



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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GAME 5

Illinois (2-1, 0-1) at Michigan (2-2, 1-0)

Oct. 4, 2008 // Michigan Stadium (106,201)
 2:30 p.m. CT // Ann Arbor, Mich. // ABC

RADIO BROADCAST

The **Illini Sports Network** will carry the radio broadcast with its pregame show beginning at 2 p.m. CT. Calling the action will be Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Kurt Kittner (color analyst) and Steve Kelly (pregame, halftime and postgame). The broadcast can be heard on the 50 stations of the Illini Sports Network.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois-Michigan game is schedule to be televised by **ABC**. Calling the action will be Dave Lamont (play-by-play), David Norrie (color analyst) and Jeannine Edwards (sideline). The official kick time is 3:37 p.m. ET/2:37 p.m. CT.

The Illinois-Michigan game will be streamed live nationally on **ESPN360.com** -- ESPN's signature broadband sports TV network. The game is available completely free to any student on campussports.espn.go.com/broadband/espn360/index?id=282780130.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The team will depart from Champaign's Willard Airport via charter plane at 3 p.m. CT on Friday, Oct. 3. Illinoi's headquarters in Michigan will be at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Creek. Illinois sports information staff Cassie Arner (217-244-3886), Kent Brown and Derek Neal will be traveling with the team.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Aug. 30	vs. #6/7 Missouri	L	42-52
Sept. 6	Eastern Illinois	W	47-21
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	20-17
Sept. 27	at #12/12 Penn State	L	24-38
Oct. 4	at Michigan		2:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 11	Minnesota		11 am (ESPN)
Oct. 18	Indiana		7 pm (BTN)
Oct. 25	at #17/18 Wisconsin		11 am (TBA)
Nov. 1	Iowa		TBA
Nov. 8	vs. Western Michigan		11 am (TBA)
Nov. 15	#14/12 Ohio State		TBA
Nov. 22	at Northwestern		TBA

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

WOLVERINE SCOREBOARD

Aug. 30	Utah	L	23-25
Sept. 6	Miami (Ohio)	W	16-6
Sept. 13	at Notre Dame	L	17-35
Sept. 27	#9/8 Wisconsin	W	27-25
Oct. 4	Illinois		3:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 11	Toledo		11 am (BTN)
Oct. 18	at #6/6 Penn State		4:30 pm (ESPN/ESPN2)
Oct. 25	Michigan State		TBA
Nov. 1	at Purdue		TBA
Nov. 8	at Minnesota		TBA
Nov. 15	Northwestern		TBA
Nov. 22	at #14/12 Ohio State		TBA

FOR OPENERS

- ▶ Illinois' trip to Ann Arbor will be the first for every player on the Illini roster. No Illinois player has played a game in Michigan Stadium, "The Big House." Michigan played in Champaign in 2007 and 2004 and rotated off the schedule in 2005 and 2006.
- ▶ Junior quarterback Juice Williams has led the Big Ten in total offense since the first week of the 2008 season. This week he is averaging 297.0 yards per game, 70.7 on the ground and 226.3 in the air, which ranks 14th nationally.
- ▶ Both Daniel Dufrene and Williams rank in the top-10 in rushing in the Big Ten. Dufrene is averaging 99.0 yards a game for sixth in the league and Williams ranks ninth with 70.7 per contest. Indiana is the only other conference team that has two players in the top-10 — QB Kellen Lewis ranks eighth and RB Marcus Thigpen is 10th.
- ▶ Illini receiver Arrelious Benn is averaging 4.5 catches per game, which is the most for an Illini receiver since Brandon Lloyd averaged 5.4 catches per contest in 2002. That number also ranks fourth in the Big Ten.
- ▶ The Illini offense ranks in the top-4 in all four offensive categories in the Big Ten — second in scoring offense, third in total offense and fourth in both rushing and passing offense. Against Penn State, the Illini posted 189 yards on the ground despite the Nittany Lion's defensive average of 58.0 allowed through their first four games. The squad also put up 24 points, the most scored against PSU this season.
- ▶ The Illini linebacking duo of Brit Miller and Martez Wilson rank first and eighth, respectively, in the Big Ten in total tackles, with 11.0 and 8.0 per game. Miller also ranks third in the conference in tackles for loss with 7.5 in four games.
- ▶ Illinois has played the 25th-toughest schedule in the nation thus far according of the Sagarin Ratings. The Fighting Illini are one of just four teams in the country that has played two teams currently in the AP Top-10, having faced No. 4 Missouri and No. 6 Penn State in their first four games. The other three teams are Arkansas (No. 2 Alabama and No. 5 Texas), Washington (No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 8 BYU) and Nevada (No. 4 Missouri and No. 7 Texas Tech).
- ▶ Twelve Illini true freshmen have played through the first four games: RB Mikel Leshoure, WR A.J. Jenkins, WR Cordale Scott, RB Jason Ford, DB Tavon Wilson, DB Supo Sanni, LB Russell Ellington, FB Zach Becker, OL Jeff Allen, WR Fred Sykes, TE Hubie Graham and DT Corey Liuget. In addition, junior college transfer Donsay Hardeman and redshirt-freshmen Matt Eller, Ian Thomas and Daryle Ballew also are playing their first seasons of collegiate football.
- ▶ With the win over Louisiana on Sept. 13, the Illini are riding a four-game home winning streak, dating back to the final two games of last season. Illinois also has won seven of its last eight at Memorial Stadium after posting a 5-1 record in 2007.
- ▶ Illinois' attendance for the home opener against Eastern Illinois was 60,131, the most for a home opener since hosting 70,193 against No. 13 Michigan in 1995. In the second game of the home schedule, the Illini drew 58,632. With the four-game Big Ten portion of the schedule already announced as sell outs, the Illini will average over 60,000 fans for the entire season. That number will be the most since the 1995 season.

MICHIGAN SERIES NOTES

- ▶ Michigan leads the series by a 66-21-2 advantage overall and holds a 31-10-1 edge in Ann Arbor.
- ▶ Michigan has won the last six games in the series including a 27-17 win in Champaign last season. The Illini's last victory against the Wolverines coming in 1999 in Ann Arbor, 35-29. Michigan was off the Illinoi's schedule in 2005 and 2006.
- ▶ Illinois last played in Ann Arbor on Oct. 18, 2003 meaning no current Fighting Illini players have played against the Wolverines in Michigan Stadium.
- ▶ Illini head coach Ron Zook is 0-2 against Michigan, with one loss coming last season and the other coming at Florida in the 2003 Outback Bowl. Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez has yet to face Illinois.
- ▶ Illinois co-defensive coordinator Curt Mallory is a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan and a two-year letterwinner from 1989-90. He was a part of five Big Ten Championship teams.
- ▶ Michigan's defensive coordinator Scott Shafer spent one season as the Illinois defensive back coach in 2004.
- ▶ Illini center Ryan McDonald is the only player on the Illinoi's roster from the state of Michigan.

DID YOU KNOW?

Illinois' last two victories over the Michigan Wolverines have taken place in Ann Arbor — 1999 and 1993.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2008 Season Statistics	ILL	MICH
Overall Record	.2-2	.2-2
Conf. Record	.0-1	.1-0
Total Offense	444.5	285.0
Points Per Game	33.2	20.8
Points Allowed	32.0	22.8
First Downs	22.5	15.3
Rushing Yds.	215.8	136.2
Passing Yds.	228.8	148.8
Time of Possession	31:07	26:15
3rd Down Conversion	.474	.264
First Downs Allowed	20.5	16.0
Yards Allowed	384.0	309.2
Rushing Yds. Allowed	182.5	88.5
Passing Yds. Allowed	201.5	220.8

STATISTICAL LEADERS

(2008 averages listed)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MICH
Dufrene99.0	McGuffie62.2
J. Williams70.7	Threet30.8

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MICH
J. Williams226.2	Threet100.8
McGee10.0	Sheridan64.0

RECEPTION LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MICH
Benn65.0	Matthews49.3
Judson52.2	Odums31.0

TACKLES LEADERS (TPG)

ILL	MICH
Miller11.0	Ezeh8.3
M. Wilson8.0	Harrison6.5
V. Davis7.3	Trent/Brown6.3

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (total)

ILL	MICH
D. Walker/Miller	Trent2
Hicks1	Three with1

POINTS SCORED (PPG)

ILL	MICH
Eller7.5	McGuffie4.5
Benn6.0	Lopata4.3
Duvalt4.5	Minor3.0

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total)

ILL	MICH
Miller7.5	Graham9.5
M. Wilson4.5	Jamison3.0
W. Davis3.5	Martin2.5

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

ILL	MICH
Dufrene117.2	McGuffie86.8
Benn113.8	Matthews53.0

HIGHLIGHTS VS. MICHIGAN

- ▶ Running back Daniel Dufrene scored his first-career touchdown with an 8-yard run against the Wolverines last season.
- ▶ Defensive tackle David Lindquist had career-high 2.0 sacks and 2.5 TFL in last year's game against Michigan at Memorial Stadium.

RECORDS TO WATCH

- ▶ Juice Williams needs 82 yards to improve to 16th on the all-time rushing list in the Illinois record books.
- ▶ Williams already holds the career record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 1,614 in his first three seasons.
- ▶ Senior defensive end Will Davis needs a half-sack to move to ninth on the career quarterback sacks list.

RON ZOOK TV SHOW GETS OVERHAUL

- ▶ The 2008 edition of the Ron Zook TV Show has seen a complete overhaul. Not only can it be seen on a brand-new network, WICD/WICS, but it sports a format unlike any other coaches' show. The Ron Zook Show features the latest and best in graphics and creative video. Each week, Zook and the show's host Brian Barnhart will discuss the previous week's game, issues in college football and the current Illini team in a Sportscenter-like format. The show begins with a recap of the game and ends with a quick-hitting music video. This year's show is sponsored by Dish Network (see listings on page 8).

ILLINOIS ON A "JOURNEY"

- ▶ The Big Ten Network original series **Illinois Football: The Journey** airs each Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. CT/9:30 PM ET. The fourth show of the season, which airs on Sept. 23, shows Illinois during its bye week. Juice Williams and CJ James go back to Chicago to watch their high school teams square off, Zook and the coaching staff head off to recruit, Arrelious Benn takes in his brother's junior college football game and Michael Hoomanawanui is one of a handful of players that stayed in Champaign.
- ▶ New episodes will air at 8:30 p.m. CT/9:30 p.m. ET every Tuesday during the football season, with the previous week's show preceding the new episode. Viewers can follow The Journey online with a producer's diary, bonus video clips, photos, archived segments and a five-minute video preview of the season premiere by visiting www.BigTenNetwork.com/Journey.

ILLINI UP FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Eight Illini football players have been named to preseason watch lists for national awards.

- ▶ **Vontae Davis - Thorpe, Nagurski, Bednarik:** Davis had seven tackles at Penn State and has 30 on the season, which ranks 10th in the Big Ten. His four pass break-ups are tied for sixth in the Big Ten and he also has 1.5 TFL, one QB hurry, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in four games this season. Last year, Davis was the only sophomore on the the semifinal list for the Jim Thorpe Award. He was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2007 and earlier this year was named to the *Playboy* All-America team.
- ▶ **Arrelious Benn - Biletnikoff, Maxwell, Walter Camp:** Benn had four catches for a career-high 110 yards and two touchdowns at Penn State last week. He ranks in the top five in the Big Ten in both catches per game (4.75) and receiving yards per game (65.0) and has also rushed 11 times for 53 yards (4.8 ypc) and two TDs in four games this year. Benn has returned seven kicks for 115 yards and two punts for 27 yards. Last season, he earned freshman All-America honors and was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year and Freshman All-America after he broke Illinois' freshman receiving and receptions record.
- ▶ **Juice Williams - Davey O'Brien:** Williams has done it with his arm and legs thus far in 2008. After throwing for a career-best 451 yards and five TDs vs. Missouri in the opener, Williams ran all over Eastern Illinois last week, racking up 174 yards on 16 carries (10.9 ypc) and two TDs on the ground. For the season he has thrown for 905 yards and nine TDs and has rushed for 283 yards and two TDs in four games to lead the Big Ten in total offense (297.0 ypg). Williams led the Illini to the 2008 Rose Bowl his sophomore year, leading an offense that posted the best total offensive numbers in school history. He is currently 17th on the Illinois all-time rushing list with over 1,600 yards.
- ▶ **Will Davis - Hendricks, Lombardi:** Davis has 13 tackles, 3.5 TFL, two sacks, two QB hurries, a pass break-up and a forced fumble in four games this year. He is now 10th on the Illinois career sacks list with 13.5. He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection in 2007 after leading the team in tackles for loss with 12.5 and sacks with 9.5.
- ▶ **Ryan McDonald - Rimington:** McDonald is in his fourth year as a starter on the offensive line. He has helped pave the way Illinois' 215.8 rushing yards per game this year. The Illini offense piled up over 500 yards in each of the first two games this season. Last season, he started every game for an offensive line that posted the best rushing and total offensive numbers in school history and earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. The line also set a school mark for fewest sacks allowed in a year with 1.23 per game. In his first two years as starting center for the Illini, the offense led the Big Ten in rushing.
- ▶ **Xavier Fulton - Lombardi:** Fulton is in his second year as a starter on the offensive line. He has helped pave the way Illinois' 215.8 rushing yards per game this year. The Illini offense piled up over 500 yards in each of the first two games this season. In 2007, he earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in his first

2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Northwestern	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000	W, 22-17 Iowa	Idle
Penn State	1	0	1.000	5	0	1.000	W, 38-24 Illinois	at Purdue
Michigan State	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800	W, 42-29 Indiana	Iowa
Ohio State	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800	W, 34-21 Minnesota	at Wisconsin
Michigan	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500	W, 27-25 Wisconsin	Illinois
Purdue	0	0	.000	2	2	.500	L, 21-38 at Notre Dame	Penn State
Minnesota	0	1	.000	4	1	.800	L, 21-34 Ohio State	Indiana
Wisconsin	0	1	.000	3	1	.750	L, 25-27 Michigan	Ohio State
Iowa	0	1	.000	3	2	.600	L, 17-22 Northwestern	at Michigan State
Illinois	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	L, 24-38 Penn State	at Michigan
Indiana	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	L, 29-42 Michigan State	at Minnesota

2008 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Missouri	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000	Idle	at Nebraska
Eastern Illinois	0	1	.000	2	3	.500	L, 10-23 Jacksonville State	Idle
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	0	.000	1	3	.250	L, 37-45 Kansas State	at UL-Monroe
Western Michigan	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800	W, 7-3 Temple	Ohio

year on the offensive line. He played a team-high 997 offensive snaps last year and led the team with 109 knockdowns. He also was instrumental in protecting QB Juice Williams and allowing only 1.23 sacks per game.

- ▶ **Martez Wilson - Butkus:** Wilson is averaging 8.0 tackles per game, which ranks second on the team and eighth in the Big Ten. He is second on the team in TFL with 4.5 and also has 2.0 sacks, two pass break-ups, one QB hurry and one fumble recovery in four games. Prior to the season, Wilson was added to the Butkus Watch List before even starting a game at Illinois. His athleticism has earned him the nickname of "Freak 2" and he runs a 4.4 40.
- ▶ **Brit Miller - Lott:** Miller leads the Big Ten in tackles and has caused three turnovers in four games. He has racked-up 44 stops, 7.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, one sack, one interception and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. It is Miller's first season as a middle linebacker after starting at OLB for the past three seasons. His nomination for the Ronnie Lott award combines athletic excellence with off the field character. Miller is a staple in the Champaign and Decatur communities, volunteering every week with elementary and middle schools, military veterans and children's hospitals.

ILLINI IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Illinois dropped out of the top-25 this week after being ranked for the first five of the season. Before falling to Penn State, the Illini had spent seven consecutive weeks in the polls, dating back to the 2007 season. That number was the most since the 1989, '90 and '91 squads put together 24 consecutive weeks in the top-25. Here are the rankings for Illinois in the 2008 season.

- ▶ Preseason 20 (AP) / 19 (USA Today/Coaches)
- ▶ Week 1 24 (AP) / 25 (USA Today/Coaches)
- ▶ Week 2 24 (AP) / RV (USA Today/Coaches)
- ▶ Week 3 22 (AP) / 23 (USA Today/Coaches)
- ▶ Week 4 22 (AP) / 21 (USA Today/Coaches)
- ▶ Week 5 RV (AP) / RV (USA Today/Coaches)

BIG TEN 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

The Big Ten boasts 10 career 1,000-yard rushers. Illinois quarterback Juice Williams ranks sixth among active players and is tops among the two quarterbacks in the rankings. Indiana's Kellen Lewis is the only other signal-caller on the list.

1. Javon Ringer, RB, Sr., Michigan State3,658 yards
2. Tyrell Sutton, RB, Sr., Northwestern3,460 yards
3. P.J. Hill, RB, Jr., Wisconsin3,254 yards
4. Kory Sheets, RB, Sr., Purdue2,649 yards
5. Beanie Wells, RB, Jr., Ohio State2,402 yards
6. **Juice Williams, QB, Jr., Illinois1,614 yards**
7. Kellen Lewis, QB, Jr., Indiana1,535 yards
8. Marcus Thigpen, RB, Sr., Indiana1,254 yards
9. Jaycen Taylor, RB, Sr., Purdue1,237 yards
10. Evan Royster, So., Penn State1,031 yards
- Adam Weber, So., Minnesota708 yards

NATIONAL RANKINGS

USA TODAY COACHES POLL = Week 5

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Oklahoma (2)	4-0	2
2.	LSU	4-0	6
3.	Missouri	4-0	5
4.	Alabama	5-0	10
5.	Texas	4-0	7
6.	Penn State	5-0	12
7.	Brigham Young	4-0	11
8.	Texas Tech	4-0	9
9.	USC (56)	2-1	1
10.	Georgia (2)	4-1	3
11.	South Florida	5-0	14
12.	Ohio State	4-1	13
13.	Florida (1)	3-1	4
14.	Auburn	4-1	16
15.	Utah	5-0	17
16.	Kansas	4-1	18
17.	Wisconsin	3-1	8
18.	Boise State	3-0	20
19.	Vanderbilt	4-0	25
20.	Oregon	4-1	22
21.	Fresno State	3-1	24
22.	Oklahoma State	4-0	NR
23.	Connecticut	5-0	NR
24.	Virginia Tech	4-1	NR
25.	Wake Forest	3-1	15

Others Receiving Votes: Northwestern 98, Michigan State 88, Kentucky 86, Ball State 43, Maryland 40, Tulsa 38, Florida State 31, TCU 25, California 20, Georgia Tech 18, Illinois 14, Nebraska 8, Oregon State 6, North Carolina 5, Clemson 5, Notre Dame 3, Cincinnati 2, Duke 1, Mississippi 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL = Week 5

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Oklahoma	4-0	2
2.	Alabama	5-0	8
3.	LSU	4-0	5
4.	Missouri	5-0	6
5.	Texas	4-0	7
6.	Penn State	5-0	12
7.	Texas Tech	4-0	10
8.	Brigham Young	4-0	11
9.	USC (62)	2-1	1
10.	South Florida	5-0	13
11.	Georgia (2)	4-1	3
12.	Florida (1)	3-1	4
13.	Auburn	4-1	15
14.	Ohio State	4-1	14
15.	Utah	5-0	17
16.	Kansas	4-1	18
17.	Boise State	3-0	19
18.	Wisconsin	3-1	9
19.	Vanderbilt	4-0	21
20.	Virginia Tech	4-1	NR
21.	Oklahoma State	4-0	NR
22.	Fresno State	3-1	25
23.	Oregon	4-1	NR
24.	Connecticut	5-0	NR
25.	Wake Forest	3-1	16

Others Receiving Votes: Maryland 46, Michigan State 42, Kentucky 40, Ball State 38, **Northwestern 32**, Tulsa 32, TCU 30, Illinois 24, North Carolina 21, Florida State 14, Mississippi 13, Georgia Tech 10, California 5, Nebraska 5, Oregon State 3, Boston College 3, Colorado 2.

* Illinois' 2008 opponents in bold.

