# FOOTBALL

### **ILLINOIS at PENN STATE**

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 // 4:30 p.m. CT // FS1 University Park. Pa. // Beaver Stadium





#### TELEVISION | FS1

» Cory Provus (play-by-play) and Robert Smith (analyst)

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- » Brian Barnhart (play-by-play), Martin O'Donnell (analyst) and Steve Kelly (pregame/halftime/ postgame)
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#### ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI (2-5)

Oct. 23 at #14 Wisconsin
Oct. 31 Purdue
Nov. 7 Minnesota
Nov. 14 at Rutgers W, 23-20
Nov. 21 at Nebraska W, 41-23
Nov. 28 #3 Ohio State
Dec. 5 #24 Iowa
Dec. 12 at #15 Northwestern L, 10-28
Dec. 19 at Penn State 4:30 p.m. CT (FS1)

Rankings are AP poll

#### PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (3-5)

Oct. 24at Indiana	L, 35-36 (OT)
Oct. 31 #3 Ohio State	L, 25-38
Nov. 7 Maryland	L, 19-35
Nov. 14 at Nebraska	L, 23-30
Nov. 21 lowa	L, 21-41
Nov. 28 at Michigan	W, 27-17
Dec. 5 at Rutgers	W, 23-7
Dec. 12 Michigan State	W, 39-24
Dec. 19 Illinois	4:30 p.m. CT (FS1)

#### **ALL-TIME SERIES**

Series: Illinois trails, 5-19

Last: Penn State 63, Illinois 24 (9/21/2018 at Illinois)

Streak: Penn State W2

at Penn State: Illinois trails, 1-9

### **BIG TEN CHAMPIONS WEEK**

#### ILLINOIS TRAVELS TO PENN STATE FOR WEEK 9

- Illinois learned Sunday morning it would travel to Penn State this weekend.
- This week's games will count towards Big Ten records (excludes Big Ten Championship Game).

#### **COACHING CHANGE**

- Illinois Director of Athletics **Josh Whitman** announced Sunday that **Lovie Smith** was relieved of his duties as head football coach after five seasons at the helm of the Fighting Illini. Smith will not coach the Illini
- Smith compiled a 17-39 overall record and 10-33 record in the Big Ten, including a 2-5 mark in 2020. The Fighting Illini's best finish under Smith was fourth place in the Big Ten West Division in 2019 after leading Illinois to two of the most historic wins in school history.
- Offensive coordinator **Rod Smith** will conclude the season as the acting head coach.
- Defensive ends coach Jimmy Lindsey will call the defense at Penn State.
- Miles Smith, Illinois' linebackers coach and Lovie's son, will not coach at Penn State.

#### MID-YEAR WINS HIGHLIGHT THE 2020 SEASON

- Illinois won Big Ten road games in consecutive weeks against Rutgers 11/14/20 and Nebraska 11/21/20. It was the first time Illinois had won Big Ten road games in back-to-back weeks since Nov. 3, 2007 at Minnesota (44-17) and Nov. 10, 2007 at No. 1 Ohio State (28-21).
- Illinois dominated in all three phases at Nebraska 11/21/20 in a 41-23 win, the Illini's first win in Lincoln since 1924 (previously five-game losing streak).
  - » QB Brandon Peters threw for over 200 yards and RB Mike Epstein and RB Chase Brown both ran for over 100 yards.
  - » Illinois' defense had five takeaways at Nebraska (3 interceptions, 2 fumbles). The Illini have 3+ interceptions in back-to-back games for the first time in at least 20 years.
  - » P **Blake Hayes** highlighted the special teams with a 14-yard run on an improvised fake punt to pick up a first down on the first possession of the second half.
- Illinois was led by QB **Isaiah Williams**' 192 rushing yards at Rutgers 11/14/20 in his first career start. It was the most rushing yards by a quarterback in program history.
  - » Illinois led for only the last 0:03 of the game at Rutgers. The Illini were down 10-0 after the first quarter and 20-10 in the second half. James McCourt's 47-yard field goal with 0:03 left led to the 23-20 win.
  - » Williams was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week and McCourt was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after the Rutgers game.

#### HANSEN AMONG NATION'S BEST LINEBACKERS

- Senior LB Jake Hansen is the only 2019 Butkus Award semifinalist that returned to college football in 2020.
- Hansen has been involved in 14 takeaways in the last two seasons, more than any other player in the
  nation. He has eight forced fumbles recovered by Illinois, three fumble recoveries (on fumbles he did not
  force), and three interceptions.
  - » Hansen also has one forced fumble that Illinois did not recover and one fumble recovery on a fumble he forced. In total, Hansen has nine forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, and three interceptions in the last two seasons (16 games played).
- Hansen has the #6 tackling grade in the nation according to PFF (min. 350 snaps). He has three missed tackles all season according to PFF.
- Current Big Ten ranks: tied for the B1G lead in forced fumbles, #2 in fumble recoveries, #6 in tackles, #7 in interceptions, #9 in TFLs
- Hansen is the #2 active player in the nation in career forced fumbles per game (0.25), behind only Fresno State's David Perales (0.31) and #2 in career forced fumbles (10), behind only Northwestern's Paddy Fisher (11).
- Seven tackles, 2.5 TFLs, one interception, and one fumble recovery at Nebraska 11/21/20
- Team-high 15 tackles at Rutgers 11/14/20, along with 1.0 sack, one interception and one pass breakup
   Top-graded linebacker in Power-5 the week of Nov. 13/14 by PFF (81.3)
- Tied for third in Illinois history in forced fumbles (10), behind only Illinois legends **Simeon Rice** (13) and **Whitney Mercilus** (11)
- Led the nation in forced fumbles (7) and ranked fifth in fumbles recovered (3) in 2019
- No. 17 graded linebacker in the nation by PFF and No. 5 in the Big Ten (79.6) in 2019
- Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after two
  forced fumbles vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest
  upsets in Big Ten History

#### **DEPLETED DEFENSE AT NORTHWESTERN**

- Illinois was missing 55% of its total starts on defense in 2020 (36/66) at Northwestern. The Illini will
  get some help back with DB Nate Hobbs returning from quarantine to play at Penn State.
- Illinois was missing six of its defenders that started the week prior against lowa.



### QUICK FACTS

#### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign (135,000)

Founded: 1867 Enrollment: 52,331 Colors: Orange & Blue Nickname: Fighting Illini

Conference: Big Ten (West Division) President: Timothy L. Killeen Chancellor: Robert I Jones Director of Athletics: Josh Whitman

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (FieldTurf - 60,670)

#### COACHING STAFF

Acting Head Coach: Rod Smith (Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks)

#### **Assistant Coaches:**

Bob Ligashesky: Special Teams Coordinator

Mike Bellamy: Running Backs Al Davis: Defensive Tackles Andrew Hayes-Stoker: Wide Receivers Keynodo Hudson: Cornerbacks Jimmy Lindsey: Defensive Ends Bob McClain: Offensive Line Cory Patterson: Tight Ends

John Kyle Davis: Offensive Graduate Assistant Rob Delaney: Offensive Graduate Assistant Aaron Gonzales: Defensive Graduate Assistant Carson Hall: Defensive Graduate Assistant

#### FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2019 Record: 6-7, 4-5 (4th Big Ten West Division)

Offensive Formation: Multiple **Defensive Formation:** 4-3 2019 Starters Returning/Lost: 15/9

Def: 5/6 Off: 8/3 ST (K/P) · 2/0

2019 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 35/18

All-Time Record (Years): 612-600-51 (130) entering 2020 All-Time Big Ten (Years): 347-438-32 (124) entering 2020 Memorial Stadium (Years): 276-243-14 (97) entering 2020

Big Ten Championships (Last): 15 (2001) National Championships (Last): 5 (1951) Bowl Appearances (Last): 19 (2019 Redbox Bowl)

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#### **COVID-19 POSITIVES**

- Senior DB Tony Adams tested positive for the COVID-19 virus last week. Senior DB Nate Hobbs was sidelined for the Northwestern game due to contact tracing, but is available to return for the Penn State
- Senior QB **Brandon Peters** and redshirt freshman TE **Griffin Moore** were both sidelined for 21 days following positive test results Oct. 29 for the COVID-19 virus. Both players returned for the Nov. 21 game
- at Nebraska.

  Contact tracing also sidelined several other players for the Purdue and Minnesota games.

  Illinois was missing 14 potential contributors for the Purdue game and 15 potential contributors for the Minnesota game due to a combination of COVID-19 positives, contact tracing, and injuries.

#### FOUR ORS

- Illinois started four quarterbacks in the first four games of the season.
  - » Brandon Peters, Illinois' QB1, tested positive for COVID after one game played. He missed the next three games before returning to lead Illinois to the road win at Nebraska.
  - » **Isaiah Williams** had 296 yards of total offense (192 rushing, 104 passing) at Rutgers, 67% of the team's total offense, in his first career start and was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week.
  - » Matt Robinson started against Purdue in place for Peters, but was hurt on the second drive.
  - » Coran Taylor started against Minnesota, the first start of his career.
- This is the first time Illinois has started four quarterbacks in a single season since the program's starters records began being kept in 1975.
- In Peters' two seasons at Illinois, the Illini are 7-7 when Peters starts and plays into the fourth quarter and 1-5 when he does not.
  - » Illinois has won five of their last nine Big Ten games when Brandon Peters starts.

#### CARNEY'S BREAKOUT YEAR

• Senior DE Owen Carney Jr. is third in the Big Ten in sacks (5.0) and ranks 10th in TFLs (7.0).

#### **GROUND GAME**

- Illinois leads the Big Ten in rushing yards (1,416). Penn State is third (1,316).
- Illinois ranks second in rushing yards per game (202.3), behind only Ohio State (251.0).
- Illinois had multiple 100-yard rushers in back-to-back Big Ten games against Rutgers and Nebraska. It
  was the first time Illinois accomplished the feat since at least 1945 when complete records began.
- Illinois had five 100-yard rushing performances in the three-game stretch of Minnesota, Rutgers, Nebraska.
- RB Mike Epstein (113) and RB Chase Brown (110) both went over 100 yards at Nebraska.
- QB Isaiah Williams (192) and RB Chase Brown (131) both went over 100 yards at Rutgers.
  - » Williams and Brown combined to become the second QB/RB duo to both rush for 130+ yards in a game in Illinois history. RB Rashard Mendenhall (201) and QB Isiah "Juice" Williams (133) both ran for 130+ at Minnesota 11/3/2007.
- **Epstein** ran for 108 yards against Minnesota 11/7/2020.
- Illinois has three players in the Big Ten's top 10 in yards per carry.
  - » Williams is fourth in the Big Ten in yards per carry (6.0)
  - » **Epstein** is fifth the Big Ten in yards per carry (5.9)
  - » Brown is eighth in the Big Ten in yards per carry (5.5)

#### IN THE NATIONAL RANKS

- Illinois is 7th in kickoff return defense (16.25).
- Illinois is 11th in the nation in turnover margin (+1.0).
- Illinois is 16th in fewest interceptions against (3).
- Illinois is 22nd in fewest turnovers lost (7).
- Illinois is 27th in the nation in rushing offense (202.3).

#### **ALL-ILLINOIS OFFENSIVE LINE**

- The offensive line returned four starters from one of the best groups in the Big Ten in 2019. Junior **Kendrick Green** (Peoria, III.), senior **Doug Kramer** (Hinsdale, III.), senior **Vederian Lowe** (Rockford, III.), and senior **Alex Palczewski** (Mount Prospect, III.) returned.
  - » Illinois has started an all-Illinois hometown offensive line every game this season.
  - » RT **Julian Pearl** (Danville, III.) is starting in place for RT **Alex Palczewski** who went down with an injury at Rutgers and is out for the season.
  - » Sophomore Verdis Brown (Chicago, III.) was announced as the starting right guard by head coach Lovie Smith on Oct. 19.
  - » With C **Doug Kramer** and G **Jordyn Slaughter** (Belleville, III.) out for the Purdue and Minnesota games, former tight end **Alex Pihlstrom** (Glen Ellyn, III.) started at guard.
  - » Palczewski-Kramer-Green-Lowe started 27 games together from 2018-20 (all 12 in 2018, 12 of 13 in 2019, 2 in 2020). The group had started 24 straight games together before Kramer missed the Redbox Bowl with an injury.
  - » The starting group of Palczewski-Brown-Kramer-Green-Lowe has combined for 147 career starts, the most in the Big Ten among starting offensive lines.
  - » Illinois had the highest rated returning offensivae line in the Big Ten according to Pro Football Focus. The Illini's returners grade 81.6, ahead of second place Ohio State (80.1) and third place lowa (79.8).
- Kendrick Green is the highest rated guard in the Big Ten and No. 3 in the nation by PFF (min. 400 snaps). Green is the No. 16 graded offensive lineman in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten.



- NEXT MAN UP
   RT Julian Pearl had his first career start at Nebraska after RT Alex Palczewski was injured at Rutgers.

   Pearl was Illinois' No. 2 graded offensive player in the 41-23 win at Nebraska according to PFF.
   Starting LG Kendrick Green was forced to move to center for two games with starting C Doug Kramer out. Kramer returned to the starting lineup against Rutgers.
   OL Alex Pihlstrom started at left guard against Purdue and Minnesota with Green moving to center. Pihlstrom is a former walk-on tight end that gained 45 pounds (240 to 285) from the 2019 season to 2020 in order to switch to offensive line. He was awarded a scholarship by head coach Lovie Smith after practice on Nov. 5, 2020.
   Fourth-string QB Coran Taylor shined against Purdue after being thrown into action following Peters' positive COVID test, Isaiah Williams being out, and Matt Robinson's injury early in the Purdue game. Taylor was 17-of-29 passing for 273 yards and two touchdowns along with 32 rushing yards in the first significant playing time of his career. Taylor made his first career start against Minnesota.
   Backup K Caleb Griffin was 5-for-5 on extra points in two games and made a 28-yard field goal against Purdue with starting K James McCourt out.
   Bake Hansen left the season opener in the first half with an injury and was replaced by Tarique Barnes, who received his first significant playing time. Barnes had a team-high 11 tackles (seven solo), 1.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, and a 39-yard fumble return for a touchdown.
   Barnes was the No. 6 graded linebacker in the nation during Oct. 23/24 according to PFF
   Barnes made his first career start at Rutgers and his second at Nebraska

#### TRANSFER U

- The Illini have had huge success in the transfer market. Some of the notables...
  - » RB Chase Brown Brother of DB Sydney Brown transferred from WMU and has competed for the
  - \* starting running back spot \* LB **Milo Eifler** Second-year starter for the Illini after transferring from Washington \* TE **Luke Ford** Former No. 1 TE recruit in the nation sat out last year after transferring

  - from Georgia

    » WR Brian Hightower Former four-star recruit transferred from Miami (Fla.)

    » TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe Brother of Josh and former USC TE is a grad transfer

    » WR Josh Imatorbhebhe Illini's leading receiver last year after transferring from USC

    » WR Donny Navarro Valpo transfer had a big second-half of the season in 2019

    » DL Roderick Perry NFL Draft prospect grad transferred from South Carolina State

    » QB Brandon Peters Second-year starter for the Illini after transferring from Michigan

    » WR Trevon Sidney USC transfer had 16 catches for 123 yards last year before an injury

    » DB Derrick Smith Potential starter sat out last year after transferring from Miami (Fla.)

#### **BIG TEN PUNTER OF THE YEAR**

- Senior P Blake Hayes has been a field-flipper for the Fighting Illini.
  - » 2019 Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year
  - » 2019 First-team All-Big Ten by coaches, media, AP & Phil Steele
  - » 2019 Honorable mention All-American by Phil Steele
  - » 77 punts, 3,437 punt yards (44.6 yards/punt), 32 punts inside the 20, 22 punts of 50+ yards in 2019
  - » Led the Big Ten and ranked 18th in the nation in punting average (44.6) in 2019
  - » Illinois single-season record 32 punts downed inside the 20 in 2019
  - » Illinois single-season record 41.6% (32/77) of punts downed inside the 20 in 2019
  - » Illinois single-season record 22 punts of 50+ yards in 2019
  - » Illinois single-season record low two touchbacks and 2.6% touchback rate (2/77) in 2019
  - » Third-best single-season punting average in Illinois history (44.6) in 2019

#### **BIG PLAY BHEBHE**

- Senior WR Josh Imatorbhebhe made an immediate impact after transferring from USC.
  - » Leads the Illini in receptions (22), receiving yards (297), and receiving touchdowns (3) in 2020
  - » 2019 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
  - » 33 receptions, 634 receiving yards, nine receiving touchdowns in 2019
  - » Third in Illinois history in touchdown receptions in a single season (9) in 2019
  - » Fifth in the Big Ten and 32nd in the nation in receiving touchdowns (9) in 2019
  - » Third in the Big Ten and 20th in the nation in yards per reception (19.2) in 2019
  - » Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after four receptions for a career-high 178 yards, including a career-long 83-yard TD, at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in Illini

#### **QB BP**

- Michigan transfer QB Brandon Peters has been a key addition for the Illini since arriving in 2019.
  - » Peters tested positive for COVID-19. He was out 21 days, per Big Ten rules, and returned for the Nov. 21 game at Nebraska. Peters had one of his most efficient games of his career at Nebraska, connecting on 18-of-25 passes for 201 yards and a touchdown in the Illini's 18-point win.
  - » 75 rushing yards in the opener at Wisconsin 10/23/19, one short of his career high
  - » 152-of-275 passing for 1,884 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2019
  - » 74 carries for 213 yards and three touchdowns in 2019
  - » Fifth in the Big Ten in passing TDs (18), eighth in yards per completion (12.4), ninth in completion percentage (55.3), ninth in passing efficiency (128.6), 10th in passing yards (1,884), and 10th in total offense (190.6) in 2019
  - » Career-high 368 passing yards and three touchdowns against Michigan State 11/9/19 in a 25-point comeback, the biggest comeback in Illinois history, to win 37-34 on a last second touchdown pass to TE Daniel Barker
  - » Four touchdown passes at UConn 9/7/19, tied for the second-most TD passes in a road game in Illinois
  - » Threw for 174 yards and two touchdowns vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten History

#### **CAREER STARTS LIST**

PLAYER	.'20.	.'19 .	'18.	.'17 .	'16.	.TOT
Palczewski, Alex	. 4 .	. 13	.12.	. 11 .		40
Lowe, Vederian	. 7 .	. 13.	.12.	7		39
Kramer, Doug	. 5 .	. 12	.12.	8		37
Hobbs, Nate	. 5 .	. 13	7 .	. 10		35
Green, Kendrick	. 7 .	. 13.	.12.			32
Hansen, Jake	. 7 .	9	.12.		.1.	29
Brown, Sydney	. 6 .	. 10.	.10.			26
Adams, Tony	. 6 .	. 10.	7 .	2		25
Imatorbhebhe, Josh.	. 7 .	. 11				18
Barker, Daniel	. 5 .	8	3 .			16
Eifler, Milo	. 4 .	. 12.				16
Woods, Jamal	. 3 .	5	. 4 .	4		15
Carney Jr., Owen	. 7 .	0	. 8 .	0		15
Peters, Brandon	. 4 .	. 11				15
Martin, Jartavius	. 1 .	5	. 8 .			14
Gay, Isaiah	. 3 .	5	3 .	. 2.		13
Ware, Delano	. 2 .	1	. 8 .			11
Tolson, Khalan						
Epstein, Mike	. 3 .	0	2 .	3		8
Navarro, Donny	. 2 .	6				8
Witherspoon, Devon.	. 5 .	3				8
Brown, Verdis						
Hightower, Brian						
Perry, Roderick						
Washington, Casey .						
Brown, Chase	. 5 .	0	0 .			5
Marchese, Michael .	. 1 .	0	3 .	0		4
Coleman, Seth	. 3 .	0				3
Newton, JerZhan						
Robinson, Matt						
Pearl, Julian						
Sidney, Trevon		3				3
Smith, Derrick						
Williams, Isaiah	. 3 .					3
Barnes, Tarique						
Ford, Luke						
Joseph, Kerby						
Pihlstrom, Alex						
Avery, Calvin						
Barnes, Bryce						
Beason, Marquez						
Cumby, Kyron						
Mondesir, Marc						
Pate, Deon						
Sandy, Carlos						
Taylor, Coran						
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-- = Redshirted/did not play/not on squad; 0 = Played, didn't start



#### MCCOURT'S BIG LEG

- Senior K James McCourt has one of the biggest legs in the nation.
  - » Game-winning 47-yard field goal with 0:03 left at Rutgers 11/14/20
    - » One of only four kickers in Illini history with two game-winning field goals in the final minute
  - » 13-19 field goals, 42-43 extra points, 65.2% touchback percentage (43/66) in 2019
  - » No. 11 kickoff grade in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten by PFF (87.6) in 2019
  - » 39-yard field goal as time expired beat No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to finish the largest upset over a ranked team in the Big Ten in the last 40 seasons
  - » Three 50+ yard field goals made is fourth-most in a career in Illinois history
  - » 50-yard field goal vs. Michigan, 10/12/19, his third 50+ yard field goal of 2019
  - » 57-yard field goal against EMU 9/14/19 tied for the longest in school history
  - » 53-yard field gol at UConn 9/7/19 tied for the longest road field goal in Illinois history

#### YOUTH BECOMES EXPERIENCE

- The Illini put one of the youngest teams in the nation on the field in the last few years. Now, those young
  rosters have turned to a veteran 2020 squad.
  - » Illinois has more seniors on the 2020 roster (25) than 2018 and 2019 combined (21).
  - » In 2019, the Illini started a true-freshman just eight times (DB Devon Witherspoon three games and WR Casey Washington five games) after totaling 118 true-freshman starts over the previous two seasons (86 in 2017 and 32 in 2018).
  - » 2020 class breakdown: 25 seniors, 19 juniors, 21 sophomores, 37 freshmen (21 true-frosh, 16 RS frosh)

#### **DEEP TIGHT ENDS ROOM**

- Junior TE Daniel Barker » 43 catches for 571 yards and six touchdowns in his Illini career
- Junior TE Luke Ford » Former top tight end recruit in the nation (No. 1 by Rivals, No. 3 by 247Sports)
- Senior TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe » USC grad transfer had first career Illini TD against Purdue

#### THREE TWO-TIME CAPTAINS

- Five captains for the season: Doug Kramer, Brandon Peters, Jake Hansen, Nate Hobbs, and Blake Hayes.
- The captains were selected by a vote of the student-athletes and staff.
- Kramer, Hansen, and Hayes were named captains for the second consecutive year.
  - » It is the first time in program history the Illini have had three two-time captains on the roster.

