



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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GAME 1

#20/19 Illinois (0-0) vs. #6/7 Missouri (0-0)
 Aug. 30, 2008 // Edward Jones Dome (66,000)
 7:30 p.m. // St. Louis, Mo. // ESPN

RADIO BROADCAST

The **Illini Sports Network** will carry the radio broadcast with its pregame show beginning at 7:00 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.

The game also will be broadcast nationally on **Touchdown Radio**. Making the play-by-play calls will be Frank Frangie, with analysis coming from Heisman Trophy quarterback Gino Torretta and Mike Dempsey on the sideline.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois/Missouri game will be nationally televised on **ESPN** with an air time of 7:30 p.m. CT.
 Play-by-Play: Mark Jones
 Analyst: Bob Davie
 Sideline: Todd Harris

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Illinois football team will depart for St. Louis on Friday afternoon via charter bus. The team will not conduct a walk-through at Edward Jones Dome.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Aug. 30	vs. 6/7 Missouri (St. Louis)	7:30 pm (ESPN)
Sept. 6	Eastern Illinois	.11 am (BTN)
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	.11 am (BTN)
Sept. 27	at 22/22 Penn State	.7 pm (TBA)
Oct. 4	at NR/24 Michigan	2:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 11	Indiana	.7 pm (BTN)
Oct. 18	Minnesota	.11 am (TBA)
Oct. 25	at 13/12 Wisconsin	.11 am (TBA)
Nov. 1	Jowa	TBA
Nov. 8	vs. Western Michigan	.11 am (TBA)
Nov. 15	at #2/3 Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 22	Northwestern	TBA

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

MISSOURI SCOREBOARD

Aug. 30	vs. #20/19 Illinois (St. Louis)	7:30 pm (ESPN)
Sept. 6	Southeast Missouri	.6 pm
Sept. 13	Nevada	TBA
Sept. 20	Buffalo	TBA
Oct. 4	at Nebraska	TBA
Oct. 11	Oklahoma State	TBA
Oct. 18	at #11/10 Texas	TBA
Oct. 25	Colorado	TBA
Nov. 1	at Baylor	TBA
Nov. 8	Kansas State	TBA
Nov. 15	at Iowa State	TBA
Nov. 29	vs. #14/13 Kansas (Kansas City)	TBA (FSN)

FOR OPENERS

- ▶ Illinois opens its 119th season of varsity football Saturday against Missouri.
- ▶ The Illini have compiled an all-time record of 74-39-5 in season openers, are 23-8-1 when opening the season on the road and 0-4 in neutral-site season openers.
- ▶ Illinois returns 13 starters from a year ago, six on each side of the ball and one specialist.
- ▶ The Illini return to St. Louis, bringing with them four natives of the area in Jerry Brown (Vashon), London Davis (Cahokia), Jason Ford (Belleville Althoff) and Antonio Gully (Cardinal Ritter).
- ▶ Illinois looks to defend its back-to-back Big Ten rushing titles as five of the top six rushers from a year ago return. The Illini will have a big hole to fill as single-season rushing leader Rashard Mendenhall (129.3 ypg) is now with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, but quarterback Juice Williams (58.1 ypg) and last year's backup Daniel Dufrene (22.6 ypg) return. Williams broke the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback for the second consecutive year and Dufrene averaged an impressive 6.3 yards per carry, including a 100-yard game in the upset of No. 1 Ohio State. Added into the mix at running back will be redshirt freshman Troy Pollard and true freshmen Jason Ford and Mikel Leshoure.
- ▶ Last season, Illinois played the 42nd toughest schedule according to the final Sagarin ratings. This season doesn't offer any relief as the Illini prepare for six teams on the schedule that went to a bowl game last season. Also among those are three teams ranked in the top-15 — No. 2 Ohio State, No. 6 Missouri and No. 13 Wisconsin, as well as No. 22 Penn State.

RECORDS TO WATCH

- ▶ Junior quarterback Juice Williams needs 295 total yards to pass Jeff George and move into seventh place on the Illinois career total offensive yardage list.
- ▶ Williams needs 211 rushing yards to move into the top-20 of the the Illini career rushing list.
- ▶ Williams already holds the career record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 1,331 in his first two seasons.
- ▶ Senior defensive end Will Davis needs half a sack to crack the top-10 of the career quarterback sacks list.

HIGHLIGHTS VS. MISSOURI

- ▶ Illinois piled up 435 yards of offense and nearly came back from a 24-point second half deficit last season against the Tigers.
- ▶ Vontae Davis blocked a punt and returned it for a TD in the first quarter of last year's Arch Rivalry game.
- ▶ After Juice Williams left the game in the second quarter with an injury, back-up quarterback Eddie McGee passed for 257 yards and a TD to spark the Illini comeback.
- ▶ Running back Daniel Dufrene and wide receiver Arrelious Benn both had impressive Illinois debuts against Mizzou last season. Dufrene ran for 58 yards on only six carries and Benn had five catches for a team-high 74 yards against the Tigers.

ILLINI IN DOMES

- ▶ After a two-year drought of playing games in domes, Illinois played three games indoors last season, going 2-1. The Fighting Illini fell to Mizzou 40-34 in the season opener at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis before breaking an eight game dome losing streak with a 41-20 win over Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on Sept. 15. Illinois then added a 44-17 victory over Minnesota at the Metrodome late in the season. This year, Illinois is slated for two games in domes — the Edward Jones Dome, where the Illini are 0-3 all-time, for the season opener against Missouri and Ford Field for the Nov. 8 matchup with Western Michigan.

ILLINI IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Coming off last year's Rose Bowl appearance, national pollsters have taken notice of the Fighting Illini's resurgence. Illinois enters the season ranked in the top-25 in several national polls for the first time since 2002. The Illini are ranked No. 20 in the *Associated Press* poll, No. 19 in the USA Today/Coaches poll and No. 15 in the Football Writers poll. They are ranked by several publications, rising as high as No. 10 by *The Sporting News*.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the last four games of 2007, Juice Williams passed for 812 yards, threw seven touchdowns and had a 61.4 completion percentage. He also ran for 320 yards and three TDs.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2007 Season Statistics	ILL	MU
Overall Record	9-4	12-2
Conf. Record	6-2	7-1
Total Offense	425.0	490.3
Points Scored	27.8	39.9
Points Allowed	21.8	23.3
First Downs	21.3	27.0
Rushing Yds.	256.8	176.2
Passing Yds.	168.2	314.1
Time of Possession	29:52	28:50
3rd Down Conversion	43.0	53.0
Points Allowed	21.8	23.3
Yards Allowed	376.8	378.9
Rushing Yds. Allowed	132.2	122.1
Passing Yds. Allowed	244.6	256.9

STATISTICAL LEADERS

(2007 averages listed)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
J. Williams58.1	Maclin26.8
Dufrene22.6	J. Jackson23.6

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
J. Williams134.1	Daniel307.6
McGee44.4	Patton6.0

RECEPTION LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	MU
Benn52.0	Maclin75.4
Cumberland18.7	Coffman40.8

TACKLES LEADERS (TPG)

ILL	MU
V. Davis6.3	Weatherspoon9.3
Miller4.8	Moore8.4
Hicks4.0	Christopher7.6

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (total)

ILL	MU
V. Davis4	Moore8
Hicks2	Garrett2

POINTS SCORED (PPG)

ILL	MU
J. Williams3.2	Wolfert9.3
Benn1.4	Maclin6.9
Cumberland1.4	J. Jackson/Coffman3.0

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total)

ILL	MU
W. Davis12.5	Sulak11.0
Miller8.5	Weatherspoon9.5

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

ILL	MU
Benn85.7	Maclin198.3
J. Williams58.1	Franklin50.6

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 was the only sophomore on the the semifinal list of last year's Jim Thorpe Award. He recorded four interceptions and eight additional passes defended, which ranked sixth in the Big Ten in both categories. 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 earned freshman All-America honors and was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2007. He broke Illinois' freshman receiving and receptions record, which was previously held by Brandon Lloyd. Also returned kicks in 2007 and will add punt returning to his repertoire.
- ▶ **Juice Williams** - *Davey O'Brien*: Williams led the Illini to the 2008 Rose Bowl in just his sophomore year. He improved his passing accuracy from 39 to 57 percent in one season and led an offense that posted the best total offensive numbers in school history with 5,500 yards. He broke into the Illinois all-time rushing list with over 1,000 yards rushing, the first quarterback in school history to do so.
- ▶ **Will Davis** - *Hendricks, Lombardi*: Davis 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 a three-year starter for an offensive line that posted the best rushing and total offense numbers in school history last year. He 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 two years as starting center for the Illini, the offense has led the Big Ten in rushing.
- ▶ **Xavier Fulton** - *Lombardi*: Fulton earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in his first year on the offensive line. He played a team-high 997 offensive snaps last year and led the team with 109 knockdowns. He was also instrumental in protecting QB Juice Williams and allowing only 1.23 sacks per game.
- ▶ **Martez Wilson** - *Butkus*: Wilson has been added to the Butkus Watch List before even starting a game at Illinois. He athleticism has earned him the nickname of "Freak 2." He runs a 4.4 and is a gunner on the punt team at 246 pounds. He played in all 13 games last year and recorded 29 tackles, three for loss.
- ▶ **Brit Miller** - *Lott*: Miller has moved to middle linebacker this year, a move geared toward maximizing his experience as a four-year starter, stability in play calling and leadership on the defense. 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 an average of four hours per week with elementary and middle schools, military veterans and children's hospitals.

BIG TEN 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

Entering the 2008 season, the Big Ten boasts eight career 1,000 yard rushers. Illinois quarterback Juice Williams ranks sixth among active players and is tops among quarterbacks in the Big Ten. Indiana's Kellen Lewis is the only other signal-caller on the list.

