



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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GAME 4

Illinois (1-2, 0-1) vs. #15/13 Penn State (3-1, 0-1)
 Oct. 3, 2009 // Memorial Stadium (62,870)
 2:30 p.m. CT // Champaign, Ill. // ABC

RADIO BROADCAST

The **Illini Sports Network** will carry the radio broadcast with its pregame show beginning at 2:00 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 47 stations of the Illini Sports Network.

Sports USA Radio Network will broadcast the Illinois-Penn State game nationally. Calling the action will be Rich Cellini and Gary Barnett with Roman Oben on the sideline.

The game can also be heard on **XM/Sirius** satellite radio. On XM, the game will be on channels 144 and 196, and will be aired on channels 123 and 153 on Sirius.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Illinois/Penn State game will be regionally televised on **ABC**, while being aired on **ESPN** in the areas not covered by ABC. Air time is 2:30 p.m. CT / 3:30 p.m. ET. Calling the play-by-play will be Mike Patrick with color analysis by Craig James and Heather Cox on the sideline.

TICKET INFORMATION

Illinois' game vs. Penn State is sold out.

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 5	vs. Missouri	L	9-37
Sept. 12	Illinois State	W	45-17
Sept. 26	at #13/11 Ohio State	L	0-30
Oct. 3	#15/13 Penn State		2:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 10	Michigan State		11 am (BTN)
Oct. 17	at Indiana		6 pm (BTN)
Oct. 24	at Purdue		TBA
Oct. 31	#22/20 Michigan		2:30 pm (ABC)
Nov. 7	at Minnesota		TBA
Nov. 14	Northwestern		TBA
Nov. 27	at #10/11 Cincinnati		TBA
Dec. 5	Fresno State		11 am (BTN)

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

PENN STATE SCOREBOARD

Sept. 5	Akron	W	31-7
Sept. 12	Syracuse	W	28-7
Sept. 19	Temple	W	31-6
Sept. 26	Iowa	L	10-21
Oct. 3	at Illinois		3:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois		Noon (ESPN CL)
Oct. 17	Minnesota		3:30 pm (ABC)
Oct. 24	at #22/20 Michigan		TBA
Oct. 31	at Northwestern		4:30 pm
Nov. 7	#9/9 Ohio State		TBA
Nov. 14	Indiana		TBA
Nov. 21	at Michigan State		TBA

FOR OPENERS

- ▶ Illinois quarterback Juice Williams can break the Illinois career total offense record with 76 yards against the Nittany Lions. In doing so, he also would crack the top-10 on the Big Ten's career total offensive yardage list.
- ▶ Williams has moved to 10th on Illinois' all-time rushing list with 2,144 yards, moving past Johnny Karras' 2,135 yards. He is 50 yards behind Keith Jones' ninth place total of 2,194. Williams also ranks fourth on the all-time Big Ten quarterback rushing list and needs just six yards to catch Rickey Foggie for third (2,150 yards) and 32 yards to catch Rick Leach for second (2,176 yards).
- ▶ The Illini offense ranks third in the Big Ten and 35th in the nation in rushing yards per game (192.0).
- ▶ Illinois rushed for 384 yards against Illinois State, the sixth-highest single-game total in the NCAA through the first four weeks of the season. It also was Illinois' first 300-yard rushing performance since racking up 399 yards on the ground vs. Eastern Illinois on Sept. 6, 2008.
- ▶ With 61 rushing yards against Illinois State, senior running back Daniel Dufrene went over 1,000 yards for his career. He is the 35th player in Illinois history to reach the 1,000-yard milestone.
- ▶ True-freshman Walter Aikens saw his first action of the season at Ohio State to become the fifth Illini true freshman to play this season, joining Michael Buchanan, Justin Green, Terry Hawthorne and Joelil Thrash. In addition, two transfers – Jarred Fayson and Aaron Gress – and seven redshirt-freshmen – Graham Poci, Glenn Foster, Evan Frierson, Whitney Mercilus, Nate Palmer, Jack Ramsey and Ashante Williams – have made their Fighting Illini debuts this season.
- ▶ Saturday's game against Penn State at Memorial Stadium is sold out, as is the Oct. 10 game against Michigan State. With all tickets sold for those two games, Illinois has now had 10 sellouts in the last three seasons and tickets for the final three home games of the season – Oct. 31 vs. Michigan, Nov. 14 vs. Northwestern and Dec. 5 vs. Fresno State are in short supply.
- ▶ Student season tickets have sold out for the Illinois football season this year. It marks the second straight season that all 10,000 student tickets have sold out.
- ▶ Illinois is dubbing Saturday's game against Penn State an "Orange Out." Coca-Cola is providing orange metallic shakers for the first 60,000 fans in Memorial Stadium. Nearly all Illinois fans already wear their orange to Memorial Stadium, but everyone is asked to do so for this game. The "Orange Out" is being sponsored by The News-Gazette, WHMS, and WDWS.
- ▶ Illinois will host the Eastern Illinois Food Bank's annual Food for Families canned food drive prior to the Fighting Illini-Penn State game. Drop off locations will be available at the four street corners of Memorial Stadium for non-perishable food items and cash donations. This is the second year, the athletic department and the food bank have paired up to "Sack Hunger."

PENN STATE SERIES NOTES

- ▶ This week's game marks the 17th meeting between the Fighting Illini and the Nittany Lions. PSU holds a 13-3 series advantage, including a 6-3 edge over the Illini in Champaign. The Illini won the most recent contest vs. Penn State at Memorial Stadium, 27-20, in 2007. Last season the Nittany Lions topped the Orange and Blue in State College, 38-24.
- ▶ PSU coach Joe Paterno is 11-2 vs. the Illini, while Ron Zook is 1-3 vs. Penn State.
- ▶ Illinois has three players from the state of Pennsylvania on its roster – sophomore tight end Hubie Graham (Scranton/West), sophomore offensive lineman Corey Lewis (Cresco/East Stroudsburg) and redshirt freshman offensive lineman Tyler Sands (Boyertown/Area Senior). Penn State has one player returning the state of Illinois – sophomore running back Joe Suhey (Deerfield, Ill./Loyola Academy).

HIGHLIGHTS AGAINST THE NITTANY LIONS

- ▶ Arrelious Benn has had big games in both times he has face Penn State. Last season in Happy Valley, Benn had four catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns of 33 and 54 yards. In 2007, he had six catches for 84 yards, including a 29-yard touchdown catch, as well as a first-quarter 90-yard kickoff return for a TD. Benn's career numbers in two games against PSU look like this: 10 catches for 194 yards and three touchdowns, two kickoff returns for 114 yards and one touchdown.
- ▶ Junior defensive back Travon Bellamy posted a career-high nine tackles, including eight solos, in last year's game against the Nittany Lions.
- ▶ Sophomore offensive lineman Jeff Allen made his first career start against PSU last season to become the first Illini true-freshman to start on the offensive line since 1997.

CHECK OUT WWW.7-TO-9.COM

Stay up-to-date on Juice Williams and Arrelious Benn this season by bookmarking www.7-to-9.com, the official awards site of the dynamic Fighting Illini duo. The site will track the progress of Williams and Benn with updated stats, videos and photos from the season.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON

2009 Season Averages	ILL	PSU
Overall Record.....	1-2.....	3-1
Conf. Record.....	0-1.....	0-1
Total Offense.....	347.7.....	374.8
Points Scored.....	18.0.....	25.0
First Downs.....	18.7.....	21.0
Rushing Yds.....	192.0.....	127.2
Passing Yds.....	155.7.....	247.5
Time of Possession.....	29:22.....	31:16
3rd Down Conversion.....	39.0.....	54.0
Points Allowed.....	28.0.....	10.2
Yards Allowed.....	386.0.....	233.8
Rushing Yds. Allowed.....	132.3.....	75.5
Passing Yds. Allowed.....	253.7.....	158.2

STATISTICAL LEADERS

(2009 averages listed)

RUSHING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	PSU
Ford.....52.3	Royster.....76.2
Dufrene.....37.5	Green.....17.5

PASSING LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	PSU
J. Williams.....85.3	Clark.....239.5
McGee.....70.3	Newsome.....10.7

RECEPTION LEADERS (YPG)

ILL	PSU
Fayson.....31.3	Moye.....63.0
Leshoure.....24.0	Powell.....53.2

INTERCEPTION LEADERS (total)

ILL	PSU
Ellington.....1	Wallace/Dailey/Stupar
Pilcher.....1	Hull/Sukay.....1

POINTS SCORED (PPG)

ILL	PSU
McGee.....6.0	Royster.....6.0
Eller.....6.0	Wagner.....5.5
Five with.....3.0	Four with.....3.0

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YPG)

ILL	PSU
Pollard.....64.3	Royster.....97.2
Ford.....62.7	Powell.....74.0

TACKLES LEADERS (TPG)

ILL	PSU
I. Thomas.....8.0	Hull.....10.3
Edwards.....7.3	Lee.....8.0
T. Wilson/Hardeman.....6.0	Stupar.....5.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total)

ILL	PSU
Nurse.....3.5	Lee.....7.5
Brent.....3.0	Crawford.....5.5

- ▶ Sophomore running back Jason Ford scored his first career touchdown last year against the Nittany Lions with a two-yard plunge in the first quarter.
- ▶ Illinois' win over 19th-ranked Penn State at Memorial Stadium in 2007 was its first victory over a top-25 opponent since 2001. The Illini have had two more wins over ranked teams since then.

ILLINOIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

- ▶ Illinois will face its second top-25 opponent of the season when it hosts #15/13 Penn State this weekend. The Illini already have faced #13/11 Ohio State and two future opponents are in this week's AP top-25: No. 10 Cincinnati and No. 22 Michigan.
- ▶ The Illini are 3-7 vs. top-25 opponents over the past three seasons, including a win over No. 19 Penn State in 2007. Illinois is 2-3 against top-10 foes during that span with wins over No. 5 Wisconsin and No. 1 Ohio State and a loss to No. 7 USC in 2007, and losses to No. 6 Missouri and No. 10 Ohio State in 2008. In the Ron Zook era, the Illini are 3-14 against ranked teams.
- ▶ In his eight-plus years as a head coach, Ron Zook has posted nine wins over ranked opponents.

JUICE PUTS SQUEEZE ON ILLINI RECORD BOOK

Illinois senior quarterback Juice Williams has a chance to leave the Illini program as one of the most productive signal callers in school history.

- ▶ Needs **76** yards of total offense to set the Illinois career mark (holds the season record)
- ▶ Needs **2,065** passing yards to become the school's all-time passer
- ▶ Needs **three** starts for the most career starts as a quarterback
- ▶ Needs **568** rushing yards to break into the Illinois top-5 all-time rushing list
- ▶ Needs **33** rushing yards to become the No. 2 rushing quarterback in Big Ten history
- ▶ Needs **27** touchdown passes to set the record for career scoring strikes
- ▶ Already holds the record for most rushing yards by an Illinois quarterback in a career, season and game.

BENN THERE

- ▶ Junior receiver Arrelious Benn needs 1,817 all-purpose yards to break the school's all-time record. He currently ranks seventh on the UI career receiving yards list with 1,773 and eighth on the career receptions list with 126, two behind Ty Douthard for seventh. Hall of Famer David Williams tops both lists by a wide margin, but Benn needs 813 yards and 44 catches the rest of the way to jump all the way up to second on both lists this season.
- ▶ Benn has caught a pass in 26 of his 27 career games. He had a streak of 25 consecutive games with a catch, which at the time ranked seventh in the nation.
- ▶ Last season, Benn broke the 1,000-yard mark receiving on 67 catches to lead the team. It was the first 1,000-yard season for an Illini receiver since 2002.
- ▶ Benn earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2008 after recording five 100-yard receiving games and averaging 15.7 yards per catch.

UNIQUE FOOTBALL EXPERIENCES UP FOR AUCTION

- ▶ Fighting Illini fans currently have the chance to place bids on four once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for the upcoming football games against Penn State and Michigan State. Illinois fans can win two tickets in the exclusive Memorial Stadium Colonnades Club for each of these sold-out games. In addition, they can bid on the chance to win a pregame tour, pregame field passes, and game tickets to the Penn State game. Finally, for the first time, fans are being given the chance to have their son or daughter run onto the field to retrieve the tee after an Illini kickoff during the Michigan State game. For more information, visit the online auction site on fightingillini.com: <http://fightingillini.cstvuctions.com/gallery.cfm>.

ILLINI IN THE NCAA RANKINGS

- ▶ The Illinois defense has racked up 20 tackles for loss in the opening three games, which ranks Illinois third in the Big Ten and 37th in the nation at 6.7 TFL per game.
- ▶ Offensively, Illinois ranks third in the Big Ten and 35th in the nation in rushing yards per game (192.0).

INJURED ILLINI

- ▶ Junior linebacker Martez Wilson played in the season opener against Missouri, but will miss the remainder of the 2009 season with a herniated disc neck injury. He had surgery to repair the injury on Sept. 28 and will spend the rest of the season recovering. He traveled with the team to Ohio State to help lead the Illini from the sidelines.
- ▶ Sophomore cornerback Miami Thomas suffered a season-ending knee injury in preseason training camp.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

- ▶ Illinois' 2009 schedule was rated the toughest in the Big Ten and the 10th-toughest in the nation by *The Sporting News* entering the season and looks even tougher after four weeks of play. Five of Illinois' opponents are ranked in this week's USA Today coaches poll and one more is receiving votes.
- ▶ In the preseason, the Sagarin ratings ranked Illinois' schedule the 12th-toughest nationally and after four

2009 BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG TEN			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Iowa	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	W, 21-10 at Penn State	Arkansas State
Michigan	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	W, 36-33 Indiana	at Michigan State
Wisconsin	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	W, 38-30 Michigan State	at Minnesota
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750	W, 35-24 at Northwestern	Wisconsin
Ohio State	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750	W, 30-0 Illinois	at Indiana
Penn State	0	1	.000	3	1	.750	L, 10-21 Iowa	at Illinois
Indiana	0	1	.000	3	1	.750	L, 33-36 at Michigan	Ohio State
Northwestern	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	L, 24-35 Minnesota	at Purdue
Illinois	0	1	.000	1	2	.333	L, 0-30 at Ohio State	Penn State
Michigan State	0	1	.000	1	3	.250	L, 30-38 at Wisconsin	Michigan
Purdue	0	0	.000	1	3	.250	L, 21-24 Notre Dame	Northwestern

2009 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Missouri	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000	W, 31-21 at Nevada	Open
Illinois State	0	1	.000	1	2	.333	L, 17-38 S. Dakota State	at North Dakota State
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	W, 28-20 Fresno State	at Miami (OH)
Fresno State	0	1	.000	1	3	.250	L, 20-28 at Cincinnati	Open

weeks, Illinois' opponents' record is 30-18. Three teams remain undefeated through four weeks, as Missouri, Michigan and Cincinnati are all 4-0.

- ▶ The 2009 Illinois football schedule includes eight teams that played in bowl games a year ago — Missouri, Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan State, Minnesota, Northwestern, Fresno State and Cincinnati — including three that played in BCS games.
- ▶ After opening against 2008 Big 12 North champion Missouri, the Illini faced Illinois State on Sept. 12 before starting the Big Ten season at #13/11 Ohio State and then hosting #15/13 Penn State and Michigan State, the top three teams in the preseason Big Ten Coaches poll, in consecutive weeks. Illinois then faces an undefeated 22nd-ranked Michigan squad on Halloween. The Orange and Blue close the regular season with a pair of tough non-conference games at 2008 Big East champion and No. 10/11 Cincinnati on Nov. 27 and home against 2008 New Mexico Bowl participant Fresno State on Dec. 5.

BIG TEN RETURNING LEADING RUSHER

This season, the Big Ten's career rushing leader is not a running back. With 2,144 yards rushing in his three-plus seasons as a quarterback, Illinois' Juice Williams has the most yards among the league's active players. Illini running back Daniel Dufrene ranks fifth with 1,032.

1. **Juice Williams, QB, Sr., Illinois** 2,144
2. Evan Royster, RB, Jr., Penn State 2,054
3. Brandon Minor, RB, Sr., Michigan 1,333
4. John Clay, RB, So., Wisconsin 1,282
5. **Daniel Dufrene, RB, Sr., Illinois** 1,032
6. Demetrius McCray, Sr., Indiana 901
- 7t. Terrelle Pryor, So., Ohio State 866
- 7t. Carlos Brown, Sr., Michigan 866
9. Adam Weber, Sr., Minnesota 822
10. Duane Bennett, So., Minnesota 792

WATCH OUT FOR THESE ILLINI

Five different Illini players have been named to eight different preseason watch lists for national awards. Here is a list of the some Illini to keep an eye on this season:

- ▶ **Jon Asamoah**, offensive line — Outland Trophy (linemen)
- ▶ **Arrelious Benn**, wide receiver — Walter Camp (Player of the Year) and Fred Biletnikoff (WR)
- ▶ **Michael Hoomanawanui**, tight end — John Mackey Award (TE)
- ▶ **Doug Pilcher**, defensive end — Ted Hendricks (DE)
- ▶ **Juice Williams**, quarterback — Davey O'Brien (QB); Manning (QB) and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm (QB)

THE ILLINI OFFENSE

- ▶ Quarterback Juice Williams cracked the top-10 on the Illinois all-time rushing list with 18 yards on the ground at Ohio State. He ranks 10th with 2,144 career yards, surpassing John Karras' 2,135 yards and moving within 50 yards of Keith Jones' ninth-place total of 2,194 yards.
- ▶ Williams' 95 yards of total offense against OSU brings his career total to 8,805, which keeps him second on the Illinois career list in the category, just 75 shy of Kurt Kittner's school record of 8,880.
- ▶ Williams moved up to sixth on the Illinois all-time rushing attempts list with his 15 carries against Ohio State. He now has 523 career rushes, moving past Rich Johnson's total of 521 carries.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS = Week 4

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Florida (55)	3-0	1
2.	Texas (1)	3-0	2
3.	Alabama (4)	3-0	3
4.	LSU	3-0	7
5.	Boise State	3-0	8
6.	Virginia Tech	2-1	11
7.	USC	2-1	12
8.	Oklahoma	2-1	10
9.	Ohio State	2-1	13
10.	Cincinnati	3-0	14
11.	TCU	2-0	15
12.	Houston	2-0	17
13.	Iowa	4-0	NR
14.	Oklahoma State	2-1	16
15.	Penn State	3-0	5
16.	Oregon	3-1	NR
17.	Miami	2-0	9
18.	Kansas	3-0	20
19.	Georgia	2-1	21
20.	BYU	2-1	19
21.	Mississippi	2-0	4
22.	Michigan	3-0	23
23.	Nebraska	2-1	25
24.	California	3-0	6
25.	Georgia Tech	3-1	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Missouri 175, Auburn 171, South Carolina 154, South Florida 145, UCLA 41, Utah 25, Wisconsin 20, Notre Dame 7, Arizona State 4, Stanford 2, North Carolina 2

USA TODAY/COACHES = Week 4

Rk	Team	Record	Pvs
1.	Florida (58)	4-0	1
2.	Texas (1)	4-0	2
3.	Alabama	4-0	3
4.	LSU	4-0	7
5.	Boise State	4-0	8
6.	Virginia Tech	3-1	12
7.	USC	3-1	10
8.	Oklahoma	2-1	9
9.	Ohio State	3-1	11
10.	TCU	3-0	14
11.	Cincinnati	4-0	15
12.	Oklahoma State	3-1	16
13.	Penn State	3-1	4
14.	Georgia	3-1	17
15.	Houston	3-0	23
16.	Kansas	4-0	19
17.	Iowa	4-0	NR
18.	Mississippi	2-1	5
19.	California	3-1	6
20.	Michigan	4-0	22
21.	Miami (FL)	2-1	13
22.	BYU	3-1	20
23.	Missouri	4-0	21
24.	Nebraska	3-1	24
25.	Oregon	3-1	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Georgia Tech 186, South Florida 117, Auburn 103, South Carolina 92, Wisconsin 53, Utah 40, UCLA 27, Notre Dame 23, Stanford 20, N.C. State 8, North Carolina 7, Florida State 4, **Minnesota 2**, Arizona 2, Rutgers 1, Texas A&M 1

* *Illinois' 2009 opponents in bold.*

CAREER STARTS LIST

PLAYER	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	TOT
Williams, Juice	3	12	13	9	—	37
Hicks, Dere	3	12	13	1	—	29
Asamoah, Jon	3	12	13	0	—	28
Benn, Arrelious	3	12	12	—	—	27
Pilcher, Doug	3	5	9	10	—	27
Hoomanawanui, M.	2	8	5	3	—	18
Block, Eric	3	12	0	0	0	15
Bellamy, Travon	2	11	—	1	—	14
Allen, Jeff	3	9	—	—	—	12
Cumberland, Jeff	0	3	3	4	—	10
Brent, Josh	3	8	0	—	—	11
Hardeman, Donsay	3	8	—	—	—	11
Dufrene, Daniel	1	7	0	—	—	8
Edwards, Garrett	3	5	—	—	—	8
Wilson, Martez	1	7	0	—	—	8
Duvalt, Chris	3	4	0	0	—	7
Williams, Sirod	3	—	0	0	4	7
Palmer, Ryan	3	3	0	—	—	6
Ford, Jason	1	4	—	—	—	5
Sykes, Fred	0	5	—	—	—	5
Wilson, Tavon	3	1	—	—	—	4
Ellington, Russell	2	1	—	—	—	3
Fayson, Jarred	3	—	—	—	—	3
Flowers, Bo	0	3	0	—	—	3
Hunt, Randall	3	0	—	—	—	3
James, Antonio	3	0	0	—	—	3
James, Chris	0	0	—	3	—	3
Smith, Rahkeem	0	2	1	0	—	3
Thomas, Ian	3	0	—	—	—	3
Jenkins, A.J.	1	1	—	—	—	2
Liuget, Corey	0	2	—	—	—	2
Thomas, Miami	—	1	1	—	—	2
Bussey, Nate	0	1	0	—	—	1
Frierson, Evan	1	—	—	—	—	1
Graham, Hubie	0	1	—	—	—	1
Leshoure, Mikel	0	1	—	—	—	1
McGee, Eddie	0	1	0	—	—	1
Pollard, Troy	1	0	—	—	—	1

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

- ▶ The Illinois offense rolled up 548 total yards against Illinois State on Sept. 12, including 384 on the ground, sixth highest single-game total in the nation this season, on 46 carries (8.3 ypc).
- ▶ Sophomore Jason Ford rushed for 137 yards against ISU, posting the second 100-yard game of his career. He also scored his ninth career touchdown with a one-yard run in the first quarter. Ford had a 68-yard run in the fourth quarter, which is the Illini's longest play of the season. For his performance, Ford was named an honorable mention College Football Performer of the Week by CFPA.
- ▶ With starter Juice Williams missing most the game due to injury, back-up quarterback Eddie McGee stepped up to have a solid game against ISU. McGee completed 13-of-17 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown and also ran for 55 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Illini to victory.
- ▶ True-freshman Justin Green rushed for 56 yards on seven carries (8.0 ypc) against ISU and scored his first career touchdown with a 22-yard scamper in the fourth quarter.
- ▶ In the previous two seasons, the Illinois offense has averaged over 425 yards of total offense.
- ▶ In the previous three seasons, the Illinois offense has led the Big Ten in rushing twice (2006, 2007) and in passing in 2008.
- ▶ Last season, Juice Williams led the conference in both passing and total offense. His 324.3 total yard average was 82.3 yards better per game than the next league player.
- ▶ Illinois has put together back-to-back seasons of 5,000 yards of total offense. The 2007 total of 5,525 was a school record, while the 5,273 yards in 2008 ranks third in the Illini record book.
- ▶ The Illinois offense returned 100 percent of its 2,034 rushing yards from the 2008 season and 87 percent of its 3,232 passing yards, as well as three starters from the offensive line. The only skill player lost offensively was receiver Will Judson, who accounted for 401 receiving yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- ▶ Illinois held Ohio State to 82 passing yards last week, marking the first time since last year's game against the Buckeyes (49 yards) that an opposing team has been held under 100 yards passing. OSU had 0 passing yards in first half.
- ▶ Clay Nurse had a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss against the Buckeyes, helping to keep OSU quarterback Terrelle Pryor relatively in check with 141 total yards.
- ▶ The Illinois defense forced three turnovers against Illinois State, including two interceptions. In the second quarter, defensive tackle Corey Liuget batted a pass up in the air and defensive end Doug Pilcher snared it and returned it 41 yards to set up a TD. Then in the fourth quarter, linebacker Russell Ellington picked-off a pass and returned it 78 yards to end an ISU scoring threat.
- ▶ Ellington's return marked the longest non-scoring interception return in school history. He also notched a career-high eight tackles and two passes broken up.
- ▶ The Illini defense held Illinois State to just 44 yards rushing, the first opponent to rush for less than 50 yards against the Illini since Penn State had 40 yards on Oct. 21, 2006.
- ▶ The Illini defense also pitched a first-half shutout against the Redbirds, marking the first scoreless half by a UI opponent since Syracuse (first half) on Sept. 15, 2007.
- ▶ Illinois has recorded 20 tackles for loss and four sacks through the first three games. The Illini rank 37th in the NCAA and third in the Big Ten in tackles for loss with their 6.7 per game average.
- ▶ In each of the past three years, Illinois linebackers have led the Big Ten Conference in tackles per game — J Leman in 2006 and 2007, and Brit Miller in 2008.
- ▶ In 2008, the Illini defense led the Big Ten in both tackles for loss and quarterback sacks.

THE SPECIAL TEAMS

- ▶ Arrelious Benn had 89 yards in kickoff returns against Ohio State, which moved him up to eighth on the school's career list with 790. He entered the day at No. 10 and passed Rocky Harvey's 738 yards and Keith Jones' 739.
- ▶ Sophomore Matt Eller kicked the 17th field goal of his career with his 38-yarder against Illinois State in the second quarter. That moved him into the Illinois all-time list at 10th.
- ▶ Eller is back for his sophomore season after a stellar debut campaign. His 15 made field goals in 2008 ranked fifth in a season in the Illinois record book and broke the school freshman record. He led the team in scoring and his 84 points were seventh-most in a season in school history.
- ▶ In the first three games of 2009, Illinois has had several different players line-up deep for kickoff returns, including receivers Arrelious Benn and A.J. Jenkins and running back Troy Pollard. On punt returns, both receivers Jarred Fayson and Jack Ramsey have lined-up as return men. Last year, Benn and Jenkins were Illinois' return men for kickoffs and punts. Jenkins averaged 22.3 yards per kickoff return and Benn averaged 7.6 per punt return.

TEAM NOTES

- ▶ The win over Illinois State on Sept. 12 was Illinois' 12th straight home-opening win. Illinois is now 82-33-5 all-time in home openers.
- ▶ The victory over Illinois State improved Illinois to 11-0 all-time against the other public universities in the state. The Illini are 3-0 against ISU and Northern Illinois, 2-0 against Eastern Illinois and Southern Illinois and 1-0 against Western Illinois. All but one of those 11 meetings have come since

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1985 (Illinois played ISU in 1944).

- ▶ Attendance for the Sept. 12 home-opener was 62,347, the best home-opening crowd since 1995 vs. Michigan. Illinois' next home game, Penn State on Oct. 3, is already sold out as is the Michigan State game on Oct. 10.