#### OCTOBER START

- Oct. 23 was the latest start date in Illinois football history. The previous latest start date was Oct. 19, 1907 (L, 42-6 vs. Chicago).
- It was the first time Illinois has started the season in October since Oct. 4, 1941, a 45-0 win over Miami (Ohio).

#### THE SCHEDULE

- The Big Ten will play a 9-game conference-only schedule in 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Illinois has not played a conference-only schedule since 1919, when the Illini went 6-1 to win the Big Ten title and claim to the national championship during the 1918 Flu Pandemic.



• #97Strong: All-Big Ten defensive end Bobby Roundtree suffered a severe spinal injury on May 18, 2019, in a swimming accident near his home of Largo, Florida. The Illini have kept Roundtree close to the team while recovering. Roundtree regularly FaceTimes into the defensive line meetings and had joined in the post-win celebrations via Facetime. The Illini are wearing '97' stickers on their helmets and touch a '97 Strong' sign before entering the field each home game. Coach Smith and Illinois Athletics setup a GoFundMe page to help raise money toward Roundtree's medical expenses that reached the \$97,000 goal within four days. It has raised over \$130,000.

#### 2020 ILLINOIS HONORS

#### **DB Sydney Brown**

- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten second team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### **LB Milo Eifler**

• Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### **OG Kendrick Green**

- Outland Trophy watch list
- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### **IR lake Hansen**

- Butkus Award watch list (linebacker)
- Bednarik Award watch list (Defensive Player of the Year)
- Nagurski Award watch list (Defensive Player of the Year)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten second team
- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team

#### P Blake Hayes

- · Ray Guy Award watch list
- Ray Guy Award Top Four of the Week 11/16/20
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American third team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten first team
- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten first team

#### WR Josh Imatorbhebhe

• Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### C Doug Kramer

- Wuerffel Award watch list
- Rimington Trophy watch list
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### K James McCourt

- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week 11/16/20
- Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" 11/16/20

#### OT Alex Palczewski

- Outland Trophy watch list
- Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team

#### **QB** Brandon Peters

• Maxwell Award watch list (Offensive Player of the Year)

#### LS Ethan Tabel

• Mannelly Award watch list (long snapper)

#### **QB** Isaiah Williams

• Big Ten Freshman of the Week 11/16/20











#### **ILLINI FIGHT FOR CHANGE**

#### THE MARCH

- Kendrick Green and members of the Illini football team organized a peaceful march on Aug. 31 that included many members of the Illinois athletics department and community.
- The team was supposed to have practice, but instead went to head coach Lovie Smith with the idea of
  uniting the athletic student body with a march from Memorial Stadium to Champaign's downtown police
  station
- The march was athlete-driven and backed by Lovie Smith, athletic director Josh Whitman, and the athletic department.
- **Kendrick Green:** "We're athletes. We have a platform in our community especially here at this university. I think that speaks volumes. We need to use our platform in the right, positive way, and this is a great way to do it. I feel like we should have done something like this a long time ago."
- Kendall Smith: "Black people have been protesting for years, so I think the most important part today is that it's not just Black people here. I appreciate you guys who are not Black who are here and who are supporting us and who are helping us fight. That's when the change is going to happen."
- Nate Hobbs: "Practice don't matter. Football games don't matter compared to a life being taken away and a life being undervalued. There's probably been some stuff that happened to ya'll, but none of that stuff happened to us. We're here for other people. You feel me? If we all can keep doing this and bring other people along, that's how we stop this. That's how we stop systemic racism. That's how we stop people getting killed for the color of their skin. I don't care what anybody says. Love will always be stronger than hatred. This right here is love."

#### ILLINOIS EMPOWER

- EMPOWER (Enlightened Minorities Pursuing Opportunities Where Everyone Rises), was established within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics in the Fall of 2019.
- EMPOWER's mission is to provide a family oriented-safe space and support personal development for student-athletes of color as a community. This organization aims to encourage athletes of color at the U of I to be more than an athlete.
- The organization has three primary goals
  - » Provide a comfortable environment that encourages dialogue around local and global issues as well as highly sensitive subjects.
  - » Provide arenas where student-athletes may network with other students, student-athletes, and business professionals.
  - » Host events that promote fun, educational, and engaging interactions between student-athletes of various ethnicities, cultures, and personal ideology.
- Illinois WR Dalevon Campbell is the Public Relations Chair for EMPOWER

#### ILLINI ALLIES

 Illini Allies serves to create a community to affirm the experiences and rights of LGBTQ+ studentathletes and staff at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Its mission is to provide a safe space for the DIA community to engage in conversation surrounding sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and other issues facing the LGBTQ+ community within athletics.

#### I FIGHT AGAINST RACISM

• Illinois student-athletes received "I FIGHT AGAINST RACISM" shirts and many teams hosted practices with their entire team wearing the shirts.

#### DIA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- The Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics is currently working on a diversity and inclusion strategic plan that will be launched in 2021. A culture climate survey was recently sent to all DIA staff members and student-athletes to collect information that will be used for the strategic plan. We received a 65% response rate from staff and a 50% response rate from student-athletes.
- The DIA Diversity and Inclusion committee has been working collaboratively with the University of Illinois Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations to support diversity, equity, inclusion, and civic engagement programming for students and staff.

#### VOTING

- 100% of eligible Illinois football student-athletes are registered to vote.
- Nov. 3 was an NCAA-mandated off day from athletic activities.

#### FOILIPMENT

- Illinois wore a solid black Block I decal on its helmets for the season opener at Wisconsin.
- The back of Illinois' helmets have a black fist sticker for the 2020 season.
- Each player could choose one of five messages for the back bumper of their helmets, all of which were selected by a group of student-athletes. The messages are Black Lives Matter, I Fight Against Racism, Together, Equality, and United.
- These initiatives are not supportive of any particular organization, but a belief in equality for all individuals.
- All uniform decisions were student-athlete driven and approved by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.



#### FIGHTING ILLINI PLAYER NOTES



#### 18 BRANDON PETERS

QB, 6-5, 220, SR.

#### AVON, IND. / AVON / MICHIGAN

- » 2020 Maxwell Award watch list
- » Earned bachelor's degree in general studies from Michigan in June 2019
- » Graduated from Illinois' recreation, sport, and tourism master's program last week
- » Threw for a career-high 368 yards and three touchdowns against Michigan State 11/9/19 in a 25-point comeback, the biggest comeback in Illinois history, to win 37-34 on a last second touchdown pass to TE Daniel Barker
- » Played in 10 games for Michigan from 2017-18 with four starts (all four starts were in 2017)
- » No. 34 recruit in the nation, No. 3 pro style quarterback in the nation coming out of Avon HS (Ind.) by 247Sports Composite



#### 1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

#### QB, 5-10, 180, R-FR. ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY

- » Fourth in the Big Ten in yards per carry (6.0)
- » 195 rushing yards at Rutgers 11/14/20 set the Illinois program record for rushing yards by a QB
- » Illinois' highest ranked quarterback recruit since Juice Williams in 2006
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports
- » Ranked as high as No. 25 overall recruit in the nation in February 2018 according to 247Sports Composite
- » High school coach was Illinois tight ends coach Cory Patterson



#### **2 CHASE BROWN**

RB, 5-11, 195, SO.

#### LONDON, ONTARIO / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.) / WESTERN MICHIGAN

- » Fourth in the Big Ten in rushing yards (510) and eighth in yards per carry (5.5) this season
- » Played his freshman season at Western Michigan
- » Identical twin brother, Sydney, is a safety for the Illini
- » Played in four games and redshirted the 2019 season



#### **26 MIKE EPSTEIN**

RB, 6-0, 205, SR.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- » Fifth in the Big Ten in yards per carry (5.9)
- » Trained with NFL running back Frank Gore during the summer of 2020
- » Injured knee during the season opener against Akron and missed the remainder of the 2019 season
- » Has missed 25 games at Illinois due to injuries (7 in 2017, 5 in 2018, 12 in 2019, 1 in 2020)



#### 14 BRIAN HIGHTOWER

WR, 6-3, 220, JR.

#### LEIMERT PARK, CALIF. / IMG ACADEMY / MIAMI (FLA.)

- » Transfer from Miami (Fla.) was granted immediate eligibility by the NCAA
- » Played in 11 games in regular season and made three starts as a freshman at Miami (Fla.) in 2018
- » Caught first touchdown pass of career in debut vs. LSU 9/2/18



#### 9 JOSH IMATORBHEBHE

WR, 6-2, 220, SR.

### SUWANEE, GA. / NORTH GWINNETT / USC

- » Earned bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in May 2019
- » Grad transfer is pursuing a master's degree in strategic brand communication at Illinois
- » Nine touchdown receptions in 2019 is tied for the third-most in a season in Illinois history, one back of the Illinois record



#### **86 DONNY NAVARRO**

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.

### NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NEUQUA VALLEY / VALPARAISO

- » Walk-on was awarded scholarship by Lovie Smith on Nov. 7, 2019
- » First career Illini touchdown on a 48-yard reception vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Led Valparaiso in receptions (32), receiving yards (539), receiving touchdows (5) as a freshman

PASSI	NG S	TATIS	TICS								
YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2017*	6	108	57	2	672	4	48	52.8	6.2	112.0	113.6
2018*	4	2	1	1	8	0	0	50.0	4.0	2.0	-16.4
2019	11	275	152	8	1884	18	83	55.3	6.9	171.3	128.6
2020	4	76	39	0	429	3	28	51.3	5.6	107.2	111.8
TOTAL	15	351	191	8	2313	21	83	54.4	6.6	154.2	125.0
All*	25	461	249	10	2993	25	83	54.0	6.5	119.7	122.1
RUSHING STATISTICS YEAR G ATT YDS TD LG AVG/C AVG/G											
2017*		6	17	-36	0		6	0.0	0.0		
2018*		4	0	0	Õ		Ď.	0.0	0.0		
2019		11	74	213	3	5	4	2.9	19.4		
2020		4	24	136	ī		1	5.7	34.0		
TOTAL		15	98	349	4	5	4	3.6	23.3		
All*		25	119	313	4	5	4	2.6	12.5		
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PASSI	NG S	TATIS	TICS								
YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2019	4	10	3	1	38	0	25	30.0	3.8	9.5	41.9
2020	5	45	18	1	273	2	46	40.0	6.1	54.6	101.2
TOTAL	9	55	21	2	311	2	46	38.2	5.7	34.6	90.4
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YEAR	0	G	ATT	YDS	TD	- 1	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G		
2019		4	9	16	0		5	1.8	4.0		
2020		5	48	287	1	2	26	6.0	57.4		
TOTAL		9	57	303	1	2	26	5.3	33.7		

RUSHING	STATI	STICS					
YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018*	13	71	352	0	29	5.0	27.1
2019	4	3	18	0	14	6.0	4.5
2020	7	93	510	2	39	5.5	72.9
TOTAL	11	96	528	2	39	5.5	48.0
ALL*	24	167	880	2	39	5.3	36.7

\* - stats include Western Michigan (2018)

\* - stats include Miami (2018-19)

RUSHING	STATI	STICS					
YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	5	57	346	3	58	6.1	69.2
2018	7	60	411	3	43	6.8	58.7
2019	1	8	45	0	14	5.6	45.0
2020	6	61	360	4	63	5.9	60.0
TOTAL	19	186	1162	10	63	6.2	61.2

RECEIVI	NG STA	TISTIC	S					
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018*	11	4	60	1	32	0.4	15.0	5.5
2019*	7	8	88	0	19	1.1	11.0	12.6
2020	7	9	201	2	46	1.3	22.3	28.7
TOTAL	7	9	201	2	46	1.3	22.3	28.7
All*	25	21	349	3	46	0.8	16.6	14.0

RECEIVI	NG STA	TISTIC	S					
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017*	6	2	11	0	9	0.3	5.5	1.8
2019	11	33	634	9	83	3.0	19.2	57.6
2020	7	22	297	3	52	3.1	13.5	42.4
TOTAL	18	55	931	12	83	3.1	16.9	51.7
AII*	24	57	942	12	83	2.4	16.5	39.2
* - stats	include :	Souther	n Califo	rnia (20	017-18)			

EAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
)17*	11	32	539	5	79	2.9	16.8	49.0
OTAL*	11	32	539	5	79	2.9	16.8	49.0
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#### **8 CASEY WASHINGTON**

WR, 6-2, 190, SO.

#### ROUND ROCK, TEXAS / PFLUGERVILLE

- » Played in 10 games and started five at wide receiver as a true freshman in 2019
- » Five starts was the sixth-most in Illinois history by a true freshman wide receiver
- » Father played football at Kansas State from 1987-89



#### 87 DANIEL BARKER

TE. 6-4. 250. JR.

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. / DEERFIELD BEACH

- » Last-second TD catch at Michigan State 11/9/19 to finish the biggest comeback in Illinois history
- » Became Illinois' second true freshman tight end to start a season opener in program history in 2018, joining Evan Wilson in 2010



#### 88 DANIEL IMATORBHEBHE

TE, 6-3, 240, SR.

#### SUWANEE, GA. / NORTH GWINNETT / USC

- » Earned bachelor's degree in social science (economics) from USC in Summer 2018
- » Grad transfer is pursuing master's degree in recreation, sport, and tourism at Illinois
- » Appeared in 22 games in his USC career, with nine starts
- » Brother, Josh, was Illinois' leading receiver in 2019



#### 82 LUKE FORD

TE, 6-6, 250, JR.

#### CARTERVILLE, ILL. / CARTERVILLE / GEORGIA

- » Illinois native sat out last season after transferring from Georgia, where he played nine games in 2018
- » Ranked No. 42 recruit in the nation in the class of 2018 by Rivals, No. 51 by 247Sports, No. 63 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 1 tight end in the nation by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports and ESPN



#### 79 VEDERIAN LOWE

LT, 6-6, 320, SR.

#### ROCKFORD, ILL. / AUBURN HS

- » 33 straight starts entering the Penn State game
- » 2017 BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention
- » Son, Kingston Lowe, was born in June 2019



#### 53 KENDRICK GREEN

LG/C, 6-4, 315, JR.

### PEORIA, ILL. / PEORIA

- » 2020 Outland Trophy watch list
- » No. 3 graded guard in the nation and No. 1 in the Big Ten by PFF (85.9) in 2020
- » No. 9 graded guard in the nation and No. 3 in the Big Ten by PFF (78.3) in 2019
- » 32 straight starts entering the Penn State game



#### **65 DOUG KRAMER**

C, 6-2, 300, SR.

### HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

- » 2020 Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- » No. 8 graded center in the nation and No. 3 in Power-5 by PFF (79.2) in 2019
- » Missed the 2019 Redbox Bowl with an injury, snapping a streak of 27 straight starts



#### 99 OWEN CARNEY JR.

DL, 6-3, 260, SR.

#### MIAMI, FLA. / MIAMI CENTRAL

- » Third in the Big Ten in sacks (5.0) this season
- » Graduated with a degree in communication
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program
- » 3.0 sacks against Purdue 10/31/20 are tied for seventh-most in a single game in Illinois history



#### 94 JER'ZHAN NEWTON

DL, 6-2, 270, FR.

### ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- » Goes by "Johnny" but chose to be listed on the roster as his real name, Jer'Zhan
- » Forced fumble against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Graded as the No. 1 true freshman defender in the nation and No. 15 overall defender in the nation the week of Oct. 31 (vs. Purdue)

RECEIVI	NG STA	TISTIC	S					
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2019	10	11	132	0	20	1.1	12.0	13.2
2020	7	10	106	0	20	1.4	10.6	15.1
TOTAL	17	21	238	0	20	1.2	11.3	14.0
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RECEIVI	NG STA	TISTIC	S					
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018	12	9	84	1	30	0.8	9.3	7.0
2019	13	18	273	4	52	1.4	15.2	21.0
2020	7	16	214	1	25	2.3	13.4	30.6
TOTAL	32	43	571	6	52	1.3	13.3	17.8

RECEIVING STATISTICS												
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G				
2016*	13	17	250	4	37	1.3	14.7	19.2				
2017*	9	8	144	0	48	0.9	18.0	16.0				
2020	4	3	54	1	28	0.8	18.0	13.5				
TOTAL	4	3	54	1	28	0.8	18.0	13.5				
All*	26	28	448	5	48	1.1	16.0	17.2				

* - stats	include	Southern	California	(2015-19)
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RECEIVING STATISTICS												
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G				
2018*	9	1	4	0	4	0.1	4.0	0.4				
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
2020	7	2	15	0	11	0.3	7.5	2.1				
TOTAL	7	2	15	0	11	0.3	7.5	2.1				
AII*	16	3	19	0	11	0.2	6.3	1.2				
* - stats include Georgia (2018)												

TART	STATIST	ICS
EAR	G	STA

YEAR	G	START
2017	8	7
2018	12	12
2019	13	13
2020	7	7
TOTAL	40	40

START STATISTICS											
YEAR	G	STAR									
2018	12	12									
2019	13	13									
2020	7	7									
TOTAL	32	32									

START STATISTICS											
YEAR	G	STAR									
2017	8	8									
2018	12	12									
2019	12	12									
2020	5	5									
TOTAL	37	37									

DEFEN YEAR 2017 2018 2019 2020 TOTAL	SIVE 10 12 13 7 42	STATI UA 4 10 6 11 31	STIC 2 11 9 14 36	S TOT 6 21 15 25 67	TFL 0.0 4.5 2.0 7.0 13.5	YDS 0 17 8 50 75	PD 0 1 1 0	FF 0 0 0 1	FR 0 1 0 0 0 1	BLK 0 0 0 0	<b>QBH</b> 1 6 3 2 12	
SACKS YEAR 2017 2018 2019 2020 TOTAL				TOTAL 0.0 2.5 2.0 5.0 9.5	YDS 0 13 8 40 61	13	Z	1	1	U	12	

DEFEN	DEFENSIVE STATISTICS													
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK			
2020	7	5	15	20	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	1	0	0			
TOTAL	7	5	15	20	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	1	0	0			





#### 96 RODERICK PERRY II

DL, 6-3, 300, SR.

#### RALEIGH, N.C. / CARY / SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

- » Transferred to Illinois from South Carolina State as a one year graduate transfer
- » Highest rated draft-eligible defensive tackle in the Big Ten by Phil Steele
- » Was a 2020 Preseason FCS All-American before transferring



#### 91 JAMAL WOODS

DL, 6-2, 275, JR.

#### HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

- » 11 career starts entering the Penn State game
- » Started first four games in 2018 at defensive tackle before a season-ending injury
- » 2017 BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention



#### 92 ISAIAH GAY

DL, 6-3, 240, SR.

#### NASHVILLE, N.C. / NORTHERN NASH

- » Third-youngest player in FBS to start a game as a freshman in 2017
- » Fumble recovery vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history



#### **44 TARIQUE BARNES**

LB, 6-1, 230, SO.

#### MEMPHIS, TENN. / CORDOVA

- » First career start at Rutgers 11/14/20
- » First significant playing time at Wisconsin 10/23/20 after Jake Hansen left the game with an injury
- » Career-high 11 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, and a 39-yard fumble return for a TD at Wisconsin
- » Second on the team in special teams tackles (8) in 2019



#### 5 MILO EIFLER

LB, 6-2, 225, SR.

#### BERKELEY, CALIF. / BISHOP O'DOWD / WASHINGTON

- » 2020 Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team
- » Sat out the 2018 season due to NCAA transfer rules after transferring from Washington
- » Uses a pink mouth piece for his mother after she beat breast cancer
- » Former #118 high school prospect in the nation by Rivals, #142 by 247Sports and #280 by ESPN



#### 35 JAKE HANSEN

LB, 6-1, 225, SR.