1. Tyrell Sutton, RB, Sr., Northwestern2,996 yards
2. P.J. Hill, RB, Jr., Wisconsin2,805 yards
3. Javon Ringer, RB, Sr., Michigan State2,761 yards
4. Kory Sheets, RB, Sr., Purdue2,210 yards
5. Beanie Wells, RB, Jr., Ohio State2,185 yards
6. **Juice Williams, QB, Jr., Illinois1,331 yards**
7. Jaycen Taylor, RB, Sr., Purdue1,237 yards
8. Kellen Lewis, QB, Jr., Indiana1,177 yards
- Marcus Thigpen, RB, Sr., Indiana990 yards

MISSOURI SERIES NOTES

- ▶ Mizzou leads the all-time series 14-7 and has won all three games in the State Farm Arch Rivalry series played in St. Louis.
- ▶ Missouri has won four of the last five games in the series and five of the last seven, dating back to the 1991 season.
- ▶ Mizzou leads the series 4-1 in neutral-site games, all five being played in St. Louis. The Illini won the first game of the series, which was played in St. Louis, in 1896, but the Tigers took victories in 1969, 2002, 2003 and 2007.

ILLINI RECORDS IN SEASON OPENERS

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

2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	vs. Missouri
Indiana	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Western Kentucky
Iowa	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Maine
Michigan	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Utah
Michigan State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	at California
Minnesota	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Northern Illinois
Northwestern	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Syracuse
Ohio State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Youngstown State
Penn State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Coastal Carolina
Purdue	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Open
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	Akron

2008 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	vs. Illinois
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	at Central Michigan
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	at Southern Miss.
Western Michigan	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	---	at Nebraska

NATIONAL CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Illinois senior center Ryan McDonald has started 36 consecutive games during his four-year career. That number is among the best in the nation, ranking as the fourth-longest active streak. Below is the list of consecutive starts among FBS collegiate football players.

- 39 Cody Lubojasky, LB, Houston
Kraig Urbik, OL, Purdue
Andrew Hartline, OL, Central Michigan
Andrew Gardner, OL, Georgia Tech
- 38 Jason Phillips, LB, TCU
Dallas Reynolds, OL, BYU
Sean Sester, OL, Purdue
- 37 Kenneth Fontenette, S, Houston
Pat Brown, OL, UCF
Maurice Crum, LB, Notre Dame
Matt Kroul, DL, Iowa
Clint Sintim, LB, Virginia
- 36 **Ryan McDonald, OL, Illinois**
Robbie Felix, OL, UTEP
Jervonte Jackson, DL, Florida Atlantic
Dan Gerberry, OL, Ball State

ALL JUICED UP

- ▶ Junior quarterback Juice Williams made big strides between his freshman and sophomore seasons and similar improvement is anticipated for his third season. Williams increased his completion percentage by nearly 18 percentage points (39.5 to 57.3) from 2006 to 2007.
- ▶ In the final four games of 2007, Williams averaged 203 yards passing per contest and threw seven touchdowns, while also rushing for 80 yards per game and scoring three touchdowns with his feet.
- ▶ Entering his junior year, Williams already ranks eighth on Illinois' all-time passing yardage list with 3,232 yards. The next rung on the ladder is Jeff George's 5,189 yards from 1988-89. Williams will need 1,957 to move up a spot.
- ▶ In his first season as a starter, Williams set school records for rushing yards by a quarterback in a season as well as in a career. In 2007, he surpassed his own single-season numbers and hit the 1,000-yard career mark as a rusher. He currently ranks 23rd on Illinois' all-time rushing list, just 450 yards from breaking the top-15. For his career, he has compiled 1,331 yards on the ground with nine rushing TDs.
- ▶ There is no doubt that Williams has matured from his sophomore year. He is not only being looked on to be one of the main leaders on this Illinois team, but he now has a daughter who also looks up to him. LaChez will turn one on Sept. 3. While some college athletes become parents during their college years, Williams has taken parenting one step further. He and his high school girlfriend, Chez, have decided to continue their full-time student schedules at Illinois, while raising LaChez. The trio lives together in Champaign year-round as one happy family.

POSITION CHANGES

- ▶ Six of Illinois' projected starters came to Illinois on a different path than the one they currently find themselves. Wide receiver Chris Duvalt spent his first two seasons as an Illini at cornerback. He played a key role on special

NATIONAL RANKINGS

USA TODAY COACHES POLL = Preseason

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Georgia (22)	1,438	--
2.	USC (14)	1,430	--
3.	Ohio State (14)	1,392	--
4.	Oklahoma (3)	1,329	--
5.	Florida (5)	1,293	--
6.	LSU (3)	1,163	--
7.	Missouri	1,143	--
8.	West Virginia	1,008	--
9.	Clemson	999	--
10.	Texas	979	--
11.	Auburn	888	--
12.	Wisconsin	747	--
13.	Kansas	714	--
14.	Texas Tech	644	--
15.	Virginia Tech	568	--
16.	Arizona State	560	--
17.	Brigham Young	547	--
18.	Tennessee	506	--
19.	Illinois	422	--
20.	Oregon	399	--
21.	South Florida	350	--
22.	Penn State	313	--
23.	Wake Forest	203	--
24.	Michigan	112	--
25.	Fresno State	91	--

Others Receiving Votes: Alabama 83, South Carolina 64, Utah 60, Rutgers 53, Florida State 53, Boston College 47, California 41, Pittsburgh 34, Boise State 25, Oregon State 23, Nebraska 17, Cincinnati 13, Virginia 12, Connecticut 9, Michigan State 9, Mississippi State 6, Kentucky 5, Notre Dame 5, TCU 5, Maryland 4, Texas A&M 3, UCLA 3, North Carolina 3, Louisville 2, Georgia Tech 2, UCF 2, Tulsa 1, Oklahoma State 1, Arizona 1, Colorado 1.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL = Preseason

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Georgia (22)	1,528	--
2.	Ohio State (21)	1,506	--
3.	USC (12)	1,490	--
4.	Oklahoma (4)	1,444	--
5.	Florida (6)	1,415	--
6.	Missouri	1,266	--
7.	LSU	1,135	--
8.	West Virginia	1,116	--
9.	Clemson	1,105	--
10.	Auburn	968	--
11.	Texas	966	--
12.	Texas Tech	786	--
13.	Wisconsin	771	--
14.	Kansas	707	--
15.	Arizona State	631	--
16.	Brigham Young	590	--
17.	Virginia Tech	578	--
18.	Tennessee	509	--
19.	South Florida	496	--
20.	Illinois	483	--
21.	Oregon	366	--
22.	Penn State	293	--
23.	Wake Forest	227	--
24.	Alabama	89	--
25.	Pittsburgh	85	--

Others Receiving Votes: South Carolina 84, Fresno State 83, California 59, Utah 53, Cincinnati 44, Florida State 41, **Michigan 36**, Boston College 32, Rutgers 32, Michigan State 21, Boise State 17, Arkansas 14, North Carolina 14, Connecticut 10, Tulsa 7, UCLA 6, Oregon State 5, Mississippi State 4, Virginia 4, Arizona 3, Nebraska 2, Notre Dame 2, Hawaii 1, Washington 1.

* Illinois' 2008 opponents in bold.

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04	TOT
McDonald, Ryan	13	12	11	—	—	36
Walker, Derek	8	12	11	—	—	31
Miller, Brit	10	10	5	—	—	25
Davis, Vontae	12	11	—	—	—	23
Fulton, Xavier	13	—	7	3	—	23
Williams, Juice	13	9	—	—	—	22
Pilcher, Doug	9	10	—	—	—	19
Lindquist, David	13	2	0	—	—	15
Hicks, Dere	13	1	—	—	—	14
Asamoah, Jon	13	0	—	—	—	13
Benn, Arrelious	12	—	—	—	—	12
Davis, Will	9	2	—	—	—	11
Hoomanawanui, M.	5	3	—	—	—	8
Cumberland, Jeff	3	4	—	—	—	7
Williams, Sirod	0	0	4	—	—	4
James, Chris	—	3	—	—	—	3
Carson, Sam	0	0	2	—	—	2
Bellamy, Travon	—	1	—	—	—	1
Nabolotny, Mike	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pittman, Rodney	1	0	0	—	—	1
Smith, Rahkeem	1	0	—	—	—	1
Sullivan, Tom	0	1	—	—	—	1
Wilkins, Marques	1	0	—	—	—	1

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

MEMORIAL STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

The University of Illinois concludes a two-year, \$160 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 \$160 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 Endzone: 5,026
 - Horseshoe: 12,394
 - Premium Seating: 2,270
 - First Five Rows: 1,226
- Illinois' Record at Memorial Stadium:** 236-200-14

teams, but was spending too much time behind other players. This spring, he gave offense a try and the rest is history. He immediately made an impact in an offense where receivers are a valuable resource. 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 receiver, 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. One of the most immediately impacting 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. Jeff Cumberland moved from tight end to receiver in the middle of last season. As a receiver in his final four games, he caught 11 passes for 221 yards, including 131 yards against Northwestern.