KING OF THE HOUSE

- ▶ Last season, Juice Williams accomplished a feat unprecedented in history. In three games during 2008 (Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota), he set stadium records in total offense.
- ▶ Williams passed for 451 yards and rushed for 10 against Missouri on Aug. 30 at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo., eclipsing the 456 yards posted by Rams quarterback Marc Bulger against the New York Jets in 2004. Others that Williams surpassed include Kansas State's Michael Bishop, who had 442 total yards in the 1998 Big 12 championship game, and Tommy Corwin, who had 453 for DeSmet in a high school state title game in 2005. Williams managed to surpass Bulger's best day despite being sacked five times by Missouri for a loss of 42 yards. In college, sacks count against a quarterback's rushing yards but in the NFL they don't.
- ▶ Williams compiled 431 yards of total offense at Michigan Stadium on Oct. 4 to set the stadium record. One week later on Oct. 11 against Minnesota, Williams threw for 462 yards and rushed for another 41, making his 503 total yards an Illinois Memorial Stadium record.
- ▶ Based on research collected by Division I SIDs, there are no other current players who own stadium records in more than one venue, much less three.

BLOCK, PILCHER, WILLIAMS RETURN FOR 5TH YEAR

Of Illinois' 15 seniors, only three are back for their fifth seasons. Center Eric Block has 27 starts under his belt. The New Orleans native went through senior day last season, but petitioned the NCAA to have his fifth year restored due to limited playing time and injuries in his first season. Defensive end Doug Pilcher has been a full-time starter for the Illini since 2006 after reshirting his first season at Illinois. Defensive tackle Sirod Williams was set for his senior year in 2008, but suffered a knee injury that forced him to redshirt. He returned this fall to lead the defensive line.

TRIO OF COACHES LEARNING THE LINGO

Illinois welcomes three new faces to the coaching staff fo the 2009 season. Replacing Mike Locksley at offensive coordinator is former TCU offensive general Mike Schultz, while Joe Gilbert joins the staff to coach the offensive line. The sole change on the defensive side of the ball has former Cincinnati coach Keith Gilbert taking over the defensive line.

HOOMANAWANUI HONORING HIS POLYNESIAN DESCENT

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Hoomanamwanui 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.

ILLINOIS ATHLETICS HAS BANNER YEAR

- ▶ With Illinois' fall sports beginning their seasons, 10th-ranked women's cross country is expected to post its fifth straight Top-10 NCAA finish and volleyball is ranked 15th (as of 9/27).
- ▶ In the 2008-09 Learfield/NACDA Director's Cup rankings, Illinois finished 20th, the highest ranking in school history. Of the 21 sports Illinois sponsors, 15 advanced to postseason NCAA play and wrestling, men's gymnastics and women's cross country finished in the top-10.

Men's Gymnastics - 5th	Wrestling - 8th
Women's Cross Country - 10th	Women's Gymnastics - 12th
Women's Outdoor Track & Field - 12th	Men's Tennis - NCAA Sweet 16
Soccer - NCAA Sweet 16	Volleyball - NCAA Sweet 16
Men's Golf - 21st	Women's Indoor Track & Field - 27th

2009 ILLINI RANKINGS IN THE NCAA AND BIG TEN

TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY		NCAA	Big Ten
Rushing Offense	192.0	35th	3rd
Passing Offense	155.7	110th	11th
Total Offense	347.7	82nd	10th
Scoring Offense	18.0	108th	11th
Rushing Defense	132.3	59th	6th
Pass Efficiency Defense	144.7	102nd	10th
Total Defense	386.0	90th	10th
Scoring Defense	28.0	88th	10th
Net Punting	36.1	57th	6th
Punt Returns	3.3	107th	11th
Kickoff Returns	19.1	101st	10th
Turnover Margin	-0.67	89th	7th
Pass Defense	253.7	110th	11th
Passing Efficiency	99.4	110th	11th
Sacks	1.3	85th	19th
Tackles For Loss	6.7	37th	3rd
Sacks Allowed	3.3	111st	11th

MISCELLANEOUS CONFERENCE RANKINGS

CATEGORY		STAT	RANK
Kickoff Coverage	44.8	(net avg.)	2nd
Opponent First Downs	56		4th
Opponent Penalties	16		4th

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER		RANK
Interceptions	Doug Pilcher	0.33	T-72nd
	Russell Ellington	0.33	T-72nd
Punting	Anthony Santella	38.5	68th
Kickoff Returns	Troy Pollard	24.0	T-62nd
	Arrelious Benn	22.4	T-84th
Tackles	Ian Thomas	8.0	T-85th
Tackles For Loss	Clay Nurse	1.17	T-73rd

BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

CATEGORY	PLAYER		RANK
Interceptions	Doug Pilcher	0.33	T-5th
	Russell Ellington	0.33	T-5th
Punting	Anthony Santella	38.5	10th
Scoring (TD)	Eddie McGee	6.0	T-3rd
Scoring (kick)	Matt Eller	6.0	9th
Field Goals	Matt Eller	1.00	T-6th
Field Goal Pct.	Matt Eller	67.0	8th
Tackles	Ian Thomas	8.0	12th
	Garrett Edwards	7.3	T-19th
Forced Fumbles	Clay Nurse	0.33	T-4th
	Doug Pilcher	0.33	T-4th
	Corey Liuget	0.33	T-4th
	Antonio James	0.33	T-4th
Fumbles Recovered	Garrett Edwards	0.33	T-5th
	Evan Frierson	0.33	T-5th
Passes Defended	Tavon Wilson	1.3	4th

ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS

(plays over 20 yards and kickoff returns over 40)

PLAYS	RUN	PASS	ST	DEF
10	5	3	0	2

MISSOURI

1Q 24 Fayson reception (from J. Williams)

ILLINOIS STATE

1Q 49 J. Williams run
 2Q 41 Pilcher INT return
 27 Duvalt TD reception (from McGee)
 25 Hoomanawanui reception (from McGee)
 3Q 24 Dufrene TD run
 23 Ford run
 4Q 68 Ford run
 22 Greene TD run
 78 Ellington INT return

OHIO STATE

None

CONTROLLING THE BALL

DRIVES OVER 5 MINUTES

7:20 MU 15-79 Leshoure 1-yd TD run
 6:14 OSU 11-43 Punt

DRIVES OVER 10 PLAYS

15 MU 79-7:20 Leshoure 1-yd TD run
 11 OSU 43-6:14 Punt
 10 OSU 42-3:57 Interception

QUICK HITS

SCORING DRIVES UNDER 2 MINUTES

0:34 ISU 2-50 Ford 1-yd TD run
 1:25 ISU 4-95 Green 22-yd TD run
 1:53 ISU 4-0 Eller 38-yd FG

Women's Tennis - NCAA Second Round
 Men's Basketball - NCAA First Round
 Softball - NCAA First Round

Men's Outdoor Track & Field - 37th
 Men's Indoor Track & Field - 47th

TEAM CAPTAINS

- ▶ MISSOURI: TE Michael Hoomanawanui, DE Doug Pilcher, QB Juice Williams, DT Sirod Williams
- ▶ ILLINOIS STATE: TE Michael Hoomanawanui, DE Doug Pilcher, OL Jon Asamoah, S Garrett Edwards, LB Ian Thomas
- ▶ OHIO STATE: OL Jon Asamoah, S Garrett Edwards, DE Doug Pilcher, QB Juice Williams

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

GAME	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS
ILLINOIS STATE	Jason Ford, RB	Doug Pilcher, DE	Aaron Gress, LB

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FIRST DOWNS

Player	Run	Pass	Rec	Total
Juice Williams	5	14	0	19
Eddie McGee	4	8	0	12
Mikel Leshoure	3	0	4	7
Jason Ford	6	0	0	6
Troy Pollard	5	0	1	6
Daniel Dufrene	3	0	1	4
Michael Hoomanawanui	0	0	4	4
Jarred Fayson	0	0	3	3
Chris Duvalt	0	0	2	2
Justin Green	2	0	0	2
Jack Ramsey	0	0	2	2
Fred Sykes	0	0	2	2
Jeff Cumberland	0	0	1	1
Chris James	0	0	1	1
Arrelious Benn	0	0	1	1
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* Total number of team first downs, includes 6 first downs off penalties

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LONGEST DRIVES

DRIVES	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
by # of plays	15 (79 yds., 7:20, TD) vs. Missouri	14 (79 yds., 4:35, FG) Missouri
by # of yards	95 (4 pl., 1:25, TD) vs. Illinois State	81 (9 pl., 3:42, TD) Missouri
Time of Possession	7:20 (15 pl., 79 yds., TD) vs. Missouri	4:35 (14 pl., 79 yds., FG) Missouri

RED ZONE STATS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
INSIDE THE 20		
Times inside the 20	7	10
Total Scores	6	9
Touchdowns	4	7
Field Goals	2	2
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	0	1
Lost on Missed Field Goals	0	0
End of Game or Half	1	0
Scoring Percentage	86%	90%
Scoring Percentage (TDs only)	57%	70%
Percent of Total Drives	18%	27%

FIELD POSITION

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Drives Started	38	37
Cumulative Starting Yard Lines	1167	1193
Average Starting Field Position	30.7	32.2
Times Started Inside the 20	7	6
Drives Started in Plus Territory	5	6

POINTS AFTER TURNOVERS

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Turnovers Forced	5	7
Total Scores	1	4
Scoring Percentage	20%	57%
Points off Turnovers	3	19

HIGHEST SCORING QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	FINAL
2009 season	14, ISU	10, ISU	7, ISU	14, ISU	--	45, ISU
Zook era	22, IND 2006	21, NU 2005	21, MU 2007	21, MICH 2008	6, RUT 2005	55, IND 2008

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.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	2,144

CAREER RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1.	Robert Holcombe, 1994-97	943
2.	Antoineo Harris, 1999-2002	676
3.	Jim Grabowski, 1963-65	579
4.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	560
5.	Rocky Harvey, 1998-2001	545
6.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	523
7.	Rich Johnson, 1966-68	521
8.	Keith Jones, 1985-88	482
9.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	480
10.	Howard Griffith, 1987-90	479

CAREER RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	2,144
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.	Eddie McGee, 2007-present	310
9.	Rick Weiss, 1978	297
10.	Ronald Fearn, 1961-63	277

SEASON RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams, 2007	755
2.	Juice Williams, 2008	719
3.	Juice Williams, 2006	576
4.	Tim Brasic, 2005	420
5.	Rick Weiss, 1978	297
6.	Mike Wells, 1972	287
7.	Ronald Fearn, 1961	219
8.	Bob Naponic, 1966	215
9.	Mike Wells, 1970	214
10.	Kurt Steger, 1977	174

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING BY A QUARTERBACK

1.	Juice Williams vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/2008	174
2.	Juice Williams vs. Purdue, 11/11/06	145
3.	Juice Williams vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07	136
4.	Juice Williams at Minnesota 11/3/07	133
5.	Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/08	121
6.	Tim Brasic vs. Wisconsin, 10/29/05	116
7.	Rick Weiss vs. Wisconsin, 10/14/78	106
8.	Mike Wells vs. Northwestern, 11/4/72	105
9.	Juice Williams vs. Michigan State, 9/30/06	103
10.	Fred Custardo at Ohio State, 10/9/65	100

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE

(rushing, passing=total)

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	158	8,722	8,880
2.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	2,144	6,661	8,805
3.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	85	8,725	8,640
4.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	-276	7,532	7,256
5.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	-29	7,031	7,002
6.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-94	65	5,293	5,358
7.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	-32	5,190	5,158
8.	Jeff George, 1988-89	-422	5,189	4,767
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.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	6,661
6.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	5,293
7.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	5,190
8.	Jeff George, 1988-89	5,189
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	3,212
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	3,154

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.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	962
5.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	911
6.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	819
7.	Jeff George, 1988-89	789
8.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	773
9.	Scott Weaver, 1993-96	565
10.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	507

CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1.	Kurt Kittner, 1998-2001	70
2.	Jack Trudeau, 1981-85	55
3.	Juice Williams, 2006-present	44
4.	Jason Verduzco, 1989-92	42
5.	Jon Beutjer, 2002-04	39
6.	Tony Eason, 1981-82	38
7.	Johnny Johnson, 1992-95	35
8.	Jeff George, 1988-89	31
9.	Mike Wells, 1970-72	21
10.	Dave Wilson, 1980	19

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	262
2.	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	169
3.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-02	160
4.	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	159
5.	Walter Young, 1999-02	147
6.	Mike Martin, 1979-82	143
7.	Ty Douthard, 1993-96	128
8.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-present	126
9.	Tim Brewster, 1982-83	116
10.	Thomas Rooks, 1982-85	110

CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	3,392
2.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-02	2,583
3.	Walter Young, 1998-02	2,382
4.	Mike Martin, 1979-82	2,300
5.	John Wright Sr., 1965-67	2,284
6.	Jason Dulick, 1993-96	2,004
7.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-present	1,773
8.	Shawn Wax, 1987-90	1,614
9.	Greg Lewis, 1999-2002	1,456
10.	Mike Bellamy, 1988-89	1,453

CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

1.	David Williams, 1983-85	16
2.	Brandon Lloyd, 1999-2002	12
	John Wright, Sr., 1965-67	12
4.	Mike Martin, 1980-82	8
5.	Walter Young, 1999-2002	7
6.	Mike Bellamy, 1988-89	6
7.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-present	5
8.	Aaron Moorehead, 1999-2002	4
9.	Shawn Wax, 1990	3
	Oliver Williams, 1981-82	3
	Rocky Ryan, 1952	3

CAREER FIELD GOALS

(since 1945)

1.	Chris White, 1983-85	53
2.	Chris Richardson, 1991-94	52
3.	Jason Reda, 2004-07	51
4.	Mike Bass, 1980-82	41
5.	Doug Higgins, 1987-90	39
6.	Dan Beaver, 1973-76	38
7.	Neil Rackers, 1996-99	34
8.	John Gockman, 2001-03	24
9.	Peter Christofilakos, 1999-2002	21
10.	Matt Eller, 2008-present	17
	Bar Macomber, 1914-16	17

CAREER KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE

(min. 30 returns)

1.	Pierre Thomas, 2003-06	1,495 (59-25.3)
2.	Clinton Lynch, 1990-93	1,383 (64-21.6)
3.	George McDonald-Ashford, 1995-98	1,276 (57-22.4)
4.	Greg Foster, 1979-80	1,233 (58-21.3)
5.	Chubby Phillips, 1973-76	1,048 (46-22.8)
6.	Darryl Usher, 1985-87	950 (42-22.6)
7.	James Coleman, 1976-77	818 (38-21.5)
8.	Arrelious Benn, 2007-present	790 (35-22.6)
9.	Keith Jones, 1985-88	739 (54-21.6)
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2009 DEPTH CHART

(as of Sept. 27)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

- 71 Jeff Allen (6-5, 310, So.)
- 79 Craig Wilson (6-5, 320, So.)

Left Guard

- 66 Randall Hunt (6-6, 320, Jr.)
- 76 Graham Pocic (6-7, 320, r-Fr.)

Center

- 62 Eric Block (6-3, 290, Sr.)
- 61 Tyler Sands (6-5, 295, r-Fr.)

Right Guard

- 52 Jon Asamoah (6-5, 315, Sr.)
- 73 Jack Cornell (6-5, 315, So.)
- 55 Anterio Jackson (6-2, 285, Jr.)

Right Tackle

- 78 Ryan Palmer (6-7, 310, Jr.)
- 70 Corey Lewis (6-6, 315, So.)

Quarterback

- 7 Juice Williams (6-2, 235, Sr.)
- 10 Eddie McGee (6-4, 210, Jr.)
- 12 Jacob Charest (6-4, 220, r-Fr.)

Running Back

- 22 Daniel Dufrene (5-11, 205, Sr.) or
- 21 Jason Ford (6-0, 230, So.) or
- 5 Mikel Leshoure (6-0, 225, So.) or
- 29 Troy Pollard (5-8, 185, So.)

Fullback

- 34 Greg Fuller (6-1, 240, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 220, Jr.)
- 15 Chris Duval (5-11, 175, Sr.)

Wide Receiver

- 17 Jeff Cumberland (6-5, 255, Sr.)
- 1 Cordale Scott (6-3, 215, So.)

Wide Receiver

- 11 Jarred Fayson (6-0, 215, Jr.)
- 19 Jack Ramsey (6-2, 185, r-Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 8 A.J. Jenkins (6-0, 185, So.)
- 82 Fred Sykes (6-0, 185, So.)
- 6 Chris James (6-0, 195, Jr.)

Tight End

- 16 Michael Hoomanawanui (6-5, 270, Sr.)
- 83 Hubie Graham (6-4, 245, So.)
- 40 London Davis (6-4, 255, r-Fr.)

DEFENSE

Defensive End

- 95 Doug Pilcher (6-5, 265, Sr.)
- 85 Whitney Mercilus (6-3, 255, r-Fr.)

Defensive Tackle

- 56 Sirod Williams (6-0, 295, Sr.)
- 93 Corey Liuget (6-3, 290, So.)

Defensive Tackle

- 92 Josh Brent (6-2, 315, Jr.)
- 30 Rahkeem Smith (6-1, 265, Sr.)

Defensive End

- 90 Antonio James (6-5, 255, Sr.) -AND-
- 97 Clay Nurse (6-3, 260, Jr.)
- 47 Glenn Foster (6-4, 270, r-Fr.)

Linebacker

- 38 Ian Thomas (6-0, 225, So.)
- 42 Aaron Gress (6-0, 230, Jr.)
- 54 Justin Staples (6-4, 225, r-Fr.)

Linebacker

- 33 Russell Ellington (6-2, 225, So.)
- 18 Nate Bussey (6-2, 220, Jr.)
- 53 Dustin Jefferson (6-0, 240, Jr.)

Linebacker

- 51 Evan Frierson (6-2, 225, r-Fr.)
- 48 Nate Palmer (6-3, 230, r-Fr.)

Cornerback

- 3 Tavon Wilson (6-0, 195, So.)
- 6 Joelil Thrash (6-0, 185, Fr.)

Strong Safety

- 20 Garrett Edwards (6-2, 210, Jr.)
- 24 Bo Flowers (6-2, 215, So.)

Free Safety

- 4 Donsay Hardeman (6-2, 210, Sr.)
- 32 Supo Sanni (6-3, 215, So.)

Cornerback

- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 175, Sr.)
- 31 Travon Bellamy (6-0, 195, So.)
- 12 Terry Hawthorne (6-0, 170, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker

- 84 Matt Eller (6-2, 210, So.)
- 13 Derek Dimke (6-0, 180, So.)

Punter

- 87 Anthony Santella (6-2, 190, Jr.)
- 37 Kyle Yelton (6-0, 190, Sr.)

Long Snapper

- 59 Tad Keely (6-1, 225, Jr.)
- 46 Zak Pedersen (6-2, 220, r-Fr.)

Kick Returner

- 9 Arrelious Benn (6-2, 220, Jr.)
- 8 A.J. Jenkins (6-0, 185, So.)
- 29 Troy Pollard (5-8, 185, So.)

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- 28 Dere Hicks (5-10, 175, Sr.)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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 Travon Bellamy TRAY-von
 Nate Bussey BUS-ee
 Jacob Charest shuh-REST
 Michael Kklamovski cluh-MAHV-skee
 Derek Dimke DIM-kee
 Daniel Dufrene doo-FRAIN
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 Tavon Wilson TAY-von

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

QB	7	Isiah Williams (Sr., 6-2, 235)	Named Juice b/c he was a 13-lb baby ... Started 37 straight games ... Needs 76 yards total offense to break Illinois' career record
RB	22	Daniel Dufrene (Sr., 5-11, 205)	Ranked 8th in Big Ten in rushing in 2008 ... 1,032 career rushing yards ... Signed with Vanderbilt out of HS ... Is Haitian
FB	34	Greg Fuller (Fr., 6-1, 240)	True-freshman is only fullback on Illinois roster ... Top 10 ranked fullback recruit ... Tabbed most natural FB in Zook tenure
TE	16	Michael Hoomanawanui (Sr., 6-5, 270)	Fourth-year as starter ... Nickname is "uh-oh" ... HM All-Big Ten ... Polynesian decent ... Mackey Award ... 3 rec for 51 yds vs. ISU
LT	71	Jeff Allen (So., 6-5, 310)	Freshman All-American ... Started 9 games on OL as a true-freshman in '08 ... Offense led Big Ten in passing and 2nd in total off.
LG	66	Randall Hunt (Jr., 6-6, 320)	First-year starter ... Prep schooled at Valley Forge ... Only NJ native on roster
C	62	Eric Block (Sr., 6-3, 290)	Got 5th year granted by NCAA after injury ... New Orleans native ... Plans to go to law school after FB career
RG	52	Jon Asamoah (Jr., 6-5, 315)	Outland Candidate ... HM All-Big Ten ... Four-year starter ... OL led Big Ten in passing in '08, and rushing in '07, '06
RT	78	Ryan Palmer (Jr., 6-7, 310)	Started 3 games in '08 before suffering broken leg, returned for final 3 ... Was first tackle sub in 2007
WR	17	Jeff Cumberland (So., 6-5, 255)	Has accounted for 860 yards in three-plus years ... Avg. 17.9 yards per catch ... Eight touchdowns ... Won summer slam dunk contest
WR	9	Arrelious Benn (Jr., 6-2, 220)	Biletnikoff and Walter Camp Award Candidate ... Unanimous preseason first-team All-American ... 205 yards from 2,000 career rec.
WR	11	Jarred Fayson (Jr., 6-0, 215)	Transferred from Univ. of Florida ... Sat out '08 ... Part of UF national title team ... 9 catches in first 3 games as an Illini
WR	8	A.J. Jenkins (So., 6-0, 185)	Avg. 26.1 yards per catch as a freshman ... Jacksonville, Fla. native

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS QUICK FACTS

DE	95	Doug Pilcher (Sr., 6-5, 265)	Went to first Illinois football game at the age of 3 ... Fourth-year starter ... Has 21.5 career tackles for loss
DT	92	Josh Brent (Jr., 6-3, 315)	Second year as starter ... Played as true-freshman ... 2 TFLs vs. ISU ... HS teammate of TE Hoomanawanui
DT	56	Sirod Williams (Sr., 6-0, 295)	Returned for 5th year after torn ACL ... Strongest player on team
DE	90	Antonio James (Sr., 6-5, 255)	First-year starter ... Majoring in history ... Has played in 35 games
DE	97	Clay Nurse (Jr., 6-3, 260)	Had 2 TFLs at OSU ... Didn't start playing football until age 15 ... Came to US in high school from Guyanna ... Played cricket as a youth
LB	33	Russell Ellington (So., 6-2, 225)	Had INT and 78-yard return against Illinois State ... Had third collegiate start vs. Ohio State ... Ranks fourth in Big Ten in INT per game
LB	51	Evan Frierson (Jr., 6-2, 225)	Made first collegiate start vs. OSU ... Had 5 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 FR vs. OSU ... Filling in for injured Martez Wilson
LB	38	Ian Thomas (So., 6-0, 225)	First-year starter ... Pound-for-pound strongest player on team ... Nationally ranked youth boxer ... Leads team with 24 tackles in 2009
CB	28	Dere Hicks (Sr., 5-10, 175)	Third-year as starter ... 3 career picks ... Played QB in HS and prep school ... 6 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 PBU vs. Missouri
FS	4	Donsay Hardeman (Sr., 6-2, 210)	Started 8 games in 2008 ... Avg. 5.5 tackles per game ... Had neck surgery in Nov. ... 18 tackles, 2 PBU, 0.5 TFL in 3 games this year
SS	20	Garrett Edwards (Jr., 6-2, 210)	Played in 16 games in past two seasons ... 2nd on team with 22 tackles in 3 games in 2009 ... Career-high 8 tackles vs. ISU
CB	3	Tavon Wilson (So., 6-0, 195)	4th in Big Ten in passes defended with 4 ... 18 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 4 PBUs in 3 games in 2009 ... Played in 2008 as true-freshman

PROBABLE SPECIAL TEAMS QUICK FACTS

PK	84	Matt Eller (So., 6-2, 210)	Broke ILL FR record for FG in a season in '08 ... Led team in scoring ... 17 career FGs tied for 10th all-time ... Rec'd scholarship for '09
PK	13	Derek Dimke (So., 6-0, 180)	Handled kickoff duties in '08 ... Averaging 63.9 yds per kickoff with 1 TB so far in '09 ... Rec'd scholarship for '09
P	87	Anthony Santella (Jr., 6-2, 190)	Averaged 40.0 yds on 8 punts vs. Ohio State ... 25 percent of career punts landed inside 20 yard line ... Transferred from Utah
LS	59	Tad Keely (Jr., 6-1, 225)	Second-year full-time snapper ... Speaks fluent Spanish ... Brother, Tyler, was a snapper for Illinois

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK



RON ZOOK

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH
5TH SEASON // MIAMI (OH), 1976

lege football, and his eighth as a head collegiate coach.

- ▶ **Ron Zook** was named the 2007 Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year after leading the Illini to the 2008 Rose Bowl. He was also the Big Ten Coach of the Year that same season.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** The University of Illinois has led the Big Ten in passing in 2008, rushing in 2007 and 2006; and was tops in sacks and tackles for loss in 2008. Illinois' middle linebackers have led the Big Ten in tackles the last three seasons (Miller, 2008; Leman, 2006-07).
- ▶ **Ron Zook** has won games at both "The Big House" at Michigan and "The Horseshoe" at Ohio State. He is only the 13th Big Ten coach ever to accomplish the feat.
- ▶ The 2007 Fighting Illini made a seven-win improvement from the 2006 season, which was the biggest turnaround in college football that season.
- ▶ On Nov. 10, 2007, **Ron Zook** became the first coach in the nation in 10 years to defeat the Associated Press' No. 1 team on the road, when the Illini upset Ohio State, 28-21.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** is one of only two coaches in the nation (Jim O'Brien of N.C. State) to beat the two winningest coaches in college football history, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden.
- ▶ The Illinois offense led the Big Ten in rushing for two consecutive years. In 2007, the Illini averaged 256.8 yards, which also ranked fifth in the nation. One year earlier, Illinois' 188.8 yards per game were good enough for 10th nationally.
- ▶ The Illini offense set 10 season and career records in 2007, including single-season rushing, season touchdowns, total offense and fewest quarterback sacks.
- ▶ In his six years as a head coach, **Ron Zook** has led four different squads to bowl eligibility. All three bowl games Zook has coached were played on Jan. 1.
- ▶ In four of his seven 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 33rd season of coaching col-

- ▶ During the 2008 offseason, **Ron Zook** spent two days on the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier, during its training mission. It had been a dream of Zook's to land and take off from a carrier. While on the ship, Zook saw and studied the similarities of the military and college football with its attention to teamwork and detail.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** led the Illini to wins over three ranked opponents in 2007, the most since the 2001 season. It is also the first time Illinois had wins over two Top-5 opponents since 1963.
- ▶ Illinois' win over No. 1 Ohio State in 2007 marked **Ron Zook's** ninth win over a ranked opponent in his six years as a head coach.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** began his tenure at Illinois in 2005

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

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 four 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.
- ▶ In 2005, the Illinois football team was the youngest in the nation, starting 15 freshmen and sophomores. In 2006, the Illini were among the top-3.
- ▶ **Ron Zook** led the University of Florida to three bowl games in three seasons. In 2002, against a schedule that ranked sixth toughest in the nation, the

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	5-7	3-5	--	--
2009	ILLINOIS	1-2	0-1	--	--
TOTAL	8 YEARS	42-46	26-31 / 10-23	4 BOWLS	

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

HEAD COACH RON ZOOK

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 21 years coaching BCS conference teams (SEC: Florida-8 seasons; Tennessee-3 seasons; Big Ten: Illinois-5 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).

