harvey Clayton Jr.
Kurt Gavin
Brandon Jones
Evan Jones
Keith Jones
Doug Kramer
James McCourt
Shawn McPartland
Cam Miller
Sean Mills
Drew Murtaugh
Griffin Palmer
Ayo Shogbonyo
Ethan Tabel
Andrew Trainer

FRESHMEN (36)

Tony Adams
Bryce Baringer
James Bartholomew
Ra'Von Bonner
Larry Boyd
Owen Carney Jr.
Sean Coghlan
Dawson DeGroot
Louis Dorsey
William DuPont
Mike Epstein
Isaiah Gay
Carmoni Green
Kendrick Green
Blake Hayes
Kevin Hinders
Nate Hobbs
Connor Kelly
James Knight
Conner Lillig
Vederian Lowe
Michael Marchese
Alec McEachern
Marc Mondesir
Lere Oladipo
Alex Palczewski
Deon Pate
Alex Pihlstrom
Charlie Reinkemeyer
Robby Roundtree
Ricky Smalling
Kendall Smith
Jake Stover
Cam Thomas
Bennett Williams
Jamal Woods

2017 ROSTER BY POSITION

QUARTERBACKS (6)

Chayce Crouch
Jeff George, Jr.
Connor Kelly
Camren Miller
Cam Thomas
Charlie Reinkemeyer

WIDE RECEIVERS (13)

Yomade Adefeso
James Bartholomew
Trenard Davis
Mike Dudek
William DuPont
Carmoni Green
Keith Jones
Sam Mays
Shawn McPartland
Ricky Smalling
Kendall Smith
Dominic Thieman
Malik Turner

RUNNING BACKS (10)

Christian Bobak
Ra'Von Bonner
Dre Brown
Reggie Corbin
Mike Epstein
Kendrick Foster
Brandon Jones
Conner Lillig
Austin Roberts
Brandon Roberts

TIGHT ENDS (7)

Louis Dorsey
Nathan Echard
Henry McGrew
Griffin Palmer
Alex Pihlstrom
Caleb Reams
Bobby Walker

OFFENSIVE LINE (14)

Nick Allegretti
Larry Boyd
Jake Cerny
Christian DiLauro
Jordan Fagan
Kurt Gavin
Doug Kramer
Vederian Lowe
Zeke Martin
Gabe Megginson
Alex Palczewski
Adam Solomon
Jake Stover
Andrew Trainer

DEFENSIVE LINE (15)

Christian Abercrombie
Sean Adesanya
Owen Carney Jr.
James Crawford
Isaiah Gay
Kendrick Green
Kevin Hinders
Kenyon Jackson
Jamal Milan
Tito Odenigbo
Lere Oladipo
Tymir Oliver
Deon Pate
Bobby Roundtree
Jamal Woods

LINEBACKERS (11)

Sean Coghlan
Dele Harding
Jake Hansen
Julian Jones
Jimmy Marchese
Marc Mondesir
Drew Murtaugh
Del'Shawn Phillips
Ayo Shogbonyo
Tre Watson
Justice Williams

DEFENSIVE BACKS (19)

Tony Adams
Nolan Bernat
Harvey Clayton Jr.
Dawson DeGroot
Jaylen Dunlap
Stanley Green
Ahmari Hayes
Nate Hobbs
Zac Holman
Julian Hylton
Chris James
Evan Jones
James Knight
Michael Marchese
Alec McEachern
Patrick Nelson
Frank Sumpter
Cameron Watkins
Bennett Williams

LONG SNAPPERS (2)

Sean Mills
Ethan Tabel

PUNTERS (3)

Blake Hayes
Bryce Baringer
Ryan Tucker

KICKERS (2)

James McCourt
Chase McLaughlin



THE LAST TIME

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD ...

Rushing

250 yards rushing:

330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

200 yards rushing:

330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

150 yards rushing:

180, Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue, 11/7/2015

125 yards rushing:

146, Kendrick Foster vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

100 yards rushing:

111, Mike Epstein vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017

Back-to-back 175-yard rushing games:

Rashard Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)

Three consecutive 100-yard rushing games:

Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)

Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games:

Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games)

2 rushers with 175 yards:

Harvey (215), Havarad (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998

2 rushers with 100 yards:

Vaughn (180) and Ferguson (133) at Purdue, 11/7/2015

80+ yard rushing play:

80, Daniel Dufrene at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

70+ yard rushing play:

78, Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue, 11/7/2015

Two 40+ runs in one quarter:

56 and 56 (2nd), Kendrick Foster vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016

True-freshman rushed for 100 yards:

Mike Epstein, 111 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017

True-freshman rushed for 100 yards in first career game:

E.B. Halsey, 139 vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003

40 rushing attempts:

40, Antoino Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002

30 rushing attempts:

33, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

2 rushers with 2 TDs:

Scheelhaase (2) & Young (2) vs. SDSU, 9/10/2011

8 TDs rushing: Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990

4 TDs rushing: Antoino Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002

3 TDs rushing: Mikel Leshoure (3) vs. Baylor, 12/29/2010

2 TDs rushing: Mike Epstein (2) vs. Ball State, 9/2/2017

2 TDs rushing by a QB: Chayce Crouch (2) vs. Purdue, 10/8/2016

Receiving

200 yards receiving:

200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

150 yards receiving:

164, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

100 yards receiving:

164, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

2 receivers with 100 yards receiving:

Turner (164) and Hardee (125) at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Running back with 100+ yards receiving:

100, Josh Ferguson vs. Northwestern, 10/28/2015

70+ yard pass play:

76, Ricky Smalling from Jeff George, Jr. at USF, 9/15/2017

60+ yard pass play:

76, Ricky Smalling from Jeff George, Jr. at USF, 9/15/2017

50+ yard pass play:

76, Ricky Smalling from Jeff George, Jr. at USF, 9/15/2017

10+ receptions: 11, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

2 receivers with 2 TDs:

Will Judson and Chris Duval vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

3 receiving TDs: A.J. Jenkins (3) vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011

Offensive lineman caught a pass:

Jeff Allen, (1 rec., 2 yds) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/2010

Offensive lineman scored a TD:

Corey Lewis, fumble recovery in end zone at Indiana, 11/9/2013

Passing

600 yards passing: 621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980

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400 yards passing: 456, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014

300 yards passing: 377, Wes Lunt at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Consecutive 300-yard passing games:

Nathan Scheelhaase at Penn State (321, 11/2/2013) and at Indiana (450, 11/9/2013)

Three consecutive 300-yard passing games:

Jason Verduzco vs East Carolina (352, 8/31/1991), at Missouri (431, 9/14/1991) and vs. Houston (341, 9/21/1991)

6 TDs passing: Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980

5 TDs passing: Nathan Scheelhaase (5) vs. Miami (OH), 9/28/2013

4 TDs passing: Wes Lunt (4) vs. Kent State, 9/5/2015

3 TDs passing: Wes Lunt (3) vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016

Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:

N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to A.J. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11

10+ consecutive completions in a game:

Wes Lunt (11) at Iowa, 10/10/2015

Non-QB with passing TD: Josh Ferguson vs. Penn State, 9/29/2012

Defense

20 Tackles: J. Leman (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

19 Tackles: Clayton Fejedelem (19) vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/2015

4 interceptions: Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974

3 interceptions: Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001

2 interceptions: Hardy Nickerson (2) vs. Purdue, 10/8/2016

3+ PBUs in a game: Whitney Mercilus (3.0) at Indiana, 10/8/2011

4+ TFLs in a game: T.J. Neal Jr. (4.0) vs. Northwestern, 10/28/2015

4+ PBUs in a game: Jaylen Dunlap (4) vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

3+ PBUs in a game: Jaylen Dunlap (4) vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

3+ PBUs in back-to-back games: Jaylen Dunlap vs. Minnesota (3) and Michigan State (4), 10/29/16-11/5/16

Interception by a lineman:

Michael Buchanan vs. Western Michigan, 9/1/2012

Interception return for TD:

Julian Jones (10 yards) vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017

Two players with interception returns for TD in a game:

Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards), Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010

Fumble recovery for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (12 yards) vs. Minnesota, 10/25/2014

Scored on a safety: Smoot TFL vs. North Carolina 9/10/2016

Defensive extra point: Nate Hobbs (75 yards) at USF, 9/15/2017

Total Offense/All-Purpose

500 yards total offense:

503, Juice Williams vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008

400 yards total offense: 439, Wes Lunt vs. WKU, 9/6/2014

300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing:

431 (310-121), Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008

300 all-purpose yards: 328, A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011

200 all-purpose yards: 200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

3 total TDs: Josh Ferguson (3: 2 rush, 1 rec.) vs. Texas State, 9/20/2014

2 TDs in 1 minute: Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue (3rd quarter), 11/7/2015

Special Teams

5 field goals: Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990

4 field goals: Derek Dimke (4) at Penn State, 10/9/2010

3 field goals: Chase McLaughlin (3) vs. Purdue, 10/8/2016

Made 50+ yard field goal:

Chase McLaughlin (53) vs. Minnesota, 10/29/2016

Blocked a punt: Caleb Day vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015

Blocked punt for a touchdown:

Caleb Day (block), Clayton Fejedelem (TD) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015

Blocked two field goals: Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001

Blocked two PATs: Rob Bain at Penn State, 10/31/2015

Blocked a field goal: Isaiah Gay at USF, 9/15/2017

Blocked a PAT: Tito Odenigbo at USF, 9/15/2017

Punt return for TD: V'Angelo Bentley (67 yards) vs. OSU, 11/16/2013

Kickoff return for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013

Blocked FG returned for TD:

Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois State, 9/6/2003

Two-point conversion:

Mike Dudek pass from Jeff George, Jr. at USF, 9/15/2017

Two two-point conversions in the same game:

2 at Ohio State, 11/3/2012 (Russell pass to LaCasse; Russell rush)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD ...

250 yards rushing: 256, Jordan Canzeri, Iowa, 10/10/2015

200 yards rushing: 256, Jordan Canzeri, Iowa, 10/10/2015

150 yards rushing:

173, Justin Jackson, at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Three 100-yard rushers:

J. Jackson (106), J. Moten IV (105), D. Johnson (101) at USF 9/15/2017

75+ yard rushing play: 75, Shannon Brooks, Minnesota, 11/21/2015

50+ yard rushing play: 54, Justin Jackson, at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Two 40+ TD runs in one quarter:

Carlos Hyde (51, 55 in 4th), Ohio State, 11/16/2013

400 yards passing: 408, Scott Rislav, San Jose State, 9/21/2002

300 yards passing: 330 Brent Stockstill, Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015

80+ yard pass play:

80, Louisiana Tech (Cody Sokol to Ken Dixon), 12/26/2014

70+ yard pass play:

80, Louisiana Tech (Cody Sokol to Ken Dixon), 12/26/2014

50+ yard pass play:

55, Nebraska (Tommy Armstrong Jr. to Cethan Carter), 10/3/2015

Non-QB with passing TD:

Nick Scott to Christian Hackenberg at Penn State, 10/31/2015

200 receiving yards: 246, Roy Roundtree, Michigan, 11/6/2010

150 receiving yards:

175, Eddie Battles, Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015

100 receiving yards: 110, Nacarius Fant, Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017

Two 100-yard receivers: Eddie Battles (175), Richie James (141), Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015

4 field goals: Michael Geiger, Michigan State, 11/5/2016

Three 50+ yard field goals: Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998

Punt return for TD: R. McCarron (55 yards), Iowa, 11/19/2016

Kickoff return for TD: S. Vault (89 yards), Northwestern, 11/29/2014

INT return for TD: Xavier Woods (69 yards), Louisiana Tech, 12/26/2014

Blocked punt for a TD: Ben Kuznia (3 yards), Minnesota, 11/7/2009

Fumble recovery for TD:

Shaq Thompson (52 yards), Washington, 9/13/2014

Safety: Team (tackle in end zone), Minnesota, 10/29/2016

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD ...