DAVIS' FAMILY INSTRUMENTAL IN LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT

- ▶ Illinois defensive end Will Davis' family are natives of the Republic of Liberia. He has spent his entire life in the United States, and was able to visit Liberia as a young child before Civil War broke out. Now that the war has ended, his mother, Pearine Davis-Parkinson, recently returned home to become the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of State office. The Ministry of State supports the work of the President of the Republic of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. The major departments of the Ministry of State are the Office of the President, Administration, and Public Affairs and Communications Technology. Davis' mother played basketball for the Liberian national team and at the University of Liberia. His uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia. She should be in town in the month of October to attend Illinois football games.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ Illinois led the Big Ten in rushing for the second consecutive season, ranking fifth in the nation last season with a 256 ypg average. That average ranked second on the Illinois season rushing list and is the highest since 1953. Illinois' 5.6 yard per carry average ranked fourth in the nation. Returning running backs Daniel Dufrene (6.3 ypc) and Troy Pollard (6.4 ypc) both averaged over six yards per carry, while quarterback Juice Williams averaged 4.6 yards per carry.
- ▶ Sophomore wide receiver Arrelious Benn earned Big Ten Freshman of the Year and Freshman All-America honors last season despite the fact that he was hampered by an injured shoulder for the entire season. Benn broke Illinois freshmen records with 54 receptions and 676 yards and also made his presence felt on special teams, returning a kickoff 90 yards for a TD against Penn State. After off-season surgery to fix the shoulder, Benn is back at 100 percent for his sophomore season.
- ▶ Illinois returns three of five starters on the offensive line, including 2007 All-Big Ten selections Xavier Fulton at left tackle and Ryan McDonald at center, and left guard Jon Asamoah. Last season, the line set a school record for fewest sacks per game with 1.23 as well as posting the best numbers in total offense and rushing with 5,585 and 3,338 yards, respectively. For the second-straight year, the line blocked for the Big Ten's best rushing offense. The offensive line paved the way for Rashard Mendenhall to break eight individual records, including single-season rushing, season yards per carry, total touchdowns, rushing touchdowns and all-purpose yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ The defensive line is considered the strength of the Fighting Illini defense by many. Even with the loss of senior Sirod Williams to a knee injury, Illinois will rotate as many as 10 linemen throughout games. Seniors Will Davis (41 tackles, 9.5 sacks), Derek Walker (22 tackles, 2.5 sacks) and David Lindquist (46 tackles, 4.5 sacks) lead the experienced bunch. In addition, juniors Doug Pilcher and Antonio James, sophomores Josh Brent, Jerry Brown and Clay Nurse, and freshman Corey Liuget all will see significant time this season.
- ▶ Senior Brit Miller, who is a three-year starter at outside linebacker, moves to the middle this season with All-American J Leman gone to graduation and the NFL. A natural leader, Miller had 62 tackles and 8.5 TFLs last season.
- ▶ Sophomore Martez Wilson and senior Rodney Pittman move into starting linebacker roles 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. He had 29 tackles and two sacks on the year. Pittman had a big offseason and will move into the line-up for the first time this year as a senior.
- ▶ There are several strong candidates to fill the void at both safety positions as last year's starters, Kevin Mitchell and Justin Harrison, both graduated. Sophomores Bo Flowers, Garrett Edwards and Nate Bussey all got valuable experience last year and are in the mix. Sophomore Travon Bellamy is back after missing last year with an injury and junior college transfer Donsay Hardeman should make an impact right away.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- ▶ Sophomore punter Anthony Santella is coming off a career-best performance at last year's Rose Bowl. Santella averaged 44.7 yards on six punts, including a long of 47 yards.
- ▶ Junior cornerback Vontae Davis blocked two punts last season. He got a hand on a Missouri punt in the season-opener, recovered it and returned it two yards for a TD. Later in the season, he blocked a second punt against Indiana.

- ▶ Sophomore Arrelious Benn returns for a second year as a kickoff returner. In his first year, he returned 10 kicks for a 28.0 average, which ranks third in the Illinois record books. His first collegiate return attempt came against Penn State for a 90-yard touchdown.
- ▶ Illinois will feature an entirely new kicking battery as last year's snapper, Kyle Knezetic, holder, Frank Lenti, Jr., and kicker, Jason Reda, were all lost to graduation. Sophomore Tad Keely will take over long snapping duties and sophomore Jared Bosch will serve as the holder while freshman Derek Dimke, redshirt-freshman Matt Eller, sophomore Matt Brandabur, and junior Michael Cklamovski are in a heated battle for the place kicking duties.

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 begins 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 States 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 got two 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. 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, made a quick impact on the Illini program. He 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 had four interceptions and eight passes broken up, which ranked sixth and seventh in the conference, respectively. He also has blocked two punts on the year. 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.

AFRICAN AMERICANS

- ▶ On this year's Illini football roster, there are five members who are direct descendants of Africa. Starting left guard Jon Asamoah's father, Samuel Asamoah, is from Ghana in West Africa, while four others' parents are Nigerian. Freshmen 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.

ILLINI RANKINGS IN THE NCAA AND BIG TEN

(2007 Final Statistics)

TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	.256.8	.5th
Passing Offense	.168.2	.109th
Total Offense	.425.0	.34th
Scoring Offense	.27.9	.58th
Rushing Defense	.132.2	.36th
Pass Efficiency Defense	.122.4	.52nd
Total Defense	.376.8	.55th
Scoring Defense	.21.8	.26th
Net Punting	.33.1	.92nd
Punt Returns	.7.1	.88th
Kickoff Returns	.19.1	.103rd
Turnover Margin	-.0.15	.170th
Pass Defense	.244.6	.83rd
Passing Efficiency	.119.2	.80th
Sacks	.3.0	.15th
Tackles For Loss	.6.6	.149th
Sacks Allowed	.1.2	.15th

MISCELLANEOUS CONFERENCE RANKINGS

CATEGORY	Big Ten
Sacks Against	16-106
Field Goals	16-18 (.889)
Fourth-Down Conversions	6-8 (75.0)
Opponent Fourth-Down Conversions	10-23 (43.5)
Red Zone Defense	35-46 (76.1)
Kickoff Coverage	43.7
Sacks By	40-277
First Downs	.277

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	.Rashard Mendenhall	.129.3
Passing Efficiency	.Juice Williams	.119.2
Total Offense	.Juice Williams	.192.2
Interceptions	.Kevin Mitchell	.0.38
Punting	.Vontae Davis	.0.33
Field Goals	.Anthony Santella	.37.7
Scoring	.Jason Reda	.1.23
All-Purpose	.Rashard Mendenhall	.153.8
Sacks	.Will Davis	.0.73
Tackles	.J Leman	.10.2
Tackles For Loss	.Will Davis	.0.96

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	RANK
Rushing	.Rashard Mendenhall	.129.3
Total Offense	.Juice Williams	.192.2
All-Purpose	.Rashard Mendenhall	.153.8
Interceptions	.Kevin Mitchell	.0.38
Pass Efficiency	.Vontae Davis	.0.33
Punt Return	.Juice Williams	.119.2
Scoring	.Kyle Hudson	.7.5
Scoring (TD)	.Rashard Mendenhall	.8.8
Scoring (kick)	.Rashard Mendenhall	.8.8
Field Goals	.Jason Reda	.7.1
Field Goal Pct.	.Jason Reda	.1.23
PAT Kicking Pct.	.Jason Reda	.88.9
Tackles	.Jason Reda	.97.8
Sacks	.J Leman	.10.2
Fumbles Recovered	.Will Davis	.0.73
Passes Defended	.Chris Norwell	.0.23
	.Kevin Mitchell	.1.23
	.Vontae Davis	.1.00

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.	James Coleman, 1975-77	1,573
18.	George Uremovich, 1971-73	1,565
19.	Steve Feagin, 1989-92	1,558
20.	Steve Havard, 1995-99	1,541
21.	E.B. Halsey, 2003-06	1,448
22.	Darrell Robinson, 1969-71	1,357
23.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	1,331

CAREER RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	1,331
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.	Ronald Fearn, 1961	219
7.	Bob Naponic, 1966	215
8.	Mike Wells, 1970	214
9.	Kurt Steger, 1977	174
10.	Bob Naponic, 1968	171

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams vs. Purdue, 11/11/06	145
2.	Juice Williams vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07	136
3.	Juice Williams at Minnesota, 11/3/07	133
4.	Tim Brasic vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05	116
5.	Rick Weiss vs. Wisconsin, 10/14/78	106
6.	Mike Wells vs. Northwestern, 11/4/72	105
7.	Juice Williams vs. Michigan State, 9/30/06	103
8.	Fred Custardo at Ohio State, 10/9/65	100
9.	Juice Williams vs. Ball State, 10/27/07	99
10.	Juice Williams vs. Ohio, 10/14/06	96

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE

(RUSHING, PASSING=TOTAL)

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	158	8,722	8,880
2.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	-85	8,725	8,640
3.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	-276	7,532	7,256
4.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	-29	7,031	7,002
5.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-94	65	5,293	5,358
6.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	-32	5,190	5,158
7.	Jeff George, 1988-89	-422	5,189	4,767
8.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	1,331	3,142	4,473
9.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	4,105	0	4,105
10.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	454	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	3,232
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	3,212
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	3,154

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.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	306
9.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	257
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.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	565
9.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	528
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.	Jeff George, 1988-89	31
8.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	22
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
	Moe Gardner, 1987-90	18
7.	Terrell Washington, 1999-2001	15
	Mel Agee, 1987-90	15
9.	Derrick Strong, 2000-03	14
10.	Mike McGee, 1996-99	12
	- Will Davis, 2005-present	11.5
	- Derek Walker, 2005-present	.9

*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
	Marlon Primous, 1988-91	26
	Robert Crumpton, 1991-94	26
6.	Craig Swoope, 1982-85	25
7.	Charles Armstead, 1981-82	24
8.	Alan Ball, 2003-06	22
	Chris Green, 1987-90	22
	David Edwards, 1980-84	22
	John Graham, 1970-71	22
	- Vontae Davis, 2006-present	14

CAREER INDIVIDUAL STARTS

1.	Tim Simpson, OL, 1988-91	48
2.	Bucky Babcock, OL, 2001-04	47
	Tony Pashos, OL, 1999-2002	47
4.	Chris Norwell, DT, 2004-07	46
5.	Matt Maddox, OL, 2003-06	45
	Marques Sullivan, OL, 1997-2000	45
	Kevin Hardy, LB, 1992-95	45
	Dana Howard, LB, 1991-94	45
9.	Danny Clark, LB, 1996-99	44
	Simeon Rice, LB/DL, 1992-95	44
	- Ryan McDonald, OL, 2005-present	36

DEPTH CHART

(as of Aug. 24)

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

- 78 Ryan Palmer (6-7, 294, So.)
71 Jeff Allen (6-4, 317, 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 Duvall (5-11, 175, Jr.)
82 Fred Sykes (6-0, 184, Fr.)
1 Cordale Scott (6-3, 208, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 6 Chris James (6-0, 188, So.)
13 Will Judson (5-8, 163, Sr.)
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.)
89 Tom Sullivan (6-4, 241, Jr.)