- ▶ 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	0-2	.000
Auburn	1-0	1.000	Mississippi State	0-1	.000
Ball State	1-0	1.000	Missouri	0-3	.000
California	0-1	.000	Minnesota	1-1	.500
Cincinnati	----	----	Northwestern	1-3	.250
Eastern Illinois	2-0	1.000	Ohio	1-1	.500
Eastern Michigan	1-0	1.000	Ohio State	1-4	.200
Fresno State	----	----	Penn State	1-3	.250
Florida A&M	1-0	1.000	Purdue	0-2	.000
Florida State	1-2	.333	Rutgers	1-1	.500
Georgia	2-1	.667	San Jose State	2-0	1.000
Kentucky	3-0	1.000	South Carolina	3-0	1.000
Illinois State	1-0	1.000	Syracuse	1-1	.500
Indiana	2-2	.500	Tennessee	1-2	.333
Iowa	1-4	.200	UAB	1-0	1.000
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0	1.000	USC	0-1	.000
LSU	1-2	.333	Vanderbilt	3-0	1.000
Miami	0-2	.000	Western Illinois	1-0	1.000
Michigan	1-2	.333	Western Michigan	0-1	.000
Michigan State	1-1	.500	Wisconsin	1-3	.250
Middle Tennessee	1-0	1.000			

ZOOK YEAR-BY-YEAR

2009 // University of Illinois (1-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Sept. 5	vs. Missouri	L	9-37
Sept. 12	Illinois State	W	45-17
Sept. 26	at #13/11 Ohio State	L	0-30
Oct. 3	#15/13 Penn State	TBA	
Oct. 10	Michigan State	11 am (TBA)	
Oct. 17	at Indiana	6 pm (BTN)	
Oct. 24	at Purdue	TBA	
Oct. 31	#22/20 Michigan	2:30 pm (ABC)	
Nov. 7	at Minnesota	TBA	
Nov. 14	Northwestern	TBA	
Nov. 27	at #10/11 Cincinnati	TBA	
Dec. 5	Fresno State	11 am (BTN)	

2008 // University of Illinois (5-7, 3-5 Big Ten)

Aug. 30	vs. 6/7 Missouri	L	42-52
Sept. 6	Eastern Illinois	W	47-21
Sept. 13	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	20-17
Sept. 27	at 12/12 Penn State	L	24-38
Oct. 4	at Michigan	W	45-20
Oct. 11	Minnesota	L	20-27
Oct. 18	Indiana	W	55-13
Oct. 25	at Wisconsin	L	17-27
Nov. 1	Iowa	W	27-24
Nov. 8	vs. Western Michigan	L	17-23
Nov. 15	#10 Ohio State	L	20-30
Nov. 22	at Northwestern	L	10-27

2007 // University of Illinois (9-4, 6-2 Big Ten)

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	L	34-40
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	W	21-0
Sept. 15	at Syracuse	W	41-20
Sept. 22	at Indiana	W	27-14
Sept. 29	#19/21 Penn State	W	27-20
Oct. 6	#5/5 Wisconsin	W	31-26
Oct. 13	at Iowa	L	6-10
Oct. 20	#24/NR Michigan	L	17-27
Oct. 27	Ball State	W	28-17
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	W	44-17

Nov. 10	at #1/1 Ohio State	W	28-21
Nov. 17	Northwestern	W	41-22
Jan. 1	vs. #7 USC*	L	17-49

* Rose Bowl

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

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

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

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

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

Sept. 11	Eastern Michigan	W	49-10
Sept. 18	at #13 Tennessee	L	28-30
Sept. 25	Kentucky	W	20-3
Oct. 2	Arkansas	W	45-30
Oct. 9	#24 LSU	L	21-24
Oct. 16	Middle Tennessee	W	52-16

Oct. 23	at Mississippi State	L	31-38
Oct. 30	vs. #7 Georgia	L	24-31
Nov. 6	at Vanderbilt	W	34-17
Nov. 13	South Carolina	W	48-14
Nov. 20	at #10 Florida State	W	20-13

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

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

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.

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

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

* Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.

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Awards & Honors

- ❖ 2009 Biletnikoff Award Candidate
- ❖ 2009 Walter Camp Award Candidate
- ❖ 2009 The Sporting News' Preseason first-team All-America
- ❖ 2009 Athlon's Preseason first-team All-America
- ❖ 2009 Lindy's Preseason first-team All-America
- ❖ 2009 Phil Steele's Preseason first-team All-America
- ❖ 2009 Lindy's Preseason Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year
- ❖ 2009 Phil Steele's No. 1 receiver in the nation
- ❖ 2009 Lindy's No. 2 receiver in the nation
- ❖ 2009 The Sporting News' No. 25 player in the nation
- ❖ 2009 ESPN.com's No. 1 player in the Big Ten
- ❖ 2009 Scout.com Top-100 Player (No. 38)
- ❖ 2009 Scout.com No. 2 Receiver
- ❖ 2008 First-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ 2008 Fourth-Team All-America
- ❖ 2008 Illinois Team MVP
- ❖ Topped 1,000 yards receiving in 2008
- ❖ Posted five 100-yard rushing games in 2008
- ❖ Averaged 15.7 yards per catch in 2008
- ❖ 2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- ❖ Has caught a pass in every game he has played, 26 consecutive

Records to Watch

- ❖ Needs 1,794 all-purpose yards to set school career record
- ❖ Needs 1,620 yards to break Illinois all-time receiving record

Career Records

- ❖ Ranks eighth on the Illinois career receptions list with 126
- ❖ His 1,773 career receiving yards ranks seventh in the Illinois record book
- ❖ His five career 100-yard receiving games are seventh in school history

College Accomplishments

2009 (Junior)

- ❖ Hauled in four receptions for 33 yards against Ohio State
- ❖ Missed most of the season opener with an ankle injury. Played in the first series only.

2008 (Sophomore)

- ❖ Named fourth-team All-America by Phil Steele Magazine
- ❖ Earned first-team All-Big Ten honors (media) and second-team honors (coaches)
- ❖ Started and played in all 12 games at receiver
- ❖ Posted 1,668 all-purpose yards, which is the third best single-season performance in school history
- ❖ Had 67 receptions, fifth-best season in the Illinois record book
- ❖ Had five 100-yard receiving games, which is fifth in an Illinois single season
- ❖ Ranked 16th in the NCAA and first in the Big Ten in receiving yards per game (87.9)
- ❖ Also ranked third in the Big Ten in receptions per game (5.58)
- ❖ Ranked fifth in the Big Ten and 33rd in the nation with 139.0 all-purpose ypg
- ❖ Reached 1,000 yards for the first time in his career, first for an Illini since 2002

- ❖ One of only four Illini receivers to ever reach 1,000 yards receiving in a season
- ❖ Ranked seventh in the Big Ten in punt return average with 7.6 yards per return
- ❖ Tallied over 100 receiving yards in four consecutive games for the first time in school history (vs. Ind., Minn., Mich., PSU)
- ❖ Had a career receiving game against Minnesota, catching 12 passes for 181 yards, both career bests
- ❖ His 12 catches ranked as the third-best in school history in a single game and his 181 yards are fifth-best

2007 (Freshman)

- ❖ 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 ypg in the Big Ten
- ❖ Ranked 15th in the Big Ten in all-purpose yards
- ❖ 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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 12 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
 Receiving Yards: 181 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
 Long Reception: 56, twice (last time vs. USC, 1/1/08)
 Rushes: 5, twice (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
 Rushing Yards: 48 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Long Rush: 23 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
 KO Returns: 4, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09)
 KO Return Yards: 90, twice (last time at Wisconsin, 10/25/08)
 Long KO Return: 90 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	54	676	12.5	52.0	2	56
2008	12	67	1055	15.7	87.9	3	54
2009	3	5	42	8.4	14.0	0	16
TOTAL	28	126	1773	14.1	63.3	5	56

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	32	158	4.9	13.2	0	23
2008	12	23	101	4.4	8.4	2	17
2009	3	1	8	8.0	2.7	0	8
TOTAL	28	56	267	4.8	9.5	2	23

ALL-PURPOSE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	KR	PR	TOTAL	AVG
2007	13	158	676	280	0	1114	85.7
2008	12	101	1055	298	114	1968	164.0
2009	3	8	42	112	0	162	54.0
TOTAL	28	267	1773	790	114	2944	105.1

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007	10	280	28.0	1	90
2008	20	398	19.9	0	63
2009	5	112	22.4	0	25
TOTAL	35	790	22.6	1	90

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	15	114	7.6	0	31

BENN GAME-BY-GAME

2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	0-0	0	--	1-9	0	9
ISU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@OSU	1-8	0	8	4-33	0	16
2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	1-(5)	0	0	7-92	0	30
EIU	5-48	2	17	7-36	0	18
ULL	3-10	0	11	1-22	0	22
@PSU	2-0	0	1	4-110	2	54
@MICH	3-20	0	13	6-122	0	46
MINN	0-0	0	--	12-181	0	31
IND	2-(6)	0	0	7-130	1	37
@WIS	1-1	0	1	2-47	0	37
IOWA	2-15	0	9	7-96	0	24
@WMU	2-10	0	7	7-111	0	37
OSU	0-0	0	--	3-65	0	30
@NW	2-8	0	7	4-43	0	16
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
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BENN GAME-BY-GAME (RETURNS)

2009	KR-YDS	TD	LG	PR-YDS	TD	LG
MU	1-23	0	23	0-0	0	--
ISU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@OSU	4-89	0	25	0-0	0	--
2008	KR-YDS	TD	LG	PR-YDS	TD	LG
MU	4-67	0	28	0-0	0	--
EIU	1-18	0	18	1-22	0	22
ULL	1-6	0	6	1-5	0	5
@PSU	1-25	0	24	0-0	0	--
@MICH	2-40	0	21	1-6	0	6
MINN	1-2	0	2	2-16	0	9
IND	1-23	0	23	0-0	0	--
@WIS	2-90	0	63	3-16	0	12
IOWA	0-0	0	--	2-15	0	13
@WMU	3-75	0	27	1-31	0	31
OSU	2-0	0	2	2-0	0	2
@NW	3-36	0	16	2-3	0	6
2007	KR-YDS	TD	LG	PR-YDS	TD	LG
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	--	--	--	--
USC*	2-45	0	23	--	--	--

* Rose Bowl

BENN BIO CONTINUED ...

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

Personal Information

- ❖ Born Sept. 8, 1988
- ❖ Son of Denise Benn
- ❖ Full given name is Arrelious Markus Benn
- ❖ Was a high school Parade All-American and USA Today first-team All-American
- ❖ High school coach was Craig Jeffries

JUICE WILLIAMS

QB, 6-2, 235, SR. // CHICAGO, ILL // CHICAGO VOCATIONAL

Awards & Honors

- ❖ 2009 Davey O'Brien Award Candidate
- ❖ 2009 Johnny Unitas Award Candidate
- ❖ 2009 Manning Award Candidate
- ❖ 2009 Lindy's No. 11 quarterback in the nation
- ❖ 2009 Phil Steele's Preseason First-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ 2009 Lindy's Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ 2009 Athlon's Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ 2009 Scout.com Top-100 Player (No. 35)
- ❖ 2008 Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ Led the Big Ten in passing and total offense in 2008
- ❖ Broke three stadium records for total offense in a game in 2008 (Edward Jones Dome vs. Missouri, at Michigan Stadium, Illinois' Memorial Stadium vs. Minnesota)
- ❖ Led Illinois to Big Ten passing title in 2008 and rushing titles in 2006 and 2007
- ❖ Set Illini season total offense record in 2008
- ❖ Broke team school records for season total offense and rushing in 2007
- ❖ 2007 Honorable Mention All-Big Ten

Records to Watch

- ❖ Needs 76 yards of total offense to break the Illinois all-time total offense record
- ❖ Needs 2,065 passing yards to become the school's career passing leader
- ❖ Needs 27 touchdown passes to set the school career record

- ❖ Needs 568 rushing yards to break into the Illinois all-time top 5
- ❖ Needs three starts to post more starts at quarterback than any previous Illinois signal caller
- ❖ Is 3,888 yards away from the Big Ten career total offense record

Career Records

- ❖ Topped the 6,000-yard mark this year with 6,661 career passing yards, which ranks fifth on the Illinois all-time list
- ❖ Ranks 10th on the Illinois all-time rushing list with 2,144 yards and is the first non-running back in school history to top the 2,000 yard career rushing mark
- ❖ Ranks second on the Illinois career total offense list with 8,805 yards
- ❖ Has rushed for over 100 yards six times in his career ... Has registered 506 pass completions and 962 pass attempts which rank fifth and fourth, respectively, on the all-time list
- ❖ Has thrown 44 career touchdown passes, third on the Illinois list
- ❖ Has recorded 523 career carries, which ranks sixth in the Illinois record books
- ❖ Is the career Illinois record holder for rushing yards by a quarterback with 2,144
- ❖ Has a three-year (2006-08) passing efficiency rating of 119.3, which is seventh-best in school history

College Accomplishments

2009

- ❖ Passed for 77 yards and rushed for 18 against Ohio State.
- ❖ Was in on two plays against Illinois State, a 49-yard run and a handoff for a Jason Ford rushing touchdown, before leaving the game with a quad injury.
- ❖ Completed 64 percent of his passes in the season opener against Missouri

2008

- ❖ Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors by the media and honorable mention by the coaches
- ❖ Led the Big Ten in passing with 264.4 yards per game
- ❖ Ranked seventh in the country and led the Big Ten in total offense (324.3)
- ❖ Also ranked 31st in the NCAA and third in the Big Ten in passing efficiency (138.1)
- ❖ Ranked ninth in the Big Ten in rushing, the only quarterback in the top-10
- ❖ Broke the school record for season total offense with 3,892 yards (719 rushing, 3,173 passing)
- ❖ His 719 rushing yards in 2008 ranks second on the Illinois list for season quarterback rushing yards
- ❖ Threw 22 touchdown passes, which is the third best single-season performance at Illinois
- ❖ Holds three of the top-10 marks in the Illinois record books for passing in a single game — 2nd, 503 vs. Minnesota; 4th, 461 vs. Missouri; 7th, 431 at Michigan

WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 26, twice (last vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08)
 Attempts: 45 vs. Western Michigan, 11/8/08
 Yards: 462 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
 Passing Touchdowns: 5 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
 Long Pass: 77 at Michigan, 10/4/08
 Carries: 25 at Northwestern, 11/22/08
 Rushing Yards: 174 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Rushing Touchdown: 2, four times (last time at Michigan, 10/4/08)
 Long Rush: 50 at Michigan, 10/4/08

PASSING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	INT	LG
2006	12	261	103	39.5	1489	124.1	9	9	76
2007	13	267	153	57.3	1743	134.1	13	12	56
2008	12	381	219	57.5	3173	264.4	22	16	77
2009	3	53	31	58.5	256	85.3	0	3	24
TOTAL	40	962	506	52.5	6661	166.5	44	41	77

TOTAL OFFENSE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG.	TD
2006	12	415	576	1489	2065	172.0	11
2007	13	432	755	1743	2498	192.2	20
2008	12	556	719	3173	3892	324.3	27
2009	3	82	94	256	350	116.7	0
TOTAL	40	1485	2144	6661	8805	220.1	58

WILLIAMS PASSING GAME-BY-GAME

2009	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MU	28	18	1	179	0	24
ISU	0	0	0	0	0	--
@OSU	25	13	2	77	0	16

2008	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MU	42	26	2	451	5	65
EIU	25	16	2	124	1	18
ULL	25	13	1	147	1	23
@PSU	24	13	1	183	2	54
@MICH	26	13	0	310	2	77
MINN	41	26	1	462	2	54
IND	22	16	0	271	3	60
@WIS	32	17	3	221	2	37
IOWA	37	22	2	272	1	50
WMU	45	20	2	328	1	61
OSU	26	17	1	192	2	24
@NW	36	20	1	212	0	31

2007	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MU	9	6	0	59	0	22
WIU	24	12	1	123	0	28
@SU	18	13	0	97	1	22
@IND	28	13	2	98	2	18
PSU	24	11	2	120	1	29
WIS	19	12	0	121	1	31
@IOWA	15	9	0	98	0	33
MICH	14	8	1	70	1	26
BSU	15	7	2	145	0	56
@MINN	21	14	1	207	2	47
@OSU	22	12	0	140	4	33
NW	23	15	1	220	1	48
USC*	35	21	2	245	0	55

*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
2008	12	175	719	4.1	59.9	5	50
2009	3	29	94	3.2	31.3	0	49
TOTAL	40	523	2144	4.1	53.6	14	50

WILLIAMS RUSHING GAME-BY-GAME

2009	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MU	13	27	0	9
ISU	1	49	0	49
@OSU	15	18	0	16

2008	CAR	YDS	TD	LG
MU	19	10	0	14
EIU	16	174	2	31

ULL	11	35	0	8
@PSU	18	64	0	14
@MICH	19	121	2	50
MINN	18	41	0	21
IND	8	30	1	13
@WIS	8	4	0	6
IOWA	12	30	0	6
WMU	12	68	0	19
OSU	9	48	0	24
@NW	25	94	0	39

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

*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

WILLIAMS BIO CONTINUED ...

- ❖ Led the team in rushing with 719 yards, first time for a quarterback in school history
- ❖ Holds three stadium records in total offense — Edward Jones Dome (St. Louis, Mo.) with 461 yards, Memorial Stadium (Champaign, Ill.) with 503 and Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor, Mich.) with 431
- ❖ His 3,173 yards passing is the fifth-best season performance in Illinois history
- ❖ Posted a 138.1 pass efficiency rating, third best at Illinois
- ❖ Had six 250-yard passing games, including two over 400
- ❖ Had a career passing performance against Minnesota with a career-best 462 yards on 26-of-41 passing (63.4 percent) and two touchdowns
- ❖ Earned Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors, a “Helmet Sticker” award from the ESPN College Gameday crew for his performance at Michigan and was a nominee for the AT&T All-America Player of the Week
- ❖ Broke his own record for single-game rushing by a quarterback against Eastern Illinois with 174 yards including two rushing touchdowns

- ❖ Named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against No. 6 Missouri

2007

- ❖ Earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors ... Led Illinois to the 2008 Rose Bowl
- ❖ Ranked eighth in the Big Ten in total offense and 10th in rushing and passing efficiency
- ❖ Named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after leading the Illini to a victory at No. 1 Ohio State
- ❖ 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

2006

- ❖ Earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors by The Sporting News
- ❖ Named the team’s Rookie of the Year
- ❖ Was one of five true-freshmen quarterbacks in the nation to start during the 2006 season

Personal Information

- ❖ Full given name is Isiah John Williams
- ❖ Born on Nov. 19, 1987
- ❖ Son of Anita and Stanley Williams
- ❖ Has a daughter, LaChez
- ❖ Is engaged to Chez Chambers
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Grandmother nicknamed him Juice because he was a juicy baby
- ❖ High school coach was Charles Chambers

MICHAEL HOOMANAWANUI

TE, 6-5, 270, SR. // BLOOMINGTON, ILL // CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Awards & Honors

- ❖ 2009 Mackey Award Candidate
- ❖ Athlon's Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ Lindy's Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ❖ Phil Steele's Preseason Third-Team All-Big Ten

2009: Had two catches for 13 yards at Ohio State ... Caught three passes for 51 yards against Illinois State ... Had one catch for two yards in the season opener vs. Missouri.

2008: Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors by both the media and coaches ... Played in all 12 games and started eight at tight end ... Caught two passes for 21 yards in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had two receptions for 13 yards against Ohio State ... Caught four passes for 45 yards against Western Michigan ... Had a 25-yard reception at Wisconsin ... Caught a one-yard TD pass against Indiana ... Caught two passes for 33 yards against Minnesota ... Had two receptions for 23 yards at Penn State ... Caught a career-high five passes for a career-high 74 yards against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Caught two passes for 24 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Had three receptions and a touchdown for 48 yards versus Missouri ... Also returned an 18-yard kickoff against Mizzou.

2007: Played in 11 games, starting five at tight end ... Caught one pass for 20 yards against Northwestern ... Caught a three-yard touchdown pass at No. 1 Ohio State ... Caught one pass for 12 yards at Iowa ... Returned a kickoff 16 yards at the end of the first half against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Hauled in his first career touchdown pass at Indiana, a two-yard connection with Juice Williams ... Caught the first pass of his career at Syracuse, a 27-yard strike on third down.

2006: Played in 10 games, starting three at tight end ... Caught a pass to convert a two-point conversion vs. Purdue ... Saw action against Northwestern, Purdue, Ohio State, Indiana, Michigan State, Iowa, Syracuse, Rutgers and Eastern Illinois but

did not record any offensive statistics.

High School: *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* first-team All-State ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State ... *Bloomington Pantagraph* All-State... First Team All-Cornbelt Conference ... WJBC-AM Ron Smith Player of the Year ... Three-star recruit, ranked as the No. 40 tight end in the country by Rivals.com ... Made 50 receptions for 843 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior ... Also, led team with 139 tackles and eight sacks on defense ... Lettered in basketball during freshman, sophomore and junior years ... High school coach was Bobby Moews ... Chose Illinois over Purdue, Northern Illinois and Oregon State.

Personal: Full given name is Michael Patrick Hoomanawanui ... Born July 4, 1988 ... Son of Anne and Isy Hoomanawanui ... Has one sister ... Father played football for Illinois State... Majoring in sport management.



CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5, vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 9/13/08
Receiving Yards: 74 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 9/13/08
Long Reception: 27 at Syracuse, 9/15/07
Touchdowns: 1, four times (last time vs. Indiana, 10/18/08)
KO Returns: 1, three times (last time vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09)
KO Return Yards: 18 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Long KO Return: 18 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08

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
2008	12	25	312	12.5	26.0	2	25
2009	3	6	66	11.0	22.0	0	25
TOTAL	36	36	421	11.7	11.7	4	27

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	1	18	18.0	0	18
2009	2	18	9.0	0	12
TOTAL	3	36	12.0	0	18

HOOMANAWANUI GAME-BY-GAME

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	2	0	2
ISU	3	51	0	25
@OSU	2	13	0	7

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	3	48	1	24
EIU	2	24	0	16
ULL	5	74	0	23
@PSU	2	23	0	14
@MICH	0	0	0	-
MINN	2	33	0	19
IND	2	6	1	5
@WIS	1	25	0	25
IOWA	0	0	0	-
WMU	4	45	0	16
OSU	2	13	0	7
@NW	2	21	0	11

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	-

* Rose Bowl

JON ASAMOAH

OL, 6-5, 315, SR. // PARK FOREST, ILL // RICH EAST

Awards & Honors

- ❖ 2009 Outland Award Candidate
- ❖ Lindy's Preseason Second-Team All-Big Ten

2009: Has started 28 consecutive games at guard ... Helped the Illini offense rack up 384 yards rushing and 548 yards of total offense against Illinois State.

2008: Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors by both the coaches and media ... Played and started in all 12 games ... Was in on 852 offensive snaps and 30 plays of special teams, the most on the offensive line ... Part of an offensive line that helped the Illini lead the Big Ten in pass offense (269.3) and ranked second in total offense (439.4) ... Helped the Illini offense total 455 yards against Ohio State (214 rushing, 241 passing) ... Protected for 563 total yards against Indiana (292 rushing, 271 passing) ... Helped protect for 462 passing yards and 550 total yards against Minnesota, the third-best passing performance in school history ... Protected for 501 yards of total offense and did not allow a sack at Michigan ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the fourth-best passing total in Illinois history.

2007: Started at right guard in all 13 games ... Was in on 991 offensive plays ... Recorded 80 knockdowns ... Assisted in Illinois' 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 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 at the time since Sept. 20, 2003, against Cal.

2006: Played in five of the last six games of the season at offensive guard, logging 48 plays.

High School: PrepStar All-Midwest Region ... *Chicago Tribune* special mention All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Area ... Two-time *The Star* All-Area ... *Daily Southtown* All-Area ... *Northwest Indiana Times* All-Area ... Two-time first-team All-Conference SICA Green ... Two-time Academic All-State ... Offense gained over 3,100 rushing yards ... Also earned three letters in basketball ... High school coach was Alan Greenberg ... Chose Illinois over Northern Illinois, Cincinnati, Bowling Green and Ball State.

Personal: Full given name is Jonathan Yao-Lante Asamoah ... Born July 21, 1988 ... Son of Geraldine Terstegge and Samuel Asamoah ... Majoring in community health ... Favorite athlete is Shaquille O'Neal ... Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee for outstanding achievement in athletics, academics and the community ... Earned the Cook County Circuit Court - Black History Award for academics and community service.

DOUG PILCHER

DE, 6-5, 265, SR. // HINSDALE, ILL // HINSDALE CENTRAL

Awards & Honors

❖ Ted Hendricks Award Candidate

2009: Tied for fourth in the Big Ten in forced fumbles with 0.33 per game ... Ranks tied for fifth in the Big Ten and 72nd in the nation with 0.33 interceptions per game ... Has started 27 career games at defensive end ... Posted three tackles at Ohio State ... Had first career interception with a 41-yard return against Illinois State, along with three tackles, including one for loss ... Totaled four tackles, forced a fumble and had a sack for a loss of 12 yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games, starting in five at defensive end ... Finished the year with a tackle at Northwestern ... Had two tackles against Western Michigan ... Recorded three tackles at Wisconsin, with career highs in TFLs (2.0) and QB sacks (1.5) ... Had a QB sack against Indiana ... Tallied four tackles - two solos - against Minnesota ... Recorded two solo tackles, both TFLs, at Michigan ... Had one tackle each at Penn State and against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Recorded a QB hurry against Eastern Illinois ... Had a career-high five tackles with a career-high three solos and recorded a TFL versus Missouri ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

2007: Played in all 13 games, starting nine at defensive end ... 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 ... Assisted on a tackle and had two QB hurries against Northwestern ... Notched four tackles, including two solos, at No. 1 Ohio State ... Had a solo tackle - a TFL - at Minnesota ... Recorded three tackles - including a solo - had a sack and 1.5 total TFLs against Ball State ... Had three tackles, including two solos, and a 10-yard sack against No. 25 Michigan ... Assisted on two tackles at Iowa ... Recorded 0.5 sacks against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Notched a sack for six yards against No. 21 Penn State ... Recorded a 23-yard sack to end the first half at Indiana ... Assisted on a tackle at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle against Western Illinois ... Tied a career high with four tackles and two solos against Missouri

... Also notched two quarterback hurries against the Tigers.