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04	TOT
McDonald, Ryan	4	13	12	11		40
Walker, Derek	4	8	12	11		35
Miller, Brit	4	10	10	5		29
Davis, Vontae	4	12	11			27
Fulton, Xavier	4	13		7	3	27
Williams, Juice	4	13	9			26
Pilcher, Doug	2	9	10			21
Lindquist, David	4	13	2	0		19
Hicks, Dere	4	13	1			18
Asamoah, Jon	4	13	0			17
Benn, Arrelious	4	12				16
Davis, Will	4	9	2			14
Hoomanawanui, M.	4	5	3			12
Cumberland, Jeff	0	3	4			7
Bellamy, Travon	4		1			5
Williams, Sirod		0	0	4		4
Block, Eric	4	0	0	0		4
Dufrene, Daniel	4	0				4
Judson, Will	4	0				4
Pittman, Rodney	3	1	0	0		4
Wilson, Martez	4	0				4
Duval, Chris	3	0	0			3
James, Chris	0		3			3
Palmer, Ryan	3	0				3
Carson, Sam	0	0	0	2		2
Flowers, Bo	2	0				2
Liuget, Corey	2					2
Thomas, Miami	1	1				2
Allen, Jeff	1					1
Bussey, Nate	1	0				1
Hardeman, Donsay	1					1
Nabolotny, Mike	0		1			1
Smith, Rahkeem	0	1	0			1
Sullivan, Tom		0	1			1
Sykes, Fred	1					1
Wilkins, Marques	0	1	0			1

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

MEMORIAL STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

The University of Illinois concludes a two-year, \$121 million renovation of historic Memorial Stadium this fall. The Illinois Renaissance Project is one of the most ambitious projects in school history and includes the addition of luxury seating on the west side and a new north end zone seating structure. In all, renovations and refurbishments were completed in the Great West Hall, West Main Stands, West Balcony, Press Box, East Hall, North Endzone Seating and Football offices and performance complex.

Original Dedication Game: Oct. 18, 1924

Re-Dedication Game: Sept. 6, 2008

Renovation Cost: approximately \$121 Million

Old Capacity: 69,249

New Capacity: 62,870

West Main Stands: 10,186

East Main Stands: 18,056

West Balcony: 3,705

East Balcony: 10,007

North End zone: 5,026

Horseshoe: 12,394

Premium Seating: 2,270

First Five Rows: 1,226

Illinois' Record at Memorial Stadium: 237-200-14

NATIONAL CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Illinois senior center Ryan McDonald has started 40 consecutive games during his four-year career. That number is among the best in the nation, ranking as the fifth-longest active streak. He is tied for the 12th-longest starting streak in the nation. Below is the list of consecutive starts among Division I collegiate football players.

44 Andrew Hartline, OL, Central Michigan

43 Cody Lubojasky, LB, Houston; Andrew Gardner, OL, Georgia Tech; Kraig Urbik, OL, Wisconsin

42 Matt Kroul, DL, Iowa; Kenneth Fontenette, S, Houston; Dallas Reynolds, OL, BYU; Pat Brown, OL, UCF

41 Maurice Crum, LB, Notre Dame; Clint Sintim, LB, Virginia; Dan Gerberry, OL, Ball State;

40 **Ryan McDonald, OL, Illinois;** Jervonte Jackson, DL, Florida Atlantic; Robbie Felix, OL, UTEP

DRINKING THE JUICE

▶ Juice Williams was 4-of-4 through the air for 68 yards and a touchdown in the first quarter at Penn State, marking his second flawless quarter this season. Williams also completed 5-of-5 passes for 67 yards in the third quarter against Eastern Illinois on Sept. 6.

▶ Juice Williams had a career day for the Illini in the season opener against MU, throwing for a career-high five TDs as well as a career-best 451 yards on a career-high 26 completions. His 451 passing yards rank third all-time at Illinois behind Dave Wilson's 621 yards (11/8/80) and Tony Eason's 479 (10/23/82). Williams now holds the Illinois records for passing yardage and TDs in a season opener. He out-passed Chase Daniel 451 yards to 323 and threw two more TDs than the Missouri senior. Williams' performance also marked the second-straight year that Illinois has thrown for more than 250 yards against the Tigers.

▶ Williams became just the fourth quarterback in Illinois history to throw for five or more touchdowns in a game, joining Dave Wilson (6), Tom O'Connell (5) and Jeff George (5), with his five-touchdown performance against Missouri.

▶ Williams accounted for 91.7 percent of Illinois' first downs vs. Missouri and 64.4 for the season. He has engineered 58-of-90 on the year, rushing for 17 and passing for 41.

▶ **Juice in the Illinois record books**

17th - career rushing yards (1,614) - needs 84 for 16th

5th - career total offense (5,751) - needs 1,251 for 4th

8th - career passing yardage (4,138) - needs 1,051 for 7th

8th - career pass completions (324) - needs 121 for 7th

8th - career pass attempts (595) - needs 108 for 7th

8th - career touchdowns (31) - needs 4 for 6th

1st - career rushing yards by a quarterback (1,614) - already holds record

1st - season rushing yards by a quarterback, 2007 (755) - already holds record

2nd - season rushing yards by a quarterback, 2006 (576) - record was broken by 2007 numbers

6th - season rushing yards by a quarterback, 2008 (283) - needs 4 yards for 5th/14 for 4th

POSITION CHANGES

Five of Illinois' 2008 starters came to Illinois on a different path than the one they currently find themselves.

▶ Wide receiver **Chris Duval** spent his first two seasons as an Illini at cornerback. He played a key role on special teams, but was spending too much time behind other players. This spring, he gave offense a try and the rest is history. He has immediately made an impact with three touchdown catches in the first four games. He is averaging 15.3 yards a catch.

▶ Junior **Rahkeem Smith** played a season as a linebacker before seeing a straight shot to a starting role at fullback.

▶ Senior **Will Davis** came to Illinois as a 235-pound tight end, but quickly saw a chance at success on the defensive side of the ball with his addition of 40 pounds and a move to defensive end. In three seasons, he has totaled 20 tackles for loss, 13.5 quarterback sacks and 19 hurries.

▶ One of the most immediately effective moves came before the 2007 season when former defensive end **Xavier Fulton** switched to offensive tackle and earned All-Big Ten honors that same season. In his only year as a starter, the offensive line set new school records for total offense and rushing yards. This season, the Illini are in the top-4 in the conference in rushing, passing, scoring and total offense.

▶ **Jeff Cumberland** moved from tight end to receiver in the middle of last season. As a receiver in his final four games of 2007, he caught 11 passes for 221 yards, including 131 yards against Northwestern. He has played in two games this season after sitting out the beginning of the year with a foot injury.

MEMORIAL STADIUM RENOVATIONS FUN FACTS

▶ The amount of audio and video wire installed during the renovation is approximately 135 miles of cabling - the approximate distance from Champaign to Indianapolis.

▶ There are 250 televisions through out the stadium (west, north, and east)

▶ The west pavilion totals nearly 300,000 square feet, or 150 average family homes.

▶ The new west pavilion exterior façade encompasses 20,000 square feet of new brick and 75,000

square feet of glass.

- ▶ The interior of the west pavilion has nearly two football fields worth of carpet. This carpet is located on the upper floors of the facility.

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 (Chief of Staff). 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 Liberian national team and at the University of Liberia. His uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia.

RECEPTION STREAKS

Sophomore receiver Arrelious Benn has started every game of his career, 17, at Illinois since he was a true-freshman in 2007. In addition to that, he also has caught at least one pass in each of those games. He leads a group of receivers that are averaging of 17.5 catches per game. Here is a list of the receivers and their current reception streaks (4 or more games):

- ▶ **Arrelious Benn:** 17 games (every game of his career)
- ▶ **Chris Duvall:** 4 games (moved to receiver in 2008)
- ▶ **Will Judson:** 4 games (first-year starter)
- ▶ **Michael Hoomanawanui:** 4 games (tight end)
- ▶ **Daniel Dufrene:** 4 games (running back)

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ The Illinois offense put up staggering numbers in the first two games of 2008. With 532 total yards against Missouri and 533 against EIU, the Fighting Illini racked-up 500+ yards in consecutive games for the first time since 2002, when it happened three straight weeks (600 vs. Arkansas State on 9/14, 602 vs. San Jose State on 9/21 and 543 vs. Michigan on 9/28). Their point totals of 42 and 47 mark the first time an Illinois squad has scored 40+ points in back-to-back games since 1999 (40 at Iowa on 11/6 and 46 at Ohio State on 11/13).
- ▶ For the second-straight year, the Illini are averaging five yards per rush as a team. Through four games, Illinois has averaged 215.8 yards per game, which ranks fourth in the Big Ten.
- ▶ Junior running back Daniel Dufrene is picking up right where the running game left off last season. Through four games, he is averaging 99 yards per game and 6.7 yards per touch on the ground. In his career, he is averaging 6.5 yards per carry.
- ▶ The Illini passed for 461 yards against Missouri, marking the third-best passing performance in Illinois history.
- ▶ In four games, the offense has put together 26 big plays over 20 yards, including four over 40 yards. Among those 26 are 11 big passing plays and 13 rushes (two defense).
- ▶ Juice Williams was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 1 for his performance against Missouri in the season opener. He exploded for career highs of 451 passing yards and five touchdowns to nearly rally Illinois from a second-half deficit against nationally ranked Missouri. His five scoring strikes are tied for second in school history and are the third-highest total in Big Ten annals. Williams' 451-yard effort rates third in the Illini records book and topped his previous career-best by more than 200 yards. Illinois fell behind 45-20 in the third quarter, but Williams broke loose for almost 300 yards through the air and four touchdowns in the second half to nearly pull off the win.
- ▶ Tight end Michael Hoomanawanui is quickly emerging as a first-down machine, catching a team-high 11 passes that earned a first down, including five first-down catches he has made on third-down plays. Out of his 12 catches so far this season, 11 have gone for first downs and the other was a touchdown. Hoomanawanui has become a much larger part of the Illinois offense in his third season, with 12 catches and 169 yards so far in 2008 after catching five passes for 64 yards in his first two seasons combined
- ▶ Senior receiver Will Judson made the most out of his first collegiate start vs. Missouri, hauling in five catches for 177 yards. His performance was the best for an Illini receiver since Walter Young's 178 yards against LSU in the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl. Of his seven catches for the year, six have converted first downs.
- ▶ Judson and Chris Duvall each hauled in two touchdown receptions in the season opener against Missouri, marking the first time since the 2002 Sugar Bowl that Illinois had two

ILLINI RANKINGS IN THE NCAA AND BIG TEN

TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	215.8	16th
Passing Offense	228.7	47th
Total Offense	444.5	21st
Scoring Offense	33.3	32nd
Rushing Defense	182.5	94th
Pass Efficiency Defense	133.9	89th
Total Defense	384.0	83rd
Scoring Defense	32.0	98th
Net Punting	32.8	88th
Punt Returns	6.0	94th
Kickoff Returns	20.3	72nd
Turnover Margin	-0.50	89th
Pass Defense	201.5	62nd
Passing Efficiency	138.6	36th
Sacks	2.3	31st
Tackles For Loss	7.3	18th
Sacks Allowed	1.75	65th

MISCELLANEOUS CONFERENCE RANKINGS

CATEGORY	Big Ten
Third-Down Conversions	47.4
Opponent 4th-Down Conversions	1-6 (16.7)

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	Daniel Dufrene	99.0
	Juice Williams	70.7
Passing Efficiency	Juice Williams	139.4
Total Offense	Juice Williams	297.0
Receptions per game	Arrelious Benn	4.8
Receiving Yards per game	Will Judson	65.0
Punting	Anthony Santella	38.6
Kickoff Returns	A.J. Jenkins	24.5
Field Goals per game	Matt Eller	1.3
Scoring	Matt Eller	7.3
All-Purpose	Daniel Dufrene	117.3
	Arrelious Benn	113.3
Sacks	W. Davis/M. Wilson/D. Walker	0.50
Tackles	Brit Miller	11.0
	Martez Wilson	8.0
Tackles For Loss	Brit Miller	1.88
	Martez Wilson	1.13

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	Daniel Dufrene	99.0
	Juice Williams	70.8
Passing	Juice Williams	226.2
Total Offense	Juice Williams	297.0
Receptions	Arrelious Benn	4.8
Receiving Yards	Arrelious Benn	65.0
	Will Judson	52.2
All-Purpose	Daniel Dufrene	117.2
Pass Efficiency	Juice Williams	139.4
Punting	Anthony Santella	38.6
Scoring	Matt Eller	7.2
Scoring (TD)	Arrelious Benn	6.0
Scoring (kick)	Matt Eller	7.2
Field Goals	Matt Eller	1.25
PAT Pct.	Matt Eller	93.3
Tackles	Brit Miller	11.0
	Martez Wilson	8.0
	Vontae Davis	7.5
Tackles for Loss	Brit Miller	7.5
Forced Fumbles	B. Miller/C. Liuget	0.50
	W. Davis/V. Davis/Carson	0.33
Fumbles Rec.	Martez Wilson	0.25
Passes Defended	Vontae Davis	1.00

ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

(plays over 20 yards and kickoff returns over 40)

PLAYS	RUN	PASS	ST	DEF
26	10	14	0	2

MISSOURI

1Q	26	.Benn reception (from J. Williams)
	30	.Judson TD reception (from J. Williams)
2Q	34	.D. Walker interception return for TD
	20	.Sykes reception (from J. Williams)
	24	.Hoomanawanui reception (from J. Williams)
3Q	41	.Dufrene run
	20	.Duvault TD reception (from J. Williams)
	30	.Benn reception (from J. Williams)
	26	.Duvault TD reception (from J. Williams)
4Q	65	.Judson TD reception (from J. Williams)
	53	.Judson reception (from J. Williams)

EASTERN ILLINOIS

1Q	28	.Williams run
2Q	26	.Dufrene run
	25	.Dufrene run
3Q	31	.Williams run
	22	.Williams run
4Q	25	.Pollard TD run

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

1Q	23	.Dufrene run
	27	.Miller TD fumble return
2Q	23	.Hoomanawanui reception (from J. Williams)
	27	.Dufrene run
	22	.Benn reception (from J. Williams)
4Q	21	.Hoomanawanui reception (from J. Williams)

PENN STATE

1Q	30	.Dufrene run
	33	.Benn TD reception (from J. Williams)
4Q	54	.Benn TD reception (from J. Williams)

receivers with two TDs catches in a game (Walter Young and Brandon Lloyd vs. LSU).

- ▶ Duvault caught a touchdown pass (2 vs. Missouri and 1 vs. EIU) in each of the first two games of the season, which also were his first two games as a receiver after switching from cornerback in spring practice. He has three TDs in only six career receptions.
- ▶ Sophomore wide receiver Arrelious Benn, 2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, has become a big part of this Illini offense. He caught seven passes in each of his first two games and also has been heavily involved in the running game. He is averaging 65 receiving yards per game and 13.2 yards per game on the ground. He has four touchdowns scored — two rushing and two receptions.
- ▶ Last season, the offensive line set a school record for fewest sacks per game with 1.23 while posting the best numbers in total offense and rushing with 5,585 and 3,338 yards, respectively. The line blocked for the Big Ten's best rushing offense in 2006 and 2007. This season, the Illini offense ranks among the top-4 in the conference in rushing, passing, scoring and total offense.
- ▶ Illinois converted 8-of-12 third downs against Eastern Illinois, including 8-of-10 tries in the first half. Conversely, EIU was just 3-of-13 on third down and 1-of-9 in the first three quarters (0-for-5 in the first half).
- ▶ The 94 total points scored by Missouri and Illinois (52-42) marks the highest combined scoring game in school history.
- ▶ Illinois' 47-point performance vs. Eastern Illinois is the highest in the Ron Zook era and marks the fourth time in the Illini's last eight games that they have topped the 40-point mark.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ Junior college transfer safety Donsay Hardeman returned from an injury, which kept him out of the first three games of the season, to start in the Big Ten opener against Penn State. In his first game, he recorded six tackles, including five solos.
- ▶ The defensive line features a rotation of nine players with those guys accounting for 11.5 tackles for loss and six sacks through four games. Ends Derek Walker, Doug Pilcher and Will Davis are all returning starters from a year ago as well as tackle David Lindquist. From those four veterans, the Illini defense has gotten 43 tackles, eight for loss and 4.5 sacks this season.
- ▶ The Illinois defense has now held opponent offenses on five of six fourth-down attempts for the season. The Illini stopped Missouri twice in the season opener, once against EIU and Penn State, and was 50 percent against Louisiana.
- ▶ In the season opener against Missouri, Derek Walker intercepted a screen pass by Chase Daniel and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown, his first career touchdown and the first INT by a down lineman since Jeff Ruffin's pick-six against Purdue on Oct. 12, 2002. The play also marked Illinois' first INT returned for a TD since Travon Bellamy's 41-yard return at Wisconsin on Oct. 28, 2006.
- ▶ The defense scored its second touchdown of the season, against Louisiana, when linebacker Brit Miller stripped an option handoff from Louisiana's quarterback and returned it 27 yards for the score.
- ▶ The defense has forced eight turnovers this season — three interceptions and five fumbles. DE Derek Walker, LB Brit Miller and DB Dere Hicks have each intercepted one pass, while Miller has forced two fumbles and Sam Carson, David Lindquist and Will Davis each have added one.
- ▶ Senior Brit Miller, who is a four-year starter at linebacker, moved to the middle this season with All-American J Leman gone to graduation and the NFL. Through four games, he also has replaced Leman atop the tackles list with 11.0 per game, which ranks No. 1 in the Big Ten.
- ▶ Sophomore Martez Wilson and senior Rodney Pittman moved into starting linebacker roles this season after the departures of leading tacklers J Leman and Antonio Steele from last season. Wilson was a freshman All-American in a back-up and special teams role last season. Pittman had a big offseason and moved into the line-up for the first time this year as a senior. In the first four games, Wilson has posted the second-highest tackle total on the

FIRST DOWNS

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Total
Juice Williams	17	41	0	58
Daniel Dufrene	13	0	2	15
Arrelious Benn	3	0	11	14
M. Hoomanawanui	0	0	11	11
Mikel Leshoure	8	0	2	10
Will Judson	0	0	7	7
Chris Duvault	0	0	5	5
Jason Ford	1	0	1	2
Eddie McGee	1	1	0	2
Fred Sykes	0	0	2	2
Troy Pollard	2	0	0	2
Alex Reavy	0	0	1	1
TEAM	45	42	42	90*

* Total number of team first downs
 ** includes 3 first downs off penalties

CHARTING THE ILLINI

LONGEST DRIVES

DRIVES	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
by # of plays	14 (62 yds., 6:58, FG) vs. EIU, (70 yds., 3:11, TD) vs. Missouri	15 (73 yds., 6:51, FG) ULL
by # of yards	96 (11 pl., 4:56, TD) vs. ULL	87 (10 pl., 2:26, TD) Missouri
Time of Possession	6:58 (14 pl., 62 yds., FG) vs. EIU	6:51 (15 pl., 73 yds., TD) ULL

RED ZONE STATS

INSIDE THE 20	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Times inside the 20	12	13
Total Scores	11	10
Touchdowns	9	8
Field Goals	2	2
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	1	1
Lost on Missed Field Goals	1	0
End of Game or Half	0	0
Scoring Percentage	92%	77%
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	75%	62%
Percent of Total Drives	21%	23%

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	56	57
Cumulative Starting Yard Lines	1,833	2,236
Average Starting Field Position	32.7	39.2
Times Started Inside the 20	7	5
Drives Started in Plus Territory	7	13

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	8	10
Total Scores	7	2
Scoring Percentage	88%	20%
Points off Turnovers	41	14

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2008 season	14, PSU	19, EIU	15, MU	14, MU	--	47, EIU
Zook era	22, IND 2006	21, NU 2005	21, MU 2007	17, RUT 2005	6, RUT 2005	47, EIU 2008

CONTROLLING THE BALL

DRIVES OVER 5 MINUTES

6:58 ...EIU ...14-62Eller 21 FG
 6:02 ...PSU ...13-55missed FG
 5:29 ...ULL ...10-31punt

DRIVES OVER 10 PLAYS

14MU 70-3:11 ...Hoomanawanui 5 TD (Williams)
 14EIU 62-6:58Eller 21 FG
 13PSU 55-6:02missed field FG
 11ULL 96-4:56Dufrene 10 TD (Williams)
 10ULL 31-5:29punt
 10ULL 39-3:58downs

QUICK HITS

SCORING DRIVES UNDER 2 MINUTES

0:08 ...EIU ...1-13Benn 13 TD run
 0:32 ...EIU ...2-32Pollard 25 TD run
 0:43 ...MU ...3-82Judson 65 TD (Williams)
 0:54 ...EIU ...9-49Williams 1 TD run
 1:27 ...MU ...4-82Duvault 26 TD (Williams)
 1:49 ...MU ...4-64Judson 30 TD (Williams)
 1:51 ...MU ...6-79Duvault 20 TD (Williams)
 1:53 ...PSU ...4-73Benn 54 TD (Williams)

team with 8.0 per game, and also has 4.5 tackles for loss. Pittman has 18 tackles for the season.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- ▶ True-freshman receiver A.J. Jenkins has quickly emerged as a solid kick returner. With many of the teams kicking away from Arrelious Benn, Jenkins has picked up six returns in three games. He is averaging 24.5 yards per return, which ranks third in the league.
- ▶ Illinois features an entirely new kicking battery this season after snapper Kyle Knezetic, holder, Frank Lenti, Jr., and kicker, Jason Reda, were all lost to graduation. Sophomore Tad Keely took over long snapping duties and sophomore Jared Bosch serves as the holder for kicker Matt Eller. Eller in four games has been successful for five field goals, including a 51-yarder at ULL, and 11-of-12 extra points. Eller leads the team in scoring and ranks 10th in the league with 7.2 points per game.