80 points: 87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912

70 points: 79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944

60 points: 65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010

50 points: 52 vs. Murray State (52-3), 9/3/2016

40 points: 48 at Purdue (48-14), 11/7/2015

30 points: 31 vs Michigan State (31-27), 11/5/16

0 points: Iowa (0-28), 11/19/2016

0 points in 1st half: Iowa (0-28), 11/19/2016

0 points in 2nd half: Iowa (0-28), 11/19/2016

Did not score a touchdown: Nebraska (6-28), 9/29/2017

400 rushing yards: 519 vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

300 rushing yards: 315 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16

200 rushing yards: 228 at Rutgers, 10/15/2016

Fewer than 100 rushing yards: 93 vs. Nebraska (28-9), 9/29/2017

Negative yards net rushing: -27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993

400 passing yards: 450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

300 passing yards: 377 at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Fewer than 100 passing yards: 95 at Michigan, 10/22/2016

4 TD catches by tight ends: 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013

700 total net yards: 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944

600 total net yards: 612 at Indiana, 11/9/2013

500 total net yards: 515 vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016

400 total net yards: 434 at Northwestern, 11/26/16

Fewer than 100 total net yards: 78 at Wisconsin, 10/8/1977

Consecutive games, 500 total net yards:

at Michigan (501, 10/4/2008), vs. Minnesota (550, 10/11/2008),

vs. Indiana (563, 10/18/2008)

Five field goals: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001

Shutout opponent: Western Illinois (44-0), 9/12/2015

9+ sacks in a game: 9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001

6+ sacks in a game: 6 vs. Murray State, 9/3/2016

15+ TFL in a game: 15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002

10+ TFL in a game: 10 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

Missed extra point kick: vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/2014

Successful two-point conversion: at USF, 9/15/2017

2 successful two-point conversions: at Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012

Forced 5+ turnovers: 5 at Rutgers, 10/15/2016

Turned ball over 5+ times: 6 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/22/2012

10+ passes broken up: 11 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Blocked two kicks: 2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017

Blocked two punts: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010

Entire game without punting: vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013

No penalties: vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/2011

No turnovers: vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

Back-to-back games with no turnovers:

vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/26/2015 and vs. Nebraska, 10/3/2015

No sacks allowed: at Wisconsin, 11/12/2016

Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:

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

A successful on-side kick: vs. Penn State, 11/22/2014

Overtime game: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016

Overtime game at home: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016

A game with a weather delay: at South Florida, 9/15/2017 (0:37 delay)

A game was postponed: vs. Kent State, 9/4/2015 (2:50 delay)

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

AN OPPOSING TEAM HAD ...

200 yards rushing

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

BALL STATE 21
ILLINOIS 24

SEP. 2, 2017

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Ball State	7	0	14	0	21
Illinois	6	16	0	8	24

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Dudek 16 yard pass from Crouch (Miller pass failed), 9:58 (1-16, 0-07)
 BSU: Givan 8 yard pass from Neal (Hagee kick), 3:28 (15-80, 6:30)

Second Quarter

ILL: Epstein 6 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 7:52 (12-69, 5:46)
 ILL: McLaughlin 40 yard field goal, 0:21 (7-58, 2:36)

Third Quarter

BSU: Dunner 3 yard run (Hagee kick), 9:41 (15-75, 5:19)
 BSU: Gilbert 3 yard run (Hagee kick), 4:24 (13-77, 4:26)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Epstein 1 yard run (Crouch rush), 2:06 (4-35, 1:34)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	BSU	ILL
First Downs	21	14
Rushes-Yards	51-171	30-71
Passing Yards	204	145
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-1	10-19-1
Total Yards	375	216
Punts-Avg	4-40.2	5-44.2
Kickoff Returns	1-15	2-29
Penalties-Yards	2-25	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Sacks By	4-24	3-19
Third-down Conv.	12-21	2-10
Time of Possession	36:33	23:27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): BSU - Gilbert 19-75-1, Huntley 8-42-0, 15-41-0.

ILL - Epstein 11-54-2, Foster 8-15-0, Crouch 11-2-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): BSU - Neal 21-34-1-1-204. Crouch 10-19-1-1-145.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): BSU - Miller 7-86-0, Givan 3-22-1, Hall 2-36-0. ILL -

Dudek 2-47-1, Turner 4-48-0, Epstein 2-32-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): BSU - White 9, 1-0-3; Winbush 7, 4-0-29;

Singleton 4, 1-0-2. ILL - Phillips 16, 0.5-0; Watston 12; Watkins 8, 0.5-1.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois has won 20 straight home-openers (last loss 1997 vs. Southern Mississippi), the fourth-longest streak in the nation.
- Illinois has an all-time record of 81-42-5 in season-openers and are 58-27-4 when opening the season at home.
- Illinois had 10 first-time starters - six on defense (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, DE Bobby Roundtree, DT Tymir Oliver, DE Sean Adesanya, LB Del'Shawn Phillips) and three on offense (WR Dominic Thieman, OL Zeke Martin, OL Adam Solomon, OL Doug Kramer).
- Illinois started three true freshmen (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, DE Bobby Roundtree). In the previous 42 years, Illinois started a total of 12 true freshmen.
- Illinois started three true freshmen on defense in the season opener for the first time since 1980 (3).
- Illinois played 24 student-athletes for the first time in their careers, including 12 true freshmen (Smalling, Williams, Adams, Hobbs, Knight, Hayes, Smith, Dorsey, Epstein, Boyd, Gay, Roundtree).
- Illinois started multiple true freshmen in the season opener for the first time since 2006 when future NFL stars TE Jeff Cumberland and CB Vontae Davis started against Eastern Illinois. Only twice since at least 1975 has Illinois started multiple true freshmen in the same season opener (2 in 2006, 4 in 1980).
- Illinois started two true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams) in the season opener for the first time since at least 1975.

GAME 2

WESTERN KENTUCKY 7
ILLINOIS 20

SEP. 9, 2017

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	7	7
Illinois	3	10	7	0	20

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: McLaughlin 37 yard field goal, 8:45 (7-17, 3:14)

Second Quarter

ILL: McLaughlin 20 yard field goal, 9:58 (14-63, 6:59)
 ILL: Jones 10 yard interception return (McLaughlin kick), 1:21

Third Quarter

ILL: Crouch 9 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 8:19 (15-84, 6:41)

Fourth Quarter

WKU: White 2 yard run (Nuss kick), 11:38 (6-29, 1:34)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WKU	ILL
First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards	16-6	50-193
Passing Yards	238	107
Comp-Att-Int	28-43-1	14-25-1
Total Yards	244	300
Punts-Avg	7-30.9	7-34.7
Kickoff Returns	3-57	2-38
Penalties-Yards	11-100	9-95
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	4-0
Sacks By	1-2	2-20
Third-down Conv.	2-12	9-18
Time of Possession	22:06	37:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): WKU - Ferby 7-14-0, Baker 5-11-0, White 3-(-8)-1.

ILL - Epstein 21-111-0, Crouch 12-44-1, Bonner 12-25-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): WKU - White 28-43-1-0-238. Crouch 14-25-1-0-107.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): WKU - Fant 10-110-0, Jernighan 5-30-0, Jackson 5-26-0. ILL - Dudek 6-46-0, Turner 3-22-0, Dorsey 1-20-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): WKU - Key 12, 0.5-1; Iyegbuniwe 12, 0.5-1;

Whyte 8. ILL - Hobbs 6, 1.0-1; Phillips 6, 0.5-1; Watkins 6.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois is 2-0 all-time against Western Kentucky.
- All five starting spots on Illinois' offensive line were filled by different players than in Week 1.
- Illinois started seven true freshmen (CB Nate Hobbs, DE Bobby Roundtree, DE Isaiah Gay, RB Mike Epstein, TE Louis Dorsey, OL Alex Palczewski, OL Larry Boyd).
- Illinois' seven true freshmen starters are the most in a game in program history. The previous high was five, which last happened Nov. 11, 2006 against Purdue (QB Juice Williams, WR Chris James, TE Michael Hoomanawanui, CB Vontae Davis, S Travon Bellamy). Prior to that, the last time was Nov. 5, 1977 against Ohio State (TE Lee Boeke, FB Wayne Strader, LB John Gillen, LB John Scott, LB Earnest Adams).
- Illinois started four true freshmen on offense for the first time ever. The previous high was three with the last time occurring Nov. 8, 2008 against Western Michigan (WR Fred Sykes, RB Jason Ford, RT Jeff Allen).
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the offensive line (OL Larry Boyd, OL Alex Palczewski) for the first time ever.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line (DE Isaiah Gay, DE Bobby Roundtree) for the first time since Nov. 1, 1980 against Minnesota (DT Mark Butkus, DE Jim Covington).
- Illinois' five true freshmen started on defense this season is the most in an Illini season since 1980 (6).
- Freshman RB Mike Epstein had 21 carries for 111 yards. He is the first Illinois true freshman to eclipse 100 yards rushing since Ke'Shawn Vaughn at Purdue 11/7/2015.