2006: Named to the freshman All-Big Ten team by *The Sporting News* ... Played in all 12 games, starting 10 at defensive end ... Posted three tackles and a tackle for loss at Northwestern ... Had one tackle for loss vs. Ohio State ... Recorded three tackles, including two solos, and a TFL at Wisconsin ... Assisted on two tackles at Penn State ... Tied his career high with four tackles, including a half-TFL, against Ohio ... Recorded a career-high four tackles, including two solos, against Indiana ... Tied a career high with 1.5 TFLs and also had a QB hurry against the Hoosiers ... Recorded his first career PBU and a career-high three quarterback hurries, to go with a solo tackle at Michigan State ... Assisted on a tackled and recorded his first career QB hurry against Iowa ... Recorded a career-high three tackles, including a solo, and had a career-best 1.5 TFLs against Syracuse ... Recorded a PBU at Rutgers ... Assisted on a tackle against Eastern Illinois ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2005: Redshirted the 2005 season.

High School: Rated the No. 13 recruit in the state of Illinois by Scout.com ... Also ranked No. 32 among linebackers by Rivals.com and 40th nationally by Scout.com ... A three-star prospect by both Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Made 97 tackles, 21 for loss, and 18 sacks as a senior ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* Area Top-30 Prospects list ... PrepStar All-Region ... Earned All-State, All-Area and All-Conference honors his senior year ... Senior captain also caught nine balls for 84 yards and two touchdowns ... Recorded 26 career sacks for a school record, breaking his brother Steve's mark ... Earned letters in football, basketball and baseball ... High school football coach was Tony Lombardi.

Personal: Full given name is Douglas Ryan Pilcher ... Born July 18, 1987 ... The son of Jim and Debbie Pilcher ... Majoring in finance ... Both parents and his older brother attended Illinois, sister is a freshman at Illinois ... Four-year honor roll student ... Two-time scholar athlete also earned Academic All-Conference honors as a senior.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs Missouri, 8/30/08
Solos: 3, vs Missouri, 8/30/08
TFL: 2, twice (last time at Wisconsin, 10/25/08)
QB Sack: 1.5 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08
QBH: 3 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
PBU: 1 at Michigan State, 9/30/06
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

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
2008	12	10	11	21	6-15	2.5-10	1
2009	3	7	3	10	2-14	1-12	0
TOTAL	40	38	42	80	21.5-98	9-77	10

PILCHER GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	4	0	4	1-12	1-12	0	1-0
ISU	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	3	2	5	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
ULL	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	2	0	2	2-3	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	1	0	1	1-3	1-3	0	0-0
@WIS	1	2	3	2-7	1.5-7	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

WMU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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

*Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	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

71 JEFF ALLEN

OL, 6-5, 310, SO.
CHICAGO, ILL. / KING

2009: Started 12th career game at left tackle ... Helped lead Illini offense to 384 rushing yards and 548 total yards against Illinois State ... Preseason second-team All-Big Ten selection by Athlon ... Preseason third-team All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele magazine.

2008: Earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* ... Named third-team Freshman All-American by *Phil Steele Magazine* ... Started nine games as a true freshman at right tackle ... Played on 628 offensive snaps and 46 on special teams ... Part of an offensive line that helped the Illini lead the Big Ten in pass offense (269.3) and ranked second in total offense (439.4) ... Helped the Illini offense total 455 yards against Ohio State (214 rushing, 241 passing) ... Protected for 563 total yards against Indiana (292 rushing, 271 passing) ... Helped protect for 462 passing yards and 550 total yards against Minnesota, the third-best passing performance in school history ... Protected for 501 yards of total offense and did not allow a sack at Michigan ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the fourth-best passing total in Illinois history ... Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008

High School: Named to 2007 *Chicago Sun Times* All-Public League Team ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette* Special Mention All-State team ... PrepStar All-Region ... Ranked among the top 30 players in Illinois by Rivals.com ... Four-year starter on varsity ... Recorded 97 tackles and two sacks as a senior ... Also blocked a punt for a touchdown, the only score of his career ... Chose Illinois over N.C. State ... High school coach was Lonnie Williams

Personal: Son of Lalibala Allen ... Born Jan. 8, 1990 ... Enrolled in general studies ... Would like to major in business ... Uncle, Shon Williams, played football at Miami.

41 ZACH BECKER

TE, 6-3, 252, SO.
HOMER, ILL. / ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN

2009: Had three kickoff returns for 31 yards, including a 12-yarder against Illinois State ... Recorded one special teams tackle in season opener against Missouri ... Moved to tight end during spring ball.

2008: Played in 11 games on special teams and at fullback as a walk-on true-freshman ... Caught a two-yard touchdown pass at Wisconsin, his only reception of the season ... Recorded five special teams tackles, including a high of two against Eastern Illinois.

High School: Earned All-Conference and All-Area honors at linebacker as a junior and senior ... Academic All-State in football ... Holds multiple school records on defense ... Was All-Conference at forward in basketball in 2008 ... Also All-Area and All-Conference in baseball as both a pitcher and shortstop ... Earned 10 varsity letters in football, baseball and basketball ... High school coach was Dick Duval.

Personal: Full given name is Zachary Matthew Becker ... Born June 18, 1990 ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Son of William and Marla Becker.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08
Receiving Yards: 2 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08
Receiving Touchdowns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08
Long Reception: 2 at Wisconsin, 10/25/08
Kickoff Returns: 3 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Kickoff Return Yards: 31 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Long Return: 12 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Special Teams Tackles: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	11	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	11	1	2	2.0	0.2	1	2
2009	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--
TOTAL	14	1	2	2.0	0.1	1	2

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2009	3	31	10.3	0	12

BECKER GAME-BY-GAME

2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
ISU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@OSU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
EIU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
ULL	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@PSU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@MICH	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
MINN	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
IND	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@WIS	0-0	0	--	1-2	1	2
IOWA	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@WMU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
OSU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--
@NW	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--

31 TRAVON BELLAMY

DB, 6-0, 205, JR.
GREENBELT, MD. / ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

2009: Had three solo tackles at Ohio State ... Posted a season-best five tackles against Illinois State ... Started against Missouri at nickel and recorded four tackles, posted a career-best two tackles for loss and had first career sack in the season opener.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started 11 at safety ... Tallied eight tackles, including four solos, against Western Michigan ... Had four tackles against Iowa ... Tallied four solo tackles against Wisconsin ... Had four tackles and a PBU against Indiana ... Recorded eight tackles - five solos - and a PBU against Minnesota ... Had five tackles with three solos at Michigan ... Led the Illini with a career-high nine tackles, including a career-high eight solos, at Penn State ... Had five tackles against Louisiana Lafayette ... Notched four tackles against Missouri, including a career-high three solos ... Also recorded a PBU against the Tigers.

2007: Redshirted the 2007 season with an injury.

2006: Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the finale with an injury ... Intercepted his second pass of the season, returning it 47 yards vs. Purdue ... Posted three tackles and a quarterback hurry vs. Ohio State ... Made his first career interception and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown at Wisconsin ... Recorded a career-high two PBUs and a QB hurry to go along with a career-best four tackles, including two solos, against Indiana ... Recorded first career solo tackle at Michigan State ... Assisted on one tackle in debut against Eastern Illinois and had one each at Rutgers and versus Syracuse ... Saw defensive action against Penn State, Ohio and Iowa but did not record any statistics.

High School: *Star/Gazette* All-State ... *The Washington Post* second-team All-Metro ... PrepStar All-Atlantic Region ...

Earned first-team All-Conference honors by *The Washington Post* ... Pigskin Club All-Metro team ... MDVarsity.com consensus first-team Big School All-State ... Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Ranked the 20th best player in Maryland and rated the No. 54 defensive back in the country by Rivals.com ... Posted 63 tackles, three fumble recoveries, 11 interceptions and three defensive touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed for 187 yards on 16 carries, caught 18 passes for 394 yards ... Also returned kickoffs and punts, recording 423 yards on kicks and 437 on punt returns ... Three-year starting defensive back ... Set a school record with a 101-yard interception return for a touchdown return in 2005, one of two touchdown returns on the season ... Recorded three interceptions in the same game he set the school record return ... Had 33 career interceptions ... Made 72 tackles and eight interceptions as a junior, despite missing five games with a knee injury ... Returned one kickoff for a TD in 2004 ... Led Prince George County with 14 interceptions as a sophomore ... Reports a 4.40 second 40-yard dash ... High school coach was Rick Houchens ... Chose Illinois over Oregon State, Kansas State, North Carolina and Virginia.

Personal: Full given name is Travon Garrett Bellamy ... Born Jan. 11, 1988 ... Majoring in sport management ... Son of Kelice and Luther Bellamy.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 at Penn State, 9/27/08
Solos: 8 at Penn State, 9/27/08
TFL: 2 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Quarterback Sacks: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
PBU: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/7/06
INT: 1, twice (last time vs. Purdue, 11/11/06)
INT Yards: 47 vs. Purdue, 11/11/06
Touchdowns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/28/06

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	11	4	11	15	0-0	2-88	2
2008	12	33	20	53	0-0	0-0	3
2009	3	11	1	12	2-5	0-0	0
TOTAL	26	48	32	80	2-5	2-88	5

BELLAMY GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	3	1	4	1-4	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
EIU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	8	1	9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
IND	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@WIS	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WMU	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
OHIO	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	1	1	0-0	1-41	0	0-0
OSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PUR	0	1	1	0-0	1-47	0	0-0

62 ERIC BLOCK

OL, 6-3, 290, SR.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. / JESUIT

2009: Has started three career games at center and 15 total on the line ... Helped lead Illini offense to 384 rushing yards and

548 total yards against Illinois State.

2008: Played and started in all 12 games ... Was in on 789 offensive snaps at offensive guard ... Part of an offensive line that helped the Illini lead the Big Ten in pass offense (269.3) and ranked second in total offense (439.4) ... Helped the Illini offense total 455 yards against Ohio State (214 rushing, 241 passing) ... Protected for 563 total yards against Indiana (292 rushing, 271 passing) ... Helped protect for 462 passing yards and 550 total yards against Minnesota, the third-best passing performance in school history ... Protected for 501 yards of total offense and did not allow a sack at Michigan ... Helped the Illini record 533 yards of total offense and 399 rushing yards against Eastern Illinois ... Protected for 451 passing yards against Missouri, the fourth-best passing total in Illinois history.

2007: Was in on 111 offensive snaps, at both guard and center ... Recorded 14 knockdowns ... Saw action against Northwestern, Ohio State, Minnesota and Western Illinois.

2006: Played in the season opener against Eastern Illinois, participating in seven offensive snaps, earning a medical redshirt.

2005: Got his first collegiate action against Penn State and played in three games ... Played 51 offensive snaps in games against PSU, Wisconsin and at Purdue.

High School: PrepStar All-Region selection ... Rated among the top-30 players from the state of Louisiana by Scout.com ... Named first team All-Conference, All-Area and All-State ... Picked as one of the top-20 players in the area by the *New OrleansTimes Picayune* ... Team captain as a senior ... Earned All-District, All-Region and All-League honors as a junior ... As a full time starter in 2003-2004, led team to a 20-4 record ... Team also averaged 234 rushing yards and 32 points per game ... Was also recruited by Auburn, Ole Miss, Army, Air Force, Navy, Louisiana Lafayette and Vanderbilt ... High school coach was Vic Eumont.

Personal: Full given name is Eric David Block ... Born on Oct. 15, 1986 ... Son of Roy and Donna Block ... Parents were displaced in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina ... Majoring in political science.

92 JOSH BRENT

DL, 6-2, 315, JR.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL. / CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2009: Had one tackle at Ohio State ... Posted three tackles, two for loss against Illinois State ... Had two tackles, one for loss against Missouri ... Preseason first-team All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele.

2008: Played in 10 games and started eight at defensive tackle ... Posted four tackles, including one for a loss of two yards in the season finale against Northwestern ... Had one TFL against Ohio State ... Assisted on four tackles against Western Michigan ... Had a career game against Iowa with four solo tackles, three TFLs, a QB sack and three QB hurries ... Tied his career highs with five tackles and 1.5 TFLs against Wisconsin ... Had four tackles, including a TFL, against Indiana and also recorded a QB hurry ... Notched two tackles and a TFL against Minnesota ... Had three tackles and recovered a fumble at Michigan ... Recorded a career-high five tackles at Penn State ... Had two tackles against Louisiana Lafayette ... Did not play against Missouri or Eastern Illinois due to illness.

2007: Played in 10 games as a true-freshman ... Assisted on a tackle against Northwestern ... Recorded a half-sack against No. 5 Wisconsin, his first career sack ... Also assisted on two tackles against Wisconsin ... Assisted on a tackle against No. 21 Penn State ... Registered a solo tackle at Syracuse ... Made

his Illinois debut against Western Illinois, racking up three tackles and 1.5 TFLs.

High School: PrepStar All-American ... *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... SuperPrep All-American ... *Champaign News-Gazette* first-team All-State ... Ranked No. 3 in the "Best of the Midwest" by *Detroit Free Press* ... Rated among the Top-100 recruits nationally at 80th by Rivals.com ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 11th best player in the Midwest by SuperPrep ... Ranked the ninth-best defensive tackle and fifth-ranked player in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Compiled 90 tackles, 19 tackles for loss and eight sacks during his senior season ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked 13th at defensive tackle nationally by Scout.com ... As a junior, recorded 109 tackles, 31 tackles for loss and six sacks ... High school teammate of current Illini tight end Michael Hoomanawanui ... Earned All-Area, All-Region and All-State honors in 2005 ... High school coach was Bobby Moews ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin ... Also a four-year letterwinner in basketball and track ... Made the state finals in shot put as a freshman, was the state runner-up as a sophomore and state champ as a junior ... Three-time all-state in track

Personal: Full name is Joshua Aaron Price-Brent ... Born on Jan. 30, 1988 ... Son of LaTasha Brent ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Would like to open a restaurant following graduation.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, twice (last at Wisconsin, 10/25/08)
Solos: 4 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
TFL: 3 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Michigan, 10/4/08
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
QB Hurries: 3 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	11	2	6	8	2.0-7	0.5-2	1
2008	10	17	17	34	8.5-15	1.5-2	4
2009	3	3	3	6	3-4	0-0	0
TOTAL	24	22	26	48	13.5-26	2-4	5

BRENT GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	2	1	3	2-2	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
ULL	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
MINN	1	1	2	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
IND	3	1	4	1-1	0-0	1	0-0
@WIS	2	3	5	1.5-4	0.5-1	0	0-0
IOWA	4	0	4	3-6	1-1	3	0-0
WMU	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	3	1	4	1-2	0-0	0	0-0

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

*Rose Bowl

18 NATE BUSSEY

LB, 6-2, 220, JR.
WASHINGTON, D.C. / DUNBAR

2009: Had one tackle at Ohio State ... Posted two tackles against Illinois State ... Played first game at linebacker, record-

ing one tackle in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started the season opener ... Posted one tackle in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had two tackles against Western Michigan ... Recorded four tackles and a PBU against Indiana ... Had five tackles, including three solos, against Eastern Illinois ... Recorded a career-high eight tackles, including five solos, against Missouri ... Also recorded his first career PBU against Missouri.

2007: Played in all 13 games primarily on special teams ... Recorded nine tackles, including five solos ... Recorded a career-high two tackles in his first career game against Missouri ... Also recorded stops against Indiana, Penn State, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio State and Northwestern.

High School: Named a top-20 recruit in the Mid-Atlantic region by SuperPrep ... Played quarterback and safety at Dunbar High School, as well as returning kicks ... First-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* in 2006 ... Top-five player in the Washington DC area by Rivals.com ... Totaled over 8,000 passing yards for his career and a QB rating of 102.7 ... Defensively, he recorded six interceptions, two returned for touchdowns ... Threw for 2,473 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2006 as well as rushing for a team-high 553 yards and 12 touchdowns ... At safety, recorded four interceptions as a senior ... Passed for 2,543 yards and threw 37 touchdowns, while also running for over 700 yards as a junior ... Quarterbacked Dunbar High School to three consecutive Turkey Bowl titles ... Earned honorable mention All-Met honors by *The Washington Post* in 2005 ... High school teammates of fellow Illini Ugo Uzodinma and Arrelious Benn ... High school coach was Craig Jeffries.

Personal: Full name is Nathan Lee Bussey ... Born Feb. 20, 1989 ... Son of Linda Bussey ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Louisville, Colorado, Syracuse and UCLA.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Solos: 5 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
PBU: 1, twice (last time vs. Indiana, 10/18/08)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	13	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0
2008	12	12	9	21	0-0	0-0	2
2009	3	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	28	19	15	34	0-0	0-0	2

BUSSEY GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
EIU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WMU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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

*Rose Bowl

17 JEFF CUMBERLAND

WR, 6-5, 255, SR.
COLUMBUS, OHIO / BROOKHAVEN

2009: Had one reception for six yards at Ohio State ... Caught two passes for 27 yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in 10 games and started three of the final four ... Hauled in a career-best five catches in the season finale at Northwestern for 60 yards ... Caught three passes for 22 yards against Ohio State, including a 7-yard TD reception ... Also had a 23-yard rush against the Buckeyes ... Had three receptions for 76 yards against Western Michigan, with a long catch of 61 yards and a 5-yard TD reception ... Caught three passes for 33 yards against Iowa ... Caught a 23-yard pass against Wisconsin ... Had two receptions for 37 yards against Indiana, including a 20-yard TD reception ... Caught two passes for 24 yards against Minnesota ... Caught a 77-yard TD pass at Michigan, the longest of his career ... Saw his first action of the season against Louisiana-Lafayette but did not catch a pass ... Did not play against Missouri or Eastern Illinois due to injury.

2007: Moved from tight end to receiver midway through the season ... 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 ... Exploded at Minnesota with a career high-tying four catches for 53 yards and a touchdown, as well as a 24-yard run ... Caught his first pass of 2007 at Syracuse, a 22-yard touchdown on Illinois' first drive of the game.

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 ... Led team with two receptions for 31 yards vs. Purdue ... Caught four passes for the second straight game, for a career-high 62 yards against Ohio State, his hometown team ... Led the Illini with four catches for 41 yards at Wisconsin ... Caught one pass for eight yards at Penn State ... Caught a career-high three passes for 30 yards and his first career touchdown against Ohio ... Caught a 45-yard pass against Indiana ... Caught his first collegiate pass at Rutgers for 15 yards.

High School: Ohio News Network/Ohio High Magazine All-Ohio team ... PrepStar All-American ... Listed as the No. 66 recruit in the nation by ESPN.com ... Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Ranked the 11th best prospect from Ohio and 19th-rated athlete in the country by Rivals.com ... Ranked in the Rivals 250 by Rivals.com ... Made 25 catches for 801 yards, recording 32 yards per catch ... Scored 13 touchdowns during the regular season in 2005 ... Selected for the Ohio North/South Classic game ... Recorded the best 40-yard dash and vertical leap among tight ends at the Los Angeles NIKE Training Camp ... High school coach was Tom Blake ... Ran track and qualified for the state meet in the 100 meters, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay ... Ran a 10.6 in the 100 meters ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State, Minnesota and West Virginia.

Personal: Full given name is Jeffrey Lionel Cumberland ... Born on May 2, 1987 ... Majoring in sport management ... Raised by his grandmother, Rosline Cumberland.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 at Northwestern, 11/22/08
Receiving Yards: 131 vs. Northwestern, 11/17/07
Long Reception: 77 at Michigan, 10/4/08
Receiving TDs: 1, eight times (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08)
Rushes: 1, three times (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08)
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
2008	10	20	352	17.6	35.2	4	77
2009	3	3	33	11.0	11.0	0	16
TOTAL	38	51	860	16.8	22.6	8	77

CUMBERLAND GAME-BY-GAME

YEAR	REC	YDS	TD	LG
2009				
MU	2	27	0	16
ISU	0	0	0	-
@OSU	1	6	0	6
2008				
ULL	0	0	0	-
@PSU	0	0	0	-
@MICH	1	77	1	77
MINN	2	24	0	13
IND	2	37	1	20
@WIS	1	23	0	23
IOWA	3	33	0	17
WMU	3	76	1	61
OSU	3	22	1	8
@NW	5	60	0	31
2007				
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
2006				
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

* Rose Bowl

13 DEREK DIMKE

PK, 6-0, 180, SO.
ROCKFORD, ILL. / ROCKFORD BOYLAN

2009: Had one kickoff for 64 yards at Ohio State ... Had second-best career performance, averaging 64.9 yards on kickoffs against Illinois State ... Handled all kickoff duties in the season opener, averaging 61.3 yards per kickoff.

2008: Took over kickoff duties midway through the season, averaging 61.2 yards in the final six games of the season ... Had a high average of 66.2 at Ford Field against Western Michigan ... In his college debut, he booted nine kickoffs for a 61.4 average against Indiana.

High School: Rated as one of the top players in the state of Illinois and ranked nationally as the No. 13 placekicker by Scout.com ... Holds the 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*. ... Is ranked among the top-15 kickers nationally by Kohl's Kicking and was All-Conference for the NIC-10 ... Was a Northern Illinois All-Area selection and has been tutored by current NFL kicker Billy Cundiff of the Kansas City Chiefs, and former players such as Filip Filipovic and Matt Bahr.

Personal: Born on April 16, 1990 ... Son of Tim and Debra Dimke ... Majoring in business.

CAREER HIGHS

Kickoffs: 9 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Yards: 553 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Average: 66.2 at Western Michigan, 11/8/08
Touchbacks: 1, four times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
2008	6	29	1779	61.3	3	26	477	18.3
2009	3	12	767	63.9	1	11	209	19.0
TOTAL	9	41	2546	62.1	4	37	686	18.5

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	KO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
2009	3	184	61.3	0	3	51	17.0
MU	8	519	64.9	1	7	138	19.7
@OSU	1	64	64.0	0	1	20	20.0

YEAR	KO	YDS	AVG	TB	RT	RT YDS	YPR
2008	9	553	61.4	0	9	182	20.2
IND	4	249	62.2	1	3	59	19.7
@WIS	6	362	60.3	1	5	45	9.0
@WMU	4	265	66.2	0	4	105	26.3
OSU	3	174	58.0	1	2	32	16.0
@NW	3	176	58.7	0	3	54	18.0

22 DANIEL DUFRENE

RB, 5-11, 205, SR.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. / STRANAHAN /
COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS

2009: Had 16 yards on five carries at Ohio State ... Topped the 1,000 career rushing yard mark against Illinois State, becoming the 35th player in school history to pass 1,000 rushing yards ... Averaged 12.2 yards per carry on five rushes for 61 yards and a touchdown in the home opener against Illinois State ... Missed season opener with an ankle injury.

2008: Played in 11 games and started seven at tailback ... Ranked eighth in the Big Ten in rushing with 60.3 yards per game ... Caught six passes for 51 yards in the season finale at Northwestern ... Rushed eight times for 79 yards against Ohio State and caught a game-high five passes for 42 yards ... Had six rushes for 36 yards against Western Michigan, also catching two passes ... Rushed seven times for 30 yards against Wisconsin, also catching a pass ... Had six carries for 31 yards against Indiana, also catching two passes for 13 yards ... Had 10 carries for 36 yards against Minnesota, also catching a pass for seven yards ... Totaled 112 all-purpose yards at Michigan ... Had a career-high 66 receiving yards against the Wolverines, including a 57-yard TD reception ... Also had 15 rushes for 46 yards at Michigan ... Rushed 14 times for 96 yards at Penn State ... Had a career-high 126 rushing yards on 19 carries against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Also caught the first TD pass of his career against ULL ... Rushed for 99 yards on 13 carries against Eastern Illinois ... Totaled 125 all-purpose yards against Missouri, rushing for 75 and catching a career-high six passes for 50 yards.

2007: Played in all 13 games 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 ... Rushed twice for 15 yards at Minnesota ... Rushed four times for 19 yards and caught one pass for eight yards against Ball State ... Rushed two times for 21 yards and a touchdown against No. 25 Michigan ... Rushed three times for 24 yards against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Had one rush for six yards against No. 21 Penn State ... Rushed twice for six yards at Syracuse ... Rushed nine times for 51 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown, against Western Illinois ... Caught two passes for one yard against WIU ... Rushed six times for 58 yards in his Illini debut against Missouri with a long rush of 30 yards.

Junior College/Vanderbilt/High School: An All-Conference selection at College of the Sequoias, rushed for 750 yards and

nine touchdowns in 2006 as a freshman ... Three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Signed with Vanderbilt out of high school and attended for one semester (redshirted) before transferring to the College of the Sequoias ... Rushed for 1,472 yards as a senior in high school, while scoring 15 touchdowns ... Recorded a career-high 245 yards and two touchdowns against Northeast High School ... Earned first-team All-Broward County and honorable mention All-State ... As a high school junior, rushed for 287 yards and four touchdowns and scored on a punt return ... Ran track and played basketball at Stranahan High School ... Played in the Dade-Broward All-Star game ... High school coach was Keith Skinner ... Named to Broward North-South All-Star Roster.

Personal: Born on Nov. 24, 1986 ... Majoring in history ... Chose Illinois over UCLA and Louisville.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 19 vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08
Rushing Yards: 126 vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08
Rushing TDs: 1, three times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Long Run: 80 at Ohio State, 11/10/07
Receptions: 6, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/22/08)
Receiving Yards: 66 at Michigan, 10/4/08
Long Reception: 57 at Michigan, 10/4/08
Receiving TDs: 1, twice (last time at Michigan, 10/4/08)

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	47	294	6.3	22.6	2	80
2008	11	117	663	5.7	60.3	0	41
2009	2	10	75	7.5	37.2	1	24
TOTAL	26	174	1032	5.9	39.7	3	80

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	3	9	3.0	0.7	0	8
2008	11	31	271	9.0	24.6	2	57
2009	2	2	9	4.5	4.5	0	6
TOTAL	26	36	289	8.0	11.1	2	57

DUFRENE GAME-BY-GAME

YEAR	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
2009						
ISU	5-61	1	24	1-6	0	6
@OSU	5-14	0	5	1-3	0	3
2008						
MU	13-75	0	41	6-50	0	17
EIU	13-99	0	26	1-2	0	2
ULL	19-126	0	27	3-24	1	10
@PSU	14-96	0	30	1-(3)	0	0
@MICH	15-46	0	12	2-66	1	57
MINN	10-36	0	7	1-7	0	7
IND	6-31	0	11	2-13	0	10
@WIS	7-30	0	8	1-7	0	7
WMU	6-36	0	11	2-12	0	12
OSU	8-79	0	24	5-42	0	15
@NW	6-9	0	5	6-51	0	18
2007						
MU	6-58	0	30	0-0	0	--
WIU	9-51	1	32	2-1	0	5
@SU	2-6	0	4	0-0	0	--
@IND	3-(2)	0	1	0-0	0	--
PSU	1-6	0	6	0-0	0	--
WIS	3-24	0	15	0-0	0	--
@IOWA	2-(3)	0	0	0-0	0	--
MICH	2-21	1	13	0-0	0	--
BSU	4-19	0	9	1-8	0	8
@MINN	2-15	0	19	0-0	0	--
@OSU	8-106	0	80	0-0	0	--
NW	4-(7)	0	8	0-0	0	--
USC*	1-0	0	0	0-0	0	--

* Rose Bowl

15 CHRIS DUVALT

WR, 5-11, 175, SR.
LAKELAND, FLA. / LAKE GIBSON

2009: Started third game of the season at Ohio State ... Hauled in his first touchdown of the season on a 27-yarder from Eddie McGee ... Had two catches for 16 yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in 11 games and started four ... Caught one

pass for 13 yards in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had a 24-yard touchdown reception against Ohio State ... Had two catches for 27 yards against Minnesota ... Caught a pass for four yards at Penn State, also recording a carry ... Caught one pass for 11 yards against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Had a TD catch against Eastern Illinois, totalling 31 yards on two receptions ... Caught two TD passes for 46 yards against Missouri in his first game as a wide receiver.