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.)
48 Ian Thomas (6-0, 218, r-Fr.)

Cornerback

- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 179, Jr.)
14 Marcus Thomas (5-11, 176, 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

- 19 Derek Dimke (6-0, 175, Fr.) -OR-
38 Matt Brandabur (6-0, 220, So.) -OR-
84 Matt Eller (6-1, 201, r-Fr.) -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.)

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 enters the 2008 season ranked in the top-20 in three different preseason polls, for the first time since the opening of the 2002 season.
- ▶ **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 2007 Fighting Illini made a seven-win improvement from the 2006 season, which was the biggest turnaround in college football that season.
- ▶ **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 has 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, 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 carri-

er. 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

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	0-0	0-0	--	--
TOTAL	6 YEARS	36-37	23-25	4 BOWLS	

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

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK

- ▶ schedule that ranked sixth toughest in the nation, the Gators ranked 24th in the final ESPN/USA Today Poll and extended their school record of consecutive January bowl appearances to 10.
- ▶ While not the head coach, Zook was integral in the University of Florida's 2007 national championship. Twenty-two of the 24 starters on the team were recruited by Zook and his staff, while at Florida.
- ▶ During his time at Florida, his Gator teams defeated six ranked teams, including a stretch of three weeks in a row in 2003. Florida's win at Florida State in the 2004 season finale was the first win for the Gators in Tallahassee since 1986.
- ▶ In 2004, at Florida, Zook's Gator team dominated the SEC rankings with the league's leading rusher (Ciatrick Fason), passer (Chris Leak), receiver (O.J. Small) and scorer (Matt Leach).
- ▶ Zook has participated in 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	.0-1	.000
Ball State	.1-0	1.000	Minnesota	.1-0	1.000
California	.0-1	.000	Northwestern	.1-2	.333
Eastern Illinois	.1-0	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	.1-2	.333
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
LSU	.1-2	.333	Tennessee	.1-2	.333
Miami	.0-2	.000	UAB	.1-0	1.000
Michigan	.0-2	.000	USC	.0-1	.000
Michigan State	.1-1	.500	Vanderbilt	.3-0	1.000
Middle Tennessee	.1-0	1.000	Western Illinois	.1-0	1.000
Mississippi	.0-2	.000	Wisconsin	.1-2	.333

ZOOK YEAR-BY-YEAR

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

Aug. 30	vs. 6/7 Missouri (St. Louis)	. . . . . 7:30 pm (ESPN)
Sept. 6	Eastern Illinois	. . . . . 11 am (BTN)
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	. . . . . 11 am (BTN)
Sept. 27	at 22/22 Penn State	. . . . . 7 pm (TBA)
Oct. 4	at NR/24 Michigan	. . . . . 2:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 11	Indiana	. . . . . 7 pm (BTN)
Oct. 18	Minnesota	. . . . . 11 am (TBA)
Oct. 25	at 13/12 Wisconsin	. . . . . 11 am (TBA)
Nov. 1	Iowa	. . . . . TBA
Nov. 8	vs. Western Michigan	. . . . . 11 am (TBA)
Nov. 15	at #2/3 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. 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.



ARRELIIOUS BENN

WR, 6-2, 214, SO.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DUNBAR

- 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

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 career-high 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 kick-off returns for 51 yards against Ball State ... Had five catches for 35 yards against No. 25 Michigan ... Grabbed four passes for a career-high 87 yards and rushed twice for 13 yards at Iowa ... Caught five passes for 51 yards, rushed twice for five yards and had two kickoff returns for 43 yards against 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 ... Tied a career high with 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: 6 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Receiving Yards: 97 vs. Ball State, 10/27/07
 Long Reception: 56, twice (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
 Rushes: 5 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Rushing Yards: 38 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 Long Rush: 23 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
 KO Returns: 3 vs. Ball State, 10/27/07
 KO Return Yards: 90 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
 Long KO Return: 90 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	54	676	12.5	52.0	2	56

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	32	158	4.9	13.2	0	23

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	10	280	28.0	1	90

BENN GAME-BY-GAME

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)

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)**

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.

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 a career-high 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 touchdown, the Illini's first score of the season ... Recorded a career-high 10 tackles, – including a career-best six solos – one TFL and one PBU against Mizzou.

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 ... Tied a career high with 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 a career-high nine tackles, including a career-best 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,

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 vs. USC, 1/1/08
Solos: 13 vs. USC, 1/1/08
INT: 1, five times (last time at Minnesota, 11/3/07)
TFL: 1, five times (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
QB Hurry: 1 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
PBU: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Northwestern, 11/18/06
Blocked Punt: 1, twice (last time at Indiana, 9/22/07)
KO Returns: 1, three times (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
Long KO Return: 63 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	12	30	22	52	2.5-7	1-0	6
2007	12	56	20	76	4-9	4-0	8
TOTAL	24	86	42	128	6.5-16	5-0	14

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	4	116	29.0	0	63

DAVIS GAME-BY-GAME

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

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
TOTAL	25	40	19	59	16-76	11.5-64	16

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

DAVIS GAME-BY-GAME

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
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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

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)

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 Missouri, 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

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: 12 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
Solos: 8 vs. Northwestern, 11/19/05
TFL: 3 vs. USC, 1/1/08
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last vs. USC, 1/1/08)
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
PBU: 2 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07
Interception: 1, twice (at Penn State, 10/21/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	30	16	46	4.5-20	1-12	0
2006	12	18	25	43	4.5-6	0-0	1
2007	13	39	23	62	8.5-27	1-10	0
TOTAL	36	87	64	151	17.5-53	2-22	1

MILLER GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	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
- 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

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 ... Is Illinois' career leader for rushing yards by a quarterback (1,331) ... Posted a career-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 career-high two touchdowns against Ball State ... Hit 8-of-14 passes for 70 yards and a touchdown against No. 25 Michigan, to go along with seven carries for 17 yards ... Was 9-of-15 passing for 98 yards, and ran 10 times for 41 yards at Iowa ... Hit 12-of-19 passes for 121 yards and a touchdown against 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: 21 vs. USC, 1/1/08
 Attempts: 35 vs. USC, 1/1/08
 Yards: 245 vs. USC, 1/1/08
 Passing Touchdowns: 4 at Ohio State, 11/10/07
 Long Pass: 76 vs. Syracuse, 9/16/06
 Carries: 23 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
 Rushing Yards: 145 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
 Rushing Touchdown: 2, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
 Long Rush: 45 vs. Ohio, 10/14/06

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
2006	12	261	103	39.5	1489	9	9	76
2007	13	267	153	57.3	1743	13	12	56
TOTAL	25	528	256	48.4	3232	22	21	76

WILLIAMS PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

2007	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MIZZ	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
*Rose Bowl						

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

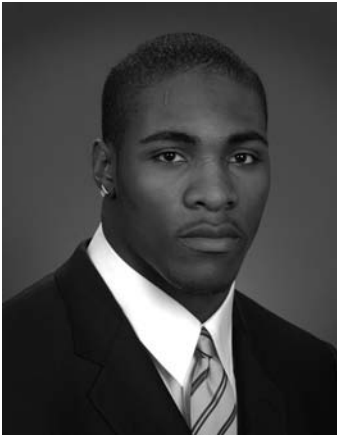
YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	154	576	3.7	48.0	2	45
2007	13	165	755	4.6	58.1	7	24
TOTAL	25	319	1331	4.2	53.2	9	45

WILLIAMS RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

2007	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MIZZ	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
*Rose Bowl				

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

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 career-high five tackles, including three solos, against Western Illinois ... Recorded his first career tackle, a solo, and quarterback hurry in the season opener against Missouri.

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: 5 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Solos: 3, twice (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
TFL: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
PBU: 1 vs. Ball State, 10/27/07
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last time at Iowa, 10/13/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	13	15	14	29	3-16	2-13	2

WILSON GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	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
@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

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PLAYER PROFILES

52 // JON ASAMOAH

OL, 6-5, 309, JR.

PARK FOREST, ILL./RICH EAST

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.

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

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
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

BROWN GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	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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62 // ERIC BLOCK

OL, 6-3, 292, SR.

NEW ORLEANS, LA./JESUIT

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

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

BRENT GAME-BY-GAME

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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18 // NATE BUSSEY

DB, 6-2, 216, SO.

WASHINGTON, DC/DUNBAR

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games primarily on special teams ... Recorded nine tackles, including five solos ... Played quarterback and safety at Dunbar High School ... Top-five player in the Washington DC area by Rivals.com ... High school teammates of fellow Illini Ugo Uzodinma, Vontae Davis, Arrelious Benn and Reggie Ellis.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Solos: 1, five times (last time at Minnesota, 11/3/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	13	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0

BUSSEY GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	1	1	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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98 // DARYLE BALLEW

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

CINCINNATI, OHIO/WITHROW

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

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: 4 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
Solos: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
PBU: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
INT: 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
INT Yards: 47 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Touchdowns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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

BELLAMY GAME-BY-GAME

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

99 // JERRY BROWN

DL, 6-4, 251, SO.

ST. LOUIS, MO./VASHON

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.

43 // SAM CARSON

LB, 6-1, 254, SR.

WOODRIDGE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games in 2007 ... Played in the first five games of 2006 before suffering a hand injury and missing the remainder of the season ... Recorded six tackles for the season ... Played in all 11 games of 2005, starting against Iowa and Penn State ... Posted a career-high five tackles vs. Wisconsin, while also recording a half tackle-for-loss ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Named the team's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year ... Father, Sam, played football at

PLAYER PROFILES

Eastern Illinois ... Cousin, Roosevelt Brown, played for the Chicago Cubs ... Majoring in actuarial science.

CAREER HIGHS

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	8	12	20	2-2	0-0	0
2006	5	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0
2007	13	2	4	6	0.5-1	0-0	0
TOTAL	29	12	20	32	2.5-3	0-0	0

CARSON GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	1	2	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	1	1	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	0	0	0-0	0-0	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	0	0-0
@MINN	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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

17 // JEFF CUMBERLAND

WR, 6-5, 251, JR.