HE'S A ROCKET SCIENTIST

- ▶ Maybe you don't have to be a rocket scientist to play football, but Illinois senior center Ryan McDonald thinks it doesn't hurt. In four years, McDonald finished an undergraduate degree in aeronautical engineering with a 3.83 GPA. After completing a bachelor's degree and having one more year of eligibility remaining, McDonald began a master's degree in the same program this fall. Illinois' College of Engineering is ranked among the top-5 in the nation, with some programs notching the top spot.

HOOMANAWANUI HONORING HIS POLYNESIAN DECENT

- ▶ Junior tight end Michael Hoomanawanui, while growing up in Bloomington, Ill., lived much of the Hawaiian heritage passed down by his father, Isy. Isy came to the mainland to play football at Illinois State then stayed to raise his family.
- ▶ When Michael came to Illinois, he began many of the traditions carried on by Polynesian and Samoan football players. He entered his freshman year with clean-cut short hair, but then began to grow it out to the long black mane that can be seen out the backs of football helmets. This tradition dates back to Samoan warriors to signify battle. It also is very noticeable to the public in the stands and draws attention to their heritage.
- ▶ Hoomanawanui also has three tattoos, called Aumakua, which means "protectors." His family's protectors are the shark and the turtle, two images that have been passed down for centuries and are now tattoos on Michael's arms and shoulders.
- ▶ Michael also can be seen on campus wearing what looks to be a brightly adorned skirt. However, it is called a kikepa and is traditional dress for men in Hawaii.

BO KNOWS FOOTBALL ... AND BASEBALL

- ▶ Sophomore safety Bo Flowers turned 24 the day after Illinois' upset of Ohio State last season and he is the oldest player on the Illini roster. Flowers began his college career last 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.

KEEPING UP WITH THE DAVISES

- ▶ Illinois defenders Vontae and Will Davis (no relation) are two of the leaders on the Illinois defense. Vontae, a two-year starting cornerback earned unanimous first-team Freshman All-America honors in 2006 and emerged as one of the best corners in the Big Ten last season, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors. He is a 2008 *Playboy* All-American and has totaled five interceptions and 18 passes broken up in his career, while also blocking two career punts. Will, a senior defensive end, exploded last season with 9.5 sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss. He was named second-team All-Big Ten and was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after his four-sack, five-TFL performance vs. Indiana. This season, he broke into the Illinois all-time quarterback sack list and ranks 10th with 13.5 career sacks. He has totaled 13 tackles, 3.5 for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble this year.

AFRICAN ILLINI

- ▶ On this year's Illini football roster, there are five members who are direct descendents of Africa. Starting left guard Jon Asamoah's father, Samuel Asamoah, is from Ghana in West Africa, and senior defensive end Will Davis' mother is from Liberia (see note on page 5), while four others' parents are Nigerian. Newcomers Supo Sanni, Ugochukwu Uzodinma, Chudi Aguanunu and Wisdom Onyegbule's parents were born and raised in Nigeria, also in West Africa. Sanni's parents are Sesis and Olarunji Sanni, Uzodinma's parents are Florence and Joel Uzodinma, Aguanunu's parents are Chika and Kate Aguanunu, and Onyegbule's parents are Onyemuwa and Grace Onyegbule.

ILLINOIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

- ▶ Illinois has faced two top-10 teams early in the season, playing No. 3 Missouri in the season opener and No. 6 Penn State in game four. The Illini also have two more opponents on the schedule ranked in the top-25 in No. 17 Wisconsin and No. 12 Ohio State. Northwestern, Illinois' season finale opponent is just outside the top-25 at No. 26.

- ▶ Last season, the Illini were 3-2 vs. top-25 opponents and 2-1 against top-10 foes (wins over No. 19 Penn State, No. 5 Wisconsin and No. 1 Ohio State and losses to No. 24 Michigan and No. 7 USC). In the Ron Zook era, the Illini are 3-10 against ranked teams.
- ▶ In his seven years as a head coach, Ron Zook has posted nine wins over ranked opponents.

GAME CAPTAINS

The Illini players select their team captains after the culmination of the season at the annual banquet. For each game, the coaches will select game captains to represent the team during the coin toss.

- ▶ **Missouri:** David Lindquist, Ryan McDonald, Brit Miller, Juice Williams
- ▶ **Eastern Illinois:** Vontae Davis, Xavier Fulton, David Lindquist, Juice Williams
- ▶ **Louisiana-Lafayette:** Jon Asamoah, Rodney Pittman, Derek Walker, Juice Williams
- ▶ **Penn State:** Will Davis, Ryan McDonald, Brit Miller, Juice Williams

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

After each Illini win, the coaches award their players of the game on offense, defense and special teams. Here is a list of those winners for 2008.

- ▶ **Eastern Illinois:** Juice Williams, offense; Dere Hicks, defense; Matt Eller, special teams
- ▶ **Louisiana-Lafayette:** Daniel Dufrene, offense; Vontae Davis, defense; Matt Eller, special teams

Ron Zook TV Show

<u>MARKETS</u>	<u>TV STATION</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME (CT)</u>
Nationwide	BTN	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Champaign	WICD, Ch. 15	Monday	10:35 p.m.
Chicago	BTN	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Daville	WICD, Ch. 15	Monday	10:35 p.m.
Decatur	WICS, Ch. 20	Monday	10:35 p.m.
Springfield	WICS, Ch. 20	Monday	10:35 p.m.
St. Louis	FSN Midwest	Tuesday	2 p.m.
Urbana	WICD, Ch. 15	Monday	10:35 p.m.

Ron Zook Radio Show

The hour-long Ron Zook call-in radio show airs each Thursday at 7:05 pm. Below are the listings:

- Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3
- Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570
- Bloomington, WTRX-FM 93.7
- Canton, WBYS – AM 1560
- Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400
- Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5
- Chicago, WIND-AM 560
- Clinton, WHOW-AM 1520
- Clinton, WHOW-FM 95.9
- Danville, WDAN-AM 1490
- Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1
- Davenport, Iowa, WFXN-AM 1230
- Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340
- DuQuoin, WQQN-AM 1580
- East Moline, WFXN-AM 1230
- Effingham, WCRC-FM 95.7
- Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390
- Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400
- Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550
- Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480
- Kankakee, WKAN-AM 1320
- Kewanee, WKEI – AM 1450
- LaSalle-Peru, WLPO-AM 1220
- Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1
- Litchfield, WAOX-FM 105.3
- Mt. Carmel, WVMC-AM 1360
- Mattoon, WCRC-FM 95.7
- Olney, WWLN-AM 740
- Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9
- Paris, WINH-FM 98.5
- Paxton, WPXN-FM 104.9
- Peoria, WIRL-AM 1290
- Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5
- Pontiac, WTRX-FM 93.7
- Pontiac, WJEZ-FM 98.9
- Quincy, WTAD-AM 930
- Quincy, WQCY-FM 103.9
- Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570
- Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7
- Rockford, WROK-AM 1440
- Salem, WJBD-AM 1350
- Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1
- Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230
- St. Louis, KRFT-AM 1190
- St. Louis, KFNS-AM 590
- Springfield, WTAX-AM 1240
- Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3
- Terre Haute, Ind., WINH-FM 98.5
- Vandalia, WCRC - FM 95.7
- Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1

CAREER RECORDS TO WATCH

CAREER 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

1.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105
2.	Antoineo Harris, 1999-2002	2,985
3.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	2,887
4.	Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	2,878
5.	Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	2,711
6.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	2,545
7.	Rashard Mendenhall, 2005-07	2,539
8.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	2,485
9.	Keith Jones, 1984-88	2,194
10.	John Karras, 1949-51	2,135
11.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	2,103
12.	Red Grange, 1923-25	2,071
13.	Rich Johnson, 1966-68	2,058
14.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	1,851
15.	Lonnie Perrin, 1972-75	1,771
16.	J.C. Caroline, 1953-54	1,696
17.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	1,614

CAREER RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	1,614
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

SEASON RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2007	755
2.	Juice Williams, 2006	576
3.	Tim Brasic, 2005	420
4.	Rick Weiss, 1978	297
5.	Mike Wells, 1972	287
6.	Juice Williams, 2008	283
7.	Ronald Fearn, 1961	219
8.	Bob Naponic, 1966	215
9.	Mike Wells, 1970	214
10.	Kurt Steger, 1977	174

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/2008	174
2.	Juice Williams vs. Purdue, 11/11/06	145
3.	Juice Williams vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07	136
4.	Juice Williams at Minnesota, 11/3/07	133
5.	Tim Brasic vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05	116
6.	Rick Weiss vs. Wisconsin, 10/14/78	106
7.	Mike Wells vs. Northwestern, 11/4/72	105
8.	Juice Williams vs. Michigan State, 9/30/06	103
9.	Fred Custardo at Ohio State, 10/9/65	100
10.	Juice Williams vs. Ball State, 10/27/07	99

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE

(RUSHING, PASSING=TOTAL)

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	8,722	8,880
2.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	8,725	8,640
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	7,532	7,256
4.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	7,031	7,002
5.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	4,137	5,751
6.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-94	5,293	5,358
7.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	5,190	5,158
8.	Jeff George, 1988-89	5,189	4,767
9.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105	4,105
10.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	2,750	3,204

CAREER PASSING YARDAGE

1.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	8,725
2.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	8,722
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	7,532
4.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	7,031
5.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	5,293
6.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	5,190
7.	Jeff George, 1988-89	5,189
8.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	4,137
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	3,212
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	3,154

SINGLE-GAME PASSING YARDAGE

1.	Dave Wilson, Ohio St., 11/8/80	621
2.	Tony Eason, Wisconsin, 10/23/82	479
3.	Juice Williams, Missouri, 8/30/2008	451
4.	Jason Verduzco, Missouri, 9/14/1991	431
5.	Jon Beutjer, California, 9/20/2003	430
6.	Jon Beutjer, San Jose St., 9/21/2002	426
7.	Dave Wilson, Purdue, 10/18/80	425
8.	Tony Eason, Alabama, 12/29/82	423
9.	Jack Trudeau, Purdue, 10/12/85	413
10.	Tony Eason, Northwestern, 11/21/81	409

CAREER PASS COMPLETIONS

1.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	797
2.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	682
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	678
4.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	561
5.	Jeff George, 1988-89	474
6.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	462
7.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	432
8.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	324
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	306
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	245

CAREER PASS ATTEMPTS

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	1,264
2.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	1,245
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	1,083
4.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	911
5.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	819
6.	Jeff George, 1988-89	789
7.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	773
8.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	644
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	565
10.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	507

CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	70
2.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	55
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	42
4.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	39
5.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	38
6.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	35
7.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	31
8.	Jeff George, 1988-89	31
9.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	21
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	19

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
6.	Moe Gardner, 1987-90	18
7.	Terrell Washington, 1999-2001	15
8.	Mel Agee, 1987-90	15
9.	Derrick Strong, 2000-03	14
10.	Will Davis, 2005-present	13.5
	- Derek Walker, 2005-present	11
	*Big Ten record	

CAREER PASSES BROKEN UP

1.	Eugene Wilson, 1999-2002	60
2.	Christian Morton, 2000-02	41
3.	Bobby Jackson, 1997-2001	26
4.	Marlon Primous, 1988-91	26
5.	Robert Crumpton, 1991-94	26
6.	Craig Swoope, 1982-85	25
7.	Charles Armstead, 1981-82	24
8.	Alan Ball, 2003-06	22
9.	Chris Green, 1987-90	22
10.	David Edwards, 1980-84	22
11.	John Graham, 1970-71	22
	- Vontae Davis, 2006-present	18

CAREER INDIVIDUAL STARTS

1.	Tim Simpson, OL, 1988-91	48
2.	Bucky Babcock, OL, 2001-04	47
3.	Tony Pashos, OL, 1999-2002	47
4.	Chris Norwell, DT, 2004-07	46
5.	Matt Maddox, OL, 2003-06	45
6.	Marques Sullivan, OL, 1997-2000	45
7.	Kevin Hardy, LB, 1992-95	45
8.	Dana Howard, LB, 1991-94	45
9.	Danny Clark, LB, 1996-99	44
10.	Simeon Rice, LB/DL, 1992-95	44
	- Ryan McDonald, OL, 2005-present	40

DEPTH CHART

(as of Sept. 28)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

- 68 Xavier Fulton (6-5, 300, Sr.)
70 Corey Lewis (6-6, 278, Fr.)

Left Guard

- 62 Eric Block (6-3, 292, Sr.)
66 Randall Hunt (6-6, 311, So.)

Center

- 60 Ryan McDonald (6-5, 296, Sr.)
65 Mike Nabolotny (6-5, 281, Sr.)

Right Guard

- 52 Jon Asamoah (6-5, 309, Jr.)
73 Jack Cornell (6-5, 321, r-Fr.)

Right Tackle

- 71 Jeff Allen (6-4, 317, Fr.)
67 Graham Pocic (6-7, 320, Fr.)

Quarterback

- 7 Juice Williams (6-2, 233, Jr.)
10 Eddie McGee (6-4, 200, So.)

Running Back

- 22 Daniel Dufrene (5-11, 201, Jr.)
29 Troy Pollard (5-8, 180, r-Fr.)
21 Jason Ford (6-0, 220, Fr.) -OR-
5 Mikel Leshoure (6-0, 240, Fr.)

Fullback

- 30 Rahkeem Smith (6-1, 255, Jr.)
41 Zach Becker (6-3, 240, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 15 Chris Duvalt (5-11, 175, Jr.)
17 Jeff Cumberland (6-5, 251, Jr.) -OR-
82 Fred Sykes (6-0, 184, Fr.)
11 Cordale Scott (6-3, 208, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 13 Will Judson (5-8, 163, Sr.)
6 Chris James (6-0, 188, So.)
8 A.J. Jenkins (6-0, 175, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 214, So.)
80 Alex Reavy (6-2, 195, So.)

Tight End

- 16 Michael Hoomanawanui (6-5, 274, Jr.)
83 Hubie Graham (6-4, 248, Fr.)

DEFENSE

Defensive End

- 95 Doug Pilcher (6-5, 266, Jr.) -AND-
91 Derek Walker (6-4, 270, Sr.)
90 Antonio James (6-5, 255, Jr.)

Defensive Tackle

- 94 David Lindquist (6-3, 293, Sr.)
93 Corey Liuget (6-3, 283, Fr.)

Defensive Tackle

- 92 Josh Brent (6-2, 315, So.)
98 Daryle Ballew (6-1, 313, r-Fr.)
55 Anterio Jackson (6-2, 277, So.)

Defensive End

- 81 Will Davis (6-3, 268, Sr.)
99 Jerry Brown (6-4, 261, So.)
97 Clay Nurse (6-3, 258, So.)

Linebacker

- 2 Martez Wilson (6-4, 246, So.)
33 Russell Ellington (6-2, 217, Fr.)

Linebacker

- 44 Brit Miller (6-1, 250, Sr.)
43 Sam Carson (6-1, 254, Sr.)

Linebacker

- 45 Rodney Pittman (6-2, 242, Sr.)
38 Ian Thomas (6-0, 218, r-Fr.)

Cornerback

- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 179, Jr.)
27 Antonio Gully (6-1, 183, So.)

Free Safety

- 31 Travon Bellamy (6-0, 207, So.)
18 Nate Bussey (6-2, 216, So.) -OR-
4 Donsay Hardeman (6-2, 220, Jr.)

Strong Safety

- 24 Bo Flowers (6-2, 218, So.)
20 Garrett Edwards (6-2, 214, So.)

Cornerback

- 1 Vontae Davis (6-0, 204, Jr.)
3 Tavon Wilson (6-0, 191, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker

- 84 Matt Eller (6-1, 201, r-Fr.)
19 Derek Dimke (6-0, 175, Fr.) -OR-
38 Matt Brandabur (6-0, 220, So.) -OR-
35 Michael Cklamovski (6-4, 261, Jr.)

Punter

- 87 Anthony Santella (6-2, 190, So.)
36 Jared Bosch (6-1, 200, So.)

Holder

- 36 Jared Bosch (6-1, 200, So.)

Long Snapper

- 59 Tad Keely (6-1, 200, So.)
46 Zak Pedersen (6-2, 220, Fr.)

Punt Returner

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 214, So.)
28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 179, Jr.)

Kick Returner

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 214, So.)
1 Vontae Davis (6-0, 204, Jr.)
8 A.J. Jenkins (6-0, 175, Fr.)

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
12	Jacob Charest	...shuh-REST
35	Michael Cklamovski	...cluh-MAHV-skee
22	Daniel Dufrene	...doo-FRAIN
68	Xavier Fulton	...ZAV-yer
28	Dere Hicks	...duh-RAY
16	Hoomanawanui	...huh-oh-muh-NOW-uh-noo-ee
55	Anterio Jackson	...ann-TARE-ee-oh
5	Mikel Leshoure	...muh-KEL // luh-SHORE
93	Corey Liuget	...legit
73	Mike Nabolotny	...NOB-uh-lot-knee
96	Wisdom Onyegbule	...oh-NEB-uh-lay
49	Tyler Pacha	...Pasha
76	Graham Pocic	...poe-SICK
32	Supo Sanni	...SHOO-poh // SAH-knee
69	Ryan Sedlacek	...said-LAH-check
49	Ugochukwu	...ooh-go-CHOO-kwoo
	Uzodinma	...ooh-zoh-DEEN-mah
18	Eddie Viliunas	...vuh-LOO-nus
3	Marques Wilkins	...MAR-cuss
56	Sirod Williams	...sur-ROD
3	Tavon Wilson	...TAY-von

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK



RON ZOOK

HEAD COACH
MIAMI (OH), 1976
4TH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

RON ZOOK'S WINS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

at No. 1 Ohio State, 11/10/07	28-21
vs. No. 5 Wisconsin, 10/6/07	31-26
vs. No. 19 Penn State, 9/29/07	27-20
at No. 8 Florida State, 11/20/04	20-13
vs. No. 4 Georgia, 11/1/03	16-13
at No. 6 LSU, 10/11/03	19-7
at No. 11 Arkansas, 10/18/03	33-28
vs. No. 5 Georgia, 11/2/02	20-13
at No. 4 Tennessee, 9/21/02	30-13

- ▶ **Ron Zook** was named the 2007 Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year after leading the Illini to the Rose Bowl. He was also the Big Ten Coach of the Year.
- ▶ Illinois entered the 2008 season ranked in the top-25 and held on to a national ranking for seven straight weeks, including the 2007 season. It was the fourth-longest streak in Illinois history.
- ▶ The 2007 Fighting Illini made a seven-win improvement from the 2006 season, which was the biggest turnaround in college football that season.
- ▶ On Nov. 10, 2007, **Ron Zook** became the first coach in the nation in 10 years to defeat the Associated Press' No. 1 team on the road, when the Illini upset Ohio State, 28-21.
- ▶ The Illinois offense led the Big Ten in rushing for two consecutive years. In 2007, the Illini averaged 256.8 yards, which also ranked fifth in the nation. One year earlier, Illinois' 188.8 yards per game were good enough for 10th nationally.
- ▶ The Illini offense set 10 season and career records in 2007, including single-season rushing, season touchdowns, total offense and fewest quarterback sacks.
- ▶ In his six years as a head coach, **Ron Zook** has led four different squads to bowl eligibility. All three bowl games Zook has coached were played on Jan. 1.
- ▶ In four of his six seasons as a head coach, **Ron Zook's** teams have finished the year ranked in the final Top-25 polls.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** is in his 32nd season of coaching college football, and his seventh as a head collegiate coach.
- ▶ During his offseason vacation, **Ron Zook** spent two days on the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier, during its training mission. It had been a dream of Zook's to land and take off from a carrier. While on the ship, Zook saw and studied the similarities of the military and college football with its attention to teamwork and detail.