2007: Moved from defensive back to wide receiver during 2008 spring practice ... Played in 10 of 13 games ... Assisted on a tackle against Northwestern ... Assisted on a tackle at Minnesota ... Assisted on a tackle against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Recorded his first tackle of 2007 at Syracuse ... Returned four kickoffs for 70 yards vs. Missouri, with a long return of 23 yards.

2006: Played in nine of 12 games ... Returned three kicks for 80 yards, including a career-long return of 37 yards at Northwestern ... Returned four kickoffs for 80 yards at Michigan State, with a long return of 27 ... Saw special teams action against Indiana and Iowa but did not record any statistics ... Assisted on a tackle against Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle in his first career game against Eastern Illinois.

High School: Florida Sports Writers Association Class 5A first-team All-State ... PrepStar All-American ... Florida Athletic Coaches Association Player of the Year ... Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 25th best cornerback in the nation and 49th-best player in the state of Florida by Rivals.com ... Recorded 50 tackles, five interceptions and eight pass break ups in 2005 ... Also made 17 catches for 385 yards and scored three touchdowns ... Recorded a 4.38 second 40-yard dash at the Tallahassee NIKE Training Camp ... Selected for the Florida North-South All-Star Game ... Registered 52 tackles, seven interceptions and 11 pass break ups as a junior ... High school coach was Keith DeMyer ... Played point guard for high school basketball team ... Chose Illinois over West Virginia and South Carolina.

Personal: Full given name is Darian Christopher Duvalt ... Born Dec. 12, 1987 ... Majoring in speech communication ... Son of Shonnie Shaw.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, four times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Receiving Yards: 46 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Long Reception: 27 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Receiving TDs: 2 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	11	10	156	15.9	13.0	4	26
2009	3	3	43	14.3	14.3	1	27
TOTAL	14	13	199	14.3	14.2	5	27

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2006	9	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
2007	10	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	19	1	5	6	0-0	0-0	0

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

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

DUVALT GAME-BY-GAME

YEAR	REC	YDS	TD	LG
2009				
MU	2	16	0	10
ISU	1	27	1	27
@OSU	0	0	0	--
2008				
MU	2	46	2	26
EIU	2	31	1	16
ULL	1	11	0	11
@PSU	1	4	0	4
@MICH	0	0	0	-
MINN	2	27	0	15

IND	0	0	0	-
@WIS	0	0	0	-
IOWA	0	0	0	-
WMU	0	0	0	-
OSU	1	24	1	24
@NW	1	13	0	13

DUVALT GAME-BY-GAME (DEFENSE)

YEAR	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
2007							
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	0	0	0	0-0	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
WIS	0	1	1	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
@MINN	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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YEAR	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
2006							
EIU	1	0	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	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
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

20 GARRETT EDWARDS

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

2009: Ranks tied for 19th in the Big Ten in tackles with 7.3 per game ... Ranks tied for fifth in the Big Ten in fumbles recovered ... Started his eighth game at safety vs. Ohio State ... Posted seven tackles at Ohio State ... Led team in tackles with eight, while also forcing a fumble and breaking up a pass in home opener against Illinois State ... Compiled seven tackles in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in 10 games, starting five ... Posted a career high six tackles in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had four solo tackles against Iowa ... Tallied three tackles against Indiana ... Had one solo tackle at Michigan ... Recorded two solo tackles at Penn State ... Had one solo tackle against Louisiana Lafayette ... Had two tackles, one solo, against Eastern Illinois.

2007: Played in the first five games of the season, logging 56 snaps, 55 on special teams.

2006: Redshirted the 2006 season.

High School: 2005 *Chicago Tribune* first-team All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* All-Area ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State ... PrepStar All-Midwest Region ... West Suburban Silver Conference Player of the Year ... 2004 *Chicago Tribune* second-team All-State ... Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Ranked the 13th-best recruit in Illinois by Rivals.com ... Three-year varsity starter ... Played running back, wide receiver, free safety and quarterback in high school ... Part of 2004 8A State Championship team ... Tallied 3,208 career rushing yards and 1,700 career passing yards ... Returned three punts and three kickoffs for touchdowns in career ... Six career interceptions ... In 2004, rushed for 1,700 yards and 25 touchdowns ... Passed for 900 yards and 11 touchdowns ... All-Conference basketball selection ... High school coach was John Wander ... Chose Illinois over Purdue and Iowa State.

Personal: Full given name is Garrett James Edwards ... Born Dec. 18, 1987 ... Son of Kim and Tom Edwards ... Majoring in speech communication ... Has two brothers and one sister ... Two uncles played college football, Ron Leoni (Illinois) and Dave Edwards (Indiana) ... Biggest sports thrill was winning the state championship ... Favorite athlete is Shaun Alexander ...

Born in Orange County, Calif.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Solos: 7 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
PBU: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	6	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2008	10	15	5	20	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	15	7	22	0-0	0-0	1
TOTAL	18	26	11	43	0-0	0-0	0

EDWARDS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	1	1-0
@OSU	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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

* Rose Bowl

84 MATT ELLER

PK, 6-2, 210, SO.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / BISHOP KENNY

2009: Ranks 10th on the Illinois all-time field goal list with 17 made ... Rated eighth in the Big Ten in field goal percentage, and is ninth in kick-scoring with 12 points ... Ranks tied for sixth in the Big Ten with 1.0 field goals made per game ... Scored nine points against Illinois State, making a 38-yard field goal, and six extra points ... Made his only field goal attempt, a 24-yarder, in the season opener against Missouri ... Preseason third-team All-Big Ten selection by Athlon ... Named the pre-season No. 12 placekicker nationally by Phil Steele magazine.

2008: Ranked sixth in the Big Ten with 1.25 field goals per game, which was tied for 35th nationally ... Scored 84 points, which is the seventh-best season scoring mark in school history and broke the school freshman record for points ... Also set freshman field goal record with 15 ... Made 75 percent of his field goals, which is seventh in the Big Ten and his 95.1 percent accuracy rate on extra points ranked fifth ... His 75 percent on field goals ranks ninth on the single-season list ... Was ninth in the conference in scoring with 7.0 points per game ... His 15 field goals rank as the fifth-best performance at Illinois ... Made his 15th field goal of the season in the finale at Northwestern ... Was a perfect 2-of-2 on field goals against Ohio State, including a 44-yarder ... Made a 20-yard field goal against Western Michigan and was 2-of-2 on PATs ... Kicked a game-winning 46-yard field goal against Iowa ... Also made a 41-yard field goal against the Hawkeyes and was 3-of-3 on PATs ... Made a 47-yard field goal at Wisconsin and was 2-of-2 on PATs ... Tied his career-best with two field goals and was 2-of-2 on PATs against Minnesota ... Was a career-best 6-of-6 on PATs at Michigan with a 48-yard field goal ... Also kicked off three times against the Wolverines for 200 yards ... Was 3-of-3 on PATs at Penn State with a 43-yard field goal ... Had a career-long 51 yard field goal against Louisiana-Lafayette and

was 2-of-2 on PATs ... Recorded the first two field goals of his career against Eastern Illinois, including a 42-yarder ... Was a perfect 5-of-5 on PATs against the Panthers and also kicked-off once ... Also kicked off three times versus Missouri, averaging 67.3 yards per kickoff with one touchback.

2007: Redshirted the 2007 season.

High School: Named All-state by *The Florida Times-Union* ... Earned All-Conference honors three times ... One of the top-ranked kickers in Florida by *Florida Football Magazine* ... Was a three-year letterwinner in football ... Posted over 50 touchbacks during his senior season ... Kicked three game-winning field goals as a junior, including one against fellow Illini teammate, Troy Pollard ... Played in the Florida Shrine All-Star Game.

Personal: Full name is Matthew Austin Eller ... Born March 10, 1989 ... Son of Mike and Janice Eller ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Plans to major in child psychology ... One of four siblings ... High school coach was Mark Thorson.

CAREER HIGHS

FG Made: 2, five times (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08)
FG Attempts: 3, twice (last time vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08)
Long FG: 51 vs. Louisiana Lafayette, 9/13/08
Points: 11 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
PAT Made: 7 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
PAT Attempts: 8 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08

KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS
2008	39-41	15-20	6-6	1-4	7-9	1-1	84
2009	6-7	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	12
TOTAL	45-48	17-23	7-7	2-5	7-10	1-1	96

ELLER GAME-BY-GAME

2009	FGM-FGA	LG	BLKD	PAT	PTS
MU	1-1	24	0	0-1	3
ISU	1-2	38	0	6-6	9

2008	FGM-FGA	LG	BLKD	PAT	PTS
MU	0-0	0	0	4-5	4
EIU	2-2	42	0	5-5	11
ULL	2-3	51	0	2-2	8
@PSU	1-2	43	0	3-3	6
@MICH	1-2	48	0	6-6	9
MINN	2-3	33	0	2-2	8
IND	0-0	0	0	7-8	7
@WIS	1-1	47	0	2-2	5
IOWA	2-2	46	0	3-3	9
WMU	1-2	20	0	2-2	5
OSU	2-2	44	0	2-2	8
@NW	1-1	21	0	1-1	4

33 RUSSELL ELLINGTON

LB, 6-2, 225, SO.
HOMWOOD, ILL. / HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

2009: Ranks tied for fifth in the Big Ten and 72nd in the nation with 0.33 interceptions per game ... Posted seven tackles and a pass break up against Ohio State ... Led the team in tackles with career-best eight after making his first start against Illinois State ... Had first career interception with a 78-yard return vs. the Redbirds as well as two pass breakups ... Played in the season opener against Missouri, but did not record any statistics.

2008: Played in all 12 games, 46 snaps on defense and 164 on special teams ... Had two tackles against Iowa ... Recorded one solo tackle against Minnesota ... Got his first start at linebacker against Michigan and had one tackle ... Posted two tackles against Missouri.

High School: Ranked among the top-30 recruits in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Rushed for 360 yards on 87 carries and scored four touchdowns as a senior, while passing for 833 yards and eight touchdowns ... Also returned one punt for 17 yards and two kickoffs for 47 yards ... Earned All-Area honors by the *Southtown Star* ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Caught 53 passes for 1,000 yards and 14 touchdowns

as a junior ... Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette* Special Mention All-State team ... Named to the *Chicago Sun Times* All-Area team ... Ranked among the top-80 wide receivers nationally by Scout.com ... Played wide receiver, strong safety and quarterback in high school ... Took Homewood-Flossmoor to the state semifinals in 2007 ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Supo Sanni ... Chose Illinois over Iowa and Iowa State ... High school coach was Kenneth Smith ... Member of the 2007 Homewood-Flossmoor basketball team which was ranked 17th in the nation by *USA Today*.

Personal: Majoring in general studies ... Full name is Russell Denard Ellington ... Born Jan. 29, 1990 ... Son of Angela and Russell Ellington.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Solos: 5 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
PBU: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Interceptions: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Interception Yards: 78 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2008	12	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	15	12	11	23	0-0	0-0	0

ELLINGTON GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WMU	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

11 JARRED FAYSON

WR, 6-0, 215, JR.
TAMPA, FLA. / HILLSBOROUGH / UNIV. OF FLORIDA

2009: Had one catch for five yards at Ohio State ... Led team for second week with four catches and 39 yards against Illinois State ... Led team with four catches for 50 yards in the season opener against Missouri ... Named Athlon's top receiver transfer ... Earned preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele magazine.

2008: Enrolled at Illinois in January 2008 ... Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules.

At Florida (2006-07): Was a part of the 2006 Florida national championship team ... Lined up at running back, wide receiver and was on both punt and kick return units in 2007 ... Played in 11 of 13 games, recording 12 catches for 148 yards and catching three touchdown passes ... Also rushed for 89 yards on 19 carries ... Was second on the team with eight punt returns for a 7.6 average ... As a freshman, in 2006, had one reception for one yard and carried the ball 14 times for 126 yards (9.0 avg.) in 13 games ... Had career-bests in carries (7) and yards (77) and scored his first career touchdown against Western Carolina with an eight-yard TD scamper ... Also set a career standard with a 27-yard run versus the Catamounts ... Had three rushing attempts and gained 11 yards against LSU ... Carried three times for 28 yards and caught one pass for nine yards against UCF.

High School: Rated as the No. 3 wide receiver prospect in the country according to Scout.com ... Selected to participate in the 2005 U.S. Army All-Star game ... Also competed in the CalFlorida Bowl ... Was a team captain and helped lead Hillsborough to an undefeated regular season and a regional semifinal appearance ... Passed for 883 yards and ran for 936 yards and 22 touchdowns ... A three-year starter ... Threw for 900 yards with 11 touchdowns and just three interceptions as a junior ... Scored the game-winning two-point conversion on a quarterback roll-out draw in the Terriers' 29-28 win over Jefferson to cap an undefeated regular season ... Also rushed for 800 yards with 24 touchdowns, giving him 35 total touchdowns as a junior.

Personal: Full given name is Jarred Michael Fayson ... Born on Oct. 13, 1987 ... Son of Carla Powell ... Had a brother, Arius, who died in a motorcycle accident in the summer of 2008 ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Receiving Yards: 50 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Long Reception: 24 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Rushes: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Rushing Yards: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Long Rush: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Punt Returns: 1, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Punt Return Yards: 5 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Long Punt Return: 5 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2009	3	9	94	10.4	31.3	0	24

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2009	3	1	1	1.0	0.3	0	1

ALL-PURPOSE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	KR	PR	TOTAL	AVG
2009	3	1	94	0	9	103	34.3

PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2009	2	9	4.5	0	5

FAYSON GAME-BY-GAME (RUSHING/RECEIVING)

2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	1-1	0	1	4-50	0	24
ISU	0-0	0	--	4-39	0	14
@OSU	0-0	0	--	1-5	0	5

FAYSON GAME-BY-GAME (RETURNS)

2009	KR-YDS	TD	LG	PR-YDS	TD	LG
MU	0-0	0	--	1-4	0	4
ISU	0-0	0	--	1-5	0	5
@OSU	0-0	0	--	0-0	0	--

24 BO FLOWERS

DB, 6-2, 215, JR.
MAYWOOD, ILL. / WALTHER LUTHERAN

2009: Recorded two tackles in the season opener vs. Missouri ... Has played in all three games.

2008: Played in nine games, starting in three at safety ... Posted seven tackles, including a career-high five solo stops in the season finale at Northwestern ... Recovered a fumble at Michigan for the first time in his career ... Notched four tackles against Louisiana-Lafayette, including two solos ... Had three tackles against Eastern Illinois ... Recorded a career-high eight tackles versus Missouri, including two solos and the first tackle-for-loss of his career.

2007: Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams ... Assisted on a tackle against No. 25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle at Iowa ... Recorded a solo tackle against No. 21 Penn State ... Notched two tackles, including one solo, against Western Illinois ... Saw his first action as an Illini against Missouri, playing on defense and special teams, but did not

record any statistics.

High School: *Chicago Sun-Times* 2002 Male Athlete of the Year ... Was a four-star recruit by Rivals.com as a high school senior in 2002 ... Earned all-state honors in 2002 in both baseball and football.

Personal: Full name is Clarence Flowers, Jr. ... Born on Nov. 12, 1983 ... Nickname is "Bo" which was passed down by his father, who also goes by Bo ... Majoring in community health ... Returned to football 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 ... Son of Clarence and Gloria Flowers.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Solos: 5 at Northwestern, 11/22/08
TFL: 1 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Michigan, 10/4/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2007	13	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0
2008	9	9	14	23	1-2	0-0	0
2009	3	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	25	12	18	30	1-2	0-0	0

FLOWERS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF-FR
MU	2	6	8	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WMU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

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, 230, SO.
BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ALTHOFF

2009: Rushed for 20 yards on five carries against Ohio State ... Recorded his second career 100-yard rushing game with 137 yards against Illinois State ... Scored on a one-yard run, had a career long 68-yard run and averaged 12.7 yards per carry against the Redbirds ... Had one carry before leaving game with an ankle injury in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started five ... Rushed eight times for 43 yards against Ohio State, also catching two passes for 21 yards ... Had a 1-yard rushing touchdown against Western Michigan, also catching a 14-yard pass ... Had a rushing touchdown against Iowa ... Rushed 12 times for 47 yards at Wisconsin, also catching two passes ... Broke out for a career-best performance against Indiana, earning a "Helmet Sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew ... Had 19 carries for 172 yards against the Hoosiers, with three rushing touchdowns and a long rush of 41 yards ... His three touch-

downs against Indiana ranks fourth on the Illinois single-game touchdown list ... Had five carries and a rushing TD at Michigan ... Rushed for the first touchdown of his career at Penn State, recording 11 yards on four carries ... Had four carries against Eastern Illinois, also catching a pass ... Saw the first action of his career against Missouri with two carries.

High School: Ranked the No. 14 recruit in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Rated among the top-30 running backs nationally by Rivals ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Earned second-team All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Rushed for a St. Louis metro area career record 6,415 yards ... Scored 75 rushing touchdowns in his career ... Ran for 1,773 yards as a senior, including five consecutive over 215 yards ... Scored 22 touchdowns as a senior while averaging 9.1 yards per carry ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... *PrepStar* All-Region ... Averaged 8.2 yards per rush as a junior, posting 1,549 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Ranked among the top-60 running backs nationally by Scout.com ... Recorded a 39-inch vertical jump ... Chose Illinois over Iowa ... High school coach was Glenn Schott.

Personal: Son of Jacqueline and Jason Ford ... Full name is Jason Matthew Ford ... Born Dec. 1, 1989.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 19 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Rushing Yards: 172 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Rushing TDs: 3 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Long Run: 68 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Receptions: 2, four times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Receiving Yards: 26 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Long Reception: 14, at Western Michigan, 11/8/08

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	12	81	294	3.6	24.5	8	41
2009	3	16	157	9.8	52.3	1	68
TOTAL	15	97	451	4.6	30.0	9	68

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	12	9	79	8.8	6.6	0	14
2009	3	4	31	7.8	10.3	0	13
TOTAL	15	13	110	8.5	7.3	0	14

FORD GAME-BY-GAME

2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	1-0	0	0	0-0	0	--
ISU	10-137	1	68	2-26	0	13
@OSU	5-20	0	7	2-5	0	5

2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	2-1	0	3	0-0	0	--
EIU	4-(14)	0	7	1-10	0	10
ULL	2-3	0	3	0-0	0	--
@PSU	4-11	1	6	0-0	0	--
@MICH	5-9	1	5	0-0	0	--
MINN	2-5	0	4	0-0	0	--
IND	19-172	3	41	0-0	0	--
@WIS	12-47	0	13	2-6	0	7
IOWA	8-5	1	4	2-21	0	11
WMU	9-0	1	4	1-14	0	14
OSU	8-43	0	12	2-21	0	13
@NW	13-12	1	6	1-7	0	7

51 EVAN FRIERSON

LB, 6-2, 225, R-FR.
WASHINGTON, D.C. / H.D. WOODSON

2009: Ranks fifth in the Big Ten with 0.33 fumbles recovered per game ... Posted a career-best five tackles in his first collegiate start, against Ohio State ... Also had a tackle for loss and recovered a fumble vs. the Buckeyes ... Logged one tackle against Illinois State ... Played in his first collegiate game against Missouri, but did not record any statistics.

2008: Redshirted the 2008 season.

High School: As a senior, recorded 79 tackles, eight sacks, three interceptions and three forced fumbles ... Posted 78 tackles, 11 sacks and three fumble recoveries as a junior ... Rated among

the top-50 strongside linebackers nationally according to Scout.com ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Tavon Wilson and Eddie McGee ... Chose Illinois over North Carolina and Tennessee ... High school coach was Gregory Fuller.

Personal: Born May 24, 1990 ... Full name is Evan Hardy Frierson ... Majoring in sport management.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09
Solos: 3 vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09
TFL: 1 vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09
Fumble Recoveries: 1 vs. Ohio State, 9/26/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2009	3	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0

FRIERSON GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	3	2	5	1-1	0-0	0	0-1

83 HUBIE GRAHAM

TE, 6-4, 245, SO.
SCRANTON, PA. / WEST SCRANTON

2009: Played in Illinois' games against Illinois State and Ohio State, but did not record any statistics ... Caught one pass for three yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games as a true freshman ... Logged 109 offensive snaps and 44 on special teams ... Caught the first two passes of his career against Indiana, totaling 25 yards.

High School: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 13 recruit in the state of Pennsylvania by Rivals.com ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Rated the No. 12 tight end in the nation by Scout.com ... Also the 13th-best tight end nationally by Rivals.com ... Named first-team All-State AAA from the Associated Press at tight end as a senior ... AAA first-team All-State by PAFootballnews.com ... Caught 30 passes for 720 yards and scored four touchdowns as a senior ... *PrepStar Magazine* Dream Team ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... *Times Tribune* Defensive Player of the Year ... Rated the No. 14 tight end nationally by ESPN.com ... Named to the East Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Earned All-Region honors as a tight end and defensive end ... Named to the *Harrisburg Patriot News* "Platinum 33" team ... Picked for the Big 33 All-Star game (featuring the best Pennsylvania and Ohio seniors) ... Caught 35 passes for over 600 yards and scored seven touchdowns in 2006 ... Named second-team All-State by the Associated Press as a junior ... Earned first-team All-Conference honors ... Recorded 158 tackles, including 84 solo stops, 10 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and three fumble recoveries as a junior ... Had over 20 scholarship offers ... Chose Illinois over UCLA, Iowa and Pittsburgh ... High school coach was Mike DeAntona.

Personal: Born on Aug. 15, 1990 ... Full name is Hubert Aloysious Graham ... Son of Janet and Hubert Graham ... Majoring in general studies.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Receiving Yards: 25 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Long Reception: 16 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	12	2	25	12.5	2.1	0	16
2009	3	1	3	3.0	1.0	0	3
TOTAL	14	3	28	9.3	2.0	0	16

GRAHAM GAME-BY-GAME

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	3	0	3
ISU	0	0	0	-
@OSU	0	0	0	-

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
EIU	0	0	0	-
ULL	0	0	0	-
@PSU	0	0	0	-
@MICH	0	0	0	-
MINN	0	0	0	-
IND	2	25	0	16
@WIS	0	0	0	-
IOWA	0	0	0	-
WMU	0	0	0	-
OSU	0	0	0	-
@NW	0	0	0	--

42 AARON GRESS

LB, 6-0, 230, JR.
EXETER, CALIF. / EXETER UNION / COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIAS

2009: Posted two tackles against Illinois State ... Recorded one tackle in the season opener against Missouri.

Junior College: Two-year starter at College of the Sequoias ... SuperPrep JUCO Top-100 ... Recorded 150 tackles in two years ... Posted three interceptions and five sacks in 2008 ... Earned first-team All-Conference honors in his second year ... Was a 2008 team captain ... First-team All-Academic in 2008 ... Attended same junior college as fellow Illini Daniel Dufrene.

High School: Earned first-team All-Conference and first-team All-Academic honors ... Lettered in both football and track ... Helped lead track team to league championship ... High school coach was Ben White.

Personal: Full name is Christopher Aaron Gress ... Goes by "Aaron" ... Born May 4, 1988 ... The son of Richard and Kathy Gress ... Father is a chemist ... Has two sisters ... Has taken Christian mission trips to Mexico, Thailand and Samoa.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Solos: 1, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2009	3	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0

GRESS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

4 DONSAY HARDEMAN

DB, 6-2, 210, SR.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / RAINES / GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

2009: Led the team with a career-best tying eight tackles and a pass break up at Ohio State ... Had five tackles, including one for loss against Illinois State ... Tallied five tackles and broke up a pass in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played and started in eight games at safety ... Had seven tackles - six solos - against Ohio State ... Recorded five tackles against Western Michigan, including three solos ... Had the first interception of his career against Iowa, also recording eight tackles, 0.5 TFLs and a PBU ... Totaled three tackles at Wisconsin ... Recovered a fumble and had four tackles against Indiana ... Had three solo tackles and a forced fumble against Minnesota ... Recorded eight tackles - seven solos - at Michigan ... Started his first game collegiate game at Penn State ... Recorded six tackles, including five solos vs. the Nittany Lions ... Did not play the first three games of the

season due to injury.

Prep School/High School: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 7 junior college prospect nationally by Rivals.com ... Four-star recruit by Scout.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 ... Posted 28 tackles, two tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, four interceptions, including an 85-yard touchdown, and five pass breakups ... Had five interceptions, including an 84-yard return for a touchdown, and a 95-yard fumble recovery for a score in his first year of junior college ... Posted 15 catches for 300 yards and five touchdowns, while recording 80 tackles and seven interceptions as a high school senior in 2005 ... 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 ... Junior college coach was Bert Williams.

Personal: Born June 21, 1986 ... Full name is Donsay Jasper Hardeman ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, three times (last time at Ohio State, 9/26/09)
Solos: 7 at Michigan, 10/4/08
TFL: 0.5, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Interceptions: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
Fumble Recovery: 1 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
PBU: 1, three times (last time at Ohio State, 9/26/09)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2008	8	31	13	44	0.5-0	1-0	1
2009	3	13	5	17	0.5-1	0-0	2
TOTAL	11	44	18	61	1-1	1-0	3

HARDEMAN GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
ISU	4	1	5	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	1	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
@PSU	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
IND	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
@WIS	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	3	5	8	0.5-0	1-0	1	0-0
WMU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

28 DERE HICKS

DB, 5-10, 175, SR.
ROANOKE, VA. / WILLIAM FLEMING / VALLEY FORGE

2009: Recorded three tackles at Ohio State ... Had one tackle and a pass broken up against Illinois State ... Recorded six tackles, including one for loss and a pass broken up in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played and started in all 12 games at cornerback ... Named the team's Outstanding Defensive Back ... Had one tackle and forced a fumble in the season finale at Northwestern ... Recorded four tackles against Ohio State ... Had four tackles - three solos - against Western Michigan ... Forced a fumble and ran it for a seven-yard touchdown against Iowa ... Also tied his career high with seven tackles and recorded a QB sack against the Hawkeyes ... Broke up two passes at Wisconsin and had two tackles ... Had a career-high three PBU against Indiana, also recording three tackles including a TFL ... Totaled three tackles against Minnesota ... Had four tackles at Michigan ... Recorded five tackles, including four solos, at Penn State ... Had two solo tackles against ULL, including a TFL ... Had the third interception of his career against Eastern Illinois, also recording two tackles ... Recorded six tackles one tackle for

loss and a fumble recovery against Missouri.

