



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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GAME 9

Illinois (5-3, 3-2) vs. Ball State (5-3, 3-2)
 Oct. 27, 2007 // Memorial Stadium (57,078)
 11 a.m. CT // Champaign, Ill. // Big Ten Network

RADIO BROADCAST

The Illini Sports Network will carry the radio broadcast with its pregame show beginning at 10:30 a.m. CT. Calling the action will be Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Kurt Kittner (color analyst) and Steve Kelly (halftime and postgame). The broadcast can be heard on the 44 stations on the Illini Sports Network.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois/Ball State game will be nationally televised on the Big Ten Network with an air time of 11 a.m. CT. Jim Kelly will have the play-by-play calls, along with expert analyst Chris Martin and Rick Pizzo on the sideline.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets still remain for the Illinois/Ball State football game on Oct. 27. Tickets can be obtained by calling 1-866-ILLINI-1, by logging on to www.fightingillini.com or by visiting the Assembly Hall North Box office.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	L	34-40
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	W	21-0
Sept. 15	at Syracuse	W	41-20
Sept. 22	at Indiana	W	27-14
Sept. 29	#21/19 Penn State	W	27-20
Oct. 6	#5/5 Wisconsin	W	31-26
Oct. 13	at Iowa	L	6-10
Oct. 20	#24/NR Michigan	L	17-27
Oct. 27	Ball State	11 a.m. (BTN)	
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	7 p.m. (BTN)	
Nov. 10	at #1/1 Ohio State	TBA	
Nov. 17	Northwestern	TBA	

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

BALL STATE SCOREBOARD

Aug. 30	Miami (OH)	L	13-14
Sept. 8	at Eastern Michigan	W	38-16
Sept. 15	at Navy	W	34-31 OT
Sept. 22	at Nebraska	L	40-41
Sept. 29	Buffalo	W	49-14
Oct. 6	Central Michigan	L	38-58
Oct. 13	Western Kentucky	W	35-12
Oct. 20	at Western Michigan	W	27-23
Oct. 27	at Illinois	11 a.m. (BTN)	
Nov. 3	at Indiana	TBA	
Nov. 13	Toledo	TBA	
Nov. 24	at Northern Illinois	TBA	

FOR OPENERS

- ▶ Saturday's game marks the 97th Homecoming celebration on the University of Illinois campus. Illinois is 41-53-2 all-time in Homecoming games.
- ▶ Illinois leads the Big Ten in rushing and ranks 10th in the NCAA. The Illini are averaging 230.1 yards per game and 5.4 yards per carry this season.
- ▶ Three Illini earned midseason All-America honors from CBSSportsline.com, SportsIllustrated.com, Rivals.com and Phil Steele's Football Magazine. Senior linebacker J Leman was named one of three first-teamers for three of the lists. Junior running back Rashard Mendenhall was a first-team selection by CBS and Steele, and second-team by SI.com. Senior offensive guard Martin O'Donnell took second-team honors on Steele's list.
- ▶ It is no surprise to see Leman among the nation's best tacklers. With 81 tackles in eight games, he is ranked 10th in the nation in tackles per game. The Big Ten leader, Leman is averaging 11.1 stops per game. He has led the conference in tackles per game for the last 16 weeks, dating back to the 2006 season.
- ▶ The Illinois defense has recorded 26 sacks this season, which ranks 11th in the nation. With 14 more quarterback sacks, the squad can break the school record of 40, which was posted by the 2001 squad.
- ▶ This season, the Illinois schedule continues to be a tough one. Illinois plays seven teams that were in bowl games a year ago and five teams that are ranked in the Top-25: Ohio State is the unanimous No. 1 team in the nation, Missouri is No. 13, Michigan is No. 21/19, Penn State is No. 24/22 and Wisconsin is 25th in the USA Today/Coaches poll.
- ▶ Illinois sold out three of its first four home games this season. It is the first time for three sellouts in a season since 1986, when Illinois sold out all six of its home contests.
- ▶ Illinois has taken a lead into the locker room at halftime in five of their eight games this season. In each of those five games, the Illini have finished the game victorious.
- ▶ The Illini are 3-1 at Memorial Stadium this season.
- ▶ The Illini have had three players named Big Ten Players of the Week this season. Running back Rashard Mendenhall and defensive end Will Davis earned honors after their performances against Indiana, and receiver Arrelious Benn was the special teams honoree for his kickoff return for a touchdown vs. Penn State.

BALL STATE SERIES NOTES

- ▶ This weekend's game marks the first meeting between Illinois and Ball State.
- ▶ Illini offensive tackle Xavier Fulton and Ball State senior defensive lineman Amara Koroma both attended Homewood-Flossmoor High School in the Chicago suburbs ... Champaign Central graduate, Drew Sharick, is a tight end for Ball State ... BSU wide receiver Dante Love attended the same high school as Illinois' freshman DL Daryle Ballew ... Illini walk-on quarterback Mark Venegoni was a high school teammate of Ball State punter Chris Miller.
- ▶ Ball State wide receivers coach Jeff Hecklinski began his college career at the University of Illinois before transferring to Western Illinois.

NEARING 1,000

- ▶ Rashard Mendenhall needs 76 rushing yards to reach 1,000 for the season.
- ▶ Kyle Hudson needs 27 receiving yards to reach 1,000 in his career.
- ▶ Juice Williams needs 85 rushing yards to reach 1,000 in his career.

ILLINI HOMECOMING

- ▶ The University of Illinois boasts being one of the first Universities to celebrate Homecoming, a tradition on almost every college campus. It was conceived in 1909 by students C.F. Williams and W. Elmer Ekblaw, members of the Shield and Trident senior society. They joined with another society, Phoenix, to organize the three-day event. The first homecoming celebrated on Illinois' campus was on Oct. 15, 1910, which the Illini won 3-0 over Big Ten rival Chicago.
- ▶ For years there has been a debate over which University had the first homecoming. Historians from various schools found research that puts Illinois among one of the first five Universities to celebrate the Homecoming tradition. Baylor has documented proof of a formally named Homecoming celebration in 1909, but then took a six-year hiatus before celebrating the second event at the school in 1915. Northern Illinois

DID YOU KNOW?

With 76 more yards, Rashard Mendenhall can be the first Illinois running back to top 1,000 yards in a season since 2002.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

	ILL	BSU
Overall Record	5-3	5-3
Conf. Record	3-2	3-2
Total Offense	376.9	451.9
Points Scored	25.5	34.3
First Downs	19.8	22.6
Rushing Yds.	230.1	163.1
Passing Yds.	146.8	288.8
Time of Possession	28:15	29:28
3rd Down Conversion	40.0	47.2
Points Allowed	19.6	26.1
Yards Allowed	359.5	427.0
Rushing Yds. Allowed	107.5	214.9
Passing Yds. Allowed	252.0	212.1

STATISTICAL LEADERS

(2007 averages listed)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	BSU
R. Mendenhall .115.5	M. Lewis .111.8
Williams .42.0	Edmonds .48.5

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	BSU
I. Williams .98.2	Davis .285.8
McGee .55.4	

RECEPTION LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	BSU
Benn .57.4	Love .93.0
Mendenhall .28.2	D. Hill .74.9

TACKLES LEADERS (TPG)

ILL	BSU
Leman .11.1	Haines .10.3
Steele .7.3	Dorulla .9.1
Harrison .6.8	B. Hill .5.8

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (total)

ILL	BSU
V. Davis .3	B. Hill .5
Mitchell .3	T. Lewis .3

POINTS SCORED (PPG)

ILL	BSU
R. Mendenhall .9.0	Hogue .7.6
Reda .6.8	Love .6.8
Four with .1.5	Edmonds/D. Hill .4.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total)

ILL	BSU
W. Davis .9.5	Crawford .11
Leman/Steele .5.0	Booker .9

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

ILL	BSU
R. Mendenhall .143.5	Love .196.6
Benn .87.6	M. Lewis .150.2

had alumni events beginning in 1906, but didn't use the proper noun "Homecoming" until 1911. Indiana University renamed their 1909 Gala Day, Homecoming on Nov. 5, 1910, and Michigan began inviting alumni back to campus in 1897, but the formal name began on the Ann Arbor campus in 1916.

RECORDS TO WATCH

- ▶ Mendenhall has recorded four 100-yard rushing game this season. The school record is six, held by Jim Grabowski (1965) and J.C. Caroline (1953).
- ▶ Senior kicker Jason Reda currently stands fourth on the Illinois career scoring list, needing one point to pass Doug Higgins for third. Reda needs 33 more points this season to become the career scoring leader.
- ▶ Reda also is third on the career field goals list. He would need eight more field goals to become the career field goal record holder.
- ▶ Mendenhall needs 69 rushing yards to move to 13th on the school's all-time rushing. In three seasons, he has accumulated 1,782 yards on the ground on just 273 carries, for a 6.5 career yard per carry average. The highest yard per carry average among Illinois' all-time rushers belongs to Pierre Thomas, who posted 5.6 ypc from 2003-06.
- ▶ Wide receiver Arrelious Benn has caught 38 passes for 459 yards through seven games this season, which is on pace to break Illinois' freshman receiving records. He needs just five more catches and 52 yards to set both marks. The record of 43 receptions is held by Ty Douthard in 1993 and the 511 receiving yards were posted by Brandon Lloyd in 1999.
- ▶ Senior linebacker J Leman needs six tackles to move into ninth place on the Illini career tackles list. He already ranks ninth on the career tackles for loss list with 32.5, one more and he jumps into the eighth spot and three get him to sixth.

MENDENHALL IN HUNT FOR DOAK WALKER AND MUCH MORE ...

▶ With this season being his first as the primary back, Mendenhall may not be the household name of the some of the frontrunners for major running back and offensive awards. However, looking at the impact he has had on Illinois' success this year and his numbers in comparison to the best backs in the country, Mendenhall should be in the heart of this race.

NAME	RECORD	YPG	NCAA RK	YPC	NCAA RK*	TD	ALL-PURPOSE	NCAA RK
Mendenhall, ILL	5-3	115.5	17th	6.3	5th	12	143.5	33rd
McFadden, ARK	4-3	133.1	7th	5.5	18th	7	160.7	20th
Hart, Mich.	6-2	154.0	3rd	5.4	22nd	12	160.1	21st
Hill, WIS	6-2	126.1	9th	5.1	27th	14	137.6	44th
Rice, RUT	5-2	142.7	4th	4.9	40th	14	167.7	17th
Slaton, WVU	6-1	107.4	27th	5.6	16th	11	141.9	38th

*min. 110 carries

BIG TEN TELEVISION EXPOSURE ANALYSIS (through eight games)

- ▶ Total ABC/ESPN/ESPN2 appearances have increased from 21 to 24
- ▶ ABC appearances have increased from 8 to 11
- ▶ ABC games reach a larger audience in 2007 because of the "reverse mirror" arrangement
- ▶ Total national appearances have increased from 20 to 55
- ▶ Total appearances on narrowly distributed platforms such as ESPNU and ESPN360 have decreased from 12 to 6
- ▶ Every Big Ten game has been televised in 2007, compared to seven untelevised games in 2006

GIANT KILLERS

The goal of the Illini defense is to hold all opposing running backs and skill players to under 100 yards rushing. So far through eight games, only one player has topped the 100-yard rushing mark vs. Illinois (Carlos Brown of Michigan with 113 yards). Here are some of the highlights:

- ▶ **Kellen Lewis, Indiana:** Lewis entered the Big Ten opener vs. Illinois averaging 105 rushing yards per game and was a big reason that the Hoosiers' running game was ranked seventh in the nation. When he met the Illini defense, he was held to just 35 yards on the ground and the team to only 134.
- ▶ **P.J. Hill, Wisconsin:** Hill entered the game with five consecutive 100-yard rushing games and averaged 133 yards per game. Against the Illini, Hill was held to 83.

ILLINI LINEBACKER J LEMAN

- ▶ At the time the 2006 Butkus Award Watch list was released, Illini linebacker J Leman was an unknown name to most people outside of the Illinois fan base, but he entered the 2007 season as one of the top returning linebackers in the country.
- ▶ Leman has picked up right where he left off last season, posting six double-digit performances in seven games. His 20 tackles in the season opener marked his second 20-plus tackle effort (after 22 in the season finale of 2006 vs. Northwestern). Currently, he leads the Big Ten in tackles per contest with 11.1 and ranks 10th in the nation. He also recorded his first collegiate interception with a touchdown-saving pick against No. 19 Penn State.
- ▶ Midseason award were released by many media sources including CBSSportsline.com, Sports Illustrated,

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Ohio State	4	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	W, 24-17 Michigan State	at Penn State
Michigan	4	0	1.000	6	2	.750	W, 27-17 at Illinois	Minnesota
Illinois	3	2	.600	5	3	.625	L, 17-27 Michigan	Ball State
Penn State	3	2	.600	6	2	.750	W, 36-31 Indiana	Ohio State
Michigan State	2	2	.500	5	3	.625	L, 17-24 at Ohio State	at Iowa
Northwestern	2	2	.500	5	3	.625	W, 26-14 Eastern Michigan	at Purdue
Purdue	2	2	.500	6	2	.750	W, 31-6 Iowa	Northwestern
Wisconsin	2	2	.500	6	2	.750	W, 44-3 Northern Illinois	Indiana
Indiana	2	3	.400	5	3	.625	L, 31-36 Penn State	at Wisconsin
Iowa	1	4	.200	3	5	.375	L, 6-31 Purdue	Michigan State
Minnesota	0	4	.000	1	7	.125	L, 21-27 N. Dakota St.	at Michigan

2007 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Missouri	2	1	.667	6	1	.857	W, 41-10 Texas Tech	Iowa State
Western Illinois	2	1	.667	5	3	.625	L, 3-42 Northern Iowa	at Illinois State
Syracuse	1	2	.333	2	6	.333	W, 20-12 Buffalo	Idle
Ball State	3	2	.600	5	3	.625	W, 27-24 Western Michigan	at Illinois

Rivals.com and Phil Steele. Leman earned first-team honors by three and second-team by the fourth.

► Illinois' 1994 Butkus Award winner Dana Howard says, "Leman should be Illinois' next Butkus Award winner."

► Last season, Leman jumped onto the national scene with dominant games against Michigan State, Wisconsin and then-No. 1 Ohio State. He earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors after totaling 19 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss against the top-ranked Buckeyes. He followed up that performance with 22 tackles and 2.5 TFL in the season finale at Northwestern.

► Leman led the Big Ten with 12.7 tackles per game and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. He was also named to the *Sports Illustrated* All-American team as an honorable mention and is one of only eight returning linebackers in the nation to earn all-star honors.

OFFENSIVE NUMBERS AMONG THE SCHOOL'S BEST

► The Illini are averaging 230.1 rushing yards per game, which ranks in the top-10 on the school's single-season list.

MOST RUSHING YARDS, SEASON

Rk	YPG	G	Total	Year
1.	275.7	9	2,481	1953
2.	235.5	11	2,590	1972
3.	232.8	9	2,095	1957
4.	231.6	9	2,084	1955
5.	231.4	10	2,314	1963
6.	230.1	8	1,841	2007
7.	219.7	10	2,198	1951
8.	217.6	10	2,176	1961
	217.6	9	1,958	1956
10.	216.0	9	1,944	1950

CARRYING THE LOAD

► This season, the rushing offense has mainly been in the hands of one running back, junior Rashard Mendenhall. After working behind two other running backs for the first two years of his career, Mendenhall has found himself in the spotlight. This season marks the first time since 2002 that the Illini have used primarily one back. In that year, Antoino Harris set the school single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. Through eight games, Mendenhall has rushed for 924 yards, averaging 115.5 ypg. He also is averaging 6.3 yards per carry and ranks 17th in the nation in rushing. His 10 rushing touchdowns are the most in a season since Steve Havard's recorded 10 in 1999.

BIG TEN 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

Through eight games in the 2007 season, the Big Ten boasts 13 career 1,000 yard rushers. Illinois running back Rashard Mendenhall ranks ninth among active running backs in the Big Ten.

1.	Mike Hart, Sr., Michigan	4,751 yards
2.	Albert Young, Sr., Iowa	2,748 yards
3.	Tyrell Sutton, Jr., Northwestern	2,596 yards
4.	P.J. Hill, So., Wisconsin	2,578 yards
5.	Amir Pinnix, Sr., Minnesota	2,436 yards
6.	Javon Ringer, Jr., Michigan State	2,297 yards

NATIONAL RANKINGS

USA TODAY COACHES POLL = Week 8

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Ohio State (58)	8-0	1
2.	Boston College (2)	7-0	2
3.	LSU	7-1	5
4.	Oklahoma	7-1	4
5.	Oregon	6-1	6
7.	West Virginia	6-1	7
7.	Arizona State	7-0	12
8.	USC	6-1	10
9.	Virginia Tech	6-1	11
10.	Kansas	7-0	15
11.	Florida	5-2	14
12.	South Florida	6-1	3
13.	Missouri	6-1	17
14.	Hawaii	7-0	16
15.	Kentucky	6-2	13
16.	Texas	5-2	18
17.	South Carolina	6-2	8
18.	Virginia	7-1	24
19.	Georgia	5-2	20
20.	California	5-2	9
21.	Michigan	6-2	NR
22.	Penn State	6-2	25
23.	Auburn	5-3	19
24.	Alabama	6-2	NR
25.	Wisconsin	6-2	NR

Receiving Votes: Boise State 103, Rutgers 96, Connecticut 75, Purdue 37, Texas Tech 28, UCLA 21, Clemson 17, Cincinnati 10, Texas A&M 6, Wake Forest 5, Fresno State 5, BYU 4, Kansas State 3, Maryland, Oklahoma State 2, Vanderbilt 2, Illinois 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL = Week 8

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Ohio State (57)	8-0	1
2.	Boston College (2)	7-0	3
3.	LSU (5)	6-1	5
4.	Oklahoma (1)	7-1	4
5.	Oregon	6-1	7
6.	West Virginia	6-1	9
7.	Arizona State (1)	7-0	12
8.	Virginia Tech	6-1	11
9.	USC	6-1	13
10.	Florida	5-2	14
11.	South Florida	6-1	2
12.	Kansas	7-0	15
13.	Missouri	6-1	16
14.	Kentucky	6-2	8
15.	South Carolina	6-2	6
16.	Hawaii	7-0	17
17.	Texas	5-2	19
18.	California	5-2	10
19.	Michigan	6-2	24
20.	Georgia	5-2	21
21.	Virginia	7-1	NR
22.	Alabama	6-2	NR
23.	Auburn	5-3	18
24.	Penn State	6-2	NR
25.	Rutgers	5-2	NR

Receiving Votes: UCLA 77, Boise State 72, Wake Forest 50, Connecticut 26, Clemson 21, Wisconsin 17, Air Force 11, BYU 6, Texas Tech 6, Troy 4, Tennessee 3, Fresno State 3, Oklahoma State 3, Kansas State 2, Purdue 1, Cincinnati 1, Texas A&M 1

* Illinois' 2007 opponents in bold.

ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

(plays over 20 yards and kickoff returns over 40)

PLAYS	RUN	PASS	ST	DEF
40	20	17	3	0

MISSOURI

- 2Q 22Gamble reception (from Williams)
- 3Q 25R. Mendenhall run
- 3Q 25Benn reception (from McGee)
- 3Q 30Dufrene run
- 3Q 41Hudson reception (from McGee)
- 4Q 42R. Mendenhall reception (from McGee)
- 4Q 25Benn reception (from McGee)

WESTERN ILLINOIS

- 1Q 20Willis reception (from Williams)
- 2Q 34Hudson punt return
- 2Q 32Dufrene TD run
- 4Q 28Benn reception (from Williams)
- 4Q 20Pollard run

SYRACUSE

- 1Q 26R. Mendenhall run
- 1Q 22Cumberland TD reception (from Williams)
- 1Q 22Williams run
- 2Q 31Pollard run
- 3Q 23Benn run
- 3Q 50R. Mendenhall TD run
- 4Q 26Hoomanawanui reception (from McGee)

INDIANA

- 3Q 20R. Mendenhall run
- 4Q 39R. Mendenhall run

PENN STATE

- 1Q 90Benn TD kickoff return
- 2Q 29Benn TD reception (from Williams)
- 4Q 53McGee run

WISCONSIN

- 1Q 26Mendenhall run
- 1Q 32Mendenhall TD run
- 2Q 26Benn reception (from Williams)
- 2Q 31Weil reception (from Williams)
- 3Q 24Williams run
- 3Q 24Williams run
- 4Q 24Mendenhall run
- 4Q 24Williams run

IOWA

- 3Q 33Benn reception (from Williams)
- 4Q 28Benn reception (from McGee)
- 4Q 24Benn reception (from McGee)

MICHIGAN

- 1Q 63V. Davis kickoff return
- 1Q 26Willis TD reception (from Williams)
- 2Q 23Williams run
- 3Q 20Benn reception (from Williams)

- 7. Jehuu Caulcrick, Sr., Michigan State2,112 yards
- 8. Kory Sheets, Sr., Purdue1,939 yards
- 9. **Rashard Mendenhall, Jr., Illinois1,777 yards**
- 10. Chris Wells, So., Ohio State1,440 yards
- 11. Damian Sims, Sr., Iowa1,418 yards
- 12. Austin Scott, Sr., Penn State1,323 yards
- 13. Rodney Kinlaw, Sr., Penn State1,054 yards

FROM THE DIAMOND TO THE GRIDIRON

► Illinois' true-freshman safety Bo Flowers turns 24 on Nov. 12, and is the oldest player on the Illini roster. Flowers is beginning his college career this season after four years in professional baseball. He was a fifth-round draft pick in 2003 by the Detroit Tigers. After spending three seasons in the Detroit organization, he was traded to the Chicago Cubs where he played the 2006 season. Currently, Flowers is a walk-on on the Illini team because the Tigers are footing the college bill. He is one of eight active Division I-A football players who have seen action in minor league baseball: Gary Banks (Troy...Cubs); Mike Conroy (UConn...Indians); Dennis Dixon (Oregon ...Braves); **Bo Flowers (Illinois...Tigers/Cubs)**; Marquise Liverpool (Temple...Mariners); Michael Machen (Baylor...Braves/Orioles); Mike Nixon (Arizona State...Dodgers); Jose Perez (SDSU...Yankees)

KEEPING UP WITH THE DAVISES

► Illinois defenders Vontae and Will Davis (no relation) are two of the bright spots on this Illini defense which ranks 21st in rushing and 52nd in total defense nationally. Vontae, a two-year starting cornerback, has made an impact on the Illini program in a short time. Last season, he earned unanimous first-team Freshman All-America honors and is one of the best corners in the Big Ten this season. He put together three-straight games with interceptions (Indiana, Penn State, Wisconsin) and has five passes broken up. He also has blocked two punts this year. Will, a junior defensive end, already has 6.5 sacks and 9.5 tackles for loss on the year. He was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after his performance vs. Indiana, which accounted for four sacks and five TFL. He currently ranks 16th in the NCAA in quarterback sacks.