## TARPON SPRINGS, FLA. / EAST LAKE

- » The only 2019 Butkus Award semifinalist playing college football in 2020
- » Led the nation in forced fumbles (7) and forced fumbles per game (0.78) in 2019
- » 10 career forced fumbles are tied for third-most in program history (dating back to 1990)
- $\,$  » 14 takeaways in the last two seasons is the most in the nation



#### **45 KHALAN TOLSON**

LB, 6-0, 220, JR.

#### ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

- » Streak of 10 straight starts snapped at Northwestern 12/12/20 (out with injury)
- » Started the final four games of 2019 after Butkus Award semifinalist Jake Hansen was injured
- » Tied for the team lead in kickoff tackles (4) and third on the team in special teams tackles (6) in 2019



#### **6 TONY ADAMS**

DB, 6-0, 205, SR.

#### BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HS

- » Fourth-quarter interception vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led to Illinois' game-winning field goal in one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Interceptions against Wisconsin and at Purdue in 2019 to become the first Illini with interceptions in back-to-back Big Ten games since Vontae Davis and Kevin Mitchell in 2007



#### 3 MARQUEZ BEASON

DB, 5-11, 195, R-FR.

### DALLAS, TEXAS / DUNCANVILLE

- » Missed the 2019 season after suffering a knee injury during training camp
- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 91 recruit in the nation by ESPN, No. 108 by 247Sports and No. 108 by Rivals
- » Beason and Isaiah Williams were Illinois' two highest ranked recruits since 2009 (Terry Hawthorne)

DEFEN											
YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017*	8	11	5	16	4.0	4	1	0	0	0	0
2018*	10	13	4	17	2.5	4	1	0	0	0	1
2019*	11	26	8	32	14.5	57	0	1	1	0	3
TOTAL*	29	50	17	65	21	65	2	1	1	0	4
* - stat	s incl	ude So	uth Ca	rolina S	State (2	017-19	9) 				
2020	6	5	12	17	2.5	21	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	5	12	17	2.5	21	1	0	0	0	0

DEFEN	DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK		
2017	11	12	12	24	3.5-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
2018	4	11	2	13	4-12	1-2	0	3	0	0	0		
2019	9	10	4	14	5.5-19	0.5-3	0	0	1	0	0		
2020	4	2	2	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	28	35	20	55	13.5-38	1.5-5	0	3	1	0	0		

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS														
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK			
2017	12	12	8	20	4-17	1-13	0	0	0	0	1			
2018	9	14	6	20	1-9	1-9	0	0	0	0	0			
2019	11	13	14	27	3.5-5	1-2	0	3	1	1	0			
2020	6	8	7	15	2.0-8	1.5-7	0	1	0	1	0			
Total	38	47	35	82	10.5-39	4.5-31	0	4	1	2	1			

DEFE	ISIVE	STATI	STICS	S							
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	13	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
2020	5	12	13	25	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	1	0	1	0
Total	18	20	18	38	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	1	1	1	0

ı	DEFEN	SIVE	STATI	STICS	S							
,	YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
	2017*	5	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2019	13	39	24	63	10.0	29	1	0	1	0	0
	2020	5	15	6	21	2.5	3	1	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	18	54	30	84	12.5	32	2	0	1	0	0
1	AII*	23	58	32	90	12.5	32	2	0	1	0	0

\* - stats include Washington (2017)

ı	DEFEN	ISIVE	STATI	STICS	5								
١	YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK	
2	2016	12	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	2017	DNI	P - Inju	red									
2	2018	12	48	47	95	8.5-18	1-6	0	1	1	1	0	
2	2019	9	41	31	72	7.5-38	3.5-27	1	1	7	3	0	
2	2020	7	32	27	59	7.5-19	1.0-3	2	4	2	2	0	
1	Total .	40	123	111	234	23.5-75	5.5-36	3	6	10	6	0	

DEFEN	ISIVE	STATI	STICS	S							
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2018	12	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	11	23	15	38	1.5-4	0-0	0	2	0	1	0
2020	6	15	24	39	5.5-21	1.5-11	0	2	2	1	0
TOTAL	29	41	41	82	7.0-25	1.5-11	0	4	2	2	0

YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2017	5	4	4	8	1-1	1-1	1	1	0	0	0
2018	8	29	14	43	3.5-10	1-1	1	5	0	0	0
2019	10	29	10	39	3-6	0-0	2	3	0	0	0
2020	6	25	26	51	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	87	54	141	7.5-17	2.0-2	5	11	0	0	0

DEFEN	ISIVE	STATI	STIC	S							
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2019	DNF	- Inju	red								
2020	6	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0





#### **30 SYDNEY BROWN**

DB, 6-0, 200, JR.

#### LONDON, ONTARIO / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.)

- » 2019 All-Big Ten third team (coaches)
- » Father played in CFL for three seasons, mother was a figure skater
- » Identical twin brother, Chase, played football at Western Michigan one season before tranferring to Illinois in 2019



#### **8 NATE HOBBS**

DB, 6-0, 195, SR.

#### LOUISVILLE, KY. / LOUISVILLE MALE

- » 2019 All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 35 career starts entering the Penn State game
- » 2017 BTN.com All-Freshman Team



DEFE	NSIVE	STATI	STICS	S							
YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2017	12	31	17	48	2-8	1-7	0	2	1	0	0
2018	9	13	9	22	3-8	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
2019	13	44	23	67	5.5-15	0-0	1	11	0	1	0
2020	5	22	9	31	2-3	0-0	1	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	110	58	168	12.5-34	1.0-7	3	18	1	1	0

TFL-YD SACKS-YD INT PD

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#### **2 DERRICK SMITH**

DB, 6-2, 220, JR.

#### JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / TRINITY CATHOLIC / MIAMI (FLA.)

- » First career Illini start in the season opener at Wisconsin
- » Participated in training camp at Miami (Fla.) in 2019 before transferring to Illinois in August 2019 and sitting out the season due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Has been boxing since middle school



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**PUNTING STATISTICS NO**. 77 62

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TOTAL 44 249 10811 70

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2019 13 **A** 

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DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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TOT

YEAR GP UA

2019 11 51 20 37 16 88 2.5-3 0.5-2

2020

2020	7	12	5	17	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
OTAL	7	12	5	17	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
\II*	32	28	13	41	2.5	31	0	0	0	0	1	
' - stat	s incl	ude Mi	ami (2	017-18	)							

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TFL-YD SACKS-YD INT PD

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TFL YDS



#### 17 KENDALL SMITH

DB, 6-1, 200, SR.

#### BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

- » First si
- » Has pl
- » Ranked

significant playing time last week against lowa after DB Nate Hobbs left with an injury played both wide receiver and defensive back at Illinois ed No. 9 recruit in Illinois by ESPN coming out of high school	2019 2020 TOTAL	7	3	4	7	0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0	0	1	0	0	0
EVON WITHERSPOON	DEFEN											
n 170 cn	YEAR	GP	UA	Α	TOT	TFL-YD	SACKS-YD	INT	PD	FF	FR I	8LK



### 31 DE

DB, 6-0, 170, SO.

#### PENSACOLA, FLA. / PINE FOREST

- » Only true freshman defender to start a game for Illinois in 2019
- » Chase-down tackle at the goal line in the fourth quarter vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led to goal-line stop to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Joined the Illini during 2019 training camp after initially attending Hutchinson CC (Kan.)



#### 14 BLAKE HAYES

#### P, 6-6, 215, SR.

#### MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

- » Top NFL Draft punting prospect in the nation by Mel Kiper
- » 2020 USA TODAY Preseason All-American second team
- » 2019 Big Ten Punter of the Year
- » Has broken or on pace to break nearly every Illinois punting record



### 17 JAMES McCOURT

K, 6-1, 215, SR.

#### PARKLAND, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- » Born in Ireland (Illinois' 2021 opener is scheduled to be in Dublin, Ireland against Nebraska)
- » 39-yard field goal as time expired beat No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to finish the largest upset over a ranked team in Big Ten history
- » Enrolled in the management graduate program



#### **56 ETHAN TABEL**

LS, 6-0, 210, SR.

#### BARRINGTON, ILL. / BARRINGTON

- » 42 games as starting long snapper entering the Northwestern game
- » Bilingual in German
- » Talented sketch artist
- » Graduated with a degree in advertising, enrolled in the technology management graduate program

KICKIN	G STATIS	TICS						
YEAR	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2018	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	42-43	13-19	2-2	4-6	3-6	4-5	81	57
2020	12-12	6-10	4-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	30	47
TOTAL	54-55	19-29	6-6	5-8	4-8	4-7	111	57

#### GAMES PLAYED STATISTICS

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YEAR	G
2017	11
2018	12
2019	13
2020	7

TOTAL 43



### SERIES VS. PENN STATE

Series: Penn State leads, 19-5

Last: Penn State 63, Illinois 24 (at Champaign, 9/21/2018)

Streak: Penn State W2

at Penn State: Penn State leads, 9-1

### LAST MEETING

#10/9 PENN STATE.			63
ILLINOIS			24
SEI	PTEMBER 15, 2018	}	

MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL. // 34,704

#### SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Penn State	7	14	7	35	63
Illinois	7	10	7	0	24

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

#### First Quarter

Sanders 14 vd run (Pinegar kick), 9:17 (9-70, 3:32) Corbin 2 yd run (McLaughlin kick), 2:16 (6-74, 1:31)

#### Second Quarter

Sanders 2 yd run (Pinegar kick), 12:52 (11-75, 4:24)
Freiermuth 5 yd pass from McSorley (Pinegar kick), 8:11 (8-66, 3:14)
Smalling 6 yd pass from Krevs II (McLaughlin kick), 6:47 (5-75, 1:34)
McLaughlin, C. 42 yd field goal, 00:00 (5-32, 0:28)

ILL:

Smalling 17 yd pass from Davis, T. (McLaughlin kick), 10:36 (9-75, 4:24) Sanders 48 yd run (Pinegar kick), 8:36 (5-80, 2:00) PSU:

Johnson 16 yd pass from McSorley (Pinegar kick), 14:53 (11-60, 6:11) Johnson 16 by Dass from McSorley (Prinegar Nick), 1493 (11-00, 6:1 Hamlier 21 yd pass from McSorley (Prinegar Nick), 1499 (1-21, 0:09) Slade 6 1 yd run (Pinegar Nick), 9:58 (2-66, 0:36) Slade 1 yd run (Pinegar Nick), 4:24 (6-54, 2-48) Brown 6 yd run (Pinegar Nick), 1:56 (2-10, 0:50)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	PSU	ILL
First Downs		
Rushes-Yards	51-387	45-245
Passing Yards	204	166
Comp-Att-Int		
Total Yards		
Punts-Avg	1-42.0	4-44.8
Kickoff Returns	2-32	2-27
Penalties-Yards		
Fumbles-Lost		
Sacks By		
Third-down Conv	9-11	4-12
Time of Possession	29:55	30:05

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): PSU -Sanders 22-200-3, Slade 10-94-2, McSorley 15-92-0. ILL - Corbin 11-87-1, Epstein 13-73-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): PSU - McSorley 12-19-3-1-160. ILL - Rivers II

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): PSII - Johnson 4-51-1 Holland 3-53-0 Hamler 2-41-1 ILL - Smalling 2-23-2, Green 4-49-0, Mays 3-26-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): PSU - Sutherland 8, 1.0-2; Taylor 7, 1.5, 9; Parsons 6, 0.0-0. ILL - Roundtree 12, 2.0-12; Phillips 8, 0.0-0; Brown 5, 0.0-0.

#### GAME NOTES

- Sophomore DE Bobby Roundtree had a career-high 12 tackles (10 solo), 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack and one PBU
- Freshman QB M.J. Rivers II started for the second straight game. He was 17-for-28 passing for 149 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Rivers rushed 10 times for 24 vards
- Junior WR Trenard Davis threw his first career touchdown pass in the third quarter, a 17-yard completion to Ricky Smalling that gave Illinois a 24-21 lead.
- . Sophomore WR Ricky Smalling caught two touchdowns, his first two in 2018. Smalling had two touchdowns all of the previous season.



#### THE ILLINOIS-PENN STATE SERIES

- Penn State leads the all-time series against Illinois, 19-5, including a 9-1 advantage at Penn State.
- Illinois has won three of the last 10 meetings (2007, 2010 and 2014). Prior to 2007, Penn State had won 11 of 13 meetings, including seven in a row from 1972-2000.
- Illinois' last win over Penn State was in 2014, when David Reisner's 36-yard field goal with eight seconds left secured a 16-14 victory.
- In Illinois' last meeting with Penn State, WR Trenard Davis threw his first career touchdown pass on a trick play in the third quarter, a 17-yard completion to WR **Ricky Smalling**, that gave Illinois a 24-21 lead. Penn State then finished the game with 42 unanswered points, including a 35-0 fourth quarter. Thensophomore DE Bobby Roundtree (pictured) had a huge game with 12 tackles (10 solo), 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack and one PBU.
- Penn State won during Illinois' last visit to University Park, 39-0, on Halloween in 2015. Current University of Illinois Department of Intercollegiate Athletics operations employee D.J. Taylor led the Illini with four catches for 45 yards.
- Last 100-yard rusher vs. Penn State: Jason Ford, 100, 10/29/2011
- Last 300-yard passer vs. Penn State: Nathan Scheelhaase, 321, 11/2/2013
- Last 100-yard receiver vs. Penn State: Ryan Lankford, 104, 9/29/2012

#### ILLINOIS-PENN STATE CONNECTIONS

- Penn State co-defensive coordinator **Tim Banks** was in the same role at Illinois from 2012-15.
- Former Illini V'Angelo Bentley is a graduate assistant for Penn State. Bentley is Illinois' career leader in kickoff return yardage and had the Illini's last kickoff return for a touchdown against Southern Illinois in 2013.

### ILLINI NCAA & B1G RANKINGS (2020)

ILLINI NOAA & DIU NA	······································	- ()
TEAM RANKINGS (130 tear	ns ranke	(d)
CATEGORY	NCAA	B1G STAT
3rd Down Conversion Pct		
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense 4th Down Conversion Pct		
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense		
Completion Percentage		
Defensive Touchdowns		
Fewest Penalties		
Fewest Penalties Per Game	44th	7th 5.43
Fewest Penalty Yards	55th	10th391
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	76th	8th 55.86
First Downs Defense		
First Downs Offense	91st	9th 132
Fumbles Lost	32nd	6th 4
Fumbles Recovered		
Kickoff Return Defense		
Net Punting		
Passes Had Intercepted	ZJIII	16+ 2
Passing Offense		
Passing Yards Allowed		
Passing Yards per Completion	35th	2nd 13 29
Punt Return Defense	54th	8th 6.15
Punt Returns		
Red Zone Defense	95th	10th 0.875
Red Zone Offense		
Rushing Defense		
Rushing Offense		
Sacks Allowed		
Scoring Defense	83rd	10th 31.9
Scoring Offense.		
Tackles for Loss Allowed		
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	110+h	13111 113.30 14th 150.70
Team Sacks	110tii 82nd	14tii 133.70 7th 1 86
Team Tackles for Loss		
Time of Possession		
Total Defense		
Total Offense	95th	9th 359.9
Turnover Margin	11th	4th 1.00
Turnovers Gained		
Turnovers Lost	22nd	4th 7
Winning Percentage	103rd	12th 0.286
NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKIN	CC (Tan	75\
CATEGORY	nyved pivved	/J) STAT DANK
Forced Fumbles		
Toroca Fullibros		
Fumbles Recovered	Hansen	2 9th
Interceptions per game With		
Punting		
Rush Yards Per Carry		
	C. Brown	5.48 49th
Rushing Yards Per Game		
Sacks C		
Total Interceptions	. Hansen	2 59th
Witl	nerspoon	2 59th
Total Tackles		
	. папѕеп	6.4 63rd

AP TOP	25					
ואו וטו	20				Coaches	
Rk Last	Team	Conf.	W-L	Pts.	Poll	Last Week
1 < 1	Alabama (62)	SEC	10-0	1550	*1	W 52-3 A Arkansas
2 < 2	Notre Dame	ACC	10-0	1482	*2	DNP
3 < 3	Ohio State	Big Ten	5-0	1405	4	DNP
4 < 4	Clemson	ACC	9-1	1388	3	DNP
5 < 5	Texas A&M	SEC	7-1	1286	5	DNP
6 < 7	Cincinnati	AAC	8-0	1248	6	DNP
7 < 8	Indiana	Big Ten	6-1	1140	7	DNP
8 < 10	Iowa State	Big 12	8-2	1059	8	DNP
9 < 11	Coastal Carolina	a Sun Belt	11-0	994	12	W 42-38 A Troy
10 < 12	Georgia	SEC	7-2	968	9	W 49-14 A Missouri
11 < 6	Florida	SEC	8-2	940	11	L 37-34 H LSU
12 < 13	Oklahoma	Big 12	7-2	902	10	DNP
13 < 16	USC	Pac-12	5-0	774	13	W 43-38 A UCLA
14 < 14	BYU	Ind	10-1	724	16	W 28-14 H San Diego State
15 < 15	Northwestern	Big Ten	6-1	691	14	W 28-10 H Illinois
16 < 20	North Carolina	ACC	8-3	631	15	W 62-26 A #9 Miami (FL)
17 < 17	Louisiana	Sun Belt	9-1	566	18	DNP
18 < 19	lowa	Big Ten	6-2	502	17	W 28-7 H #25 Wisconsin
19 < 9	Miami (FL)	ACC	8-2	454	19	L 62-26 H #20 North Carolina
20 < 18	Tulsa	AAC	6-1	408	20	DNP
21 < 23	Texas	Big 12	6-3	227	24	DNP
22 < 22	Liberty	Ind	9-1	184	21	DNP
23 < 24	Buffalo	MAC	5-0	183	RV	W 56-7 H Akron
24 < NR	NC State	ACC	8-3	137	23	DNP
25 < NR	San Jose State	MWC	6-0	124	25	W 30-20 H Nevada

2020 BIG TE	N STAN		IGS OVERA	Ш		
WEST DIVISION	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern	6	1	6	1	177	102
lowa	6	2	6	2	254	128
Minnesota	3	3	3	3	174	191
Wisconsin	2	3	2	3	114	77
Purdue	2	4	2	4	163	179
Illinois	2	5	2	5	140	223
Nebraska	2	5	2	5	157	214
EAST DIVISION	W	L	w	L	PF	PA
Ohio State	5	0	5	0	233	116
Indiana	6	1	6	1	211	136
Maryland	2	3	2	3	118	160
Penn State	3	5	3	5	212	228
Rutgers	3	5	3	5	219	261
Michigan	2	4	2	4	170	207
Michigan State	2	5	2	5	126	246

### **BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

CATEGORY	PLAYER STAT RANK
Forced Fumbles	Hansen0.294th
	Tolson0.294th
Fumbles Recovered	Hansen 2 3rd
	. Witherspoon 23rd
	Barnes 110th
	Gay 1 10th
	Tolson110th
Interceptions Per Game	. Witherspoon0.38th
Sacks	Carney Jr 0.71 2nd
Total Interceptions	Hansen 27th
	. Witherspoon 27th
Total Tackles	Adams8.59th
	Hansen8.410th
Punting	Hayes43.74th

Rush Yards Per Carry	Epstein5.904th
	.C. Brown5.485th
Rushing TDs	Epstein 49th
Rushing Yards	.C. Brown5104th
Rusing Yards Per Game	.C. Brown72.96th

#### 2020 ILLINOIS BIG PLAYS (Rush/Pass/Rec/PR over 20 yds & KOR/Def over 40 yds) Player..... Run...Pass..Rec...Def...ST....Tot ${\sf Epstein} \ldots ... .4 \ldots .4 \ldots .0 \ldots .1 \ldots .0 \ldots .0 \ldots .5$ $\mathsf{Hayes} \ldots \ldots 1 \ldots 0 \ldots 0 \ldots 0 \ldots 1$ $\mathsf{TOTAL} \ldots \ldots \mathsf{15} \ldots \mathsf{20} \ldots \mathsf{20} \ldots \mathsf{0} \ldots \mathsf{0} \ldots \mathsf{36}$ WISCONSIN (5) 1Q 23 . . . . Peters rush 2Q 51 . . . . Peters rush 2Q 20 .... Epstein rush 26 ..... Hightower reception (from Peters) 30 22 . . . . Epstein reception (from Peters) 3Q PURDUE (9) $33\ \dots\ .\ Taylor\ rush$ 1Q 1Q 30 . . . . C. Brown rush 24 . . . . Hightower reception (from Taylor) 2Q 20 . . . . Hightower reception (from Taylor) 2Q 44 . . . . Hightower reception (from Taylor) 2Q 20 . . . . Barker reception (from Taylor) 30 4Q 21 . . . . . Barker reception (from Taylor) 4Q 28 . . . . D. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Taylor) 4Q 20 . . . . Barker reception (from Taylor) MINNESOTA (3) 63 . . . . Epstein rush 2Q 39 ..... Barker reception (from Taylor) 4Q 52 . . . . J. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Taylor) 4Q RUTGERS (6) 22 . . . . . Barker reception (from Williams) 1Q 3Q 39 . . . . C. Brown rush 3Q 22 ..... Williams rush 4Q $25\,\ldots\ldots\,\text{Williams rush}$ 20 . . . . C. Brown rush 4Q 26 . . . . Williams rush 40 NEBRASKA (8) $35\,\ldots\ldots\,$ C. Brown rush 1Q 2Q 28 . . . . J. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Peters) 58 ..... Epstein rush 2Q 22 . . . . J. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Peters) 2Q 25 . . . . Navarro reception (from Peters) 2Q 25 . . . . Barker reception (from Peters) 30