2007: Started all 13 games at cornerback ... 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 ... Had three tackles – including a solo – and had a PBU at Minnesota ... Notched two solo tackles against Ball State ... Recorded five tackles, including three solos, and had a PBU against No. 25 Michigan ... Notched four solo tackles at Iowa ... Had six tackles – including three solos – against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Notched seven tackles, against No. 21 Penn State ... Four of those stops against PSU were solos, to go along with a career-high 1.5 TFLs ... Registered six tackles for the second-straight week at Indiana, as well as forcing a fumble ... Tallied four tackles, including three solos, and the first PBU of his career at Syracuse ... Notched his first career interception against Western Illinois ... Also had a tackle against WIU ... Had three tackles against Missouri.

2006: Played in 11 of 12 games and started against Ohio State ... Posted two tackles vs. Purdue ... Against Ohio State, posted three tackles ... Recorded three tackles, including two solos, at Penn State ... Recorded one solo tackle against Ohio ... Assisted on two tackles while seeing time at cornerback against Iowa ... Recorded two tackles, including a solo, in his first career game against Eastern Illinois ... Joined the team in January of 2006.

Prep School: Attended Valley Forge Military Academy in 2005 ... Led team to an undefeated season ... Recorded 45 tackles and five interceptions ... Returned three interceptions for touchdowns ... Broke up six passes ... Posted a 4.40 in the 40-yard dash ... Also played quarterback and returned kicks ... Completed over 65 percent of passes for six touchdowns ... Ran for six more touchdowns ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini Randall Hunt.

High School: All-State ... Threw for over 1,800 yards and 18 touchdowns ... Rushed for over 850 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior ... Also won the state championship in hurdles ... Earned letters in football, track and basketball ... High school coach was Keith Smith ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse and Connecticut.

Personal: Born March 16, 1987 ... Full name is Brandt Dere Hicks ... Son of Sharon Hicks and Robert Vineyard ... Has one brother and one sister ... Majoring in speech communication.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, twice (last time vs. Iowa, 11/1/08)
Solos: 6 at Indiana, 9/22/07
TFL: 1.5 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
INT: 1, three times (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
PBU: 3 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Forced Fumble: 1, three times (last time at Northwestern, 11/22/08)
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last time vs. Iowa, 11/1/08)
Touchdown: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08

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
2008	12	25	18	43	4-13	1-12	5
2009	3	7	3	10	1-3	0-0	2
TOTAL	39	75	45	119	6.5-20	3-12	12

HICKS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	5	1	6	1-3	0-0	1	0-0
ISU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@OSU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	4	2	6	1-2	0-0	0	0-1
EIU	1	1	2	0-0	1-12	0	0-0
ULL	2	0	2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	2	1	3	1-1	0-0	3	0-0
@WIS	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
IOWA	3	4	7	1-8	0-0	0	1-1

WMU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1-0

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

66 RANDALL HUNT

OL, 6-6, 320, JR.
HIGHTSTOWN, N.J. / HIGHTSTOWN / VALLEY FORGE

2009: Has started all three games this season ... Helped lead Illini offense to 384 rushing yards and 548 total yards against Illinois State.

2008: Played in five games, logging 90 offensive snaps against Eastern Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Western Michigan.

2007: Played in two games, logging minutes against Syracuse and Minnesota.

2006: Redshirted the 2006 season ... Joined the team in January of 2006.

Prep School: Named the 27th-best prep school player by Scout.com ... Ranked among the Prep School Top-50 by Rivals.com ... Attended Valley Forge Military Academy ... Played offensive tackle and defensive tackle ... Helped lead team to undefeated season ... Prep school teammate of fellow Illini Dere Hicks.

High School: Associated Press second team All-State ... *Star Ledger* third team All-State ... *Trentonian* All-Area ... *Trenton Times* All-Area ... First-team All-Colonial Valley Conference ... Named to 12th Man Touchdown Club ... Ranked No. 1 overall and defensively in the Colonial Valley Conference ... Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Also earned three letters in winter and spring track ... Participated in the Sunshine Classic All-Star Game ... Chose Illinois over Northwestern and Rutgers.

Personal: Full given name is Randall Thomas Hunt ... Born Oct. 6, 1987 ... Son of Sharon and Edward Hunt ... Majoring in media studies ... Favorite athlete is the late Reggie White because of his attitude on and off the field.

90 ANTONIO JAMES

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

2009: Has three starts at defensive end ... Ranks tied for fourth

in the Big Ten with 0.33 forced fumbles per game ... Posted a career-best four tackles, a tackle for loss and his first career forced fumble against Ohio State ... Recorded a tackle against Illinois State ... Registered a tackle in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in 10 games on the defensive line ... Had a QB hurry against Iowa ... Tallied two tackles against Indiana ... Recorded a PBU against Minnesota ... Had one solo tackle at Penn State ... Notched a QB sack against Eastern Illinois ... Assisted on a tackle versus Missouri.

2007: Played in 12 of 13 games at defensive end ... Assisted on a sack against Northwestern ... Notched two solo tackles, including his first career sack, at Minnesota ... Had two tackles, including a solo, along with 0.5 TFLs against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Assisted on two tackles against Western Illinois.

2006: Played in all 12 games at defensive end, logging a season-high 51 plays vs. Wisconsin ... Recorded a solo tackle, a PBU and a hurry at Wisconsin ... Assisted on a tackle at Penn State ... Recorded a solo tackle vs. Indiana ... Recorded a QB hurry at Michigan State ... Recorded a career-high three tackles, including two solos, against Iowa ... Assisted on one tackle against Syracuse and one vs. Eastern Illinois.

High School: Associated Press first-team Division I All-Ohio ... First-team All-District ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... First-team All-Country ... Rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Ranked as the 54th-best strongside defensive end in the country by Rivals.com ... Helped lead Washington to a 13-2 final record, making the Ohio state championship game ... Finished the season with 45 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, 13 sacks and 10 passes batted down ... Also had 23 quarterback hurries and 10 forced fumbles as a senior ... Selected for the Ohio/Pennsylvania Big 33 All-Star Game ... Selected for the Ohio North/South Classic game ... High school coach was Tom Stacy ... Also earned three letters in track and one in basketball ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Louisville.

Personal: Full given name is Antonio Dioun James ... Born March 17, 1988 ... Son of Julie Pettis and Antonio James ... Has four brothers and one sister ... Majoring in history ... Favorite athlete is Richard Dent, former Chicago Bears defensive lineman ... High school Honor Roll student.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at Ohio State, 9/26/09
Solos: 3 at Ohio State, 9/26/09
TFL: 1, three times (last time at Ohio State, 9/26/09)
QB Sacks: 1, twice (last time vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08)
QB Hurries: 1, three times (last time vs. Iowa, 11/1/08)
Forced Fumbles: 1 at Ohio State, 9/26/09

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
2008	10	3	2	5	1-6	1-6	1
2009	3	3	3	6	1-3	0-0	0
TOTAL	37	13	13	26	4-25	2.5-22	3

JAMES GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	3	1	4	1-3	0-0	0	1-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	1	0	1	1-6	1-6	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	1	1	2	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	1	0-0
@NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	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

*Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
SU	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

JAMES GAME-BY-GAME

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	19	0	19
ISU	0	0	0	-

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	1	1	0	1
EIU	0	0	0	-
ULL	0	0	0	-
@MICH	0	0	0	-
MINN	0	0	0	-
IND	0	0	0	-

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

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3, twice (last at Wisconsin, 10/25/08)
 Receiving Yards: 117 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
 Long Reception: 54, twice (last vs. Western Michigan, 11/8/08)
 Touchdowns: 2 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
 KO Returns: 4 vs. Wisconsin, 10/25/08
 KO Return Yards: 116 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
 Long KO Return: 96 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
 KO Return TD: 1 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	12	11	287	26.1	23.9	3	54
2009	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--
TOTAL	15	11	287	26.1	19.1	3	54

JENKINS GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
ISU	0	0	0	-
@OSU	0	0	0	-

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
EIU	0	0	0	-
ULL	0	0	0	-
@PSU	0	0	0	-
@MICH	1	6	0	6
MINN	3	117	2	54
IND	0	0	0	-
@WIS	3	61	1	27
IOWA	0	0	0	-
WMU	1	54	0	54
OSU	2	32	0	24
@NW	1	17	0	17

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	22	490	22.3	1	96
2009	4	81	20.3	0	26
TOTAL	26	571	22.0	1	96

JENKINS GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

2009	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	2	50	0	26
ISU	0	0	0	-
@OSU	2	31	0	21

2008	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	1	25	0	25
EIU	1	24	0	24
ULL	2	47	0	25
@PSU	2	51	0	27
@MICH	2	36	0	23
MINN	3	45	0	17
IND	2	116	1	96
@WIS	4	68	0	23
WMU	1	27	0	27
OSU	3	35	0	17
@NW	1	16	0	16

6 CHRIS JAMES

WR, 6-0, 195, JR.
 CHICAGO, ILL. / MORGAN PARK

2009: Caught a 19-yard pass in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in six games ... Had one reception for one yard against Missouri.

2007: Redshirted the 2007 season with an injury.

2006: Played in 11 games, 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.

High School: *Chicago Tribune* second-team All-State ... *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State ... *Chicago Sun-Times* Top 100 All-Area ... Rated the No. 127 recruit in the nation by ESPN.com ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... All-City ... Chicago Public League All-Illini Prairie State Conference ... A four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Ranked the 26th-best receiver in the country and fourth-best recruit in the state of Illinois ... Had 51 receptions for 977 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior ... Led high school to 2005 Prep Bowl win while filling in at quarterback for the injured regular starter ... Rushed for 115 yards and one touchdown while throwing for 50 yards and one touchdown in the championship game ... In 2004, made 30 receptions for 550 yards and seven touchdowns ... High school coach is Lexie Spurlock.

Personal: Born Jan. 7, 1988 ... Son of Kyle Greer and the late Charles James ... Resides with his grandmother, Gwendolyn Parker ... Nickname is "CJ" ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Has three brothers and three sisters ... Began playing football in eighth grade ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Minnesota, Kansas and Northern Illinois.

CAREER HIGHS

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

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2006	11	5	76	15.2	6.9	0	47
2008	6	1	1	1.0	0.2	0	1
2009	2	1	19	19.0	9.5	0	19
TOTAL	19	7	98	14.0	5.2	0	47

8 A.J. JENKINS

WR, 6-0, 185, SO.
 JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / TERRY PARKER

2009: Has played in all three games, starting against Missouri, but has not recorded any receiving statistics ... Had two kickoff returns for 31 yards against Ohio State ... Returned two kickoffs vs. Missouri for a 25.0 average.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started on at wide receiver as a true-freshman ... Ranked 10th in the Big Ten in kick returns with a 22.3 average per return ... Caught one pass for 17 yards in final game at Northwestern ... Had two catches for 32 yards against Ohio State, also returning three kickoffs ... Caught a 54-yard pass against Western Michigan, also returning a kickoff for 27 yards ... Caught three passes for 61 yards at Wisconsin, including a 27-yard TD reception ... Also returned a career-high four kickoffs for 68 yards against the Badgers ... Had a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Indiana, the fifth-longest in school history ... Had a career game against Minnesota, catching three passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yard TD reception ... Also returned three kickoffs for 45 yards against the Gophers ... Caught the first pass of his career at Michigan, also returning two kickoffs for 36 yards ... Had two kickoff returns for 51 yards at Penn State, including a career-long return of 27 yards ... Returned two kickoffs for 47 total yards against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Returned one kickoff for 24 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Saw the first action of his career against Missouri, returning a kickoff for 25 yards.

High School: Four-star recruit according to Scout.com ... Named to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* Super Southern 100 as the 10th-best wide receiver ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-Region ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... 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 ... *Florida Times Union* Super 24 ... Named to Scout's Florida Top-50 team ... Ranked the 59th best recruit in the state of Florida by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 53 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com ... Finished his junior year with 32 catches for 500 yards ... Has a 38-inch vertical leap ... Chose Illinois over Florida, South Carolina, Miami, Georgia Tech and Florida State ... High school coach was Greg Stanton.

Personal: Son of Sandra Brice and Alfred Jenkins, Jr. ... Full name is Alfred Alonzo Jenkins ... Born Sept. 30, 1989 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

45 TAD KEELY

LS, 6-1, 225, JR.
 OSWEGO, ILL. / OSWEGO

2009: Snapped for two made field goals, six made extra points and 15 punts on the season.

2008: Played in all 12 games, snapping for all punts, field goals and extra points ... Recorded two tackles on special teams ... Snapped for 38 extra points ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

2007: Played in one game, snapping for all punts in the Rose Bowl.

2006: Member of UI squad.

High School: 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 ... Was the Oswego Athlete of the Year ... All-State Academic ... High school football coach was Karl Hoinkes.

Personal: Full given name is Tad David Keely ... Born Jan. 2, 1988 ... Son of David and Linda Keely ... 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.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice (last time at Northwestern, 11/22/08)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2007	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2008	12	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	16	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0

KEELY GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	1	1	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
WMU	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

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
USC*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

*Rose Bowl

5 MIKEL LESHOURE

RB, 6-0, 225, SO.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. / CENTENNIAL

2009: Led the team with 25 rushing yards, while also catching one pass for seven yards against Ohio State ... Sat out vs. Illinois State for violating team rules ... Scored on a one-yard run, while recording 79 all-purpose yards (38 rushing / 41 receiving) in the season opener against Missouri ... Had a career-most 10 carries and his 41-yards receiving were a career-high.

2008: Played in nine games and started one at tailback as a true-freshman ... Missed final three games of the season with an injury ... Rushed five times for 11 yards against Iowa, also catching a career-high three passes for 31 yards ... Had the first rushing touchdown of his career at Michigan ... Rushed for 23 yards on three carries at Penn State, also catching two passes for 26 yards ... Had eight carries for 21 yards against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Rushed for a career-high 49 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Made his collegiate debut against Missouri, but did not record a carry ... Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008.

High School: 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 ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Rated the No. 28 running back nationally by Rivals.com ... Ranked as the 10th-best player in the state of Illinois ... *PrepStar Magazine* All-American ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Rushed for 1,060 yards on 169 carries and scored 10 touchdowns during an injury-shortened senior season ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Listed as the No. 51 running back nationally by Scout.com ... Rushed for 2,474 yards, averaged 6.4 yards per carry and scored 30 touchdowns

as a junior ... Earned first-team All-Area, All-Conference and All-State honors in 2006 ... Rushed for over 1,400 yards as a sophomore ... Chose Illinois over Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Personal: Son of Jacqueline Frazier-Jones ... Born March 30, 1990 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 10, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Rushing Yards: 49 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
Rushing TDs: 1, twice (last time at Missouri, 9/5/09)
Long Run: 12, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Receptions: 3, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Receiving Yards: 41 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Long Reception: 17 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	9	35	126	3.6	14.0	1	12
2009	2	14	62	4.4	31.0	1	12
TOTAL	11	49	189	3.8	17.2	2	12

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	9	6	66	11.0	7.3	0	14
2009	2	4	48	12.0	24.0	0	17
TOTAL	11	10	114	11.4	10.3	0	17

LESHOURE GAME-BY-GAME

2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	10-38	1	12	3-41	0	17
@OSU	4-25	0	8	1-7	0	7

2008	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG
MU	0-0	0	-	0-0	0	-
EIU	10-49	0	12	0-0	0	-
ULL	8-21	0	10	1-9	0	9
@PSU	3-23	0	11	2-26	0	14
@MICH	4-2	1	1	0-0	0	-
MINN	3-6	0	3	0-0	0	-
IND	1-7	0	7	0-0	0	-
@WIS	1-7	0	7	0-0	0	-
IOWA	5-11	0	9	3-31	0	12

70 COREY LEWIS

OL, 6-6, 315, SO.

CRESCO, PA. / EAST STROUDSBURG SOUTH

2009: Has played in all three games ... Played in 18 snaps against Illinois State ... Played right tackle in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Logged 94 offensive snaps as a true-freshman, playing in four games against Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Western Michigan.

High School: Named to the Associated Press All-State team ... Earned first-team Class AAAA All-State honors ... Aided his team in averaging 6.5 yards per carry and scoring 27 rushing touchdowns as a senior ... Team averaged 182 yards rushing per game, posting over 2,200 yards for the season ... Ranks among the top-40 players in the state of Pennsylvania by Rivals.com ... Rates as the No. 78 offensive tackle nationally by Rivals.com ... Chose Illinois over Virginia and Penn State ... Bench presses 300 pounds and squats 450 pounds ... High school coach was Ed Christian ... Also a starter on the basketball team.

Personal: Son of Lisa and Steven Lewis ... Full name is Corey Leonard Lewis ... Born Oct. 16, 1989 ... Would like to pursue a degree in business ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

93 COREY LIUGET

DL, 6-3, 290, SO.

MIAMI, FLA. / HIALEAH

2009: Tied for fourth in the Big Ten in forced fumbles with 0.33 per game ... Recorded three tackles against Ohio State ... Posted two tackles, one sack, a forced fumble, two passes broken up and a quarterback hurry against Illinois State ... Registered five tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a quarterback hurry in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Ranked fifth in the Big Ten in fumbles recovered with two ... Played in 11 games and started two at defensive tackle as a true-freshman ... Finished the season with two stops at Northwestern ... Totaled four tackles and a career-high two TFLs against Ohio State ... Had the best game of his freshman season against Indiana, tying his career high with five tackles (three solos) and also recording a PBU and recovering a fumble ... Had a QB sack and fumble recovery against Minnesota ... Forced the first fumble of his career at Penn State, also recording three tackles ... Had four tackles, including 0.5 TFLs and a QB hurry against Louisiana Lafayette ... Recorded a career-high five tackles, including two solos, against Eastern Illinois ... Also had 1.5 TFLs and assisted on a QB sack against the Panthers ... Saw the first action of his career versus Missouri.

High School: Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 80 on Rivals' Top-100 list ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked as the 25th-best recruit in the state of Florida and the seventh-best defensive end by Rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 8 defensive end nationally by Scout.com ... Listed among Florida's Top-25 by the *Miami Herald* ... Named to Scout's Florida Top-50 team ... Rated the No. 17 defensive end by ESPN.com ... Earned first-team 6A All-State honors ... First-team All-Area by the *Miami Herald* ... Registered 59 tackles and 11 sacks in 2007 ... Named to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* Super Southern 100 as the seventh-best defensive end ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Recorded 55 tackles and six sacks as a junior and 59 tackles and 11 sacks as a sophomore ... Played in the Offense-Defense All-American game in Miami, coached by Chris Carter ... Also a member of the wrestling team ... Chose Illinois over Miami, LSU and Florida State ... High school coach was Steve Smith and Alex Terry.

Personal: Majoring in general studies ... Born March 18, 1990 ... Full name is Corey Devon Liuget.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, three times (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Solos: 3 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
TFL: 2 vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08
QB Sacks: 1 vs. Minnesota, 10/11/08
QB Hurry: 1, three times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Forced Fumble: 1, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last vs. Indiana (10/18/08)
PBU: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2008	11	13	13	26	5-13	1.5-5	1
2009	3	3	7	10	2.5-15	1-10	2
TOTAL	14	16	20	36	7.5-28	2.5-15	3

LIUGET GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	2	3	5	1.5-5	0-0	1	0-0
ISU	1	1	2	1-10	1-10	1	1-0
@OSU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	2	3	5	1.5-3	0.5-2	0	0-0
ULL	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	1	0-0
@PSU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
@MICH	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	1	0	1	1-3	1-3	0	0-1
IND	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-1
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WMU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	2	2	4	2-6	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

10 EDDIE MCGEE

QB, 6-4, 210, JR.
WASHINGTON, D.C. / H.D. WOODSON

2009: Ranks tied for third with 6.0 points per game in the Big Ten in scoring (touchdowns only) ... Moved to eighth on the Illinois career quarterback rushing list with 310 yards ... Entered the Ohio State game on the final two drives completing 2-of-4 passes for 11 yards ... Played all but the opening drive against Illinois State, completing 76 percent of his passes for 164 yards and a touchdown ... Also rushed for 55 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Redbirds ... Played against Missouri, passing for 36 yards on 4-of-9 passing with a long-pass of 19 yards ... Also rushed for 11 yards against the Tigers.

2008: Played in five games at both quarterback and receiver ... Threw for 49 yards (3-of-7) against Ohio State, also rushing nine times for 21 yards and catching two passes for 22 yards ... Caught a 13-yard pass against Western Michigan ... Played his first game at wide receiver against Iowa, catching two passes for 14 yards ... Saw action at QB against Indiana, rushing three times for 55 yards ... Saw his first action of the season against Eastern Illinois, completing one pass and rushing for seven yards.

2007: Played in 10 of 13 games at quarterback ... Completed his only attempted pass in the Rose Bowl resulting in a 56-yard touchdown to Arrelious Benn ... Caught his first career pass for negative-five yards against Northwestern ... Was 6-for-12 for 46 yards, and rushed three times for 12 yards against No. 25 Michigan ... Relieved Juice Williams in the fourth quarter at Iowa, going 3-for-5 for 52 yards and an interception, and rushing six times for 19 yards ... Entered late in the game against No. 5 Wisconsin after Juice Williams was injured and rushed three times for 11 yards, including a five-yard touchdown ... Came in on Illinois' final drive against No. 21 Penn State and reeled off a 53-yard rush to put the Illini in field goal range ... Rushed twice for 58 yards against PSU ... Played most of the fourth quarter at Syracuse, going 2-for-2 for 33 yards ... Was 0-for-1 against Western Illinois in relief duty, but rushed twice for 12 yards ... Saw his first career game action in the season opener against Missouri when he entered the game in the second quarter for an injured Juice Williams ... Completed 17-of-31 passes for 257 yards, the most yards ever by an Illini redshirt-freshman ... Threw his first career TD pass against Mizzou, a 41-yarder to Kyle Hudson in the third quarter ... Rushed eight times for 23 yards and his first career rushing touchdown against Missouri.

2006: Redshirted the 2006 season.

High School: Pigskin All-Metro ... Honorable-mention All-Metro by *The Washington Post* ... *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region ... First-team DCIAA East All-League ... Finished the season with 2,890 yards passing and 22 touchdowns ... Also ran for 770 yards and five touchdowns ... Had two 300-plus yard passing performances and completed a career-best five touchdown passes in a single game ... Rated as the second-best player from the District of Columbia ... High school coach was Greg Fuller ... Chose Illinois over Rutgers and Temple.

Personal: Full given name is Edward Francis McGee ... Born Jan. 23, 1988 ... Son of Ivy Johnson and Edward McGee ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Has two brothers ... From the same high school as current Jacksonville Jaguar, Byron Leftwich ... Favorite athlete is Brett Favre because of his leadership and toughness.

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, three times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Long Pass: 56 vs. USC, 1/1/08
Carries: 18 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Rushing Yards: 58 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Rushing Touchdown: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
Long Rush: 53 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07
Receptions: 2, twice (last time vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08)
Receiving Yards: 22 vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08

PASSING STATISTICS									
YEAR	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	
2007	10	55	29	52.7	444	2	3	56	
2008	5	9	4	44.4	59	0	0	30	
2009	3	30	19	63.3	211	1	2	27	
TOTAL	17	94	52	55.3	714	3	5	56	

MCGEE PASSING GAME-BY-GAME						
2009	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MU	9	4	0	36	0	19
ISU	17	13	1	164	1	27
@OSU	4	2	1	11	0	7

2008						
	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	2	1	0	10	0	10
IND	0	0	0	0	0	-
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	-
WMU	0	0	0	0	0	-
OSU	7	3	0	49	0	30

2007						
	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
MU	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

* Rose Bowl

RUSHING STATISTICS							
YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	10	31	153	4.9	15.3	2	53
2008	5	14	83	5.9	16.6	0	35
2009	3	23	63	2.7	21.0	2	16
TOTAL	18	68	310	4.6	17.2	4	53

RECEIVING STATISTICS							
YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	5	5	49	9.8	9.8	0	14

MCGEE GAME-BY-GAME (RUSHING/RECEIVING)							
2009	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG	
MU	2-11	0	6	0-0	0	-	
ISU	18-55	2	16	0-0	0	-	
@OSU	3-(3)	0	4	0-0	0	-	

2008							
	CAR-YDS	TD	LG	REC-YDS	TD	LG	
EIU	2-7	0	10	0-0	0	-	
IND	3-55	0	35	0-0	0	-	
IOWA	0-0	0	-	2-14	0	9	
WMU	0-0	0	-	1-13	0	13	
OSU	9-21	0	13	2-22	0	14	

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

* Rose Bowl

85 WHITNEY MERCILUS

DL, 6-3, 255, R-FR.
AKRON, OHIO / GARFIELD

2009: Has played in two games ... Logged one tackle, against Missouri.

2008: Redshirted the 2008 season ... Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008.

High School: Rated No. 36 defensive end by ESPN.com ... Ranks as the No. 28 weakest defensive end by Rivals.com ... Listed as the 22nd-best recruit in the state of Ohio by Rivals ...

Posted 36 solo tackles, six for loss, two sacks and four fumble recoveries, including one for a 36-yard touchdown, in 2007 ... Also caught 24 passes for 417 yards and eight touchdowns ... Earned Northeast Ohio Inland All-Star team ... Named to the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer* Defensive All-Star team ... Earned district all-star honors ... *PrepStar* All-Region ... Graduated high school with over a 3.0 GPA ... Chose Illinois over Cincinnati, Kansas, Michigan State and Purdue ... High school coach was Bob Sax.

Personal: Son of Yvrose and Wilner Mercilus ... Born July 21, 1990 ... Parents are originally from Haiti ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Solos: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS							
YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2009	2	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0

MERCILUS GAME-BY-GAME							
2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

97 CLAY NURSE

DL, 6-3, 260, JR.
BELTSVILLE, MD. / HIGH POINT

2009: Tied for fourth in the Big Ten in forced fumbles with 0.33 per game ... Ranks 73rd in the nation with 1.17 tackles for loss per game ... Had three tackles and a career-best two tackles for loss against Ohio State ... Posted four tackles, including one for loss and a forced fumble against Illinois State ... Recorded three tackles, including one for loss, in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams ... Posted one tackle against Northwestern in the season finale ... Had a career game against Indiana, recording six tackles (three solos) and the first QB sack of his career ... Assisted on a tackle against Minnesota ... Saw action in each of the first five games of the season but did not record any statistics.

2007: Played in five games, seeing 18 snaps primarily on kickoff coverage.

2006: Played in three games before suffering a shoulder injury, which sidelined him for the rest of the season ... Did not record any statistics ... Took a medical redshirt.

High School: Honorable-mention All-Metro ... All-Prince George County ... All-Prince George 4A League ... Selected for the Rivals.com Dream Team Defense Second Team ... Played outside linebacker for high school and led team in tackles and sacks ... High school coach was Greg Hill ... Also won letters in basketball and track ... Chose Illinois over Maryland, Rutgers, Syracuse, Connecticut, Akron and Kent State.

Personal: Full given name is Clay Kriston Eversley Nurse ... Born Aug. 1, 1988 ... Son of Marcia Leitch and Charles Nurse ... Has one brother and one sister ... 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.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 6 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08
Solos: 3 vs. Indiana, 10/18/08

TFL: 2 at Ohio State, 9/26/09
 QB Sacks: 1 vs Indiana, 10/18/08
 Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2008	12	3	6	9	1-5	1-5	0
2009	3	6	4	10	3.5-14	0-0	0
TOTAL	14	9	10	19	4-19	1-5	0

NURSE GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	2	1	3	1-3	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	2	2	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	1-0
@OSU	2	1	3	2-10	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	3	3	6	1-5	1-5	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
WMU	0	1	1	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

78 RYAN PALMER

OL, 6-7, 310, JR.
 CANTON, OHIO / GLEN OAK

2009: Started his third game this season, and sixth on the line, against Ohio State ... Helped lead Illini offense to 384 rushing yards and 548 total yards against Illinois State ... Started his fifth collegiate game at right tackle, against Illinois State.