COLUMBUS, OHIO/BROOKHAVEN

CAREER NOTES: Moved from tight end to receiver midway through the season in 2007 ... Caught three passes for 37 yards against USC in the Rose Bowl ... Had a career game against Northwestern, catching four passes for 131 yards and a touchdown – the first 100-yard receiving game by an Illini since 2005 – and rushed once for 18 yards ... In 2006, earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News* ... Played in all 11 games, starting five at tight end ... Finished the season with 16 catches, tied for the second most on the team ... Listed as the No. 66 recruit in the nation by ESPN.com ... Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Ran high school track and qualified for the state meet in the 100 meters, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay ... Ran a 10.6 in the 100 meters ... Majoring in sport management ... Raised by his grandmother, Rosline Cumberland.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, four times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
 Receiving Yards: 131 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
 Long Reception: 48 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
 Receiving TDs: 1, four times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
 Rushes: 1, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
 Rushing Yards: 24 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
 Long Rush: 24 at Minnesota, 11/3/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	12	16	232	14.5	19.3	1	45
2007	13	12	243	20.3	18.6	3	48
TOTAL	25	28	475	16.9	19.0	4	48

CUMBERLAND GAME-BY-GAME

2007	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
WIU	0	0	0	-
@SU	1	22	1	22
@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	4	53	1	22
@OSU	0	0	0	-
NW	4	131	1	48
USC*	3	37	0	15

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2006	REC	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	0	0	0	-
@RU	1	15	0	15
SU	0	0	0	-
IOWA	0	0	0	-
@MSU	0	0	0	-
IND	1	45	0	45
OHIO	3	30	1	15
@PSU	1	8	0	8
@WIS	4	41	0	22
OSU	4	62	0	24
PUR	2	31	0	26
@NW	0	0	0	-

19 DEREK DIMKE

PK, 6-0, 175, FR.

ROCKFORD, ILL./ROCKFORD BOYLAN

CAREER NOTES: Rated as one of the top players in the state of Illinois and ranks nationally as the No. 13 placekicker by Scout.com ... Holds the Illinois high school state playoff record with a 54-yard field goal ... Earned second-team All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* and special mention by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Majoring in business.

22 // DANIEL DUFRENE

RB, 5-11, 201, JR.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA./STRANAHAN/
 COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games in 2007 as a back-up running back to school record holder Rashard Mendenhall ... Rushed for a career-high 106 yards at No. 1 Ohio State, including a career-long 80-yard rush on Illinois' second play from scrimmage ... Averaged 6.3 yards per carry ... An All-Conference selection at College of the Sequoias, rushed for 750 yards and nine touchdowns last season as a freshman in 2006 ... Signed with Vanderbilt out of high school and attended for one semester (redshirted) before transferring to the College of the Sequoias ... Majoring in history.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 Rushing Yards: 106 at Ohio State, 11/10/07
 Rushing TDs: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
 Long Run: 80 at Ohio State, 11/10/07
 Receptions: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
 Receiving Yards: 8 vs. Ball State, 10/27/08
 Long Reception: 8 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	47	294	6.3	22.6	2	80

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	12	3	9	3.0	0.8	0	8

DUFRENE GAME-BY-GAME

2007	CAR.	YDS	TD	LG
MU	6	58	0	30
WIU	9	51	1	32
@SU	2	6	0	4
@IND	3	(2)	0	1
PSU	1	6	0	6
WIS	3	24	0	15
@IOWA	2	(3)	0	0
MICH	2	21	1	13
BSU	4	19	0	9
@MINN	2	15	0	19
@OSU	8	106	0	80
NW	4	(7)	0	8
USC*	1	0	0	0

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15 // CHRIS DUVALT

WR, 5-11, 175, JR.

LAKELAND, FLA./LAKE GIBSON

CAREER NOTES: Moved from defensive back to wide receiver during 2008 spring practice ... Played in 10 of 13 games at cornerback in 2007 ... Returned four kickoffs for 70 yards vs. Missouri, with a long return of 23 yards ... Played in nine of 12 games at cornerback in 2006 ... Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com out of high school ... Played point guard for high school basketball team ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, six times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
 Solos: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/2/06
 KO Returns: 4 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
 Long KO Return: 37 at Northwestern, 11/18/06

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

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

20 // GARRETT EDWARDS

DB, 6-2, 214, SO.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL./DOWNERS GROVE NORTH

CAREER NOTES: Played in the first five games of the 2007 season, logging 56 snaps, 55 on special teams ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... Majoring in speech communication ... Has two brothers and one sister ... Two uncles played college football, Ron Leoni (Illinois) and Dave Edwards (Indiana).

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1 vs. USC, 1/1/08
 Solos: 1 vs. USC, 1/1/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	6	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0

EDWARDS GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	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
USC*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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PLAYER PROFILES

84 // MATT ELLER

PK, 6-1, 201, R-FR.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA./BISHOP KENNY

CAREER NOTES: Redshirted the 2007 season ... Named All-state by in 2006 *The Florida Times-Union* ... Plans to major in child psychology ... One of four siblings.

24 // BO FLOWERS

DB, 6-2, 218, SO.
MAYWOOD, ILL./WALTHER LUTHERAN

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams ... Returned to football in 2007 after spending four years in minor league baseball with both the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs organizations ... Was drafted in the fifth round out of high school by the Detroit Tigers ... In high school was the *Chicago Sun-Times* 2002 Male Athlete of the Year ... Earned all-state honors in 2002 in both baseball and football ... Full name is Clarence Flowers, Jr. ... Nickname is "Bo" which was passed down by his father, who also goes by Bo ... Majoring in community health.

CAREER HIGHS

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	13	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0

FLOWERS GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	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	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	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*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

* ROSE BOWL

21 // JASON FORD

RB, 6-0, 220, FR.
BELLEVILLE, ILL./ALTHOFF

CAREER NOTES: Ranked the No. 14 recruit in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com in 2007 ... Rushed for a St. Louis metro area career record 6,415 yards ... Scored 75 rushing touchdowns in his career ... Scored 22 touchdowns as a senior while averaging 9.1 yards per carry ... Recorded a 39-inch vertical jump.

83 // HUBIE GRAHAM

TE, 6-4, 248, FR.
SCRANTON, PA./WEST SCRANTON

CAREER NOTES: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com in 2007 ... Rated the No. 12 tight end in the nation by Scout.com ... Caught 30 passes for 720 yards and scored four touchdowns as a sen-

ior ... Had over 20 scholarship offers.

4 // DONSAY HARDEMAN

DB, 6-2, 220, JR.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA./RAINES/GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

CAREER NOTES: Rated the No. 7 junior college prospect nationally by Rivals.com ... Helped lead Georgia Military College to a 9-2 record and a No. 9 national junior college ranking in 2007 ... Team's defense ranked fourth in total defense and No. 1 against the rush ... Earned honorable mention All-America honors by JC Gridwire ... Was one of the top-10 players in the state of Florida in the Class of 2006 by Rivals.com ... Chose Illinois over Alabama, Miami and South Carolina ... Majoring in speech communication.

28 // DERE HICKS

DB, 5-10, 179, JR.
ROANOKE, VA./WILLIAM FLEMING/VALLEY FORGE

CAREER NOTES: Started all 13 games at cornerback in 2007 ... Recorded five tackles in the Rose Bowl against USC ... Assisted on a tackle and had two PBUs against Northwestern ... Had five tackles – including four solos – and an interception at No. 1 Ohio State ... Notched a career high in tackles with seven against No. 21 Penn State ... Played in 11 of 12 games and started against Ohio State in 2006 ... Posted 14 tackles as a freshman ... Joined the team in January of 2006 ... Attended Valley Forge Military Academy in 2005 ... Led team to an undefeated season ... Recorded 45 tackles and five interceptions ... Returned three interceptions for touchdowns ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini Randall Hunt ... All-State quarterback in high school ... Threw for over 1,800 yards and 18 touchdowns ... Rushed for over 850 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior ... Also won the Virginia high school state championship in hurdles ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Solos: 6 at Indiana, 9/22/07
TFL: 1.5 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
INT: 1, twice (last time at Ohio State, 11/10/07)
PBU: 2 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Forced Fumble: 1 at Indiana, 9/22/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0
2007	13	34	18	52	1.5-4	2-0	5
TOTAL	24	43	23	66	1.5-4	2-0	5

HICKS GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	1	1	0-0	1-0	0	0-0
@SU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@IND	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
PSU	4	3	7	1.5-4	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
BSU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@OSU	4	1	5	0-0	1-0	0	0-0
NW	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
USC*	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

* Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
EIU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

IOWA	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OHIO	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

16 // MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI

TE, 6-5, 274, JR.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL./CENTRAL CATHOLIC

CAREER NOTES: Played in 11 games, starting five at tight end in 2007 ... Caught a three-yard touchdown pass at No. 1 Ohio State ... Hauled in his first career touchdown pass at Indiana, a two-yard connection with Juice Williams ... Played in 10 games, starting three at tight end in 2006 ... Caught a pass to convert a two-point conversion vs. Purdue ... Father played football for Illinois State ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, five times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07)
Receiving Yards: 27 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Long Reception: 27 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Touchdowns: 1, two times (last time at Ohio State, 11/10/07)

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	10	0	0	0	0	0	-
2007	11	5	64	12.8	5.8	2	27
TOTAL	21	5	64	12.8	3.0	2	27

HOOMANAWANUI GAME-BY-GAME

2007	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
WIU	0	0	0	-
@SU	1	27	0	27
@IND	1	2	1	2
PSU	0	0	0	-
WIS	0	0	0	-
@IOWA	1	12	0	12
@MINN	0	0	0	-
@OSU	1	3	1	3
NW	1	20	0	20
USC*	0	0	0	-

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66 // RANDALL HUNT

OL, 6-6, 311, SO.
HIGHTSTOWN, N.J./HIGHTSTOWN/VALLEY FORGE

CAREER NOTES: Played in two games in 2007, logging minutes against Syracuse and Minnesota ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... Joined the team in January of 2006 ... Attended Valley Forge Military Academy ... Helped lead team to undefeated season ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini Dere Hicks ... Majoring in media studies ... Favorite athlete is the late Reggie White because of his attitude on and off the field.