PULLING DOUBLE DUTY

► Junior receiver Kyle Hudson is in his third year of pulling double-duty as a starting wide receiver on the football team and starting centerfielder on the Illini baseball team. Hudson led the Illini in receptions last year with 30 and in receiving yards each of his first two seasons. In three years, he has accumulated 973 receiving yards. On the diamond, he has started 87 of 88 games in two seasons. He led the team in hitting as a freshman and was second as a sophomore. He is hitting .360 for his two-season average and has stolen 26 bases in that span. As a freshman, he won the school's Newcomer of the Year award for the impact he made on the two sports.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- The Illini offense has faced two top-15 rushing defenses in 12th-ranked Indiana (allowing 71.3 ypg) and fifth-ranked Penn State (allowing 54.8 ypg). In each of those two games, the Illini rushed for over 200 yards - 288 at Indiana and 216 vs. the Nittany Lions
- The Illini posted five straight 200-yard rushing games this season with 277-yards against WIU, 378 at Syracuse, 288 at Indiana, 216 vs. Penn State and 289 vs. Wisconsin. The 378 rushing yards vs. SU were the best under head coach Ron Zook. For the year, Illinois is averaging 243.4 yards per game and 5.5 yards per carry. So far, the team's per game rushing average is 54 yards better than a year ago when it won the Big Ten rushing title.
- Running back Rashard Mendenhall earned Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for his performance vs. Indiana on 9/22. He rushed for a career-high 214 yards on a career-most 27 carries (7.9 ypc).
- Last season, the Illini proved to have big-play ability with 49 plays over 20 yards. Already through eight

CHARTING THE ILLINI

LONGEST DRIVES

DRIVES	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
by # of plays	13 (90 yds., 6:23, TD) vs. Michigan & (69 yds., 5:44, TD) vs. Penn State	15 (75 yds., 1:55, INT) Indiana
by # of yards	90 (13 pl., 6:23, TD) vs. Michigan	81 (14 pl., 5:05, TD) Michigan & (10 pl., 4:52, TD) Wisconsin
Time of Possession	6:23 (13 pl., 90 yds., TD) vs. Michigan	6:20 (12 pl., 45 yds., downs) Iowa

RED ZONE STATS

INSIDE THE 20	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	22	24
Total Scores	18	18
Touchdowns	15	10
Field Goals	3	8
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	3	3
Lost on Missed Field Goals	0	0
End of Game or Half	1	0
Scoring Percentage	82%	75%
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	68%	42%
Percent of Total Drives	20%	22%

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	109	107
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	3397	3246
Average Starting Field Position	31.2	30.3
Times Started Inside the 20	24	25
Drives Started in Plus Territory	17	16

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	18	16
Total Scores	8	5
Scoring Percentage	44%	31%
Points off Turnovers	44	26

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2007 season	14 at SU vs. PSU	14 at IND	21 vs. MU	7 Five times	--	41 at SU
Zook era	22 vs. IND '06	21 vs. NU '05	21 vs. MU '07	17 vs. RUT '05	6 vs. RUT '05	42 vs. EIU '06

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'07	'06	'05	'04	TOT
Norwell, Chris	.8	.11	.11	.11	.41
O'Donnell, Martin	.8	.12	.10	.10	.40
Leman, J	.8	.12	.11	.5	.36
Harrison, Justin	.7	.14	.5	.7	.33
McDonald, Ryan	.8	.12	.11	---	.31
Walker, Derek	.8	.12	.11	---	.31
Mitchell, Kevin	.8	.10	.11	.0	.29
Hudson, Kyle	.6	.11	.5	---	.22
Miller, Brit	.6	.10	.5	---	.21
Steele, Antonio	.8	.12	---	---	.20
Davis, Vontae	.8	.11	---	---	.19
Fulton, Xavier	.8	---	.7	.3	.18
Millington, Akim	.8	.10	---	---	.18
Williams, Juice	.8	.9	---	---	.17
Pilcher, Doug	.4	.10	---	---	.14
Thornhill, Anthony	.0	.0	.6	.7	.13
Myles, Charles	---	.11	.1	.0	.12
Warren, DaJuan	.0	.3	.7	.0	.10
Willis, Jacob	.6	.5	---	---	.11
Lindquist, David	.8	.2	.0	---	.10
Hicks, Dere	.8	.1	---	---	.9
Mendenhall, Rashard	.8	.1	.0	---	.9
Weil, Russ	.4	.3	.0	.2	.9
Asamoah, Jon	.8	.0	.0	.0	.8
Benn, Arrelious	.7	---	---	---	.7
Cumberland, Jeff	.2	.4	---	---	.6
Davis, Will	.4	.2	---	---	.6
Hoomanawanui, M.	.3	.3	---	---	.6
Sanders, Justin	.2	.3	---	---	.5
Williams, Sirod	.0	.0	.4	---	.4
James, Chris	---	.3	---	---	.3
Carson, Sam	.0	.0	.2	---	.2
Morgan, Joe	.2	.0	.0	.0	.2
Bellamy, Travon	---	.1	---	---	.1
Gamble, Brian	.1	---	---	---	.1
Lenti, Frank	.0	.1	.0	.0	.1
Nabolotny, Mike	---	.1	---	---	.1
Pittman, Rodney	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1
Smith, Rahkeem	.1	.0	---	---	.1
Sullivan, Tom	.0	.1	---	---	.1

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

games, the offense is on pace to top that number with 40 big plays.

- ▶ During the first three weeks of the season, the Illini outgained their opponent. Against the vaunted Missouri offense, Illinois edged them by a 435-429 margin, while also posting a better average in yards per play, 5.9-4.9. Against Western Illinois and Syracuse, the offense dominated, more than doubling their opponents, 908-438.
- ▶ The Illini have recorded four games of over 400 yards total offense. They began the season with 435 yards against Missouri, posted 400 vs. Western Illinois, topped the 500-yard mark with 508 at Syracuse and recorded 410 yards in its upset of No. 5 Wisconsin.
- ▶ Against Missouri, the Illini passed for 316 yards, combining the quarterback numbers of Juice Williams (59) and Eddie McGee (257). It was the first 300-yard passing performance for an Illini team since the squad put up 430 yards on California on Sept. 20, 2003.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ After forcing only 20 turnovers last year as a defense, this year's campaign already is on pace to top that number. Through eight games, the Illini have forced 17 turnovers — eight fumbles and nine interceptions. The squad also put together back-to-back four-turnover games against Indiana and Penn State.
- ▶ With his start vs. Penn State, senior defensive tackle Chris Norwell became the Illinoi record holder for most games started by a defensive lineman. He now has 41 for his career, topping All-American Moe Gardner's 37 starts from 1987-1990.
- ▶ Defensive end Will Davis was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his game against Indiana on 9/22. He recorded four sacks and five tackles for loss (both rank second in Illinois' single-game record books).
- ▶ With its 21-0 win over Western Illinois, the Illini recorded its first shutout since blanking Iowa on Oct. 14, 2000. It was also the fewest total yards allowed during the Zook era at (152), fewest passing yards (71) and fewest first downs (4).
- ▶ Beginning at the 8:32 mark of the fourth quarter vs. Missouri, the Illini defense held its opponents scoreless for 99:21. It ended in the third quarter at Syracuse when the Orange kicked a field goal at 14:11.
- ▶ The defense is extremely experienced, returning nine of 11 starters. All three starting linebackers return, along with three lineman and three defensive backs. Seven Illini on defense have recorded 20 or more starts in their career: SS Justin Harrison (33), LB J Leman (36), FS Kevin Mitchell (29), DT Chris Norwell (41), DE Derek Walker (31), Brit Miller (21) and Antonio Steele (20).

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- ▶ Senior placekicker Jason Reda has made 10-of-11 field goal attempts of the year. After not attempting a kick in the first two games of the season, he has made 10 field goals in the last six contests. He has connected on two 50-yard field goals this season, the second-longest of his career (50 vs. Wisconsin and Syracuse). He also has made three 40-plus field goals (45 vs. Indiana, 46 at Iowa and 47 vs. Penn State).
- ▶ Arrelious Benn returned Illinois' first kickoff of the game vs. Penn State 90 yards for a touchdown. He was the first Illini to score on a kickoff return since Pierre Thomas did it in 2004 against Western Michigan. Even more impressive, he scored on his first-ever kickoff return attempt. It also was the first kickoff return for a touchdown against a Penn State team since 1994. He gave Illinois a 7-3 lead over Penn State, which it never relinquished.
- ▶ For his performance against Penn State, Benn was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week. It marks the first time a true-freshman earned a Big Ten weekly honor since Northwestern's Tyrell Sutton on Sept. 12, 2005.
- ▶ After an offseason position battle, redshirt-freshman Anthony Santella earned the starting punter job. Santella has punted 44 times for a 36.0 average. But of those 44 punts, only 11 have been returned (25 per-

FIRST DOWNS

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Total
Juice Williams	.20	.41	.0	.61
Rashard Mendenhall	.43	.0	.10	.53
Arrelious Benn	.7	.0	.23	.30
Eddie McGee	.6	.16	.0	.22
Troy Pollard	.8	.0	.1	.9
Jacob Willis	.0	.0	.8	.8
Daniel Dufrene	.6	.0	.0	.6
Brian Gamble	.0	.0	.5	.5
Kyle Hudson	.0	.0	.4	.4
M. Hoomanawanui	.0	.0	.2	.2
Russ Weil	.1	.0	.1	.2
Jeff Cumberland	.0	.0	.1	.1
Will Judson	.0	.0	.1	.1
Joe Morgan	.0	.0	.1	.1
TEAM	.91	.57	.57	.158*

* Total number of team first downs
** includes 10 first downs off penalties

CONTROLLING THE BALL

DRIVES OVER 5 MINUTES	
6:23	.MICH13-90Dufrene 8 TD run
6:01	.IOWA12-74Reda 23 FG
5:44	.PSU13-69Mendenhall 2 TD run
5:24	.MU8-43punt
DRIVES OVER 10 PLAYS	
13	.MICH90-6:23Dufrene 8 TD run
13	.PSU69-5:44Mendenhall 2 TD run
12	.IOWA74-6:01Reda 23 FG
12	.IND80-4:27Hoomanawanui 2 TD rec.
11	.IND44-3:14Reda 38 FG
10	.WIU36-4:27punt
10	.SU42-4:19Reda 32 FG
10	.WIS42-3:56Reda 50 FG
10	.IOWA39-3:58Reda 46 FG

QUICK HITS

SCORING DRIVES UNDER 2 MINUTES	
0:07	.MU1-41Hudson 41 rec. (McGee)
0:10	.MU2-4R. Mendenhall 4 run
0:11	.WIU1-32Dufrene 32 run
0:34	.PSU2-39Benn 29 TD rec. (Williams)
0:56	.MICH2-33Willis 26 TD rec (Williams)
1:14	.IND8-68R. Mendenhall 15 rec. (Williams)
1:25	.IND5-27R. Mendenhall 5 run
1:31	.WIS6-80Mendenhall 32 run
1:43	.WIU5-64R. Mendenhall 16 run
1:45	.SU9-73Reda 32 FG
1:59	.WIS7-75R. Mendenhall 5 run

cent) for a total of 52 yards (4.7 yard per return). He has placed 13 punts inside the 20 yard line (30 percent) and nine have been fair caught.

► Sophomore cornerback Vontae Davis has blocked two punts this year. He got his second of the season against Indiana. When he got a hand on a Missouri punt in the season opener, it was Illinois' first blocked punt since the 2004 season. He recovered the block at the 2 yardline and took it in for the score.

► Oddly enough, Illinois this year boasts a trio of four-year starters on the field goal and extra point units. Long snapper Kyle Knezetic, holder Frank Lenti Jr. and Reda have worked together extensively throughout their careers as Illini, giving the coaching staff a great deal of confidence in that special teams unit.

FIRST-TIMERS

► The Illini have played nine true-freshmen through six games: Arrelious Benn has started four games at wide receiver; Josh Brent (DT), Nate Bussey (DB), Bo Flowers (DB), Brian Gamble (WR), Troy Pollard (RB), Erique Robertson (LB), Marcus Thomas (DB) and Martez Wilson (LB) are the other eight.

► In addition to the nine true-freshmen, nine others have seen their first collegiate football action this year: junior wide receiver Will Judson, sophomore running back Daniel Dufrene, red-shirt freshmen defensive end Jerry Brown, defensive back Garrett Edwards, offensive guard Randall Hunt, offensive guard Brandon Jordan, quarterback Eddie McGee, offensive lineman Ryan Palmer and punter Anthony Santella.

ILLINI IN DOMES

► This year Illinois play in domes for three of its six away games. With its 41-20 win over Syracuse in the Carrier Dome on Sept. 15, the Illini broke a streak of nine straight losses in Domes, dating back to the 1994 season.

► The team kicked off the season at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis against Missouri, and fell to 0-3 at the venue after a 34-40 loss to the Tigers. The squad evened its record on the year with a 41-20 win over Syracuse in the Carrier Dome to improve to 3-0 in the arena.

► In week 10, the squad heads to the Metrodome to play Minnesota in an evening contest. The Illini are 3-5-1 in the Metrodome since the Gophers began playing there in 1982.

DAVIS' FAMILY INSTRUMENTAL IN LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT

► Illinois defensive end Will Davis' family are natives of the Republic of Liberia. He has spent his entire life in the United States, and was able to visit Liberia as a young child before Civil War broke out. Now that the war has ended his mother, Pearine Davis-Parkinson, recently returned home to become the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of State office. The Ministry of State supports the work of the President of the Republic of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. The major departments of the Ministry of State are the Office of the President, Administration, and Public Affairs and Communications Technology. Davis' mother played basketball for the

ILLINI RANKINGS IN THE NCAA AND BIG TEN

TEAM RANKINGS			
CATEGORY		NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	230.1	.10th	.1st
Passing Offense	146.8	.114th	.11th
Total Offense	376.8	.71st	.10th
Scoring Offense	25.5	.68th	.10th
Rushing Defense	107.5	.21st	.3rd
Pass Eff. Defense	124.0	.62nd	.7th
Total Defense	359.5	.52nd	.7th
Scoring Defense	19.6	.24th	.4th
Net Punting	31.7	.106th	.11th
Punt Returns	8.4	.71st	.7th
Kickoff Returns	20.9	.68th	.7th
Turnover Margin	0.13	.56th	.6th
Pass Defense	252.0	.T87th	.9th
Passing Efficiency	104.8	.110th	.11th
Sacks	3.3	.11th	.4th
Tackles for Loss	7.4	.21st	.6th
Sacks Allowed	1.1	.T15th	.2nd

MISCELLANEOUS CONFERENCE RANKINGS

CATEGORY		Big Ten
Fourth-Down Conversions	3-4	.1st
Field Goals	90.9	.2nd
Sacks Against	9	.2nd
Kickoff Coverage	45.2	.3rd
Opponent Fourth-Down Conversions	8-16	.4th
Sacks By	26	.T4th
Opponent Third Down Conversion	36.6	.5th

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	Rashard Mendenhall	115.5 .17th
Receptions/Game	Arrelious Benn	4.8 .T76th
Interception	Vontae Davis	0.38 .T68th
	Kevin Mitchell	0.38 .T68th
Punting	Anthony Santella	36.1 .99th
Punt Returns	Kyle Hudson	7.5 .68th
Field Goals	Jason Reda	1.3 .T51st
Scoring	Rashard Mendenhall	9.0 .T28th
All-Purpose	Rashard Mendenhall	143.8 .33rd
Sacks	Will Davis	0.81 .T24th
Tackles	J Leman	11.1 .T10th
Tackles For Loss	Will Davis	1.2 .T50th

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	Rashard Mendenhall	115.5 .4th
Receptions/Game	Arrelious Benn	4.75 .T9th
All-Purpose	Rashard Mendenhall	143.8 .5th
Interceptions	Vontae Davis	0.38 .T3rd
	Kevin Mitchell	0.38 .T3rd
Punt Returns	Kyle Hudson	7.5 .6th
Scoring	Rashard Mendenhall	9.0 .5th
Scoring (TD)	Rashard Mendenhall	9.0 .4th
Scoring (Kick)	Jason Reda	6.8 .7th
Field Goals	Jason Reda	1.3 .6th
Field Goal Pct	Jason Reda	90.9 .2nd
PAT Pct.	Jason Reda	96.0 .8th
Tackles	J Leman	11.1 .1st
	Antonio Steele	7.2 .10th
	Justin Harrison	6.8 .T14th
QB Sacks	Will Davis	0.81 .5th
Tackles For Loss	Will Davis	1.2 .9th
Forced Fumbles	Justin Sanders	0.38 .T2nd
Fumbles Recovered	Chris Norwell	0.38 .1st
	Kevin Mitchell	0.25 .T3rd
Passes Defended	Kevin Mitchell	1.50 .1st
	Vontae Davis	1.00 .T6th

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GAME	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS
Western Illinois	Xavier Fulton	J Leman	Kyle Hudson
Syracuse	Juice Williams	Will Davis	Kyle Knezetic
Indiana	Rashard Mendenhall	Vontae Davis/Kevin Mitchell	Jason Reda
Penn State	Arrelious Benn	Derek Walker	Arrelious Benn
Wisconsin	Rashard Mendenhall	Justin Harrison/Doug Pilcher	Kickoff Coverage Team
Ball State			
Minnesota			
Ohio State			
Northwestern			

TEAM CAPTAINS

GAME	Captains
Missouri	J Leman, Rashard Mendenhall, Martin O'Donnell, Chris Norwell
Western Illinois	Kyle Hudson, J Leman, David Lindquist, Martin O'Donnell
Syracuse	Xavier Fulton, J Leman, Kevin Mitchell, Russ Weil
Indiana	J Leman, Akim Millington, Kevin Mitchell, Russ Weil
Penn State	J Leman, Kevin Mitchell, Martin O'Donnell, Russ Weil
Wisconsin	J Leman, Ryan McDonald, Rashard Mendenhall, Kevin Mitchell
Iowa	Justin Harrison, J Leman, Rashard Mendenhall, Russ Weil
Michigan	J Leman, Kevin Mitchell, Martin O'Donnell, Russ Weil
Ball State	
Minnesota	
Ohio State	
Northwestern	

ILLINI HONORS**ARRELIOUS BENN, WR, FR.**

- Midseason Rivals.com Freshman All-American
- ESPN Helmet Sticker (9/29)
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (10/1)
- Rivals.com Freshman of the Week (10/1)
- Master Coaches' Player of the Week (10/1)

WILL DAVIS, DE, JR.

- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/24)

J LEMAN, LB, SR.

- Butkus Award Semifinalist
- Rotary Lombardi Award Semifinalist
- Draddy Award Semifinalist
- Ronnie Lott Award Quarterfinalist
- Midseason CBSSportsline.com First-Team All-American
- Midseason Rivals.com First-Team All-American
- Midseason Phil Steele First-Team All-American
- Midseason SI.com Second-Team All-American
- Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List

RYAN MCDONALD, C, JR.

- Rimington Award Watch List

RASHARD MENDENHALL, RB, JR.

- Midseason CBSSportsline.com First-Team All-American
- Midseason Phil Steele Second-Team All-American
- Midseason SI.com Second-Team All-American
- Doak Walker Award Candidate
- Heisman Trophy Candidate
- Maxwell Award Candidate
- ESPN Helmet Sticker (9/22)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (9/24)
- ESPN Helmet Sticker (10/6)
- Master Coaches Game Ball (10/6)

MARTIN O'DONNELL, OG, SR.

- Midseason Phil Steele Second-Team All-American

JASON REDA, PK, SR.

- Lou Groza Award Watch List

JUICE WILLIAMS, QB, SO.

- Manning Award Watch List

Liberian national team and at the University of Liberia. His uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia. She should be in town in the month of October to attend Illinois football games.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

► It is hard not to pay attention to the 12-letter long last name of freshman tight end Michael Hoomanawanui. The difficulty in its pronunciation has caused coaches and teammates to nickname Michael "Huh-oh" representing the first two syllables of his name. The name is one of Hawaiian descent, which he gets from his father, Isy's, side of the family, who hails from Oahu. The name is not the most common in its nativeland, but retains the special meaning "patience."

CLASSROOM STANDOUTS

► Six Illini already have earned their college degrees — FB Justin Ijei, WR Frank Lenti, Jr., DB Tyler Rouse, LB J Leman, DT Chris Norwell and OL Martin O'Donnell.

► Illinois junior linebacker J Leman is not only a standout on the field, but his accomplishments in the classroom include a bachelor's degree in just three years. He maintained a 3.7 GPA in communications, graduating in August of 2006. He is currently pursuing a master's degree which he will complete this December.

► The Illini's starting center Ryan McDonald is pursuing his undergraduate degree in one of the most difficult academic fields at the University of Illinois. Illinois is known for its engineering curriculum, ranking in the Top-10 in all nine disciplines, including the top-rated civil engineering program. McDonald has recorded a 3.87 in aeronautical engineering, a program which ranks eighth nationally. He had an internship this summer on campus working with NASA.