2008: Played in six contests at offensive tackle, starting the first three ... Logged snaps in the first three and final three games of the year ... Missed the middle six games with an injury ... Helped the Illini to back-to-back 530-yard total offense performances in the first two games of the season (532 vs. Missouri; 533 vs. Eastern Illinois).

2007: Played in 11 games at both tackle positions ... Was in on 111 offensive snaps ... Recorded eight knockdowns.

2006: Redshirted the 2006 season.

High School: Graded out at over 90 percent and was named first-team All-State by the Associated Press ... *PrepStar* All-Midwest Region ... Earned first-team Division I All-Ohio ... First-team All-Stark County ... First-team All-Region ... First-team Federal League All-Conference ... 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 ... Selected for and played left tackle in the Big 33-Ohio All-Star Game ... High school coach was Jack Rose ... Also lettered in basketball ... Chose Illinois over Minnesota, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Personal: Full given name is Ryan Nicholas Palmer ... Born Oct. 22, 1987 ... Son of Lisa and Kim Palmer ... Has one brother ... Earned honor roll recognition 2002-2006 ... Majoring in speech communication.

76 GRAHAM POCIC

OL, 6-7, 320, R-FR.
 LEMONT, ILL. / LEMONT

2009: Played guard in the first two games of the season.

2008: Redshirted the 2008 season ... Enrolled in the University

of Illinois in January 2008.

High School: *PrepStar* Magazine Dream Team ... Named to the *Chicago Sun Times* All-Area team ... Earned first-team All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Four-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named to the Rivals 250 team ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Team broke 6A record for rushing yards in a playoff game vs. Highland Park ... Also broke school records for points per game (35), points in a season (490), total offense in a season (4,863) and rushing yards per game (295.2) ... Listed as the 16th-best offensive tackle in the nation by Scout.com ... Ranked the fifth-best player in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 23 among offensive linemen nationally by Rivals.com ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Led Lemont team to the school's first appearance in the Illinois state finals in 2007 ... Named team captain ... Had 26 scholarship offers ... Played in the Offense-Defense All-Star game in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after his senior season ... Bench pressed over 350 pounds and squats 450 ... Chose Illinois over Michigan, Florida, Penn State, Tennessee and Wisconsin ... High school coach was Eric Michaelsen.

Personal: Full given name is Graham Patrick Pocić ... Born April 5, 1990 ... Son of Kim and Gary Pocić ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

29 TROY POLLARD

RB, 5-8, 185, SO.
 JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / ANDREW JACKSON

2009: Ranks tied for 62nd nationally for his 24.0 average on kickoff returns ... Had a catch for five yards at Ohio State ... Rushed for 26 yards on five carries, averaging 5.2 yards a carry against Illinois State ... Averaged 7.6 yards per carry on five carries in the season opener against Missouri, while averaging 24 yards a return on five kickoffs.

2008: Played in six games ... Scored his first career touchdown against Eastern Illinois on a 25-yard rush ... Totaled 36 rushing yards and also returned a 26-yard kickoff against the Panthers ... Missed half of the season due to injury.

2007: Played in three games at running back before suffering a season-ending injury ... Averaged 6.4 yards per carry on 23 rushes before the injury ... Took a medical redshirt.

High School: Named the 78th-best player in the state of Florida by the *Orlando Sun-Sentinel* ... Rated a top-50 running back nationally by Rivals.com ... Rushed for a school-record 3,816 career yards ... Second team All-Conference as a senior and named to the Times Union Super 24 team ... *PrepStar* All-Region ... As a junior, rushed for 1,895 yards and scored 22 touchdowns ... High school won three district and one conference championship ... High school coach was Kevin Sullivan.

Personal: Born Nov. 25, 1988 ... Full name is Troy Anthony Pollard ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over South Carolina, Louisville and South Florida.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 13 vs. Syracuse, 9/15/07
 Rushing Yards: 92 vs. Syracuse, 9/15/07
 Rushing TDs: 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/6/08
 Long Run: 31 vs. Syracuse, 9/15/07
 Receptions: 2 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
 Receiving Yards: 10 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
 Long Reception: 10 at Indiana, 9/22/07
 KO Returns: 5 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 KO Return Yards: 120 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 Long KO Return: 32 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
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2007	3	23	148	6.4	49.3	0	31
2008	6	6	37	6.2	6.2	1	25
2009	3	10	64	6.4	21.3	0	15
TOTAL	11	39	249	6.4	22.6	1	31

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	3	1	10	10.0	3.3	0	10
2008	6	2	10	5.0	1.7	0	7
2009	3	2	9	4.5	3.0	0	5
TOTAL	9	5	29	5.8	3.2	0	10

KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008	1	26	26.0	0	26
2009	5	120	24.0	0	32
TOTAL	6	146	24.3	0	32

POLLARD GAME-BY-GAME (RUSHING)

2009	CAR.	YDS	TD	LG
MU	5	38	0	15
ISU	5	26	0	8
@OSU	0	0	0	-

2008	CAR.	YDS	TD	LG
EIU	3	36	1	25
@MICH	1	(7)	0	(7)
MINN	0	0	0	-
IND	1	7	0	7
IOWA	0	0	0	-
WMU	1	1	0	1

2007	CAR.	YDS	TD	LG
WIU	4	26	0	20
@SU	13	92	0	31
@IND	6	30	0	16

POLLARD GAME-BY-GAME (KICK RETURN)

2009	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
MU	5	120	0	32

2008	NO	YDS	TD	LONG
EIU	1	26	0	26

19 JACK RAMSEY

WR, 5-11, 190, SO.
 CHICAGO, ILL. / SIMEON

2009: Had two receptions for 11 yards at Ohio State ... Caught two passes for 20 yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Redshirted the 2008 season.

High School: Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Named to 2007 *Chicago Sun Times* All-Public League Team ... Rated the No. 16 athlete nationally by ESPN.com ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Passed for over 1,500 yards, threw 20 touchdown passes and rushed for another 250 yards on offense in 2007 ... Also recorded 25 tackles and five interceptions ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Ranked the 11th-best recruit in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-American ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Listed as the 36th-best cornerback recruit in the nation by Scout.com ... Rated the No. 37 athlete nationally by Rivals.com ... Passed for over 2,200 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior ... High school coach was Jesse Chick ... Also a member of the track team, running the 100 meters and relay events ... Chose Illinois over Michigan State, Cincinnati and Kansas State ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Nate Palmer, Martez Wilson and Nattiel Perkins.

Personal: Son of Carol Ramsey and Jackyl Smith ... Born Jan. 28, 1989 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice (last time at Ohio State, 9/26/09)
 Receiving Yards: 20 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 Long Reception: 12 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 Punt Returns: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 Punt Return Yards: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
 Long Punt Return: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
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RAMSEY GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	2	20	0	12
ISU	0	0	0	-
@OSU	2	11	0	7

32 SUPO SANNI

DB, 6-3, 215, SO.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. / HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR

2009: Had one tackle at Ohio State ... Recorded a career-best tying four tackles against Illinois State ... Played in the season opener vs. Missouri, but did not record any statistics.

2008: Played in all 12 games, 126 snaps, primarily on special teams ... Recorded nine tackles, including six solo stops ... Had a career day against Ohio State, recording four tackles, three solo.

High School: Earned special mention All-State honors by the *Chicago Tribune* ... First-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... *PrepStar* Magazine All-Region ... Led team in receiving in 2007 with 25 catches for 601 yards and six touchdowns ... Defensively, he recorded 94 tackles, 74 which were solo stops, four interceptions and one forced fumble ... Earned All-Area honors by the *Southtown Star* ... Rated among the top-15 recruits in the state of Illinois by Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 51 wide receiver nationally by Scout.com ... Named to the Midwest Hot 100 list by Scout.com ... Listed as the No. 53 outside linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com ... Took Homewood-Flossmoor to the state semifinals in football in 2007 ... As a junior, recorded 417 yards receiving and posted 53 solo tackles and two interceptions ... Chose Illinois over Iowa and West Virginia ... High school coach was Kenneth Smith ... Member of the 2007 Homewood-Flossmoor basketball team which was ranked 17th in the nation by *USA Today*.

Personal: Son of Sesis and Olatunji Sanni ... Born Sept. 8, 1989 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Family hails from Nigeria ... High school teammates with fellow Illini Russell Ellington and Michael Buchanan.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Solo Tackles: 3 vs. Ohio State, 11/15/08

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2008	12	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	15	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0

SANNI GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WMU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

87 ANTHONY SANTELLA

P, 6-2, 190, JR.

WAUCONDA, ILL. / WAUCONDA / UTAH

2009: Ranks 10th in the Big Ten and 68th nationally in punting with a 38.5 average ... Punted a season-high eight times for 320 yards, landing two inside the 20 yardline and posting a 40.0 average ... Had two punts with a long of 43 against Illinois State Punted five times for a 39.8 average in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Ranked ninth in the Big Ten in punting average ... Punted six times for a 38.2 average in the final game of the season at Northwestern, including one inside the 20 yard line ... Had three punts for 117 yards (39.0) against Ohio State, with two downed inside the 20 ... Punted four times for 163 yards (40.8) against Western Michigan, with two downed inside the 20 ... Had six punts for 246 yards (41.0) against Iowa, with a long of 53 and two downed inside the 20 ... Had five punts for 212 yards (42.4) at Wisconsin, with a long of 51 yards and one downed inside the 20 ... Punted three times for 130 yards against Indiana, including a long of 52 ... Had three punts for 121 yards against Minnesota ... Punted six times for 234 yards at Michigan, with two downed inside the 20 ... Had three punts for 118 yards at Penn State ... Punted eight times for a career-high 336 yards, averaging 42.0, with a long of 56 and two downed inside the 20 against Missouri ... Earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

2007: Played in all 13 games as the starting punter ... 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 ... Punted six times for 230 yards, an average of 38.3, with a long of 50 and two punts downed inside the 20 at No. 1 Ohio State ... Punted four times for 169 yards, a career-best average of 42.2, against Ball State ... Punted five times for 184 yards, an average of 36.8, with a long of 44 and two downed inside the 20 against No. 25 Michigan ... Had a long of 56 and one downed inside the 20 against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Had a career day at Indiana, punting six times for 246 yards, an average of 41.0 – including a 59-yarder and a 53-yarder – with two downed inside the 20 and one touchback ... Punted three times at Syracuse with all three downed inside the 20 ... Punted nine times for 304 yards for an average of 33.8 yards with two punts downed inside the 20 and two touchbacks against Western Illinois ... Punted six times for 226 yards against Missouri, an average of 37.7 yards, with a long of 48 and two punts down inside the 20.

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

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

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

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 9 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/07
Yardage: 336 vs. Missouri, 8/30/08
Average: 44.7 vs. USC, 1/1/08
Long Punt: 59 at Indiana, 9/22/07
Inside 20: 3 at Syracuse, 9/15/07

PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	FC	I20	+50	LG
2007	64	2410	37.7	5	13	17	5	59
2008	53	2108	39.7	5	8	13	7	56
2009	15	578	38.5	1	5	3	0	47
TOTAL	132	5095	38.6	11	23	34	12	59

SANTELLA GAME-BY-GAME

2009	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	TB	FC	+50	I20
MU	5	199	39.8	43	0	0	3	0	1
ISU	2	59	29.5	43	0	0	1	0	0
@OSU	8	320	40.0	47	0	1	1	0	2

2008	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	TB	FC	+50	I20
MU	8	336	42.0	56	0	1	1	3	2
EIU	2	76	38.0	42	0	0	0	0	0
ULL	4	126	31.5	48	0	0	0	0	1
@PSU	3	118	39.3	47	0	0	2	0	0
@MICH	6	234	39.0	48	0	0	1	0	2
MINN	3	121	40.3	42	0	2	0	0	0
IND	3	130	43.3	52	0	0	0	1	0
@WIS	5	212	42.4	51	0	1	1	1	1
IOWA	6	246	41.0	53	0	0	1	1	2
WMU	4	163	40.8	37	0	1	0	0	2
OSU	3	117	39.0	43	1	0	0	0	2
@NW	6	229	38.2	45	0	0	2	1	1

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

* Rose Bowl

1 CORDALE SCOTT

WR, 6-3, 215, SO.

CLEVELAND, OHIO / GLENVILLE ACADEMIC

2009: Has played in three games, but has not record any statistics.

2008: Played in four games and 33 snaps, 19 as a receiver and 14 on special teams ... Logged 15 plays against Eastern Illinois and 10 vs. Missouri ... Did not record any statistics.

High School: 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 ... Four-star recruit by Scout.com ... Ranked as the ninth-best recruit in the state of Ohio and the No. 31 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com ... Made the *Detroit Free Press'* Best of the Midwest list ... Earned first-team All-State honors ... *PrepStar* Magazine Dream Team ... *SuperPrep* All-American ... Rated the No. 37 wide receiver nationally by Scout.com ... Caught 27 passes for 380 yards and scored four touchdowns as a junior ... Has a 31-inch vertical jump ... High school coach was Ted Ginn, Sr. ... Chose Illinois over Ohio State.

Personal: Son of Charlene Scott ... Full name is Cordale Lee Scott ... Born March 14, 1990 ... Enrolled in the general curriculum.

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--
2009	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--
TOTAL	7	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	--

30 RAHKEEM SMITH

DL, 6-1, 265, SR.
LOMBARD, ILL. / WILLOWBROOK / HARGRAVE MILITARY

2009: Logged one tackle in the season opener against Missouri at defensive tackle ... Has played in all three games.

2008: Played in 10 games of the season at fullback but did not record statistics.

2007: Converted from linebacker to fullback before the 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, including a solo, at No. 1 Ohio State ... Saw his first action as a fullback against Missouri, entering the game on a short-yardage situation in the second quarter.

2006: Played in eight games, primarily on special teams ... Recorded his first collegiate tackle vs. Indiana.

Prep School: Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Named the ninth-best prep school player by Scout.com ... Named the 10th-best prep school player by Rivals.com ... Recorded 52 tackles and two interceptions at Hargrave Military.

High School: A Scout.com top-25 Illinois recruit ... Ranked the 19th-best prospect in the state of Illinois and the 52nd-best outside linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com ... A three-star prospect by both Scout.com and Rivals.com ... Recorded 82 tackles and seven sacks as a senior with seven tackles-for-loss, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles ... Led the team in rushing with 783 yards on 146 carries as a running back, scoring nine touchdowns... Twice earned West Suburban Gold All-Conference honors ... Was an All-Area selection by the *Arlington Heights Daily Herald* in 2004 ... After lacerated kidney injury as a sophomore, came back with 67 tackles, 11 for loss, and 12 sacks in 2003 ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Three-year varsity member ... High school coach was Mark Olson.

Personal: Full given name is Rahkeem Jamaal Smith ... Born on Oct. 10, 1987 ... The son of Tamilla and James Smith ... Is one of eight children ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Brother, Tramell, was an All-American middle-distance runner on the Illinois track team from 2003-07.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Solo Tackles: 1 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
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

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2006	8	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	11	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0

SMITH GAME-BY-GAME (DEFENSE)

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	0	0	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	1	1	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
@NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2007	13	1	8	8.0	0.6	0	8
2008	12	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	-
TOTAL	25	1	8	8.0	0.3	0	8

SMITH GAME-BY-GAME (RECEIVING)

2008	NO	YDS	TD	LG
MU	0	0	0	-
EIU	0	0	0	-
ULL	0	0	0	-
@PSU	0	0	0	-
@MICH	0	0	0	-
MINN	0	0	0	-
IND	0	0	0	-
@WIS	0	0	0	-
IOWA	0	0	0	-
@WMU	0	0	0	-
OSU	0	0	0	-
@NW	0	0	0	-

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

*Rose Bowl

82 FRED SYKES

WR, 6-0, 185, SO.
TAMPA, FLA. / CHAMBERLAIN

2009: Caught one pass for 11 yards vs. Illinois State ... Caught three passes for 18 yards in the season opener against Missouri.

2008: Played in all 12 games and started five games ... Caught a 50-yard touchdown pass against Iowa, the first of his career ... Had a career-high three receptions for 25 yards at Wisconsin ... Recorded two catches for 25 yards at Michigan, including a long of 21 yards ... Caught one pass against Louisiana-Lafayette ... Recorded two catches for 12 yards against Eastern Illinois ... Caught two passes for 37 yards and a long of 20 in his first collegiate game versus Missouri ... Enrolled in the University of Illinois in January 2008.

High School: *PrepStar Magazine* All-Region ... Rated among the top-100 players in the state of Florida ... Earned first-team All-Conference honors ... Led the team with 25 catches for 371 yards and two touchdowns as a senior, while averaging 14.2 yards per catch ... Also returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown vs. Land O'Lakes in the season finale ... Caught 36 passes for 556 yards and three touchdowns as a junior ... Chose Illinois over Kentucky and South Florida ... High school coach was Billy Turner.

Personal: Son of Lashon Thomas ... Full name is Frederick Lerontenay Sykes ... Born on April 1, 1988 ... Majoring in general studies.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 9/5/09)
Receiving Yards: 50 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
Long Reception: 50 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/1/08

RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG	YPG	TD	LG
2008	12	12	156	13.0	13.0	1	50
2009	3	4	29	7.3	9.7	0	11
TOTAL	15	16	185	11.6	12.3	1	50

SYKES GAME-BY-GAME

2009	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	3	18	0	7
ISU	1	11	0	11
@OSU	0	0	0	-

2008	REC	YDS	TD	LG
MU	2	37	0	20

EIU	2	12	0	8
ULL	1	7	0	7
@PSU	0	0	0	-
@MICH	2	25	0	21
MINN	1	0	0	-
IND	0	0	0	-
@WIS	3	25	0	10
IOWA	1	50	1	50
WMU	0	0	0	-
OSU	0	0	0	-
@NW	0	0	0	-

38 IAN THOMAS

LB, 6-0, 225, SO.
BERWYN HEIGHTS, MD. / DEMATHA

2009: Ranks 12th in the Big Ten in total tackles and 85th nationally with 8.0 per game ... Leads the team with 24 total tackles ... Recorded seven tackles at Ohio State ... Posted four tackles, one sack and two passes broken up against Illinois State ... Started his first collegiate game in the season opener against Missouri, leading the team in tackles with 13 and logging his first tackle for loss.

2008: Played in nine games ... Posted a tackle in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had a solo tackle against Iowa ... Had one solo tackle at Wisconsin ... Recorded the first tackle of his career at Penn State.

2007: Redshirted the 2007 season.

High School: Ranked as the 19th-best weakside linebacker in the nation by Scout.com ... Named a top-20 recruit in the Mid-Atlantic region by SuperPrep ... Helped lead DeMatha to four straight state titles, including a perfect 12-0 season in 2006 ... Team won WCAC Conference Championship in 2004, 2005 and 2006 ... Posted 126 tackles and six sacks in 2006 ... Had six sacks and two interceptions while leading a defense that allowed just 6.5 points per game ... Earned honors as the Defensive Player of the state of Maryland as a senior ... Garnered All-Met honors by *The Washington Post* ... Was named the Most Valuable Player at DeMatha ... Bench presses 385 pounds ... Named to the George Michaels' Golden Eleven team ... As a junior, compiled 101 tackles and five sacks ... Was a boxer from ages 8 to 14 and ranked third in the country in the National Silver Gloves rankings for two years straight.

Personal: Full name is Ian Matthew Thomas ... Born June 20, 1989 ... Son of Kim and Ginger Thomas ... High school coach was Bill McGregor ... Enrolled in the general curriculum ... Chose Illinois over Maryland and UConn.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 vs Missouri, 9/5/09
Solos: 7 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
TFL: 1, twice (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09)
Quarterback Sack: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
PBU: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2008	9	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0
2009	3	13	11	24	2-8	1-7	0
TOTAL	12	16	12	28	2-8	1-7	0

THOMAS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	7	6	13	1-1	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	4	0	4	1-7	1-7	0	0-0
@OSU	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@MICH	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	1	0	1	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

56 SIROD WILLIAMS

DL, 6-0, 295, SR.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO / GARFIELD HEIGHTS

2009: Started his sixth career game at defensive tackle against Ohio State ... Had one tackle against Ohio State ... Registered a quarterback hurry against the Redbirds.

2008: Took a medical redshirt ... Sat out with a knee injury.

2007: Played in 12 of 13 games ... Had a solo tackle at Minnesota ... Recorded a solo TFL against No. 25 Michigan ... Assisted on a tackle at Iowa ... Notched a solo tackle and forced a fumble against No. 21 Penn State ... Had a solo tackle at Syracuse ... Notched a solo tackle against Western Illinois.

2006: Played in three games, totaling two tackles, one each in the first two games of the season.

2005: Played in seven games, starting three at defensive end ... Collected 15 tackles and one tackle for loss ... Posted a career-best five tackles at Ohio State, including three solos ... Made his first career start vs. Wisconsin ... Averaged 73 plays the final four games of the season ... Had three tackles at Iowa ... Posted two tackles against Penn State, Wisconsin and at Purdue.

High School: Recorded 70 tackles, including 30 solos as a senior ... Had 11 sacks in 2004 ... Also registered 14 quarterback pressures and caused and recovered two fumbles ... The 37th-rated recruit in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com and among the top 40 in the state by Scout.com ... Posted 171 career tackles and set a school record with 15 sacks ... Had 18 TFLs and 20 pressures in his career ... Named his team's Most Valuable Player, leading the squad to a 9-2 record ... Earned first-team All-Ohio honors ... Set school records in the weight room with a 300 power clean, 35-inch vertical jump and a 3.85 shuttle run ... Also squated 450 and benched 365 pounds in high school.

Personal: Son of Doris Williams ... Born Aug. 24, 1987 ... High school football coach was Chuck Reiland ... Majoring in sport management ... Tore his ACL in high school and returned to action three months later.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
Solos: 3 at Ohio State, 11/5/05
TFL: 1, twice (last time vs. Michigan, 10/20/07)
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Penn State, 10/22/05
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Penn State, 9/29/07

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	QBH
2005	7	8	7	15	1-2	0-0	1
2006	3	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0
2007	12	5	1	6	1-6	0-0	0
2009	3	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1
TOTAL	25	13	11	24	2-8	0-0	2

WILLIAMS GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
ISU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
@OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
2007	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
WIU	1	0	1	0-0	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	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1-0
WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@IOWA	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MICH	1	0	1	1-6	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
NW	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
USC*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

*Rose Bowl

2006	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
EIU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@RU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IOWA	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

2005	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	QBS-YD	QBH	FF-FR
@IOWA	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0

@IND	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
PSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
WIS	0	2	2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0
@OSU	3	2	5	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

3 TAVON WILSON

DB, 6-0, 195, SO.

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2009: Ranks fourth in the Big Ten in passes defended with 1.3 per game ... Posted five tackles and one pass broken up against Ohio State ... Recorded six tackles, including a career-best five solo stops and two passes broken up against Illinois State ... Logged seven tackles and a career-best 1.5 tackles for loss against Missouri.

2008: Played in 11 games as a true-freshman on both special teams and defense ... Was in on 160 defensive snaps ... Posted two tackles and broke up a pass in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had a career-high five tackles against Western Michigan, including four solos ... Assisted on a tackle against Indiana ... Recorded his first career tackles against Eastern Illinois, including a TFL for a loss of one yard.

High School: Earned first-team All-Metro honors by *The Washington Post* ... Ranked as the fifth-best recruit in the Washington D.C area by Rivals.com ... *Washington Post* District Player of the Year ... Rated the No. 28 cornerback by ESPN.com ... Caught 48 passes for 958 yards and scored 10 touchdowns on the offensive side, while recording nine interceptions, including two for touchdowns as a senior ... Ranked as the 59th-best cornerback by Rivals.com ... Named to the All-DCSportsfan first-team ... High school teammate of fellow Illini Evan Frierson and Eddie McGee ... Chose Illinois over Maryland, Boston College and Michigan State ... High school coach was Gregory Fuller.

Personal: Son of Darlene Williams ... Born March 19, 1990 ... Majoring in general studies.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
Solos: 5 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09
TFL: 1.5 vs. Missouri, 9/5/09
PBU: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/09

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ST	AT	TOT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU
2008	11	7	4	11	0.5-1	0-0	1
2009	3	13	5	18	1.5-1	0-0	4
TOTAL	14	20	9	29	2.0-2	0-0	5

WILSON GAME-BY-GAME

2009	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	4	3	7	1.5-1	0-0	1	0-0
ISU	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	2	0-0
@OSU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	1	0-0
2008	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YD	INT-YD	PBU	FF-FR
MU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
EIU	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0
ULL	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
MINN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
IND	0	1	1	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
WMU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
OSU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0
@NW	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0

THE LAST TIME

An Illinois Player Had ...

Rushing

200 yards rushing:

201, Rashard Mendenhall at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

150 yards rushing:

172, Jason Ford vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008

125 yards rushing:

137, Jason Ford vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

100 yards rushing:

137, Jason Ford vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

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 yards:

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:

68, Jason Ford vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Two 40+ runs in one quarter:

82 and 47 (1st), Antoneo Harris vs. Purdue, 10/12/2002

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

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

40 rushing attempts:

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

30 rushing attempts:

37, Pierre Thomas at Northwestern, 11/20/2004

2 rushers with 2 TDs:

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:

Antoneo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002

3 TD's rushing:

Jason Ford (3) vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008

2 TD's rushing:

Eddie McGee (2) vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

2 TD's rushing by a QB:

Eddie McGee (2) vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Receiving

200 yards receiving:

208, David Williams vs. Northwestern, 9/1/1984

150 yards receiving:

181, Arrelious Benn vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008

100 yards receiving:

111, Arrelious Benn vs. Western Michigan, 11/8/2008

2 receivers with 100 yards receiving:

Arrelious Benn (181) and A.J. Jenkins (117) vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008

70+ yard pass play:

77, Jeff Cumberland from Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008

60+ yard pass play:

61, Jeff Cumberland from Juice Williams vs. WMU, 11/8/2008

50+ yard pass play:

54, A.J. Jenkins from Juice Williams vs. WMU, 11/8/2008

10 or more receptions:

12, Arrelious Benn vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008

2 receivers with 2 TDs:

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

3 TDs receiving:

Greg Lewis vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/2/2000

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:

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

300 yards passing:

328, Juice Williams vs. WMU, 11/8/2008

Consecutive 300-yard passing games:

Juice Williams at Michigan (310, 10/4/2008) and vs. Minnesota (462, 10/11/2008)

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:

Juice Williams vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

4 TDs passing:

Juice Williams (5) vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

3 TDs passing:

Juice Williams (3) vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008

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. Lemana (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 lineman:

Doug Pilcher vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Interception Return for TD:

Derek Walker (34 yards) vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

Two players with Interception Returns for TD in a game:

Bobby Jackson (83 yards) & Christian Morton (62 yards) at Purdue, 11/3/2001

Defensive Extra Point:

Kevin Mitchell (75 yards) at Ohio State, 11/5/2005

Fumble recovery for TD:

Dere Hicks (7 yards) vs. Iowa, 11/1/2008

Scored on a Safety:

at Michigan (WR tackled in end zone), 10/16/2004

Total Offense/All Purpose

500 yds. total offense:

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

400 yds. total offense:

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

300-100 (passing-rushing):

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

200 all-purpose yards:

227, Arrelious Benn vs. WMU, 11/8/2008

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:

Matt Eller (2) vs. Ohio State, 11/15/2008

Made 50+ yard Field Goal:

Matt Eller (51) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 9/13/2008

Blocked a Punt:

Vontae Davis at Indiana, 9/22/2007

Blocked Punt for a Touchdown:

Vontae Davis (2 yards) vs. Missouri, 9/1/2007

Blocked Two Field Goals:

Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001

Blocked a Field Goal:

Derek Walker at Michigan, 10/4/2008

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:

A.J. Jenkins (96 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008

Blocked FG returned for TD:

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

Two-point conversion:

Juice Williams to Daniel Dufrene vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

An Opposing Player had ...