- ▶ **Ron Zook** led the Illini to wins over three ranked opponents in 2007, the most since the 2001 season. It is also the first time Illinois had wins over two Top-5 opponents since 1963.
- ▶ Illinois' win over No. 1 Ohio State in 2007 marked **Ron Zook's** ninth win over a ranked opponent in his six years as a head coach.
- ▶ With a 27-14 win over Indiana on Sept. 22, 2007, **Ron Zook** led the Illini to its first Big Ten opening win since 1993.
- ▶ **Ron 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.

- ▶ **Ron Zook** has put together three consecutive top-30 recruiting classes for the Illini. In 2007, Illinois ranked among the top-15 and third in the Big Ten. Illinois was ranked as high as 15th in 2008, good enough for third in the conference, and in 2006, Rivals rated the Illini No. 28 and fourth in the league.
- ▶ In 2005, the Illinois football team was the youngest in the nation, starting 15 freshmen and sophomores. In 2006, the Illini were among the top-3.
- ▶ **Ron 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.

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	---	NR/NR
2006	ILLINOIS	2-10	1-7	---	NR/NR
2007	ILLINOIS	9-4	6-2	ROSE	20/18
2008	ILLINOIS	2-2	0-1	--	--
TOTAL	6 YEARS	38-39	23-26	4 BOWLS	

Polls listed as AP/Coaches **Led Gators to Peach Bowl berth

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK

- ▶ 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 16 bowl games —three as a player and 13 as a coach.
- ▶ Zook has spent 20 years coaching BCS conference teams (SEC: Florida-8 seasons; Tennessee-3 seasons; Big Ten: Illinois-4 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.

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

RON ZOOK'S RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Arkansas	2-0	1.000	Mississippi State	0-1	.000
Auburn	1-0	1.000	Missouri	0-2	.000
Ball State	1-0	1.000	Minnesota	1-0	1.000
California	0-1	.000	Northwestern	1-2	.333
Eastern Illinois	2-0	1.000	Ohio	1-1	.500
Eastern Michigan	1-0	1.000	Ohio State	1-2	.333
Florida A&M	1-0	1.000	Penn State	1-3	.250
Florida State	1-2	.333	Purdue	0-2	.000
Georgia	2-1	.667	Rutgers	1-1	.500
Kentucky	3-0	1.000	San Jose State	2-0	1.000
Indiana	1-2	.333	South Carolina	3-0	1.000
Iowa	0-4	.000	Syracuse	1-1	.500
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0	1.000	Tennessee	1-2	.333
LSU	1-2	.333	UAB	1-0	1.000
Miami	0-2	.000	USC	0-1	.000
Michigan	0-2	.000	Vanderbilt	3-0	1.000
Michigan State	1-1	.500	Western Illinois	1-0	1.000
Middle Tennessee	1-0	1.000	Western Michigan	---	---
Mississippi	0-2	.000	Wisconsin	1-2	.333

ZOOK YEAR-BY-YEAR

2008 // University of Illinois (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Aug. 30	vs. 6/7 Missouri	L	42-52
Sept. 6	Eastern Illinois	W	47-21
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	20-17
Sept. 27	at 12/12 Penn State	L	24-38
Oct. 4	at Michigan	2:30 pm (ABC)	
Oct. 11	Indiana	7 pm (BTN)	
Oct. 18	Minnesota	11 am (TBA)	
Oct. 25	at 18/17 Wisconsin	11 am (TBA)	
Nov. 1	Iowa	TBA	
Nov. 8	vs. Western Michigan	11 am (TBA)	
Nov. 15	at #14/12 Ohio State	TBA	
Nov. 22	Northwestern	TBA	

2007 // University of Illinois (9-4, 6-2 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	6-10
Oct. 20	#24/NR Michigan	L	17-27
Oct. 27	Ball State	W	28-17
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	W	44-17
Nov. 10	at #1/1 Ohio State	W	28-21
Nov. 17	Northwestern	W	41-22
Jan. 1	vs. #7 USC*	L	17-49

* Rose Bowl

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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WR, 6-2, 214, SO.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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- Maxwell Award Candidate
- Biletnikoff Award Candidate
- Preseason Third-Team All-America (by Athlon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten wide receiver and kick returner (by Blue Ribbon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Lindy's)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- Named Big Ten's Fastest Receiver (by The Sporting News)
- Rated the No. 20 player in the nation (by The Sporting News)
- Rated the No. 19 wide receiver in the nation (by Lindy's)
- Rated the No. 1 wide receiver in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- 2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- 2007 Freshman All-American

2008: Ranks fourth in the Big Ten in receptions per game (4.75) and fifth in receiving yards per game (65.0) ... Had four receptions for a career-high 110 yards and two touchdowns at Penn State ... Had 14 touches against Eastern Illinois for 124 all-purpose yards (seven receptions, five rushes and two returns) ... Scored the first two rushing touchdowns of his career against the Panthers, running for a career-high 48 yards ... Caught a career-high seven passes for 92 yards against Missouri ... Also returned four kickoffs for 67 yards with a long of 28 against Missouri.

2007: Named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year by both the coaches and media ... Also earned Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors from *The Sporting News* ... Garnered second-team Freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News*, Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from Rivals.com ... Broke the Illini record for receiving yards by a freshman against Ball State (formerly Brandon Lloyd, 511, 1999) ... Broke the UI freshman receptions record (Ty Douthard, 43, 1993) with four catches at Minnesota ... Tied for 15th in receptions per game and 16th in receiving yards per game in the Big Ten ... Ranked 15th in the Big Ten in all-purpose yards ... Had a season-best five catches for 80 yards in the Rose Bowl vs. USC ... Also tied his season-long catch with a 56-yard touchdown from Eddie McGee vs. USC ... Caught two passes for 16 yards and rushed three times for 23 yards against Northwestern ... Caught one pass for seven yards and returned one kickoff for 25 yards at No. 1 Ohio State ... Caught four passes for 17 yards, ran four times for 13 yards and had one kickoff return for 26 yards at Minnesota ... Caught four passes for a career-high 97 yards, rushed twice for 13 yards and had three kickoff returns for 51 yards against Ball State ... Had five catches for 35 yards against No. 25 Michigan ... Grabbed four passes for 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 No. 5 Wisconsin ... Named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week with his breakout game against No. 21 Penn State, taking his first career kickoff return for a 90-yard touchdown, catching a career-best six passes for 84 yards and his first career receiving TD, and rushing twice for five yards ... 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 ... Had five catches 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.

High School: 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 ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Earned first-team All-Met honors by The Washington Post in both 2005 and 2006 ... Named the SuperPrep MidAtlantic Offensive Player of the Year ... Rated the 17th-best player in the country by Rivals.com ... Also ranked No. 17 by ESPN.com ... Five-star player by Rivals.com ... Ranked as the No. 2 receiver in the country and second-best DC-area player by Rivals.com ... A five-star recruit, ranking as No. 2 wide receiver nationally by Scout.com ... Ranked 19th on PrepStar's 100 Team ... SuperPrep Elite 50 ... Caught 56 passes for 1,039 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Also averaged nine yards a carry, rushing for three touchdowns ... Led team to four straight Turkey Bowls ... Was the first player in Dunbar High School history to crack 1,000 yards receiving ... As a junior, caught 50 passes for 1,147 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Averaged 23.1 yards per catch in 2005 ... High school teammates of fellow Illini Ugo Uzodinma, Vontae Davis, Reggie Ellis and Nate Bussey ... High school coach was Craig Jeffries.

Personal: Born on Sept. 8, 1988 ... Son of Denise Benn ... Full given name is Arrelious Markus Benn ... Enrolled in general studies ... Chose Illinois over Florida State, Notre Dame and Maryland.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7, twice (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
Receiving Yards: 110 at Penn State, 9/27/08
Long Reception: 56, twice (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
Receiving TD: 2 at Penn State (9/27/08)
Rushes: 5, twice (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
Rushing Yards: 48 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
Long Rush: 23 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Rushing TD: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
KO Returns: 4 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
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	13	54	676	12.5	52.0	2	56
2008	4	19	260	13.7	65.0	2	54
TOTAL	17	73	936	12.8	55.2	4	56

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	32	158	4.9	13.2	0	23
2008	4	11	53	4.8	13.2	2	17
TOTAL	17	43	211	4.9	12.4	2	23

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	10	280	28.0	1	90
2008	7	115	16.4	0	28
TOTAL	17	395	23.2	1	90

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	2	27	13.5	0	22

BENN GAME-BY-GAME

2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	1-(5)	0	0	7-92	0	30
EIU	5-48	2	17	7-36	0	18
ULL	3-10	0	11	1-22	0	22
@PSU	2-0	0	1	4-110	2	54
2007	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	3-(6)	0	13	5-74	0	25
WIU	3-38	0	18	4-52	0	28
@SU	4-28	0	23	4-26	0	18
@IND	4-22	0	15	5-50	0	18
PSU	5-9	0	5	6-84	1	29
WIS	2-5	0	7	5-51	0	26
@IOWA	2-13	0	11	4-87	0	33
MICH	0-0	0	0	5-35	0	20
BSU	2-13	0	11	4-97	0	56
@MINN	4-13	0	7	4-17	0	11

@OSU	0-0	0	0	1-7	0	7
NW	3-23	0	13	2-16	0	11
USC*	0-0	0	0	5-80	1	56

*Rose Bowl

BENN GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

2008	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	4	67	0	28
EIU	1	18	0	18
ULL	1	6	0	6
@PSU	1	24	0	24
2007	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	0	0	0	-
WIU	0	0	0	-
@SU	0	0	0	-
@IND	0	0	0	-
PSU	1	90	1	90
WIS	2	43	0	24
@IOWA	0	0	0	-
MICH	0	0	0	-
BSU	3	51	0	23
@MINN	1	26	0	26
@OSU	1	25	0	25
NW	0	0	0	0
USC*	2	45	0	23

* Rose Bowl



VONTAE DAVIS

DB, 6-0, 204, JR.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DUNBAR

- **2008 Playboy All-America**
- **Preseason First-Team All-America (by The Sporting News)**
- **2008 Bronko Nagurski Trophy Candidate**
- **2008 Chuck Bednarik Award Candidate**
- **2008 Jim Thorpe Award Candidate**
- **Preseason Second-Team All-America (by Lindy's)**
- **Preseason Third-Team All-America (by Athlon)**
- **Named Big Ten's Best Athlete (by The Sporting News)**
- **Rated the No. 14 player in the nation (by The Sporting News)**
- **Rated the No. 4 cornerback in the nation (by Lindy's)**
- **Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)**
- **Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Blue Ribbon)**
- **Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by The Sporting News)**
- **Rated the No. 2 cornerback in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)**
- **Rated the No. 1 overall 2009 NFL draft prospect (by The Sporting News)**
- **2007 Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist**
- **2007 First-Team All-Big Ten (by coaches)**
- **2007 Second-Team All-Big Ten (by media)**

2008: Had seven tackles, including four solos, at Penn State and returned one kickoff for 21 yards ... Led the Illini and tied his career high with 13 tackles - 11 solos - against Louisiana Lafayette ... Also recorded 1.5 TFLs, had a PBU and forced and recovered a fumble against ULL ... Recorded five tackles - three solos - with a PBU and a QB hurry against Eastern Illinois ... Also returned one kickoff for 28 yards against the Panthers ... Totaled five tackles, including four solos, and had two PBUs against No. 6 Missouri.

2007: Was a 2007 Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist, the only sophomore on the list ... Earned first-team All-Big Ten honors by the coaches and second-team by the media ... Was named first-team All-Big Ten by Rivals.com ... Sixth in interceptions and sixth in passes defended in the Big Ten ... Posted a career-best, team-leading 13 tackles, all of which were solo stops, in the Rose Bowl against USC ... Also had a tackle for loss vs. the Trojans ... Had five tackles - including two solos - and had a TFL and a PBU at No. 1 Ohio State ... Notched three solo tackles and recorded an interception and a PBU at Minnesota ... Recorded seven tackles - including four solos - and had a PBU against Ball State ... Notched three solo tackles and had a career-long 63-yard kickoff return to open the game against No. 25 Michigan ... Had eight tackles, including six solos, at Iowa ... Notched six tackles - including four solos - and had an interception and a PBU against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Collected three solo tackles, an interception and a QB hurry against No. 21 Penn State ... Starred at Indiana, recording nine tackles - including seven solos - an interception, a PBU, his second blocked punt of the season and a kickoff return for 11 yards ... Had four tackles - including two solos - and 0.5 TFLs at Syracuse ... Notched five tackles - including three solos - a career-high two PBUs and 0.5 TFLs against Western Illinois ... Blocked the first punt of his career against Missouri and returned it two yards for a touch-down, the Illini's first score of the season ... Recorded 10 tackles, - including six solos - one TFL and one PBU against Missouri.

2006: Named to Freshman All-America first teams by *The Sporting News*, Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors by both the coaches and the media ... Named to the freshman All-Big Ten team by *The Sporting News* ... Named the team's Rookie of the Year ... Recorded five tackles and recovered a fumble at Northwestern ... Had four tackles and a pass broken up vs. Purdue ... Had four tackles, including one for loss and a pass broken up vs. Ohio State ... Had

five solo tackles at Wisconsin, making eight total stops vs. the Badgers ... Recorded four solo tackles and had a PBU at Penn State ... Recorded two tackles, including a solo, against Ohio ... Recorded nine tackles, including five solos, against Indiana ... Assisted on two tackles and recorded a PBU at Michigan State ... Recorded seven tackles, including three solos, against Iowa ... Also broke up a pass against the Hawkeyes ... Recorded four tackles against Syracuse, including one solo ... Also registered one-half of a TFL and one PBU against the Orange ... Started first career game against Eastern Illinois, recording two solo tackles, a tackle-for-loss and an interception ... Davis' interception came in the end zone, thwarting a Panther drive.

High School: *Washington Post* first-team All-Metro ... *PrepStar* All-American ... D.C. Gatorade Player of the Year ... DCIAA West first-team All-Conference ... Named the No. 1 recruit in the DC area by Rivals.com ... Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Recorded eight interceptions and 38 solo tackles as a senior ... Also had 25 receptions for 612 yards ... Recorded over 1,000 all-purpose yards in 2005 ... Led Dunbar HS to a 9-2 record and defeated Coolidge in the Turkey Bowl, the DCIAA city championship game ... Third-fastest DB at the State College NIKE camp ... Recorded 4.40 second 40-yard dash and 33-inch vertical jump ... High school teammates of fellow Illini Ugo Uzodinma, Reggie Ellis, Arrelious Benn and Nate Bussey ... High school coach was Craig Jefferies ... Chose Illinois over Maryland, Michigan State and Virginia.

Personal: Full given name is Vontae O. Davis ... Born on May 27, 1988 ... Raised by his grandmother, Adeline Davis ... Brother, Vernon, played tight end at Maryland and was the sixth overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft, selected by the San Francisco 49ers ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13, twice (last vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)
Solos: 13 vs. USC, 1/1/08
INT: 1, five times (last time at Minnesota, 11/3/07)
TFL: 1.5 vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08
QB Hurry: 1, twice (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
PBU: 2, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 8/30/08)
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)
Blocked Punt: 1, twice (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
KO Returns: 1, six times (last time at Penn State, 9/27/08)
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	12	56	20	76	4-9	4-0	8
2008	4	22	8	30	1.5-6	0-0	4
TOTAL	28	108	50	158	8-22	5-0	18

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	4	116	29.0	0	63
2008	3	60	20.0	0	28
TOTAL	7	176	25.1	0	63

DAVIS GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
EIU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
ULL	11	2	13	1.5-6	0-0	1	1-1
@PSU	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	6	4	10	1-1	0-0	1	0-0
WIU	3	2	5	0.5-1	0-0	2	0-0
@SU	2	2	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	7	2	9	0-0	1-0	1	0-0
PSU	3	0	3	0-0	1-0	0	0-0
WIS	4	2	6	0-0	1-0	1	0-0
@IOWA	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MINN	3	0	3	0-0	1-0	1	0-0
@OSU	2	3	5	1-2	0-0	1	0-0
USC*	13	0	13	1-4	0-0	0	0-0

* Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
EIU	2	0	2	1-3	1-0	0	0-0
@RU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	1	0-0
IOWA	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
IND	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OHIO	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@WIS	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	3	1	4	1-3	0-0	1	0-0
PUR	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@NW	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-1



WILL DAVIS

DL, 6-3, 268, SR.

GREENBELT, MD.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

- Rotary Lombardi Award Candidate
- Ted Hendricks Award Candidate
- Preseason Third-Team All-America (by The Sporting News)
- Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (by nationalchamps.net)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Blue Ribbon)
- Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten (by Lindy's)
- Rated the No. 3 defensive lineman in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- 2007 Second-Team All-Big Ten

2008: Recorded two tackles at Penn State ... Had three tackles with a QB sack, 2.0 TFLs and a QB hurry against Louisiana Lafayette ... Forced a fumble against Eastern Illinois to go along with five tackles and a sack ... Recorded three tackles including 0.5 TFL against Missouri ... Also notched a PBU and a QB hurry against the Tigers.

2007: Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors by the media and honorable mention from the coaches ... Was a Ted Hendricks Award candidate ... Played in all 13 games, starting nine ... Named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his performance at Indiana where he registered four sacks, five tackles for loss and forced a fumble ... Ranked 26th in the nation and sixth in the Big Ten in sacks per game with 0.73 ... Tied for 96th in the nation and 12th in the Big Ten in TFLs per game ... Recorded two solo tackles vs. USC in the Rose Bowl ... Had three solo tackles, a sack and two QB hurries against Northwestern ... Notched three solo tackles and a sack at No. 1 Ohio State ... Had two solo tackles at Minnesota ... Notched three tackles – including two solos – a sack and a QB hurry against Ball State ... Had four tackles – including three solos – 0.5 TFLs and a QB hurry against No. 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 No. 5 Wisconsin ... Notched six tackles – three solo – against No. 21 Penn State, along with 0.5 sacks and a QB hurry ... Recorded a career-high four sacks, seven tackles – including a career-high five solos – five total TFLs for 22 yards and a forced fumble at Indiana ... 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 solo tackles and one TFL against Missouri.

2006: Played in all 12 games, starting the final two at defensive end ... Recorded two tackles, one for loss and a quarterback hurry in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had one tackle for loss vs. Purdue ... Forced two fumbles and had three solo tackles, one for a sack vs. Ohio State ... Recorded his first career sack for 12 yards at Penn State ... Tied a career-high against Indiana with three tackles, including two solos ... Also recorded a QB hurry against the Hoosiers ... Recorded three tackles, including one solo, at Michigan State ... Recorded a career-high two QB hurries against Iowa ... Had two tackles, including a solo, against the Hawkeyes

... Recorded two solo tackles against Syracuse ... Assisted on a tackle against Eastern Illinois.

2005: Played in eight games as both a wide receiver and tight end ... Did not record any statistics ... Was in on 58 special teams snaps and 23 offensive plays.

High School: A member of the *SuperPrep* top-25 team ... Started on both sides of the ball ... Earned first-team All-State, All-Metro, All-League, and All-County honors ... Named to the Maryland Super 44 All-Star team and the P.G. County North All-Star team ... Averaged over 28 yards per reception as a senior ... Made 21 receptions for 579 yards and 10 touchdowns as a wide receiver ... Also recorded 136 tackles and 24 sacks on defense ... Had eight passes broken up, one safety, one blocked punt and four forced fumbles ... *SuperPrep* All-Region selection ... Lettered two years in football and track and one year in basketball ... High school football coach was Rick Houchens.