GAME 3

ILLINOIS 23
#22/21 SOUTH FLORIDA 47

SEP. 15, 2017

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	2	7	0	14	23
South Florida	9	14	14	10	47

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

USF: Antoine 39 yard pass from Flowers (Nadelman kick blocked), 8:20 (6-66, 1:26)
 ILL: Hobbs PAT return, 8:20
 USF: Nadelman 29 yard field goal, 0:50 (4-4, 1:00)

Second Quarter

USF: Tice 10 yard run (Nadelman kick), 9:12 (8-87, 3:13)
 ILL: Epstein 45 yard run (McLaughlin kick), 2:18 (5-80, 1:31)
 USF: Flowers 6 yard run (Nadelman kick), 0:00 (9-75, 2:18)

Third Quarter

USF: Scantling 17 yard pass from Flowers (Nadelman kick), 9:54 (9-60, 3:47)
 USF: Johnson 17 yard pass from Flowers (Nadelman kick), 5:08 (8-73, 2:49)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Epstein 21 yard pass from George, Jr. (George, Jr. pass failed), 13:30 (3-80, 0:33)
 USF: McCants 13 yard pass from Flowers (Nadelman kick), 10:47 (8-71, 2:43)
 USF: Nadelman 29 yard field goal, 7:53 (5-22, 1:27)
 ILL: Bonner 1 yard run (Dudek pass from George, Jr.), 6:13 (4-79, 1:40)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	USF	ILL
First Downs	38	15
Rushes-Yards	66-376	15-67
Passing Yards	304	287
Comp-Att-Int	17-32-1	20-40-3
Total Yards	680	354
Punts-Avg	3-40.7	7-40.7
Kickoff Returns	2-18	4-92
Penalties-Yards	16-140	15-138
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	2-13	3-11
Third-down Conv.	12-18	6-15
Time of Possession	38:17	21:43

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): USF - Flowers 25-106-1, Tice 12-105-1, Johnson 17-101-0. ILL - Epstein 8-56-1, Crouch 5-10-0, Bonner 2-1-1.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): USF - Flowers 15-27-1-4-280. ILL - Crouch 8-18-1-0-23. George, Jr. 12-22-2-1-211.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): USF - Scantling 4-96-1, Antoine 4-93-1, Johnson 2-37-1. ILL - Dudek 6-65-0, Turner 4-27-0, Smalling 3-99-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): USF - Hoggins 4; Reaves 3, 1.0-8; Nichols 2, 1-0-1. ILL - Williams 12; Phillips 10; Watson 7, 1.0-1.

GAME NOTES

- Sept. 15, 2017 was the first ever matchup between Illinois and South Florida.
- Illinois' 10 true freshmen starters are the most in a game in program history, breaking the mark of seven set last week.
- Illinois' 10 true freshmen starters also breaks a season record. The previous high for a season was nine in 1980.
- Illinois' 10 true freshmen starters is the most in the nation this season.
- Illinois started five true freshmen on offense for the first time ever.
- Illinois started five true freshmen on defense for the first time ever.
- Illinois started three true freshmen defensive backs (S Bennett Williams, CB Tony Adams, CB Nate Hobbs) for the first time ever.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the offensive line (OL Larry Boyd, OL Alex Palczewski) for the second straight game (only two times ever).
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line (DE Isaiah Gay, DE Bobby Roundtree) for the second straight game (only two times ever).
- Illinois returned a blocked extra point for two points in the first quarter, its first defensive extra point since Kevin Mitchell (75 yards) at Ohio State, 11/5/2005.



GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 4

NEBRASKA28
ILLINOIS.....6

SEP. 29, 2017

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Nebraska	7	14	0	7	28
Illinois	0	3	3	0	6

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

NEB: Pierson-EI 45 yard pass from Lee (Brown kick), 8:57 (8-88, 3:08)

Second Quarter

ILL: McLaughlin 25 yard field goal, 14:57 (15-64, 9:00)

NEB: Ozigbo 15 yard run (Brown kick), 10:38 (8-75, 4:19)

NEB: Hoppes 6 yard pass from Lee (Brown kick), 1:23 (9-89, 5:02)

Third Quarter

ILL: McLaughlin 25 yard field goal, 7:49 (12-46, 5:35)

Fourth Quarter

NEB: Morgan, Jr. 23 yard pass from Lee (Brown kick), 13:34 (14-93, 6:27)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	NEB	ILL
First Downs	23	15
Rushes-Yards	38-165	37-93
Passing Yards	246	106
Comp-Att-Int	17-24-0	10-16-1
Total Yards	411	199
Punts-Avg	2-33.5	5-37.0
Kickoff Returns	1-20	3-43
Penalties-Yards	5-70	5-49
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	3-0
Sacks By	5-32	2-16
Third-down Conv.	7-11	5-12
Time of Possession	31:08	28:52

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): NEB - Ozigbo 18-106-1, Wilbon 13-60-0, Spielman 2-12-0. ILL - Epstein 10-42-0, Crouch 18-37-0, Bonner 4-10-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-Yds): NEB - Lee 17-24-0-3-246, Crouch 9-15-1-0-99.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): NEB - Morgan Jr. 8-96-1, Pierson-EI 4-94-1, Hoppes 2-27-1. ILL - Turner 3-25-0, Dudek 2-37-0, Green 1-18-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): NEB - Weber 9, 2.0-11; Reed 6; Dedrick 6. ILL - Nelson 10, 1.0-2; Hobbs 8; Watson 8, 1.0-5.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' eight true freshmen starters are the second-most in a game in program history. The record of 10 was set at South Florida in Illinois' last game.
- Illinois' most cumulative true freshmen starts in a season: 34 (1977), 33 (2006), 28 (2017)
- Illinois' 11 true freshmen starters used this season is a program record. The previous high for a season was nine in 1980.
- Illinois' 11 true freshmen starters are the most in the nation this season.
- Nebraska lost a fumble for the first time this season during the third quarter after DB Patrick Nelson forced a fumble that DB Stanley Green recovered.
- Nebraska had a season-high four fumbles. It tied Illinois' season-high for forced fumbles (4, Western Kentucky)
- Freshman DT Jamal Woods, senior DE James Crawford, junior TE Henry McGrew started for the first time this season. It was McGrew's and Woods' first career starts.
- Junior WR Mike Dudek has at least two catches in all 17 games he has played. He had two catches for a team-high 37 yards.
- Senior WR Malik Turner has caught a pass in 24 straight games, which is among the top 20 longest active streaks in the nation.
- Sophomore WR Trenard Davis completed a pass, the first of his career. He spent time as a quarterback last season.
- Freshman WR Carmoni Green played for the first time this season and had a catch for 18 yards.



34 CHRISTION ABERCROMBIE

DL, 6-1, 230, R-FR.
ATLANTA, GA. / WESTLAKE

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)
Solos: 2 at South Florida, 9/15/17

TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

6 TONY ADAMS

DB, 6-0, 195, FR.
BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HS

2017 Freshman:

» First Illini true freshman cornerback to start the season opener since Vontae Davis in 2006 against Eastern Illinois

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solos: 2 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
TFLs: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Sacks: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	3	4	7	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	3	4	7	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	0

INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2017	4	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	4	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2017	4	1	0	1.0	1
TOTAL	4	1	0	1.0	1

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	1	0	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

47 SEAN ADESANYA

DL, 6-3, 250, JR.
RAHWAY, N.J. / RAHWAY HS / EASTERN ARIZONA JC

Pronunciation: ah-de-SAN-ya

2017 Junior:

» First career start and Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Solos: 4 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Sacks: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	5	2	7	1.0	8	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	5	2	7	1.0	8	0	0	0	0	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2017	4	1	0	1.0	8
TOTAL	4	1	0	1.0	8

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	4	0	4	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

53 NICK ALLEGRETTI

OL, 6-4, 320, JR.
FRANKFORT, ILL. / LINCOLN-WAY EAST

Pronunciation: al-uh-GRET-ee

» 2017 Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List
» 2017 AFCA Good Works Team Preseason Watch List

2017 Junior:

» Three starts at center, one start at guard

29 CHRISTIAN BOBAK

RB, 6-0, 200, R-FR.
HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

Pronunciation: BO-BACK

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Plays special teams
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

21 RA'VON BONNER

RB, 5-11, 210, FR.
CINCINNATI, OHIO / SYCAMORE

Pronunciation: RAY-von

2017 Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 12 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Rushing Yards: 25 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Long Run: 8 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Rushing Touchdowns: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receptions: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Receiving Yards: 0

Long Reception: -

All-Purpose Yards: 25 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	3	18	36	1	8	2.0	12.0
TOTAL	3	18	36	1	8	2.0	12.0

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	3	1	-2	0	0	0.3	-2.0	-0.7
TOTAL	3	1	-2	0	0	0.3	-2.0	-0.7

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST					DNP			
WKU	12	25	0	8	0	0	0	0
@USF	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
NEB	4	10	0	6	1	-2	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

76 LARRY BOYD

OL, 6-6, 340, FR.
ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

2017 Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
» First career start in the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
» Teamed with Alex Palczewski to be Illinois' first ever true freshman combo to start the same game on the offensive line

99 OWEN CARNEY JR.

DL, 6-3, 240, FR.
MIAMI, FLA. / MIAMI CENTRAL

2017 Freshman:

» Enrolled at Illinois for spring semester and participated in 2017 spring practices
» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Solos: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	3	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST										DNP
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

73 JAKE CERNY

OL, 6-5, 305, R-FR.
TREVISE CITY, MICH. / TREVISE CITY WEST

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Played as an extra lineman (eligible TE) against Nebraska
» Made his Illinois debut against South Florida



20 HARVEY CLAYTON JR.

DB, 6-2, 215, R-FR.
MIAMI, FLA. / CORAL REEF

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Plays on special teams
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Solos: 2 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 0.5 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	2	2	4	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	2	2	4	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP					
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	2	2	4	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2 REGGIE CORBIN

RB, 5-10, 190, SO.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD. / GONZAGA COLLEGE HS

2017 Sophomore:

- » Injured for the first three games of the season

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 21 at Northwestern, 11/26/16
Rushing Yards: 92 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Run: 53 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
Receptions: 3 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
Receiving Yards: 30 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Reception: 30 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
All-Purpose Yards: 122 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	12	86	523	2	53	6.1	43.6
TOTAL	12	86	523	2	53	6.1	43.6

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	12	10	112	0	30	0.8	11.2	9.3
TOTAL	12	10	112	0	30	0.8	11.2	9.3

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST								
WKU					DNP - Injured			
@USF					DNP - Injured			
NEB	4	9	0	7		0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2016	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	7	71	1	32	0	0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	14
WMU	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
@NEB	9	72	0	31	3	18	0	11
PUR	11	92	0	46	1	30	0	30
@RUT	8	90	0	53	0	0	0	0
@MICH	4	3	0	5	0	0	0	0
MINN	14	83	0	19	0	0	0	0
MICH ST	4	10	0	8	1	19	0	19
@WIS	3	21	0	18	0	0	0	0
IOWA	5	11	0	8	2	18	0	11

@NW 21 70 1 18 1 9 0 9

5 JAMES CRAWFORD

DL, 6-2, 235, SR.
DEERFIELD, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- » Earned bachelor's degree in communication in Dec. 2016
- » Currently pursuing a second bachelor's degree in agricultural leadership education

2017 Senior:

- » Starting defensive end
- » Suspended for the first three games of the season

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, twice (last vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16)
Solos: 4, twice (last at Penn State, 10/31/15)
TFLs: 2.0 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Sacks: 1.0 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Nebraska, 10/3/15
Fumbles Forced: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)
Fumbles Recovered: 1 at Michigan, 10/22/16
PBUs: 1, twice (last at Purdue 11/7/15)
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2014	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	12	17	19	36	4.0	11	2	1	0	0	1
2016	8	6	12	18	1.0	4	0	0	1	0	0
2017	1	3	2	5	2.0	7	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	28	26	33	59	7.0	22	2	2	1	0	2