ILLINI GRIDDERS MAKE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

► For the second straight summer the team hosted an event to raise money for the Cunningham Children's Home, located locally in Urbana. The event was a 12-hour supply drive to raise goods and money for the home from their Wish List. The team congregated on the East side of Memorial Stadium and along with the help of local radio stations, solicited the help of community members to give supplies and money to the Home. The team's two-year total of goods and money raised is \$20,000. Among the money in 2007 was a \$250 donation from tight end Jeff Cumberland. Cumberland won the Slam Dunk contest at the 2007 Gus Macker basketball tournament and gave his winnings to the team's charity.

EXCITEMENT ABOUND FOR 2007 ILLINI FOOTBALL SEASON

► Great excitement has surrounded the 2007 Illinois football season. More than 14,000 Illini fans became new season ticket holders and the school sold out its South Endzone "Horseshoe" section prior to the start of the season. Students also jumped on board, with season ticket sales increased by 2,500.

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

► Illinois have announced at least three sellouts for the 2007 season. The Penn State game sold out before kickoff on Sept. 29 and the athletic department announced sellouts for the Wisconsin and Michigan games during the first couple weeks of the season. They are the first sellouts since the 2002 season (Michigan) and the first time for three sellouts in a season since 1986, when Illinois sold out six games.

MARCHING ILLINI RESURRECTS TWO STORIED SONGS

► The Marching Illini will reclaim music from the rich history and tradition of University of Illinois football this season. "Fight! Illini!" was written in the early 1920's and sub-titled "The Stadium Song." This piece was recently discovered by Marching Illini director Dr. Peter Griffin. It was written by two Illinois graduates Sampson Raphaelson ('17) and Rose J. Oltusky ('22). "Fight! Illini!" will be played following Illinois point after touchdowns this season. Harold Hill and Howard Green wrote "Cheer Illini," "Hail to the Orange" and "Oskee Wow Wow." "Cheer Illini" was used decades ago by the Marching Illini as a downfield motion piece to float the band off the field at the end of its pre-game show. It was also used at basketball games for many years during player introductions.

RECORDS TO WATCH

CAREER 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

1. Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105
2. Antoino Harris, 1999-2002	2,985
3. Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	2,887
4. Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	2,878
5. Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	2,711
6. Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	2,545
7. Howard Griffith, 1987-90	2,485
8. Keith Jones, 1984-88	2,194
9. John Karras, 1949-51	2,135
10. Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	2,103
11. Red Grange, 1923-25	2,071
12. Rich Johnson, 1966-68	2,058
13. Ty Douthard, 1993-96	1,851
14. Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-present	1,782

SEASON RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Howard Griffith, 1990	15
2. Johnny Karras, 1951	13
3. Robert Holcombe, 1996	12
Red Grange, 1924	12
5. Keith Jones, 1988	11
6. Rashard Mendenhall, 2007	10
Steve Havard, 1999	10
Jim Grabowski, 1964	10
9. Ty Douthard, 1994	9
Howard Griffith, 1989	9
Chubby Phillips, 1974	9

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	16
2. Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	12
3. Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	9
Rich Johnson, 1966-68	9
John Karras, 1949-51	9
6. Antoino Harris, 1999-2002	8
Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	8
Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	8
9. Howard Griffith, 1987-90	7
Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	7
J.C. Caroline, 1953-54	7
-- Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-present	6

SEASON 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Jim Grabowski, 1965	6
J.C. Caroline, 1953	6
3. Antoino Harris, 2002	5
Robert Holcombe, 1997	5
Robert Holcombe, 1996	5
Robert Holcombe, 1995	5
Rich Johnson, 1968	5
Jim Grabowski, 1964	5
9. Rashard Mendenhall, 2007	4
Pierre Thomas, 2006	4
Pierre Thomas, 2004	4
Rich Johnson, 1967	4
John Karras, 1949	4

SEASON TOUCHDOWNS

1. Howard Griffith, 1990	15
2. Red Grange, 1924	13
Buddy Young, 1944	13
John Karras, 1951	13
Robert Holcombe, 1996	13
6. Rashard Mendenhall, 2007	12
Red Grange, 1923	12
8. Ty Douthard, 1994	11
Howard Griffith, 1989	11
Keith Jones, 1988	11
Thomas Rooks	11
Mickey Bates, 1953	11

CAREER POINTS SCORED

	TD	X1	X2	FG	TP
1. Chris White, 1983-85	0	103	0	53	262
2. Chris Richardson, 1991-94	0	103	0	52	259
3. Doug Higgins, 1987-90	0	116	0	39	230
4. Jason Reda, 2004-present	0	94	0	45	229
5. Mike Bass, 1980-82	0	89	0	41	212
6. Howard Griffith, 1987-90	33	0	0	0	198
Dan Beaver, 1973-76	0	84	0	38	198
8. Neil Rackers, 1996-99	1	86	0	34	194
9. Red Grange, 1923-25	31	0	0	0	186
10. Ty Douthard, 1993-96	29	0	0	0	174

CAREER FIELD GOALS

(since 1945)

1. Chris White, 1983-85	53
2. Chris Richardson, 1991-94	52
3. Jason Reda, 2004-present	45
4. Mike Bass, 1980-82	41
5. Doug Higgins, 1987-90	39
6. Dan Beaver, 1973-76	38
7. Neil Rackers, 1996-99	34
8. John Gockman, 2001-03	24
9. Peter Christofilakos, 1999-2002	21
10. Bart Macomber, 1914-16	17

CAREER TACKLES

1. Dana Howard, 1991-94	595
2. John Sullivan, 1974-78	501
3. Darrick Brownlow, 1987-90	483
4. John Gillen, 1977-80	441
5. John Holecek, 1991-94	436
6. Danny Clark, 1996-99	381
7. Dick Butkus, 1962-64	374
8. Steve Glasson, 1986-89	371
9. Jerry Schumacher, 1999-02	370
10. J Leman, 2004-present	364

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Simeon Rice, 1992-95	69-385
2. Moe Gardner, 1987-90	57-226
3. Fred Wakefield, 1997-2000	42-158
4. Don Thorp, 1980-83	40-191
5. Kevin Hardy, 1992-95	38-220
6. Scott Davis, 1985-87	35-206
Danny Clark, 1996-99	35-146
8. Jerry Schumacher, 1999-02	33-110
9. J Leman, 2004-present	32-5-102
10. John DiFelicantonio, 1974-76	32-147
Mel Agee, 1987-90	32-143
Tyrone Washington, 1992-95	32-101

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

(Sack records kept since 1983)

1. Simeon Rice, 1992-95*	44.5
2. Scott Davis, 1983-87	23
3. Fred Wakefield, 1997-2000	21
4. Mike Poloskey, 1988-91	20
5. Kevin Hardy, 1992-95	18
Moe Gardner, 1987-90	18
7. Terrell Washington, 1999-2001	15
Mel Agee, 1987-90	15
9. Derrick Strong, 2000-03	14
10. Mike McGee, 1996-99	12
-- Chris Norwell, 2004-present	8.5
-- Will Davis, 2005-present	8.5
-- Derek Walker, 2006-present	7

*Big Ten record

SEASON QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Simeon Rice, 1994	16
2. Mike Poloskey, 1991	15
3. Simeon Rice, 1995	11.5
4. Scott Davis, 1987	10
5. Fred Wakefield, 2000	9
Simeon Rice, 1992	9
Moe Gardner, 1989	9
Mel Agee, 1989	9
Scott Davis, 1985	9
10. Terrell Washington, 2000	8
Simeon Rice, 1993	8
-- Will Davis, 2007	6.5

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

1. Juice Williams vs. Purdue, 11/11/06	145
2. Tim Brasic vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05	116
3. Rick Weiss vs. Wisconsin, 10/14/78	106
4. Mike Wells vs. Northwestern, 11/4/72	105
5. Juice Williams vs. Michigan State, 9/30/06	103
6. Fred Custardo at Ohio State, 10/9/65	100
7. Juice Williams vs. Ohio, 10/14/06	96
8. John Easterbrook vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/60	95
9. Juice Williams vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07	92
10. Bob Naponic vs. Purdue, 10/29/66	91

SEASON RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1. Juice Williams, 2006	576
2. Tim Brasic, 2005	420
3. Juice Williams, 2007	336
4. Rick Weiss, 1978	297
5. Mike Wells, 1972	287
6. Ronald Fearn, 1961	219
7. Bob Naponic, 1966	215
8. Mike Wells, 1970	214
9. Kurt Steger, 1977	174
10. Bob Naponic, 1968	171

CAREER RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1. Juice Williams, 2006-present	915
2. Fred Custardo, 1963-65	516
3. Tim Brasic, 2003-2006	498
4. John Easterbrook, 1958-60	465
5. Mike Wells, 1970-72	454
6. Bob Naponic, 1966-68	440
7. Kurt Steger, 1975-77	352
8. Rick Weiss, 1978	297
9. Ronald Fearn, 1961-63	277
10. Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	158

DEPTH CHART

(as of Oct. 21)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

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

Left Guard

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

Center

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

Right Guard

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

Right Tackle

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

Quarterback

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

Running Back

- 5 Rashard Mendenhall (5-11, 224, Jr.)
22 Daniel Dufrene (5-11, 197, So.)

Fullback

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

Wide Receiver

- 21 Kyle Hudson (5-11, 166, Jr.)
8 DaJuan Warren (6-2, 215, Jr.)
82 Frank Lenti (6-2, 190, Sr.)

Wide Receiver

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

Wide Receiver

- 83 Jacob Willis (5-11, 182, Sr.)
11 Joe Morgan (6-2, 185, So.)
17 Jeff Cumberland (6-5, 244, So.)

Tight End

- 16 Michael Hoomanawanui (6-5, 261, So.)
89 Tom Sullivan (6-4, 227, So.)
85 Mike Nabolotny (6-5, 290, Jr.)

DEFENSE

Defensive End

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

Defensive Tackle

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

Defensive Tackle

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

Defensive End

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

Linebacker

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

Linebacker

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

Linebacker

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

Cornerback

- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 181, So.)
15 Chris Duvalt (5-11, 170, So.)

Free Safety

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

Strong Safety

- 42 Kevin Mitchell (6-0, 209, Sr.)
25 Justin Sanders (6-1, 205, Sr.)

Cornerback

- 1 Vontae Davis (6-0, 205, So.)
14 Marcus Thomas (5-11, 160, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker

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

Punter

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

Holder

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

Long Snapper

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

Punt Returner

- 21 Kyle Hudson (5-11, 166, Jr.)
83 Jacob Willis (5-11, 182, Sr.)

Kick Returner

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 215, Fr.)
1 Vontae Davis (6-0, 205, So.)
83 Jacob Willis (5-11, 182, Sr.)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK

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

▶ Zook led Illinois to a 27-20 win over No. 19 Penn State, which gave the Illini its first win over a ranked team since 2001, gave Illinois its first four-win season since 2002 and first win over a ranked Big Ten team at home since 1991.

▶ With a 27-14 win over Indiana on Sept. 22, 2007, Zook led the Illini to its first Big Ten opening win since 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ During his time at Florida, his Gator teams defeated six ranked teams, including a stretch of three weeks in a row in 2003. Florida's win at Florida State in the 2004 season finale was the first win for the Gators in Tallahassee since 1986.

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

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

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

▶ Zook coached for six seasons in the NFL, the Pittsburgh Steelers (1996-98), the Kansas City Chiefs (1999) and New Orleans Saints (2000-01).

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

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

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

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

THE ZOOK FILE

ZOOK'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

RON ZOOK'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Bowl	Final Polls
2002	Florida	8-5	6-2	Outback	NR/24
2003	Florida	8-5	6-2(T1st E)	Outback	24/25
2004	Florida	7-4	4-4	Peach**	NR/25
2005	Illinois	2-9	0-8	---	---
2006	Illinois	2-10	1-7	---	---
2007	Illinois	5-3	3-2	---	---
Total	6 years	32-36	20-25	3 Bowls	

Polis listed as AP/Coaches
**Led Gators to Peach bowl berth

ZOOK YEAR-BY-YEAR

2007 // University of Illinois (5-3, 3-2 Big Ten)

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	L	34-40
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	W	21-0
Sept. 15	at Syracuse	W	41-20
Sept. 22	at Indiana	W	27-14
Sept. 29	#19/21 Penn State	W	27-20
Oct. 6	#5/5 Wisconsin	W	31-26
Oct. 13	at Iowa	L	36-10
Oct. 20	#24/NR Michigan	L	17-27
Oct. 27	Ball State	W	11 a.m. (BTN)
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	W	7 p.m. (BTN)
Nov. 10	at #1/1 Ohio State	L	TBA
Nov. 17	Northwestern	L	TBA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.

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

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

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.



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

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

2007: Currently tied for 10th in the nation and is first in the Big Ten in tackles with 11.13 per game ... Recorded eight tackles, including three solos, against No. 25 Michigan ... Had 10 tackles, including five solos, at Iowa ... Led the Illini defense to a win over No. 5 Wisconsin with 12 tackles, including six solos ... Led Illinois with 10 tackles, including four solos, an interception, a PBU and 0.5 TFLs against #21 Penn State ... His PBU and INT vs. PSU came on first and third downs, respectively, of the same drive, with Leman intercepting the pass at the Illinois 3 ... Led the Illini with 10 tackles, including seven solos, at Indiana ... Keyed a defensive effort in which Illinois held the Hoosiers to 134 rushing yards after IU entered the game averaging 258.7 ypg on the ground ... Had eight tackles, 1.5 sacks and one forced fumble at Syracuse ... Tallied 11 tackles, including seven solos, against Western Illinois ... Registered 1.5 TFLs and one quarterback hurry against WIU ... Started the season with an incredible performance, racking up 20 tackles against Missouri ... Also recorded 1.5 TFLs for two yards and one quarterback hurry against Mizzou.

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

in tackles with 11 at Michigan State, including four solos ... Also recorded 1.5 TFLs for four yards at MSU ... Had a team-high 12 tackles, including six solos, against Iowa ... Also had one TFL for one yard against the Hawkeyes ... Had 15 tackles, including six solos, to lead the Illini against Syracuse ... Also broke up a career-high two passes against the Orange ... Led the Illini with 12 tackles, including seven solos, at Rutgers ... Also had one TFL, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry against the Scarlet Knights ... Recorded five tackles, including three solos, against Eastern Illinois ... Was named a "Boom" by collegefootballnews.com for success from the 2003 recruiting class ... Earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2005: Named the team's Outstanding Linebacker ... Started all 11 games for the Illini at linebacker and also played 140 plays on special teams ... Finished the season second on the team in total tackles with 67 ... Had a season-best day at Purdue as he posted nine tackles, including eight solo stops and two tackles for loss ... Recorded eight tackles on three occasions - at Indiana, at Iowa and against Wisconsin ... Forced two fumbles, one each in back-to-back games at Iowa and Indiana ... Had one pass broken up against Michigan State and hurried the quarterback against San Jose State ... Earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors ... Named Academic All-Big Ten.

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

2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

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

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 22 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 Solos: 11 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 TFL: 3.5 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06
 FF: 1, six times (last time at Syracuse, 9/15/07)
 QB Sack: 1.5 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
 QBH: 2, twice (last time vs. Purdue 11/11/06)
 PBU: 2, twice (last time vs. Purdue 11/11/06)
 INT: 1 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	28	28	56	3-11	1.5-10	1
2005	11	37	30	67	5.5-12	0-0	1
2006	12	75	77	152	19-65	4.0-27	5
2007	8	45	44	89	5.0-17	1.5-9	1
TOTAL	42	185	179	364	32.5-105	7-46	9

LEMAN GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	10	10	20	1.5-2	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	7	4	11	1.5-3	0-0	1	0-0
@SU	3	5	8	1.5-9	0-0	1	0-0
@IU	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	4	6	10	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	6	6	12	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	7	5	12	1-1	0-0	1	1-0
SU	6	9	15	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

IOWA	6	6	12	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	4	7	11	1.5-4	0-0	0	0-0
IND	4	6	10	0.5-1	0.5-1	2	0-0
OHIO	5	8	13	3-8	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	5	2	7	2-10	1-7	0	0-0
@WIS	9	4	13	2.5-9	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	8	11	19	3.5-7	1-8	0	1-0
PUR	7	6	13	1.5-4	0.5-3	2	0-0
@NW	11	11	22	2.5-10	1-8	0	0-0

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

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

PLAYER PROFILES

52 // JON ASAMOAH

OL, 6-5, 300, SO.

PARK FOREST, ILL./RICH EAST

2007 NOTES: Starting right guard ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and #25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against #5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against #21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana, including 214 by Rashard Mendenhall, the most by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Led the way for 508 total yards and 378 rushing yards at Syracuse, Illinois' most rushing yards since 1998 ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack at Syracuse ... Helped pave the way for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns against Western Illinois ... Protected for 316 passing yards against Mizzou, the best Illini aerial performance since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

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

9 // ARRELIOUS BENN

WR, 6-2, 215, FR.

WASHINGTON, DC/DUNBAR

2007 NOTES: Tied for ninth in receptions per game and is 13th in receiving yards per game in the Big Ten ... Had five catches for 35 yards against #25 Michigan ... Grabbed four passes for a career-high 87 yards and rushed twice for 13 yards at Iowa ... Caught five passes for 51 yards, rushed twice for five yards and had two kickoff returns for 43 yards against #5 Wisconsin ... Had a breakout game against #21 Penn State, taking his first career kickoff return for a 90-yard touchdown and catching a career-best six passes for 84 yards and his first career receiving TD ... Earned a "Helmet Sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew for his performance against Penn State and was one of four nominees for the AT&T All-America National Player of the Week Award ... Tied a career-high with five passes for 50 yards and rushed four times for 22 yards at Indiana ... Caught four passes for 26 yards and ran four times for 28 yards at Syracuse ... Caught four passes for 52 yards and had three rushes for 38 yards against Western Illinois ... Started his first game as an Illini against Missouri, catching five passes for 74 yards.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Receiving Yards: 87 at Iowa, 10/13/07
 Long Reception: 33 at Iowa, 10/13/07
 Rushes: 5 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Rushing Yards: 23 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
 Long Rush: 18 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 KO Returns: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
 KO Return Yards: 90 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Long KO Return: 90 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	8	38	459	12.1	57.4	1	33

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	7	23	109	4.7	15.6	0	23

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	3	133	44.3	1	90

62 // ERIC BLOCK

OL, 6-3, 290, JR.

NEW ORLEANS, LA./JESUIT

2007 NOTES: Saw action against Western Illinois.

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

92 // JOSH BRENT

DL, 6-2, 320, FR.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL./CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2007 NOTES: Recorded a half-sack against #5 Wisconsin, his first career sack ... Also assisted on two tackles against Wisconsin ... Assisted on a tackle against #21 Penn State ... Saw time at defensive end at Indiana and Syracuse, but did not record any statistics ... Registered a solo tackle at Syracuse ... Made his Illinois debut against Western Illinois, racking up three tackles and 1.5 TFLs.

CAREER NOTES: *PrepStar* All-American ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... *Champaign News-Gazette* first-team All-State ... Ranked No. 3 in the "Best of the Midwest" by *Detroit Free Press* ... Rated among the Top-100 recruits nationally at 80th by Rivals.com ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Compiled 90 tackles, 19 tackles for loss and eight sacks during his senior season ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked 13th at defensive tackle nationally by Scout.com ... As a junior, recorded 109 tackles, 31 tackles for loss and six sacks ... High school teammate of current Illini tight end Michael Hoomanawanui ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Would like to open a restaurant following graduation.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 Solos: 1, twice (last time at Syracuse, 9/15/07)
 TFL: 1.5 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 QB Sacks: 0.5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	6	2	5	7	2.0-7	0.5-2	0

99 // JERRY BROWN

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

ST. LOUIS, MO./VASHON

2007 NOTES: Assisted on two tackles, combining on a sack and another TFL, against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle and had 0.5 TFLs — the first TFL of his career — against #5 Wisconsin ... Saw time at defensive end against #21 Penn State, Indiana and Syracuse, but did not record any statistics ... Recorded two tackles, both solos, and a quarterback hurry against Western Illinois ... Recorded a PBU and a quarterback hurry against Missouri in his first career game.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
 Solos: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 TFL: 0.5, three times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
 Sacks: 0.5 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
 PBU: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
 QBH: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	8	2	3	5	1.5-4	0.5-3	2

43 // SAM CARSON III

LB, 6-1, 245, JR.

WOODRIDGE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle at Syracuse ... Recorded three tackles and 0.5 TFLs against Western Illinois.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
 Solos: 2 at Iowa, 10/1/05
 TFL: 1 vs. Michigan State, 9/24/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	8	12	20	2-2	0-0	0
2006	5	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0
2007	4	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	0
TOTAL	20	11	19	30	2.5-3	0-0	0

35 // MICHAEL CKLAMOVSKI

PK, 6-4, 261, SO.

WILLOW SPRINGS, ILL./LYONS TOWNSHIP

2007 NOTES: Handles kickoffs for the Illini ... Kicked off four times for 261 yards, an average of 65.2, against #25 Michigan ... Kicked off three times for 179 yards, an average of 59.7, at Iowa ... Kicked off four times for 267 yards, an average of 66.8, against #5 Wisconsin ... Kicked off four times for 274 yards against #21 Penn State, an average of 68.5, with one touchdown ... Kicked off twice for 138 yards, an average of 69.0, and a

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touchback at Indiana ... Kicked off four times for 261 yards and an average of 65.2 yards against Western Illinois ... Boomed six kickoffs for an average of 67.3 yards with two touchbacks against Missouri.