Personal: Full name is William Benjamin Davis Jr. ... Born on June 2, 1986 ... Son of William Davis Sr. and Pearine Davis-Parkinson ... Has seven brothers and two sisters ... Mother, Pearine, is the Deputy Minister of State for the African nation of Liberia ... 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: 5 at Indiana, 9/22/07

TFL: 5 at Indiana, 9/22/07

QB Hurries: 2, three times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)

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	13	29	12	41	12.5-56	9.5-45	7
2008	4	4	9	13	3.5-16	2-15	2
TOTAL	29	44	28	72	19.5-92	13.5-79	18

DAVIS GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	3	3	0.5-0	0-0	1	0-0
EIU	1	4	5	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	1-0
ULL	2	1	3	2.0-8	1.0-7	1	0-0
PSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	4	0	4	1-5	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@SU	2	1	3	1.5-7	1.5-7	0	0-0
@IND	5	2	7	5-22	4-18	0	1-0
PSU	3	3	6	1-2	0.5-1	1	0-0
WIS	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@IOWA	0	3	3	0.5-5	0.5-5	0	0-0
MICH	3	1	4	0.5-1	0-0	1	0-0
BSU	2	1	3	1-5	1-5	1	0-0

@MINN	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	3	0	3	1-4	1-4	0	0-0
NW	3	0	3	1-5	1-5	2	0-0
USC*	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

* Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
@MSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
IND	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
OHIO	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	0	1	1-12	1-12	2	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
OSU	3	0	3	1-7	1-7	1	2-0
PUR	0	1	1	0.5-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	1	1	2	1-1	0-0	1	0-0



XAVIER FULTON

OL, 6-5, 300, SR.

FLOSSMOOR, ILL.

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

- Rotary Lombardi Award Candidate
- Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (by The Sporting News)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Lindy's)
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Blue Ribbon)
- 2007 Second-Team All-Big Ten

2008: Part of an offensive line that has helped the Illini rank second in the Big Ten in scoring offense (33.2) and third in total offense (444.5) through four games ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the third-best passing total in Illinois history.

2007: Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors by both coaches and media ... Also named second-team All-Big Ten by Rivals.com ... Starting left tackle for all 13 games ... Was in on 997 offensive snaps ... Recorded a team-leading 109 knock-downs ... Helped Illinois post 445 yards of total offense on USC's fourth-ranked defense in the Rose Bowl ... Led the way for 541 total yards of offense and 321 rushing yards against Northwestern ... Helped pave the way for 260 rushing yards at No. 1 Ohio State, quadrupling the Buckeyes' average rushing yards allowed ... Led the way for 448 rushing yards, the fifth-best single-game total in school history, and 655 total yards, the third-best total, at Minnesota ... Helped pave the way for 324 rushing yards and was part of a unit that allowed just one sack against Ball State ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and No. 25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against No. 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 ... Moved to offensive line from defensive tackle during 2007 spring practice.

2006: Took a medical redshirt year after injuring his knee during the 2005 season.

2005: Played and started in the first seven games of the season before suffering a season-ending knee injury ... Registered 13 total tackles, two tackles-for-loss, a half-sack and three quarterback hurries for the year ... Had a career game at Indiana, recording three solo stops, 1.5 tackles for loss and a blocked extra point attempt ... Recorded three quarterback hurries in season opener against Rutgers ... Posted a half-sack against San Jose State.

2004: Played in eight games and started three as a true freshman, collecting six tackles, two QB hurries and one PBU ... Had one solo tackle, two QBH and one PBU vs. Michigan ... Recorded tackles vs. Minnesota, Indiana and at Northwestern.

High School: Named to All-State teams by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Champaign News-Gazette* and Illinois High School Coaches Association ... Recorded 98 tackles, 58 solo stops and 7.5 sacks as a senior ... Also had 17 quarterback hurries, three blocked field goals, three fumble recoveries and five PBUs ... All-Area performer by *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Daily Southtown* and *Star Newspapers* ... Ranked as a Top-25 Illinois recruit by Rivals, ESPN and The Insiders ... *SuperPrep* All-Region ... Lettered in football and wrestling ... High school coach was Tom Bailey.

Personal: Full name is Xavier Allen Fulton ... Born on April 18, 1986 ... The son of Glen and Alma Fulton ... Majoring in sociology.



RYAN McDONALD

OL, 6-5, 296, SR.

HOLLAND, MICH.

WEST OTTAWA

- **2008 Anson Mount Playboy Scholar Athlete Award Winner**
- **2008 Rimington Award Watch List**
- **Draddy Award Candidate**
- **Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (by The Sporting News)**
- **Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by The Sporting News)**
- **Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)**
- **Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten (by Lindy's)**
- **Rated the No. 4 offensive lineman in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)**
- **2007 Second-Team All-Big Ten (by coaches & media)**

2008: Part of an offensive line that has helped the Illini rank second in the Big Ten in scoring offense (33.2) and third in total offense (444.5) through four games ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the third-best passing total in Illinois history.

2007: Three-year starter on the offensive line and two-year starter at center ... Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors from coaches and media as well as by Rivals.com ... Was a 2008 Rimington Award Candidate ... Graded out at 90 percent for effort, technique and assignment for the entire season ... Played 941 offensive snaps ... Recorded 102 knockdowns ... Did not allow a sack or commit a penalty all season ... Helped the Illini record 445 yards of total offense against USC's fourth-ranked defense in the Rose Bowl ... Led the way for 541 total yards of offense and 321 rushing yards against Northwestern ... Helped pave the way for 260 rushing yards at No. 1 Ohio State, quadrupling the Buckeyes' average rushing yards allowed ... Led the way for 448 rushing yards, the fifth-best single-game total in school history, and 655 total yards, the third-best total, at Minnesota ... Helped pave the way for 324 rushing yards against Ball State ... Part of an offensive line unit that allowed just two sacks total against Iowa and No. 25 Michigan ... Led the way for 289 rushing yards and three rushing TDs against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Part of an offensive line that didn't allow a sack against No. 21 Penn State ... Paved the way for 288 rushing yards at Indiana ... 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 ... Earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

2006: Started all 12 games at center ... Rushing offense finished first in the Big Ten and 10th in the nation with an average per game of 188.8 yards ... The 5.2 yards per carry led the conference and were fifth-highest in the nation ... Team rushed for 2,266 yards, the most since the 1973 season and the average was highest since 1978 ... Offense rushed for over 200 yards on seven different occasions ... Team rushed for 214 yards vs. Northwestern ... Blocked for team to rush for 316 yards vs. Purdue ... Helped pave the way for 202 yards rushing against Penn State, which had been allowing just 85 yards per game ... Helped produce 211 rushing yards and a 2-of-2 red zone performance against Ohio ... Helped pave the way for 209 rushing yards vs. Indiana ... Helped produce 252 rushing yards and a 3-of-3 red zone performance at Michigan State ... Helped pave the way for 345 yards rushing and a 5-of-5 red zone performance that resulted in five touchdowns against Eastern Illinois ... Earned team's scholar-athlete award ... Earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2005: Named to *Sporting News'* Freshman All-Big Ten team ... Earned the team's Scholar-Athlete Award with a 3.87 GPA in aerospace engineering ... Started all 11 games, 10 at right tackle and the season finale at left tackle ... Was in on 716 offensive snaps and 43 special teams plays ... Helped the Illini post 538 yards of total offense against Wisconsin ... Blocked for two 200-yard rushing games vs. Rutgers and San Jose State ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

2004: Redshirted the 2004 season.

High School: Earned All-Conference honors as a senior ... Named to the *Holland Sentinel* Dream Team in 2003 ... Two-time All-Area performer ... Listed No. 15 on the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50 team ... Team set school records for wins and points scored in 2002 and 2003 ... Also set record for total offense in 2002 ... In 2003, the offense led the conference in scoring and averaged over 400 yards and 37 points a game ... Had 77 knockdowns and 59 tackles, five for loss, as a senior ... Three-year

starter on the offensive and defensive line, leading his team to a 21-10 record during that time ... Totaled 59 knockdowns and 14 tackles as a junior ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Team captain ... Selected for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game ... Nominated to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl ... Earned letters in football and basketball ... Two-year starter for basketball team, including serving as captain for 2004 conference championship team ... High school football coach was Jim Caserta.

Personal: Born Aug. 21, 1985, in Toledo, Ohio ... Son of Phil and Jan McDonald ... Father, Phil, played center for the Illini from 1974-76 ... Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... Graduated summa cum laude in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering ... Will begin his master's degree in the same field in the fall ... Member of the National Honor Society with a 3.99 GPA in high school ... Won his high school's scholar-athlete award three consecutive years ... Lists former NFL lineman Tony Boselli as his favorite athlete.



BRIT MILLER

LB, 6-1, 250, SR.

DECATUR, ILL.

EISENHOWER

- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Ronnie Lott Award Candidate

2008: Currently ranks first in the Big Ten and is tied for ninth in the NCAA with 11.0 tackles per game ... Also ranks seventh in the country in tackles for loss (1.88) ... Recorded eight tackles - four solos - and 1.5 tackles for loss at Penn State ... Scored his first career touchdown against Louisiana Lafayette with a 27-yard fumble return ... Also had a career-high 13 tackles, including six solos, and tied his career-high with 3.0 TFL against ULL ... Led the Illini against Eastern Illinois with 11 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble ... Recorded the third interception of his career against the Panthers ... Had 12 tackles, including three solos, against Missouri ... Also recorded 0.5 TFL for one yard against Missouri.

2007: Recorded five solo tackles, three tackles for loss and one sack against USC in the Rose Bowl ... Played in all 13 games and started 12 at linebacker ... Led all Illinois linebackers with five PBUs on the season ... Had three solo tackles at No. 1 Ohio State ... Notched three solo tackles and a TFL at Minnesota ... Had five solo tackles and broke up a pass against Ball State ... Recorded eight tackles, including three solos, against No. 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 No. 5 Wisconsin ... Recorded seven tackles, including four solos, against No. 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.

2006: Played in all 12 games, starting 10 (the final two games started in nickel) ... Had four tackles at Northwestern ... Forced a fumble vs. Purdue ... Registered eight tackles vs. Ohio State ... Recorded four tackles, including three solos, 1.5 TFLs and a QB hurry at Wisconsin ... Picked off a pass and had a 19-yard return to go along with two tackles, one solo, at Penn State ... Assisted on three tackles and had a half-TFL against Ohio ... Assisted on three tackles at Michigan State ... Recorded five tackles, including three solos, against Iowa ... Also had a TFL for one yard

against the Hawkeyes ... Recorded five tackles against Syracuse, including two solos ... Assisted on three tackles at Rutgers ... Had a team-best 1.5 tackles for loss to go along with three tackles, two solos, and an interception against Eastern Illinois.

2005: Played in all 11 games, starting the final four at linebacker ... Finished the season seventh on the total tackles list with 46 while recording 4.5 tackles for loss ... Wrapped up the season with a career-high 12 tackles against Northwestern, including a career-best eight solo hits and two tackles for loss ... Recorded his first career sack, a 12-yard loss against the Wildcats in the season finale ... Put up his first double-digit tackle performance at Ohio State, registering 11 stops ... Averaged 9.5 tackles during his four starts with 3.5 tackles for loss ... Had eight tackles vs. Wisconsin and seven at Purdue.

High School: Rated the No. 17 recruit in the state of Illinois and No. 84 among linebackers nationally by Scout.com ... Ranked 37th among linebackers by Rivals.com ... As a senior, led his team in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks ... *PrepStar* All-Region ... Named to All-Conference and All-County teams as a quarterback, running back and linebacker in high school ... *SuperPrep* All-Region ... Rushed for 1,249 yards and 19 scores his senior year ... Ran the option and had 1,106 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns as a junior ... Also had 105 tackles and 10 sacks from his linebacker position ... Is Eisenhower's all-time leading rusher ... Earned 10 letters in football, basketball and track ... Recorded 243 tackles between his junior and senior season ... State track qualifier in the 4x100, 4x200, shot and discus ... High school football coach was Dennis Sheppard.

Personal: Born on Sept. 15, 1986 ... Full name is Brit William Miller ... Son of Randy and Teresa Miller ... Was a member of the National Honor Society ... Listed in Who's Who Among High School Students ... Named Academic All-Conference Scholar-Athlete all four years ... Earned Academic All-State honors senior year ... Has a double major in speech communication and history ... Will graduate in three-and-a-half years this fall ... Biggest thrill in sports was beginning his football career on a 1-8 team, then qualifying for the state playoffs his senior year.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08
Solos: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
TFL: 3, twice (last vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)
QB Sacks: 1, three times (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
Forced Fumble: 1, three times (last vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)
PBU: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
Interception: 1, three times (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)

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	13	39	23	62	8.5-27	1-10	0
2008	4	18	26	44	7.5-19	1-12	0
TOTAL	40	105	90	195	25-72	3-34	1

MILLER GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	3	9	12	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	5	6	11	2.5-13	1-12	0	1-0
ULL	6	7	13	3.0-2	0-0	0	1-1
@PSU	4	4	8	1.5-3	0-0	0	0-0
2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	4	2	6	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	5	2	7	2-5	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	4	3	7	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	3	8	11	1-3	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	3	0	3	1-2	0-0	0	0-0

@OSU	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	5	0	5	3-13	1-10	0	0-0

*Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	2	1	3	1.5-2	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	3	2	5	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OHIO	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	3	1	4	1.5-2	0-0	1	0-0
OSU	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
@NW	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SJSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@CAL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	1	2	3	1-3	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	5	3	8	1.5-3	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PUR	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	8	4	12	2-14	1-12	0	0-0



JUICE WILLIAMS

QB, 6-3, 233, JR.

CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO VOCATIONAL

- Heisman Trophy Watch List (by Athlon)
- Davey O'Brien Award Candidate
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (9/1)
- Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (by The Sporting News)
- Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Named Big Ten's Best Running QB (by The Sporting News)
- Rated the No. 2 quarterback in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- Rated the No. 24 quarterback in the nation (by Lindy's)
- Named the Best Scrambler in the Big Ten (by Lindy's)
- 2007 Honorable Mention All-Big Ten

2008: Ranks 14th in the country and first in the Big Ten in total offense (297.0) ... Passed for 183 yards (13-of-24) and two TDs at Penn State, also rushing for 64 yards to net 247 yards of total offense ... Passed for 147 yards (13-of-25) and one TD while rushing for 35 yards against Louisiana Lafayette ... Broke his own record for single-game rushing by a quarterback against Eastern Illinois with 174 yards including two rushing touchdowns ... Also passed for 124 yards (16-of-25, 64 percent) against the Panthers to total 298 yards of total offense ... Named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against No. 6 Missouri ... Had a career-best passing performance across the board against Missouri, with 451 yards on 26-of-42 passing (62 percent) and five touchdowns ... Is Illinois' career leader for rushing yards by a quarterback (1,550).

2007: Earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors ... Was a Manning Award Candidate ... Ranked eighth in the Big Ten in total offense and 10th in rushing and passing efficiency ... Broke the Illinois record for most rushing yards in a season by a quarterback (755) for the second-straight season ... Became Illinois' career leader for rushing yards by a quarterback ... Posted a season-best 245 yards passing on 21-of-35 passing (60 percent) against USC in the Rose Bowl ... Keyed the Illinois win against Northwestern by hitting 15-of-23 passes for 220 yards, one touchdown and one interception, and rushing 23 times for 136 yards and a career high-tying two touchdowns ... Named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after leading the Illini to a victory at No. 1 Ohio State, throwing for 140 yards and four touchdowns on 12-for-22 passing and rushing 16 times for 70 yards ... Earned a "Helmet Sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew for his performance against Ohio State, and his QB sneak on 4th-and-1 in the fourth quarter was nominated as a Pontiac Game Changing Performance ... Had one of his best games as an Illini against Minnesota, throwing 14-of-21 for 207 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, while running 18 times for 133 yards and a touchdown with no negative rushes ... Was 7-of-15 passing for 145 yards and two interceptions, and rushed 17 times for 99 yards and a then career-high two touchdowns against Ball State ... 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 No. 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 No. 21 Penn State ... Went 13-for-28 for 98 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions at Indiana ... 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 ... Went 6-for-9 for 59 yards before being knocked out of the game early in the second quarter against Missouri.

2006: Earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News* ...

Named the team's Rookie of the Year ... Rushed for 145 yards vs. Purdue, which was the most for an Illinois quarterback in a single game, and scored his first career rushing TD against the BoilerMakers ... Was one of five true-freshmen quarterbacks in the nation to start during the 2006 season ... Was named Rivals.com's Freshman of the Week after win over Michigan State ... Ranked 10th in the Big Ten in passing yardage per game, total offense per game and pass efficiency ... Ran for 54 yards and a TD at Northwestern ... Was 13-for-29 for 171 yards with a TD, an INT and 53 yards on 19 carries at Wisconsin ... Went 13-for-33 for 156 yards with two INTs at Penn State ... Threw for two TDs against Ohio, going 16-for-34 for 186 yards and an INT ... Also rushed for 96 yards on 17 carries against the Bobcats, including a season-long 45-yard romp ... Went 10-for-21 for 190 yards and two TDs against Indiana ... Also rushed 10 times for 53 yards against the Hoosiers ... Starred at Michigan State, rushing for 103 yards on 17 carries and passing for 122 yards with a TD and an INT on 9-of-16 accuracy ... Made first career start against Iowa, going 9-of-32 for 161 yards with one TD and three INTs ... Also ran 17 times for 44 yards with a long of 16 ... Had a career day against Syracuse, going 9-of-16 for 227 and two TDs ... Had TD passes of 76 and 69 yards, the 11th- and 13th-longest plays in Illinois history, respectively ... Became the first QB in Illini history to throw two TD passes of more than 65 yards in one game ... Hit 2-of-4 passes for 25 yards and rushed four times for 26 yards against Eastern Illinois.

High School: Ranked No. 5 among senior QBs in the nation by SI.com ... Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Second-rated prospect from the state of Illinois and No. 3 pro-style QB in the nation according to Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 7 quarterback prospect in the Midwest by the Detroit Free Press ... Threw for 1,841 yards and 22 TDs as a senior ... Also rushed for 1,441 yards and 17 TDs ... Averaged 21.8 yards per carry... Made one 65-yard TD reception ... Won Best Feet and Most Likely to Play First Awards at the 2005 EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback camp ... Runner-up in Strongest Arm and Most Improved Camper at Elite 11 ... Selected for the Chicago Public League All-Star game ... High school coach was Charles Chambers ... Chose Illinois over North Carolina, Penn State, Tennessee and Ohio State.

Personal: Full given name is Isiah John Williams ... Goes by "Juice" ... Born on Nov. 19, 1987 ... Son of Anita and Stanley Williams ... Majoring in speech communication ... Has two brothers and four sisters ... Attended same high school as former Illini and NFL 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: 26 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Attempts: 42 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Yards: 451 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Passing Touchdowns: 5 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Long Pass: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
 Carries: 23 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
 Rushing Yards: 174 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Rushing Touchdown: 2, three times (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
 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	13	267	153	57.3	1743	13	12	56
2008	4	116	68	58.6	905	9	6	65
TOTAL	29	644	324	50.3	4137	31	27	76

WILLIAMS PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

YEAR	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
2008						
MU	42	26	2	451	5	65
EIU	25	16	2	124	1	18
ULL	25	13	1	147	1	23
@PSU	24	13	1	183	2	54
2007						
MU	9	6	0	59	0	22
WIU	24	12	1	123	0	28
@SU	18	13	0	97	1	22
@IND	28	13	2	98	2	18
PSU	24	11	2	120	1	29
WIS	19	12	0	121	1	31
@IOWA	15	9	0	98	0	33

MICH	14	8	1	70	1	26
BSU	15	7	2	145	0	56
@MINN	21	14	1	207	2	47
@OSU	22	12	0	140	4	33
NW	23	15	1	220	1	48
USC*	35	21	2	245	0	55

2006	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	4	2	0	25	0	16
@RU	10	2	0	14	0	12
SU	16	9	0	227	2	76
IOWA	32	9	3	161	1	39
@MSU	16	9	1	122	1	69
IND	21	10	0	190	2	53
OHIO	34	16	1	186	2	44
@PSU	33	13	2	156	0	23
@WIS	29	13	1	171	1	52
OSU	20	8	0	77	0	24
PUR	29	8	1	95	0	27
@NW	17	4	0	65	0	47

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	154	576	3.7	48.0	2	45
2007	13	165	755	4.6	58.1	7	24
2008	4	64	283	4.4	70.8	2	31
TOTAL	29	383	1614	4.2	55.7	11	45

WILLIAMS RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

YEAR	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MU	19	10	0	14
EIU	16	174	2	31
ULL	11	35	0	8

@PSU	18	64	0	14
2007	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MU	6	11	0	6
WIU	9	16	1	9
@SU	12	90	1	22
@IND	11	32	0	15
PSU	7	37	0	17
WIS	14	92	0	24
@IOWA	10	41	0	13
MICH	7	17	0	23
BSU	17	99	2	22
@MINN	18	133	1	14
@OSU	16	70	0	12
NW	23	136	2	21
USC*	15	(19)	0	7

2006	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	4	26	0	9
@RU	7	(2)	0	12
SU	6	(14)	0	8
IOWA	17	44	0	16
@MSU	17	103	0	17
IND	10	53	0	23
OHIO	17	96	0	45
@PSU	19	5	0	10
@WIS	19	53	0	20
OSU	4	13	0	5
PUR	22	145	1	22
@NW	12	54	1	22



MARTEZ WILSON

LB, 6-4, 246, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL.