23 . . . . Navarro reception (from Peters)

24 ..... Barker reception (from Peters)
25 ..... J. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Peters)

20 . . . . J. Imatorbhebhe reception (from Williams)

46 . . . . Hightower reception (from Williams)

21 . . . . Epstein rush

20 . . . . Hayes rush

3Q

4Q

2Q

4Q 4Q

10WA (2) 1Q

NORTHWESTERN (3)

#### **ILLINOIS SCORING DRIVES**

WISCONSIN  2nd03:22TDBarnes, Tarique 39 yd fumble recovery (McCourt kick)
PURDUE           2nd
MINNESOTA
2nd.       05:32       TD       Epstein, Mike 1 yd run (Griffin kick).       6-83-2:37         4th.       11:30       TD       Imatorbhebhe, Josh 52 yd pass from Taylor (Griffin kick)       3-79-0:54
RUTGERS
2nd.       13:45.       TD.       Williams, Isaiah 3 yd run (McCourt kick).       12-87-5:48         3rd.       08:59.       FG.       McCourt, James 24 yd field goal.       12-69-6:01         3rd.       04:54.       TD.       Epstein, Mike 1 yd run (McCourt kick).       6-60-2:43         4th.       13:02.       FG.       McCourt, James 23 yd field goal.       12-57-4:31         4th.       00:03.       FG.       McCourt, James 47 yd field goal.       6-25-1:14
NEBRASKA
1st         13:31         TD         Brown, Chase 3 yd run (McCourt kick)         3-21-1:17           1st         05:39         TD         Brown, Chase 2 yd run (McCourt kick)         9-75-3:41           2nd         13:48         TD         Imatorbhebhe, Josh 28 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick)         7-65-3:44           2nd         05:50         TD         Epstein, Mike 1 yd run (McCourt kick)         4-89-1:35           3rd         06:48         FG         McCourt, James 24 yd field goal         16-65-6:31           3rd         02:31         TD         Peters, Brandon 1 yd run (McCourt kick)         10-75-4:17           4th         10:14         FG         McCourt, James 21 yd field goal         12-41-5:42           10WA         10WA         10WA         10WA
1st 08:10TD Barker, Daniel 24 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick)
2nd. 13:30 TD. Imatorbhebhe, Josh 12 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick)
4th
NORTHWESTERN
1st

### **TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

<b>Team</b> Illinois at Wisconsin	<b>Score</b> 7 45	First Downs 8 23	<b>Rushing Att-Yd-TD</b> 25-131-0 54-182-1	<b>Passing C-A-Int-TD</b> 8-22-1-0 20-21-0-5	Passing Yards 87 248	Total Offense 218 430	<b>Punt</b> 5-216 4-184	<b>Fumbles</b> 1-1 1-1	<b>Penalties</b> 5-60 3-15	Time Poss 16:32 43:28
Illinois	24	27	44-177-1	20-33-2-2	295	472	2-83	3-2	7-75	29:22
vs. Purdue	31	26	31-85-1	29-35-0-2	371	456	3-98	3-2	11-103	30:38
Illinois	14	14	36-181-1	6-17-0-1	106	287	8-336	2-0	12-120	22:25
vs. Minnesota	41	30	47-325-5	17-27-1-1	216	541	2-51	1-1	2-22	37:35
Illinois	23	23	59-338-2	7-18-0-0	104	445	4-184	2-1	4-40	34:38
at Rutgers	20	19	33-166-0	21-34-3-2	256	422	4-182	0-0	7-56	25:22
Illinois	41	25	52-285-4	18-25-0-1	205	490	3-137	4-0	3-31	36:21
at Nebraska	23	25	44-215-2	18-30-3-1	177	392	2-98	4-2	7-66	23:39
Illinois	21	20	38-149-0	17-35-0-3	199	348	7-266	0-0	3-30	29:34
vs. Iowa	35	22	38-204-1	18-28-0-3	220	424	5-210	0-0	3-22	30:26
Illinois	10	14	35-155-0	7-22-0-1	107	262	4-220	1-0	4-35	25:25
at Northwestern	28	23	58-411-3	7-12-0-1	82	493	2-92	2-1	6-40	34:35

### **GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

OFFENSIVE STA	ARTERS										
GAME Wisconsin Purdue Minnesota Rutgers Nebraska Iowa Northwestern	T Lowe Lowe Lowe Lowe Lowe Lowe	G K. Green Philstrom Philstrom Green Green Green Green	C Kramer Green Green Kramer Kramer Kramer	G V. Brown	T Palczewski Palczewski Palczewski Palczewski Palczewski Pearl Pearl	QB Peters Robinson Taylor Williams Peters Peters Peters	RB Epstein C. Brown Epstein Epstein C. Brown C. Brown C. Brown C. Brown	Hightower Hightower Hightower Hightower Hightower	WR J. Imatorbhebhe	WR/TE Navarro Ford D. Imatorbhebhe Navarro Cumby Barker Barker	TE/RB/QB Barker Barker Barker C. Brown Williams Williams Ford
Consecutive Career	32 39	32 32	4 37	7 7	<i>3</i> <i>3</i>	3 15	<i>4 5</i>	1 6	7 17	2 16	1 2
DEFENSIVE STA GAME Wisconsin Purdue Minnesota Rutgers Nebraska lowa Northwestern	ARTERS DE Carney Jr.	DT Woods Woods Newton Newton Woods Barnes	DT Perry Perry Perry Perry Perry Perry Avery	DE Mondesir Gay Gay Cay Coleman Coleman Coleman	LB Hansen Hansen Hansen Hansen Hansen Hansen Hansen Hansen	LB Tolson Tolson Tolson Tolson Tolson Tolson Tolson Marchese	LB Ware Eifler Eifler Barnes Barnes Eifler	CB Hobbs Hobbs Adams Adams Witherspoo Witherspoo	n S. Brown	S D. Smith Adams D. Smith Ware Adams Adams Martin	CB Adams Witherspoon Witherspoon Hobbs Hobbs Hobbs Beason
Consecutive Career	7 15	1 1	1 1	<i>3 3</i>	7 29	1 4	2 16	<i>3</i> <i>8</i>	1 3	1 14	1 1

### **RECORDS TO WATCH**

Through the Northwestern game

### **ILLINOIS INDIVIDUAL CAREER**

CAR	EER PUNTING AVERAGE
1.	Steve Weatherford, 2002-05 43.5 (193-8,402)
2.	Blake Hayes, 2017-present 43.4 (249-10,811)
3.	Steve Fitts, 1998-2001
	,
CAR	EER PUNTING YARDAGE
1.	Blake Hayes, 2017-present 10,811
2.	Steve Fitts, 1998-2001
3.	Justin DuVernois, 2011-14
4.	Anthony Santella, 2007-10 9,964
5.	Phil Vierneisel, 1973-76
6.	Chris Sigourney, 1979-83 8,935
7.	Steve Weatherford, 2002-05 8,402
8.	Chad Little, 1984-87
9.	Terry Masar, 1969-71
10.	Brett Larsen, 1992-95
CAR	EER FORCED FUMBLES (since 1990)
1.	Simeon Rice, 1992-95
2.	Whitney Mercilus, 2009-11
3.	Jake Hansen, 2016-present
	Stanley Green, 2016-19
5.	Dana Howard, 1990-94
6.	Mason Monheim, 2012-15
	Earnest Thomas III, 2011-2014
	Kevin Hardy, 1992-95
CAR	EER 50+ YARD FIELD GOALS
1.	Chase McLaughlin, 2014-18
2.	James McCourt, 2019-present
	Jason Reda, 2004-074
	D D 1072 7C

### **ILLINOIS ACADEMICS**

#### **GRADS ON GRADS ON GRADS**

The 2020 Fighting Illini roster features 13 student-athletes that already earned degrees prior to the season.

Student-Athlete	Bachelor's Degree	Degree Pursuing
Christian Bobak	Finance (May '20)	Technology Management
Owen Carney Jr.	Communication (May '20)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Desmond Dan Jr.	Individualized Studies (2020 at New Mexico State)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Jake Hansen	Kinesiology (May '20)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Daniel Imatorbhebhe	Social Sciences (Econ) (Summer '18 at USC)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Josh Imatorbhebhe	Business Administration (May '19 at USC)	Strategic Brand Communication
Blake Jerasaty	Economics and Finance (2020 at Wofford)	Finance
Doug Kramer	Finance (May '20)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
James McCourt	Finance (May '20)	Management
Roderick Perry	(2020 at South Carolina State)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Brandon Peters	General Studies (June '19 at Michigan)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Trevon Sidney	Communication (June '19 at USC)	Recreation, Sport & Tourism
Ethan Tabel	Advertising (May '20)	Technology Management

#### ILLINOIS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- During the Spring 2020 semester, 18 of 19 Fighting Illini programs posted team GPAs of 3.00
- During the Spring 2020 semester an Illinois record 78% of student-athletes earned GPAs above 3.00
- In the last three years, Illinois student-athletes have garnered a total of 641 Academic All-Big Ten selections

Ezekiel Holmes ... Sociology

• Illinois' GSR score of 92 in 2019 was the best in school history.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ACADEMIC RANKS

- #15 Public School in the Nation
- #6 Best Undergraudate Engineering Programs
- #5 in Computer Science
- #3 Accounting Program
- #9 Public Undergraduate Business Programs

## ACADEMIC MAJORS - FALL 2020

Tony AdamsPolitical Science
Bryce Barnes Community Health
Josh Beetham Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
John Bickel Kinesiology
Christian Bobak Technology Management (Master's)
Matt Bobak Community Health
Chase BrownCommunication
Sydney Brown Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
Verdis Brown African American Studies
Owen Carney Jr Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (Master's)
Edwin Carter Community Health
Sean Coghlan Accountancy and Finance (Double)
Thomas Cronin English
Desmond Dan Jr Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (Master's)
Isaac Darkangelo .Communication
Cooper DavisCommunity Health
Milo Eifler Sociology
Preston Engel Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
Mike Epstein Marketing
Luke Ford Communication
Isaiah GayLearning & Education Studies
Kendrick Green Sociology
Caleb Griffin Marketing & Management (Double)
Aidan Hall Systems Engineering and Design
Jake Hansen Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (Master's)
Blake Hayes Kinesiology
Brian Hightower Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
Nate Hobbs Sociology

Daniel Imatorbhebhe . Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (Master's)
Josh Imatorbhebhe .Strategic Brand Communication (Master's)
Ryan IngoldBusiness
Blake Jeresaty Finance (Master's)
Brevyn Jones Kinesiology
Kerby Joseph Community Health
Doug Kramer Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (Master's)
Tailon LeitzseyKinesiology
Conner Lillig Economics
Ty Lindenman Agriculture and Consumer Economics
Vederian Lowe Communication
Michael Marchese Economics
Jartavius Martin Communication
James McCourt Management (Master's)
Alec McEachern Management & Finance (Double)
Ryan Meed Kinesiology
Hayden Metcalf Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
Marc Mondesir Communication
Donny Navarro Information Sciences
Jakari Norwood Recreation, Sport, and Tourism
Brett Novak Natural Resources and Environmental Science
Moses Okpala Psychology
Nick O'Neal Economics
Alex Palczewski Kinesiology
Deon Pate Sociology
Julian Pearl Sociology
Roderick Perry Recreation, Sport, & Tourism (Master's)
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Keith Randolph Jr Journalism
Tip Reiman Kinesiology
Matt Robinson Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Carlos SandyCommunication
Ben Schultz Agricultural and Consumer Economics
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Jordyn Slaughter Sociology
Derrick Smith Communication
Kendall Smith Learning and Education Studies
Ethan Tabel Technology Management (Master's)
Dylan Thomas Finance
Khmari Thompson Sociology
Khalan Tolson Communication
Kevin TylerCommunication
Nick Walker Sociology
Delano Ware Community Health
Casey Washington Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
Jamal Woods Community Health
Terry Zapf Economics
unlisted = undeclared



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## **2020 STARTERS BY POSITION**

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### **DEFENSE**

Pos.	#	Player	<b>Starts</b>	Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	18	Brandon Peters	4	DE	99	Owen Carney	7
	12	Matt Robinson	1		49	Seth Coleman	3
	7	Coran Taylor	1		92	Isaiah Gay	3
	1	Isaiah Williams	3		54	Marc Mondesir	1
RB	2	Chase Brown	5	DT	96	Roderick Perry	6
	26	Mike Epstein	3		94	Jer'Zhan Newton	3
					91	Jamal Woods	3
WR	9	Josh Imatorbhebhe	7		93	Calvin Avery	1
	14	Brian Hightower	6		48	Bryce Barnes	1
	86	Donny Navarro	2				
	20	Kyron Cumby	1	LB	35	Jake Hansen	7
	8	Casey Washington	1		45	Khalan Tolson	6
					5	Milo Eifler	4
TE	87	Daniel Barker	5		44	Tarique Barnes	2
	82	Luke Ford	2		42	Michael Marchese	1
	88	Daniel Imatorbhebhe	1		15	Delano Ware	1
0L	52	Verdis Brown	7	СВ	8	Nate Hobbs	5
	55	Kendrick Green	7		31	<b>Devin Witherspoon</b>	5
	79	Vederian Lowe	7		6	Tony Adams	3
	63	Alex Palczewski	4		3	Marquez Beason	1
	65	Doug Kramer	5				
	75	Alex Pihlstrom	2	S	30	Sydney Brown	6
	54	Julian Pearl	3		6	Tony Adams	3
					2	<b>Derrick Smith</b>	3
					21	Jartavius Martin	1
					15	Delano Ware	1

**Bold** = started last game

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	17	James McCourt	5
	11	Caleb Griffin	2
P	14	Blake Hayes	7
LS	56	Ethan Tabel	7

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE
Tarique Barnes
Marquez Beason mar-KEZ
Christian Bobak bo-BACK
Matt Bobak bo-BACK
Verdis Brownver-dis
Dalevon CampbellDALE-von
Sean Coghlan KAWG-luhn
Thomas Cronin CROW-nin
Kyron CumbyKY-run
Milo Eifler MEE-LOW EYE-Fler
Preston Engel EN-gull
Mike Epstein
Nick Fedanzofa-DON-zo
Daniel Imatorbhebhe ee-MAT-or-bay-bay
Josh Imatorbhebhe ee-MAT-or-bay-bay
Tailon Leitzsey TAY-lon LIT-see
Vederian Lowevuh-DARE-ee-an
Michael Marchese mar-CASE
Jartavius Martin jar-TAY-vee-us
Alec McEachern Mc-CARE-un
Marc Mondesir mon-duh-SEER
Jer'Zhan Newton jur-ZHON
Tahveon Nicholson TAH-vee-on
Jakari Norwood juh-CAR-ee
Moses Okpala oak-PAH-la
Alex Palczewski pal-CHESS-key
Alex Pihlstrom
Tip Reiman
Tre'Von RigginsTRAY-von
Trevon Sidney TRAY-von SID-nee
Blaise Sparks (Blaze)
Ethan Tabel tuh-BELL
Coran Taylor kor-AHN
Khmari Thompson
Khalan Tolson KAY-lahn
Devon Witherspoon DEV-in

## 2020 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	DOC	шт	VA/T	VD	HOMETOWN/LACT COHOO!
NU. 1	NAME Isaiah Williams	<b>POS.</b> QB	<b>HT</b> . 5-10	<b>WT.</b> 180	<b>YR.</b> R-Fr.	HOMETOWN/LAST SCHOOL St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
2	Chase Brown	RB	5-10	195	So.	London, Ontario/Western Michigan
2	Derrick Smith	DB	6-2	220	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Miami (Fla.)
3	Marquez Beason	DB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas/Duncanville
3	Jakari Norwood	RB	5-11	180	So.	Pompano Beach, Fla./Deerfield Beach
4	Khmari Thompson	WR	6-1	210	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Central Gwinnett
5	Milo Eifler	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Berkeley, Calif./Bishop O'Dowd/Washington
5	Trevon Sidney	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif./Bishop Amat/USC
6	Tony Adams	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Belleville, III./St. Louis University HS
6	Deuce Spann	QB	6-4	195	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
7	Coran Taylor	QB	6-2	190	So.	Peoria, III./Peoria
8	Nate Hobbs	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Male
8	Casey Washington	WR	6-2	190	So.	Round Rock, Texas/Pflugerville
9	Josh Imatorbhebhe	WR	6-2	220	Sr.	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett/USC
10	Desmond Dan Jr.	WR	6-3	195	Sr.	Muskogee, Okla./Checotah/New Mexico State
11	Caleb Griffin	K/PR	6-3	215	So.	Danville, III./Danville
11	Carlos Sandy	WR	5-9	180	So.	Dania Beach, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
12	Matt Robinson	QB	6-1	190	So.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif./J Serra Catholic
13	James Frenchie Jr.	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
14	Blake Hayes	Р	6-6	215	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia/Brighton
14	Brian Hightower	WR	6-3	220	Jr.	Leimert Park, Calif./IMG Academy (Fla.)/Miami (Fla.)
15	Ty Lindenman	WR	5-6	160	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan./Shawnee Mission Northwest
16	Josh Beetham	QB	6-5	235	Fr.	Yorkville, III./Yorkville
17	James McCourt	K	6-1	215	Sr.	Parkland, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
18	Kendall Smith Brandon Peters	DB QB	6-1 6-5	200 220	Sr. Sr.	Bolingbrook, III./Bolingbrook
19	Dalevon Campbell	WR	6-4	205	S0.	Avon, Ind./Avon/Michigan Missouri City, Texas/Fort Bend Marshall
19	Hugh Robertson	P	6-2	205	Fr.	Castlemaine, Australia/Assumption College Kilmore
20	Kyron Cumby	WR	5-8	180	R-Fr.	Plano, Texas/Plano
21	Jartavius Martin	DB	6-0	195	Jr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla./Lehigh Acres
23	Conner Lillig	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Oak Park, III./Fenwick
23	Tahveon Nicholson	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Lee
24	Nick Fedanzo	RB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Lombard, III/Montini Catholic
25	Kerby Joseph	WR/DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Jones
26	Mike Epstein	RB	6-0	205	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
27	Matt Bobak	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Hinsdale, III./Hinsdale Central
28	Reggie Love III	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
29	Christian Bobak	DB	6-0	200	Sr.	Hinsdale, III./Hinsdale Central
30	Sydney Brown	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	London, Ontario/St. Stephens Episcopal School (Fla.)
31	Devon Witherspoon	DB	6-0	170	So.	Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest
32	Tailon Leitzsey	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Laurel, Md./Riverside/Missouri Baptist University
33	Ezekiel Holmes	DL	6-5	240	So.	Wichita Falls, Texas/Hirschi
34	Ryan Meed	LB	6-1	220	R-Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Canarsie
35	Jake Hansen	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake
36 37	Ben Schultz Jaden Jones-Watkins	DB DB	6-3 6-0	195 175	R-Fr. So.	Champaign, III./Central
38	Isaac Darkangelo	LB	6-1	225	Su. Fr.	Fisher, III./Fisher Brighton, Mich./Detroit Catholic Central
39	Aidan Hall	LS	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Glen Ellyn, III./Benet Academy
40	Shammond Cooper	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
41	Tre'Von Riggins	DL	6-3	270	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla./Lakewood
42	Michael Marchese	DB	6-4	210	Sr.	Vernon Hills, III./Stevenson
43	Cooper Davis	DL	6-6	235	Fr.	Melbourne, Fla./Viera
43	Griffin Moore	TE	6-4	235	R-Fr.	Bloomington, III./Bloomington
44	Tarique Barnes	LB	6-1	230	So.	Memphis, Tenn./Cordova
45	Khalan Tolson	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Admiral Farragut Academy
46	Alec McEachern	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	Plainfield, III./Benet Academy
47	Quinton McCoy	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Valrico, Fla./Bloomingdale
48	Bryce Barnes	DL	6-2	270	So.	Gibson City, III./Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley



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49	Seth Coleman	DL	6-5	230	R-Fr.	Melbourne, Fla./Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
51	Sean Coghlan	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Chicago, III./St. Rita
52	Verdis Brown	0L	6-4	320	So.	Chicago, III./IMG Academy (Fla.)
53	Kendrick Green	0L	6-4	315	Jr.	Peoria, III./Peoria
54	Marc Mondesir	DL	6-2	240	Sr.	Chicago, III./St. Rita
54	Julian Pearl	0L	6-6	305	So.	Danville, III./Danville
55	Blake Jeresaty	0L	6-2	295	Sr.	Charleston, S.C./Bishop England/Wofford
56	Ethan Tabel	LS	6-0	210	Sr.	Barrington, III./Barrington
57	Evan Kirts	0L	6-5	285	R-Fr.	Evergreen Park, III./Brother Rice
	8 Preston Engel	0L	6-0	270	So.	Normal, III./Normal Community
59	Josh Plohr	0L	6-3	300	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers College HS
62	Terry Zapf	0L	6-6	300	So.	Winnetka, III./New Trier/Williams (Mass.)
63	Alex Palczewski	0L	6-6	310	Sr.	Mount Prospect, III./Prospect
65	Doug Kramer	0L	6-2	300	Sr.	Hinsdale, III./Hinsdale Central
66	Jordyn Slaughter	0L	6-5	305	So.	Belleville, III./Althoff Catholic
68	Ryan Ingold	0L	6-5	305	Fr.	Batavia, III./Batavia
69	Moses Okpala	0L	6-7	295	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Ladue Horton Watkins
70	Thomas Cronin	0L	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Oak Park, III./Oak Park River Forest
71	Brett Novak	0L	6-6	300	Fr.	Maquon, III./Brimfield
72	Phifer Griffin	0L	6-6	300	Fr.	Monroe, N.C./Union Academy
74	Blaise Sparks	0L	6-7	290	Fr.	North Fort Myers, Fla./North Fort Myers
	5 Alex Pihlstrom	0L	6-6	285	Jr.	Glen Ellyn, III./Glenbard West
76	Brevyn Jones	0L	6-5	270	R-Fr.	Center Point, Ala./Huffman/Mississippi State
78	Kevin Tyler	0L	6-3	330	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Ritenour
79	Vederian Lowe	0L	6-6	320	Sr.	Rockford, III./Auburn
82	Luke Ford	TE	6-6	250	Jr.	Carterville, III./Carterville/Georgia
83	John Bickel	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	Tinley Park, III./Andrew
84	Owen Hickey	WR	6-2	165	Fr.	Des Plaines, III./Saint Viator
85	Dylan Thomas	WR	5-11	185	So.	Monticello, III./Monticello
86	Donny Navarro	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Naperville, III./Neuqua Valley/Valparaiso
87	Daniel Barker	TE	6-4	250	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Deerfield Beach
88	Daniel Imatorbhebhe	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett/USC
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	DL	6-5	270	R-Fr.	Belleville, III./Belleville West
89	Tip Reiman	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Rapid City, S.D./O'Gorman
90	Anthony Shipton	DL	6-4	305	Jr.	Orange, Calif./Villa Park
91	Jamal Woods	DL	6-2	275	Sr.	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown
92	Isaiah Gay	DL	6-3	240	Sr.	Nashville, N.C./Northern Nash
93	Calvin Avery	DL	6-2	340	Jr.	Dallas, Tex./Bishop Dunne
94	Jer'Zhan Newton	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
96	Roderick Perry II	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C./Cary/South Carolina State
98	Deon Pate	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
99	Owen Carney Jr.	DL	6-3	260	Sr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central

### **COACHING STAFF**

Rod Smith Acting Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Jimmy Lindsey Defensive Ends (Calling the defense vs. Penn State)

Bob Ligashesky Special Teams Coordinator

Mike Bellamy Running Backs
Al Davis Defensive Tackles
Andrew Hayes-Stoker Wide Recievers
Keynodo Hudson Defensive Backs
Bob McClain Offensive Line
Cory Patterson Tight Ends



### THE LAST TIME

#### AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD ...

Rushing
250 yards rushing:
330, Mikel Leshoure vs. Northwestern, 11/20/2010

200 yards rushing:

213, Reggie Corbin vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018

150 yards rushing: 192, Williams at Rutgers, 11/14/2020

125 yards rushing: 192, Williams at Rutgers, 11/14/2020

100 yards rushing:

113, Epstein at Nebraska, 11/21/2020, 110, C. Brown at Nebraska, 11/21/2020

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:
Reggie Corbin, 10/20/2018-11/3/2018 (3 games)

Five consecutive 100-yard rushing games:

Mikel Leshoure, 11/6/2010-12/29/2010 (5 games) 2 rushers with 175 yards:

Harvey (215), Havard (175) vs. Middle Tennessee, 9/12/1998 2 rushers with 100 yards: Epstein (113) and C. Brown. (110) at Nebraska, 11/21/2020

80+ yard rushing play: 80, Reggie Corbin at Wisconsin, 10/20/2018

70+ yard rushing play:
77, Reggie Corbin vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018 (3rd quarter)
Two 40+ runs in one quarter:

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

True-freshman rushed for 100 yards:
Mike Epstein, 111 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/2017
True-freshman rushed for 100 yards in first career game:

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

**40 rushing attempts:**40, Antoineo Harris at Wisconsin, 11/9/2002 30 rushing attempts:

31, Williams at Rutgers, 11/14/2020 2 rushers with 2 TDs:

Corbin (2) & Bush, Jr. (2) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018

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

4 TDs rushing: Antoineo Harris (4) vs. Indiana, 10/27/2002 3 TDs rushing: A.J. Bush, Jr. (3) at Nebraska, 11/10/2018 2+ TDs rushing by a QB: A.J. Bush, Jr. (3) at Nebraska,

11/10/2018

Receiving 200 yards receiving: 200, Mike Dudek vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014

**150 yards receiving:**178, Josh Imatorbhebhe at Michigan State, 11/9/2019

100 yards receiving:
178, Josh Imatorhhebhe at Michigan State, 11/9/2019
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2 receivers with 100 yards receiving:
Turner (164) and Hardee (125) at Northwestern, 11/26/2016

Running back with 100+ yards receiving: 100, Josh Ferguson vs. Northwestern, 10/27/2015

70+ yard pass play: 83, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Brandon Peters at Michigan State,

11/9/2019 **60+ yard pass play:** 83, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Brandon Peters at Michigan State,

11/9/2019

50+ yard pass play: 52, Josh Imatorbhebhe from Coran Taylor vs Minnesota,

10+ receptions: 11, Malik Turner at Northwestern, 11/26/2016 2 receivers with 2 TDs: Will Judson and Chris Duvalt vs. Missouri, 8/30/2008

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

Offensive lineman caught a pass: Jeff Allen, (1 rec., 2 yds) vs. Southern Illinois, 9/11/2010 Offensive lineman scored a TD:

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

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: 456, Wes Lunt vs. Western Kentucky, 9/6/2014 300 yards passing: 369, Brandon Peters. at Michigan State,

Consecutive 300-yard passing games:
Nathan Scheelhaase at Penn State (321, 11/2/2013) and at Indiana (450, 11/9/2013)

Three consecutive 300-yard passing games: Jason Verduzco vs East Carolina (352,8/31/1991), at Missouri (431, 9/14/1991) and vs. Houston (341, 9/21/1991)

(451, 3714/1391) and vs. Houston (341, 3721/1391) 6 TDs passing: Dave Wilson at Ohio State, 11/8/1980 5 TDs passing: Nathan Scheelhaase (5) vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013 4 TDs passing: Brandon Peters (4) at UConn, 9/7/2019 3 TDs passing: Brandon Peters (3) at Michigan State, 11/9/2019

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Two 65-plus yard TD passes in the same game:
N. Scheelhaase, 77 & 67 yds to AJ. Jenkins at Indiana, 10/8/11
10+ consecutive completions in a game:
Brandon Peters (10) at UConn, 9/7/2019

Non-QB with passing TD: Trenard Davis vs. Penn State, 9/21/2018 Defense

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

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

4 interceptions: Mike Gow (4) vs. Stanford, 9/21/1974 3 interceptions: Eugene Wilson (3) vs. Penn State, 11/10/2001 2 interceptions: Sydney Brown (2) vat Michigan State, 11/9/2019

3+ sacks in a game: Owen Carney, Jr. (3.0) vs Purdue, 10/31/2020

5+ FELs in a game: Jake Hansen (6.0) vs. Kent State, 9/1/2018
4+ TFLs in a game: Jamal Milan (4.0) at Purdue, 10/26/2019
4+ PBUs in a game: Jaylen Dunlap (4) vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016
3+ PBUs in a game: Jaylen Dunlap (4) vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016

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

Interception by a lineman:
Michael Buchanan vs. Western Michigan, 9/1/2012 Interception return for TD:

Sydney Brown (76 yards) at Michigan State, 11/9/2019

Two players with interception returns for TD in a game: Pat Nixon-Youman (68 yards), Jonathan Brown (66 yards) vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010

Fumble recovery for TD:

Tarique Barnes (39 yards) at Wisconsin, 10/23/2020 Scored on a safety: Smoot TFL vs. North Carolina 9/10/2016 Defensive extra point: Nate Hobbs (75 yards) at USF, 9/15/2017

#### Total Offense/All-Purpose

500 yards total offense: 503, Juice Williams vs. Minnesota, 10/11/2008 400 yards total offense: 439, Wes Lunt vs. WKU, 9/6/2014 300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing:

431 (310-121), Juice Williams at Michigan, 10/4/2008 300 all-purpose yards: 328, A.J. Jenkins vs. Northwestern, 10/1/2011 200 all-purpose yards: 213, Reggie Corbin vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018

4 total TDs: Brandon Peters (4 pass) at UConn, 9/7/2019

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

Special Teams

5 field goals: Doug Higgins vs. Michigan State, 10/20/1990 4 field goals: Chase McLaughlin (4) at Maryland 10/27/2018 3 field goals: James McCourt (3) at Rutgers, 11/14/2020 Made 50+ yard field goal: James McCourt (50) vs. Northwestern 11/30/2019

Blocked a punt: Dawson DeGroot vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018 Blocked punt for a touchdown:

Dawson DeGroot (block), Stanley Green (TD) vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/2018

Blocked two field goals: Terrell Washington vs. NIU, 9/8/2001 Blocked two PATs: Rob Bain at Penn State, 10/31/2015 Blocked a field goal: Isaiah Gay at USF, 9/15/2017 Blocked a PAT: Calvin Avery vs. Nebraska, 9/21/2019 Punt return for TD: V'Angelo Bentley (67 yards) vs. OSU, 11/16/2013 Kickoff return for TD:

V'Angelo Bentley (100 yards) vs. Southern Illinois, 8/31/2013 Blocked FG returned for TD:

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

Two-point conversion:

Dre Brown run vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019

Two two-point conversions in the same game: 2 at Ohio State, 11/3/2012 (Russell pass to LaCosse; Russell rush)

#### AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD ...

250 yards rushing: 256, Jordan Canzeri, Iowa, 10/10/2015 200 yards rushing: 224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020 150 yards rushing:

224, Mohamed Ibrahim, Minnesota, 11/7/2020

Three 100-yard rushers:

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

75+ yard rushing play: 79, Justin Jackson, vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17 50+ yard rushing play: 50, Evan Hull, Northwestern, 12/12/2020 Two 40+ TD runs in one quarter:

Carlos Hyde (51, 55 in 4th), Ohio State, 11/16/2013 **400 yards passing:** 408, Scott Rislov, San Jose State, 9/21/2002 **300 yards passing:** 371, Aidan O'Connell, Purdue, 10/31/2020

80+ yard pass play: 86, Minnesota (Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman), 11/3/2018

70+ yard pass play: 71, Michigan (Shea Patterson to Ronnie Bell), 10/12/2019 50+ yard pass play:

66, Rutgers (Noah Vedral to Bo Melton), 11/14/2020 Non-QB with passing TD:

Nick Scott to Christian Hackenberg at Penn State, 10/31/2015 200 receiving yards: 246, Roy Roundtree, Michigan, 11/6/2010 150 receiving yards: 105, Makai Polk, California, 12/30/2019 **100 receiving yards:** 140, Bo Mleton, Rutgers, 11/14/2020 Two 100-yard receivers: David Bell (122), Milton Wright (100),

Purdue, 10/31/2020 4 field goals: Keith Duncan, Iowa 11/23/2019

Three 50+ yard field goals: Tim Douglas (51, 58, 51), Iowa, 9/26/1998 Punt return for TD: K. Groenewed (61 yards), lowa, 11/17/2018 Kickoff return for TD: J. Leake (97 yards), Maryland, 10/27/2018 INT return for TD: Tyler Coyle (52 yards), at UConn, 9/7/2019 Blocked punt for a TD: AJ. Epenesa (19 yards), lowa, 11/17/2018

Fumble recovery for TD:

Grant Marvin (4 yards), Purdue, 10/31/2020 Safety: Team (tackle in end zone), Minnesota, 10/29/2016

**AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD ... 80 points:** 87 vs. Illinois Wesleyan (87-3), 10/5/1912 **70 points:** 79 vs. Illinois State (79-6), 9/16/1944 **50 points:** 73 vs. Himlor Sate (v3-0), 9.10/134 **50 points:** 65 at Michigan (65-67), 11/6/2010 **50 points:** 55 vs. Minnesota(55-31), 11/3/2018 **40 points:** 41 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 **30 points:** 41 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020

30 points: 41 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 0 points: lowa (0-63), 11/17/2018 0 points in 1st half: vs. lowa (0-35), 11/17/2018 0 points in 2nd half: at Wisconsin (7-45), 10/23/2020 Did not score a touchdown: vs. lowa (0-63), 11/17/2018 **400 rushing yards:** 430 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018

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300 rushing yards: 341 at Rutgers, 11/14/2020
200 rushing yards: 285 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020
Fewer than 100 rushing yards: 14 vs. Northwestern 11/30/2019
Negative yards net rushing: -27 vs. Arizona, 9/18/1993
Three 70+ yard runs: 3 (72, 72, 77) vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018
400 passing yards: 450 vs. Purdue, 10/4/2014
300 passing yards: 369 at Michigan State, 11/9/2019
Fewer than 100 passing yards: 87 at Wisconsin, 10/23/2020
4 TD catches by tight ends: 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013
700 total net yards: 723 vs. Illinois-Normal, 9/16/1944
600 total net yards: 646 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018
500 total net yards: 490 at Nebraska, 11/10/2018
400 total net yards: 490 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020
Fewer than 100 total net yards: 78 at Wisconsin, 10/8/1977

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Consecutive games, 500 total net yards: at Minnesota (646, 11/11/2008), at Nebraska (509, 11/11/2008).

Five field goals: 5 vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/2001 Shut Out opponent: Western Illinois (44-0), 9/12/2015

9+ sacks in a game: 9 at Purdue, 11/3/2001 6+ sacks in a game: 6 vs. Akron, 8/31/2019 15+ TFL in a game: 15 vs. San Jose St., 9/21/2002

10+ TFL in a game: 10 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019
Missed extra point kick: at Michigan State, 11/9/2019

Successful two-point conversion: vs. Michigan, 10/12/2019 2 successful two-point conversions: at Ohio State (2), 11/3/2012 Forced 5+ turnovers: 5 at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 Turned ball over 5+ times: 6 vs. Louisiana Tech, 9/22/2012

10+ passes broken up: 11 vs. Illinois State, 9/12/2009 Blocked two kicks: 2 at South Florida, 9/15/2017 Blocked two punts: 2 vs. Indiana, 10/23/2010

Entire game without punting: vs. Miami (Ohio), 9/28/2013
No penalties: vs. Arkansas State, 9/3/2011

No turnovers: at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 Back-to-back games with no turnovers: at Nebraska, 11/21/2020 and vs. lowa, 12/5/2020

No sacks allowed: at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 Rocks anower: at Northwestern, 12712/2020

Back-to-back games with no sacks allowed:
vs. Michigan State, 11/5/2016 and at Wisconsin, 11/12/2016

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

Overtime game: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016 Overtime game at home: Loss vs. Purdue, 34-31 (OT), 10/8/2016 A game with a weather delay: at South Florida, 9/15/2017 (0:37 delay)
A game was postponed: vs. Kent State, 9/4/2015 (2:50 delay)
Eventually postponed and played next day on 9/5/2015

### AN OPPOSING TEAM HAD ...

200 yards rushing: 411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 300 yards rushing: 411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 400 yards rushing: 411, at Northwestern, 12/12/2020 Fewer than 100 yards rushing: 83, Purdue, 10/31/2020 Fewer than 50 yards rushing: 10, UConn, 9/7/2019 Fewer than 20 yards rushing: 10, UConn, 9/7/2019

Negative yards rushing: -10, Murray State, 9/3/2016 One first down: Missouri, 9/10/1994 Zero first down: Missouri, 9/10/1994 300 yards passing: 371, vs. Purdue, 10/31/2020 400 yards passing: 411, USF, 9/15/2018

Fewer than 100 yards passing: 82, at Northwestern 12/12/2020 500 net yards: 674, vs Nebraska, 9/21/2019 600 net yards: 674, vs Nebraska, 9/21/2019 700 net yards: 712, Maryland, 10/27/2018

Fewer than 100 net yards: 96, South Dakota State, 9/10/2011 Fewer than 250 net yards: 192, Akron, 8/31/2019 40 points: 41, vs Minnesota (41-14), 11/7/2020 50 points: 54, at Nebraska (54-35), 11/10/2018

50 points: 34, at webrasha (34-33), 11710/2016 60 points: 63, Maryland (63-33), 10/27/2018 70 points: 70, Michigan (70-21), 11/7/1981 A shutout: Penn State (39-0), 10/31/2015 Did not score: Western Illinois (0-44), 9/12/2015

Did not score a touchdown: Akron, (3-42) 8/31/2019

Missed PAT: Minnesota, 11/7/2019
Missed PAT: Minnesota, 11/7/2029
A two-point conversion: Nebraska, 9/21/2019
Two two-point conversions: Northwestern (2), 11/29/2014

Defense scored all points in victory: Arizona, 16 points, 9/18/1993 Entire game without punting: at Nebraska, 10/1/2016





### **GAME SUMMARIES**

SCORING BY QUARTER

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#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

#### First Quarter

WIS: Stokke 10 yd pass from Mertz (Larsh kick), 11:37 (6-33, 2:58)

#### Second Quarter

\(\text{WIS}\): Ferguson 5 yd pass from Mertz (Larsh kick), 11:54 (14-88, 8:17)
\(\text{IL}:\)
\(\text{Barnes 39 yd fumble recovery (McCourt kick), 03:22}
\(\text{WIS}:\)
\(\text{Ferguson 14 yd pass from Mertz (Larsh kick), 01:06 (5-72, 2:10)}
\(\text{WIS}:\)
\(\text{Davis 53 yd pass from Mertz (Larsh kick), 00:28 (1-53, 0:08)}
\(\text{VIS}:\)

#### Fourth Quarter

WIS: Chenal 2 yd run (Larsh kick), 12:23 (10-66, 5:44)
WIS: Ferguson 3 yd pass from Mertz (Larsh kick), 04:53 (11-74, 6:46)
WIS: Larsh 19 yard fg, 00:56 (7-15)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	VISCONSIN
First Downs8	23
Rushes-Yards25-131	54-182
Passing Yards	248
Comp-Att-Int	20-21-0
Total Yards	430
Punts-Avg	4-46.0
Kickoff Returns 6-89	2-28
Penalties-Yards	3-15
Fumbles-Lost	1-1
Sacks By	3-12
Third-down Conv2-10	8-14
Time of Possession	43:28

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): WISCONSIN - Groshek 13-70-0, Wtason 19-62-0. ILL - Peters 7-75-0, Epstein 8-36-0, C. Brown 3-12-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INI-TD-Yds): WISCONSIN - Mertz 20-21-5-0-248. ILL - Peters 8-19-0-0-87.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): WISCONSIN - Davis 2-72-1, Ferguson 7-72-3, Pryor 3-44-0.