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

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TB
2006	4	6	361	60.2	2
2007	8	35	2241	64.0	4
TOTAL	12	41	2602	63.5	6

17 // JEFF CUMBERLAND

WR, 6-5, 244, SO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO/BROOKHAVEN

2007 NOTES: Caught his first pass of 2007 at Syracuse, a 22-yard touchdown on Illinois' first drive of the game ... Started against Missouri and Western Illinois.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06)
Yards: 62 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06
Long Reception: 45 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	16	232	14.5	19.3	1	45
2007	8	1	22	22.0	2.8	1	22
TOTAL	20	17	254	14.5	12.7	2	45

1 // VONTAE DAVIS

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

2007 NOTES: Tied for third in the Big Ten in interceptions ... Notched three solo tackles and had a career-long 63-yard kickoff return to open the game against #25 Michigan ... Had eight tackles, including six solos, at Iowa ... Notched six tackles - including four solos - and had an interception and a PBU against #5 Wisconsin ... Collected three solo tackles, an interception and a QB hurry against #21 Penn State ... Starred against Indiana, recording nine tackles - including a career-high seven solos - an interception, a PBU and his second blocked punt of the season ... Also returned a kickoff for 11 yards at Indiana ... Had four tackles, two solos, and 0.5 TFLs at Syracuse ... Notched five tackles, including three solos, against Western Illinois ... Also had a career-high two PBUs and 0.5 TFLs against WIU ... Blocked the first punt of his career against Missouri and returned it two yards for a touchdown, the Illini's first score of the season ... Recorded a career-high 10 tackles, including a career-high six solos, against Missouri ... Also had one TFL and one PBU against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Solos: 7 at Indiana, 9/22/07
INT: 1, four times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
TFL: 1, three times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/1/07)
QB Hurry: 1 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
PBU: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
Blocked Punt: 1, twice (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
KO Returns: 1, three times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Long KO Return: 63 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	12	30	22	52	2.5-7	1-0	6
2007	8	34	14	48	2-3	3-0	4
TOTAL	20	64	36	100	4.5-10	4-0	10

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	3	101	33.7	0	63

81 // WILL DAVIS

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

2007 NOTES: Tied for 24th in the nation and is fifth in the Big Ten in sacks per game with 0.81 ... Tied for 50th in the nation and is ninth in the Big Ten in TFLs with 1.19 per game ... Had four tackles - including three solos - 0.5 TFLs and a QB hurry against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on three tackles and notched 0.5 sacks for five yards at Iowa ... Assisted on a tackle and had a QB hurry against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched six tackles - three solo - against #21 Penn State, along with 0.5 TFLs, 0.5 sacks and a QB hurry ... Recorded a career-high four sacks, seven tackles - including two solos - five total TFLs for 22 yards and a forced fumble ... Recorded three tackles, including two solos, and a career-high 1.5 sacks at Syracuse ... Had one quarterback hurry against Western Illinois ... Recorded a career-high four tackles, all solos, against Missouri ... Also had one TFL for five yards.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Solos: 4 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
TFL: 5 at Indiana, 9/22/07
QB Hurries: 2, twice (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)
QB Sacks: 4 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	11	7	18	3.5-20	2-19	9
2007	8	17	11	28	9.5-42	6.5-31	4
TOTAL	20	28	18	46	13-62	8.5-50	15

22 // DANIEL DUFRENE

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

2007 NOTES: Rushed two times for 21 yards and a touchdown against #25 Michigan ... Rushed three times for 24 yards against #5 Wisconsin ... Had one rush for six yards against #21 Penn State ... Rushed twice for six yards at Syracuse ... Rushed nine times for 51 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown, Illinois' longest rush of the season, against Western Illinois ... Caught two passes for one yard against WIU ... Rushed six times for 58 yards in his Illini debut against Missouri with a long rush of 30 yards ... All six carries against the Tigers went for positive yards.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Rushing Yards: 58 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Rushing TDs: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Long Run: 32 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Receptions: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Receiving Yards: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Long Reception: 5 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	8	28	161	5.8	20.1	2	32

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	3	2	1	0.5	0.3	0	5

15 // CHRIS DUVALT

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

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle against #5 Wisconsin ... Recorded his first tackle of 2007 at Syracuse ... Returned four kickoffs for 70 yards vs. Missouri, with a long return of 23 yards.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, four times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
Solos: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
KO Returns: 4 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
Long KO Return: 37 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	9	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
2007	5	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	14	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2006	8	175	21.9	0	37
2007	4	70	17.5	0	23
TOTAL	12	245	20.4	0	37

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24 // BO FLOWERS

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

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle at Iowa ... Recorded a solo tackle against #21 Penn State ... Notched two tackles, including one solo, against Western Illinois ... Saw his first action as an Illini against Missouri, playing on defense and special teams, but did not record any statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Solos: 1, twice (last time vs. Penn State, 9/29/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	7	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0

68 // XAVIER FULTON

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

2007 NOTES: Starting left tackle ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and #25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against #5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against #21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana, including 214 by Rashard Mendenhall, the most by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Led the way for 508 total yards and 378 rushing yards at Syracuse, Illinois' most rushing yards since 1998 ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack at Syracuse ... Helped pave the way for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns against Western Illinois ... Protected for 316 passing yards against Mizou, the best Illini aerial performance since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

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

26 // BRIAN GAMBLE

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

2007 NOTES: Caught one pass for nine yards at Iowa ... Rushed once for one yard against #5 Wisconsin ... Rushed twice for 14 yards against #21 Penn State ... Caught three passes for 20 yards at Syracuse ... Caught four passes for 48 yards in his Illini debut against Missouri with a long of 22.

CAREER NOTES: Came to Illinois as a defensive back and moved to receiver during training camp ... Rated a top-100 recruit in

the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... Played running back and defensive back in high school ... Also caught 56 career passes for 991 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 17.7 yards per catch ... High school teammate of current Illinois defensive end Antonio James ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota and West Virginia.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Yards: 48 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Long Reception: 22 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	6	8	77	9.6	12.8	0	22

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	5	5	19	3.8	3.8	0	8

32 // JUSTIN HARRISON

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

2007 NOTES: Notched nine tackles, including five solos, against #25 Michigan ... Had eight tackles, including six solos, at Iowa ... Recorded nine tackles — including six solos — and broke up two passes against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched four tackles, including two solos, and forced a fumble against #21 Penn State ... Registered seven tackles, including five solos, at Indiana, as well as two PBUs, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery ... Tallied five tackles, all solos, at Syracuse ... Recorded one tackle and one PBU against Western Illinois ... Racked up 11 tackles, including a career high-tying seven solos, against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Michigan, 10/16/04
Solos: 7, three times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/1/07)
TFL: 1 at Indiana, 10/8/05
Interceptions: 1, three times (last time vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06)
INT Return: 72 vs. Michigan, 10/16/04
Forced Fumble: 1, six times (last time vs. Penn State, 9/29/07)
Fumble Recovered: 1, three times (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
PBU: 2, five times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2004	11	42	37	79	0-0	1-72	0
2005	8	41	22	63	1.5-4	1-30	1
2006	12	32	31	63	0-0	1-1	8
2007	8	36	18	54	0-0	0-0	5
TOTAL	39	151	108	259	1.5-4	3-103	14

28 // DERE HICKS

DB, 5-10, 181, SO.
ROANOKE, VA./WILLIAM FLEMING/VALLEY FORGE

2007 NOTES: Recorded five tackles, including three solos, and had a PBU against #25 Michigan ... Notched four solo tackles at Iowa ... Had six tackles — including three solos — against #5 Wisconsin ... For the third-straight week, notched a career high in tackles, this time with seven against #21 Penn State ... Four of those stops against PSU were solos, going along with a career-high 1.5 TFLs ... Registered a career high in tackles for the second-straight week at Indiana, recording six solos as well as forcing a fumble ... Tallied a career-high four tackles, including a career-best three solos, and the first PBU of his career at Syracuse ... Notched his first career interception, and Illinois' first pick of 2007, against Western Illinois ... Also had a tackle against WIU ... Tied a career high with three tackles against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Solos: 6 at Indiana, 9/22/07
TFL: 1.5 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
INT: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
PBU: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Forced Fumble: 1 at Indiana, 9/22/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0
2007	8	18	12	30	1.5-4	1-0	2
TOTAL	19	27	17	44	1.5-4	1-0	2

16 // MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI

TE, 6-5, 261, SO.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL./CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2007 NOTES: Caught one pass for 12 yards at Iowa ... Returned a kickoff 16 yards at the end of the first half against #5 Wisconsin ... Hauled in his first career touchdown pass at Indiana, a two-yard connection with Juice Williams ... Caught the first pass of his career at Syracuse, a 27-yard strike on third down ... Played against WIU and Missouri but did not record any offensive statistics.

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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	10	0	0	0	0	0	-
2007	7	3	41	13.7	5.9	1	27
TOTAL	17	3	41	13.7	2.4	1	27

PLAYER PROFILES

21 // KYLE HUDSON

WR, 5-11, 166, JR.
MATTOON, ILL. /MATTOON

2007 NOTES: Caught a six-yard pass and returned one punt for one yard against #25 Michigan ... Caught a six-yard pass at Iowa and returned one punt for eight yards ... Returned one punt for two yards against #21 Penn State ... Returned four punts for 22 yards at Indiana ... Returned five punts for 40 yards at Syracuse ... Caught two passes for 21 yards against Western Illinois ... Returned four punts for 51 yards, including a long of 34 against WIU ... Started against Missouri and caught four passes for 66 yards and a touchdown ... Hauled in a 41-yard touchdown pass from Eddie McGee in the third quarter against the Tigers ... Returned one punt for four yards against Mizzou.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 10 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Receiving Yards: 114 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Long Reception: 69 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Carries: 1 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Rushing Yards: 24 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Long Run: 24 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Punt Returns: 5 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Punt Return Yards: 51 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
All-Purpose Yards: 138 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	31	469	15.1	42.6	1	43
2006	12	30	403	13.4	33.6	3	69
2007	8	9	101	11.2	12.6	1	41
TOTAL	31	70	973	13.9	31.4	5	69

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	17	128	7.5	0	34

90 // ANTONIO JAMES

DL, 6-5, 255, SO.
MASSILLON, OHIO/WASHINGTON

2007 NOTES: Had two tackles, including a solo, along with 0.5 TFLs against #5 Wisconsin ... Assisted on two tackles against Western Illinois ... Played in the season opener against Missouri but did not record any statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
Solos: 2 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
TFL: 0.5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	2
2007	6	1	3	4	0.5-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	18	5	7	12	0.5-0	0-0	2

13 // WILL JUDSON

WR, 5-8, 160, JR.
FAYETTEVILLE, GA./SANDY CREEK/FLORIDA A&M

2007 NOTES: Hauled in two passes for a career-high 16 yards at Indiana ... Caught one pass for two yards at Syracuse ... Caught two passes for 13 yards against Western Illinois ... Caught his first pass as an Illini against Missouri, for negative-one yard.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Receiving Yards: 16 at Indiana, 9/22/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	7	6	30	5.0	4.3	0	9

49 // KYLE KNEZETIC

LS, 6-0, 205, SR.
CHANNANON, ILL./MINOOKA

2007 NOTES: Illinois' long snapper ... Recorded a solo tackle against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0
2005	11	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0
2006	12	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
2007	6	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	40	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0

82 // FRANK LENTI JR.

WR/HOLDER, 6-2, 190, SR.
SOUTH HOLLAND, ILL./MT. CARMEL

2007 NOTES: Saw action against Iowa, Wisconsin, Penn State, Indiana, Syracuse, Western Illinois and Missouri but did not record any offensive statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	5	35	7.0	3.2	0	10
2006	12	3	68	22.7	5.7	1	44
2007	7	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
TOTAL	30	8	103	12.9	3.4	1	44

94 // DAVID LINDQUIST

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

2007 NOTES: For the second-straight week, tied a career high with six tackles against #25 Michigan, and also set new career highs with 2.5 TFLs and two sacks versus the Wolverines ... Tied a career high with six tackles, including two solos, at Iowa ... Also had 0.5 TFLs at Iowa ... Tied a career high with three solos and had five total tackles against #5 Wisconsin ... Assisted on four tackles against #21 Penn State and registered 0.5 sacks against the Nittany Lions ... Notched two solo tackles at Indiana ... Assisted on a tackle at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle against Western Illinois ... Started at defensive tackle in the season opener against Missouri ... Tied a career high with three solo tackles and one sack for 10 yards against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, three times (last time at Iowa, 10/20/07)
Solos: 3, three times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
TFL: 2.5 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
FR: 1, five times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
QB Sacks: 2 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
QB Hurries: 2 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	9	3	6	9	1-3	0-0	0
2006	12	16	17	33	5-23	2.0-16	6
2007	8	12	16	28	4.5-26	3.5-25	0
TOTAL	29	31	39	70	10.5-52	5.5-41	6

60 // RYAN MCDONALD

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

2007 NOTES: Starting center ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and #25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against #5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against #21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana, including 214 by Rashard Mendenhall,

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the most by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Led the way for 508 total yards and 378 rushing yards at Syracuse, Illinois' most rushing yards since 1998 ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack at Syracuse ... Helped pave the way for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns against Western Illinois ... Protected for 316 passing yards against Mizzou, the best Illini aerial performance since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

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

10 // EDDIE MCGEE

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

2007 NOTES: Was 6-for-12 for 46 yards, and rushed three times for 12 yards against #25 Michigan ... Relieved Juice Williams in the fourth quarter at Iowa, going 3-for-5 for 52 yards and an interception, and rushing six times for 19 yards ... Entered late in the game against #5 Wisconsin after Juice Williams was injured and rushed three times for 11 yards, including a five-yard touchdown ... Came in on Illinois' final drive against #21 Penn State and reeled off a 53-yard rush to put the Illini in field goal range ... Rushed twice for 58 yards against PSU ... Played most of the fourth quarter at Syracuse, going 2-for-2 for 33 yards ... Was 0-for-1 against Western Illinois in relief duty, but rushed twice for 12 yards ... Saw his first career game action in the season opener against Missouri when he entered the game in the second quarter for an injured Juice Williams ... Completed 17-of-31 passes for 257 yards, the most yards ever by an Illini redshirt-freshman ... Threw his first career TD pass against Mizzou, a 41-yarder to Kyle Hudson in the third quarter ... Rushed eight times for 23 yards and his first career rushing touchdown against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 17 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Attempts: 31 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Yards: 257 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Passing Touchdowns: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Long Pass: 42 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Carries: 8 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Rushing Yards: 58 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Rushing Touchdown: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
Long Rush: 53 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
2007	7	54	28	51.9	388	1	3	42

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	7	26	143	5.5	20.4	2	53

5 // RASHARD MENDENHALL

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

2007 NOTES: Tied for 28th in the nation in scoring and is 17th nationally in rushing ... Fifth in the Big Ten in scoring and fourth in rushing ... Ranked 33rd in the nation and fifth in the Big Ten in all-purpose yards ... Ranked 15th in the Big Ten in total offense ... Had 18 carries for 85 yards, and caught four passes for 26 yards against #26 Michigan ... Ran 15 times for 67 yards and caught three passes for 27 yards at Iowa ... Rushed 19 times for 160 yards and two touchdowns, and caught four passes for 33 yards and one touchdown against #5 Wisconsin ... Earned his second "Helmet Sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew in three weeks for his performance against #5 Wisconsin and was one of four nominees for the AT&T All-America National Player of the Week Award ... Rushed 18 times for 76 yards and a touchdown against #21 Penn State ... Also caught four passes for 27 yards against the Nittany Lions ... Rushed for over 100 yards for the third-straight game with a career-best 27-carry, 214-yard, one-touchdown performance at Indiana, the most yards by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Also caught three passes for 18 yards and a touchdown at Indiana ... Earned a "Helmet Sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew for his performance at Indiana and was one of four nominees for the AT&T All-America National Player of the Week Award ... Notched consecutive 100-yard games with his 16-carry, 150-yard, three-touchdown effort at Syracuse ... His three scores at SU marked the first time an Illini running back had at least three rushing TDs since 2002 ... Had a career-high 23 carries for 139 yards and a touchdown against Western Illinois, topping 1,000 yards for his career ... Also caught one pass for 16 yards against WIU ... Had a team-high 11 carries in the season opener against Missouri, rushing for 42 yards and a career high-tying two touchdowns ... Also caught three passes for 59 yards against Mizzou, including a 42-yard reception, Illinois' longest play of the game.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 27 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards: 214 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Long Run: 86 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
Rushing TDs: 3 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Receptions: 4, four times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Receiving Yards: 78 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Long Reception: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Receiving TDs: 1, five times (last time vs. 10/6/07)
All-Purpose Yards: 232 at Indiana, 9/22/07

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	10	48	218	4.5	21.8	0	18
2006	12	78	640	8.2	53.3	5	86
2007	8	147	924	6.3	115.5	10	50
TOTAL	30	273	1782	6.5	59.4	15	86

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	10	13	82	6.3	8.2	2	16
2006	12	12	164	13.7	13.6	1	76
2007	8	25	226	9.0	28.2	2	42
TOTAL	30	50	472	9.4	15.7	4	76

34 // WALTER MENDENHALL

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

2007 NOTES: Returned a kickoff for 12 yards against Western Illinois ... Played in the season opener against Missouri but did not record any statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	8	2	5	2.5	0.8	0	6
2007	8	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
TOTAL	16	2	5	2.5	0.3	0	6

44 // BRIT MILLER

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

2007 NOTES: Recorded eight tackles, including three solos, against #25 Michigan ... Notched most tackles since 2005 with 11 stops, including three solos, at Iowa ... Also recorded a TFL for three yards against the Hawkeyes ... Broke up a career-high two passes and recorded four tackles, including a solo, against #5 Wisconsin ... Recorded seven tackles, including four solos, against #21 Penn State ... Also had 0.5 TFLs and one PBU against the Nittany Lions ... Notched a solo tackle and a PBU at Indiana ... Had seven tackles, including five solos, at Syracuse ... Tallied a career high-tying two TFLs for five yards at Syracuse ... Notched two solo tackles against Western Illinois ... Recorded six tackles, including four solos, against Missouri ... Also had one TFL for a yard against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Solos: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
TFL: 2, twice (last time at Syracuse, 9/15/07)
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
PBU: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
Interception: 1, twice (at Penn State, 10/21/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	30	16	46	4.5-20	1-12	0
2006	12	18	25	43	4.5-6	0-0	1
2007	8	23	23	46	4.5-12	0-0	0
TOTAL	30	71	64	135	13.5-38	1-12	1

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69 // AKIM MILLINGTON

OL, 6-6, 313, SR.

NORMAN, OKLA./WHEATON NORTH/OKLAHOMA

2007 NOTES: Starting right tackle ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and #25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against #5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against #21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana, including 214 by Rashard Mendenhall, the most by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Led the way for 508 total yards and 378 rushing yards at Syracuse, Illinois' most rushing yards since 1998 ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack at Syracuse ... Helped pave the way for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns against Western Illinois ... Protected for 316 passing yards against Mizzou, the best Illini aerial performance since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

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

42 // KEVIN MITCHELL

DB, 6-0, 209, SR.

FT. WAYNE, IND./HOMESTEAD

2007 NOTES: Leads the Big Ten in passes defended in all games and is second in the conference in fumble recoveries and passes defended in league games ... Tied for third in the Big Ten in interceptions ... Had four tackles, including two solos, and an interception against #25 Michigan ... Notched seven tackles, including a solo, at Iowa ... Had five solo tackles, a career-high four PBUs and an interception against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched eight tackles – including three solos – against #21 Penn State, plus an interception and a fumble recovery ... The interception against PSU iced the Illini's victory, coming on the Illinois 9 with 0:09 remaining in the game and the Illini leading by a touchdown ... Had five tackles – all solos – at Indiana, as well as two PBUs, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery ... Recorded four tackles, including two solos, and a PBU at Syracuse ... Had nine tackles, including a career high-tying six solos, against Western Illinois ... Also had one TFL against WIU ... Notched eight tackles, including three solos, against Missouri ... Tied a career high with two PBUs against Mizzou.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 14 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Solos: 6, six times (last time vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07)
TFL: 2 vs. San Jose State, 9/10/05
Interception: 1, five times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
PBU: 4 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
QBH: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last time vs. Penn State, 9/29/07)
Punt Block: 1 at Michigan St., 10/9/04
Punt Return: 1 at Michigan St., 10/9/04
Punt Return Yds: 32 at Michigan St., 10/9/04

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2004	10	9	7	16	0-0	0-0	1
2005	11	49	29	78	4.5-11	0-0	3
2006	12	38	41	79	4-13	2-0	3
2007	8	27	23	50	1-2	3-0	9
TOTAL	41	123	100	223	9.5-26	5-0	16

11 // JOE MORGAN

WR, 6-2, 185, SO.

CANTON, OHIO/MCKINLEY

2007 NOTES: Caught a career-high two passes for 23 yards against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Receiving Yards: 23 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Long Reception: 19 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	2	24	12.0	2.0	0	19
2007	7	2	23	11.5	3.3	0	15
TOTAL	19	4	47	11.8	2.5	0	19

96 // CHRIS NORWELL

DL, 6-6, 303, SR.

CINCINNATI, OHIO/ANDERSON

2007 NOTES: Leads the Big Ten in fumbles recovered with three ... Recorded five tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 0.5 sacks and recovered a fumble against #25 Michigan ... Had a season-high five tackles, including a solo, at Iowa ... Also notched 0.5 TFLs and recovered a fumble against the Hawkeyes ... Assisted on two tackles and had a PBU against #5 Wisconsin ... Assisted on three tackles against #21 Penn State, recorded 0.5 TFLs and had a QB hurry ... Notched a solo tackle, a TFL and a fumble recovery at Indiana ... Had three tackles, including a solo, at Syracuse ... Notched two tackles against Western Illinois ... Started at defensive tackle in the season opener against Missouri ... Recorded a tackle against Mizzou.

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 12 games, starting 11 in 2006 ... Finished the season ranked ninth in the Big Ten in tackles for loss ... Had 4.5 TFL against Northwestern, which ranked ninth on Illinois' single-game list ... Named the team's Most Improved Player in 2005 ... Started all 11 games at defensive tackle for the second consecutive year ... Led all defensive linemen in tackles with 46 and led the team with 7.5 tackles for loss ... Registered multiple tackles for loss against San Jose State (3, career-high) and at Purdue (2) ... Blocked a field goal against

California in 2005 ... Earned Freshman All-America honors by Rivals.com in 2004 ... Also named to The 2004 Sporting News' Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Started all 11 games ... Redshirted the 2003 season ... Graduated in May with a degree in sports management ... Has seven brothers and sisters.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
Solos: 6, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/18/06)
TFL: 4.5 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
QB Sacks: 1.5, twice (last time at Michigan State, 9/30/06)
QBH: 2 at Penn State, 10/21/06
FF: 1, two times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
PBU: 1, five times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
Blocked Kick: 1 (FG) vs. California, 10/17/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	14	26	40	2-2	0-0	3
2005	11	29	17	46	7.5-31	3-19	1
2006	12	18	24	42	12.5-49	5-28	3
2007	8	5	17	22	3.5-15	0.5-5	1
TOTAL	42	66	84	150	25.5-97	8.5-52	8

64 // MARTIN O'DONNELL

OL, 6-5, 305, SR.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

2007 NOTES: Starting left guard ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and #25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against #5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against #21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana, including 214 by Rashard Mendenhall, the most by an Illini runner since 1998 ... Led the way for 508 total yards and 378 rushing yards at Syracuse, Illinois' most rushing yards since 1998 ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack at Syracuse ... Helped pave the way for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns against Western Illinois ... Protected for 316 passing yards against Mizzou, the best Illini aerial performance since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

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

78 // RYAN PALMER

OL, 6-7, 308, R-FR.