200 yards rushing:

212, Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern, 11/19/2005

150 yards rushing:

183, Travorus Bess, Eastern Illinois, 9/6/2008

2 rushers with 100 yards:

Chris Wells (143) and Terrelle Pryor (110), Ohio St., 11/15/2008

400 yards passing:

408, Scott Rislav, San Jose State, 9/21/2002

300 yards passing:

312, Matt Brown, Illinois State, 9/12/2009

50+ yard rushing play:

55, Travorus Bess, Eastern Illinois, 9/6/2008

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:

243, Dwayne Smith, Illinois State, 9/6/2003

150 yds. in receptions:

174, Jamarco Simmons, WMU, 11/8/08

100 yds. in receptions:

103, Eyad Salem, Illinois State, 9/12/2009

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:

Derrick Williams (94 yards), Penn State, 9/27/2008

Interception return for TD:

Sean Weatherspoon (35 yards), Missouri, 8/30/2008

Blocked Punt for a TD:

Derri Roberson (0 yards), Rutgers, 9/9/2006

Fumble recovery for TD:

Simoni Lawrence (9 yards), Minnesota, 10/11/2008

Scored on a Safety:

Ohio State, blocked punt out of end zone, 11/15/08

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:

55 vs. Indiana, 10/18/2008

40 points:

45 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

30 points:

45 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

0 points:

at Ohio State (0-30), 9/26/2009

0 points in 1st half:

at Ohio State (0-30), 9/26/2009

0 points in 2nd half:

at Ohio State (0-30), 9/26/2009

Did Not Score a Touchdown:

at Ohio State (0-30), 9/26/2009

400 rushing yards:

448 at Minnesota, 11/3/2007

300 rushing yards:

384 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

200 rushing yards:

384 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Less Than 100 rushing yards:

82 at Ohio State, 9/26/2009

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:

548 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

400 total net yards:

548 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009

Less Than 100 total net yards:

78 at Wisconsin, 10/8/1977

Consecutive games, 500 total net yards:

at Michigan (501, 10/4/2008), vs. Minnesota (550, 10/11/2008), vs. Indiana (563, 10/18/2008)

TURNOVERS

(Turnovers forced)

TEAM	TOTAL	INT.	FUMBLE
ILLINOIS	5	2	3
OPPONENT	7	5	2

ILLINOIS STATE

- 1Q . . . Nurse forced fumble (Edwards recovered)
- 2Q . . . Pilcher interception (returned 41 yards)
- 4Q . . . Ellington interception (returned 78 yards)

OHIO STATE

- 2Q . . . Staples recovered fumble
- 4Q . . . A. James forced fumble (Frierson recovered)

SCORING DRIVES

MISSOURI

- 2nd 13:40 Eller 24 yard field goal 9-67-4:22
- 4th 13:19 Leshoure 1 yard run (kick failed) 15-79-7:20

ILLINOIS STATE

- 1st 11:52 Ford 1 yard run (Eller kick) 2-50-0:34
- 3:43 McGee 1 yard run (Eller kick) 8-57-3:36
- 2nd 12:01 Duvalt 27 yard pass from McGee (Eller kick) 6-63-3:21
- 7:44 Eller 38 yard field goal 4-0-1:53
- 3rd 11:45 Dufrene 24 yard run (Eller kick) 8-69-3:15
- 4th 13:49 McGee 11 yard run (Eller kick) 7-78-3:07
- 9:21 Green 22 yard run (Eller kick) 4-95-1:25

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Team (Rank)	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Yd-TD	Passing C-A-Int-TD	Passing Yards	Total Offense	Punt	Fumbles	Penalties	Time Poss
Illinois vs. Missouri	9 37	18 21	35-110-1 37-117-1	22-37-1-0 26-35-0-3	215 325	325 442	5-199 4-186	2-1 1-0	4-40 5-45	30:06 29:54
Illinois vs. Illinois State	45 17	24 21	46-384-5 20-44-0	13-17-1-1 31-52-2-2	164 354	548 398	2-59 5-159	3-1 2-1	13-115 7-65	29:01 30:59
Illinois at Ohio State	0 30	14 19	34-82-0 46-236-2	15-29-3-0 8-13-0-0	88 82	170 318	8-320 3-115	3-0 3-2	8-71 4-40	29:00 31:00

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	RB	QB	WR	WR	TE
Missouri	Allen	Hunt	Block	Asamoah	Palmer	Duvalt	Ford	J. Williams	Fayson	Benn	Jenkins (WR)
Illinois State	Allen	Hunt	Block	Asamoah	Palmer	Duvalt	Pollard	J. Williams	Fayson	Benn	Hoomanawanui
Ohio State	Allen	Hunt	Block	Asamoah	Palmer	Duvalt	Dufrene	J. Williams	Fayson	Benn	Hoomanawanui
Consecutive	12	3	15	28	3	3	1	37	3	26	2
Career	12	3	15	28	6	7	8	37	3	27	18

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

GAME	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Missouri	Pilcher	S. Williams	Brent	A. James	I. Thomas	M. Wilson	Bellamy (CB)	T. Wilson	Edwards	Hardeman	Hicks
Illinois State	Pilcher	S. Williams	Brent	A. James	I. Thomas	Ellington	Bellamy (CB)	T. Wilson	Edwards	Hardeman	Hicks
Ohio State	Pilcher	S. Williams	Brent	A. James	I. Thomas	Ellington	Frierson	T. Wilson	Edwards	Hardeman	Hicks
Consecutive	3	3	11	3	3	2	1	4	4	3	28
Career	27	6	11	3	3	3	1	4	8	11	29

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

MISSOURI 37
ILLINOIS 9

SEPT. 5, 2009

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Missouri	10	6	14	7	37
Illinois	0	3	0	6	9

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

MU: Ressel 32 yard field goal, 7:23 (14-79, 4:35)
MU: Kemp 49 yard pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick), 3:02 (6-75, 2:43)

Second Quarter

ILL: Eller 24 yard field goal, 13:40 (9-67, 4:22)
MU: Ressel 44 yard field goal, 8:36 (4-0, 1:06)
MU: Ressel 41 yard field goal, 0:06 (13-53, 4:15)

Third Quarter

MU: J. Jackson 4 yard pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick), 11:18 (9-81, 3:42)
MU: Perry 46 yard pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick), 5:39 (5-70, 1:55)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: Leshoure 1 yard run (Eller kick failed), 13:19 (15-79, 7:20)
MU: Gabbert 8 yard run (Ressel kick), 8:48 (10-74, 4:31)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	MU	ILL
First Downs	21	18
Rushes-Yards	37-117	35-110
Passing Yards	325	215
Comp-Att-Int	26-35-0	22-37-1
Total Yards	442	325
Punts-Avg	4-46.5	5-39.8
Kickoff Returns	3-51	8-193
Penalties-Yards	5-45	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Sacks By	3-8	2-16
Third-down Conv.	9-17	6-16
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): MU - Washington 14-61, Gabbert 10-39-1, Moore 8-21, Lawrence 4(-2), Team 1(-2). ILL - Leshoure 10-38-1, Pollard 5-38, J. Williams 13-27, McGee 2-11, Fayson 1-1, Ford 1-0, Green 1(-1), Duval 2(-4).
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): MU - Gabbert 25-33-0-3-319, Costello 1-2-0-0-6. ILL - J. Williams 18-28-1-0-179, McGee 4-9-0-0-36.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): MU - Alexander 10-132, Perry 4-93-1, Kemp 4-77-1, 3-17, J. Jackson 2-3-1, Egnew 1-6, Washington 1-0, Moore 1(-3). ILL - Fayson 4-50, Leshoure 3-41, Sykes 3-18, Cumberland 2-27, Ramsey 2-20, Duval 2-16, C. James 1-19, Benn 1-9, Green 1-6, Pollard 1-4, Graham 1-3, Hoomanwanui 1-2.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): MU - Weatherspoon 9, 1.0-1; Ebner 7, 1.0-1; Gettis 7; Simmons 6; K. Jackson 6; A. Smith 6, 3.0-11; Lambert 6; J. Smith 5, 1.0-3; Rutland 4. ILL - I. Thomas 13, 1.0-1; M. Wilson 9; T. Wilson 7, 1.5-1; Edwards 7; Hicks 6, 1.0-3; Hardeman 5; Liuget 5, 1.5-5; Pilcher 4, 1.0-12; Bellamy 4, 2.0-5.

GAME NOTES

- Matt Eller made his 16th career field goal with his 24-yarder in the first half. He is a perfect 7-for-7 for his career in field goals under 30 yards.
- Juice Williams moved up two places on the Illinois all-time rushing list with his 27 yards on the ground. He now has 2,077 career rushing yards, which ranks 12th in Illinois history.
- Williams compiled 206 yards of total offense, which puts him second on the Illinois career list in the category, passing Jack Trudeau's 8,640. He now has 8,661 total yards, just 219 shy of Kurt Kittner's school record.
- First-year starters Ian Thomas and Tavon Wilson both posted career-high tackles against Missouri with 13 for Thomas and seven for Wilson. Thomas' 13 tackles and seven solo tackles were both game highs.
- Illinois spread the ball around well, with eight players recording a rush and 12 different players catching a pass.
- Troy Pollard had a game-high and career-high 162 all-purpose yards, 120 of which came on his five kick returns. He also recorded the longest return of his career (32 yards).
- Mikel Leshoure had a career-high 41 receiving yards and tied his career-high with three receptions. He also scored the second rushing touchdown of his career and totaled 38 yards on the ground.
- Jarred Fayson made his Illinois debut, leading the team with four catches for 50 yards.

GAME 2

ILLINOIS STATE 17
ILLINOIS 45

SEPT. 12, 2009

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois State	0	0	10	7	17
Illinois	14	10	7	14	45

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

ILL: Ford 1 yard run, 11:42 (2-50, 0:34)
ILL: McGee 1 yard run, 3:43 (8-57, 3:36)

Second Quarter

ILL: Duval 27 yard pass from McGee, 12:01 (6-63, 3:21)
ILL: Eller 38 yard field goal, 7:44 (4-0, 1:53)

Third Quarter

ILL: Dufrene 24 yard run (Eller kick), 11:45 (8-69, 3:15)
ISU: Salem 3 yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 8:42 (8-74, 3:03)
ISU: Kutch 45 yard field goal, 1:56 (7-28, 2:16)

Fourth Quarter

ILL: McGee 11 yard run (Eller kick), 13:49 (7-78, 3:07)
ILL: Green 22 yard run (Eller kick), 9:21 (4-95, 1:25)
ISU: Salem 15 yard pass from Brown (Kutch kick), 5:51 (8-73, 3:30)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ISU	ILL
First Downs	21	24
Rushes-Yards	20-44	46-384
Passing Yards	354	164
Comp-Att-Int	31-52-2	13-17-1
Total Yards	398	548
Punts-Avg	5-31.8	2-29.5
Kickoff Returns	7-138	4-37
Penalties-Yards	7-65	13-115
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Sacks By	2-18	2-17
Third-down Conv.	7-16	3-9
Time of Possession	30:59	29:01

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ISU - Blow 9-46, Lancaster 1-5, Gordon 5-3, Brown 5(-10). ILL - Ford 10-137-1, Dufrene 5-61-1, Green 7-56-1, McGee 18-55-2, J. Williams 1-49, Pollard 5-26.
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ISU - Brown 27-45-1-2-312, Lancaster 4-7-1-0-42. ILL - McGee 13-17-1-1-164.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ISU - Salem 7-103-2, Graves 6-65, Walker 5-44, King 4-38, Blow 3-51, Knecht 2-27, Venson 2-17, Cline 1-11, Harcar 1(-2). ILL - Fayson 4-39, Hoomanwanui 3-51, Ford 2-26, Duval 1-27-1, Sykes 1-11, Dufrene 1-6, Green 1-4.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ISU - Hemphill 14, 2.0-12; Jones 7; Siskowic 7; Broome 7; Malcolm 6; Trujillo 5, 1.0-3; Adams 4; Phelps 4. ILL - Edwards 8; Ellington 8; T. Wilson 6; Bellamy 5; Hardeman 5, 0.5-1; I. Thomas 4, 1.0-7; Nurse 4, 0.5-1; Sanni 4.

GAME NOTES

- Illinois rushed for 384 yards, its first 300-yard rushing performance since racking up 399 yards on the ground vs. Eastern Illinois on Sept. 6, 2008. The Illini offense averaged 8.3 yards per carry vs. Illinois State.
- The Illini ended the game with 548 yards of total offense, its first 500-yard game since registering 563 yards last year vs. Indiana.
- Illinois spread the scoring around, with five different players scoring TDs. The Illini recorded five rushing touchdowns, the most since also scoring five rushing TDs vs. EIU last season.
- The Illini defense held Illinois State to just 44 yards rushing, the first opponent to rush for less than 50 yards against the Illini since Penn State had 40 yards on Oct. 21, 2006.
- The Illini defense pitched a first-half shutout, marking the first scoreless half by an opponent since Syracuse (first half) on Sept. 15, 2007.
- Russell Ellington recorded his first career interception in the 4th quarter and returned it 78 yards, marking the longest non-scoring interception return in school history. Ellington also notched a career-high eight tackles and two passes broken up.
- Doug Pilcher had an interception in the first quarter, marking the first INT by a defensive lineman since Derek Walker vs. Missouri in last year's season opener.
- Jason Ford rushed for 137 yards, posting the second 100-yard game of his career and Illinois' first since Ford rushed for 172 yards against Indiana on Oct. 18, 2008. He also scored his ninth career touchdown with a one-yard run in the first quarter. Ford had a 68-yard run in the fourth quarter, which is the Illini's longest play of the season.

GAME 3

ILLINOIS 0
#13 OHIO STATE 30

SEPT. 26, 2009

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SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	3	10	10	7	30

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

OSU: Pettrey 50 yard field goal, 8:09 (5-13, 2:36)

Second Quarter

OSU: Pettrey 46 yard field goal, 12:46 (9-63, 4:04)
OSU: Herron 4 yard run (Pettrey kick), 7:30 (6-80, 2:52)

Third Quarter

OSU: Herron 2 yard run (Pettrey kick), 10:55 (5-39, 1:40)
OSU: Pettrey 27 yard field goal, 2:28 (9-50, 4:18)

Fourth Quarter

OSU: Sanzenbacher 3 yard pass from Pryor (Pettrey kick), 1:18 (8-42, 3:50)

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	OSU
First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards	34-82	46-236
Passing Yards	88	82
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-3	8-13-0
Total Yards	170	318
Punts-Avg	8-40.0	3-38.3
Kickoff Returns	7-132	1-20
Penalties-Yards	8-71	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	3-2
Sacks By	0-0	5-33
Third-down Conv.	7-16	5-12
Time of Possession	29:00	31:00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): ILL - Leshoure 4-25, Ford 5-20, J. Williams 15-18, Dufrene 6-14, Benn 1-8, McGee 3(-3). OSU - Saine 13-81, Herron 14-75-2, Pryor 11-59, Hall 7-22, Team 1(-1).
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-TD-Yds): ILL - J. Williams 13-25-2-0-77, McGee 2-4-1-0-11. OSU - Pryor 8-13-0-0-82.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): ILL - Benn 4-33, Hoomanwanui 2-13, Ramsey 2-11, Ford 2-5, Leshoure 1-7, Cumberland 1-6, Fayson 1-5, Pollard 1-5, Dufrene 1-3. OSU - Sanzenbacher 3-36-1, Posey 2-22, Saine 1-12, Boren 1-6, Ballard 1-6.
TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): ILL - Hardeman 8; Edwards 7; Ellington 7; I. Thomas 7; T. Wilson 5; Frierson 5, 1.0-1; A. James 4, 1.0-3. OSU - Coleman 9; Rolle 8, 0.5-1; Gibson 7, 2.0-6; Worthington 7, 1.0-10; Spitzer 6; Sweat 5, 1.0-3; Evege 4; Chekwa 4.

GAME NOTES

- Juice Williams rushed for 18 yards, jumping up to 10th on Illinois' all-time rushing list with 2,144 yards, moving past Johnny Karras' 2,135 yards. He remains fourth on the Big Ten quarterback rushing list, inching closer to Rickey Foggie's total of 2,150 yards.
- Williams moved up to sixth on the Illinois all-time rushing attempts list with his 15 carries. He now has 523 career rushes, moving past Rich Johnson's total of 521 carries.
- Williams' 95 total yards inched him closer to the Illinois career total yardage mark. He now has 8,805 yards and is 75 behind Kurt Kittner's school record of 8,880, a mark that ranks 10th in Big Ten history.
- Arrelious Benn had 89 yards in kickoff returns, which moves him to eighth on the school's career list with 790. He entered the day at No. 10 and passed Rocky Harvey's 738 yards and Keith Jones' 739.
- Walter Aikens became the fifth Illini true freshman to play this season, joining Michael Buchanan, Justin Green, Terry Hawthorne and Joel Thrash.
- Illinois held Ohio State to 82 passing yards, marking the first time since last year's game against the Buckeyes (49 yards) that an opposing team has been held under 100 yards passing. OSU had 0 passing yards in first half.
- Donsay Hardeman led the Illini in tackles with eight, tying his career-high.
- Clay Nurse posted a career-high 2.0 tackles for loss against the Buckeyes.
- Evan Frierson's forced fumble in fourth quarter was the first of his career.

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 Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 26, 2009)
 All games

Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
SCORING	54	84
Points Per Game	18.0	28.0
FIRST DOWNS	56	61
Rushing	28	25
Passing	22	31
Penalty	6	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	576	397
Yards gained rushing	669	473
Yards lost rushing	93	76
Rushing Attempts	115	103
Average Per Rush	5.0	3.9
Average Per Game	192.0	132.3
TDs Rushing	6	3
PASSING YARDAGE	467	761
Comp-Att-Int	50-83-5	65-100-2
Average Per Pass	5.6	7.6
Average Per Catch	9.3	11.7
Average Per Game	155.7	253.7
TDs Passing	1	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	1043	1158
Total Plays	198	203
Average Per Play	5.3	5.7
Average Per Game	347.7	386.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	19-362	11-209
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-10	5-17
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-119	5-75
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.1	19.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.3	3.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	59.5	15.0
FUMBLES-LOST	8-2	6-3
PENALTIES-Yards	25-226	16-150
Average Per Game	75.3	50.0
PUNTS-Yards	15-578	12-460
Average Per Punt	38.5	38.3
Net punt average	36.1	35.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:22	30:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	16/41	21/45
3rd-Down Pct	39%	47%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/3	2/3
4th-Down Pct	33%	67%
SACKS BY-Yards	4-33	10-59
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	7	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-3	7-8
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	6-7 86%	9-10 90%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	4-7 57%	7-10 70%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	6-7 86%	9-9 100%
ATTENDANCE	62347	105219
Games/Avg Per Game	1/62347	1/105219
Neutral Site Games		1/64215

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	oT	Total
Illinois	14	13	7	20	0	54
Opponents	13	16	34	21	0	84

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ford, Jason	3	16	159	2	157	9.8	1	68	52.3
Williams, Juice	3	29	140	46	94	3.2	0	49	31.3
Dufrene, Daniel	2	11	77	2	75	6.8	1	24	37.5
Pollard, Troy	3	10	64	0	64	6.4	0	15	21.3
Leshoure, Mikel	2	14	64	1	63	4.5	1	12	31.5
McGee, Eddie	3	23	99	36	63	2.7	2	16	21.0
Green, Justin	3	8	56	1	55	6.9	1	22	18.3
Benn, Arrelious	3	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Fayson, Jarred	3	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.3
Duvalt, Chris	3	2	1	5	-4	-2.0	0	1	-1.3
Total	3	115	669	93	576	5.0	6	68	192.0
Opponents	3	103	473	76	397	3.9	3	32	132.3

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Williams, Juice	3	87.74	31-53-3	58.5	256	0	24	85.3
McGee, Eddie	3	120.08	19-30-2	63.3	211	1	27	70.3
Total	3	99.43	50-83-5	60.2	467	1	27	155.7
Opponents	3	144.72	65-100-2	65.0	761	6	49	253.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Fayson, Jarred	3	9	94	10.4	0	24	31.3
Hoomanawanui, Michael	3	6	66	11.0	0	25	22.0
Benn, Arrelious	3	5	42	8.4	0	16	14.0
Leshoure, Mikel	2	4	48	12.0	0	17	24.0
Ramsey, Jack	3	4	31	7.8	0	12	10.3
Ford, Jason	3	4	31	7.8	0	13	10.3
Sykes, Fred	3	4	29	7.2	0	11	9.7
Duvalt, Chris	3	3	43	14.3	1	27	14.3
Cumberland, Jeff	3	3	33	11.0	0	16	11.0
Green, Justin	3	2	10	5.0	0	6	3.3
Pollard, Troy	3	2	9	4.5	0	5	3.0
Dufrene, Daniel	2	2	9	4.5	0	6	4.5
James, Chris	2	1	19	19.0	0	19	9.5
Graham, Hubie	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	50	467	9.3	1	27	155.7
Opponents	3	65	761	11.7	6	49	253.7

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Fayson, Jarred	2	9	4.5	0	5
Ramsey, Jack	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total	3	10	3.3	0	5
Opponents	5	17	3.4	0	7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Pilcher, Doug	1	41	41.0	0	41
Ellington, Russell	1	78	78.0	0	78
Total	2	119	59.5	0	78
Opponents	5	75	15.0	0	39

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Benn, Arrelious	5	112	22.4	0	25
Pollard, Troy	5	120	24.0	0	32
Jenkins, A.J.	4	81	20.2	0	26
Becker, Zach	3	31	10.3	0	12
Hoomanawanui, Michael	2	18	9.0	0	12
Total	19	362	19.1	0	32
Opponents	11	209	19.0	0	28

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
McGee, Eddie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Eller, Matt	-	2-3	6-7	-	-	-	-	12	
Leshoure, Mikel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Green, Justin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Duval, Chris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Dufrene, Daniel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Ford, Jason	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	7	2-3	6-7	-	-	-	-	54	
Opponents	9	7-8	9-9	-	-	-	-	84	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Williams, Juice	3	82	94	256	350	116.7
McGee, Eddie	3	53	63	211	274	91.3
Ford, Jason	3	16	157	0	157	52.3
Dufrene, Daniel	2	11	75	0	75	37.5
Pollard, Troy	3	10	64	0	64	21.3
Leshoure, Mikel	2	14	63	0	63	31.5
Green, Justin	3	8	55	0	55	18.3
Benn, Arrelious	3	1	8	0	8	2.7
Fayson, Jarred	3	1	1	0	1	0.3
Duval, Chris	3	2	-4	0	-4	-1.3
Total	3	198	576	467	1043	347.7
Opponents	3	203	397	761	1158	386.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Eller, Matt	2-3	66.7	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	38	0

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
Missouri	(24)	(32),(44),(41)
Illinois State	(38),45	52,(45)
Ohio State	-	(50),(46),(27)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Santella, Anthony	15	578	38.5	47	1	5	3	0	0
Total	15	578	38.5	47	1	5	3	0	0
Opponents	12	460	38.3	60	1	2	5	3	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Dimke, Derek	12	767	63.9	1	0			
Total	12	767	63.9	1	0	19.0	44.8	25
Opponents	19	1185	62.4	0	0	19.1	43.3	26

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Pollard, Troy	3	64	9	0	120	0	193	64.3
Ford, Jason	3	157	31	0	0	0	188	62.7
Benn, Arrelious	3	8	42	0	112	0	162	54.0
Leshoure, Mikel	2	63	48	0	0	0	111	55.5
Fayson, Jarred	3	1	94	9	0	0	104	34.7
Williams, Juice	3	94	0	0	0	0	94	31.3
Hoomanawanui,	3	0	66	0	18	0	84	28.0
Dufrene, Daniel	2	75	9	0	0	0	84	42.0
Jenkins, A.J.	3	0	0	0	81	0	81	27.0
Ellington, Russel	3	0	0	0	0	78	78	26.0
Green, Justin	3	55	10	0	0	0	65	21.7
McGee, Eddie	3	63	0	0	0	0	63	21.0
Pilcher, Doug	3	0	0	0	0	41	41	13.7
Duvalt, Chris	3	-4	43	0	0	0	39	13.0
Cumberland, Jef	3	0	33	0	0	0	33	11.0
Ramsey, Jack	3	0	31	1	0	0	32	10.7
Becker, Zach	3	0	0	0	31	0	31	10.3
Sykes, Fred	3	0	29	0	0	0	29	9.7
James, Chris	2	0	19	0	0	0	19	9.5
Graham, Hubie	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	576	467	10	362	119	1534	511.3
Opponents	3	397	761	17	209	75	1459	486.3

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 Illinois Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 26, 2009)
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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Thomas, Ian	3	13	11	24	2.0-8	1.0-7	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Edwards, Garrett	3	15	7	22	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
4	Hardeman, Donsay	3	13	5	18	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Wilson, Tavon	3	13	5	18	1.5-1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Ellington, Russell	3	9	6	15	.	.	1-78	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Bellamy, Travon	3	11	1	12	2.0-5	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Nurse, Clay	3	6	4	10	3.5-14	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
93	Liuget, Corey	3	3	7	10	2.5-15	1.0-10	.	2	2	.	1	.	.	.
28	Hicks, Dere	3	7	3	10	1.0-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Pilcher, Doug	3	7	3	10	2.0-14	1.0-12	1-41	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
2	Wilson, Martez	1	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Frierson, Evan	3	3	3	6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
90	James, Antonio	3	3	3	6	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
92	Brent, Josh	3	3	3	6	3.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Sanni, Supo	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Bussey, Nate	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Gress, Aaron	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Leshoure, Mikel	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Gully, Antonio	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Green, Justin	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Hawthorne, Terry	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Flowers, Bo	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Becker, Zach	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Palmer, Nate	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Smith, Rahkeem	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Mercilus, Whitney	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Williams, Sirod	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Fayson, Jarred	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Benn, Arrelious	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Dimke, Derek	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
99	Buchanan, Michael	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total		3	128	82	210	20-69	4-33	2-119	17	4	3-0	4	.	.	.
Opponents		3	120	110	230	23-95	10-59	5-75	5	5	2-0	6	.	.	.