ILL - Imatorbhebhe 3-26-0, Hightower 1-26-0, Epstein 1-22-0. **TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):** WISCONSIN - Wilder 4, 0.0, 0, Chenal 4, 0.0, 0, Benton 4, 0.0, 0, ILL - Barnes 11, 1.5, 10; Hobbs 9, 2.0-3; S. Brown 9, 0.0

#### GAME NOTES

- Illinois is 42-39-7 all-time against Wisconsin, including a 16-24-4 record in Madison.
- Illinois is 2-12 all-time against Wisconsin teams ranked in the AP Poll. Illinois beat No. 5 Wisconsin, 31-26, on 10/6/2007, and beat No. 6 Wisconsin, 24-23, on 10/19/2019.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe,, LG Kendrick Green, C Doug Kramer, RG Verdis Brown, and RT Alex Palczewski
- Oct. 23 was the latest start date in Illinois football history. The previous latest start date was Oct. 19, 1907 (L, 42-6 vs. Chicago).
- Illinois started the season in October for the first time since Oct. 4, 1941, a 45-0 win over Miami (Ohio).
- Illinois played its second game ever without fans. Illinois' only previous game
  without fans was a 7-0 loss to Great Lakes on Oct. 12, 1918. The game was limited
  to players, coaches, and staff for health concerns during the 1918 Flu Pandemic.
- Five players made their first Illini career start OL Verdis Brown, WR Brian Hightower, DE Marc Mondesir, DT Roderick Perry II, DB Derrick Smith
- Illinois started six transfers QB Brandon Peters, WR Brian Hightower, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, WR Donny Navarro, DL Roderick Perry II, DB Derrick Smith
- Eight of Illinois' 22 starters at Wisconsin have 20+ starts: OT Alex Palczewski (37th), C Doug Kramer (33rd), OT Vederian Lowe (33rd), DB Nate Hobbs

(31st), OG Kendrick Green (26th), LB Jake Hansen (23rd), DB Sydney Brown (21st), DB Tony Adams (20th)

• Illinois captains: LB Jake Hansen, P Blake Hayes, CB Nate Hobbs, OL Doug Kramer, QB Brandon Peters

### GAME 2

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Team	1	2	3	4	F
Purdue	7	10	14	0	31
Illinois	0	10	0	14	24

#### SCORING SUMMARY

SCORING BY QUARTER

#### First Quarter

R: Horvath 1 yd run (Dellinger kick), 09:26 (5-80, 1:21)

#### Second Quarter

PUR: Wright 45 yd pass from O'Connell (Dellinger kick), 11:01 (7-91, 3:28)

ILL: Epstein 7 yd run (Griffin kick), 04:46 (7-49, 2:32)
PUR: Dellinger 36 yd field goal, 01:13 (8-51, 3:33)
ILL: Griffin 28 yd field goal, 00:23 (6-69, 00:44)

#### Third Quarter

PUR: Bell 3 yd pass from O'Connell (Dellinger kick), 08:47 (4-23, 1:47) PUR: Grant 3 yd fumble recovery (Dellinger kick), 00:54

#### Fourth Quarter

ILL: Imatorbhebhe 28 yd pass from Tyalor (Griffin kick), 11:44 (8-75, 3:16)
ILL: Hightower 9 yd pass from Taylor (Griffin kick), 06:36 (7-55, 2:44)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	PURDUE
First Downs		26
Rushes-Yards	44-177	
Passing Yards	295	371
Comp-Att-Int	20-33-2	29-35-0
Total Yards	472	456
Punts-Avg	2-41.5	3-32.7
Kickoff Returns	3-24.7	1-14.0
Penalties-Yards	7-75	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	
Sacks By	4-33	2-12
Third-down Conv	4-13	5-11
Time of Possession	29:22	30:38

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): PURDUE - Horvath 22-102-1, Anderson. 1-8-0, 0'Connell 5--21-0.

ILL - C. Brown 11-73-0, Epstein 13-63-1, Taylor 17-32-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): PURDUE - O'Connell 29-35-0-2-371. ILL - Taylor 17-29-2-2-273.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): PURDUE - Bell 9-122-1, Wright 6-100-1, Durham

4-52-0.
III - Hightower 4-97-1 Barker 5-74-0 | Imator heehe 4-43-0 D Imator heehe

lLL - Hightower 4-97-1, Barker 5-74-0, J. Imatorbhebhe 4-43-0, D. Imatorbhebhe 2-43-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): PURDUE - Mitchell 11, 1.0-11, Barnes 8, 0.0, 0; Thienman 7, 0.0, 0. ILL - Hansen 14, 2.0, 3; Adams 9, 0.0-0; Witherspoon 9, 0.0-0.

#### GAME NOTES

- Illinois is 42-40-7 all-time against Purdue, including a 16-25-4 record at home.
- Illinois is 92-34-5 all-time in home-openers.
- Illinois is 10-8-1 all-time on Halloween.
- Illinois forced the Boilermakers to turn the ball over twice within their own fiveyard line - one on downs and one on a forced fumble from Jer'Zhan Newton, with Jake Hansen recovering the ball.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, Ill.), C Kendrick Green (Peoria, Ill.), RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, Ill.), RT Alex Palczewski (Mount Prospect, Ill.) and LG Alex Pihlstrom (Glen Ellyn, Ill.).
- Illinois started six transfers RB Chase Brown , WR Brian Hightower, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, TE Luke Ford, WR Donny Navarro, DL Roderick Perry II,
- Seven of Illinois' 22 starters against Purdue have 20+ starts: OT Alex Palczewski (38th), OT Vederian Lowe (34rd), DB Nate Hobbs (32st), OG Kendrick Green (27th), LB Jake Hansen (24rd), DB Sydney Brown (22nd), DB Tony Adams (21st).
- Illinois captains: LB Jake Hansen, P Blake Hayes, CB Nate Hobbs, other captians QB Brandon Peters and C Doug Kramer were out.
- Illinois senior quarterback Brandon Peters and redshirt freshman tight end Griffin Moore were both sidelined for 21 days following positive test results Thursday for the COVID-19 virus. Per Big Ten Conference protocol, following recovery both players will be eligible to return for the Nov. 21 game at Nebraska.

### GAME 3

MINNESOTA		41							
ILLINOIS		14							
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#### SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Minnesota	7	21	7	6	41
Illinois	0	7	0	7	14

#### SCORING SUMMARY

#### First Quarte

MINN: Potts 9 yd run (Lantz kick), 03:29 (11-93, 4:24)

#### Second Quarter

MINN: Bateman 5 yd pass from Morgan (Lantz kick), 13:23 (6-61, 1:58)

MINN: Ibrahim 1 yd run (Lantz kick), 08:09 (8-77, 4:08)
ILL: Epstein 1 yd run (Griffin kick), 05:32 (6-83, 2:37)
MINN: Ibrahim 2 yd run (Lantz kick), 00:24 (10-75, 5:08)

#### Third Quarter

MINN: Ibrahim 1 yd run (Lantz kick), 00:21 (7-71, 3:53)

#### Fourth Quarter

ILL: J. Imatorbhebhe 52 yd pass from Taylor (Griffin kick), 11:30 (3-79, 0:54)
MINN: Ibrahim 4 yd run (Lantz kick), 08:27 (5-62, 2:58)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	MINNESOTA
First Downs		
Rushes-Yards	36-181	47-325
Passing Yards		106
Comp-Att-Int	6-17-0	17-27-1
Total Yards		541
Punts-Avg	8-42.0	2-25.5
Kickoff Returns	3-17.7	1-27.0
Penalties-Yards	12-120	2-22
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Sacks By		
Third-down Conv	3-12	8-10
Time of Possession	22:25	

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): MINNESOTA - Ibrahim 30-224-4, Wiley 9-57-0, Potts 3-49-1.

ILL - Epstein 11-108-1, Taylor 19-42-0, C. Brown 4-31-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): MINNESOTA - Morgan 17-27-1-1-216. ILL - Taylor 6-17-0-1-106.

**RÉCEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD):** MINNESOTA - Bateman 10-139-1, Ibrahim 2-31-0, Geary 1-18-0.

ILL - J. Imatorbhebhe 2-60-1, Barker 1-21-0, , D. Imatorbhebhe 1-11-0. **TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):** MINNESOTA - Howden 6, 0.0-0.0, Mafe 6, 2.0-13; Nubin 5, 0.0, 0. ILL - Adams 11, 0.0, 0; Eifler 7, 0.5-0; Martin 7, 0.0-0.

#### GAME NOTES

- Illinois is 39-31-3 all-time against Minnesota, including a 19-16-1 record at home.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, Ill.), C Kendrick Green (Peoria, Ill.), RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, Ill.), RT Alex Palczewski (Mount Prospect, Ill.) and LG Alex Pihlstrom (Glen Ellyn, Ill.).
- Illinois started six transfers WR Brian Hightower, LB Milo Eifler, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe, DL Roderick Perry II, DB Derrick Smith
- Seven of Illinois' 22 starters against Minnesota have 20+ starts: OT Alex Palczewski (39th), OT Vederian Lowe (35th), OL Kendrick Green (28th), LB Jake Hansen (25rd), DB Sydney Brown (23rd), DB Tony Adams (22nd).
- Illinois captains: LB Jake Hansen, P Blake Hayes, CB Nate Hobbs other captains QB Brandon Peters and C Doug Kramer were out.
- Sophomore QB Coran Taylor and freshman DL Jer'Zhan Newton made their first
- Senior P Blake Hayes moved into third all-time in career punting average with 10,004 yards. He trails Steve Fitts (10,671) and Justin DuVernois (10,571).
- Senior LB Jake Hansen had his 10th career forced fumble, his ninth in the last 12 games. He now trails only Simeon Rice and Whitney Mercilus for the most
- Jer'Zhan Newton became the first Illinois true freshman defensive lineman to start a game since Bobby Roundtree, Isaiah Cay, and Jamal Woods in 2017. He is the 18th true freshman to start a game on the defensive line in Illinois history. Some of the notables include Bobby Roundtree (2017), Corey Liuget (2008), Fred Wakefield (1997), and Mark Butkus (1980).



### **GAME SUMMARIES**

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#### SCORING SUMMARY

#### First Quarter

Melton 29 yd pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick), 13:03 (6-75, 1:57) RII-

Ambosio 29 yd field goal, 04:33 (6-18, 3:19)

Second Quarter

Williams 3 vd run (McCourt kick), 13:45 (12-87, 5:48) 111 RU: Ambrosio 26 yd field goal, 04:19 (9-75, 4:02)

#### Third Quarter

III: McCourt 24 yd field goal, 08:59 (12-69, 6:01)

Melton 66 yd pass from Vedral (Ambrosio kick), 07:43 (5-80, 1:10) RU:

Epstein 1 yd run (McCourt kick), 04:54 (6-60, 2:43)

#### Fourth Quarter

McCourt 23 yd field goal, 13:02 (12-57, 4:31) McCourt 47 yd field goal, 00:03 (6-25, 1:14)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	RUTGERS
First Downs		19
Rushes-Yards	59-338	
Passing Yards		256
Comp-Att-Int	7-18-0	21-34-3
Total Yards		422
Punts-Avg	4-46.0	4-45.5
Kickoff Returns	3-13.0	2-19.5
Penalties-Yards		
Fumbles-Lost		
Sacks By	1-3	1-1
Third-down Conv	7-16	4-14
Time of Possession	34:38	25:22

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): RUTGERS - Pacheco 21-138-0, Vedral 5-17-0,

III - Williams 31-192-1 C. Brown 17-131-0 Enstein 10-18-1 PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): RUTGERS - Vedral 21-34-3-2-256.

ILL - Williams 7-18-0-0-104.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): RUTGERS - Melton 4-140-2, Washington 3-55-0,

Young 2-18-0.

ILL - Hobbs 2-36-0, Barker 1-22-0, , Washington 1-16-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): RUTGERS - Fogg 14, 0.0-0.0, Izien 11, 0.0-0; Fatukasi 9, 1.5, 2. ILL - Hansen 15, 1.0, 3; Tolson 10, 2.5-4; Hobbs 7, 0.0-0.

- Illinois is 5-2 all-time against Rutgers, including a 3-1 record in New Jersey.
- . Illinois has won three straight against Rutgers
- . Illinois forced 3+ Rutgers' turnovers for the fifth straight year.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, III.). LG Kendrick Green (Peoria, III.), C Doug Kramer (Hinsdale, III.) RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, III.), RT Alex Palczewski (Mount Prospect, III.),
- Illinois started five transfers RB Chase Brown, WR Brian Hightower, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, WR Donny Navarro, DL Roderick Perry II,
- Seven of Illinois' 22 starters against Minnesota have 20+ starts: OT Alex Palczewski (40th), OT Vederian Lowe (36th), OL Kendrick Green (29th), LB Jake Hansen (26th), DB Sydney Brown (24th), CB Nate Hobbs (33rd), DB Tony Adams (23rd)
- Redshirt-Freshman QB Isaiah Williams and Sophomore LB Tarique Barnes made thier first career starts
- QB Isaiah William rushed for an Illinois record 192 yards. The most single-game rushing yards by a quarterback.
- Isaiah Williams (192) and Chase Brown (131) ran for 100 yards. The last game Illinois had two rushers with over 100 yards vs. Minnesota, 11/3/2018 with RB Reggie Corbin (213) and QB A.J. Bush, Jr. (127)
- Jer'Zhan Newton is the 16th true freshman to start 2+ games on the defensive line in Illinois history.

### GAME 5

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#### SCORING BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Illinois	14	14	10	3	41
Nebraska	7	3	7	6	23

#### SCORING SUMMARY

#### First Quarter

Brown 3 yd run (McCourt kick), 13:31 (3-21, 1:17) NFR-McCaffrey 5 vd run (Culp kick), 09:20 (12-71, 4:05) Brown 2 yd run (McCourt kick), 05:39 (9-75, 3:41)

#### Second Quarter

J. Imatorbhebhe 28 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick), 13:48 (7-65, 3:44)

Culp 30 yd field goal, 07:32 (10-52, 4:00)

Epstein 1 yd run (McCourt kick), 05:50 (4-89, 1:35)

#### Third Quarter

McCourt 24 yd field goal, 08:23 (16-65, 6:31) NFR-McCaffrey 1 yd run (Culp kick), 06:48 (6-75, 1:35) Peters 1 yd run (McCourt kick), 02:31 (10-75, 4:17)

#### Fourth Quarter

McCourt 21 yd field goal, 10:14 (12-41, 5:42)

Falck 4 vd pass from Martinez (Martinez rush failed), 02:12 (7-54, 1:58) NEB:

#### TEAM STATISTICS

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Category	ILL	NEBRASKA
First Downs		
Rushes-Yards	52-285	44-215
Passing Yards	205	177
Comp-Att-Int	. 18-25-0	18-30-3
Total Yards	490	392
Punts-Avg	3-45.7	2-49.0
Kickoff Returns	2-20.0	3-21.0
Penalties-Yards	3-31	
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	4-2
Sacks By	3-28	1-8
Third-down Conv	11-17	4-12
Time of Possession	36:21	23:39

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): NEBRASKA - McCaffrey 26-122-2. Robinson 7-60-0, Scott 8-22-0.

ILL - Epstein 13-113-1, C. Brown 26-110-2, Peters 8-36-1.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): NEBRASKA - McCaffrey 15-26-3-0-134. ILL -Peters 18-25-0-1-205

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): NEBRASKA - Robinson 6-60-0, Allen 5-43-0, Martin

III - I Imatorhhebbe 4-71-1 Navarro 5-58-0 Barker 3-42-0

TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): NEBRASKA - Honas 10, 1.5-8, Domann 8, 2.0-2; Reimer 7, 1.0, 2. ILL - Adams 13, 0.0, 0; Tolson 10, 1.0-2; Hansen 7, 2.5-5.

#### GAME NOTES

- Illinois won at Nebraska for the first time since 1924.
- Illinois is 4-13-1 all-time against Nebraska, including a 2-9 record in Lincoln.
- Illinois won Rig Ten road games in consecutive weeks for the first time since Nov. 3, 2007 at Minnesota (44-17) and Nov. 10, 2007 at No. 1 Ohio State (28-21).
- Mike Epstein and Chase Brown both rushed for over 100 yards. It is the first time since the 2000 season Illinois as had 100+ yard rushers in back-to-back games. Rocky Harvey and Antonio Harris both rushed for over 100 yards against Middle Tennesse (9/2/00) and San Diego State (9/9/00)
- . Illinois forced 5 Nebraska turnovers
- . Illinois was 10-14 on third downs and 1-1 on fourth downs.
- Illinois started four different QBs in the first four games and two QBs at
- . Illinois started two quarterbacks for the first time since 10/19/2013 against Wisconsin when Nathan Scheelhaase and Aaron Bailey were both in on the
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, Ill.), LG Kendrick Green (Peoria, III.) , C Doug Kramer (Hinsdale, III.) RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, III.), RT Julian Pearl (Danville, III.).
- RB Mike Epstein rushed for a touchdown, making four straight games with him reaching the endzone. Epstein tied his career high 113 rushing yard
- RB Mike Epstein rushed for a touchdown, making three straight games with him reaching the endrone.

### **ILL-OSU CANCELED**

ILLINOIS..... #4 OHIO STATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . NOV. 28, 2020 MEMORIAL STADIUM // CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

#### **GAME NOTES**

- The Ohio State at Illinois football game scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28, WAS canceled because of an elevated number of COVID-19 cases within Ohio State's
- The game is considered a "no contest" by the Big Ten Conference

	GAME 7											
#19 IOWA					ILLINOIS							
SCORING BY QUA	RTER					SCORING BY QUAI	RTER					
Team	1	2	3	4	F	Team	1	2	3	4	<b>F</b> 10 28	
Illinois	7	7	0	7	21	Illinois	3	0	0	7	10	
lowa	0	13	8	14	35	Northwestern	0	14	14	0	28	
SCORING SUMMA	RY					SCORING SUMMAI	RY					

#### First Quarter

Barker 24 yd pass from Peters (McCourt kick), 08:10 (9-70, 4:32) ILL:

#### Second Quarter

J. Imatorbhebhe 12 vd pass from Peters (McCourt kick), 13:30 (8-75, 3:24) IOWA: LaPorta 22 yd pass from Petras (Duncan kick), 06:18 (8-52, 3:35) Duncan 40 yd field goal, 02:54 (6-32, 2:16)

IOWA: Duncan 27 yd field goal, 00:14 (8-44, 1:15)

#### Third Quarter

IOWA: Smith-Marsette 4 yd pass from Petras (Goodson pass from Petras), 08:24 (9-70, 4:35)

#### Fourth Quarter

IOWA: Beyer 16 yd pass from Petras (Duncan kick), 12:40 (2-32, 0:45) IOWA: Smith-Marsette 13 vd run (Duncan kick), 01:56 (10-88, 5:35) Sandy 29 yd pass from Williams (Mccourt kick), 00:24 (10-75, 1:32)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	ILL	10WA
First Downs		22
Rushes-Yards	38-149	38-204
Passing Yards		220
Comp-Att-Int	17-35-0	18-28-0
Total Yards		424
Punts-Avg	7-38.0	5-42.0
Kickoff Returns	2-22.0	2-24.0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	3-22
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	2-10	1-8
Third-down Conv		
Time of Possession	29:34	30:26

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): IOWA - Goodson 17-92-0, Sargent 10-54-0, Smith-Marsette 2-44-1.

ILL - C. Brown 18-83-0, Williams 6-38-0, Peters 7-17-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): IOWA - Petras 18-28-0-3-220. ILL - Peters

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): IOWA - Smith 5-58-0, LaPorta 4-57-1, Smith-Marsette 4-32-1.

ILL - J. Imatorbhebhe 4-48-1, Barker 4-40-1, Campbell 2-24-0. TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds): IOWA - Niemann 8, 0.0-0, Golston 8, 0.5-4; Nixon 5, 0.5, 4. ILL - Adams 10, 0.0, 0; Hansen 7, 0.0-0; Carney Jr. 7, 0.5-1.

#### GAME NOTES

- The game was tied for the latest regular season game in Illinois football history.
   Illinois and Fresno State also played on Dec. 5 in 2009.
- Illinois is 38-36-2 all-time against lowa, including a 20-10 record at home.
- . Illinois honored 33 seniors prior to the game
- Illinois has an all-time record of 46-62-2 on Homecoming.
- Illinois captains: LB Jake Hansen, P Blake Hayes, CB Nate Hobbs, C Doug Kramer, QB Brandon Peters.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, Ill.), LG Kendrick Green (Peoria, Ill.), C Doug Kramer (Hinsdale, Ill.) RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, Ill.), RT Julian Pearl (Danville, Ill.).
- Illinois started six transfers RB Chase Brown, LB Milo Eifler, WR Brian Hightower, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, QB Brandon Peters, DL Roderick Perry II.
- Seven of Illinois' 22 starters against Iowa have 20+ starts: , OT Vederian Lowe (38th), OL Kendrick Green (33rd), LB Jake Hansen (28th), DB Sydney Brown (26th), CB Nate Hobbs (35th), DB Tony Adams (25th)
- . Senior LT Vederian Lowe started for the 32nd straight game.
- . Junior OL Kendrick Green started for the 33rd straight game

First Quarter

McCourt 39 yd field goal, 01:49 (14-59, 7:29) ILL:

#### Second Quarter

Mangieri 2 vd pass from Ramsev (Kuhhander kick), 14:56 (6-75, 1:53) Porter 2 yd run (Kuhbander kick), 00:24 (17-64, 7:02)

#### Third Quarter

Porter 18 yd run (Kuhbander kick), 10:53 (9-75, 4:07)

Hull 32 yd run (Kuhbander kick), 04:02 (10-81, 6:04)

#### Fourth Quarter

Hightower 46 yd pass from Williams (McCourt kick), 08:47 (7-86, 1:38)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	іш	NU
First Downs		23
Rushes-Yards	35-155	58-411
Passing Yards		82
Comp-Att-Int	7-22-0	7-12-0
Total Yards		493
Punts-Avg	4-55.0	2-46.0
Kickoff Returns	4-16.2	1-0.0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	6-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Sacks By	0-0	0-0
Third-down Conv	3-12	6-15
Time of Possession	25:25	34:35

#### INDIVIDIAL LEADERS

RUSHING (Carries-Yards-TD): NU - Hull 13-149-1, Porter 24-142-2, Ramsey 9-47-0.

ILL - C. Brown 14-70-0, Williams 7-38-0, Epstein 6-22-0.