CANTON, OHIO/GLEN OAK

2007 NOTES: Saw first career action against Western Illinois.

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

PLAYER PROFILES

95 // DOUG PILCHER

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

2007 NOTES: Had three tackles, including two solos, and a 10-yard sack against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on two tackles at Iowa ... Recorded 0.5 sacks against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched a sack for six yards against #21 Penn State ... Recorded a 23-yard sack to end the first half at Indiana ... Assisted on a tackle at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle against Western Illinois ... Started the season opener at defensive end against Missouri ... Tied a career high with four tackles and two solos against Missouri ... Also notched two quarterback hurries against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, three times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/1/07)
Solos: 2, two times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/1/07)
TFL: 1.5, two times (last time vs. Indiana, 10/7/06)
QB Sack: 1, three times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
QBH: 3 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
PBU: 1 at Michigan State, 9/30/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	8	16	24	6.5-8	0-0	5
2007	8	7	7	14	3.5-40	3.5-40	2
TOTAL	20	15	23	38	10-48	3.5-40	7

45 // RODNEY PITTMAN

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

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle against Michigan ... Notched his first career sack at Syracuse ... Recorded two tackles, both solos, and his first career TFL against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Iowa, 10/1/05
Solos: 4 at Iowa, 10/1/05
TFL: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
QB Hurry: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0
2006	11	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	1
2007	8	3	1	4	2-4	1-2	0
TOTAL	30	7	8	15	2-4	1-2	1

13 // JASON REDA

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

2007 NOTES: Fifth in the Big Ten in field goals with 1.25 per game ... Was 2-of-2 on PATs and 1-of-2 on field goals against #25 Michigan, hitting a 38-yarder and missing a 47-yarder ...

Hit a pair of field goals at Iowa, a 46-yarder and a 23-yarder ... Nailed a 50-yard field goal against #5 Wisconsin and was 4-of-4 on PATs ... Hit 2-of-2 field goals against #21 Penn State, including a 47-yarder into the wind, as well as 3-of-3 PATs ... Nailed 2-of-2 FGs, a 45-yarder and a 38-yarder, as well as 3-for-3 on PATs at Indiana ... Hit 2-of-2 FGs, including a 50-yarder, at Syracuse, in addition to 5-of-5 PATs ... Went 3-for-3 on PATs against Western Illinois ... Was 4-for-5 on PATs against Missouri, snapping a streak of 58-straight PATs.

CAREER NOTES: Lou Groza Award Candidate ... Has made 35 career field goals, which ranks sixth on the Illinois all-time field goal list ... Has 175 career points which ranks ninth on Illinois all-time scoring list ... Led team in scoring with 69 points ... Was perfect in extra point attempts in 2006 for the second straight year ... Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors last season ... His 20-for-20 PATs in 2005 rank ninth on the school's single-season list ... Ranked eighth in the Big Ten in kick-scoring, averaging 5.9 points per game ... Was the only kicker in the conference to be perfect on extra points in 2005 ... Hit a career-long 52-yarder at Indiana ... Scored a career-best 16 points against SJSU ... Named to *The 2004 Sporting News* Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Majoring in speech communications.

CAREER HIGHS

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

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lng	Pts
2004	26-27	7-12	3-5	3-5	1-2	0-0	40	47
2005	20-20	13-20	5-6	5-8	2-4	1-2	52	59
2006	24-24	15-19	7-8	5-5	3-6	0-0	41	69
2007	24-25	10-11	1-1	4-4	3-4	2-2	50 (2x)	54
TOTAL	94-96	45-62	16-20	17-22	9-16	3-4	52	229

25 // JUSTIN SANDERS

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

2007 NOTES: Had six tackles, including three solos, an interception and a PBU against #25 Michigan ... Recorded three tackles, including a solo, at Iowa ... Assisted on a tackle and recorded a PBU against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched a career-high eight tackles against #21 Penn State, including a career-best six solos ... Also recorded a sack and forced a fumble against the Nittany Lions ... Registered five tackles, including four solos, a sack and a PBU at Indiana ... Had four tackles, including a season-high three solos, and a PBU at Syracuse ... Recorded two tackles, including a solo, and his first career PBU against Western Illinois ... Had a career day against Missouri, forcing two fumbles, tying a career high with five tackles and recording a sack for 16 yards and a quarterback hurry.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Solos: 6 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
TFL: 1, three times (last time vs. Penn State, 9/29/07)
QB Sacks: 1, three times (last time vs. Penn State, 9/29/07)
INT: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
FF: 2 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
PBU: 1, five times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	9	10	19	0.5-3	1-11	0
2007	8	21	13	34	3-29	1-0	5
TOTAL	19	30	23	53	3.5-32	2-11	4

87 // ANTHONY SANTELLA

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

2007 NOTES: Punted five times for 184 yards, an average of 36.8, with a long of 44 and two downed inside the 20 against #25 Michigan ... Punted four times for 154 yards, a 38.5-yard average, with one touchback, at Iowa ... Punted five times for 171 yards, an average of 34.2 yards, with a long of 56 and one downed inside the 20 against #5 Wisconsin ... Punted six times for 200 yards against Penn State, an average of 33.3, with one downed inside the 20 ... Had a career day at Indiana, punting six times for 246 yards, an average of 41.0 - including a 59-yarder and a 53-yarder - with two downed inside the 20 and one touchback ... Punted three times for 100 yards, an average of 33.3, with all three downed inside the 20 at Syracuse ... Punted nine times for 304 yards for an average of 33.8 yards with two punts downed inside the 20 and two touchbacks against Western Illinois ... Punted six times for 226 yards against Missouri, an average of 37.7 yards, with a long of 48 and two punts down inside the 20.

CAREER NOTES: Member of University of Utah football team ... Joined the Illinois team during 2007 spring practice ... Played both football and soccer at Wauconda High School ... Averaged 44 yards per punt and kicked a career-long field goal of 47 yards ... Eighty percent of his kickoffs were touchbacks ... Plans on majoring in business-marketing.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Yardage: 304 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Average: 41.0 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Long Punt: 59 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Inside 20: 3 at Syracuse, 9/15/07

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	FC	I20	LG
2007	44	1585	36.0	4	9	13	59

30 // RAKHEEM SMITH

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

2007 NOTES: Saw his first action as a fullback against Missouri, entering the game on a short-yardage situation in the second quarter.

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

40 // ANTONIO STEELE

LB, 6-2, 218, SR.

CLEVELAND, OHIO/ST. PETER CHANEL/

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

2007 NOTES: Tied for 10th in the Big Ten in tackles ... Tied a career high with 12 tackles and 1.5 TFLs against #25 Michigan, and his five solo tackles were a career high ... Recorded a season-high nine tackles and had a TFL for one yard at Iowa ... Had seven tackles, including two solos, against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched six tackles, including two solos, against #21 Penn State ... Also recorded 1.5 TFLs and a PBU against the Nittany Lions ... Recorded six tackles, including three solos, at Indiana ... Tied for the team high with eight tackles and had 0.5 TFLs at Syracuse ... Notched five tackles, including two solos, against Western Illinois ... Started at linebacker against Missouri, collecting five tackles and two solos ... Also recorded 0.5 TFLs, a quarterback hurry and a fumble recovery against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Solos: 5 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
TFL: 1.5, three times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/1/07)
PBU: 3 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
QBH: 2 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	24	61	85	5-14	1-6	3
2007	8	22	36	58	5-10	0-0	1
TOTAL	20	46	97	143	10-24	1-6	4

51 // ANTHONY THORNHILL

LB, 6-1, 221, SR.

DETROIT, MICH./DETROIT CENTRAL

2007 NOTES: Had two tackles, including a solo, at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2004	11	31	23	54	1-1	0-0	0
2005	11	18	12	30	3-10	0.5-5	0
2006	12	6	13	19	1.5-3	0-0	0
2007	7	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	41	57	49	106	5.5-14	0.5-5	0

91 // DEREK WALKER

DL, 6-4, 276, JR.

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, ILL./GLENBARD EAST

2007 NOTES: Recorded a solo tackle and a QB hurry against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on four tackles and had 0.5 sacks at Iowa ... Had two solo tackles and a QB hurry against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched three tackles — one solo — along with a sack and two QB hurries against #21 Penn State ... Had three tackles, all solos, and a TFL at Indiana ... Assisted on a tackle and had a PBU at Syracuse ... Recorded four tackles, including a career high-tying three solos, against Western Illinois ... Started at defensive end against Missouri ... Assisted on a tackle and recovered a fumble against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, two times (last time vs. Ohio, 10/14/06)
Solos: 3, five times (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
TFL: 2.5 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
QB Sacks: 1.5 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
QB Hurries: 3 at Penn State, 10/21/06
PBU: 1, four times (last time at Syracuse, 9/15/07)
Fumble Recovery: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	15	11	26	6-23	1-6	3
2006	12	12	17	29	8-33	5.5-25	11
2007	8	10	9	19	2.5-14	1-8	4
TOTAL	31	37	37	74	16.5-70	7.5-39	18

76 // MIKE WARE

DL, 6-3, 280, SR.

NAPERVILLE, ILL./WAUBONSIE VALLEY/WHEATON COLL.

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle against #25 Michigan ... Recorded a solo tackle at Iowa ... Had two tackles, including a solo, and had a TFL against #5 Wisconsin ... Notched a sack at Indiana for a loss of three yards ... Recorded his first career sack at Syracuse for a loss of nine yards ... Had three tackles, including a solo, at Syracuse ... Saw action at defensive tackle against Western Illinois and Missouri but did not record any statistics.

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2007	8	4	4	8	3-14	2-12	0
TOTAL	9	4	4	8	3-14	2-12	0

8 // DAJUAN WARREN

WR, 6-2, 215, SR.

SOUTHFIELD, MICH./SOUTHFIELD

2007 NOTES: Caught a pass for nine yards against #25 Michigan ... Caught his first pass of 2007 against #5 Wisconsin, gaining four yards ... Played against Penn State, Syracuse, Western

Illinois and Missouri but did not record any statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2004	9	6	52	8.7	6.5	0	14
2005	11	21	205	9.8	18.6	0	35
2006	12	15	186	12.4	13.3	0	32
2007	8	2	13	6.5	1.9	0	9
TOTAL	40	44	456	10.4	11.4	0	35

41 // RUSSELL WEIL

RB, 6-0, 241, SR.

MINOOKA, ILL./MINOOKA

2007 NOTES: Rushed once for two yards against #25 Michigan ... Caught a career-long 31-yard pass against #5 Wisconsin, a play that was a "Top Play Nominee" on SportsCenter ... Rushed twice for a career-high 18 yards, including a career-high 12-yard carry against #21 Penn State ... Also returned a kickoff for 16 yards against PSU ... Caught one pass for three yards at Syracuse ... Saw his first action of 2007 against Western Illinois.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 2 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Rushing Yards: 18 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Long Run: 12 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Receptions: 1, four times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
Long Reception: 31 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
Tackles: 4 at Northwestern, 11/20/04
Solos: 3 at Minnesota, 10/23/04
TFL: 1 at Northwestern, 11/20/04

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	1	6	6.0	0.5	0	6
2006	12	1	4	4.0	0.3	0	4
2007	7	3	20	6.7	2.9	0	12
TOTAL	30	5	30	6.0	1.0	0	6

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2005	11	2	22	11.0	2.0	0	17
2006	12	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	-
2007	7	2	34	17.0	4.9	0	31
TOTAL	30	4	56	14.0	1.9	0	17

83 // JACOB WILLIS

WR, 5-11, 182, SR.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL./JOLIET JC/CENTENNIAL

2007 NOTES: Caught three passes for 40 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown pass, and returned two kickoffs for 23 yards against #25 Michigan ... Caught two passes for nine yards at

lowa ... Caught one pass for two yards and returned one kickoff for 15 yards against #5 Wisconsin ... Caught one pass for nine yards against #21 Penn State ... Caught one pass for 10 yards at Syracuse ... Caught one pass for 20 yards against Western Illinois ... Caught a career-high four passes for 47 yards against Missouri ... Also returned three kickoffs for 58 yards with a long of 23 against the Tigers.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Receiving Yards: 91 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
Long Reception: 69 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
TDs: 2 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
KO Returns: 3 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
KO Return Yards: 58 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Long KO Return: 32 at Indiana, 9/22/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	16	313	19.6	26.1	3	69
2007	8	13	137	10.5	17.1	1	26
TOTAL	20	29	450	15.5	22.5	4	69

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	9	155	17.2	0	32

7 // JUICE WILLIAMS

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

2007 NOTES: Ranked 12th in the Big Ten in total offense and 17th in rushing ... Hit 8-of-14 passes for 70 yards and a touchdown against #25 Michigan, to go along with seven carries for 17 yards ... Was 9-of-15 passing for 98 yards, and ran 10 times for 41 yards at Iowa ... Hit 12-of-19 passes for 121 yards and a touchdown against #5 Wisconsin ... Also rushed 14 times for 92 yards against the Badgers ... Was 11-for-24 for 120 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions against #21 Penn State ... Rushed seven times for 37 yards with a long of 17 against PSU ... Went 13-for-28 for 98 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions at Indiana ... Rushed 11 times for 32 yards against the Hoosiers ... Hit 13-of-18 passes at Syracuse for 97 yards and one touchdown while rushing 12 times for 90 yards and one touchdown ... Was 12-for-24 for 123 yards and one interception against Western Illinois ... Rushed nine times for 16 yards and a touchdown against WIU ... Went 6-for-9 for 59 yards before being knocked out of the game early in the second quarter against Missouri ... Also rushed six times for 11 yards against the Tigers.

CAREER NOTES: Rated as the Big Ten's best running quarterback by Street & Smith, Lindy's and The Sporting News ... Earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors in 2006 by The Sporting News ... Got his first career win at Michigan State ... Set school record for rushing yardage in a career, season and single-game for a quarterback ... Was one of five true-freshmen quarterbacks to start in 2006 ... Also threw three touchdown passes over 65 yards, the most by an QB in school history ... Top-100 recruit ... Ranked No. 5 among senior quarterbacks in the nation by SI.com ... Second-rated prospect from the state of Illinois and No. 3 pro-style quarterback in the nation according to Rivals.com ... Threw for 1,841 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed for 1,441 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Averaged 21.8 yards per carry ... Won Best Feet and Most Likely

to Play First Awards at the 2005 EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback camp ... Chose Illinois over North Carolina, Penn State, Tennessee and Ohio State ... Full given name is Isaiah John Williams ... Goes by "Juice" ... Went to same high school as Hall of Famer Dick Butkus, who is also his Illini hero ... Nearly died at birth due to the excessive weight of 13 pounds and eight ounces.

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 16 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Attempts: 34 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06
Yards: 227 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Passing Touchdowns: 2, four times (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
Long Pass: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
Carries: 22 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Rushing Yards: 145 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Rushing Touchdown: 1, four times (last time at Syracuse, 9/15/07)
Long Rush: 45 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
2006	12	261	103	39.5	1489	9	9	76
2007	8	151	84	55.6	786	6	5	33
TOTAL	20	412	187	45.4	2275	15	14	76

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	154	576	3.7	48.0	2	45
2007	8	76	336	4.4	42.0	2	24
TOTAL	20	230	912	4.0	45.6	4	45

56 // SIROD WILLIAMS

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

2007 NOTES: Recorded a solo TFL against #25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle at Iowa ... Notched a solo tackle and forced a fumble against #21 Penn State ... Had a solo tackle at Syracuse ... Notched a solo tackle against Western Illinois ... Saw action against Missouri but did not record any statistics.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
Solos: 3 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
TFL: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Penn State, 10/22/05

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	7	8	7	15	1-2	0-0	1
2006	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0
2007	8	4	1	4	1-6	0-0	0
TOTAL	18	12	10	21	2-8	0-0	1

2 // MARTEZ WILSON

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

2007 NOTES: Assisted on a tackle against #25 Michigan ... Recorded three tackles, including a solo, and a sack for 11 yards at Iowa ... Notched the first sack of his career, along with three tackles - two solos - and a QB hurry against #5 Wisconsin ... Recorded two tackles - including a solo - and a TFL against #21 Penn State ... Assisted on a tackle at Indiana ... Assisted on two tackles at Syracuse ... Notched a career-high five tackles, including three solos, against Western Illinois ... Recorded his first career tackle, a solo, and quarterback hurry in the season opener against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Solos: 3 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
TFL: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last time at Iowa, 10/13/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	8	8	10	18	3-16	2-13	2

37 // KYLE YELTON

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

2007 NOTES: Punted once for 39 yards against Missouri.

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

CAREER HIGHS

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

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	FC	I20	LG
2006	49	1833	37.4	6	5	6	57
2007	1	39	39.0	0	0	0	39
TOTAL	50	1872	37.4	6	5	6	57

TURNOVERS

(Turnovers forced)

TEAM	TOTAL	INT	FUMBLE
ILLINOIS	17	9	8
OPPONENT	16	9	7

MISSOURI

- 3Q ... Fumble (Steele recovered)
- 4Q ... Sanders forced fumble (Walker recovered)

WESTERN ILLINOIS

- 2Q ... Hicks interception (returned 0 yards)

SYRACUSE

None

INDIANA

- 1Q ... V. Davis forced fumble (Mitchell recovered)
- 2Q ... Harrison forced and recovered fumble
- 3Q ... Hicks forced fumble (Norwell recovered)
- 4Q ... V. Davis interception (returned 0 yards)

PENN STATE

- 2Q ... Sirod Williams fumble forced (Mitchell recovered)
- 3Q ... Leman interception (returned 0 yards)
- 4Q ... V. Davis interception (returned 0 yards)
- 4Q ... K. Mitchell interception (returned 0 yards)

WISCONSIN

- 4Q ... K. Mitchell interception (returned 0 yards)
- 4Q ... V. Davis interception (returned 0 yards)

IOWA

- 4Q ... C. Norwell fumble recovery (returned 0 yards)

MICHIGAN

- 1Q ... K. Mitchell interception (returned 0 yards)
- 3Q ... C. Norwell fumble recovery (returned 0 yards)
- 3Q ... J. Sanders interception (returned 0 yards)

SCORING DRIVES

MISSOURI

1st	8:38	V. Davis 2 yd. blocked punt return	
3rd	12:31	R. Mendenhall 25 yard run	7-79-2:29
	4:08	McGee 16 yard run	7-72-2:03
	2:47	Hudson 41 yard pass from McGee	1-41-0:07
4th	13:48	R. Mendenhall 4 yard run	2-4-0:10

WESTERN ILLINOIS

2nd	9:14	Dufrene 32 yard run	1-32-0:11
3rd	9:37	I. Williams 9 yard run	9-71-3:11
4th	11:04	R. Mendenhall 16 yard run	5-64-1:43

SYRACUSE

1st	12:56	Cumberland 22 yard pass from I. Williams	6-70-2:04
	3:27	R. Mendenhall 2 yard run	9-45-4:35
2nd	0:49	Reda 32 yard field goal	9-73-1:4
3rd	9:52	Reda 50 yard field goal	10-42-4:19
	5:06	I. Williams 10 yard run	9-80-3:31
	1:37	R. Mendenhall 50 yard run	4-76-2:19
4th	10:20	R. Mendenhall 1 yard run	9-67-4:40

INDIANA

1st	10:20	Reda 45 yard field goal	9-39-3:02
1st	4:28	Reda 38 yard field goal	11-44-3:14
2nd	10:25	Hoomanawanui 2 yard pass from I. Williams	12-80-4:27
2nd	0:44	R. Mendenhall 15 yard pass from I. Williams	8-68-1:14
4th	12:45	R. Mendenhall 5 yard run	5-27-1:25

PENN STATE

1st	9:20	Benn 90 yard kickoff return	
	2:03	R. Mendenhall 2 yard run	13-69-5:44
2nd	10:34	Benn 29 yard pass from I. Williams	2-39-0:34
3rd	12:38	Reda 47 yard field goal	7-40-2:22
4th	7:00	Reda 33 yard field goal	9-66-2:54

WISCONSIN

1st	7:19	R. Mendenhall 32 yard run	6-80-1:31
2nd	10:50	Reda 50 yard field goal	10-42-3:56
	7:04	R. Mendenhall 5 yard pass from I. Williams	7-75-1:59
3rd	6:16	R. Mendenhall 5 yard run	9-79-3:52
4th	5:28	McGee 5 yard run	9-71-4:35

IOWA

1st	4:42	Reda 46 yard field goal	10-39-3:58
2nd	8:59	Reda 23 yard field goal	12-74-6:01

MICHIGAN

1st	14:04	Willis 26 yard pass from I. Williams	2-33-0:56
2nd	9:58	Dufrene 8 yard run	13-90-6:23
3rd	3:47	Reda 38 yard field goal	9-50-3:44