SIMEON

- Butkus Award Candidate
- Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten (by Phil Steele)
- Preseason Third-Team All-Big Ten (by Athlon)
- Rated the No. 3 linebacker in the Big Ten (by The Sporting News)
- 2007 Honorable Mention Freshman All-American

2008: Ranks eighth in the Big Ten with an average of 8.0 tackles per game ... Recorded six tackles - three solos - at Penn State and recovered the first fumble of his career ... Had six tackles with a QB sack and QB hurry against Louisiana Lafayette ... Posted a career-high five solo tackles (nine total) against Eastern Illinois, with one TFL and a PBU ... Recorded a career-high 11 tackles including three solos against Missouri ... Also had 2.5 TFL, including one sack, and a PBU against the Tigers.

2007: Named honorable mention Freshman All-American by Scout.com ... Played in all 13 games at linebacker Posted three solo tackles in the Rose Bowl against USC ... Recorded two tackles, including a solo, at No. 1 Ohio State ... Had three tackles, including two solos, at Minnesota ... Notched three tackles - including one solo - and had his first career PBU against Ball State ... Assisted on a tackle against No. 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 No. 5 Wisconsin ... Recorded two tackles - including a solo - and a TFL against No. 21 Penn State ... Assisted on a tackle at Indiana ... Assisted on two tackles at Syracuse ... Notched a season-best five tackles, including three solos, against Western Illinois ... Recorded his first career tackle, a solo, and quarterback hurry in the season opener against Missouri.

High School: 2006 *USA Today* first-team All-American ... *Parade* All-American ... Ranked sixth on the ESPN Top-150 list ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... *PrepStar* Dream Team member ... Ranked the 21st best player in the country by *PrepStar* ... *Champaign News-Gazette* first-team All-State ... No. 1 in the Midwest by the *Detroit Free Press* ... Rated the 22nd-best player in the country and No. 1 in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... 2006 East U.S. Army All-American ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... Five-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Public League Team ... Earned All-Area honors from the *Chicago Sun-Times* ... Five-star recruit by Scout.com ... *SuperPrep* Midwest Defensive Player of the Year ... Ranked No. 2 at defensive end by Scout.com ... *SuperPrep* Elite 50 ... 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 ... Earned All-Metro honors from the *Chicago Sun-Times* as a junior ... Compiled 99 tackles, 20 for loss, 18 sacks, seven forced fumbles and

an interception in 2005 ... High school coach was Jesse Chick ... Also ran track, specializing in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Personal: Born on Sept. 21, 1988 ... Majoring in sport management ... Chose Illinois over Notre Dame, USC, Ohio State, Miami (FL), Florida and Michigan.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Solos: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 TFL: 2.5 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 PBU: 1, three times (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
 QB Hurries: 1, three times (last time vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)
 QB Sacks: 1, four times (last time vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08)

@OSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

*Rose Bowl

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	13	15	14	29	3-16	2-13	2
2008	4	14	18	32	4.5-20	2-13	1
TOTAL	17	29	32	61	7.5-36	4-26	3

WILSON GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	3	8	11	2.5-11	1-6	0	0-0
EIU	5	4	9	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	3	3	6	1-7	1-7	1	0-0
@PSU	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-1

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
WIU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	1	1	2	1-3	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	2	1	3	1-2	1-2	1	0-0
@IOWA	1	2	3	1-11	1-11	0	0-0
MICH	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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52 // JON ASAMOAH

OL, 6-5, 309, JR.

PARK FOREST, ILL./RICH EAST

2008: Part of an offensive line that has helped the Illini rank second in the Big Ten in scoring offense (33.2) and third in total offense (444.5) through four games ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the third-best passing total in Illinois history.

CAREER NOTES: Preseason Third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon ... Started at right guard in all 13 games in 2007 ... Was in on 991 offensive plays ... Recorded 80 knockdowns ... Part of an offensive line that averaged 256 yards per game, which ranked fifth in the nation ... Team rushed for over 200 yards in nine games, including three games over 300 ... Helped pave the way for running back Rashard Mendenhall to break seven Illinois records including single-season rushing ... Offense topped 3,000 rushing yards for the first time in school history and over 5,000 total yards for just the third time ... Offense allowed only 16 sacks in 13 games, which set a school record with 1.2 per game ... Team had strong rushing performance vs. Minnesota where they rushed for 448 yards (ranks 5th in record books) and 655 total offense (4th in record book) ... Played in five of the last six games of the season at offensive guard as a true-freshman in 2006 ... Full given name is Jonathan Yao-Lante Asamoah ... Father, Samuel, is from Ghana, Africa ... Middle name is a Ghanaian name for "born on Thursday" ... Majoring in community health.

98 // DARYLE BALLEW

DL, 6-1, 313, R-FR.

CINCINNATI, OHIO/WITHROW

2008: Saw action against Missouri, Eastern Illinois and Penn State but did not record any stats.

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2007 season ... Rated a top-100 recruit in the Midwest by *SuperPrep* ... Cousin of former Seattle Seahawks Pro Bowl defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy ... Majoring in business ... Was on the "A" Honor roll as a high school senior ... Is one of six children, including four sisters.

31 // TRAVON BELLAMY

DB, 6-0, 207, SO.

GREENBELT, MD./ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

2008: Led the Illini with a career-high nine tackles, including a career-high eight solos, at Penn State ... Had five tackles against Louisiana Lafayette ... Had one solo tackle against Eastern Illinois ... Notched four tackles against Missouri, including a career-high three solos ... Also recorded a PBU against the Tigers.

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2007 season with a shoulder injury ... Played in 11 of 12 games as a true-freshman, missing the finale with an injury ... Made his first career interception and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown at Wisconsin ... Intercepted his second pass of the season, returning it 47 yards vs. Purdue ... Three-year starting defensive back at ERHS ... Set a school record with a 101-yard interception return for a touchdown return in 2005 ... Had 33 career interceptions in high school ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 at Penn State, 9/27/08
Solos: 8 at Penn State, 9/27/08
PBU: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
INT: 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
INT Yards: 47 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Touchdowns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	4	11	15	0-0	2-88	2
2008	4	14	5	19	0-0	0-0	1
TOTAL	15	18	16	34	0-0	2-88	3

BELLAMY GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
EIU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	8	1	9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
OHIO	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	1	1	0-0	1-41	0	0-0
OSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	0	1	1	0-0	1-47	0	0-0

62 // ERIC BLOCK

OL, 6-3, 292, SR.

NEW ORLEANS, LA./JESUIT

2008: Part of an offensive line that has helped the Illini rank second in the Big Ten in scoring offense (33.2) and third in total offense (444.5) through four games ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the third-best passing total in Illinois history.

CAREER NOTES: Played in four games and was in on 111 offensive snaps, at both guard and center in 2007 ... In 2006, played in the season opener against Eastern Illinois, participating in seven offensive snaps ... Played in four games as a true-freshman in 2005... Parents were displaced in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina ... Majoring in political science.

92 // JOSH BRENT

DL, 6-2, 315, SO.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL./CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2008: Recorded a career-high five tackles at Penn State ... Had two tackles against Louisiana Lafayette ... Did not play against Missouri or Eastern Illinois due to illness.

CAREER NOTES: Played in 10 games at defensive tackle as a true-freshman ... Made his Illinois debut against Western Illinois, racking up three tackles and 1.5 TFLs ... Rated among the Top-100 recruits nationally at 80th by Rivals.com ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... High school teammate of current Illini tight end Michael Hoomanawanui.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Penn State, 9/27/08
Solos: 1, three times (last time at Penn State, 9/27/08)
TFL: 1.5 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
QB Sacks: 0.5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Ball State, 10/27/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	11	2	6	8	2-0-7	0.5-2	1
2008	2	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	13	3	12	15	2-0-7	0.5-2	1

BRENT GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
ULL	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
WIU	1	2	3	1.5-5	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	2	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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99 // JERRY BROWN

DL, 6-4, 251, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO./VASHON

2008: Tied his career-high with two tackles, including one solo, and combining on a TFL against Missouri ... Played against Eastern Illinois, Louisiana Lafayette and Penn State but did not record any statistics.

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games at defensive end ... Recorded a sack for 11 yards at No. 1 Ohio State ... Notched a solo tackle — a sack for six yards, his first career solo sack — at Minnesota ... Assisted on two tackles, combining on a sack and another TFL, against No. 25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle and had 0.5 TFLs — the first TFL of his career — against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... Named the team's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year that season ... Chose Illinois over Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska ... Started playing football at age six.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, three times (last time vs. Missouri, 8/30/08)
Solos: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
TFL: 1, twice (last time at Ohio State, 11/10/07)
Sacks: 1, twice (last time at Ohio State, 11/10/07)
PBU: 1, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
QBH: 1, four times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	13	5	4	9	3.5-21	2.5-20	4
2008	4	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0
TOTAL	17	6	5	11	4-22	2.5-20	4

BROWN GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
WIU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@SU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	0	2	2	1-3	0.5-3	0	0-0
BSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MINN	1	0	1	1-6	1-6	0	0-0
@OSU	1	0	1	1-11	1-11	0	0-0
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
USC*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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PLAYER PROFILES

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OHIO	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

6 // CHRIS JAMES

WR, 6-0, 188, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL./MORGAN PARK

2008: Played against Eastern Illinois but did not record any stats ... Had one reception for one yard against Missouri.

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2007 season with an injury ... Played in 11 games in 2006 as a true-freshman, starting the final four ... Caught five passes for 76 yards and averaged 15.2 yards per catch ... Had a career day in the season finale against Northwestern, catching two passes for 52 yards, including a career-long 47-yarder ... Led high school to 2005 Prep Bowl win while filling in at quarterback for the injured regular starter ... Resides with his grandmother, Gwendolyn Parker ... Nickname is "CJ" ... Began playing football in eighth grade.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 Receiving Yards: 52 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 Long Reception: 47 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
 Carries: 1 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
 Rushing Yards: 14 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
 Long Rush: 14 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	11	5	76	15.2	6.9	0	47
2008	2	1	1	1.0	0.5	0	1
TOTAL	13	6	77	12.8	6.4	0	47

JAMES GAME-BY-GAME

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	1	0	1
EIU	0	0	0	0

2006	REC	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	0	0	0	0
@RU	0	0	0	0
SU	1	6	0	6
IOWA	0	0	0	0
IND	0	0	0	0
OHIO	0	0	0	0
@PSU	0	0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0
OSU	1	10	0	10
PUR	1	8	0	8
@NW	2	52	0	47

8 // A.J. JENKINS

WR, 6-0, 175, FR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA./TERRY PARKER

2008: Had two kickoff returns for 51 yards at Penn State, including a career-long return of 27 yards ... Returned two kickoffs for 47 total yards against Louisiana Lafayette ... Returned one kickoff for 24 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Saw the first action of his career against Missouri, returning a kickoff for 25 yards.

CAREER NOTES: Four-star recruit according to Scout.com ... Rated the No. 36 wide receiver nationally by Scout.com ...

Caught 41 passes for 515 yards, scoring four touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed for another 251 yards on 40 carries in 2007 ... Has a 38-inch vertical leap.

CAREER HIGHS

KO Returns: 2, twice (last at Penn State, 9/27/08)
 KO Return Yards: 51 at Penn State, 9/27/08
 Long KO Return: 27 at Penn State, 9/27/08

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	6	147	24.5	0	27

JENKINS GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

2008	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	1	25	0	25
EIU	1	24	0	24
ULL	2	47	0	25
@PSU	2	51	0	27

13 // WILL JUDSON

WR, 5-8, 163, SR.

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

2008: Had three receptions for 23 yards at Penn State ... Caught one pass against Louisiana Lafayette ... Caught one pass for nine yards against Eastern Illinois ... Had a career game against Missouri, catching two TD passes and totaling 177 yards on five receptions, including a long of 65.

CAREER NOTES: Played in 12 of 13 games in 2007 ... Hauled in two passes for a career-high 16 yards at Indiana ... Member of UI squad in 2006 ... Sat out in 2005 due to NCAA transfer rule ... Went to Florida A&M as a freshman ... Returned 16 punts for a total of 94 yards ... Longest punt return was 24 yards ... Returned 35 kicks for 677 yards, a 19.3 average ... Earned eight letters in high school, four each in football and track ... Placed sixth in the nation at the national scholastic indoor championships in New York City in the 60m dash ... Majoring in sport management ... Father played 10 seasons with the Miami Dolphins ... Plans on becoming an NFL scout after finishing school.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 vs Missouri, 8/30/08
 Receiving Yards: 177 vs Missouri, 8/30/08
 Touchdowns: 2 vs Missouri, 8/30/08
 Long Reception: 65 vs Missouri, 8/30/08

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	12	6	30	5.0	2.5	0	9
2008	4	10	209	20.9	52.2	2	65
TOTAL	16	16	239	14.9	14.9	2	65

JUDSON GAME-BY-GAME

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	5	177	2	65
EIU	1	9	0	9
ULL	1	0	0	0
@PSU	3	23	0	13

2007	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	(1)	0	-
WIU	2	13	0	9
@SU	1	2	0	2
@IND	2	16	0	9
PSU	0	0	0	-
@IOWA	0	0	0	-
MICH	0	0	0	-
BSU	0	0	0	-
@MINN	0	0	0	-
@OSU	0	0	0	-
NW	0	0	0	-
USC*	0	0	0	-

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59 // TAD KEELY

LS, 6-1, 220, SO.

OSWEGO, ILL./OSWEGO

2008: Snapped for all punts and extra points in each of the Illini's first four games.

CAREER NOTES: Played in one game in 2007, snapping for all punts in the Rose Bowl ... Member of UI squad in 2006 ... Lettered in three sports at Oswego High School: football, basketball and tennis ... Was a three-sport captain and is only the second athlete in school history to earn All-Conference honors in three sports ... Brother, Tyler, was a long snapper on the Illinois football team from 2003-06 ... Father, David, played football at Western Illinois ... Would like to be a Spanish teacher after graduation ... Majoring in Spanish ... Graduated high school with a 4.15 GPA.

5 // MIKEL LESHORE

RB, 6-0, 240, FR.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL./CENTENNIAL

2008: Rushed for 23 yards on three carries at Penn State, also catching two passes for 26 yards ... Had eight carries for 21 yards against Louisiana Lafayette ... Rushed for a career-high 49 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Saw the field versus Missouri, but did not record a carry.

CAREER NOTES: Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008 ... Rushed for 4,652 yards on 681 carries for a 6.8 yards per carry average and scored 52 rushing touchdowns in his prep career ... Also hauled in 32 career receptions for 557 yards and five touchdowns and a 17.4 yards-per-catch average ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Mike Locksley Jr.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 10 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Rushing Yards: 49 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Long Run: 12 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	4	21	93	4.4	23.2	0	12

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	4	3	35	11.7	8.8	0	14

LESHORE GAME-BY-GAME

2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	0-0	0	-	0-0	0	-
EIU	10-49	0	12	0-0	0	-
ULL	8-21	0	10	1-9	0	9
@PSU	3-23	0	11	2-26	0	14

94 // DAVID LINDQUIST

DL, 6-3, 293, SR.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL./HIGHLAND PARK

2008: Had six tackles, including three solos, at Penn State ... Notched four tackles - three solos - including a TFL and QB hurry against Louisiana Lafayette ... Had four tackles and assisted on a QB sack against Eastern Illinois ... Recorded two tackles, one solo, against Missouri.

CAREER NOTES: Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlong ... Came to Illinois as a walk-on, earning a scholarship before the 2006 season ... Played in and started all 13 games at

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CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games as the starting punter in 2007 ... Had a career day in the Rose Bowl, averaging 44.7 yards on six punts ... Punted three times for 126 yards, an average of 42.0, with a long of 52 and one downed inside the 20 against Northwestern ... Member of University of Utah football team in 2006 ... 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 ... In soccer, helped lead his team to its first-ever appearance in the Sweet 16 ... Plans on majoring in business-marketing.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Yardage: 336 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Average: 44.7 vs. USC, 1/1/08
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	64	2410	37.7	5	13	17	59
2008	17	656	38.6	1	3	3	56
TOTAL	81	3066	37.9	6	16	20	59

SANTELLA GAME-BY-GAME

2008	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	TB	FC	+50	I20
MU	8	336	42.0	56	0	1	1	3	2
EIU	2	76	38.0	42	0	0	0	0	0
ULL	4	126	31.5	48	0	0	0	0	1
@PSU	3	118	39.3	47	0	0	2	0	0

2007	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	TB	FC	+50	I20
MU	6	226	37.7	48	0	0	2	0	2
WIU	9	304	33.8	40	0	2	0	0	2
@SU	3	100	33.3	35	0	0	1	0	3
@IND	6	246	41.0	59	0	1	0	2	2
PSU	6	200	33.3	42	0	0	2	0	1
WIS	5	171	34.2	56	0	0	0	1	1
@IOWA	4	154	38.5	46	0	1	2	0	0
MICH	5	184	36.8	44	0	0	2	0	2
BSU	4	169	42.2	45	0	0	2	0	0
@MINN	1	32	32.0	32	0	0	1	0	1
@OSU	6	230	38.3	50	0	0	0	1	2
NW	3	126	42.0	52	0	0	0	1	1
USC*	6	268	44.7	47	0	1	1	0	0

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1 // CORDALE SCOTT

WR, 6-3, 208, FR.
CLEVELAND, OHIO/GLENVILLE

2008: Saw action in the first three games of the season but recorded no stats.

CAREER NOTES: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer's* Player of the Year for 2007 ... Listed on Rivals' Top-250 team ... Caught 31 passes for over 300 yards and scored four touchdowns as a senior ... Also returned three kickoffs for touchdowns ... Has a 31-inch vertical jump ... High school coach was Ted Ginn, Sr. ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State.

30 // RAHKEEM SMITH

RB, 6-1, 255, JR.
LOMBARD, ILL./WILLOWBROOK/HARGRAVE PREP

2008: Played in the first four games of the season but did not record statistics.

CAREER NOTES: Converted from linebacker to fullback before the 2007 season ... Played in all 13 games at fullback ... Caught the first pass of his career for eight yards against Northwestern ... Saw action at fullback and recorded two tackles on special teams, including a solo, at No. 1 Ohio State ... Played in eight

games as a linebacker in 2006, primarily on special teams ... Recorded 52 tackles and two interceptions at Hargrave Prep in 2005 ... Led his high school team in rushing with 783 yards on 146 carries as a running back, scoring nine touchdowns ... After lacerated kidney injury as a sophomore, came back with 67 tackles, 11 for loss, and 12 sacks in 2003 ... Is one of eight children ... Brother, Tramell, was an All-American middle-distance runner on the Illinois track team from 2003-07.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Receiving Yards: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Long Reception: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Tackles: 1 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	1	8	8.0	0.6	0	8

SMITH GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

2007	NO	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
WIU	0	0	0	-
@SU	0	0	0	-
@IND	0	0	0	-
PSU	0	0	0	-
WIS	0	0	0	-
@IOWA	0	0	0	-
MICH	0	0	0	-
BSU	0	0	0	-
@MINN	0	0	0	-
@OSU	0	0	0	-
NW	1	8	0	8
USC*	0	0	0	-

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82 // FRED SYKES

WR, 6-0, 184, FR.
TAMPA, FLA./CHAMBERLAIN

2008: Caught one pass against Louisiana Lafayette ... Recorded two catches for 12 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Caught two passes for 37 yards and a long of 20 in his first collegiate game versus Missouri.

CAREER NOTES: Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008 ... Rated among the top-100 players in the state of Florida ... Led the team with 25 catches for 371 yards and two touchdowns as a senior, while averaging 14.2 yards per catch... Majoring in general studies.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice (last vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
Receiving Yards: 37 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Long Reception: 20 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	4	5	56	11.2	14.0	0	20

SYKES GAME-BY-GAME

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	2	37	0	20
EIU	2	12	0	8
ULL	1	7	0	7
@PSU	0	0	0	-

38 // IAN THOMAS

LB, 6-0, 218, R-FR
BERWYN HEIGHTS, MD./DEMATHA

2008: Recorded the first tackle of his career at Penn State ... Saw action against Missouri, Eastern Illinois and Louisiana Lafayette but recorded no statistics.