PLAYER PROFILES

90 // ANTONIO JAMES

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

CAREER NOTES: Played in 12 of 13 games at defensive end in 2007 ... Notched two solo tackles, including his first career sack, at Minnesota ... Played in all 12 games at defensive end in 2006, logging a season-high 51 plays vs. Wisconsin ... Associated Press first-team Division I All-Ohio in 2005 ... Helped lead Washington to a 13-2 final record, making the Ohio state championship game ... Majoring in history.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Iowa, 9/23/06
Solos: 2, twice (last time at Minnesota, 11/3/07)
TFL: 1 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
QB Sacks: 1 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
QB Hurries: 1, twice (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	2
2007	12	3	4	7	2-16	1.5-16	0
TOTAL	24	7	8	15	2-16	1.5-16	2

JAMES GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	1	1	2	0.5-0	0-0	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	0	0-0
@MINN	2	0	2	1-12	1-12	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	1	1	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0-0
USC*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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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

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

JAMES GAME-BY-GAME

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

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.

13 // WILL JUDSON

WR, 5-8, 163, SR.
RIVERDALE, GA./SANDY CREEK/FLORIDA A&M

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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	12	6	30	5.0	2.5	0	9

JUDSON GAME-BY-GAME

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

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

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.

94 // DAVID LINDQUIST

DL, 6-3, 293, SR.
HIGHLAND PARK, ILL./HIGHLAND PARK

CAREER NOTES: Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon ... Came to Illinois as a walk-on, earning a scholarship before the 2006 season ... Played in and started all 13 games at defensive tackle in 2007 ... Had a career game at Minnesota, recording a career-high eight tackles – including a career-best seven solos – and a sack ... Led the Big Ten with four fumbles recovered in 2006 ... Named the team's Most Improved Player at annual banquet ... Played in all 12 games at defensive tackle, including two starts against Ohio and Wisconsin ... Played in nine games in 2005 at defensive tackle ... Recorded nine tackles and one tackle-for-loss ... Redshirted the 2004 season ... Won a total of 11 high school varsity letters, with four in both hockey and lacrosse, and three in football ... Majoring in speech communication ... Was a member of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 Founders Cup champions in hockey ... Played in the 2004 Illinois state lacrosse All-Star game ... Father, John, was a football player for Michigan State from 1966-1969.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
Solos: 7 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
TFL: 2.5 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
FR: 1, five times (last time at Wisconsin, 10/28/06)
QB Sacks: 2 vs. Michigan, 10/20/07
QB Hurries: 2, twice (last time vs. Ball State, 10/27/07)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	9	3	6	9	1-3	0-0	0
2006	12	16	17	33	5-23	2.0-16	6
2007	13	27	19	46	7-36	4.5-32	2
TOTAL	34	46	42	88	13-62	6.5-48	8

LINDQUIST GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	3	0	3	1-10	1-10	0	0-0
WIU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

PLAYER PROFILES

@SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	4	4	0.5-0	0.5-0	0	0-0
WIS	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	2	4	6	0.5-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	1	5	6	2.5-16	2-15	0	0-0
BSU	2	0	2	1-2	0-0	2	0-0
@MINN	7	1	8	1-7	1-7	0	0-0
@OSU	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
NW	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
SU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	1	2	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	0-1
IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
OHIO	2	3	5	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	2	0	2	1.0-3	0-0	1	0-0
@WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-1
OSU	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	2	4	6	1.5-3	0-0	1	0-0
@NW	2	2	4	1.0-11	1.0-11	2	0-0

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SJSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MSU	1	1	2	1-3	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
@IND	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

93 // COREY LIUGET

DL, 6-3, 283, FR.
MIAMI, FLA./HIALEAH

CAREER NOTES: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com in high school ... Rated No. 80 on Rivals' Top-100 list ... Registered 59 tackles and 11 sacks in 2007 ... Also was a member of the wrestling team ... Chose Illinois over Miami, LSU and Florida State ... Majoring in general studies.

10 // EDDIE MCGEE

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

CAREER NOTES: Played in 10 of 13 games at quarterback in 2007 ... Completed his only attempted pass in the Rose Bowl resulting in a 56-yard touchdown to Arrelious Benn ... Relieved Juice Williams in the fourth quarter at Iowa, against No. 5 Wisconsin after Juice Williams was injured and on Illinois' final drive against No. 21 Penn State and reeled off a 53-yard rush to put the Illini in field goal range ... Played most of the fourth quarter at Syracuse, going 2-for-2 for 33 yards ... Saw his first career game action in the season opener against Missouri when he entered the game in the second quarter for an injured Juice Williams ... Completed 17-of-31 passes for 257 yards, the most yards ever by an Illini redshirt-freshman ... Threw his first career TD pass against Mizzou, a 41-yarder to Kyle Hudson in the third quarter ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... Finished his high school senior season with 2,890 yards passing and 22 touchdowns ... Was rated as the second-best player from the District of Columbia ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Has two brothers ... From the same high school as current Jacksonville Jaguar, Byron Leftwich.

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 17 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Attempts: 31 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Yards: 257 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Passing Touchdowns: 1, two times (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
Long Pass: 56 vs. USC, 1/1/08
Carries: 8 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07
Rushing Yards: 58 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Rushing Touchdown: 1, twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/07)
Long Rush: 53 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
2007	10	55	29	52.7	444	2	3	56

MCGEE PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

2007	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MIZZ	31	17	2	257	1	42
WIU	1	0	0	0	0	-
@SU	2	2	0	33	0	27
PSU	3	0	0	0	0	-
WIS	0	0	0	0	0	-
@IOWA	5	3	1	52	0	28
MICH	12	6	0	46	0	15
@MINN	0	0	0	0	0	-
NW	0	0	0	0	0	-
USC*	1	1	0	56	1	56

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RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	10	31	153	4.9	15.3	2	53

MCGEE RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

2007	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MIZZ	8	23	1	16
WIU	2	12	0	7
@SU	2	8	0	5
PSU	2	58	0	53
WIS	3	11	1	5
@IOWA	6	19	0	10
MICH	3	12	0	16
@MINN	2	3	0	6
NW	1	0	0	-
USC*	2	7	0	8

* Rose Bowl

97 // CLAY NURSE

DL, 6-3, 258, SO.
BELTSVILLE, MD./HIGH POINT

CAREER NOTES: Played in five games in 2007, seeing 18 snaps primarily on kickoff coverage ... Played in three games in 2006 before suffering a shoulder injury, which sidelined him for the rest of the season ... Took a medical redshirt ... Played outside linebacker for high school and led team in tackles and sacks ... Also won letters in basketball and track ... Played only two years of high school football after immigrating from Georgetown, Guyana at the age of 15 ... Played cricket, soccer and basketball while attending Queen's College High School in Guyana ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to be a physical therapist after a professional career in football.

78 // RYAN PALMER

OL, 6-7, 294, SO.
CANTON, OHIO/GLEN OAK

CAREER NOTES: Played in 11 games at both tackle positions in 2007 ... Was in on 111 offensive snaps ... Recorded eight knockdowns ... Redshirted the 2006 season ... In 2005, earned first-team Division I All-Ohio ... Ranked among the Top-50 in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com ... Played in 10 games in 2005 and racked up 85 pancake blocks ... Majoring in speech communication.

95 // DOUG PILCHER

DL, 6-5, 266, JR.
HINSDALE, ILL./HINSDALE CENTRAL

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games, starting nine at defensive end in 2007 ... Ranked tied for 13th in the Big Ten in sacks per game ... Recorded two tackles, including a sack for a loss of 10 yards in the Rose Bowl against USC ... Recorded a 23-yard sack to end the first half at Indiana ... Named to the freshman All-Big Ten team by *The Sporting News* in 2006 ... Played in all 12 games, starting 10 at defensive end ... Recorded a career-high four tackles, including two solos, against Indiana ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Redshirted the 2005 season ... Made 97 tackles, 21 for loss, and 18 sacks as a senior in high school ... Recorded 26 career sacks for a school record, breaking his brother Steve's mark ... Earned letters in football, basketball and baseball ... Majoring in finance ... Both parents and his older brother attended Illinois.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, four times (last time at Ohio State, 11/10/07)
Solos: 2, six times (last vs. USC, 1/1/08)
TFL: 1.5, three times (last time vs. Ball State, 10/27/07)
QB Sack: 1, five times (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
QBH: 3 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
PBU: 1 at Michigan State, 9/30/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	12	8	16	24	6.5-8	0-0	5
2007	13	13	12	25	7-61	5.5-55	4
TOTAL	25	21	28	49	13.5-69	5.5-55	9

PILCHER GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
WIU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	1-23	1-23	0	0-0
PSU	1	0	1	1-6	1-6	0	0-0
WIS	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	2	1	3	1-10	1-10	0	0-0
BSU	1	2	3	1.5-5	1-5	0	0-0
@MINN	1	0	1	1-6	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
NW	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
USC*	2	0	2	1-10	1-10	0	0-0

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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	1	2	3	1.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@MSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	3	0-0
IND	2	2	4	1.5-3	0-0	1	0-0
OHIO	0	4	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	2	1	3	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	1	2	3	1-1	0-0	0	0-0

45 // RODNEY PITTMAN

LB, 6-2, 242, SR.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD./FRIENDLY

CAREER NOTES: Played in all 13 games, making his first collegiate start against Syracuse in 2007 ... Notched his first career sack at Syracuse ... Saw action in 10 games in 2006 ... Was in on 95 snaps, 79 of which were special teams ... Played in all 11 games, primarily on special teams, but was in on 29 defensive snaps at linebacker in 2005 ... Recorded eight tackles, including four solo stops ... Had a career-best five tackles at Iowa ... Played both linebacker and defensive line as a senior in high school as well as tight end on the offensive side ... For his career, he totaled 270 tackles, 22 sacks and 36 quarterback hurries ... Finished high school with a 3.5 GPA ... Earned the