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2014	7	0	0	0.0	0
2015	12	0	0	0.0	0
2016	8	0	0	0.0	0
2017	1	1	0	1.0	6
TOTAL	28	1	0	1.0	6

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP - Suspended					
WKU					DNP - Suspended					
@USF					DNP - Suspended					
NEB	3	2	5	2.0-7	1.0-6	1	0-0	0-0	1	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	3	4	7	0.5-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	1	1	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST					DNP - Injured					
@WIS					DNP - Injured					
IOWA					DNP - Injured					
@NW					DNP - Injured					

2015	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	QBH	FF-FR
KENT ST	2	0	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
WIU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0-0
@UNC	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
MTSU	1	2	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
NEB	0	3	3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	1	0-0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
WIS	2	3	5	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
@PSU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
@PUR	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0-0
OSU	1	5	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
@MINN	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
vs. NW	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0

2014	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	QBH	FF-FR
YSU					DNP				
WKU					DNP				
@WASH					DNP				
TXST					DNP				
@NEB					DNP				
PUR					DNP				
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
MIN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

@OSU 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0-0
IOWA 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0-0
PSU 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0-0
@NW 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0-0
LT* 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0-0

*Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

7 CHAYCE CROUCH

QB, 6-4, 230, JR.
NEWARK, OHIO / NEWARK CATHOLIC

2017 Junior:

- » Starting quarterback in the first three games
- » 10-of-19 passing for a career-high 145 yards in the opener against Ball State
- » Career-high 14 completions for 107 yards against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 25 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Completions: 14 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Passing Yards: 145 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Passing Touchdowns: 1, three times (last at Rutgers, 10/15/16)
Long Pass: 61 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Carries: 18 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Rushing Yards: 137 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Rushing Touchdowns: 2 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Rush: 28 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Total Offense: 279 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Punt: 44, at Purdue 11/7/15

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFC
2015	10	34	15	1	160	2	27	44.1	4.7	16.0	97.2
2016	4	32	18	1	249	1	61	56.2	7.8	62.2	125.7
2017	4	77	41	4	427	1	31	53.2	5.5	106.8	93.7
TOTAL	18	143	74	6	836	4	61	51.7	5.8	46.4	101.7

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	10	25	96	1	19	3.8	9.6
2016	4	29					

@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	0
UNC				DNP				
WMU				DNP				
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	17	137	2	26	0	0	0	0
@RUT	11	25	0	28	0	0	0	0
@MICH				DNP - Injured				
MINN				DNP - Injured				
MICH ST				DNP - Injured				
@WIS				DNP - Injured				
IOWA				DNP - Injured				
@NW				DNP - Injured				

2015	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	5	-6	0	3	0	0	0	0
WIU	2	18	0	19	0	0	0	0
@UNC	4	16	1	8	0	0	0	0
MTSU	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
NEB	1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS				DNP				
@PSU	5	22	0	13	0	0	0	0
@PUR	7	45	0	17	0	0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MINN				DNP				
VS. NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

15 TRENARD DAVIS

WR, 6-0, 190, SO.

BOYNTON BEACH, FLA. / AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

Pronunciation: tre-NARD

2017 Sophomore:

- » First career catch at South Florida
- » First career completion against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receiving Yards: 7 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Long Reception: 5 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receiving Touchdowns: -
Long Reception: 5 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Passing Attempts: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Completions: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Passing Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Passing Touchdowns: -
Long Pass: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
All-Purpose Yards: 7 at South Florida, 9/15/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	3	2	7	0	5	0.7	3.5	2.3
TOTAL	4	2	7	0	5	0.5	3.5	1.8

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST				DNP				
WKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	5
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

24 DAWSON DEGROOT

DB, 6-1, 190, FR.

FORT MYERS, FLA. / FORT MYERS

2017 Freshman:

- » Made his Illinois debut against South Florida

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Solos: 2, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	2	4	3	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	4	3	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP					
WKU					DNP					
@USF	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

67 CHRISTIAN DILAURO

OL, 6-5, 300, SR.

UNIONTOWN, OHIO / GREEN

- » Earned bachelor's degree in agricultural and consumer economics in Dec. 2016

- » Currently pursuing a second bachelor's degree in agricultural leadership education

2017 Senior:

- » Starting tackle
- » Snapped a streak of 31 straight starts in the opener against Ball State
- » Played the final three quarters in the opener against Ball State

19 LOUIS DORSEY

TE, 6-6, 225, FR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / JEAN RIBAUT

2017 Freshman:

- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » First career catch was a one-handed grab against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receiving Yards: 62 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Long Reception: 32 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receiving Touchdowns: -
Long Reception: -
All-Purpose Yards: 62 at South Florida, 9/15/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	4	5	86	0	32	1.2	17.2	21.5
TOTAL	4	5	86	0	32	1.2	17.2	21.5

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
WKU	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	20
@USF	0	0	0	0	3	62	0	32
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

18 MIKE DUDEK

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NEQUA VALLEY

Pronunciation: DOO-dek

2017 Junior:

- » Leads team in receptions (16) and receiving yards (195)
- » At least two catches in all 17 games he has played
- » Returned to start the opener against Ball State after missing the last two seasons, a span of 981 days between games

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11 vs. Penn State, 11/22/14
Receiving Yards: 200 vs. Purdue, 10/4/14
Long Reception: 56 at Ohio State, 11/1/14
Receiving Touchdowns: 2 vs. Iowa, 11/15/14
Carries: 1, five times (last vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14)
Rushing Yards: 50 vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14
Long Run: 50 vs. Louisiana Tech, 12/26/14
Rushing Touchdowns: -
Pass Attempts: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Pass Completions: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Passing Yards: 22 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Long Pass: 22 vs. Minnesota, 10/26/14
Kickoff Returns: -
Kickoff Return Yardage: -
Punt Returns: 3 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Punt Return Yardage: 55 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Long Punt Return: 52 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
All-Purpose Yards: 200 vs. Purdue, 10/4/14

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	13	76	1038	6	56	5.8	13.7	79.8
2015		DNP - INJURY						
2016		DNP - INJURY						
2017	4	16	195	1	31	4.0	12.2	48.8
TOTAL	17	92	1233	7	56	5.4	13.4	72.5

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	13	6	73	0	50	12.2	5.6
2015		DNP - INJURY					
2016		DNP - INJURY					
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	17	6	73	0	50	12.2	4.3

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2014	13	1	1	0	22	0	22	100.0	22.0	1.7	284.8
2015		DNP - INJURY									
2016		DNP - INJURY									
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	17	1	1	0	22	0	22	100.0	22.0	1.3	284.8

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2014	13	1	4	0	4	4.0	0.3
2015		DNP - INJURY					
2016		DNP - INJURY					
2017	4	4	55	0	52	13.8	13.8
TOTAL	17	5	59	0	52	11.8	3.5

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	2	47	1	31
WKU	0	0	0	0	6	46	0	16
@USF	0	0	0	0	6	65	0	27
NEB	0	0	0	0	2	37	0	19
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2014	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
YSU	0	0	0	0	3	61	1	49
WKU	1	2	0	2	4	55	1	32
@WASH	0	0	0	0	5	43	0	18
TXST	0	0	0	0	7	90	1	30
@NEB	1	27	0	27	6	90	0	28
PUR	0	0	0	0	8	200	0	47
@WIS	0	0	0	0	4	59	0	26
MIN	0	0	0	0	5	41	0	16
@OSU								

KICK/PUNT RETURN GAME-BY-GAME

2017	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
BALL ST	0-0	0	0	0	3-55	18.0	0	52
WKU	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
@USF	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
NEB	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2014	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
YSU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
WKU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@WASH	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
TXST	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@NEB	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
PUR	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@WIS	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
MIN	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@OSU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
IOWA	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
PSU	0-0	0	0	0	1-4	4.0	0	4
@NW	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
LT*	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0

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1 JAYLEN DUNLAP

DB, 6-1, 190, SR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / CRETE-MONEE

- » Earned bachelor's degree in communication in Dec. 2016
- » Currently pursuing a master's degree in education policy, organization and leadership

2017 Senior:

- » Returned from an injury during Week 3 at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
 Solos: 7 at Michigan, 10/22/16
 TFLs: 2.5 at Michigan, 10/22/16
 Sacks: -
 QB Hurries: -
 Fumbles Forced: -
 Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Michigan State, 11/6/16
 PBUs: 4 vs. Michigan State, 11/6/16
 Interception: -
 Interception Return Yards: -
 Touchdowns: -
 Blocked Punts: 1 vs. Western Illinois 9/12/15

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2013	12	18	8	26	1.0	2	2	0	0	0	0
2014	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	12	5	1	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2016	12	41	22	63	4.5	10	11	0	1	0	0
2017	2	1	1	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	65	32	97	5.5	12	14	0	1	1	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST										
WKU										
@USF	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	6	2	8	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
WMU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
PUR	6	5	11	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	6	1	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	7	2	9	2.5-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	3
MICH ST	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-12	0-0	0	4
@WIS	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
IOWA	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1

2015	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MTSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PSU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

2014	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
YSU										
WKU										
@WASH										
TXST										
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR										
@WIS										
MIN										
@OSU										
IOWA										
PSU										
@NW										
LT*										

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2013	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
SIU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
CIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. WASH	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
MIAMI(OH)	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MSU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PSU	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IND	3	0	3	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

39 NATHAN ECHARD

TE, 6-2, 230, SR.

EUREKA, MO. / EUREKA

Pronunciation: ECK-erd

- » Earned bachelor's degree in agriculture & consumer economics in May 2017

- » Currently pursuing a master's degree in technology management

2017 Senior:

- » Will miss the rest of the season with an injury

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 2 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
 Rushing Yards: 1 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
 Rushing Touchdowns: -
 Long Rush: 1 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
 Receptions: 2 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
 Receiving Yards: 26 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
 Receiving Touchdowns: -
 Long Reception: 26 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
 Tackles: 4 at Purdue 11/7/15
 Solos: 3 at Purdue 11/7/15
 Fumble Recoveries: 1 at Rutgers 10/15/16

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2014	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	11	4	4	0	7	0.4	1.0	0.4
2016	12	4	51	0	26	0.3	12.8	4.2
2017	2	2	19	0	14	1.0	9.5	9.5
TOTAL	37	10	74	0	26	0.3	7.4	2.0

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	2	0	0	1	0.0	0.0
2017	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	37	2	0	0	1	0.0	0.0

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2014	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	5	102	0	30	20.4	8.5
2017	2	1	10	0	10	10.0	5.0
TOTAL	37	6	112	0	30	18.7	3.0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2014	12	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	11	7	6	13	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2017	2	1	1	2	0.0</						

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2017	4	1	19	0	19	19.0	4.8
TOTAL	4	1	19	0	19	19.0	4.8

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	11	54	2	14	2	32	0	17
WKU	21	111	0	13	0	0	0	0
@USF	8	56	1	45	2	27	1	21
NEB	10	42	0	13	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

2017	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
BALL ST	1-19	19.0	0	19	0-0	0	0	0
WKU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@USF	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
NEB	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

66 JORDAN FAGAN

OL, 6-6, 290, SR.
CHULA VISTA, CALIF. / OLYMPIAN HS / GROSSMONT COLL.