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2007 season ... Ranked as the

19th-best weakside linebacker in the nation by Scout.com ... Helped lead DeMatha to four straight state titles, including a perfect 12-0 season in 2006 ... Posted 126 tackles and six sacks in 2006 ... Earned honors as the Defensive Player of the state of Maryland as a senior ... Was a boxer from ages 8 to 14 and ranked third in the country in the National Silver Gloves rankings for two years straight ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 at Penn State, 9/27/08
Solos: 1 at Penn State, 9/27/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2008	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0

THOMAS GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
@PSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

91 // DEREK WALKER

DL, 6-4, 270, SR.
GLENDALE HEIGHTS, ILL./GLENBARD EAST

2008: Had three tackles and a QB sack at Penn State ... Had two solo tackles, including a QB sack, against Louisiana Lafayette ... Recovered a fumble and recorded a QB hurry against Eastern Illinois ... Intercepted a pass for the first time in his career and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown versus Missouri, also recording two tackles.

CAREER NOTES: Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon ... Played in 12 of 13 games in 2007, starting eight at defensive end ... Named the team's defensive lineman of the year in 2006 ... Led team with 5.5 sacks ... Started all 11 games at defensive end in 2005, finishing the year with 26 total tackles and six tackles for loss, second-most on the team ... Earned Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Majoring in speech communications ... Enjoys graphic design ... Hobbies include drawing and building models.

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
INT: 1 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
INT Return: 34 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
INT Touchdown: 1 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
QB Sacks: 1.5 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
QB Hurries: 3 at Penn State, 10/21/06
PBU: 1, five times (last time at Minnesota, 11/3/07)
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH	INT-YD
2005	11	15	11	26	6-23	1-6	3	0-0
2006	12	12	17	29	8-33	5.5-25	11	0-0
2007	12	12	10	22	3.5-17	2.5-16	4	0-0
2008	4	4	3	7	2-13	2-13	1	1-34
TOTAL	39	43	41	84	19.5-86	11-60	19	1-34

WALKER GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-1
ULL	2	0	2	1-6	1-6	0	0-0
@PSU	1	2	3	1-7	1-7	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
WIU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	3	0	3	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	1	2	3	1-8	1-8	2	0-0
WIS	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@IOWA	0	4	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	0	0-0
MICH	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0

PLAYER PROFILES

@MINN	1	0	1	1-3	1-3	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

*Rose Bowl

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

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
RU	2	1	3	1.5-3	0-0	1	0-0
SJSU	1	2	3	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0
@CAL	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MSU	0	1	1	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	3	1	4	1-9	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	1	1	0.5-0	0-0	1	0-0
@OSU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PUR	2	0	2	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
NW	1	0	1	1-6	1-6	0	0-0

3 // TAVON WILSON

DB, 6-0, 191, FR.

WASHINGTON, D.C./H.D. WOODSON

2008: Played in all four games as a true-freshman ... Recorded his first career tackles against Eastern Illinois, including a TFL for a loss of one yard.

CAREER NOTES: *Washington Post* District Player of the Year ... Rated the No. 28 cornerback by ESPN.com ... Recorded nine interceptions, including two for touchdowns as a HS senior ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Evan Frierson and Eddie McGee.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08

TFL: 0.5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2008	4	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0

WILSON GAME-BY-GAME

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

TURNOVERS

(Turnovers forced)

TEAM	TOTAL	INT	FUMBLE
ILLINOIS	8	3	5
OPPONENT	10	6	4

MISSOURI

- 1Q ... Carson forced fumble (Hicks recovered)
- 3Q ... Walker interception (returned 34 yards for a TD)

EASTERN ILLINOIS

- 1Q ... Miller interception (15 yard return)
- 3Q ... Hicks interception (12 yard return)
- 4Q ... Miller forced fumble (Walker recovered, 7 yard return)

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

- 1Q ... V. Davis forced fumble (V. Davis recovered)
- 1Q ... Miller forced fumble (Miller recovered, 27 yd TD return)

PENN STATE

- 3Q ... Liuguet forced fumble (M. Wilson recovered)

SCORING DRIVES

MISSOURI

1st	1:28	Judson 30 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick blocked)	4-64-1:49
2nd	9:25	Walker 34 yard interception return (Eller kick)	
3rd	9:41	Duvalt 20 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	6-79-1:51
	1:17	Duvalt 26 yard pass from J. Williams (Dufrene pass from J. Williams)	4-82-1:27
4th	13:23	Judson 65 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	3-82-0:43
	0:00	Hoomanawanui 5 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	14-70-3:11

EASTERN ILLINOIS

1st	10:31	Duvalt 16 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	4-34-2:00
2nd	14:57	Eller 21 yard field goal	14-62-6:58
	10:04	Eller 42 yard field goal	9-29-3:35
	2:44	J. Williams 7 yard run (rush failed)	9-93-3:59
	0:20	J. Williams 1 yard run (Eller kick)	9-49-0:54
3rd	7:28	Benn 4 yard run (Eller kick)	8-87-4:15
	5:42	Benn 13 yard run (Eller kick)	1-13-0:08
4th	11:52	Pollard 25 yard run (Eller kick)	2-38-0:32

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

1st	8:19	Eller 51 yard field goal	6-31-2:11
	7:03	Miller 27 yard fumble recovery (Eller kick)	
2nd	6:28	Dufrene 10 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	11-96-4:56
4th	1:36	Eller 27 yard field goal	9-52-3:54

PENN STATE

1st	10:21	Ford 1 yard run (Eller kick)	6-60-2:39
	3:25	Benn 33 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	7-60-2:51
3rd	0:00	Eller 43 yard field goal	4-2-2:23
4th	12:48	Benn 54 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick)	4-73-1:53

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	7	Isiah Williams (Jr., 6-2, 233)	Passed for 451 yards and 5 TD passes vs. #6 Missouri ... Rushed for 174 yards and 2 TDs against EIU ... Holds every UI QB rushing record
RB	22	Daniel Dufrene (Jr., 5-11, 201)	Avg. 5.8 ypc vs. #6 Missouri ... Caught 6 passes for 50 yds vs. #6 Missouri ... Rushed for career-high 126 yds vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
FB	30	Rahkeem Smith (Jr., 6-1, 255)	Moved to fullback from LB before 2007 season ... Brother, Tramell, was an All-American on Illinois track team from 03-07
TE	16	Michael Hoomanawanui (Jr., 6-5, 274)	Caught a TD vs. #6 Missouri ... Caught 5 passes for 74 yds vs. Louisiana-Lafayette ... Nickname is "uh-oh" ... Of Polynesian descent
LT	68	Xavier Fulton (Sr., 6-5, 295)	2nd team All-Big Ten in first year on OL in 2007 ... Lombardi Candidate ... Moved to OL from DT in 2007 ... Started all 13 games
LG	52	Jon Asamoah (Jr., 6-5, 309)	Part of 2007 line that allowed only 1.23 sacks per game ... Father is from Ghana ... Played 991 snaps last year
C	60	Ryan McDonald (Sr., 6-5, 296)	Has made 37 straight starts ... Part of line that ranked in the NCAA top-10 last 2 yrs ... Is a rocket scientist ... 2nd team All-Big Ten
RG	62	Eric Block (Sr., 6-3, 292)	Reserve OL last three seasons ... First interior lineman sub in the game in 2007 ... Family was displaced during Hurricane Katrina
RT	71	Jeff Allen (Fr., 6-4, 317)	First true-frosh OL starter at UI since Ray Redziniak in 1997 ... Began college early, enrolling in January 2008
WR	13	Will Judson (5-8, 163)	Caught career-high 5 passes for 177 yards and 2 TDs vs. #6 Missouri ... Father, William, played 10 years with Miami Dolphins
WR	9	Arrelious Benn (So., 6-2, 214)	Had 4 recs for 110 yds and 2 TDs at PSU ... Had 7 recs in each of first 2 games ... Had 2 rushing TDs and 14 total touches vs. EIU
WR	15	Chris Duvalt (Jr., 5-11, 175)	Both catches vs. #6 Missouri went for TDs ... Had 3 receiving TDs in 1st 2 games ... Moved from CB to WR in spring and moved into starting spot

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	95	Doug Pilcher (Jr., 6-5, 266) - AND -	Third-year starter ... Averages 11 yards per sack ... Had 5 tackles and 1 TFL vs. #6 Missouri
DE	91	Derek Walker (Sr., 6-4, 270)	Four-year starter ... Has 18.5 career TFL and 10 sacks ... Notched a 34-yard INT return for a TD vs. #6 Missouri
DT	92	Josh Brent (So., 6-2, 315)	First year as starter ... Played as true-freshman last year ... HS teammate of Michael Hoomanawanui ... Had 5 tackles at PSU
DT	94	David Lindquist (Sr., 6-3, 293)	Came to ILL as walk-on ... Led Big Ten in FR in 2006 ... Had 6 tackles at PSU ... Father played FB at Michigan State
DE	81	Will Davis (Sr., 6-3, 268)	Gained 20 lbs in offseason with 6,000 cal diet ... Had 2 TFLs and 1 sack vs. Louisiana-Lafayette ... Mother is Dep. Minister of State for Liberia
LB	44	Brit Miller (Sr., 6-1, 240)	Moved to MLB in 2008 ... Career-high 13 tackles and 27-yd TD fumble return vs. UL ... Had 11 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, 1 sack, 1 FF and 1 INT vs. EIU
LB	45	Rodney Pittman (Sr., 6-2, 242)	First-year starter as senior ... Will graduate in 3 1/2 years ... Had career-high 6 tackles vs. EIU and Louisiana-Lafayette
LB	2	Martez Wilson (So., 6-4, 246)	Called "Freak 2" by teammates ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... Has 32 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 2 sacks and 1 PBU in first 4 games of 2008
CB	28	Dere Hicks (Jr., 5-10, 179)	Second-year as starter ... Had 6 tackles and 1 TFL vs. #6 Missouri ... Played safety vs. EIU, picking off one pass and returning it 12 yards
FS	31	Travon Bellamy (So., 6-0, 207)	Redshirted last season with an injury, had two shoulder surgeries ... Had team-high 9 tackles and 8 solos at Penn State
SS	4	Donsay Hardeman (Jr., 6-2, 220)	Had first college start at Penn State, notching six tackles with five solos ... #7 junior college prospect by Rivals.com in 2008
CB	1	Vontae Davis (Jr., 6-0, 204)	Playboy All-American ... Brother is Vernon Davis of SF 49ers ... Tied career high with 13 tackles vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

PK	84	Matt Eller	Hit a career-long 51-yard FG vs. Louisiana-Lafayette ... Made 2 FGs against EIU, including a 42-yarder
P	87	Anthony Santella (So., 6-2, 190)	Had a career game in Rose Bowl w/ 44.7 average ... Averaged 42 yards on 8 punts vs. #6 Missouri with 2 inside 20 and 1 touchback
LS	59	Tad Keely (So., 6-1, 220)	First-year full-time snapper, but saw first snap in Rose Bowl ... Speaks fluent Spanish ... Brother, Tyler, was a snapper for Illinois
H	36	Jared Bosch (So., 6-1, 200)	First-year holder also doubles as a reserve punter ... Walk-on ... Made his first collegiate punt vs. No. 1 OSU in 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
#20 Illinois	42	24	35-81-0	26-42-2-5	451	532	8-336	1-0	8-80	31:21
vs. #6 Missouri	52	28	37-226-2	26-45-1-3	323	549	4-151	1-1	3-20	28:39
#24 Illinois	47	29	53-399-5	17-27-2-1	134	533	2-76	4-3	3-30	35:20
vs. Eastern Illinois	21	11	37-176-1	7-17-2-1	102	278	5-211	2-1	3-34	24:40
#24 Illinois	20	18	44-194-0	13-25-1-1	147	341	4-126	0-0	9-96	29:42
vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	17	19	34-87-1	25-35-0-1	200	287	4-170	2-2	4-45	30:18
#22 Illinois	24	19	42-189-1	13-24-1-2	183	372	3-118	1-1	5-40	28:04
#12 Penn State	38	24	44-241-2	14-20-0-2	181	422	3-101	2-1	1-10	31:43

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	RB	QB	WR	WR	TE
Missouri	Fulton	Block	McDonald	Asamoah	Palmer	Sykes	Dufrene	J. Williams	Benn	Judson	Hoomanawanui
E. Illinois	Fulton	Block	McDonald	Asamoah	Palmer	Duvalt	Dufrene	J. Williams	Benn	Judson	Hoomanawanui
La.-Lafayette	Fulton	Block	McDonald	Asamoah	Palmer	Duvalt	Dufrene	J. Williams	Benn	Judson	Hoomanawanui
Penn State	Fulton	Block	McDonald	Asamoah	Allen	Duvalt	Dufrene	J. Williams	Benn	Judson	Hoomanawanui
<i>Consecutive</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Career</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Missouri	Walker	W. Davis	Lindquist	Pilcher	M. Wilson	Miller	Bellamy (S)	V. Davis	Flowers	Bussey	Hicks
E. Illinois	Walker	W. Davis	Lindquist	Pilcher	M. Wilson	Miller	Pittman	V. Davis	Hicks	Bellamy	M. Thomas
La.-Lafayette	Walker	Liuget	Lindquist	W. Davis	M. Wilson	Miller	Pittman	V. Davis	Flowers	Bellamy	Hicks
Penn State	Walker	Liuget	Lindquist	W. Davis	M. Wilson	Miller	Pittman	V. Davis	Hardeman	Bellamy	Hicks
<i>Consecutive</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Career</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>18</i>

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

PLAYER	MIZZOU	EIU	LA.-LAF.	PSU	MICH	MINN	IND	WIS	IOWA	WMU	OSU	NU
Arrelious Benn	1/-5/0	5/48/2	3/10/0	2/0/0								
Daniel Dufrene	13/75/0	13/99/0	19/126/0	14/96/0								
Jason Ford	2/1/0	4/-14/0	2/3/0	4/11/1								
Mikel Leshoure	---	10/49/0	8/21/0	3/23/0								
Eddie McGee	---	2/7/0	---	---								
Troy Pollard	---	3/36/1	---	---								
Juice Williams	19/10/0	16/174/2	11/35/0	18/64/0								

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

PLAYER	MIZZOU	EIU	LA.-LAF.	PSU	MICH	MINN	IND	WIS	IOWA	WMU	OSU	NU
Arrelious Benn	7/92/0	7/36/0	1/22/0	4/110/2								
Daniel Dufrene	6/50/0	1/2/0	3/24/1	1/-3/0								
Chris Duvalt	2/46/2	2/31/1	1/11/0	1/4/0								
Jason Ford	---	1/10/0	---	0/0/0								
Michael Hoomanawanui	3/48/1	2/24/0	5/74/0	2/23/0								
Chris James	1/1/0	---	---	---								
Will Judson	5/177/2	1/9/0	1/0/0	3/23/0								
Alex Reavy	---	1/10/0	---	---								
Fred Sykes	2/37/0	2/12/0	1/7/0	0/0/0								

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

ISIAH WILLIAMS	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	INT	TD
MISSOURI	26	42	451	2	5
EASTERN ILLINOIS	16	25	124	2	1
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	13	25	147	1	1
PENN STATE	13	24	183	1	2

EDDIE MCGEE	COMP.	ATT.	YDS	INT	TD
EASTERN ILLINOIS	1	2	10	0	0

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

#20 ILLINOIS42
 #6 MISSOURI52

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	6	7	15	14	42
Missouri	7	24	14	7	52

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

MU: Washington 7 yard run (Wolfert kick), 10:18 (10-67, 4-42)
 ILL: Judson 30 yard pass from J. Williams (kick blocked), 1:28 (4-64, 1-49)

Second Quarter

MU: Wolfert 51 yard field goal, 14:16 (8-47, 2:12)
 ILL: Walker 34 yard interception return (Eller kick), 9:25
 MU: MacIin 99 yard kickoff return (Wolfert kick), 9:12
 MU: Washington 40 yard run (Wolfert kick), 5:52 (3-80, 1:06)
 MU: Coffman 17 yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 0:20 (10-87, 2:26)

Third Quarter

ILL: Duvalt 20 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 9:41 (6-79, 1:51)
 MU: Saunders 4 yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 4:43 (12-67, 4-48)
 MU: Saunders 21 yard pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick), 2:50 (1-21, 0:06)
 ILL: Duvalt 26 yard pass from J. Williams (Dufrene pass from J. Williams), 1:17 (4-82, 1:27)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Judson 65 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 13:23 (3-82, 0:43)
 MU: Weatherspoon 35 yard interception return (Wolfert kick), 3:18
 ILL: Hoomanawanui 5 yd pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 0:00 (14-70, 3:11)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MU
First Downs	24	28
Rushes-Yards	35-81	37-226
Passing Yards	451	323
Comp-Att-Int	26-24-2	26-45-1
Total Yards	532	549
Punts-Avg	8-42.0	4-37.8
Kickoff Returns	7-121	4-149
Penalties-Yards	8-80	3-20
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Sacks By	1-6	5-42
Third-down Conv.	7-17	9-17
Time of Possession	31:21	28:39

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Dufrene 13-75; J. Williams 19-10; Ford 2-1; Benn 1-(-5). MU - Washington 19-130-2; Daniel 9-46; Jackson 5-46; MacIin 3-2; Saunders 1-2.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - J. Williams 26-42-2-5-451. MU - Daniel 26-45-1-3-323.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 7-92; Dufrene 6-50; Judson 5-177-2; Hoomanawanui 3-48-1; Duvalt 2-46-2; Sykes 2-37; James 1-1. MU - Coffman 9-120-1; Saunders 6-64-2; Perry 5-92; MacIin 4-31; Jones 1-12; Washington 1-4.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Miller 12, 0.5-1; M. Wilson 11, 2.5-11; Bussey 8; Flowers 8, 1.0-2; Hicks 6 1.0-2; V. Davis 5; Pilcher 5, 1.0-2. MU - Gettis 12, 1.0-2; Moore 12; Weatherspoon 9, 1.0-2; Sulak 8, 5.0-33; Christopher 8, 1.5-9; Garrett 8, 0.5-2; Vaughns 6; Hood 5, 1.0-4.

GAME NOTES

- Juice Williams had a career day for the Illini, completing 26-of-42 passes for 451 yards and five touchdowns, all career highs. His five TDs are tied for the second-most in Illini history and his 451 passing yards rank third all-time at Illinois.
- Will Judson also had a banner night, hauling in a career-high five passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns, both career highs. His 177 yards are tied for seventh on Illinois' single-game receiving record list and mark the Illini's first 100-yard receiving game since Jeff Cumberland recorded 131 yards against Northwestern on Nov. 17, 2007.
- Judson and Chris Duvalt each hauled in two touchdown receptions, marking the first time since the 2002 Sugar Bowl that Illinois has had two receivers with two TDs (Walter Young and Brandon Lloyd vs. LSU).
- Tight end Michael Hoomanawanui also got in on the act, breaking his career highs for receptions and yards with three catches for 48 yards. He also caught a touchdown as time expired.
- With 9:25 remaining in the second quarter, Derek Walker intercepted a screen pass by Chase Daniel and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown, his first career touchdown and first INT by a down lineman since Jeff Ruffin's pick-six against Purdue on Oct. 12, 2002. The play also marked Illinois' first INT returned for a TD since Travon Bellamy's 41-yard return at Wisconsin on Oct. 28, 2006.