PASSING (Comp-Att-INT-TD-Yds): NU - Ramsey 7-12-0-1-82. ILL - Williams 4-8-0-1-86

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards-TD): NU - McGowan 4-72-0, Lees 1-5-0, Porter 1-3-0. ILL - J. Imatorbhebhe 3-34-0, Hightower 2-60-1, Washington 2-13-0. **TACKLE LEADERS (Tackles, TFL-Yds):** NU - Fisher 7, 0.0-0, Gallagher 6, 1.0-1; Joseph 6, 0.0,0 . ILL - Martin 12, 0.0, 0; Hansen 8, 1.0-3; Eifler 7, 0.0-0.

#### GAME NOTES

- . Today was the latest regular season game in Illinois football history.
- Illinois is 55-54-5 all-time against Northwestern, including a 30-30-3 record
- Illinois had three defenders make their first career starts: Calvin Avery, Bryce Barnes, and Marquez Beason.
- · Illinois had two defenders make their first starts of the season: Michael Marchese and Jartavius Martin
- P Blake Hayes is now the leader in career punting yardage with 10811 yards.
   Hayes also had one rush for 20 yards.
- · Illinois captains: LB Jake Hansen, P Blake Hayes, C Doug Kramer, QB Brandon Peters. Other captain CB Nate Hobbs, was out.
- Illinois started an all-Illinois offensive line of LT Vederian Lowe (Rockford, III.) LG Kendrick Green (Peoria, III.), C Doug Kramer (Hinsdale, III.) RG Verdis Brown (Chicago, III.), RT Julian Pearl (Danville, III.).
- Illinois started six transfers RB Chase Brown, LB Milo Eifler, TE Luke Ford, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, QB Brandon Peters, DB Derrick Smith
- Four of Illinois' 22 starters against lowa have 20+ starts: , OT Vederian Lowe (39th), OL Doug Kramer (37th), OL Kendrick Green (34th), LB Jake Hansen (29th)
- Senior LT Vederian Lowe started for the 33rd straight game.
- Junior OL Kendrick Green started for the 34th straight game.
- Six of Illinois' defensive starters from last week were not available at Northwestern: DB Adams, DB Brown, DB Hobbs, DL Perry, LB Tolson, DL Woods
- Illinois was missing 55% of its total starts on defense this season (36/66).
- Entering the game, Illinois had 17 defenders that had played 100+ snaps this season. Eight of those defenders were not available for the game.
- Illinois senior defensive back Tony Adams missed the game following a positive test result for the COVID-19 virus. Contact tracing also sidelined senior defensive back Nate Hobbs.

### TONY ADAMS

DB. 6-0. 205. SR.

#### BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HS

- » Starting defensive back
- » Interception returned 23 yards in Illinois' win at Nebraska

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played and started 10 games at defensive back
- » Missed three games with injuries
- » 39 tackles, 3.0 TFLs, two interceptions on the season
- » First Illini with interceptions in back-to-back Big Ten games since Vontae Davis and Kevin Mitchell both did it against Penn State and Wisconsin in 2007
- » Interception returned 13 yards for a touchdown at Purdue 10/26/19, the first touchdown of his career
- » Fourth-quarter interception vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led to Illinois' game-winning field goal in one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Career-high 2.0 TFLs at UConn before leaving the game with an injury in the second half

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played eight games with seven total starts, five starts at safety and two starts at corner
- » Switched from corner to safety during the season
- » 43 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, 4 PBUs and 1 INT on the season
- » Third on team in PBUs (4) and sixth in tackles (43)
- » Second career interception at Nebraska 11/10/18
- » Career highs in tackles (10), TFLs (1.0), sacks (1.0) and PBUs (3) against Minnesota 11/3/18
- » Missed four games with injuries
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » Played in five games with two starts at cornerback
- » Missed the last seven games with an injury
- » Eight tackles, 1.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, one interception on season
- » Played both corner and nickel
- » First career interception and sack at South Florida
- » Career-high four tackles against Ball State
- » First Illini true freshman cornerback to start the season opener since Vontae Davis in 2006 against Eastern Illinois

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and Scout
- » Ranked No. 81 defensive back in the nation by Scout
- » Ranked No. 130 WR in nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 6 recruit in Missouri by 247Sports, No. 7 by ESPN and No. 10 by Rivals
- » High school coach was Gary Kornfeld

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 24, 1999
- » Majoring in political science

### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 at Nebraska, 11/21/20

TFLs: 2.0 at UConn, 9/7/19

Sacks: 1.0, twice (last vs. Minnesota, 11/3/18)

PBUs: 3 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/18

Interception: 1, four times (last at Purdue, 10/26/19) Interception Return Yards: 23, at Nebraska 11/21/20

Touchdowns: 1 at Purdue, 10/26/19

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	5	4	4	8	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2018	8	29	14	43	3.5	10	5	0	0	0	0
2019	10	29	10	39	3.0	6	3	0	0	0	0
2020	6	25	26	51	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	87	54	141	7.5	17	11	0	0	0	0

#### INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/6
2017	5	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2018	8	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	6	1	23	0	23	23.0	3.8

#### TOTAL 29 5 36 23 7.2 1.2

#### SACKS STATISTICS YEAR UA A TOTAL YDS G

2017	5	1	0	1.0	1
2018	8	1	0	1.0	1
2019	10	0	0	0.0	0
2020	6	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	29	2	0	2.0	2

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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@WIS	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	6	5	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@RUT	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	9	4	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-23	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel					
IOWA	2	8	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW					DNP					
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	5	0	5	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU				D	NP - Injure	d				
NEB	11	1	12	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@MIN	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
@PUR	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-13	0	0
RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW					NP - Injure					
vs. CAL				D	NP - Injure	:d				

UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU	
KENT ST				0	NP - Injure	d					
WIU				0	NP - Injure	d					
USF	3	3	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	
PENN ST	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@RUT	5	1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@WIS				0	NP - Injure	d					
@MD				0	NP - Injure	d					
MINN	5	5	10	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	
@NEB	5	4	9	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	
IOWA	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NW	5	0	5	1.0-7	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU	
BALL ST	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@USF	1	0	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	
NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
RUT				0	NP - Injure	d					
@MIN				0	NP - Injure	d					
WIS				DNP - Injured							
@PUR					NP - Injure	d					
IND											

DNP - Injured

## CALVIN AVERY

DL, 6-2, 340, JR.

#### DALLAS, TEXAS. / BISHOP DUNNE

#### 2020 Junior:

@0SU

- » Backup defensive lineman
- » Made first career start at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in 12 games at defensive tackle
- » Eight tackles, 1.0 TFL, one blocked kick on the season
- » Blocked extra point against Nebraska 9/21/19

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played all 12 games
- » 18 tackles, 1.5 TFLs and one blocked kick on the season
- » Made Illinois debut in season opener vs. Kent State 9/1/18
- » First career tackle against Penn State 9/21/18
- » Blocked extra point against Purdue 10/13/18

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 156 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 232 by ESPN and No. 299 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 9 defensive tackle in the nation by Rivals, No. 16 by ESPN and No. 23 by 247Sports

- » Ranked No. 34 recruit in Texas by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 7 recruit in the Dallas-Fort Worth area by the Star-Telegram
- » 2017 Under Armour All-America Game participant
- » 2017 US Army All-American Game invitation
- » 68 tackles, 12 sacks as a junior
- » 2017 3A Texas Associated Press Sports Editors All-State
- » 2017 Texas Assn. of Private and Parochial Schools All-State
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in August 2017
- » Offers included Arizona State, Arkansas, Cal, Colorado, Florida State, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, TCU, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, USC and Washington

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 4, 1999
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 at Northwestern 12/12/20 TFLs: 1.0, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019) Sacks: 1.0 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019

Blocked Kicks: 1. twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/21/19)

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YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2018	12	6	12	18	1.5	4	0	0	0	1	0
2019	12	2	6	8	1.0	4	0	0	0	1	0
2020	6	6	3	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	30	14	21	35	2.5	8	0	0	0	2	0

#### SACKS STATISTICS

SHUIN	JUL	J			
YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOTAL	YDS
2018	12	0	0	0.0	0
2019	12	1	0	1.0	4
2020	6	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	20	1	0	1.0	4

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	2	0	2	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN					DNP					
AKRON	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@NW	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT				0	NP - Injure	d				
MIN	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

2010	UM	HJ	101	II L-Ius	MD2-102		IIV-IUS	IIII-IUS	QDII	LDO
KENT ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PENN ST	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	2	3	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	1	1	2	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

### 87 DANIEL BARKER

TE, 6-4, 250, JR.

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. / DEERFIELD BEACH

- » 16 catches for 214 yards and one touchdown on the season
- » Part of the tight end rotation

#### 2019 Sophomore:

» Played in all 13 games and started eight at tight end



- » 18 receptions, 273 receiving yards, four touchdowns on the
- » 25th in the Big Ten in receiving touchdowns (4)
- » Second on the team in receiving touchdowns (4) and third in receiving vards (273)
- » Game-winning last-second touchdown catch at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois finish the biggest comeback in program history in 37-34 win
- » Three receptions for 37 yards vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets
- » Career-highs in receptions (4, tied), receiving yards (90), and long reception (52) against Eastern Michigan 9/14/19
- » Caught a touchdown at UConn 9/7/19, his second straight game with a TD to start the season

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played all 12 games with three starts at tight end
- » Sixth-most starts at TE by a true freshman in Illinois history
- » Nine receptions for 84 yards and one touchdown on season
- » First career touchdown against Minnesota 11/3/18 on a career-long 30-yard reception
- » First career reception against South Florida 9/15/18
- » First career start in season opener against Kent State 9/1/18
- » Second true freshman tight end to start a season opener in program history, joining Evan Wilson in 2010

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 66 tight end in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 237 recruit in Florida by 247Sports
- » 2017 Sun Sentinel honorable mention
- » High school teammate of fellow Illini Jakari Norwood
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2017
- » Offers included Kentucky, Pittsburg, FIU, FAU, Marshall, Southern Miss, Toledo, UAB and UCF

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 23, 1999
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 vs. Purdue, 10/31/20

Receiving Yards: 90 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19 Long Reception: 52 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19

Receiving Touchdowns: 1, three times (last at Michigan State, 11/9/19)
All-Purpose Yards: 90 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018	12	9	84	1	30	0.8	9.3	7.0
2019	13	18	273	4	52	1.4	15.2	21.0
2020	7	16	214	1	25	2.3	13.4	30.6
TOTAL	32	43	571	6	52	1.3	13.3	17.8

### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	2	15	0	9
PUR	0	0	0	0	5	74	0	21
MIN	0	0	0	0	1	21	0	21
@RUT	0	0	0	0	1	22	0	22
@NEB	0	0	0	0	3	42	0	25
OSU				Gam	e Canceled			
IOWA	0	0	0	0	16	214	1	25
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
@UCONN	0	0	0	0	2	44	1	26
EMU	0	0	0	0	4	90	0	52
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0	2	15	0	11
MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0	3	37	0	19
@PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MSU	0	0	0	0	2	21	1	16
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	9
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0	3	55	1	40
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2018	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	0	4	30	0	11
PENN ST	0	0	0	0	3	19	0	20

@RUT PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5
@MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0	1	30	1	30
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **48 BRYCE BARNES**

DL. 6-2. 270. SO.

GIBSON CITY, ILL. / GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY

#### 2020 Sonhomore:

- » Made first career start at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

- » Champaign News-Gazette 2018-19 Male Athlete of the Year
- » Helped lead GCMS to back-to-back IHSA Class 2A State Championships in 2017 and '18
- » Played for head coach Mike Allen at GCMS
- » Also played basketball at GCMS, scoring over 1,000 career
- » Helping basketball team to third place at IHSA 2A state finals

#### Personal-

- » Born Aug. 18, 2000
- » Picked Illinois because, "it is a top University and earning a degree from this school will be my ticket to any job I would like to get in the future."
- » Majoring in community health

#### **DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

YEAR	b	UA	Α	101	IFL	In2	PU	- 11	FK	RFIV	ЦВН	
2019	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	7	0	2	2	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	20	0	2	2	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	

#### **DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME**

2020	UA	AS	101	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU	
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@RUT	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed					
IOWA	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	

## **44 TARIQUE BARNES**

LB, 6-1, 230, SO.

MEMPHIS, TENN. / CORDOVA

**Pronunciation:** ta-REEK

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » First career interception at Nebraska 11/21/20
- » Made first career start at Rutgers 11/14/20
- » First career fumble recovery, touchdown, and sack at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams
- » 13 tackles, one forced fumble on the season
- » Tied for the team lead in kickoff tackles (4)
- » Second on the team in special teams tackles (8)
- » Second on the team in punt return tackles (4)
- » Career-high four tackles at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » First career forced fumble at UConn 9/7/19 on kickoff coverage
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### **High School:**

- » Played for head coach Marcus Wimberly at Cordova
- » Led Cordova to the 2017 Tennessee 4A state title
- » Also wrestled and participated in track and field in high school
- » Principals List
- » Honor Roll

#### Personal-

- » Born Nov. 23. 2000
- » Son of Darlene Shinault and Melvin Barnes
- » Four brothers, Tyler, Justyn, Meltavious, and Darrion
- » Picked Illinois because, "I felt that it would give me a good opportunity to grow and excel after college."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 Sacks: 1.0 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 TFL: 1.5 at Wisconsin. 10/23/20 Fumbles Forced: 1 at UConn, 9/7/19 Fumbles Recovered: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 Interceptions: 1 at Nebraska 11/21/20

#### **DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2019	13	8	5	13	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2020	5	12	13	25	1.5	10	1	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	18	20	18	38	1.5	10	1	1	1	0	0

#### INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

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/EAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/6
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	5	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
IATOT	18	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	7	4	11	1.0-9	1.5-10	0	1-39	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA				0	NP - Injure	d				
@NW				0	NP - Injure	d				

2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## MARQUEZ BEASON

DB, 5-11, 195, R-FR.

DALLAS, TEXAS / DUNCANVILLE

#### Pronunciation: mar-KEZ

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Made first career start at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Backup defensive back
- » Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year watch list

#### 2019 Freshman:

» Missed the season after suffering a knee injury during training camp

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 91 recruit in the nation by ESPN, No. 108 by 247Sports and No. 108 by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 4 athlete in the nation by 247Sports and No. 12 by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 11 cornerback in the nation by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 14 recruit in Texas by Rivals and ESPN and No. 15 by 247Sports
- » No. 8 recruit in Illinois' last 17 years according to 247Sports



- » Beason and Isaiah Williams are Illinois' two highest ranked recruits since Terry Hawthorne in 2009 and the highest combo since Arrelious Benn and Martez Wilson in 2007
- » Ranked as high as No. 54 overall recruit in the nation in March 2018 according to 247Sports Composite
- » Four-year letterwinner in football
- » Played for head coach Reginald Samples at Duncanville
- » 2019 Under Armour All-American selection
- » 2018 The Opening Finals participant
- » 2019 Polynesian Bowl All-Star
- » Led Duncanville to the 2018 6A Division 1 state title runner-up finish at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas and a 14-1 record
- » Helped Duncanville upset USA Today's No. 1-ranked team in the country, Allen, in the 2018 6A Division 1 state semifinals at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas
- » Played defense and offense in high school
- » 207 receiving yards and two TDs on 11 receptions as a senior
- » 520 receiving yards and eight touchdowns on 35 receptions as a junior
- » 320 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 36 carries as a junior
- » Also ran track in high school with a personal best 10.46 in the 100-meter dash
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in March 2018
- » Offers included Arizona, Arizona State, Arkansas, Baylor, Colorado, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Louisville, LSU, Michigan, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Missouri, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, Rutgers, TCU, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, UCF, USC, Utah, Washington, Washington State, and Wisconsin

#### Personal:

- » Born April 6, 2001
- » Son of Ketra and Archie Beason
- » One brother, Zeriah, one sister, Rayshauna
- » Nicknamed "ezmoneyquez" and "playstation"
- » Chose No. 3 because he is the youngest of three
- » Picked Illinois because of the, "family environment and great coaches."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum with plans to major in communication
- » Plans to become a sports analyst following his playing career

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at Northwestern, 12/12/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2020	6	5	1	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	5	1	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN					DNP					
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

### **16 JOSH BEETHAM**

QB, 6-5, 235, FR.

YORKVILLE, ILL. / YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

#### High School

- » Named All-Conference and All-Area his junior and senior seasons
- » Named All-State honorable mention 2019
- » Played basketball and named All-Conference and All-Area
- » Honor roll and member of the National Honor society

#### Personal:

- » Son of Brad and Jeni Beetham
- » Born June 29, 2001

- » Two sisters, Madi and Addi, and two brothers, Jake and Jack
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

### 83 JOHN BICKEL

WR, 5-9, 170, FR.

TINLEY PARK, ILL / PROSPER HIGH SCHOOL

#### **High School:**

- » Named All-Conference senior year
- » 2019 Defensive player of the year
- » 2019 Offensive player of the year
- » Named All-State for track and field in 100m and 4x100m

#### Personal:

- » Son of John and Lynn Bickel
- » Younger brother, Shane
- » Majoring in kinesiology
- » Chose Illinois because of "great academics and the coaches made me feel wanted here."
- » Wants to be physical therapist

## 29 CHRISTIAN BOBAK

DB, 6-0, 200, SR.

HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

**Pronunciation:** bo-BACK

#### 2020 Senior:

» Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams
- » Three tackles on the season

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played all 12 games, primarily on special teams
- » Nine tackles on season
- » Career-high two tackles three times (WIU, Penn State, Maryland)
- » Spent most of his first two seasons as a running back before moving to the defensive backfield late in the 2017 season
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Walkon played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams
- » Practiced as both a running back and as a safety at different points in the season
- » Three tackles on season
- » Made Fighting Illini debut in the opener against Ball State
- » First career carry in the season finale vs. Northwestern
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2016 Freshman:

- » Member of UI squad
- » Joined team as a walkon in summer 2016

#### High School:

- » 2015 West Suburban Conference All-Silver Division
- » Rushed for 1,133 yards and 12 TDs as senior to earn Team MVP and Suburban Life All-Area
- » Averaged 125.9 rushing yards per game a senior
- » Six 100-yard games a senior, including two 230+ yard games
- » Zero fumbles in 149 carries as a senior
- » Rushed for 374 yards on 77 carries as a junior
- » Averaged 6.7 yards per rush during his high school career
- Led Hinsdale Central to a 7-3 record & state playoffs as senior
   Played for head coach Dan Hartman at Hinsdale Central
- » Also ran track (three years) and played hockey (two years) in
- » Qualified for the state track meet and was team captain

#### Personal:

- » Born May 30, 1998
- » Full name is Christian Francis Bobak
- » Son of Stan and Stella Bobak

- » Has two brothers, Dominic and Matthew
- » Brother, Matthew, plays football at Illinois
- » Illinois State Scholar and Honor Roll student in high school
- » Lists Michael Jordan as favorite athlete because "his work ethic and success are models for the mindset I want to emulate."
- » Graduated with an undergraduate degree in finance
- » Enrolled in the technology management master's program

#### CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 1 vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17 Rushing Yards: -1 vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17 Long Run: -1 vs. Northwestern, 11/25/17

Kick Returns: 1, five times (last at Northwestern, 11/24/18)
Kick Return Yards: 15 at Northwestern, 11/24/18
Long Kick Return: 15 at Northwestern, 11/24/18
All-Purpose Yards: 15 at Northwestern, 11/24/18
Tackles: 2, three times (last at Maryland, 10/77/18)

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	12	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	12	6	3	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	5	2	2	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	42	12	7	19	0.0	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ

UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

@WIS	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	
PUR	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	
MIN					DNP					
@RUT					DNP					
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

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2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IND	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@0SU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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## **27 MATT BOBAK**

RB, 5-11, 185, FR.

HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

#### **High School:**

WIII

USF

PHR

@WIS

MINN

IOWA

@NFR

PENN ST

- » Three-year letterwinner
- » 2018 All-West Suburban Conference
- » 2018 All-Area Honorable Mention
- » 2018 Hindsdale Centrall MVP



- » School record three touchdowns in a single playoff game
- » 2018 team rushing and scoring leader
- » Rushed for 1,132 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior
- » Averaged 103 rushing yards per game as a senior
- » Averaged 5.4 yards per rush during his high school career
- » Led Hinsdale Central to a 8-3 record and state playoffs as a senior
- » Hinsdale Central Athlete of the Month October 2018
- » Also ran track and qualified for the state track meet
- » Honor Roll student

#### Personal:

- » Born February 16, 2001
- » Son of Stan and Stella Bobak
- » Has two brothers, Dominic and Christian
- » Brother, Christian, plays football at Illinois
- » Majoring in community health
- » Plans to attend med school
- » Plays the violin and guitar
- » Chose Illinois because, "Illinois has always been my dream school and I had a great opportunity to play on the same team as my brother Christian."

### **2 CHASE BROWN**

RB, 5-11, 195, R-SO.