Pronunciation: FAY-gin

2017 Senior:

» Started at guard against Nebraska

22 KENDRICK FOSTER

RB, 5-9, 190, SR.
PEORIA, ILL. / RICHWOODS

» Named to Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List
 » Earned bachelor's degree in recreation, sport & tourism in May 2017

» Currently pursuing a master's degree in recreation, sport & tourism

2017 Senior:

» Backup running back

CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: 2, three times (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)
Carries: 21 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Rushing Yards: 146 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Long Run: 64 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)
Receptions: 2 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Receiving Yards: 15 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16
Long Reception: 15 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16
Receiving Touchdowns: 1, twice (last at Rutgers, 10/15/16)
All-Purpose Yards: 186 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Kick Returns: 5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Kick Return Yards: 131 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Long Kick Return: 41 at Michigan, 10/22/16

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	6	15	78	1	18	5.2	16.0
2016	12	126	720	7	64	5.7	60.0
2017	4	12	21	0	9	1.8	5.2
TOTAL	22	153	819	8	64	5.4	37.2

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	9	54	2	15	0.8	6.0	4.5
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	22	9	54	2	15	0.4	6.0	2.5

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2015	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	28	554	0	41	19.8	46.2
2017	4	9	173	0	29	19.2	43.2
TOTAL	22	37	727	0	41	19.6	33.0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	8	15	0	9	0	0	0	0
WKU	3	11	0	8	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	1	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	4	118	2	56	0	0	0	0
UNC	12	54	0	25	1	15	1	15
WMU	2	3	0	5	1	7	0	7
@NEB	7	46	1	31	0	0	0	0
PUR	16	55	1	11	1	3	0	3
@RUT	21	108	1	26	2	8	1	5
@MICH	8	45	0	17	0	0	0	0
MINN	7	21	0	9	1	2	0	2
MICH ST	17	146	2	64	1	4	0	4
@WIS	8	45	0	17	0	0	0	0
IOWA	16	50	0	16	1	4	0	4
@NW	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0

2015	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@UNC					DNP			
MTSU					DNP			
NEB					DNP			
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS					DNP			
@PSU					DNP			
@PUR	1	18	1	18	0	0	0	0
OSU					DNP			
@MINN	11	56	0	10	0	0	0	0
VS. NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

2017	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
BALL ST	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
WKU	2-38	19.0	0	24	0-0	0	0	0
@USF	4-92	23.0	0	28	0-0	0	0	0
NEB	3-43	14.3	0	29	0-0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

75 KURT GAVIN

OL, 6-4, 300, R-FR.
MOKENA, ILL. / LINCOLN-WAY EAST

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Has not played in a game

92 ISAIAH GAY

DL, 6-3, 215, FR.
NASHVILLE, N.C. / NORTHERN NASH

2017 Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
 » First career start in the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
 » Blocked kick at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solos: 2, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
TFLs: 1.0, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
Sacks: 1.0 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Blocked Kicks: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	5	5	10	2.0	15	0	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	4	5	5	10	2.0	15	0	0	0	1	2

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2017	4	1	0	1.0	13
TOTAL	4	1	0	1.0	13

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	2	2	4	1.0-13	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
WKU	2	0	2	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@USF	0	3	3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA									
RUT									
@MIN									
WIS									
@PUR									
IND									
@OSU									
NW									

3 JEFF GEORGE, JR.

QB, 6-3, 215, SO.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / WARREN CENTRAL

2017 Sophomore:

» Played in the second half against South Florida, throwing for 211 yards and two touchdowns.

CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 34 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Completions: 16 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Passing Yards: 211 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Passing Touchdowns: 2 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Long Pass: 76 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Carries: 6 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Rushing Yards: 9 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Rushing Touchdowns: -
Long Rush: 9 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Total Offense: 211 at South Florida, 9/15/17

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFC
2016	5	94	38	5	470	4	43	40.4	5.0	94.0	85.8
2017	1	22	12	2	211	1	76	54.5	9.6	211.0	131.9
TOTAL	6	116	50	7	681	5	76	43.1	5.9	113.5	94.6

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	5	10	-50	0	9	-5.0	-10.0
2017	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	6	10	-50	0	9	-5.0	-8.3

PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

2017

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNC				DNP				
WMU				DNP				
@NEB				DNP				
PUR				DNP				
@RUT				DNP				
@MICH	2	-12	0	1	0	0	0	0
MINN	6	-49	0	1	0	0	0	0
MICH ST	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
@WIS	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
IOWA				DNP				
@NW				DNP				

5 CARMONI GREEN

WR, 6-1, 190, FR.

MIAMI, FLA. / MIAMI CENTRAL

2017 Freshman:

- » Enrolled for spring semester and participated in 2017 spring practices
- » Made his Illinois debut against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: -
 Carries: -
 Rushing Yards: -
 Long Run: -
 Rushing Touchdowns: -
 Receptions: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
 Receiving Yards: 18 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
 Long Reception: 18 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
 Receiving Touchdowns: -
 All-Purpose Yards: 18 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
 Kick Returns: -
 Kick Return Yards: -
 Long Kick Return: -

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	1	1	18	0	18	1.0	18.0	18.0
TOTAL	1	1	18	0	18	1.0	18.0	18.0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST				DNP				
WKU				DNP				
@USF				DNP				
NEB	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	18
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

53 KENDRICK GREEN

DL, 6-4, 300, FR.

PEORIA, ILL. / PEORIA

2017 Freshman:

- » Has not played in a game

7 STANLEY GREEN

DB, 5-11, 195, SO.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS SENIOR

2017 Sophomore:

- » Started the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
- » Suspended for the first half against Nebraska after a targeting penalty in the second half against South Florida

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
 Solos: 7 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
 TFLs: -
 Sacks: -
 QB Hurries: -
 Fumbles Forced: 2 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
 Fumbles Recovered: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)
 PBU: -
 Interception: -
 Interception Return Yards: -
 Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	10	30	32	62	0.0	0	0	3	1	0	0
2017	3	5	3	8	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	13	35	35	70	0.0	0	0	3	2	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST				DNP						
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-5	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST					DNP					
UNC					DNP					
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	7	4	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	5	4	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	4	7	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	3	9	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

35 JAKE HANSEN

LB, 6-2, 230, SO.

TARPON SPRINGS, FLA. / EAST LAKE

2017 Sophomore:

- » Suffered season-ending injury during training camp

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
 Solos: 1, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
 TFLs: -
 Sacks: -
 QB Hurries: 1 at Northwestern, 11/26/16
 Fumbles Forced: -
 Fumbles Recovered: -
 PBU: -
 Interception: -
 Interception Return Yards: -
 Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	2	6	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2017											
TOTAL	12	2	6	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0

9 DELE HARDING

LB, 6-1, 235, SO.

ELKTON, MD. / EASTERN CHRISTIAN

Pronunciation: DAY-LAY

2017 Sophomore:

- » Rotates in at linebacker
- » Missed the Nebraska game with an injury

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
 Solos: 3 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
 TFLs: 1.0 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
 Sacks: -
 QB Hurries: -
 Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

PBU: -
 Interception: -
 Interception Return Yards: -
 Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	9	4	9	13	1.5	2	0	0	0	0	0
2017	3	6	2	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	10	11	21	1.5	2	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB										
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	1	2	3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	3	4	7	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS										
IOWA										
@NW										

27 AHMARI HAYES

DB, 6-3, 190, SR.

DAVIS, CALIF. / DAVIS HS / COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

2017 Senior:

- » Missed the season opener against Ball State with an injury

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
 Solos: 4, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
 TFLs: -
 Sacks: -
 QB Hurries: -
 F

14 BLAKE HAYES

P, 6-6, 230, FR.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

2017 Freshman:

- » Starting punter
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » College debut was the first football game he ever attended

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 7, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)
Punt Yards: 285 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Longest Punt: 54 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
50+ Yard Punts: 1, three times (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
Punts Inside the 20: 3 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YARDS	LG	AVG
2017	4	23	897	54	39.0
TOTAL	4	23	897	54	39.0

PUNTING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20
BALL ST	4	184	46.0	54	0	0	0	1	1
WKU	7	243	34.7	52	0	0	1	1	2
@USF	7	285	40.7	49	0	0	0	0	1
NEB	5	185	37.0	44	0	0	3	0	3
@IOWA									
RUT									
@MIN									
WIS									
@PUR									
IND									
@OSU									
NW									

8 NATE HOBBS

DB, 6-0, 180, FR.

LOUISVILLE, KY. / LOUISVILLE MALE

2017 Freshman:

- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » First career start against Western Kentucky
- » Scored a defensive extra point on a blocked extra point at South Florida

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Solos: 3, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)
TFLs: 1.0 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -
Defensive Extra Point: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	15	7	22	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	15	7	22	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	5	1	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@USF	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

30 JULIAN HYLTON

DB, 6-1, 210, JR.

TINLEY PARK, ILL. / LINCOLN-WAY NORTH

2017 Junior:

- » Plays on special teams

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16

Solos: 4 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16

TFLs: 1.0 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16

Sacks: -

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Nebraska, 10/3/15

Interceptions: 1 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16

Interception Return Yards: -

PBUs: 1 vs. North Carolina, 9/10/16

Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	10	4	3	7	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2016	12	8	3	11	1.0	5	2	0	0	0	0
2017	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	12	6	18	1.0	5	2	0	1	0	0

INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2015	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	1	-2	0	0	-2.0	-0.2
2017	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	24	1	-2	0	0	-2.0	-0.1

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU										
@USF										
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	1	0	1	1.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-(-2)	0	0
UNC	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
WMU	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

2015

2015	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UNC	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MTSU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PSU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MINN										
NW										

95 KENYON JACKSON

DL, 6-0, 290, SO.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. / PARKVIEW ARTS & SCIENCE MAGNET

2017 Sophomore:

- » Rotates in at defensive tackle

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solos: 3 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
TFLs: 0.5, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)
Sacks: 0.5 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	8	6	12	18	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	0	8	8	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	6	20	26	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2016	8	0	0	0.0	0
2017	4	0	1	0.5	1

TOTAL 12 0 1 0.5 1

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	5	5	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	1	1	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC										
WMU										
@NEB	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR										

NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
WIS	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
@PSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
@PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
@MINN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

WIS												
@PUR												
IND												
@OSU												
NW												
2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU		
MUR ST	3	3	6	1.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
UNC	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@NEB	2	4	6	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
PUR	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@MICH	5	6	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
MINN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@WIS	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		

26 EVAN JONES

DB, 6-2, 190, R-FR.
ATLANTA, GA. / SALEM

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at South Florida, 9/15/17

Solos: 4 at South Florida, 9/15/17

TFL: -

Sacks: -

INT: -

PBU: -

QBH: -

Forced Fumbles: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	2	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP					
WKU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB					DNP					
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2 JULIAN JONES

LB, 6-2, 220, JR.
ATLANTA, GA. / WESTLAKE

2017 Junior:

» Starting linebacker

» Interception returned for a touchdown against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 at Michigan, 10/22/16

Solos: 5 at Michigan, 10/22/16

TFL: 1.0 twice (last at Nebraska, 10/1/16)

Sacks: -

Interceptions: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

Interception Return Yards: 10 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

Long Interception Return: 10 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

PBU: -

QBH: -

Forced Fumbles: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

Touchdowns: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	8	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12	16	16	32	2.0	8	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	7	7	14	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23	25	24	49	2.0	8	1	0	0	0	0

INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2015	8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2017	4	1	10	1	10	10.0	2.5
TOTAL	23	1	10	1	10	10.0	0.4

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-10	0	0
@USF	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										

10 JAMES KNIGHT

DB, 5-10, 205, FR.
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. / EAST ST. LOUIS

2017 Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

» Rotates in at defensive back, mostly playing nickel

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17

Solos: -

TFLs: -

Sacks: -

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

PBUs: -

Interception: -

Interception Return Yards: -

Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

65 DOUG KRAMER

OL, 6-2, 295, R-FR.
HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Started at center in the opener

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

» Missed the last three games with an injury

79 VEDERIAN LOWE

OL, 6-5, 340, FR.