GAME 2

EASTERN ILLINOIS21
 #24 ILLINOIS47

SEPT. 6, 2008

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 60,131

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Eastern Illinois	7	0	0	14	21
Illinois	7	19	14	7	47

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Duvalt 16 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 10:31 (4-34-2:00)
 EIU: Ward 5 yard run (Wilke kick), 9:20 (3-66-1:11)

Second Quarter

ILL: Eller 21 yard field goal, 14:57 (14-62-6:58)
 ILL: Eller 42 yard field goal, 10:04 (9-29-3:35)
 ILL: J. Williams 7 yard run (rush failed), 2:44 (9-93-3:59)
 ILL: J. Williams 1 yard run (Eller kick), 0:20 (9-49-0:54)

Third Quarter

ILL: Benn 4 yard run (Eller kick), 7:28 (8-87-4:15)
 ILL: Benn 13 yard run (Eller kick), 5:42 (1-13-0:08)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Pollard 25 yard run (Eller kick), 11:52 (2-38-0:32)
 EIU: Ricks 15 yard pass from Reeder (Wilke kick), 8:43 (6-46-2:47)
 EIU: Jean-Charles 9 yard fumble recovery (Wilke kick), 8:24

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	EIU	ILL
First Downs	11	29
Rushes-Yards	37-176	53-399
Passing Yards	102	134
Comp-Att-Int	7-17-2	17-27-2
Total Yards	278	533
Punts-Avg	5-42.2	2-38.0
Kickoff Returns	7-140	4-96
Penalties-Yards	3-34	3-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-3
Sacks By	0-0	4-34
Third-down Conv.	3-13	8-12
Time of Possession	24:40	35:20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - J. Williams 16-174-2, Dufrene 13-99, Leshoure 10-49, Benn 5-48, Pollard 3-36-1, McGee 2-7, Ford 4-(-14); EIU - Bess 15-183, Ward 9-18-1, Jordan 4-10, Keys 3-2, Team 1-(-1), Hockaday 1-(-6), Reeder 4-(-30).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - J. Williams 16-25-2-1-124, McGee 1-2-0-0-10. EIU - Reeder 7-17-2-1-102; Hockaday 0-0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 7-36, Duvalt 2-31-1, Hoomanawanui 2-24, Sykes 2-12, Reavy 1-10, Ford 1-10, Judson 1-9, Dufrene 1-2. EIU - Graves 2-36, Bess 1-40, Ricks 1-15-1, McGrath 1-6, Ponius 1-3, Keys 1-2.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Miller 11, 2.5-13; M. Wilson 9, 1.0-2; Pittman 6; V. Davis 5; Bussey 5; Liuget 5, 1.5-3; W. Davis 5, 1.0-8; Lindquist 4, 0.5-6; Flowers 3; Benn 2; CKlamovski 2; Hicks 2; Becker 2; Ford 2; Edwards 2; T. Wilson 2; Bellamy 1; A. James 1; Carson 1; McDonald 1; Ellington 1.

GAME NOTES

- Juice Williams broke the Illinois single-game rushing record by a quarterback with 174 yards, topping his own previous record of 145 yards against Purdue in 2006. He had 100 yards in the first half on 11 carries. With his career-high 174 yards, Williams moves into 21st on the Illinois all-time rushing list with 1,515 yards.
- Illinois jump-started its running game in today's home opener with 399 yards on the ground. That total ranks 10th on the Illinois single-game rushing yards list and is the most since the Illini had 448 yards rushing last year at Minnesota.
- The Illini's 47 points marks the highest-scoring game of the Zook era. It is the seventh 40-point game in Zook's four seasons. The Illini have now topped 40 points in back-to-back games to open the 2008 season.
- Illinois' nine-play, 93-yard drive in the second quarter marked the longest drive in terms of yardage that the Illini have conducted this season. Illinois' drive that took 6:58 off the clock in the first quarter also was a season-long.
- Arrelious Benn scored his first and second touchdowns of the season, as well as his first career rushing TDs, with his 4-yard and 13-yard runs. He now has four career TDs.
- The Illinois defense has now held opponent offenses on three fourth-down attempts for the season. The Illini stopped Missouri twice in the season opener and once against EIU.
- With his 16-yard touchdown catch today (third of the season), Chris Duvalt now has a TD reception in each of his first two games as a receiver.

GAME 3

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE17
 #24 ILLINOIS20

SEPT. 13, 2008

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 58,632

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Louisiana-Lafayette	3	0	0	14	17
Illinois	10	7	0	3	20

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Eller 51 yard field goal, 8:19 (6-31-2:11)
 ILL: Miller 27 yard fumble recovery (Eller kick), 7:03
 UL: Edmiston 24 yard field goal, 0:12 (15-73-6:51)

Second Quarter

ILL: Dufrene 10 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 6:28 (11-96-4:56)

Fourth Quarter

UL: Desormeaux 34 yard run (Edmiston kick), 5:30 (4-64-1:31)
 ILL: Eller 27 yard field goal, 1:36 (9-52-3:54)
 UL: Jones 11 yard pass from Desormeaux (Edmiston kick), 0:18 (8-60-1:18)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	UL
First Downs	19	18
Rushes-Yards	34-87	44-194
Passing Yards	200	147
Comp-Att-Int	25-35-0	13-25-1
Total Yards	287	341
Punts-Avg	4-42.5	4-31.5
Kickoff Returns	1-58.0	3-53.0
Penalties-Yards	4-45	9-96
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Sacks By	1-7	3-20
Third-down Conv.	7-16	7-16
Time of Possession	30:18	29:42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Dufrene 19-126, J. Williams 11-35, Leshoure 8-21, Benn 3-10, Ford 2-3. UL - Desormeaux 14-42-1, Fenoy 14-20, Shankle 3-18, Dupre 2-6, Chery 1-1.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): ILL - J. Williams 13-25-1-1-147. UL - Desormeaux 25-35-0-1-200.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Hoomanawanui 5-74, Dufrene 3-24-1, Benn 1-22, Duvalt 1-11, Leshoure 1-9, Sykes 1-7, Judson 1-0. UL - Fenoy 6-52, Chery 5-58, Lee 4-36, Green 4-26, Jones 2-18-1, Falgout 1-7, McCullough 1-5, Kelley 1-0, Dupre 1-(-2).

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - V. Davis 13, 1.5-6; Miller 13, 3.0-2; M. Wilson 6, 1.0-7; Pittman 6; Bellamy 5; Lindquist 4, 1.0-1; Flowers 4; Liuget 4, 0.5-1. UL - Fleming 8; Burkhalter 8; Bentley 8, 1.0-1; Brooks 8; Blount 6; McCoy 4; Cook 4, 0.5-2; Keys 4.

GAME NOTES

- Brit Miller scored his first career touchdown with a 27-yard fumble return in the first quarter. It is the second defensive touchdown of the season for the Illini. In addition to his first trip to the endzone, Miller recorded a tackle-for-loss, forced fumble, and fumble recovery on the play.
- Daniel Dufrene recorded a career-high 126 yards rushing on a career-high 19 attempts, an impressive 6.6 average. Dufrene's previous career best was 106 yards set last season at Ohio State.
- With 182 yards of total offense vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Juice Williams improved to fifth on the Illinois career total offense list with 5,504 yards, passing Johnny Johnson.
- Tight end Michael Hoomanawanui set career highs today with 5 catches for 74 yards, besting his performance in the season opener against Missouri (3 catches, 48 yards).
- Illinois' defense held Louisiana-Lafayette to 87 total yards rushing despite UL entering today's game averaging 263 yards per game on the ground. In addition, UL quarterback Michael Desormeaux had just 42 yards rushing after entering today's game averaging 146 rushing yards.
- Placekicker Matt Eller connected on a career-long 51-yard field goal in the first quarter.
- Illinois' 96-yard drive in the second quarter, which resulted in a 10-yard touchdown catch by Dufrene from Williams, is the longest Illini scoring drive of the season by yardage.
- Miller recorded a career-high 13 tackles today. He has now registered double figures in tackles in all three games this season, averaging 12.0 tackles per game in 2008. Miller had three TFLs to tie his career high that he first set vs. USC in last year's Rose Bowl.
- Illinois' defense registered 11 tackles-for-loss today, marking its first time recording double figures in TFLs since having 10 against Penn State last season.

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 4

#22 ILLINOIS24

#12 PENN STATE38

SEPT. 27, 2008

BEAVER STADIUM // UNIVERSITY PARK, PA. // 109,626

SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	0	3	7	24
Penn State	14	7	3	14	38

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Ford 1 yard run (Eller kick), 10:21 (6-60-2:39)

PSU: Clark 1 yard run (Kelly kick), 6:16 (8-73-4:00)

ILL: Benn 33 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 3:25 (7-60-2:51)

PSU: D. Williams 21 yard pass from Clark (Kelly kick), 0:22 (7-81-2:58)

Second Quarter

PSU: D. Williams 5 yard run (Kelly kick), 9:09 (7-57-3:32)

Third Quarter

PSU: Kelly 25 yard field goal, 9:14 (6-41-3:14)

ILL: Eller 43 yard field goal, 0:00 (4-2-2:23)

Fourth Quarter

PSU: D. Williams 94 yard kickoff return (Kelly kick), 14:47

ILL: Benn 54 yard pass from J. Williams (Eller kick), 12:48 (4-73-1:53)

PSU: Quarless 17 yard pass from Clark (Kelly kick), 9:03 (7-77-3:39)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	PSU
First Downs	19	24
Rushes-Yards	42-189	44-241
Passing Yards	183	181
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-1	14-20-0
Total Yards	372	422
Punts-Avg	3-39.3	3-33.7
Kickoff Returns	4-96	5-164-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	1-10
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Sacks By	1-7	1-9
Third-down Conv.	5-12	5-10
Time of Possession	28:04	31:43

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Dufrene 14-96, J. Williams 18-64, Leshoure 3-23, Ford 4-11-1, Benn 2-0, Duval 1-(-5). PSU - Royster 19-139, Clark 11-50-1, D. Williams 6-33-1, Green 6-22, Team 2-(-3).

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-Yds): ILL - J. Williams 13-24-1-2-183. PSU - Clark 14-20-0-2-181.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 4-110-2, Judson 3-23, Leshoure 2-26, Hoomanwanui 2-23, Duval 1-4, Dufrene 1-(-3). PSU - D. Williams 6-75-1, Butler 2-43, Quarless 2-31-1, Royster 2-23, Zug 1-8, Green 1-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Bellamy 9; Miller 8, 1.5-3; V. Davis 7; Hardeman 6; M. Wilson 6; Hicks 5; Brent 5; Liuget 3; Walker 3, 1.0-7; Pittman 3, 0.5-2. PSU - Bowman 10, 0.5-1; Rubin 10, 1.0-3; Hull 7; Maybin 7, 1.0-3; Wallace 6; Scirrotto 6; Sales 6; Moroma 4; Odrick 3, 0.5-1; Evans 3, 1.0-9.

GAME NOTES

- The 24 points Illinois scored tonight were the most allowed by Penn State this season, surpassing the 14 points scored by Oregon State, and the Nittany Lions' 38 points were the fewest they have scored this season. In addition, Illinois' 189 rushing yards were by far the most PSU has allowed this season, surpassing the 92 rushing yards that OSU posted.
- Arrelious Benn** hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from **Juice Williams** with 3:25 left in the first quarter, Benn's first TD reception of the season and third of his career, then followed with a 54-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter. Three of his four career TD catches have come against Penn State (the other vs. USC in the 2008 Rose Bowl). The play was initially ruled an incomplection but was overturned following official review.
- Benn** caught a 54-yard TD pass from Williams early in the fourth quarter, marking his second receiving TD of the game and the third time he has scored two touchdowns in a game in his career (vs. PSU, 9/29/07; vs. EIU, 9/6/08). Benn finished the night with four catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns, his first career 100-yard receiving game.
- The Fighting Illini stopped Penn State on fourth down just before halftime, meaning Illinois has stopped its opponents on 5-of-6 fourth-down conversions this season.
- David Lindquist** forced a fumble by Stephon Green that was recovered by **Martez Wilson**, Illinois' fifth fumble recovery of the season and eighth turnover forced.
- Travon Bellamy's** nine tackles and eight solos were a career high, besting his previous high of five against Louisiana-Lafayette on Sept. 13.
- In his first career action, **Donsay Hardeman** recorded six tackles, including five solos.

TEAM STATISTICS

Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
SCORING	133	128
Points Per Game	33.2	32.0
FIRST DOWNS	90	82
Rushing	45	37
Passing	42	39
Penalty	3	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	863	730
Yards gained rushing	997	835
Yards lost rushing	134	105
Rushing Attempts	174	152
Average Per Rush	5.0	4.8
Average Per Game	215.8	182.5
TDs Rushing	6	6
PASSING YARDAGE	915	806
Att-Comp-Int	118-69-6	117-72-3
Average Per Pass	7.8	6.9
Average Per Catch	13.3	11.2
Average Per Game	228.8	201.5
TDs Passing	9	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	1778	1536
Total Plays	292	269
Average Per Play	6.1	5.7
Average Per Game	444.5	384.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	18-366	17-511
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-30	7-78
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-61	6-77
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	30.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.0	11.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	12.8
FUMBLES-LOST	6-4	7-5
PENALTIES-Yards	25-246	11-109
Average Per Game	61.5	27.2
PUNTS-Yards	17-656	16-633
Average Per Punt	38.6	39.6
Net punt average	32.8	32.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:07	28:50
3RD-DOWN Conversions	27/57	24/56
3rd-Down Pct	47%	43%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/5	1/6
4th-Down Pct	40%	17%
SACKS BY-Yards	9-67	7-58
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	17	17
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-7	3-6
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	11-13 85%	11-14 79%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	9-13 69%	9-14 64%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	14-15 93%	17-17 100%
ATTENDANCE	118763	109626
Games/Avg Per Game	2/59382	1/109626
Neutral Site Games		1/66441

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	oT	Total
Illinois	37	33	32	31	0	133
Opponents	31	31	17	49	0	128

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dufrene, Daniel	4	59	410	14	396	6.7	0	41	99.0
Williams, Juice	4	64	349	66	283	4.4	2	31	70.8
Leshoure, Mikel	4	21	102	9	93	4.4	0	12	23.2
Benn, Arrelious	4	11	60	7	53	4.8	2	17	13.2
Pollard, Troy	1	3	39	3	36	12.0	1	25	36.0
McGee, Eddie	1	2	13	6	7	3.5	0	10	7.0
Ford, Jason	4	12	24	23	1	0.1	1	7	0.2
TEAM	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Duval, Chris	4	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-1.2
Total	4	174	997	134	863	5.0	6	41	215.8
Opponents	4	152	835	105	730	4.8	6	55	182.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Williams, Juice	4	139.41	68-116-6	58.6	905	9	65	226.2
McGee, Eddie	1	92.00	1-2-0	50.0	10	0	10	10.0
Total	4	138.61	69-118-6	58.5	915	9	65	228.8
Opponents	4	134.02	72-117-3	61.5	806	7	40	201.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Benn, Arrelious	4	19	260	13.7	2	54	65.0
Hoomanawanui, Michael	4	12	169	14.1	1	24	42.2
Dufrene, Daniel	4	11	73	6.6	1	17	18.2
Judson, Will	4	10	209	20.9	2	65	52.2
Duval, Chris	4	6	92	15.3	3	26	23.0
Sykes, Fred	4	5	56	11.2	0	20	14.0
Leshoure, Mikel	4	3	35	11.7	0	14	8.8
Ford, Jason	4	1	10	10.0	0	10	2.5
Reavy, Alex	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
James, Chris	2	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Total	4	69	915	13.3	9	65	228.8
Opponents	4	72	806	11.2	7	40	201.5

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dufrene, Daniel	4	396	73	0	0	0	469	117.2
Benn, Arrelious	4	53	260	27	115	0	455	113.8
Williams, Juice	4	283	0	0	0	0	283	70.8
Judson, Will	4	0	209	0	0	0	209	52.2
Hoomanawanui, Michael	4	0	169	0	18	0	187	46.8
Jenkins, A.J.	4	0	0	0	147	0	147	36.8
Leshoure, Mikel	4	93	35	0	0	0	128	32.0
Duval, Chris	4	-5	92	0	0	0	87	21.8
Pollard, Troy	1	36	0	0	26	0	62	62.0
Davis, Vontae	4	0	0	0	60	0	60	15.0
Sykes, Fred	4	0	56	0	0	0	56	14.0
Walker, Derek	4	0	0	0	0	34	34	8.5
Hicks, Dere	4	0	0	3	0	12	15	3.8
Miller, Brit	4	0	0	0	0	15	15	3.8
Ford, Jason	4	1	10	0	0	0	11	2.8
Reavy, Alex	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
McGee, Eddie	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
James, Chris	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.5
TEAM	2	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.5
Total	4	863	915	30	366	61	2235	558.8
Opponents	4	730	806	78	511	77	2202	550.5

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Benn, Arrelious	2	27	13.5	0	22
Hicks, Dere	2	3	1.5	0	2
Thomas, Miami	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	5	30	6.0	0	22
Opponents	7	78	11.1	0	46

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Walker, Derek	1	34	34.0	1	34
Miller, Brit	1	15	15.0	0	15
Hicks, Dere	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	3	61	20.3	1	34
Opponents	6	77	12.8	1	35

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Benn, Arrelious	7	115	16.4	0	28
Jenkins, A.J.	6	147	24.5	0	27
Davis, Vontae	3	60	20.0	0	28
Pollard, Troy	1	26	26.0	0	26
Hoomanawanui, Michael	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total	18	366	20.3	0	28
Opponents	17	511	30.1	2	99

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Walker, Derek	1	7	7.0	0	7
Miller, Brit	1	27	27.0	1	27
Total	2	34	17.0	1	27
Opponents	2	26	13.0	1	17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Eller, Matt	-	5-7	14-15	-	-	-	-	-	29
Benn, Arrelious	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Duvalt, Chris	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Williams, Juice	2	-	-	0-1	-	1-1	-	-	12
Judson, Will	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dufrene, Daniel	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
Ford, Jason	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hoomanawanui, Michael	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pollard, Troy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Miller, Brit	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Walker, Derek	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	17	5-7	14-15	0-1	1	1-1	-	-	133
Opponents	17	3-6	17-17	-	-	-	-	-	128

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Williams, Juice	4	180	283	905	1188	297.0
Dufrene, Daniel	4	59	396	0	396	99.0
Leshoure, Mikel	4	21	93	0	93	23.2
Benn, Arrelious	4	11	53	0	53	13.2
Pollard, Troy	1	3	36	0	36	36.0
McGee, Eddie	1	4	7	10	17	17.0
Ford, Jason	4	12	1	0	1	0.2
TEAM	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.5
Duvalt, Chris	4	1	-5	0	-5	-1.2
Total	4	292	863	915	1778	444.5
Opponents	4	269	730	806	1536	384.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Eller, Matt	5-7	71.4	0-0	2-2	0-2	2-2	1-1	51	0

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
#6 Missouri	-	(51)
Eastern Illinois	(21),(42)	52,36
Louisiana	(51),39,(27)	(24),47
Penn State	33,(43)	(25)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Santella, Anthony	17	656	38.6	56	1	3	3	3	0
Total	17	656	38.6	56	1	3	3	3	0
Opponents	16	633	39.6	61	4	0	5	1	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Eller, Matt	14	926	66.1	4	1			
Cklamovski, Michael	11	696	63.3	3	0			
Total	25	1622	64.9	7	1	30.1	38.8	31
Opponents	23	1470	63.9	4	1	20.3	44.5	25

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
44	Miller, Brit	4	18	26	44	7.5-19	1.0-12	1-15	.	.	1-27	2	.	.
2	Wilson, Martez	4	14	18	32	4.5-20	2.0-13	.	2	1	1-0	.	.	.
1	Davis, Vontae	4	22	8	30	1.5-6	.	.	4	1	1-0	1	.	.
31	Bellamy, Travon	4	14	5	19	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
45	Pittman, Rodney	4	5	13	18	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Flowers, Bo	4	4	12	16	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Lindquist, David	4	8	8	16	1.5-7	0.5-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
28	Hicks, Dere	4	11	4	15	2.0-4	.	1-12	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
81	Davis, Will	4	4	9	13	3.5-16	2.0-15	.	1	2	.	1	.	.
18	Bussey, Nate	4	8	5	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
93	Liuget, Corey	4	5	7	12	2.0-4	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
95	Pilcher, Doug	4	3	4	7	1.0-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
91	Walker, Derek	4	4	3	7	2.0-13	2.0-13	1-34	.	1	1-7	.	.	.
92	Brent, Josh	2	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Carson, Sam	4	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
4	Hardeman, Donsay	1	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Edwards, Garrett	4	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Becker, Zach	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Thomas, Miami	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Benn, Arrelious	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	James, Antonio	3	2	1	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Ellington, Russell	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Ford, Jason	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Brown, Jerry	4	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Wilson, Tavon	4	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Cklamovski, Michael	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Thomas, Ian	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Gully, Antonio	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Hoomanawanui, Michael	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	McDonald, Ryan	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Eller, Matt	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Santella, Anthony	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Sanni, Supo	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		4	150	146	296	29-103	9-67	3-61	9	8	5-34	6	.	.
Opponents		4	156	168	324	27-117	7-58	6-77	10	5	4-26	5	1	.