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	7	Isiah Williams (So., 6-2, 223)	Dual-threat QB has thrown six TDs on the season and run for 336 yards and another two TDs
WR	21	Kyle Hudson (Jr., 5-11, 166)	Had a 41-yard TD catch vs. Missouri ... Led the Illini in receiving yardage in each of his first two seasons ... Plays CF on Illini baseball team
RB	5	R. Mendenhall (Jr., 5-11, 224)	Doak Walker Candidate ranks 17th in the nation in rushing (115.5 ypg) ... Has 924 yards on only 147 carries (6.3 ypc)
TE	16	Michael Hoomanawanui (So., 6-5, 261)	Had first career TD catch at Indiana with a 2-yarder from Williams ... Has three catches for 41 yards (13.7 ypc) on the season
LT	68	Xavier Fulton (Jr., 6-5, 295)	Has made eight straight starts at LT ... Part of line that helps team rush for 230.1 ypg and has allowed only 9 sacks
LG	64	Martin O'Donnell (Sr., 6-5, 300)	Four-year starter has made 40 career starts ... Part of line that helps team rush for 230.1 ypg and has allowed only 9 sacks
C	60	Ryan McDonald (Jr., 6-5, 300)	Has made 31 straight starts ... Moved to center in '06 ... Part of line that helps team rush for 230.1 ypg and has allowed only 9 sacks
RG	52	Jon Asamoah (So., 6-5, 300)	Has started the first eight games this season ... Part of line that helps team rush for 230.1 ypg and has allowed only 9 sacks
RT	69	Akim Millington (Sr., 6-6, 310)	Moved to RT after starting 11 games at LT last year ... Part of line that helps team rush for 230.1 ypg and has allowed only 9 sacks
WR	9	Arrelious Benn (Fr., 6-2, 215)	Leads team with 38 catches for 459 yards ... Returned a kick-off 90 yards for a TD vs. Penn State ... Had career-high 87 rec. yards at Iowa
WR	83	Jacob Willis (Sr., 5-11, 182)	Has 13 catches for 137 yards on the season including a 26-yard touchdown reception vs. Michigan
FB	41	Russ Weil (Sr., 6-0, 241)	Team's primary fullback for the second straight season ... Great blocker paves the way for Mendenhall ... Had a 31-yard reception vs. Wisconsin

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	91	Derek Walker (Jr., 6-4, 276)	Had a sack and two hurries against Penn State and added another half-sack at Iowa ... Led the Illini in sacks (5.5) in '06
DT	96	Chris Norwell (Sr., 6-6, 290)	Had five tackles and 1.5 tackles-for-loss and half a sack vs. Michigan ... Leads Big Ten lead in fumble recoveries with three
DT	94	David Lindquist (Jr., 6-3, 276)	Had two sacks vs. Michigan and is second on the team with 3.5 sacks on the season ... Was the team's Most Improved Player in '06
DE	95	Doug Pilcher (So., 6-5, 265)	Had a sack vs. Michigan and has 3.5 on the season, all coming in Big Ten play ... 2006 Freshman All-Big Ten team by <i>The Sporting News</i>
DE	81	Will Davis (Jr., 6-3, 246)	Is fifth in the Big Ten and 24th in the nation in sacks with 6.5 ... Had four sacks at Indiana to earn Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week
LB	44	Brit Miller (Jr., 6-1, 251)	Is fourth on the team with 4.5 tackles-for-loss this season and has 4 PBUs ... Had season-high 11 tackles at Iowa
LB	47	J Leman (Sr., 6-2, 245)	Butkus Award candidate leads Big Ten and is 10th in the nation with 89 tackles ... Had first-career interception vs. Penn State
LB	40	Antonio Steele (Sr., 6-2, 218)	Tied career-high with 12 tackles vs. Michigan ... Also has 5.0 tackles-for-loss, tied for second on the team ... Has made 20 straight starts
CB	28	Dere Hicks (So., 5-10, 181)	Has 36 tackles, 1.5 TFL, one INT, two PBU and one forced fumble on the season ... First-career INT came vs. Western Illinois
FS	32	Justin Harrison (Sr., 5-11, 207)	Hard hitter is third on team in tackles with 54 and has 5 PBU ... Forced a key fumble vs. Penn State in the fourth quarter
SS	42	Kevin Mitchell (Sr., 6-0, 209)	Leads the Big Ten in passes defended with 12 and is tied for third in the Big Ten with 3 INTs ... Fourth on the team with 50 tackles
CB	1	Vontae Davis (So., 6-0, 205)	Tied for third in the Big Ten with three INTs, all in Big Ten play ... Has blocked two punts on the season, returning one for a TD vs. Missouri

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

PK	13	Jason Reda (Sr., 6-1, 200)	Lou Groza Award Candidate ranks third on the Illini all-time FG list with 45 ... Is 10-for-11 this season with a long of 50 twice
P	87	Anthony Santella (r-Fr., 6-2, 185)	Booted career-long kicks of 53 and 59 yards at Indiana ... Has put 13 punts inside the 20 this season ... Transfer from the University of Utah
LS	49	Kyle Knezetic (Sr., 6-1, 215)	Four-year starter has played in every game since 2004 season opener ... Has been charted at .68 sec. (NFL time)
H	82	Frank Lenti (Sr., 6-2, 190)	Four-year holder also doubles as a wide receiver ... Had a only career TD catch vs. Ohio in 2006

THE LAST TIME ...

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD ...

RUSHING

200 yards rushing: 214, Rashard Mendenhall at Indiana, 9/22/2007
150 yards rushing: 160, Rashard Mendenhall vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
125 yards rushing: 160, Rashard Mendenhall vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
100 yards rushing: 160, Rashard Mendenhall vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Back-to-back 175 yard rushing games: Antoneo Harris (195 vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002 & 176 vs. Indiana, 10/26/2002)
Three consecutive 100 yard rushing games: Rashard Mendenhall, 9/8-9/22/2007
2 rushers with 175 yards: Rocky Harvey (215), Steve Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998
2 rushers with 100 yds: Juice Williams (145) and Pierre Thomas (105) vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006
50+ yard rushing play: 53, Eddie McGee vs. Penn State, 9/29/2007
Two 40+ runs in one quarter: 82 and 47 (1st), Antoneo Harris vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002
True-freshman rushed for 100-yards in first career game: E.B. Halsey, 139 yards vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003
40 rushing attempts: 40, Antoneo Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002
30 rushing attempts: 37, Pierre Thomas at Northwestern, 11/20/2004
2 rushers with 2 TDs: Pierre Thomas (2) and Rashard Mendenhall (2) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/2006
8 TDs rushing: Howard Griffith (8) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/22/1990
4 TDs rushing: Antoneo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002
3 TD's rushing: Rashard Mendenhall (3) at Syracuse, 9/15/2007
2 TD's rushing: Rashard Mendenhall (2) vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
2 TD's rushing by a QB: Tim Brasic (2) vs. San Jose State, 9/10/2005

RECEIVING

200 yards receiving: 208, David Williams vs. Northwestern, 9/1/1984
150 yards receiving: 158, Kelvin Hayden vs. California, 9/20/2003
100 yards receiving: 114, Kyle Hudson vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/2005
2 receivers with 100 yards receiving: Aaron Moorehead (118) and Walter Young (153) vs. San Jose State, 9/21/2002
70+ yard pass play: 76, Rashard Mendenhall from Juice Williams vs. Syracuse, 9/16/2006
60+ yard pass play: 69, Jacob Willis from Juice Williams at Michigan State, 9/30/2006
50+ yard pass play: 52, Derrick McPhearson from Juice Williams at Wisconsin, 10/28/06
10 or more receptions: 10, Kyle Hudson vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/2005
2 receivers with 2 TDs: Walter Young and Brandon Lloyd, vs. LSU, 1/1/2002
3 TDs receiving: Greg Lewis vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2000
2 TDs receiving: Jacob Willis at Michigan State, 9/30/2006
An OL caught a pass: Bucky Babcock, one catch-three yards, vs. Purdue, 9/25/2004

PASSING

600 yards passing: 621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980
500 yards passing: 621, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980
400 yards passing: 430, Jon Beutjer vs. California, 9/20/2003
300 yards passing: 430, Jon Beutjer vs. California, 9/20/2003
250 yards passing: 257, Eddie McGee vs. Missouri, 9/1/20007
Consecutive 300-yard passing games: Jon Beutjer at Wisconsin (319, 11/9/2002) and vs. Ohio State (305, 11/16/2002)
Three Consecutive 300-yard passing games: Jason Verduzco vs. East Carolina

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: 63 vs. Virginia (63-21), 12/30/1999
50 points: 52 vs. Florida A&M (52-13), 9/4/2004
40 points: 41 at Syracuse (41-20), 9/15/2007
30 points: 31 vs. Wisconsin (31-26), 10/6/2007
0 points: at Rutgers (0-33), 9/9/2006
0 points in 1st half: vs. Ohio State, 11/4/2006
0 points in 2nd half: at Wisconsin, 10/28/06
Did Not Score a Touchdown: at Iowa, 10/13/2007
300 rushing yards: 378 at Syracuse, 9/15/2007
200 rushing yards: 289 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Less Than 100 rushing yards: 99 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/2006
Negative yards net rushing: -27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993
700 total net yards: 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/44
600 total net yards: 602 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/2002
500 total net yards: 508 at Syracuse, 9/15/2007
400 total net yards: 410 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Less Than 100 total net yards: 78 at Wisconsin, 10/8/77

AN OPPOSING TEAM HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 202, Purdue, 11/11/2006
300 yards rushing: 356, Northwestern, 11/19/2005
Less Than 100 yards rushing: 63, Syracuse, 9/15/2007
Less Than 50 yards rushing: 40, Penn State, 10/21/2006
Less Than 20 yards rushing: 15, San Jose State, 9/10/2005
Negative yards rushing: -9, Middle Tennessee, 9/12/98
One first down: Missouri, 9/10/1994
Zero first downs: Michigan, 10/27/34
300 yards passing: 392, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
400 yards passing: 408, San Jose State, 9/21/2002
Less Than 100 yards passing: 71, Western Illinois, 9/8/2007
400 total net yards: 519, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
500 total net yards: 519, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
600 total net yards: 705, Michigan State, 9/24/2005

Consecutive games, 500 total net yards: vs. Arkansas State (600, 9/14/2002), vs. San Jose State (602, 9/21/2002) and vs. Michigan (543, 9/28/2002)
Kicked five field goals: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001
Shutout: Western Illinois (21-0), 9/8/2007
9 or more sacks in a game: 9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001
15 or more TFL in a game: 15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002
10 or more TFL in a game: 10 vs. Penn State, 9/29/2007
Missed Extra Point Kick: vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007
Successful Two-Point Conversion: vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006
Forced 5 or more turnovers: 5 vs. Louisville, 9/15/2001
Turned the ball over 5 or more times: 5 vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007
10+ Passes Broken Up: 11 vs. Wisconsin, vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Blocked two kicks in same game: 2 at Purdue, 10/4/2003
Entire game without punting: vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/2002
No turnovers given up: vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Overtime game: Defeated Rutgers, 33-30, 9/3/2005

700 total net yards: 705, Michigan State, 9/24/2005
Less Than 100 total net yards: 69, Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998
30 points: 40, Missouri (40-34), 9/1/2007
40 points: 40, Missouri (40-34), 9/1/2007
50 points: 63, Penn State (63-10), 10/22/2005
60 points: 63, Penn State (63-10), 10/22/2005
70 points: 70, Michigan (70-21), 11/7/81
Shutout: Rutgers (0-33), 9/9/2006
Did Not Score in Game: Western Illinois, 9/8/2007
Did Not Score a Touchdown: Western Illinois, 9/8/2007
Scoreless Half: (First half) Syracuse, 9/15/2007
Missed PAT: Rutgers, 9/9/2006
Successful Two-Point Conversion: Michigan, 10/16/2004
Def. Scored All Points in Victory: Arizona, 16 points, 9/18/1993

(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: Tom O'Connell vs. Washington, 10/11/52 and Jeff George vs. Indiana, 11/18/89
4 TDs passing: 4, Jon Beutjer vs. Illinois State, 9/6/2003
3 TDs passing: 3, Tim Brasic vs. Rutgers, 9/3/2005
2 TDs passing: 2, Juice Williams at Indiana, 9/22/2007
Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game: Juice Williams, 76 yards to Rashard Mendenhall and 69 yards to Kyle Hudson vs. Syracuse, 9/16/2006

DEFENSE

20 Tackles: J Leman (20) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007
4 interceptions: Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/74
3 interceptions: Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001
2 interceptions: Kelvin Hayden (2) vs. Florida A&M, 9/4/2004
3+ sacks in a game: Will Davis (4) at Indiana, 9/22/2007
Interception by a down lineman: Jeff Ruffin vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002
Interception Return for TD: Travon Bellamy 41-yard return at Wisconsin, 10/28/06
Two players with Interception Returns for TD: Bobby Jackson (83 yards) & Christian Morton (62 yards) at Purdue, 11/3/2001
Defensive Extra Point: Kevin Mitchell at Ohio State (75 yards), 11/5/2005
Fumble recovery for TD: Michael Hall (30 yards) vs. Southern Mississippi, 9/7/2002
Scored on a Safety: at Michigan (WR tackled in endzone), 10/16/2004

TOTAL OFFENSE/ALL PURPOSE

500 yds. total offense: 585, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80
400 yds. total offense: 415, Jon Beutjer vs. California, 9/20/2003
200 All-purpose yards: 232, Rashard Mendenhall at Indiana, 9/22/2007

SPECIAL TEAMS

5 field goals: Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990
4 field goals: Jason Reda (4) at Penn State, 10/21/2006
3 field goals: Jason Reda (3) vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006
2 field goals: Jason Reda (2) at Iowa, 10/13/2007
Made 50+ yard Field Goal: Jason Reda (50) vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
Blocked a Punt: Vontae Davis at Indiana, 9/22/2007
Blocked Punt for a Touchdown: Vontae Davis blocked kick and returned 2 yds. for a TD vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007
Blocked Two Field Goals: Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001
Blocked a Field Goal: Chris Norwell at California, 9/17/2005
Blocked a PAT: Xavier Fulton at Indiana, 10/8/2005
Punt return for TD: E.B. Halsey (41 yards) vs. Purdue, 10/4/2003
Kickoff return for TD: Arrelious Benn (90 yards) vs. Penn State, 9/29/2007
Blocked FG returned for TD: Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois St., 9/6/2003
Two-point conversion: Juice Williams to Michael Hoomanawanui vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006

AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 212, Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern, 11/19/2005
150 yards rushing: 108, Kalvin McRae, Ohio, 10/14/2006
2 rushers with 100 yds: Laurence Maroney (179) and Marion Barber III (129), Minnesota, 10/25/2003
400 yards passing: 408, Scott Rislav, San Jose State, 9/21/2002
300 yards passing: 392, Tyler Donovan, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
50+ yard rushing play: 66, Damian Sims, Iowa, 10/1/2005
Two 40+ TD runs in one quarter: LeRoy Collins (40, 63 in 4th), Louisville, 9/19/1998
80+ yard pass play: 80, Indiana (Matt LoVecchio to Jahkes Gilmore), 11/6/2004
70+ yard pass play: 73, Ohio State (Troy Smith to Ted Ginn, Jr.), 11/5/2005
50+ yard pass play: 62, Syracuse (Andrew Robinson to Curtis Brinkley), 9/15/2007
200 yds. in receptions: 243, Dwayne Smith, Illinois State, 9/6/2003
150 yds. in receptions: 160, Travis Beckum, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007
100 yds. in receptions: 109, Mario Manningham, Michigan, 10/20/2007
4 Field Goals: Dan Stultz, Ohio State, 11/11/2000
Three 50+ yard field goals: Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa 9/26/1998
Punt return for TD: Jeremy Maclin (66 yards), Missouri, 9/2/2007
Kickoff return for TD: Marcuse Thigpen (98 yards), Indiana, 10/7/2006
Interception return for TD: Demond Williams (62 yards), Michigan State, 9/30/2006
Blocked Punt for a TD: Derri Roberson (0 yards), Rutgers, 9/9/2006
Fumble recovery for TD: Cornelius Brown (100 yards), Missouri, 9/1/2007
Scored on a Safety: Dan Connor, Penn State, sacked QB in endzone, 10/21/2006

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team (Rank)	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Yd-TD	Passing C-A-Int-TD	Passing Yards	Total Offense	Punt	Fumbles	Penalties	Time Poss
Missouri	40	25	33-70-0	37-54-0-3	359	429	7-194	4-2	10-55	29:23
vs. Illinois	34	23	34-119-2	23-40-2-1	316	435	7-265	5-3	7-55	30:37
Western Illinois	0	4	24-81-0	11-21-1-0	71	152	11-431	0-0	4-19	29:22
at Illinois	21	21	52-277-3	12-26-1-0	123	400	9-304	2-1	7-65	30:38
Illinois	41	26	51-378-4	15-20-0-1	130	508	3-100	1-0	6-46	30:47
at Syracuse	20	14	34-63-1	19-29-0-1	223	286	6-263	1-0	5-55	29:13
Illinois	27	23	55-288-1	13-28-2-2	98	386	6-246	1-1	3-29	31:48
at Indiana	14	26	35-134-0	26-52-1-2	263	397	7-258	4-3	4-40	28:12
Penn State	20	18	36-129-1	21-38-3-1	298	427	4-193	3-1	4-20	33:27
at Illinois	27	17	38-216-1	11-27-2-1	120	336	6-200	1-0	4-43	26:33
Wisconsin	26	28	31-127-1	27-49-2-2	392	519	3-101	0-0	6-45	34:02
at Illinois	31	18	44-289-3	12-19-0-1	121	410	5-171	2-0	3-35	25:58
Illinois	6	15	35-137-0	12-20-1-0	150	287	4-154	1-1	4-45	25:34
at Iowa	10	21	47-141-0	17-25-0-1	182	323	3-96	1-1	6-40	34:26
Michigan	27	23	46-115-0	21-33-2-3	228	343	4-176	3-1	4-35	34:49
at Illinois	17	15	31-137-1	14-26-1-1	116	253	5-184	3-1	10-107	25:11
Ball State										
at Illinois										
Illinois										
at Minnesota										
Illinois										
at Ohio State										
Northwestern										
at Illinois										

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	RB	QB	WR	WR	TE
Missouri	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	Hudson	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Morgan	Cumberland
W. Illinois	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Cumberland (TE)	Smith (FB)	Hoomanawanui
Syracuse	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Hudson	Weil (FB)
Indiana	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	Gamble	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Morgan	Hoomanawanui
Penn State	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Hudson	Weil (FB)
Wisconsin	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Hudson	Weil (FB)
Iowa	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Hudson	Hoomanawanui
Michigan	Fulton	O'Donnell	McDonald	Asamoah	Millington	J. Willis	R. Mendenhall	I. Williams	Benn	Hudson	Weil (FB)
Ball State											
Minnesota											
Ohio State											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	8	22	31	8	9	4	8	17	6	4	1
Career	18	40	31	8	18	11	9	17	7	22	9

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Missouri	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	Pilcher	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
W. Illinois	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	Pilcher	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Syracuse	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	Pilcher	Steele	Leman	Pittman	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Indiana	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	Pilcher	Steele	Leman	Sanders (DB)	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Penn State	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	W. Davis	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Sanders	Hicks
Wisconsin	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	W. Davis	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Iowa	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	W. Davis	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Michigan	Walker	Norwell	Lindquist	W. Davis	Steele	Leman	Miller	V. Davis	Harrison	Mitchell	Hicks
Ball State											
Minnesota											
Ohio State											
Northwestern											
Consecutive	30	12	8	4	20	36	4	9	25	3	8
Career	30	41	10	6	20	36	21	19	33	29	9

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME (att./yds/td)

PLAYER	MIZZOU	WIU	SU	IND	PSU	WIS	IOWA	MICH	BSU	MINN	OSU	NU
Arrelious Benn	3/-6/0	3/38/0	4/28/0	4/22/0	5/9/0	2/5/0	2/13/0	0/0/0				
Daniel Dufrene	6/58/0	9/51/1	2/6/0	3/-2/0	1/6/0	3/24/0	3/-3/0	2/21/1				
Brian Gamble	0/0/0	--	1/7/0	1/-3/0	2/14/0	1/1/0	0/0/0	--				
Eddie McGee	8/23/1	2/12/0	2/8/0	--	2/58/0	3/11/1	6/19/0	3/12/0				
Rashard Mendenhall	11/33/2	23/139/1	16/150/3	27/214/1	18/76/1	19/160/2	15/67/0	18/85/0				
Troy Pollard	--	4/26/0	13/92/0	6/30/0	--	--	--	--				
Russ Weil	--	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/18/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/2/0				
Isiah Williams	6/11/0	9/16/1	12/90/1	11/32/0	7/37/0	14/92/0	10/41/0	7/17/0				

RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME (rec./yds/td)

PLAYER	MIZZOU	WIU	SU	IND	PSU	WIS	IOWA	MICH	BSU	MINN	OSU	NU
Arrelious Benn	5/74/0	4/52/0	4/26/0	5/50/0	6/84/1	5/51/0	4/87/0	5/35/0				
Jeff Cumberland	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/22/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0				
Brian Gamble	4/48/0	--	3/20/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	--				
Michael Hoomanawanui	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/27/0	1/2/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/12/0	--				
Kyle Hudson	4/66/1	2/21/0	0/0/0	1/2/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/6/0	1/6/0				
Will Judson	1/-1/0	2/13/0	1/2/0	2/16/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0				
Rashard Mendenhall	3/59/0	1/16/0	3/20/0	3/18/0	4/27/0	4/33/1	3/27/0	4/26/0				
Joe Morgan	2/23/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0				
Troy Pollard	--	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/10/0	--	--	--	--				
Dajuan Warren	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/4/0	0/0/0	1/9/0				
Russ Weil	--	0/0/0	1/3/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/31/0	0/0/0	0/0/0				
Jacob Willis	4/47/0	1/20/0	1/10/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	1/2/0	2/9/0	3/40/1				

PASSING GAME-BY-GAME (comp./yds/int/td)

ISIAH WILLIAMS	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	INT	TD
MISSOURI	6	9	59	0	0
WESTERN ILLINOIS	12	24	123	1	0
SYRACUSE	13	18	97	0	1
INDIANA	13	28	98	2	2
PENN STATE	11	24	120	2	1
WISCONSIN	12	19	121	0	1
IOWA	9	15	98	0	0
MICHIGAN	8	14	70	1	1

EDDIE MCGEE	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	INT	TD
MISSOURI	17	31	257	2	1
WESTERN ILLINOIS	0	1	0	0	0
SYRACUSE	2	2	33	0	0
PENN STATE	0	3	0	0	0
IOWA	3	5	52	1	0
MICHIGAN	6	12	46	0	0

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

MISSOURI40
ILLINOIS34

SEPT. 1, 2007

EDWARD JONES DOME // ST. LOUIS, MO. // 62,352

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Missouri	7	16	14	3	40
Illinois	6	0	21	7	34

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: V. Davis 2 yd. blocked punt return (Reda kick blocked), 8:38
MU: Coffman 1 yd. pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 5:24 (9-80, 3:14)

Second Quarter

MU: Brown 100 yd. fumble return (rush failed), 4:55
MU: Franklin 2 yd. pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 0:20 (12-69, 2:50)
MU: Wolfert 27 yard field goal, 0:00 (2-5, 0:13)

Third Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 25 yd. run (Reda kick), 12:31 (9-79, 2:29)
MU: Maclin 25 yd. pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 10:03 (7-80, 2:28)
MU: Maclin 66 yard punt return (Wolfert kick), 6:11
ILL: McGee 16 yard run (Reda kick), 4:08 (7-72, 2:03)
ILL: Hudson 41 yd. pass from McGee (Reda), 2:47 (1-41, 0:07)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 4 yard run (Reda kick), 13:48 (2-4, 0:10)
MU: Wolfert 32 yard field goal, 8:32 (9-46, 1:49)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MU
First Downs	23	25
Rushes-Yards	34-119	33-70
Passing Yards	316	359
Comp-Att-Int	23-40-2	37-54-0
Total Yards	435	429
Punts-Avg	7-37.9	7-27.7
Kickoff Returns	7-128	4-81
Penalties-Yards	7-55	10-55
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	4-2
Sacks	2-26	3-27
Third-down Conv.	5-14	8-19
Time of Possession	30:37	29:23

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Dufrene 6-58; R. Mendenhall 11-33-2; McGee 8-23-1; I. Williams 6-11; Benn 3-(-6). MU - Temple 17-33; Maclin 1-29; Rucker 2-11; Coffman 1-8; Alexander 1-(-5); Daniel 11-(-6).
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - McGee 17-31-2-1-257; I. Williams 6-9-0-0-59. MU - Daniel 37-54-2-3-359.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 5-74; Hudson 4-66-1; Gamble 4-48; Willis 4-47; R. Mendenhall 3-59; Morgan 2-23; Judson 1-(-1). MU - Rucker 10-86; Alexander 9-82; Coffman 7-42-1; Saunders 4-54; Franklin 4-46-1; Maclin 2-43-1; Perry 1-6.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 20, 1.5-2; Harrison 11; V. Davis 10, 1.0-1; Mitchell 8; Miller 6, 1.0-1; Sanders 5, 1.0-16; Steele 5, 0.5-1. MU - Weatherspoon 11, 2.0-10; Moore 8, 2.0-7; Christopher 7, 1.0-3; Ricks 6, 1.0-10; C. Brown 5, 1.0-1; Hood 5, 1.5-11; Sulak 5, 1.5-14.