ROCKFORD, ILL. / AUBURN

2017 Freshman:

» Has not played in a game

41 JIMMY MARCHESE

LB, 6-2, 220, SO.

VERNON HILLS, ILL. / STEVENSON

Pronunciation: mar-CASE

2017 Sophomore:

» Plays on special teams

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

Solos: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17

TFLs: -

Sacks: -

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

PBUs: -

Interception: -

Interception Return Yards: -

Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

71 ZEKE MARTIN

OL, 6-5, 300, SO.

MEDINA, OHIO / MEDINA

2017 Sophomore:

» Plays on special teams

» First career start at guard and Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

9 SAM MAYS

WR, 6-3, 200, JR.

MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS / THE KINKAID SCHOOL

2017 Junior:

» Played in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16

Receiving Yards: 39, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)

Long Reception: 30 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16

Rec. Touchdowns: 1, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)

All-Purpose Yards: 39, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR

RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IND	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@OSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@PSU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@RUT	3	317	63.0	3	2	38	19.0
@MICH	2	124	62.0	0	2	58	29.0
MINN	5	264	52.8	1	3	64	21.3
MICH ST	6	370	61.0	4	2	50	25.0
@WIS	2	128	64.0	0	2	47	23.5
IOWA						DNP	
@NW	4	260	65.0	4	0	0	0.0

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	2	27	0	19
UNC	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB				DNP				
PUR				DNP				
@RUT				DNP				
@MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0	2	39	0	30
MICH ST	0	0	0	0	4	39	1	16
@WIS	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	10
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0	2	32	0	25

2015	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	0	0	0	0	2	37	1	27
WIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@UNC	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	15
MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	15
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7
WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@PSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MINN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VS. NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17 JAMES McCOURT

PK, 6-1, 220, R-FR.
PARKLAND, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

2017 Redshirt Freshman:
» Has not played in a game

45 HENRY McGREW

TE, 6-3, 245, JR.
OVERLAND PARK, KAN. / BLUE VALLEY

2017 Junior:
» Former linebacker rotates in at tight end
» First career start at tight end against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Kent State, 9/5/15
Solos: 1, five times (last at Rutgers, 10/15/16)
TFLs: 1.0, twice (last vs. North Carolina, 9/19/15)

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2015	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	27	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	11	3	4	7	2.0	4	0	0	0	0	0
2016	12	2	3	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	27	5	7	12	2.0	4	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

2015	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	1	2	3	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UNC	1	0	1	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MTSU					DNP					
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

43 CHASE McLAUGHLIN

PK, 6-1, 180, JR.
CYPRESS, TEXAS / CYPRESS WOODS

2017 Junior:
» Starting kicker

CAREER HIGHS

FG Made: 3, twice (last vs. Purdue, 10/8/16)
FG Attempts: 4 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
PAT Made: 7 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
PAT Attempts: 7 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Points: 11 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Long Field Goal: 53 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16)
Kickoffs: 4 at Nebraska, 10/1/16
Kickoff Yards: 453 vs. Purdue, 10/8/16
Kickoff Average: 65.0 at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
Touchbacks: 4, three times (last vs. Ball State, 9/2/17)
Punts: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Punt Yards: 37 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Long Punt: 37 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Tackles: -

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2016	26-26	12-17	3-3	4-5	4-6	1-3	59	53
2017	4-4	5-6	3-3	1-1	1-2	0-0	19	40
TOTAL	30-30	17-23	6-6	5-6	5-8	1-3	78	53

KICKOFF STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
2016	11	34	2102	61.8	15	18	417	23.2
2017	4	18	1125	62.5	12	7	110	15.7
TOTAL	15	52	3227	62.1	27	25	527	21.1

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YARDS	LG	AVG
2016	11	0	0	0	0.0
2017	4	1	37	37	37.0
TOTAL	15	1	37	37	37.0

KICKING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	FGM-FGA	LG	BLKD	PAT	PTS
BALL ST	1-2	40	0	1-1	4
WKU	2-2	37	0	2-2	8
@USF	0-0	0	0	1-1	1
NEB	2-2	25	0	0-0	6
@IOWA					
RUT					
@MIN					
WIS					
@PUR					
IND					
@OSU					
NW					

2016	FGM-FGA	LG	BLKD	PAT	PTS
MUR ST	1-1	48	0	7-7	10
UNC	0-0	0	0	3-3	3
WMU	1-1	22	0	1-1	4
@NEB	3-3	43	0	1-1	10
PUR	3-4	47	0	2-2	11
@RUT	1-3	37	0	3-3	6
@MICH	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
MINN	1-1	53	0	2-2	5
MICH ST	1-1	42	0	4-4	7
@WIS	1-2	31	0	0-0	3
IOWA			DNP		
@NW	0-1	0	0	3-3	3

KICKOFFS GAME-BY-GAME

2017	KO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
BALL ST	5	320	64.0	4	1	15	15.0
WKU	5	305	61.0	2	3	57	19.0
@USF	5	320	64.0	4	2	18	9.0
NEB	3	180	60.0	2	1	20	20.0
@IOWA							
RUT							
@MIN							
WIS							
@PUR							
IND							
@OSU							
NW							

2016	KO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	4	254	63.5	1	2	54	27.0
PUR	7	453	64.0	2	5	106	21.2

72 GABE MEGGINSON

OL, 6-5, 305, SO.
JACKSONVILLE, ILL. / JACKSONVILLE

2017 Sophomore:
» Two starts at guard, one start at tackle

55 JAMAL MILAN

DL, 6-3, 300, SO.
CHICAGO, ILL. / AL RABY

Pronunciation: muh-LAN

2017 Sophomore:

» Starting defensive tackle
» Blocked a field goal attempt in the final seconds to seal a 24-21 win over Ball State in the season opener

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Solos: 3 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
TFLs: 2.5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Sacks: 1.0 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
QB Hurries: 2 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Fumbles Forced: 2 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Fumbles Recovered: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -
Blocked Kicks: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	10	11	16	27	3.5	6	0	2	1	0	2
2017	4	4	3	7	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	15	15	19	34	3.5	6	0	2	2	1	4

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	SACKS	YDS
2015	1	0	0	0.0	0
2016	10	1	0	1.0	2
2017	4	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	15	1	0	1.0	2

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	2	2</							

@PUR DNP - Injured
 OSU DNP - Injured
 @MINN DNP - Injured
 vs. NW DNP - Injured

14 CAM MILLER

QB, 6-1, 215, R-FR.

EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. / BROTHER RICE

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

58 SEAN MILLS

LS, 6-3, 215, R-FR.

METUCHEN, N.J. / ST. JOSEPH

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Starting long snapper for punts

» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

54 MARC MONDESIR

LB, 6-2, 200, FR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

Pronunciation: mon-duh-SEER

2017 Freshman:

» Plays on special teams

» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

Solos: -

TFLs: -

Sacks: -

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

PBUs: -

Interception: -

Interception Return Yards: -

Blocked Kicks: -

Touchdowns: -

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	3	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP					
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MINN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

21 PATRICK NELSON

DB, 6-2, 210, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL. / HALES FRANCISCAN

2017 Sophomore:

» Starting safety

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 16 at Nebraska, 10/1/16

Solos: 10 at Rutgers, 10/15/16

TFLs: 1.5 at Rutgers, 10/15/16

Sacks: 0.5 at Rutgers, 10/15/16

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)

Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16

PBUs: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17

Interception: -

Interception Return Yards: -

Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	7	3	10	2.0	5	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	7	6	13	2.0	5	0	0	0	0	0

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	34	41	75	2.5	7	0	0	1	0	0
2017	4	15	9	24	1.0	2	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	49	50	99	3.5	9	1	2	1	0	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	AS	TOT	YDS
2016	12	0	1	0.5	2
2017	4	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	16	0	1	0.5	2

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1
WKU	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	7	3	10	1.0-2	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MINN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	2	4	6	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	4	12	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	10	4	14	1.5-5	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	3	3	6	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	4	5	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	5	6	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

90 LERE OLADIPO

DL, 6-3, 265, FR.

HUNTLEY, ILL. / HUNTLEY

Pronunciation: luh-RAY

2017 Freshman:

» Has not played in a game

96 TYMIR OLIVER

DL, 6-4, 285, SO.

SHARON HILL, PA. / WEST PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC

2017 Sophomore:

» Starting defensive tackle

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17

Solos: 3, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)

TFLs: 1.0, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)

Sacks: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17

QB Hurries: -

Fumbles Forced: -

Fumbles Recovered: -

PBUs: -

Interception: -

Interception Return Yards: -

Touchdowns: -

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	7	3	10	2.0	5	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	7	6	13	2.0	5	0	0	0	0	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	AS	TOT	YDS
2016	12	0	0	0.0	0
2017	4	1	0	1.0	2
TOTAL	16	1	0	1.0	2

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	2	5	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	3	0	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MINN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										

@OSU

NW

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

63 ALEX PALCZEWSKI

OL, 6-6, 290, FR.

MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT

Pronunciation: pal-CHESS-key

2017 Freshman:

» Missed the season opener with an injury

» Starting guard

» Teamed with Larry Boyd to become Illinois' first ever true freshman combo to start the same game on the offensive line

81 GRIFFIN PALMER

TE, 6-5, 225, R-FR.