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school's Academic Athlete of the Year ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0
2006	11	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	1
2007	13	3	1	4	2-4	1-2	0
TOTAL	35	7	8	15	2-4	1-2	1

PITTMAN GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	2	0	2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	1	0	1	1-2	1-2	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	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
BSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	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*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OHIO	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	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

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SJSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@CAL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	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

29 // TROY POLLARD

RB, 5-8, 180, R-FR.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA./ANDREW JACKSON

CAREER NOTES: Played in three games at running back before suffering a season-ending injury in 2007 ... Averaged 6.4 yards per carry on 23 rushes before the injury ... Took a medical red-shirt ... Rated a top-50 running back nationally by Rivals.com out of high school ... Rushed for a school-record 3,816 career yards ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

80 // ALEX REAVY

WR, 6-2, 195, SO.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL./SACRED HEART GRIFFIN

CAREER NOTES: Member of UI squad the past two years ... Won the team's Offensive Scout Team Award in 2007 ... Lettered in four sports at Sacred Heart Griffin —three letters each in bas-

ketball, baseball and golf and one in football ... Began playing football as a senior in high school ... Caught 75 passes for more than 1,300 yards and 22 touchdowns ... Earned All-Conference honors in 2005 and was an All-State selection by the *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and IHSA ... High school team won the Class 5A Championship and made the state tournament in baseball ... Has seven brothers and sisters ... Majoring in speech communication.

87 // ANTHONY SANTELLA

P, 6-2, 190, SO.
WAUCONDA, ILL./WAUCONDA/UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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: 304 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
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

SANTELLA GAME-BY-GAME

2007	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	TB	FC	+50	I20
MIZZ	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

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

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
MIZZ	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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54 // JUSTIN STAPLES

LB, 6-4, 222, FR.
LAKEWOOD, OHIO/ST. EDWARD

CAREER NOTES: Named to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* All-State team in 2007 ... Recorded 92 tackles, seven sacks, one interception, 11 pass breakups, six forced fumbles and two recovered fumbles as a senior ... Plans to major in sociology.

82 // FRED SYKES

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

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.

PLAYER PROFILES

38 // IAN THOMAS

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

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.

14 // MIAMI THOMAS

DB, 5-11, 176, SO.
CHICAGO, ILL./MORGAN PARK

CAREER NOTES: Played in 12 of 13 games in 2007, starting at cornerback against Northwestern ... Notched a career-high six tackles, including three solos, against Northwestern ... Recorded a career-high four tackles – all solos – grabbed his first career interception and deflected a pass to teammate Antonio Steele for another INT at No. 1 Ohio State after entering the game for an injured Vontae Davis ... Recorded 53 tackles, six interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a senior in high school ... Nickname is “Miami” because he grew up in Miami, Fla., attending Carol City High School for one year ... Earned three letters in football and two in track ... High school teammate of current Illini wide receiver Chris James ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to pursue a career in coaching after graduation.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Solos: 4 at Ohio State, 11/10/07
TFL: 0.5 vs. Ball State, 10/27/07
INT: 1 at Ohio State, 11/10/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	12	11	6	17	0.5-1	1-0	0

THOMAS GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@SU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	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	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	4	0	4	0-0	1-0	0	0-0
NW	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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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
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 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	11	15	11	26	6-23	1-6	3
2006	12	12	17	29	8-33	5.5-25	11
2007	12	12	10	22	3.5-17	2.5-16	4
TOTAL	35	39	38	77	17.5-73	9-47	18

WALKER GAME-BY-GAME

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MIZZ	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
@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

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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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
Receiving Yards: 47 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
Long Reception: 36 at Minnesota, 11/3/07
TDs: 1 at Ohio State, 11/10/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	9	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	-
2007	12	3	78	26.0	7.1	1	36
TOTAL	21	3	78	26.0	3.7	1	36

WILKINS GAME-BY-GAME

2007	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MIZZ	0	0	0	-
WIU	0	0	0	-
@SU	0	0	0	-
PSU	0	0	0	-
WIS	0	0	0	-
@IOWA	0	0	0	-
MICH	0	0	0	-
BSU	0	0	0	-
@MINN	2	47	0	36
@OSU	1	31	1	31
NW	0	0	0	-
USC*	0	0	0	-

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25 // ASHANTE WILLIAMS

DB, 5-10, 197, FR.
MAYFIELD, OHIO/MAYFIELD

CAREER NOTES: Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008 ... Totaled 99 tackles, including 62 solos, six tackles for loss, two sacks, 10 passes defensed and two forced fumbles in high school in 2007 ... Majoring in general studies ... Graduated high school with a 3.12 GPA.

91 // DEREK WALKER

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

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

3 // MARQUES WILKINS

WR, 6-0, 191, JR.
DECATUR, ILL./MACARTHUR

CAREER NOTES: Played in 12 of 13 games in 2007, starting at receiver against Minnesota ... Caught his first career touchdown pass, a 31-yarder, to seal the Illini's 28-21 win at No. 1 Ohio State ... Grabbed his first two career receptions at Minnesota, gaining 47 yards with a long of 36 ... Played in nine games in 2006, logging 54 special teams snaps ... Joined Illinois team in the spring after graduating early from high school ... In high school was named the Unanimous Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year selection ... A four-star recruit according to Rivals.com ... Majoring in sport management ... Name is pronounced “Marcus” ... Was placed on the MacArthur High School Wall of Fame for both academic and athletic excellence.

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	7	Isiah Williams (Jr., 6-2, 233)	Named Juice b/c he was a 13 lb baby ... Started 22 straight games ... Leading ret rusher on team ... Has 1-yr old daughter LaChez
RB	22	Daniel Dufrene (Jr., 5-11, 201)	Avg. 6.3 yards per carry in 2007 ... Had 80 yard run vs. OSU ... Signed with Vanderbilt out of HS ... Rushed for 106 yds vs. OSU
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)	Third-year as starter ... Nickname is "uh-oh" ... Avg. 12.5 yds per catch ... Polynesian decent ... Gained 10 lbs in offseason
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, Africa ... Played 991 snaps last year
C	60	Ryan McDonald (Sr., 6-5, 296)	Has made 36 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	78	Ryan Palmer (So., 6-7, 294)	New starter on line ... Was first outside backup last year ... Can play both tackle positions
WR	6	Chris James (So., 6-0, 188)	Nickname is CJ ... Had career day vs. Northwestern in 2006 finale with 52 yds ... Missed 2007 with injury
WR	9	Arrelious Benn (So., 6-2, 214)	2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... Returns punts and KO ... One of 6 Sporting News' Game Breakers ... Biletnikoff Candidate
WR	15	Chris Duvall (Jr., 5-11, 175)	Moved from CB to WR in spring and moved into starting spot ... Goes by "Duvy" ... One of the fastest players on the team

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	95	Doug Pilcher (Jr., 6-5, 266) - AND -	Went to first Illinois football game at the age of 3 ... Third-year starter ... Averages 11 yards per sack
DE	91	Derek Walker (Sr., 6-4, 270)	Four-year starter ... Has 17.5 career TFL and nine sacks ... Hobbies are art and graphic design
DT	92	Josh Brent (So., 6-2, 315)	First-year as starter ... Played as true-freshman last year ... HS teammate of Michael Hoomanawanui
DT	94	David Lindquist (Sr., 6-3, 293)	Came to ILL as walk on ... Led Big Ten in FR in 2006 ... Played lacrosse and hockey in HS ... Father played FB at Michigan State
DE	81	Will Davis (Sr., 6-3, 268)	Gained 20 lbs in offseason with 6,000 cal diet ... Lombardi and Hendricks Candidate ... Mother is Dep. Minister of State for Liberia
LB	44	Brit Miller (Sr., 6-1, 240)	Local product from Decatur ... Moved to middle this season ... Does community service every week ... Lott Award Candidate
LB	45	Rodney Pittman (Sr., 6-2, 242)	First-year starter as senior ... Had TFL against Mizzou and Syracuse last year ... Will graduate in 3 1/2 years
LB	2	Martez Wilson (So., 6-4, 246)	Called by the team "Freak 2" ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... Last year was gunner on punt team as a LB ... 2 sacks at true-freshman in 07
CB	28	Dere Hicks (Jr., 5-10, 179)	Second-year as starter ... Had 2 INT last year, one vs. OSU ... Only player on roster from Virginia
FS	31	Travon Bellamy (So., 6-0, 207)	Redshirted last season with an injury, had two shoulder surgeries ... Had two INT as a true-freshman in 2006, one for TD vs. WIS
SS	24	Bo Flowers (So., 6-2, 218)	Will turn 25 in Nov. ... Played four years of minor league baseball before college ... Was the 2002 <i>Chicago Sun Times</i> Athlete of Year
CB	1	Vontae Davis (Jr., 6-0, 204)	Playboy All-American ... Brother is Vernon Davis of SF 49ers ... Thope Award semifinalist in 2007, only soph. on list ... 5 career INT

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

PK	--	Four Players	#19 Derek Dimke, Fr.; #84 Matt Eller, r-Fr.; #38 Matt Brandabur, So.; #35 Michael Cklamovski, Jr.
P	87	Anthony Santella (So., 6-2, 190)	Had a career game in Rose Bowl w/ 44.7 average ... Landed 17 of 64 inside 20 in 2007 with 13 fair catches ... Transferred from Utah
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

THE LAST TIME ...

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD ...