GAME NOTES

- **Vontae Davis'** blocked punt and return for TD in the first quarter was the first by an Illini player since Shariff Abdullah returned a punt that was blocked by Kevin Mitchell at Michigan State on Oct. 9, 2004.
- **J Leman's** 20 tackles mark the second-straight time he recorded 20 or more tackles and the 11th time in his last 12 games that he recorded double-digit stops.
- Freshman wide receiver **Arrelious Benn** became the first rookie receiver to start for the Illini since Lonnie Hurst in 2003, finishing with five catches for 74 yards.
- **Eddie McGee** entered the game in the second quarter, taking over for an injured **Justice Williams**. He finished the day 17-for-31 for 257 yards, one TD and two INTs. It was the first 250-yard game by an Illini QB since Tim Brasic threw for 277 yards against Wis. on Oct. 29, 2005, and first ever by an Illini redshirt-freshman.
- **McGee** hooked up with wide receiver **Kyle Hudson** on a 41-yard TD strike in the third quarter for his first career TD pass.
- **V. Davis** recorded a career-high 10 tackles, surpassing the nine stops he recorded against Indiana on Oct. 7, 2006.
- In addition to Benn, four other true-freshmen saw action as **Brian Gamble**, **Martez Wilson**, **Nate Bussey** and **Bo Flowers** all saw playing time as Illini.
- The following Illini also saw their first game action in the Orange and Blue: junior **Will Judson**; sophomore **Daniel Dufrene**; redshirt-freshmen **Jerry Brown**, **Garrett Edwards**, **Eddie McGee** and **Anthony Santella**.

GAME 2

WESTERN ILLINOIS0
ILLINOIS21

SEPT. 8, 2007

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPIAGN, ILL. // 48,301

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Western Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	7	7	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

ILL: Dufrene 32 yard run (Reda kick), 9:14 (1-32, 0:11)

Third Quarter

ILL: I. Williams 9 yard run (Reda kick), 9:37 (9-71, 3:16)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 16 yard run (Reda kick), 11:04 (5-64, 1:43)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WIU	ILL
First Downs	4	21
Rushes-Yards	34-81	52-277
Passing Yards	71	123
Comp-Att-Int	11-21-1	12-26-1
Total Yards	152	400
Punts-Avg	11-39.2	9-33.8
Kickoff Returns	4-87	1-12
Penalties-Yards	4-19	7-65
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Sacks	2-18	0-0
Third-down Conv.	3-17	6-17
Time of Possession	29:22	30:38

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 23-139-1; Dufrene 9-51-1; Benn 3-38; Pollard 4-26; I. Williams 9-16-1; McGee 2-12. WIU - Donaldson 27-59; Barr 5-16; Douglas 2-6.

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 12-24-1-0-123; McGee 0-1-0-0-0; J. Willis 0-1-0-0-0. WIU - 11-21-1-0-71.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 4-52; Hudson 2-21; Judson 2-13; Dufrene 2-1; Willis 1-20; R. Mendenhall 1-16. WIU - Sims 5-53; Speight 3-2; Anderson 2-7; 1-9.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 11, 1.5-3; Mitchell 9, 1.0-2; Wilson 5, V. Davis 5, 0.5-1; Steele 5, Walker 4, Brent 3, 1.5-5; Carson 3, 0.5-1. WIU - J. Williams 8, 2.0-7; McEachern 7; Bennett 6; Stoudam 6; Galloway 6, 1.0-10; Hodges 5, 1.0-4; Kreczme 5, 1.0-2; Royal 4, Tompo 4.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois is now 80-33-5 all-time in home openers and has won its last 10 home openers.
- Sophomore running back **Daniel Dufrene** scored his first career TD on a career-long 32-yard run in the second quarter. It was his second 30-yard run in two games.
- Cornerback **Dere Hicks** recorded his first career interception and the first of the season for the Illini.
- With 139 yards, **Rashard Mendenhall** reached the 1,000-career yard mark, the 33rd player in Illinois history to reach that milestone. Mendenhall also logged the most carries in his career as he rushed 23 times, and also recorded his third career 100-yard game.
- **Isiah "Juice" Williams** scored his first rushing touchdown of the year at the 9:37 mark of the third quarter.
- With the 21-0 victory, Illinois recorded its first shutout in seven years, since blanking Iowa 31-0 on Oct. 14, 2000.
- The Illinois offense rushed for 277 yards, its first 200-yard game of the year. The Illini posted seven 200-yard games last season.
- The Illinois defense did not allow a first down in 12-of-15 Western Illinois drives. For the game, Western Illinois managed only four first downs, including just one in the second half.
- Western Illinois ended the game with just 152 total yards. It marked the fewest yards allowed by the UI defense in the Ron Zook era. The previous low was 184 yards by Penn State last season (10/21/06).
- Western also managed just 71 yards passing, also a low by the Illini pass defense under Zook. The previous low was 108 yards by Ohio State last season (11/4/06). It marked the first time an Illini opponent threw for less than 100 yards in three years, since Wisconsin had 99 yards passing on Oct. 2, 2004.
- With a game-high 11 tackles, senior linebacker **J Leman** posted his sixth straight double-digit tackle performance and the 12th in his last 13 games.
- Three more true-freshmen saw their first action of the season to bring the total number to eight: DT **Josh Brent**, DB **Marcus "Miami" Thomas** and RB **Troy Pollard**.

GAME 3

ILLINOIS41
SYRACUSE20

SEPT. 15, 2007

CARRIER DOME // SYRACUSE, N.Y. // 34,188

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	3	17	7	41
Syracuse	0	0	10	10	20

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Cumberland 22 yd. pass from I. Williams (Reda kick), 12:56 (6-70, 2:04)
ILL: R. Mendenhall 2 yard run (Reda kick), 3:27 (9-45, 4:35)

Second Quarter

ILL: Reda 32 yard field goal, 0:49 (9-73, 1:45)

Third Quarter

SU: Shadle 44 yard field goal, 14:11 (4-2, 0:49)
ILL: Reda 50 yard field goal, 9:52 (10-42, 4:19)
SU: Sellers 2 yard run (Shadle kick), 8:37 (3-75, 1:15)
ILL: I. Williams 10 yard run (Reda kick), 5:06 (9-80, 3:31)
ILL: R. Mendenhall 50 yard run (Reda kick), 1:37 (4-76, 2:19)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 1 yard run (Reda kick), 10:20 (9-67, 4:40)
SU: Shadle 42 yard field goal, 4:28 (13-50, 5:52)
SU: Nesheiwat 8 yard pass from Dantley, 1:01 (6-23, 3:27)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	SU
First Downs	26	14
Rushes-Yards	51-378	34-63
Passing Yards	130	223
Comp-Att-Int	15-20-0	19-29-0
Total Yards	508	286
Punts-Avg	3-33.3	6-43.8
Kickoff Returns	3-45	7-137
Penalties-Yards	6-46	5-55
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Sacks	5-27	0-0
Third-down Conv.	5-11	5-16
Time of Possession	30:47	29:13

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 16-150-3; Pollard 13-92; I. Williams 12-90-1; Benn 4-28; McGee 2-8; Gamble 1-7; Dufrene 2-6. SU - Brinkley 8-54; Sellers 4-15-1; Hogue 3-13; Chiara 1-1; Robinson 8-(-20).

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 13-18-0-1-97; McGee 2-2-0-0-33. SU - Robinson 17-26-0-0-208; Dantley 2-3-0-1-15.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 4-26; Gamble 3-20; R. Mendenhall 3-20; Hoomanawanu 1-27; Cumberland 1-22-1; Willis 1-10; Weil 1-3; Judson 1-2. SU - Brinkley 4-89; Fiammetta 4-18; Williams 2-33; Merkeron 2-22; Nesheiwat 2-14-1; Sellers 1-27; Chiara 1-6; Moss 1-5; Sheeran 1-5; Smith 1-4.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 8, 1.5-9; Steele 8, 0.5-1; Miller 7, 2.0-5; Harrison 5; Hicks 4; Sanders 4; Mitchell 4; V. Davis 4, 0.5-1; Rouse 3; W. Davis 3, 1.5-7; Thomas 3; Norwell 3; Ware 3, 1.0-9. SU - Fields 10; Brown 7, 1.0-2; Williams 7; McClain 7; Flaherty 7; Holmes 6; Giruzzi 6; Chestnut 4; Jones 4, 2.0-10.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois racked-up 508 total yards, the most since it had 519 in the 2006 season opener vs. Eastern Illinois, and had 378 rushing yards, a total that nearly cracked the top-10 on the all-time UI rushing list (387 is 10th).
- **Juice Williams** threw his first TD pass of the season to TE **Jeff Cumberland** and was 4-for-4 for 41 yards on the opening drive. Williams completed 13-of-18 passes for a 72-percent completion percentage, the best in his UI career.
- **Rashard Mendenhall** ran for season-high 150 yards and scored a career-high three TDs to give him six on the season. It was the second straight game in which Mendenhall eclipsed the 100-yard barrier and marked the sixth consecutive game in which he has scored at least one TD dating back to last season.
- Illinois had three rushers with at least 90 yards. Mendenhall's 150 yards on 16 carries (9.4 ypc) led the way, followed by **Troy Pollard** with 92 yards on 13 carries (7.1 ypc) and **Juice Williams** with 90 yards on 12 carries (7.5 ypc).
- In the first quarter, the Illini defense limited Syracuse to 0 first downs, 0 yards passing and just three total yards, while the offense racked up 139 yards of its own to build a 14-0 lead.
- Until Syracuse's field goal at the 14:11 mark of the third quarter, Illinois had held its opponent scoreless for a streak of 99:21, dating back to the 8:32 mark in the fourth quarter of the Missouri game.
- **Jason Reda** connected on his first two field goal attempts of the season, a 32-yarder in the second quarter and a 50-yarder in the third. Reda moved past Red Grange into eighth on the all-time UI scoring list with 193 career points.
- **J Leman** again led the Illini defense with eight tackles, including 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 4

ILLINOIS27
INDIANA14

SEPT. 22, 2007

MEMORIAL STADIUM // BLOOMINGTON, IND. // 34,077

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	14	0	7	27
Indiana	0	7	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Reda 45 yard field goal, 10:20 (9-39, 3:02)
ILL: Reda 38 yard field goal, 4:28 (11-44, 3:14)

Second Quarter

ILL: Hoomanawanui 2 yd. pass from I. Williams (Reda kick), 10:25 (12-80, 4:27)
IND: Hardy 7 yd. pass from Lewis (Starr kick), 2:04 (10-78, 3:06)
ILL: R. Mendenhall 15 yd. pass from I. Williams (Reda kick), 0:44 (8-68, 1:14)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 5 yard run (Reda kick), 12:45 (5-27, 1:25)
IND: Bailey 30 yd. pass from Lewis (Starr kick), 7:58 (5-42, 1:32)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	IND
First Downs	23	26
Rushes-Yards	55-288	35-134
Passing Yards	263	98
Comp-Att-Int	13-28-2	26-52-1
Total Yards	386	397
Punts-Avg	6-41.0	7-36.9
Kickoff Returns	2-43	5-78
Penalties-Yards	3-29	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-3
Sacks	7-52	1-5
Third-down Conv.	5-16	5-15
Time of Possession	31:48	28:12

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 27-214-1; I. Williams 11-32; Pollard 6-30; Benn 4-22; Dufrene 3(-2); Gamble 1(-3); Team 3(-5). IND - Payton 5-40; Lewis 17-35; Thigpen 8-20; Fisher 1-16; Sears 2-15; Means 1-5; McCray 1-3.

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 13-28-2-2-98; IND - Lewis 26-51-1-2-263; Team 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 5-50; R. Mendenhall 3-18-1; Judson 2-16; Pollard 1-10; Hoomanawanui 1-2-1; Hudson 1-2-IND - Means 7-83; Hardy 6-42-1; Thigpen 3-20; Fisher 3-14; Bailey 2-39-1; Sears 2-32; Walker-Roby 2-29; Payton 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 10; V. Davis 9; W. Davis 7, 5.0-22; Harrison 7; Hicks 6; Steele 6; Mitchell 5; Sanders 5, 1.0-8; Walker 3, 1.0-1; Rouse 3. IND - Johnson 8; Patterson 8, 2.0-5; Thomas 8; Majors 7, 1.0-2; Porter 7, 1.0-3; Polk 6; McClurg 6, 1.0-5; Middleton 5; Kirlew 4, 1.0-4; Mack 3.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' 27-14 win marks its first victory in a Big Ten opener since 1993 and its first win in Bloomington since 2001. The Illini also improve to 3-1 for the first time since 2001.
- Illinois rushed for 288 yards on 55 carries (5.2 ypc), the third-straight game the Illini surpassed the 200-yard mark.
- Illinois recovered three fumbles and intercepted a pass, more than doubling its turnovers forced this season.
- The Orange and Blue defense held the Hoosiers to 134 yards rushing, the first time IU has been held under 200 yards rushing this season. In particular, the Illini bottled up Hoosier quarterback Kellen Lewis, who managed just 35 yards on 17 attempts, marking his worst rushing day this season.
- With his career-high 214 yards rushing today, Doak Walker candidate Rashard Mendenhall ran for over 100 yards for the third-straight game. It was the first time an Illini running back had rushed for more than 200 yards since Rocky Harvey ran for 215 against Middle Tennessee State on Sept. 12, 1998.
- Mendenhall moved up six spots on the Illinois career rushing yardage list to 21st all-time. He also had seven plays of 10-or-more yards and averaged an eye-popping 7.9 yards per carry. He scored two TDs - one rushing and one receiving - marking the seventh-straight game he has reached the end zone.
- Will Davis racked up a career-high four sacks for 18 yards. That total ties him for second on the single-game QB sacks record list, equalling Mike Poloskey's sack total against East Carolina on Aug. 31, 1991.
- Vontae Davis had nine tackles - including seven solos - including a pass in the end zone, blocking a punt, and breaking up a pass.
- With two field goals, Jason Reda moved into a tie for fourth on the career field goals list with Doug Higgins at 39 FGs. Reda's nine points give him 202 career points scored, advancing him to fifth place on that record list.
- Tight end Michael Hoomanawanui caught his first career touchdown pass, a two-yarder from Juice Williams in the second quarter.

GAME 5

#21/19 PENN STATE20
ILLINOIS27

SEPT. 29, 2007

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 57,078

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Penn State	10	7	3	0	20
Illinois	14	7	3	3	27

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

PSU: Kelly 26 yard field goal, 9:33 (11-73, 5:27)
ILL: Benn 90 yard kickoff return (Reda kick), 9:20
ILL: R. Mendenhall 2 yard run (Reda kick), 2:03 (13-69, 5:44)
PSU: D. Williams 24 yard pass from Morelli (Kelly kick), 0:42 (3-73, 1:21)

Second Quarter

ILL: Benn 29 yard pass from I. Williams (Reda kic), 10:34 (2-39, 0:34)
PSU: Scott 7 yard run (Kelly kick), 8:54 (4-63, 1:40)

Third Quarter

ILL: Reda 47 yard field goal, 12:38 (7-40, 2:22)
PSU: Kelly 20 yard field goal, 6:09 (8-37, 4:14)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Reda 33 yard field goal, 7:00 (9-66, 2:54)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PSU	ILL
First Downs	18	17
Rushes-Yards	36-129	38-216
Passing Yards	298	120
Comp-Att-Int	21-38-3	11-27-2
Total Yards	427	336
Punts-Avg	4-48.2	6-33.3
Kickoff Returns	5-67	3-133-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	4-43
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Sacks	0-0	4-20
Third-down Conv.	5-17	6-15
Time of Possession	33:27	26:33

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 18-76-1; McGee 2-58; I. Williams 7-37; Weil 2-18; Gamble 2-14; Benn 5-9; Dufrene 1-6; Team 1(-2). PSU - Kinlaw 16-66; Scott 12-52-1; D. Williams 2-20; Morelli 6(-9).

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 11-24-2-1-120; McGee 0-3-0-0-0. PSU - Morelli 21-38-3-1-298.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 6-84-1; R. Mendenhall 4-27; Willis 1-9. PSU - D. Williams 5-79-1; Butler 4-48; Norwood 3-89; Hahn 3-4; Quarless 2-25; Kinlaw 2-6; Bell 1-37; Golden 1-10.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 10, 0.5-3; Sanders 8, 1.0-5; Mitchell 8; Hicks 7, 1.5-4; Miller 7, 0.5-3; W. Davis 6, 1.0-2; Steele 6, 1.5-3; Harrison 4; Lindquist 4, 0.5-0. PSU - Lee 17, 0.5-1; Connor 11, 1.0-1; Sargeant 7; Baker 6, 0.5-1; Scirrotto 5; Sales 5, 0.5-1; Evans 3, 1.0-2; King 3.

GAME NOTES

- This was Illinois' first victory over a Top 25 opponent since winning at No. 25 Ohio State on Nov. 17, 2001. It was also the Illini's first win over a ranked opponent at Memorial Stadium since defeating No. 25 Louisville on Sept. 22, 2001.
- The win was also Illinois' first over a ranked Big Ten opponent at Memorial Stadium since defeating No. 11 Ohio State on Oct. 12, 1991.
- This was Illinois' first win in a conference home opener since defeating Minnesota in 2001 and was Illinois' first victory over Penn State since Nov. 10, 2001.
- Illinois moves to 2-0 in the Big Ten for the first time since 1991.
- Illinois had 216 yards rushing, its fourth straight 200-yard rushing game. Illinois entered the game ranked fifth in the nation in rushing (255.6 ypg.)
- Arreluius Benn returned Illinois' first kickoff of the game 90 yards for a TD, the first for an Illini player since Pierre Thomas' 99-yard TD return against Western Michigan on Sept. 18, 2004.
- Benn set a career-high in receiving yards (84) and in catches (6). He also scored the first offensive TD of his career on a 29-yard pass from Juice Williams.
- Mendenhall broke into Illinois' career all-time rushing top-20 with 76 yards. For his career he has rushed for 1,470 yards which ranks 20th.
- Three times the Illini stopped Penn State inside the 30 yard line. J. Leman's TD-saving interception to end the third quarter was the first of his career ... Vontae Davis picked up his second INT in two weeks with a pick in the fourth quarter ... Justin Harrison forced a fumble by Anthony Morelli at the 10 late in the fourth, resulting in a change of possession on downs.
- Jason Reda had two field goals, giving him 41 for his career to move into a tie for third on the Illinois career field goals list.
- The sellout crowd was the first at Memorial Stadium since Sept. 28, 2002 vs. Michigan.