ST. CHARLES, MO. / DE SMET JESUIT

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

98 DEON PATE

DL, 6-3, 280, FR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2017 Freshman:

@IOWA
RUT
@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

13 CALEB REAMS

TE, 6-2, 250, SO.
GURNEE, ILL. / WARREN TOWNSHIP

2017 Sophomore:
» Plays at tight end and wide receiver

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: -
Rushing Yards: -
Long Run: -
Rush Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 2 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Receiving Yards: 9 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Long Reception: 5 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Rec. Touchdowns: -
All-Purpose Yards: -

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2016	5	2	9	0	5	0.4	4.5	1.8
2017	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	8	2	9	0	5	0.2	4.5	1.1

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST				DNP				
WKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	5
UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR				DNP				
@RUT				DNP				
@MICH				DNP				
MINN				DNP				
MICH ST				DNP				
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA				DNP				
@NW				DNP				

36 AUSTIN ROBERTS

RB, 6-2, 245, JR.
RICE LAKE, WIS. / RICE LAKE

2017 Junior:
» Illinois' main fullback

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Rushing Yards: 3 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Long Run: 3 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Rush Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16)
Receiving Yards: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Long Reception: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/17/16
Rec. Touchdowns: -
All-Purpose Yards: 3, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2017	4	1	3	0	3	3.0	0.8
TOTAL	8	1	3	0	3	3.0	0.4

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2015	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016	3	2	5	0	3	0.7	2.5	1.7
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WKU	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@IOWA								
RUT								
@MIN								
WIS								
@PUR								
IND								
@OSU								
NW								

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
@NEB				DNP - Injured				
PUR				DNP - Injured				
@RUT				DNP - Injured				
@MICH				DNP - Injured				
MINN				DNP - Injured				
MICH ST				DNP - Injured				
@WIS				DNP - Injured				
IOWA				DNP - Injured				
@NW				DNP - Injured				

38 BRANDON ROBERTS

RB, 6-3, 250, SR.
PEORIA, ILL. / RICHWOODS

» Earned a bachelor's degree in communication in May 2017
» Currently pursuing a master's degree in technology management

2017 Senior:

» Has not played in a game

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Solos: -
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	3	1	2	3	0.5 2	0	0	0	0	0
2016	2	0	2	2	0.0 0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0	0.0 0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	1	4	5	0.5 2	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC				DNP						
WMU				DNP						
@NEB				DNP						
PUR				DNP						
@RUT				DNP						
@MICH				DNP						
MINN				DNP						
MICH ST				DNP						
@WIS				DNP						
IOWA				DNP						
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

2015	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	0	1	1	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MTSU				DNP						
NEB				DNP						
@IOWA				DNP						
WIS				DNP						
@PSU				DNP						
@PUR				DNP						
OSU				DNP						
@MINN				DNP						
NW				DNP						

97 BOBBY ROUNDTREE

DL, 6-5, 245, FR.

LARGO, FLA. / LARGO

2017 Freshman:

» Leads the nation in sacks by a true-freshman (0.75/game) and ranks 36th nationally among all players.
» First Illini true freshman defensive end to start the season opener since Jerry Cole in 1980 vs. Northwestern
» Career-high 2.0 sacks against Western Kentucky

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Solos: 3, three times (last vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17)
TFLs: 2.0 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Sacks: 2.0 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 2 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	11	8	19	3.0 25	2	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	11	8	19	3.0 25	2	1	0	0	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2017	4	3	0	3.0	25
TOTAL	4	3	0	3.0	25

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	2	5	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	2
WKU	2	1	3	2.0-20	2.0-20	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

52 AYO SHOGBONYO

LB, 6-2, 230, R-FR.

ARLINGTON, TEX. / MANSFIELD SUMMITT

Pronunciation: EYE-oh shog-BAHN-yo

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

» Plays on special teams
» Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
Solos: 1 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	1	0	1	0.0 0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	1	0	1	0.0 0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0								

4 RICKY SMALLING

WR, 6-1, 205, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / BROTHER RICE

2017 Freshman:

- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » 76-yard reception at South Florida was the longest in Illinois history by a true freshman

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: -
Rushing Yards: -
Long Run: -
Rush Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 3 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Receiving Yards: 99 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Long Reception: 76 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Rec. Touchdowns: -
All-Purpose Yards: 99 at South Florida, 9/15/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2017	4	6	117	0	76	1.5	19.5	29.2
TOTAL	4	6	117	0	76	1.5	19.5	29.2

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	9
@USF	0	0	0	0	3	99	0	76
NEB	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10

@IOWA
RUT
@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

17 KENDALL SMITH

WR, 6-1, 185, FR.
BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

2017 Freshman:

- » Plays on special teams
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solos: -
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2017	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	3	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

@IOWA
RUT
@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

52 ADAM SOLOMON

OL, 6-6, 310, SO.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / BISHOP CHATARD

2017 Sophomore:

- » First career start at tackle in the opener against Ball State

68 JAKE STOVER

OL, 6-3, 295, FR.
CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

2017 Freshman:

- » Has not played in a game

23 FRANK SUMPTER

DB, 5-10, 185, SO.
CLEVELAND, OHIO / GLENVILLE

2017 Sophomore:

- » Rotates in at defensive back

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Solos: 2, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)
TFLs: -
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	9	6	4	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	6	4	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU										
@USF										
NEB										

@IOWA
RUT
@MIN
WIS
@PUR
IND
@OSU
NW

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@WIS
IOWA
@NW
DNP - Injured
DNP - Injured
DNP - Injured

56 ETHAN TABEL

LS, 6-0, 220, R-FR.
BARRINGTON, ILL. / BARRINGTON

2017 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Starting long snapper for field goals
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

8 DOMINIC THIEMAN

WR, 6-3, 190, SO.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Pronunciation: THEE-man

2017 Sophomore:

- » First career start in the opener against Ball State

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: -
Rushing Yards: -
Long Run: -
Rush Touchdowns: -
Receptions: 4 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Receiving Yards: 25 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16
Long Reception: 11 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Rec. Touchdowns: -
All-Purpose Yards: 25 vs. Minnesota, 10/29/16

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2016	8	6	32	0	9	0.8	5.3	4.0
2017	4	2	17	0	11	0.5	8.5	4.2
TOTAL	12	8	49	0	11	0.7	6.1	4.1

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	6
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	11

@IOWA
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RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	6
UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0	4	25	0	9

MICH ST
@WIS
IOWA
@NW
DNP - Injured
DNP - Injured
DNP - Injured
DNP - Injured

10 CAM THOMAS

QB, 6-2, 190, FR.
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. / MARIAN CATHOLIC

2017 Freshman:

- » Has not played in a game

74 ANDREW TRAINER

OL, 6-7, 280, R-FR.
ALEXANDRIA, VA. / ST. STEPHEN'S AND ST. AGNES SCHOOL

2017 Sophomore:

- » Has not played in a game



11 MALIK TURNER

WR, 6-3, 200, SR.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. / SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN

Pronunciation: ma-LEEK

2017 Senior:

- » Starting wide receiver
- » Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- » At least one catch in 24 straight games
- » Ranks ninth on Illinois career receiving yardage list (1,600)

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
Receiving Yards: 164 at Northwestern, 11/26/16
Long Reception: 68 vs. Murray State, 9/3/16
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/26/16)
Carries: 1, twice (last at Michigan, 10/23/16)
Rushing Yards: 5 at Rutgers, 10/15/16
Rushing Touchdowns: -
Tackles: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2014	13	25	256	1	20	1.9	10.2	19.7
2015	12	39	510	3	50	3.2	13.1	42.5
2016	11	48	712	6	68	4.4	14.8	64.7
2017	4	14	122	0	25	3.5	8.7	30.5
TOTAL	40	126	1600	10	68	3.2	12.7	40.0

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	YDS/C	YDS/G
2014	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	11	2	5	0	5	2.5	0.5
2017	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	40	2	5	0	5	2.5	0.1

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	4	48	0	25
WKU	0	0	0	0	3	22	0	9
@USF	0	0	0	0	4	27	0	11
NEB	0	0	0	0	3	25	0	11

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2016	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MUR ST	0	0	0	0	3	83	2	68
UNC	0	0	0	0	3	33	1	19
WMU	0	0	0	0	9	107	0	25
@NEB	0	0	0	0	5	57	0	25
PUR	0	0	0	0	9	129	0	38
@RUT	1	5	0	5	2	18	0	16
@MICH	1	0	0	0	2	86	1	43
MINN	0	0	0	0	2	10	0	8
MICH ST				DNP - Injured				
@WIS	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	12
IOWA	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13
@NW	0	0	0	0	11	164	2	36

2015	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8
WIU	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	7
@UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTSU	0	0	0	0	4	17	1	7
NEB	0	0	0	0	4	70	0	50
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	3	53	0	34
WIS	0	0	0	0	4	80	0	37
@PSU	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	6
@PUR	0	0	0	0	2	36	1	32
OSU	0	0	0	0	5	61	0	22
@MINN	0	0	0	0	11	126	1	28
VS. NW	0	0	0	0	3	46	0	24

2014	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
YSU	0	0	0	0	4	42	0	20
WKU	0	0	0	0	6	56	0	16
@WASH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TXST	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@OSU	0	0	0	0	3	27	0	19
IOWA	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	11
PSU	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	11
@NW	0	0	0	0	2	15	1	10
LT*	0	0	0	0	6	84	0	20

*Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

83 BOBBY WALKER

TE, 6-4, 230, SO.
GOLF, ILL. / LOYOLA ACADEMY

2017 Sophomore:

- » Plays mostly on special teams
- » First career catch against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Receiving Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Long Reception: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Receiving Touchdowns: -
Carries: -
Rushing Yards: -
Rushing Touchdowns: -
All-Purpose Yards: 7 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2016	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	4	1	7	0	7	0.2	7.0	1.8
TOTAL	5	1	7	0	7	0.2	7.0	1.4

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
BALL ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	7

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31 CAMERON WATKINS

DB, 6-0, 190, SO.
NASHVILLE, TENN. / PEARL-COHN

2017 Sophomore:

- » Starting cornerback

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Solos: 5 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17
TFLs: 1.0 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/19/16)
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	9	11	10	21	1.0	1	3	0	0	0
2017	4	10	7	17	1.0	4	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	13	21	17	38	2.0	5	4	1	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	4	4	8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	5	1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	2	2	0.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0

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2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT				DNP - Injured						
@MICH				DNP - Injured						
MINN				DNP - Injured						
MICH ST	4	1	5	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@WIS	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
IOWA	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

33 TRÉ WATSON

LB, 6-2, 235, JR.
TAMPA, FLA. / TAMPA CATHOLIC

2017 Junior:

- » Starting linebacker
- » Ninth on team and seventh in Big Ten in tackles (7.8 tpg)
- » Ejected in the first half against Western Kentucky for targeting

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 16 vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16
Solos: 6 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 1.5, twice (last vs. Michigan State, 11/5/16)
Sacks: 1.0 at Penn State, 10/31/15
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17)
Fumbles Forced: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/19/16)
Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/16
Fumble Return Yards: 34 vs. Ball State, 9/2/16
PBUs: 1, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17)
Interception: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/16
Interception Return Yards: 21 vs. Ball State, 9/2/16
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2015	12	9	12	21	1.0	7	0	0	0	0
2016	12	38	64	102	4.5	12	1	3	0	1
2017	4	14	17	31	2.5	7	2	0	1	0
TOTAL	29	61	93	154	8.0	26	3	3	1	0

SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS
2015	12	1	0	1.0	7
2016	12	0	0	0.0	0
2017	4	0	1	0.5	5
TOTAL	29	1	1	1.5	12

INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2015	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2016	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2017	4	1	21	0	21	21.0	5.2
TOTAL	29	1	21	0	21	21.0	0.7

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	4	8	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-34	1-21	0	0
WKU	2	2	4	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@USF	6	1	7	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
NEB	2	6	8	1.0-5	0.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	1	0

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2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC										

4 BENNETT WILLIAMS

DB, 6-0, 200, FR.
CAMPBELL, CALIF. / ST. FRANCIS

2017 Freshman:

- » First Illini true freshman safety to start the season opener since at least 1980
- » Ejected for targeting in the first quarter against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Solos: 5 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 0.5 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	4	10	11	21	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	4	10	11	21	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	3	6	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
WKU	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	5	7	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

32 JUSTICE WILLIAMS

LB, 6-3, 220, SO.
FRISCO, TEXAS / WAKELAND

2017 Sophomore:

- » Plays mostly on special teams

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
Solos: 3 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
TFLs: 1.0 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/19/16
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	3	3	6	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
2017	3	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	3	4	7	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST				DNP						
WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										

2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
MUR ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	3	3	6	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1

@NW 0 0 0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0 0-0 0-0 0 0

91 JAMAL WOODS

DL, 6-2, 265, FR.
HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

2017 Freshman:

- » Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky
- » First career start against Nebraska

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Solos: 3 at South Florida, 9/15/17
TFLs: 1.0 at South Florida, 9/15/17
Sacks: -
QB Hurries: -
Fumbles Forced: -
Fumbles Recovered: -
PBUs: -
Interception: -
Interception Return Yards: -
Touchdowns: -

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	A	TOT	TFL	YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	3	3	3	6	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	3	6	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	3	1	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA										
RUT										
@MIN										
WIS										
@PUR										
IND										
@OSU										
NW										



The Automated ScoreBook
 Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 29, 2017)
 All games



Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
SCORING	73	103
Points Per Game	18.2	25.8
Points Off Turnovers	13	13
FIRST DOWNS	63	96
Rushing	26	44
Passing	28	42
Penalty	9	10
RUSHING YARDAGE	424	718
Yards gained rushing	546	815
Yards lost rushing	122	97
Rushing Attempts	132	171
Average Per Rush	3.2	4.2
Average Per Game	106.0	179.5
TDs Rushing	5	6
PASSING YARDAGE	645	992
Comp-Att-Int	54-100-6	83-133-3
Average Per Pass	6.4	7.5
Average Per Catch	11.9	12.0
Average Per Game	161.2	248.0
TDs Passing	2	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	1069	1710
Total Plays	232	304
Average Per Play	4.6	5.6
Average Per Game	267.2	427.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	11-202	7-110
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-55	9-26
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-31	6-55
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.4	15.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	13.8	2.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.3	9.2
FUMBLES-LOST	8-0	9-3
PENALTIES-Yards	32-312	34-335
Average Per Game	78.0	83.8
PUNTS-Yards	24-934	16-566
Average Per Punt	38.9	35.4
Net punt average	37.0	28.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	17-1041	19-1175
Average Per Kick	61.2	61.8
Net kick average	40.1	42.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:59	32:01
3RD-DOWN Conversions	22/55	33/62
3rd-Down Pct	40%	53%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/1	2/5
4th-Down Pct	100%	40%
SACKS BY-Yards	10-66	12-71
MISC YARDS	11	-21
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	8	14
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-6	2-4
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(10-11) 91%	(13-18) 72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(5-11) 45%	(11-18) 61%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(4-4) 100%	(13-14) 93%
ATTENDANCE	127486	35404
Games/Avg Per Game	3/42495	1/35404
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Illinois	11	30	10	22	0	73
Opponents	23	28	28	24	0	103

The Automated ScoreBook
 Illinois Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 29, 2017)
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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Epstein, Mike	4	50	280	17	263	5.3	3	45	65.8
Crouch, Chayce	4	46	183	90	93	2.0	1	19	23.2
Bonner, RaVon	3	18	39	3	36	2.0	1	8	12.0
Foster, Kendrick	4	12	31	10	21	1.8	0	9	5.2
Corbin, Reggie	1	4	10	1	9	2.2	0	7	9.0
Roberts, Austin	4	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Team	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	4	132	546	122	424	3.2	5	45	106.0
Opponents	4	171	815	97	718	4.2	6	28	179.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Crouch, Chayce	4	93.72	41-77-4	53.2	427	1	31	106.8
George, Jr., Jeff	1	131.93	12-22-2	54.5	211	1	76	211.0
Davis, Trenard	3	158.80	1-1-0	100.0	7	0	7	2.3
Total	4	102.78	54-100-6	54.0	645	2	76	161.2
Opponents	4	140.40	83-133-3	62.4	992	8	45	248.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dudek, Mike	4	16	195	12.2	1	31	48.8
Turner, Malik	4	14	122	8.7	0	25	30.5
Smalling, Ricky	4	6	117	19.5	0	76	29.2
Dorsey, Louis	4	5	86	17.2	0	32	21.5
Epstein, Mike	4	4	59	14.8	1	21	14.8
Echard, Nathan	2	2	19	9.5	0	14	9.5
Thieman, Dominic	4	2	17	8.5	0	11	4.2
Davis, Trenard	3	2	7	3.5	0	5	2.3
Green, Carmoni	1	1	18	18.0	0	18	18.0
Walker, Bobby	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Bonner, RaVon	3	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Total	4	54	645	11.9	2	76	161.2
Opponents	4	83	992	12.0	8	45	248.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dudek, Mike	4	55	13.8	0	52
Total	4	55	13.8	0	52
Opponents	9	26	2.9	0	8

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Adams, Tony	1	0	0.0	0	0
Watson, Tre	1	21	21.0	0	21
Jones, Julian	1	10	10.0	1	10
Total	3	31	10.3	1	21
Opponents	6	55	9.2	0	42

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Foster, Kendrick	9	173	19.2	0	29
Epstein, Mike	1	19	19.0	0	19
Echard, Nathan	1	10	10.0	0	10
Total	11	202	18.4	0	29
Opponents	7	110	15.7	0	23

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Green, Stanley	1	5	5.0	0	5
Watson, Tre	1	34	34.0	0	34
Total	2	39	19.5	0	34
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv pass			
Epstein, Mike	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
McLaughlin, Chase	-	5-6	4-4	-	-	-	-	19
Dudek, Mike	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	8
Crouch, Chayce	1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	8
Bonner, RaVon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jones, Julian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hobbs, Nate	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
George, Jr., Jeff	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	0
Miller, Cam	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	0
Total	8	5-6	4-4	1-1	1	1-3	1	73
Opponents	14	2-4	13-14	-	-	-	-	103

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Crouch, Chayce	4	123	93	427	520	130.0
Epstein, Mike	4	50	263	0	263	65.8
George, Jr., Jeff	1	22	0	211	211	211.0
Bonner, RaVon	3	18	36	0	36	12.0
Foster, Kendrick	4	12	21	0	21	5.2
Corbin, Reggie	1	4	9	0	9	9.0
Davis, Trenard	3	1	0	7	7	2.3
Roberts, Austin	4	1	3	0	3	0.8
Team	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total	4	232	424	645	1069	267.2
Opponents	4	304	718	992	1710	427.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
McLaughlin, Chase	5-6	83.3	0-0	3-3	1-1	1-2	0-0	40	0

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
Ball State	(40),44	54
Western Kentucky	(37),(20)	-
USF	-	36,(29),(29)
Nebraska	(25),(25)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Hayes, Blake	23	897	39.0	54	0	4	7	2	0
McLaughlin, Chase	1	37	37.0	37	1	0	0	0	0
Total	24	934	38.9	54	1	4	7	2	0
Opponents	16	566	35.4	49	3	1	5	0	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
McLaughlin, Chase	17	1041	61.2	10	0			
Total	17	1041	61.2	10	0	15.7	40.1	24
Opponents	19	1175	61.8	7	1	18.4	42.0	23

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Epstein, Mike	4	263	59	0	19	0	341	85.2
Dudek, Mike	4	0	195	55	0	0	250	62.5
Foster, Kendrick	4	21	0	0	173	0	194	48.5
Turner, Malik	4	0	122	0	0	0	122	30.5
Smalling, Ricky	4	0	117	0	0	0	117	29.2
Crouch, Chayce	4	93	0	0	0	0	93	23.2
Dorsey, Louis	4	0	86	0	0	0	86	21.5
Bonner, RaVon	3	36	-2	0	0	0	34	11.3
Echard, Nathan	2	0	19	0	10	0	29	14.5
Watson, Tre	4	0	0	0	0	21	21	5.2
Green, Carmoni	1	0	18	0	0	0	18	18.0
Thieman, Domini	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.2
Jones, Julian	4	0	0	0	0	10	10	2.5
Corbin, Reggie	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
Walker, Bobby	4	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.8
Davis, Trenard	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
Roberts, Austin	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
Team	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	4	424	645	55	202	31	1357	339.2
Opponents	4	718	992	26	110	55	1901	475.2

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Phillips, DeShawn	4	17	22	39	2.0-7	1.0-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Watson, Tre	4	14	17	31	2.5-7	0.5-5	1-21	1	2	1-34	.	.	.	.
21	Nelson, Patrick	4	15	9	24	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.
8	Hobbs, Nate	4	15	7	22	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.
4	Williams, Bennett	4	10	11	21	0.5-0	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Roundtree, Bobby	4	11	8	19	3.0-25	3.0-25	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.
31	Watkins, Cameron	4	10	7	17	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.
2	Jones, Julian	4	7	7	14	.	.	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Oliver, Tymir	4	7	3	10	2.0-5	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Gay, Isaiah	4	5	5	10	2.0-15	1.0-13	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
95	Jackson, Kenyon	4	.	8	8	1.0-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Odenigbo, Tito	3	2	6	8	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.
7	Green, Stanley	3	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-5	.	.	.	.
9	Harding, Dele	3	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Adams, Tony	4	3	4	7	1.0-1	1.0-1	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	DeGroot, Dawson	2	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Milan, Jamal	4	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	2	1-0	.	1	.	.
47	Adesanya, Sean	4	5	2	7	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Hayes, Ahmari	3	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
91	Woods, Jamal	3	3	3	6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jones, Evan	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Crawford, James	1	3	2	5	2.0-7	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.
34	Abercrombie, C.	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Clayton, Jr., Harvey	4	2	2	4	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	James, Chris	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Echard, Nathan	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Dunlap, Jaylen	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Turner, Malik	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Marchese, Jimmy	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Mondesir, Marc	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Shogbonyo, Ayo	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1H	Smith, Kendall	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Williams, Justice	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Knight, James	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Carney, Jr., Owen	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	4	171	143	314	22-87	10-66	3-31	10	9	3-39	7	3	.	.
	Opponents	4	127	100	227	29-119	12-71	6-55	11	7	.	2	.	.	.