RUSHING

200 yards rushing: 201, Rashard Mendenhall at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

150 yards rushing: 155, Rashard Mendenhall vs. USC, 1/1/2008

125 yards rushing: 155, Rashard Mendenhall vs. USC, 1/1/2008

100 yards rushing: 155, Rashard Mendenhall vs. USC, 1/1/2008

Back-to-back 175 yard rushing games: Rashard Mendenhall (189 vs. Ball State, 10/27/2007 & 201 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007)

Three consecutive 100 yard rushing games: Rashard Mendenhall, 9/8-9/22/2007

2 rushers with 175 yards: Rocky Harvey (215), Steve Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998

2 rushers with 100 yds: Juice Williams (136) and Rashard Mendenhall (124) vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

80+ yard rushing play: 80, Daniel Dufrene at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

50+ yard rushing play: 79, Rashard Mendenhall vs. USC, 1/1/2008

Two 40+ runs in one quarter: 82 and 47 (1st), Antioneo Harris vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002

True-freshman rushed for 100-yards in first career game: E.B. Halsey, 139 yards vs. Missouri, 8/30/2003

40 rushing attempts: 40, Antioneo Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002

30 rushing attempts: 37, Pierre Thomas at Northwestern, 11/20/2004

2 rushers with 2 TDs: Rashard Mendenhall (2) and Juice Williams (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

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

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

3 TD's rushing: Rashard Mendenhall (3) at Syracuse, 9/15/2007

2 TD's rushing: Rashard Mendenhall (2) and Juice Williams (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

2 TD's rushing by a QB: Juice Williams (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

RECEIVING

200 yards receiving: 208, David Williams vs. Northwestern, 9/1/1984

150 yards receiving: 158, Kelvin Hayden vs. California, 9/20/2003

100 yards receiving: 131, Jeff Cumberland vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

2 receivers with 100 yards receiving: Aaron Moorehead (118) and Walter Young (153) vs. San Jose State, 9/21/2002

70+ yard pass play: 76, Rashard Mendenhall from Juice Williams vs. Syracuse, 9/16/2006

60+ yard pass play: 69, Jacob Willis from Juice Williams at Michigan State, 9/30/2006

50+ yard pass play: 56, Arrelious Benn from Eddie McGee vs. USC, 1/1/2008

10 or more receptions: 10, Kyle Hudson vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/2005

2 receivers with 2 TDs: Walter Young and Brandon Lloyd, vs. LSU, 1/1/2002

3 TDs receiving: Greg Lewis vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2000

2 TDs receiving: Jacob Willis at Michigan State, 9/30/2006

An OL caught a pass: Bucky Babcock, (1 rec., 3 yds) vs. Purdue, 9/25/2004

PASSING

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

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

400 yards passing: 430, Jon Butjer vs. California, 9/20/2003

300 yards passing: 430, Jon Butjer vs. California, 9/20/2003

250 yards passing: 257, Eddie McGee vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

Consecutive 300-yard passing games: Jon Butjer at Wisconsin (319, 11/9/2002) and vs. Ohio State (305, 11/16/2002)

Three consecutive 300-yard passing games: Jason Verduzco vs. East Carolina

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

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

5 TDs passing: Jeff George vs. Indiana, 11/18/89

4 TDs passing: Juice Williams at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

3 TDs passing: Juice Williams (4) at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

2 TDs passing: Juice Williams (4) at Ohio State, 11/10/2007

Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game: Juice Williams, 76 yards to Rashard Mendenhall and 69 yards to Kyle Hudson vs. Syracuse, 9/16/2006

DEFENSE

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

4 interceptions: Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/74

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

2 interceptions: Kelvin Hayden (2) vs. Florida A&M, 9/4/2004

3+ sacks in a game: Will Davis (4) at Indiana, 9/22/2007

Interception by a down lineman: Jeff Ruffin vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002

Interception Return for TD: Travon Bellamy (41 yds) at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

Two players with Interception Returns for TD: Bobby Jackson (83 yards) & Christian Morton (62 yards) at Purdue, 11/3/2001

Defensive Extra Point: Kevin Mitchell at Ohio State (75 yards), 11/5/2005

Fumble recovery for TD: Michael Hall (30 yards) vs. Southern Mississippi, 9/7/2002

Scored on a Safety: at Michigan (WR tackled in endzone), 10/16/2004

TOTAL OFFENSE/ALL PURPOSE

500 yds. total offense: 585, Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/80

400 yds. total offense: 415, Jon Butjer vs. California, 9/20/2003

200 all-purpose yards: 214, Rashard Mendenhall vs. USC, 1/1/08

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

4 field goals: Jason Reda (4) at Penn State, 10/21/2006

3 field goals: Jason Reda (3) at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

2 field goals: Jason Reda (2) vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

Made 50+ yard Field Goal: Jason Reda (51) at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

Blocked a Punt: Vontae Davis at Indiana, 9/22/2007

Blocked Punt for a Touchdown: Vontae Davis blocked punt and returned 2 yds. for a TD vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

Blocked Two Field Goals: Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001

Blocked a Field Goal: Chris Norwell at California, 9/17/2005

Blocked a PAT: Xavier Fulton at Indiana, 10/8/2005

Punt return for TD: E.B. Halsey (41 yards) vs. Purdue, 10/4/2003

Kickoff return for TD: Arrelious Benn (90 yards) vs. Penn State, 9/29/2007

Blocked FG returned for TD: Travis Williams (66 yards) vs. Illinois St., 9/6/2003

Two-point conversion: Juice Williams to Michael Hoomanawanui vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006

AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 212, Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern, 11/19/2005

150 yards rushing: 108, Kalvin McRae, Ohio, 10/14/2006

2 rushers with 100 yds: Joe McKnight (125) and Stafon Johnson (104), USC, 1/1/2008

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

300 yards passing: 310, C.J. Bacher, Northwestern, 11/17/2007

50+ yard rushing play: 66, Damian Sims, Iowa, 10/1/2005

Two 40+ TD runs in one quarter: LeRoy Collins (40, 63 in 4th), Louisville, 9/19/1998

80+ yard pass play: 80, Indiana (Matt LoVecchio to Jahkes Gilmore), 11/6/2004

70+ yard pass play: 73, Ohio State (Troy Smith to Ted Ginn, Jr.), 11/5/2005

50+ yard pass play: 65, Ohio State (Todd Boeckman to Brian Hartline), 11/10/2007

200 yds. in receptions: 160, Travis Beckum, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007

100 yds. in receptions: 120, Eric Peterman, Northwestern, 11/17/2007

4 Field Goals: Dan Stultz, Ohio State, 11/11/2000

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

Punt return for TD: Jeremy Maclin (66 yards), Missouri, 9/2/2007

Kickoff return for TD: Marcus Thigpen (98 yards), Indiana, 10/7/2006

Interception return for TD: Mike Dorulla (36 yards), Ball State, 10/27/2007

Blocked Punt for a TD: Derri Roberson (0 yards), Rutgers, 9/9/2006

Fumble recovery for TD: Cornelius Brown (100 yards), Missouri, 9/1/2007

Scored on a Safety: Dan Connor, Penn State, sacked QB in end zone, 10/21/2006

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD ...

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

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

60 points: 63 vs. Virginia (63-21), 12/30/1999

50 points: 52 vs. Florida A&M (52-13), 9/4/2004

40 points: 41 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

30 points: 41 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

0 points: at Rutgers (0-33), 9/9/2006

0 points in 1st half: vs. Ohio State, 11/4/2006

0 points in 2nd half: at Wisconsin, 10/28/2006

Did Not Score a Touchdown: at Iowa, 10/13/2007

400 rushing yards: 448 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

300 rushing yards: 321 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

200 rushing yards: 321 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

Less Than 100 rushing yards: 99 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/2006

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

700 total net yards: 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/44

600 total net yards: 655 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

500 total net yards: 541 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/2007

400 total net yards: 445 vs. USC, 1/1/2008

AN OPPOSING TEAM HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 344, USC, 1/1/2008

300 yards rushing: 344, USC, 1/1/2008

Less Than 100 yards rushing: 63, Syracuse, 9/15/2007

Less Than 50 yards rushing: 40, Penn State, 10/21/2006

Less Than 20 yards rushing: 15, San Jose State, 9/10/2005

Negative yards rushing: -9, Middle Tennessee, 9/12/98

One first down: Missouri, 9/10/1994

Zero first downs: Michigan, 10/27/34

300 yards passing: 310, Northwestern, 11/17/2007

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

Less Than 100 yards passing: 71, Western Illinois, 9/8/2007

400 total net yards: 519, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007

500 total net yards: 519, Wisconsin, 10/6/2007

600 total net yards: 633, USC, 1/1/2008

Less Than 100 total net yards: 78 at Wisconsin, 10/8/1977

Consecutive games, 500 total net yards: vs. Arkansas State (600, 9/14/2002), vs. San Jose State (602, 9/21/2002) and vs. Michigan (543, 9/28/2002)

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

Shutout: Western Illinois (21-0), 9/8/2007

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

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

10 or more TFL in a game: 10 vs. Penn State, 9/29/2007

Missed Extra Point Kick: vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

Successful Two-Point Conversion: vs. Purdue, 11/11/2006

Forced 5 or more turnovers: 5 vs. Louisville, 9/15/2001

Turned the ball over 5 or more times: 5 vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

10+ Passes Broken Up: 11 vs. Wisconsin, 10/6/2007

Blocked two kicks in same game: 2 at Purdue, 10/4/2003

Entire game without punting: vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/2002

No turnovers given up: vs. Ohio State, 11/10/2007

Overtime game: Defeated Rutgers, 33-30, 9/3/2005

700 total net yards: 705, Michigan State, 9/24/2005

Less Than 100 total net yards: 69, Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998

30 points: 49, USC (49-17), 1/1/2008

40 points: 49, USC (49-17), 1/1/2008

50 points: 63, Penn State (63-10), 10/22/2005

60 points: 63, Penn State (63-10), 10/22/2005

70 points: 70, Michigan (70-21), 11/7/1981

Shutout: Rutgers (0-33), 9/9/2006

Did Not Score in Game: Western Illinois, 9/8/2007

Did Not Score a Touchdown: Western Illinois, 9/8/2007

Scoreless Half: (First half) Syracuse, 9/15/2007

Missed PAT: Rutgers, 9/9/2006

Successful Two-Point Conversion: Michigan, 10/16/2004

Def. Scored All Points in Victory: Arizona, 16 points, 9/18/1993