GAME 6

#5/5 WISCONSIN26
ILLINOIS31

OCTOBER 6, 2007

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 57,078

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Wisconsin	0	6	13	7	26
Illinois	7	10	7	7	31

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: R. Mendenhall 32 yard run (Reda kick), 7:19 (6-80, 1:31)

Second Quarter

ILL: Reda 50 yard field goal, 10:50 (10-42, 3:56)
ILL: R. Mendenhall 5 yd. pass from I. Williams (Reda kick), 7:04 (7-75, 1:59)
WIS: Mehlfaff 38 yard field goal, 3:52 (7-57, 3:12)
WIS: Mehlfaff 26 yard field goal, 0:05 (10-43, 2:37)

Third Quarter

WIS: Jefferson 43 yd. pass from Donovan (Mehlfaff kick), 10:08 (10-81, 4:52)
ILL: R. Mendenhall 5 yard run (Reda kick), 6:16 (9-79, 3:52)
WIS: Hill 1 yard run (rush failed), 1:30 (9-78, 4:46)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: McGee 5 yard run (Reda kick), 5:28 (9-71, 4:35)
WIS: Graham 9 yd. pass from Donovan (Mehlfaff kick), 1:31 (12-82, 3:57)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WIS	ILL
First Downs	28	18
Rushes-Yards	31-127	44-289
Passing Yards	392	121
Comp-Att-Int	27-49-2	12-19-0
Total Yards	519	410
Punts-Avg	3-33.7	5-34.2
Kickoff Returns	6-98	4-74
Penalties-Yards	6-45	3-35
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Sacks	1-6	2-5
Third-down Conv.	6-14	8-15
Time of Possession	34:02	25:58

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 19-160-2; I. Williams 14-92; Dufrene 3-24; McGee 3-11; Benn 2-5; Gamble 1-1. WIS - Hill 21-83-1; Donovan 6-27; Brown 4-17.

PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 12-19-0-1-121. WIS - Donovan 27-49-2-2-392.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 5-51; R. Mendenhall 4-33-1; Weil 1-31; Warren 1-4; Willis 1-2. WIS - Beckum 11-160; Graham 5-68-1; Swan 4-67; Jefferson 3-65-1; Hill 3-22; Gilreath 1-10.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Leman 12; Harrison 9; Steele 7; V. Davis 6; Hicks 6; Mitchell 5; Lindquist 5; Miller 4. WIS - Casillas 10; Carter 7; Shaughnessy 6, 2.0-3; Pleasant 6; Levy 5, 1.0-1; St. Jean 5, 0.5-1.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois' victory ended Wisconsin's 14-game winning streak, which was the longest in the nation entering the day.
- The win was Illinois' first over a Top-5 team since winning at No. 5 USC, 14-13, on Sept. 4, 1989.
- It marks the first time that Illinois has defeated ranked opponents in consecutive games since the final two games of the 1959 season.
- Illinois improves to 5-1 for the first time since 2001, and 3-0 in Big Ten play for the first time since 1990.
- Rashard Mendenhall reached the 100-yard rushing mark on the team's first offensive possession of the second quarter. Mendenhall scored his ninth and 10th rushing touchdowns of the season, which ties him for sixth on the school's single-season rushing touchdown list.
- With 160 yards vs. Wisconsin, Mendenhall improved to 16th on the Illinois all-time rushing list with 1,630 yards for his career.
- With seven points, kicker Jason Reda improved to fourth on the school's all-time scoring list with 218 career points. He also nailed his 42nd career field goal with a 50-yarder in the second quarter, moving him into sole possession of third on the IU career field goals list with 42.
- With his 12 tackles, J. Leman moved into the 10th place on Illinois' all-time tackles list with 346 career tackles.
- True-freshman defensive tackle Josh Brent recorded his first career half sack, and true-freshman Martez Wilson also recorded his first career sack.
- Vontae Davis intercepted his third pass of the season in the fourth quarter. It was the third straight game in which Davis has had a pick.
- With 57,078 on hand at Memorial Stadium, it was second-straight sellout for the Illini this season. Illinois has also sold out the Michigan contest on Oct. 20. The last time an Illinois team sold out three games in a season was 1986.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 7

#19/18 ILLINOIS6
IOWA10

OCT. 13, 2007

KINNICK STADIUM // IOWA CITY, IOWA // 70,585

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	3	0	3	0	6
Indiana	0	3	7	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Reda 46 yard field goal, 4:42 (10-39, 3:58)

Second Quarter

IOWA: Murray 28 yard field goal, 0:26 (10-57, 2:59)

Third Quarter

ILL: Reda 24 yard field goal, 8:59 (12-74, 6:01)

IOWA: Myers 20 yd. pass from Christensen (Murray kick), 0:06 (9-46, 4:33)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	IOWA
First Downs	15	21
Rushes-Yards	35-137	47-141
Passing Yards	150	182
Comp-Att-Int	12-20-1	17-25-0
Total Yards	287	323
Punts-Avg	4-38.5	3-32.0
Kickoff Returns	1-3	3-41
Penalties-Yards	4-45	6-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Sacks	2-21	1-2
Third-down Conv.	5-11	10-17
Time of Possession	25:34	34:26

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 15-67; I. Williams 10-41; McGee 6-19; Benn 2-13; Dufrene 2-(4-3). IOWA - Young 25-99; Simms 11-45; Christensen 9-2.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 9-15-0-0-98; McGee 3-5-1-0-52. IOWA - Christensen 17-25-0-1-182.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 4-87; R. Mendenhall 3-27; Willis 2-9; Hoomanawanui 1-12; Gamble 1-9; Hudson 1-6; IOWA - Young 4-25; Chaney, Jr. 3-47; Myers 3-38-1; Johnson-Koulianos 2-27; Cleveland 2-20; Stross 2-19; Reisner 1-6.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Miller 11, 1.0-3; Leman 10; Steele 9, 1.0-1; Harrison 8; V. Davis 8; Mitchell 7; Lindquist 6, 0.5-0; Norwell 5, 0.5-1; Hicks 4; Walker 4, 0.5-5. IOWA - Humpal 18, 2.5-5; Shada 10, 0.5-0; Dalton 8; Edds 8, 0.5-1; Greenwood 7; Kroul 6; Godfrey 6.

GAME NOTES

- The game marked the third time this season the Illini defense gave up two or fewer touchdowns, also allowing 14 points at Indiana on Sept. 22 and shutting out Western Illinois on Sept. 8.
- Jason Reda was 2-for-2 on field goals, including a 46-yarder in the first quarter. He is now 9-for-9 on FGs this season, including 5-for-5 from 40 yards or more.
- Butkus Award candidate J Leman continued his defensive dominance, notching 10 tackles against the Hawkeyes. Leman now has reached double figures in tackles in six of seven games this season.
- Wide receiver Arrelious Benn's 87 receiving yards were a new career high, surpassing his 84 receiving yards against Penn State on Sept. 29. His 33-yard catch in the fourth quarter also marked a new career-long grab, besting the 29-yard reception he had against Penn State.
- Illinois' two fourth-down stops of Iowa in the first quarter marked the seventh and eighth times this season the Illini have stopped an opponent on fourth down. It is the third time in 2007 that Illinois has thwarted two fourth-down tries in a single game, also stopping Indiana and Western Illinois twice each on fourth downs.
- The Illini's first drive of the third quarter that led to a field goal was the longest of the year in terms of time, chewing up 6:01 of the clock. The previous longest drive came against Penn State and lasted 5:44.
- With his 41 yards rushing today, Juice Williams moved into third place on the record list for single-season rushing yards by a QB. His 319 yards on the ground this year are 111 behind Tim Brasic's total of 420 from 2005 for second place.
- Linebackers Brit Miller and Antonio Steele each recorded season-highs in tackles today, with 11 and nine, respectively. Miller's 11 stops were one shy of tying his career high of 12, which came against Northwestern in 2005. Defensive tackle David Lindquist tied his career high with six tackles, equaling his total against Purdue in 2006.
- Doak Walker Award candidate Rashard Mendenhall's 67 yards give him 1,697 career yards and move him up to 15th on the all-time rushing list, surpassing J.C. Caroline's 1,696 career yards.

GAME 8

#24 MICHIGAN27
ILLINOIS17

OCT. 20, 2007

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 57,078

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan	3	14	0	10	27
Illinois	7	7	3	0	17

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Willis 26 yd. pass from I. Williams (Reda kick), 14:04 (2-33, 0:56)

MICH: lopata 25 yard field goal, 1:21 (10-44, 4:05)

Second Quarter

ILL: Dufrene 8 yard run (Reda kick), 9:58 (13-90, 6:23)

MICH: Manningham 8 yd. pass from Henne (lopata kick), 8:01 (6-80, 1:57)

MICH: Arrington 14 yd. pass from Henne (lopata kick), 0:45 (14-81, 5:05)

Third Quarter

ILL: Reda 38 yard field goal, 3:47 (9-50, 3:44)

Fourth Quarter

MICH: Manningham 11 yd. pass from Arrington (lopata kick), 8:12 (2-13, 0:46)

MICH: lopata 39 yard field goal (6-25, 2:45)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	MICH	ILL
First Downs	23	15
Rushes-Yards	46-115	31-137
Passing Yards	228	116
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-2	14-26-1
Total Yards	343	253
Punts-Avg	4-44.0	5-36.8
Kickoff Returns	4-52	4-86
Penalties-Yards	4-35	10-107
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Sacks	1-12	4-33
Third-down Conv.	6-16	4-12
Time of Possession	34:49	25:11

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - R. Mendenhall 18-85; Dufrene 2-21-1; I. Williams 7-17; McGee 3-12; Weil 1-2. MICH - Brown 25-113; Minor 9-18; Mallett 4-13; Manningham 1-4; Henne 5-(-29).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - I. Williams 8-14-1-1-70; McGee 6-12-0-0-46. MICH - Henne 18-26-1-2-201; Mallett 2-6-1-0-16; Arrington 1-1-0-1-11.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 5-35; R. Mendenhall 4-26; Willis 3-40-1; Warren 1-9; Hudson 1-6. MICH - Manningham 9-109-2; Butler 5-38; Arrington 3-58-1; Mathews 3-28; Minor 1-(-5).

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Steele 12, 1.5-4; Harrison 9; Leman 8; Miller 8; Sanders 6; Lindquist 6, 2.5-16; Hicks 5; Norwell 5, 1.5-10; W. Davis 4, 0.5-1; Mitchell 4; V. Davis 3; Pilcher 3, 1.0-10. MICH - Englemom 11; Adams 7; Crable 6, 1.5-3; Graham 6, 2.5-13; Trent 5; Taylor 5; Warren 4; Ezech 4.

GAME NOTES

- Rashard Mendenhall rushed for 85 yards tonight vs. Michigan to move to 14th on the school's all-time rushing list with 1,782 career yards.
- Antonio Steele had a game-high 12 tackles, which also tied his career high first set last season at Rutgers.
- Kevin Mitchell recorded his third interception of the season with his pick in the first quarter. He is now tied with Vontae Davis for the team lead on the year.
- Illinois' 13-play, 90-yard, 6:23 minute drive capped by Daniel Dufrene's 8-yard TD run in the second quarter marked the Illini's longest drive of the year in all three categories.
- The 8-yard TD run by Dufrene was his first career touchdown.
- Justin Sanders recorded his first interception of the season in the third quarter. It was the second of his career.
- David Lindquist set a career best with two sacks tonight. He now has 3.5 sacks this season and 5.5 for his career.
- Jacob Willis' 26-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was his longest catch of the year and his first TD catch this season.
- Tonight's sellout crowd of 57,078 marked the third consecutive sellout this season at Memorial Stadium and the first time with at least three sellouts in a season since 1986 when Illinois sold out six games.

TEAM STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP
SCORING.....	204	157
Points Per Game.....	25.5	19.6
FIRST DOWNS.....	158	159
Rushing.....	91	52
Passing.....	57	93
Penalty.....	10	14
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1841	860
Yards gained rushing.....	2033	1150
Yards lost rushing.....	192	290
Rushing Attempts.....	340	296
Average Per Rush.....	5.4	2.9
Average Per Game.....	230.1	107.5
TDs Rushing.....	16	3
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1174	2016
Att-Comp-Int.....	206-112-9	301-179-9
Average Per Pass.....	5.7	6.7
Average Per Catch.....	10.5	11.3
Average Per Game.....	146.8	252.0
TDs Passing.....	7	13
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3015	2876
Total Plays.....	546	597
Average Per Play.....	5.5	4.8
Average Per Game.....	376.9	359.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	25-524	38-641
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	19-159	12-118
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	9-0	9-68
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	21.0	16.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.4	9.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	0.0	7.6
FUMBLES-LOST.....	16-7	16-8
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	44-425	43-309
Average Per Game.....	53.1	38.6
PUNTS-YARDS.....	45-1624	45-1712
Average Per Punt.....	36.1	38.0
Net punt average.....	31.7	33.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	28:15	31:37
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	44/111	48/131
3rd-Down Pct.....	40%	37%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	3/4	8/16
4th-Down Pct.....	75%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	26-184	9-70
MISC YARDS.....	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	25	18
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	10-11	11-15
ON-SIDE KICKS.....	0-0	1-2
RED-ZONE SCORES.....	18-22 82%	20-26 77%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS.....	15-22 68%	12-26 46%
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	24-25 96%	16-16 100%
ATTENDANCE.....	219535	139480
Games/Avg Per Game.....	4/54884	3/46493
Neutral Site Games.....		1/62352

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Illinois.....	57	48	61	38	204
Opponents.....	20	53	47	37	157

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Mendenhall, R.	8	147	953	29	924	6.3	10	50	115.5
Williams, Isiah	8	76	399	63	336	4.4	2	24	42.0
Dufrene, Daniel	8	28	176	15	161	5.8	2	32	20.1
Pollard, Troy	3	23	157	9	148	6.4	0	31	49.3
McGee, Eddie	7	26	172	29	143	5.5	2	53	20.4
Benn, Arrelious	8	23	134	25	109	4.7	0	23	13.6
Weil, Russ	7	3	20	0	20	6.7	0	12	2.9
Gamble, Brian	6	5	22	3	19	3.8	0	8	3.2
Team	6	9	0	19	-19	-2.1	0	0	-3.2
Total.....	8	340	2033	192	1841	5.4	16	53	230.1
Opponents.....	8	296	1150	290	860	2.9	3	30	107.5

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Williams, Isiah	8	104.52	84-151-6	55.6	786	6	33	98.2
McGee, Eddie	7	107.21	28-54-3	51.9	388	1	42	55.4
Willis, Jacob	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	8	104.72	112-206-9	54.4	1174	7	42	146.8
Opponents.....	8	124.00	179-301-9	59.5	2016	13	62	252.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Benn, Arrelious	8	38	459	12.1	1	33	57.4
Mendenhall, R.	8	25	226	9.0	2	42	28.2
Willis, Jacob	8	13	137	10.5	1	26	17.1
Hudson, Kyle	8	9	101	11.2	1	41	12.6
Gamble, Brian	6	8	77	9.6	0	22	12.8
Judson, Will	8	6	30	5.0	0	9	3.8
Hoomanawanui, M	7	3	41	13.7	1	27	5.9
Weil, Russ	7	2	34	17.0	0	31	4.9
Morgan, Joe	8	2	23	11.5	0	15	2.9
Warren, DaJuan	7	2	13	6.5	0	9	1.9
Dufrene, Daniel	8	2	1	0.5	0	5	0.1
Cumberland, J.	8	1	22	22.0	1	22	2.8
Pollard, Troy	3	1	10	10.0	0	10	3.3
Total.....	8	112	1174	10.5	7	42	146.8
Opponents.....	8	179	2016	11.3	13	62	252.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hudson, Kyle	17	128	7.5	0	34
Davis, Vontae	2	31	15.5	1	2
Total.....	19	159	8.4	1	34
Opponents.....	12	118	9.8	1	66

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Davis, Vontae	3	0	0.0	0	0
Mitchell, Kevin	3	0	0.0	0	0
Sanders, Justin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hicks, Dere	1	0	0.0	0	0
Leman, J	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	9	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	9	68	7.6	0	22

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Willis, Jacob	9	155	17.2	0	32
Duvalt, Chris	4	70	17.5	0	23
Benn, Arrelious	3	133	44.3	1	90
Davis, Vontae	3	101	33.7	0	63
Miller, Brit	2	3	1.5	0	3
Mendenhall, W.	1	12	12.0	0	10
Hoomanawanui, M	1	16	16.0	0	16
Pollard, Troy	1	18	18.0	0	18
Weil, Russ	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total.....	25	524	21.0	1	90
Opponents.....	38	641	16.9	0	27

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Walker, Derek	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	1	5	5.0	0	5
Opponents.....	3	105	35.0	1	100

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					Points	
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		Saf
Mendenhall, R.	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
Reda, Jason	0	10-11	24-25	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Dufrene, Daniel	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Benn, Arrelious	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Williams, Isiah	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McGee, Eddie	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Hudson, Kyle	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Cumberland, J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Willis, Jacob	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Hoomanawanui, M	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Davis, Vontae	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	25	10-11	24-25	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	204
Opponents.....	18	11-15	16-16	0-2	0	0-0	0	0	157

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	Distance					Lg	Blk
			01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99		
Reda, Jason	10-11	90.9	0-0	1-1	4-4	3-4	2-2	50	0

FG SEQUENCE	Illinois	OPPONENTS
Missouri	-	(27), (32), 49
Western Illinois	-	38
Syracuse	(32), (50)	(44), (42)
Indiana	(45), (38)	-
Penn State	(47), (33)	(26), 51, (20)
Wisconsin	(50)	38, (38), (26)
Iowa Hawkeyes	(46), (23)	(28)
Michigan	47, (38)	(25), (39)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Williams, Isiah	8	227	336	786	1122	140.2
Mendenhall, R.	8	147	924	0	924	115.5
McGee, Eddie	7	80	143	388	531	75.9
Dufrene, Daniel	8	28	161	0	161	20.1
Pollard, Troy	3	23	148	0	148	49.3
Benn, Arrelious	8	23	109	0	109	13.6
Weil, Russ	7	3	20	0	20	2.9
Gamble, Brian	6	5	19	0	19	3.2
Team	6	9	-19	0	-19	-3.2
Total.....	8	546	1841	1174	3015	376.9
Opponents.....	8	597	860	2016	2876	359.5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Santella, A.	44	1585	36.0	59	4	9	13	0
Yelton, Kyle	1	39	39.0	39	0	0	0	0
Total.....	45	1624	36.1	59	4	9	13	0
Opponents.....	45	1712	38.0	70	3	5	14	2

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Cklamovski, M.	35	2241	64.0	4	0			
Reda, Jason	8	423	52.9	0	0			
Total.....	43	2664	62.0	4	0	641	45.2	24
Opponents.....	34	2039	60.0	7	1	524	40.4	29

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Mendenhall, R.	8	924	226	0	0	0	1150	143.8
Benn, Arrelious	8	109	459	0	133	0	701	87.6
Williams, Isiah	8	336	0	0	0	0	336	42.0
Willis, Jacob	8	0	137	0	155	0	292	36.5
Hudson, Kyle	8	0	101	128	0	0	229	28.6
Pollard, Troy	3	148	10	0	18	0	176	58.7
Dufrene, Daniel	8	161	1	0	0	0	162	20.2
McGee, Eddie	7	143	0	0	0	0	143	20.4
Davis, Vontae	8	0	0	31	101	0	132	16.5
Gamble, Brian	6	19	77	0	0	0	96	16.0
Duvalt, Chris	5	0	0	0	70	0	70	14.0
Weil, Russ	7	20	34	0	16	0	70	10.0
Hoomanawanui, M	7	0	41	0	16	0	57	8.1
Judson, Will	8	0	30	0	0	0	30	3.8
Morgan, Joe	8	0	23	0	0	0	23	2.9
Cumberland, J.	8	0	22	0	0	0	22	2.8
Warren, DaJuan	7	0	13	0	0	0	13	1.9
Mendenhall, W.	7	0	0	0	12	0	12	1.7
Miller, Brit	8	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.4
Team	6	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-3.2
Total.....	8	1841	1174	159	524	0	3698	462.2
Opponents.....	8	860	2016	118	641	68	3703	462.9

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|	Blkd	FF	Kick	Saf
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp						QBH	Rcv-Yds
47 Leman, J	8	45	44	89	5.0-17	1.5-9	1-0	2	1	.	1	.	.	
40 Steele, Antonio	8	22	36	58	5.0-10	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.	
32 Harrison, J.	8	36	18	54	.	.	.	5	.	1-0	2	.	.	
42 Mitchell, Kevin	8	27	23	50	1.0-2	.	3-0	9	.	2-0	1	.	.	
1 Davis, Vontae	8	34	14	48	2.0-3	.	3-0	5	1	.	.	2	.	
44 Miller, Brit	8	23	23	46	4.5-12	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
28 Hicks, Dere	8	24	12	36	1.5-4	.	1-0	2	.	.	1	.	.	
25 Sanders, Justin	8	21	13	34	3.0-29	3.0-29	1-0	5	1	.	3	.	.	
81 Davis, Will	8	17	11	28	9.5-42	6.5-31	.	.	4	.	1	.	.	
94 Lindquist, D.	8	12	16	28	4.5-26	3.5-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Norwell, Chris	8	5	17	22	3.5-15	0.5-5	.	2	1	3-0	.	.	.	
91 Walker, Derek	8	10	9	19	2.5-14	1.5-13	.	1	4	1-5	.	.	.	
2 Wilson, Martez	8	8	10	18	3.0-16	2.0-13	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
95 Pilcher, Doug	8	7	7	14	3.5-40	3.5-40	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
46 Rouse, Tyler	6	8	4	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76 Ware, Mike	8	4	4	8	3.0-14	2.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Brent, Josh	6	2	5	7	2.0-7	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11 Morgan, Joe	8	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Bussey, Nate	8	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Flowers, Bo	8	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Williams, Sirod	8	4	1	5	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
99 Brown, Jerry	8	2	3	5	1.5-4	0.5-3	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
45 Pittman, Rodney	8	3	1	4	2.0-4	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Thomas, Marcus	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Carson, Sam	7	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 James, Antonio	6	1	3	4	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 McMahon, Drew	6	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51 Thornhill, A.	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 Duvalt, Chris	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Robertson, E.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Benn, Arrelious	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Smith, Rahkeem	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Hoomanawanui, M	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69 Millington, A.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1D Judson, Will	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Gamble, Brian	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Mendenhall, R.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Asamoah, Jon	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 Wilkins, Marques	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Lenti, Frank	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Knezetic, Kyle	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	8	343	296	639	59-266	26-184	9-0	38	19	8-5	10	2	.	
Opponents.....	8	308	254	562	47-178	9-70	9-68	19	15	7-105	9	1	.	