#### LONDON, ONTARIO / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.) / WMU

#### 2020 Redshirt Sophomore:

- » Part of the running back rotation
- » Ran the ball for 100+ yards in back-to-back games
- » Ran for a career high 131 yards on 17 carries at Rutgers 11/14/20
- » Carried the ball 11 times for 73 yards in his first start for Illinois against Purdue 10/31/20

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in four games and redshirted the season
- » Three carries for 18 rushing yards on the season
- » Made his Illinois debut against Michigan 10/12/19
- » Granted a waiver on appeal to become immediately eligible to play in 2019, starting with the Michigan game 10/12/19
- » Transferred to Illinois with three years of eligibility remaining

#### 2019 Freshman (Western Michigan):

- » Played in all 13 games
- » Season-high 15 carries and 52 rushing yards against Ohio 11/1/18
- » 71 carries for 352 yards (5.0 ypr), 10 rec. for 75 yards (7.5 ypc) and 12 kickoff returns for 227 yards (18.9 ypr) on season

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 59 running back in the nation by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 144 recruit in Florida by 247Sports Composite
- » State champion and leading rusher in Manatee County
- » 2017 Offensive MVP, first team all-conference and second team all-state
- » School's all-time leading rusher, as a senior
- » 1,508 yards on 98 carries (15.9 yards/carry) and 150 yards per game with 27 touchdowns
- » Anchored the state champion 400-meter relay in track and field and holds school record in the 100-meter dash
- » Offers included Purdue, UCF, Syracuse, Illinois, Ole Miss, Indiana, Tulane and Wake Forest

#### Personal:

- » Born March 21, 2000
- » Son of Darren Issac and Raechel Brown
- $\ensuremath{\text{\textit{w}}}$  Twin brother, Sydney and one sister, Mya
- » Brother, Sydney, also plays football at Illinois
- » Father played in CFL for three seasons
- » Mother was a figure skater
- » Majoring in communication

#### CAREER HIGHS (ILLINOIS)

Rush attempts: 26, at Nebraska 11/21/20 Touchdowns: 2, at Nebraska 11/21/20 Rush yards: 131, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Long rush: 39, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Receptions: 2, vs lowa 12/5/20 Receiving yards: 15, vs vs lowa 12/5/20 Long reception: 18 vs lowa 12/5/20 All-purpose yards: 131, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Kick returns: 4, at Wisconsin 10/23/20 Kick return yards: 62, at Wisconsin 10/23/20 Long kick return: 20, at Wisconsin 10/23/20

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#### RUSHING STATISTICS

2019	4	3	18	0	14	6.0	4.5	
TOTAL	11	96	528	2	39	5.5	48.0	
RECEIVING	STA	TISTIC	S					
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2019	4	1	15	0	15	15.0	3.8
2020	7	4	62	0	20	15.5	8.9
TOTAL	11	5	77	0	20	15.4	7.0

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RUSHING/	RECE	IVING	GAME	E-BY-	GAME
2020	CAR	2.0Y	TD	I G	

2020	UAIN	103	10	Lu	ILLU	103	10	Lu
@WIS	3	12	0	12	1	-2	0	0
PUR	11	73	0	30	1	5	0	5
MIN	4	31	0	16	0	0	0	0
@RUT	17	131	0	39	0	0	0	0
@NEB	26	110	2	35	1	12	0	12
OSU			Ga	me Cano	celed			
IOWA	18	83	0	17	2	15	0	18
@NW	14	70	0	16	0	0	0	0
0010		VDO			250	VDO		
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG

2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON			DN	P - NCAA	rules			
@UCONN			DN	P - NCAA	rules			
EMU			DN	P - NCAA	rules			
NEB			DN	P - NCAA	rules			
@MIN			DN	P - NCAA	rules			
MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUT	3	18	0	14	0	0	0	0
@MSU				DNP				
@IOWA				DNP				
NW				DNP				
vs. CAL				DNP				

2018-WMU	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
SU	4	40	0	13	0	0	0	0
@UM	7	34	0	15	1	-3	0	0
DSU	6	48	0	29	0	0	0	0
GSU	6	34	0	11	2	16	0	13
@MIA	4	-1	0	4	1	16	0	16
EMU	3	23	0	9	0	0	0	0
BGSU	4	17	0	15	0	0	0	0
CMU	5	23	0	9	0	0	0	0
TOL	6	28	0	13	2	26	0	22
OHIO	15	52	0	18	0	0	0	0
@BSU	2	21	0	19	0	0	0	0
NIU	5	18	0	10	1	7	0	7
BYU	4	15	0	5	3	13	0	6

#### KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

2019	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
AKRON			DN	P - NCAA	\ rules			
@UCONN			DN	P - NCAA	\ rules			
EMU			DN	P - NCAA	\ rules			
NEB			DN	P - NCAA	\ rules			
@MIN			DN	P - NCAA	\ rules			
MICH	1-15	15.0	0	15	0-0	0	0	0
WIS	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@PUR	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
RUT	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@MSU				DNP				
@IOWA				DNP				
NW				DNP				

## **30 SYDNEY BROWN**

DB, 6-0, 200, JR.

LONDON, ONTARIO / ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL (FLA.)

#### 2020 Junior:

- » Starting defensive back
- » First career forced fumble at Wisconsin 10/23/20

- » Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten second team
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### 2019 Sonhomore:

- » Played in 11 games and started 10 at safety
- » All-Big Ten third team (coaches)
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 88 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, three interceptions on the season
- » Second in the Big Ten in interceptions (3) and sixth in tackles per game (8.0)
- » Tied for the team lead in interceptions (3) and was second in tackles (88)
- » Career-high 13 tackles, two interceptions, and a 76-yard interception returned for a touchdown at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » Did not play the first two games of the season due to injury

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played and started in 10 games (seven starts at safety and three at nickel)
- » Tied for second-most starts by an Illinois true freshman defensive back, behind only Vontae Davis' 11
- » Second on the team in PBUs (5) and fifth in tackles (55)
- » 55 tackles, 2.0 TFLs, five PBUs, one interception and one QB hurry on season
- » First career interception against Purdue 10/13/18
- » First career start in the season opener vs. Kent State 9/1/18
- » Missed the South Florida and Iowa games with injuries

#### High School:

- » Transferred to St. Stephen's Episcopal School from London South Collegiate Institute
- » Played for head coach Todd Creneti at St. Stephen's
- » Led St. Stephen's Episcopal to back-to-back Sunshine State Athletic Conference independent state championships
- » 51 tackles, 7.0 TFLs, two interceptions, five passes defensed, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble as a senior
- » 81 tackles, 2.0 TFLs, one INT and five PBUs as a junior
- » Also ran track in high school
- » Florida state finalist in 400m. 4x400m and 4x100m as asenior
- » Florida state finalist in the 4x100m as a junior

#### Personal:

- » Born March 21 2000
- » Son of Darren Issac and Raechel Brown
- » Twin brother, Chase and one sister, Mya
- » Hometown is London, Ontario, Canada
- » Father played in CFL for three seasons
- » Mother was a figure skater
- » Twin brother, Chase, played football at Western Michigan one season before tranferring to Illinois in 2019
- » Picked Illinois because, "I personally choose to attend the University of Illinois because of how much the University had to offer as a student and as an athlete. From all the schools that I had visited before coming to visit Illinois, none of them could compete with how special the University is itself."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13 at Michigan State, 11/9/19
TFLs: 1.0, three times (last at lowa, 11/23/19)
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/18
Fumbles Forced: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20
PBUs: 2 vs. Purdue, 10/13/18
Interception: 2 at Michigan State, 11/9/19
Interception Return Yards: 76 at Michigan State, 11/9/19
Long Interception Return: 76 at Michigan State, 11/9/19

Touchdowns: 1 at Michigan State, 11/9/19

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2018	10	25	30	55	2.0	4	6	0	0	0	1
2019	11	51	37	88	2.5	3	4	0	0	0	0
2020	6	20	16	36	0.5	2	0	1	0	0	0
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#### INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	EAR G		YDS	DS TD		AVG/R	AVG/G	
2018	10	1	2	0	2	2.0	0.2	
2019	11	3	84	1	76	28.0	7.6	



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#### **DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME**

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	8	1	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	3	2	5	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
0SU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	V DNP - Injured									

2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRO	N			[	NP - Injure	d				
@UC	ONN			[	NP - Injure	:d				
EMU	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MII	N 3	4	7	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	6	4	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	3	8	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PU	R 6	2	8	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MS	U 8	5	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-76	0	1
@101	VA 6	0	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-8	0	0
NW	5	5	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. C	AL 8	0	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2018	U		TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds		PBU
KENT	ST 2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
KENT WIU				0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0	0				
KENT WIU USF	ST 2	3	5	0-0.0 0-0.0	0.0-0 0.0-0 ONP - Injure	0 0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
KENT WIU USF PENN	ST 2 1	3 2	5 3 5	0-0.0 0-0.0 0-0.0	0.0-0 0.0-0 ONP - Injure 0.0-0	0 0 ed 0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0 0	0 0
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU	ST 2 1 ST 3 T 4	3 2 2 2	5 3 5 6	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2	0.0-0 0.0-0 ONP - Injure 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 ed 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0	0 0 1 1
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR	ST 2 1 ST 3 T 4	3 2 2 2 8	5 3 5 6 12	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 DNP - Injure 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 ed 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR @WIS	ST 2 1 ST 3 T 4 4 S 2	3 2 2 2 8 3	5 3 5 6 12 5	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0 0.5-1	0.0-0 0.0-0 DNP - Injure 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 ed 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2 0-0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2 0
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KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR @WIS @MD MINN	ST 2 1 1 ST 3 T 4 4 5 5 5 1	3 2 2 2 8 3 3 5	5 3 5 6 12 5 8 6	0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0 0.5-1 0.5-1 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2 0 0
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR @WIS @MD MINN @NE	ST 2 1 1 ST 3 T 4 4 5 5 5 1	3 2 2 2 8 3 3	5 3 5 6 12 5 8	0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0 0.5-1 0.5-1 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2 0 0
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR @WIS @MD MINN @NE IOWA	ST 2 1 1 ST 3 T 4 4 SS 2 5 5 1 B 3	3 2 2 2 8 3 3 5 2	5 3 5 6 12 5 8 6 5	0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0 0.5-1 0.5-1 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 DNP - Injure 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2 0 0 0
KENT WIU USF PENN @RU PUR @WIS @MD MINN @NE	ST 2 1 1 ST 3 T 4 4 SS 2 5 5 1 B 3	3 2 2 2 8 3 3 5	5 3 5 6 12 5 8 6	0.0-0 0.0-0 1.0-2 0.0-0 0.5-1 0.5-1 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 1-2 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 2 0 0

### 52 VERDIS BROWN

OL, 6-4, 320, SO.

CHICAGO, ILL. / IMG ACADEMY (FLA.)

Pronunciation: ver-dis

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Won battle for starting right guard

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

» Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by ESPN and Rivals
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 199 recruit in the nation by ESPN and No. 397 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 2 center in the nation by Rivals, No. 3 by ESPN and No. 7 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 36 recruit in Florida by Rivals, No. 54 by 247Sports and No. 65 by ESPN
- » 2017 Under Armour All-America Game invitation
- » Announced his commitment to Illinois on December 22, 2017
- » Offers included Florida State, Indiana, LSU, Michigan, Michigan State, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Purdue, Tennessee, UCF, UCLA and Wisconsin

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 12, 2000
- » Majoring in African-American studies

## 19 DALEVON CAMPBELL

WR, 6-4, 205, R-FR.

MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS / FORT BEND MARSHALL

**Pronunciation:** DALE-von

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in five games, primarily on special teams
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### High School:

- » 21 catches for 545 yards and seven TDs as a senior
- » Also ran track at Fort Bend Marshall, winning the Texas 5A 4x200 meter relay state title with a school record time of 1:23.52 helping Fort Bend Marshall to the team title.

- » Born Dec. 7, 2000
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs lowa 12/5/20 Receiving yards: 24 vs lowa 12/5/20 Long reception: 18, vs lowa 12/5/20 All-purpose yards: 24,vs lowa 12/5/20

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2019	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2020	5	2	24	0	18	0.4	12.0	4.8
TOTAL	10	2	24	0	18	0.2	12.0	2.4

#### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-RY-GAME

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2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OSU			Ga	me Canceled					
IOWA	0	0	0	0	2	24	0	18	
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### 99 OWEN CARNEY JR.

DL, 6-3, 260, SR.

MIAMI, FLA. / MIAMI CENTRAL

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Starting defensive end
- » Career high three sacks against Purdue 10/31/20 is tied for 7th all-time in a game for an Illini player

- » Played in all 13 games at defensive end
- » 15 tackles, 2.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks on the season

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played all 12 games with eight starts on DL
- » 21 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, 2.5 sacks, one PBU, one fumble recovery and six QB hurries on season
- » Career-high 2.0 TFLs and 1.0 sack vs. lowa 11/17/18
- » Career-high five tackles at Nebraska 11/10/18
- » First career start against South Florida 9/15/18

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » Played in 10 games at defensive end as a true freshman
- » Six tackles, one QB hurry on the season
- » Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky
- » Enrolled at Illinois for spring semester and participated in 2017 spring practices

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by Rivals
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN & Scout
- » Ranked as a top 500 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 16 weakside DE by Rivals and No. 30 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 43 DE in the nation by Scout and No. 54 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 46 recruit in Florida by Rivals, No. 78 by 247Sports and No. 90 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 13 recruit in Miami by the Miami Herald
- » Helped Miami Central win fourth straight state title in 2015
- » Played football at Miami Central for head coach Roland Smith
- » Honor Roll in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born Feb. 8, 1999
- » Son of Owen Carney Sr. and Valeria Elmore-Carney
- » Has one sister, O'Neshia, and one brother, O'Juan

- » Relatives Keir Thomas (South Carolina) and Da'Marrio Jackson-Smith (Kansas State) play college football
- » Picked Illinois because, "of the relationship developed with the coaching staff."
- » Graduated with a degree in communication
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 vs lowa 12/5/20 Sacks: 3.0 vs Purdue 10/31/20

TFLs: 3.5 vs Purdue 10/31/20 **QB Hurries:** 1, twice (last vs. South Florida, 9/15/18)

Fumbles Forced: 1vs Purdue 10/31/20 Fumbles Recovered: 1 at Nebraska, 11/10/18 PBUs: 1, twice (last vs. Michigan, 10/12/19)

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

DEI EN	DIVL	JIMII	3110								
YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	10	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2018	12	10	11	21	4.5	17	1	0	1	0	6
2019	13	6	9	15	2.0	8	1	0	0	0	3
2020	7	11	14	25	7.0	50	0	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	42	31	36	67	13.5	75	2	1	1	0	12

SAUKS	SIAI	12110	5		
2017	10	0	0	0.0	0
2018	12	2	1	2.5	13
2019	13	2	0	2.0	8
2019	13	2	0	2.0	8
2020	7	4	2	5.0	40
TOTAL	42	8	3	9.5	61

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PUR	4	2	6	3.5-23	3-23	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	1	4	5	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
@RUT	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NE	1	2	3	1.5-16	1.5-16	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	2	5	7	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
2019 AKRON	UA 1	<b>AS</b>	<b>TOT</b> 2	TFL-Yds 1.0-7	<b>QBS-Yds</b> 1.0-7	<b>FF</b> 0	FR-Yds 0-0	INT-Yds 0-0	<b>QBH</b>	<b>PBU</b> 0
AKRON	1	1	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
AKRON @UCONN	1	1	2	1.0-7 0.0-0	1.0-7 0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
AKRON @UCONN EMU	1 0 0	1 0 2	2 0 2	1.0-7 0.0-0 0.0-0	1.0-7 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 1	0 0 0

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2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	1	3	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	1	0	1	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
USF	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
PENN ST	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	1
PUR	2	0	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@NFB	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-2	0-0	0	0

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

## SEAN COGHLAN

LB, 6-0, 225, JR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

#### 2020 Junior:

» Plays primarily on special teams



#### 2019 Sophomore:

» Played 12 games, primarily on special teams

#### 208 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played four games, primarily on special teams
- » Made his Illinois debut against Minnesota 11/3/18
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

» Walkon redshirted the 2017 season

#### **High School:**

- » Played for head coach Todd Kuska at St. Rita
- » 2016 CCL Blue Defensive Player of the Year
- » Gold Honor Roll
- » Two-time Heaney Award winner (straight A's)
- » Also played volleyball in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 31, 1999
- » Son of Dennis and Peggy Coghlan
- » One brother, Quinn, and three sisters, Erin, Emma and Kara
- » Father attended the University of Illinois
- » Sister, Erin, plays club lacrosse at Wisconsin
- » Chose Illinois becasue, "There is a history of my family coming here, Illinois is a very prestigious school with a meaningful degree and I could not turn down the opportunity to play Big Ten football."
- » Plans to pursue a career in the business world following his playing career
- » Double majoring in accountancy and finance

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

١R	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
8	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	12	4	1	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	4	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ΆL	20	5	1	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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### **49 SETH COLEMAN**

DL, 6-5, 230, R-FR

MELBOURNE, FLA. / HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

- » First career start at Nebraska 11/21/20
- » Part of the defensive line rotation

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in three games and redshirted the season
- » Made Illinois debut against Nebraska

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 110 weak side DE in nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 74 outside linebacker in the nation by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 135 recruit in Florida by ESPN and No. 265 by 247Sports
- » 101 tackles, 28.0 TFL and 13.0 sacks as a senior
- » Played for coach Nate Hooks at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
- » Also played basketball at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2018
- » Offers included Baylor, Navy, Nebraska, Pitt, Rutgers, South Florida, TCU, Utah, and Virginia

#### Personal

- » Born Dec. 7, 2000
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice (last at Northwestern 12/12/20)
TFLs: 2.0 at Northwestern, 12/12/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL '	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2019	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	7	5	5	10	3.5	8	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	5	5	10	3.5	8	0	0	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU	
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
PUR	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
MIN	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@RUT	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NEB	0	2	2	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
0SU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed					
IOWA	2	1	3	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NW	2	1	3	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	

### **40 SHAMMOND COOPER**

LB, 6-2, 220, R-FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Backup linebacker

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in three games and redshirted the season
- » Five tackles on the season
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### High School:

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Three-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 149 recruit in the nation by ESPN and No. 531 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 26 inside LB in the nation by 247Sports and No. 30 by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 13 outside linebacker in the nation by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 4 recruit in Missouri by ESPN and No. 10 by 247Sports and Rivals
- » Ranked as high as No. 128 overall recruit in the nation in May 2017 according to 247Sports Composite
- » 2019 Under Amour All-American Game
- » 2018 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Defensive Player of the Year
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Missouri first team
- » 2018 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 3 All-State first team
- » 2018 The Opening Finals participant
- » 137 tackles, 16.0 TFL and 5.0 sacks as a senior
- » Led Trinity Catholic to Missouri Class 3 state title as a senior
- » Led Trinity Catholic with 8.0 tackles in 2018 Missouri Class 4 state title game to help Trinity Catholic beat Cardinal Ritter
- » Led Trinity Catholic in tackles for four years
- » Played for coach Cory Patterson through junior year when Patterson left Trinity Catholic to become TE coach at Illinois
- » Played for coach Terrence Curry at Trinity Catholic as a senior
- » High school teammate of fellow Illinois signee Isaiah Williams
- » Offers included Arkansas, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisville, LSU, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Oregon, Oregon State, South Carolina, Syracuse, Tennessee, Texas. Texas A&M, and Wisconsin

#### Personal:

- » Born March 15, 2001
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 5 vs. Akron, 8/31/19 **TFLs:** - 0.5 at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2019	3	2	3	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	4	2	1	3	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	4	4	8	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR					DNP					
MIN					DNP					
@RUT					DNP					
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON @UCONN	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0 DNP	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB @MIN MICH WIS @PUR RUT @MSU @IOWA NW vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	O.O-O DNP	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

### **70 THOMAS CRONIN**

OL, 6-4, 290, R-FR.

OAK PARK, ILL. / OAK PARK RIVER FOREST

**Pronunciation:** CROW-nin

#### 2019 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2019 season

#### **High School:**

- » Lettered in football as a senior
- » Played for head coach John Hoerster at Oak Park River Forest
- » Also played baseball and golf in high school
- » Did not start playing football until senior year

#### Personal:

- » Born May 25, 2001
- » Son of Regan and Thomas Cronin
- » Eight sisters, Caroline, Anne-Claire, Jilly, Tamsen, Rory, Regan Mary, Tess, Eileen, and one brother, Marshall
- » Aunt swam at Illinois
- » Picked Illinois because he, "connected with the coaching staff right away, Illinois is my home town state, I have family here, and I love the colors orange and blue."
- » Plans to own his own business or become a lawyer following his playing career
- » Majoring in English

## **20 KYRON CUMBY**

WR, 5-8, 180, R-FR. Plano, Texas / Plano

#### Pronunciation: KY-run

- 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

  » First career start at Nebraska 11/21/20
- » Backup wide receiver

### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in four games and redshirted the season
- » Two receptions for 31 yards and two punt returns for 11 yards on the season
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### High Cahaal.

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 16 all-purpose back in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 33 running back in the nation by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 61 recruit in Texas by ESPN and No. 184 by
- » 897 rushing yards on 119 carries and 17 touchdowns as a senior
- » 523 receiving yards on 43 receptions and five receiving touchdowns as a senior
- » Played for head coach Jaydon McCullough at Plano
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in June 2018
- » Offers included Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas, Texas Tech and Washington State
- » Also ran track at Plano

#### Personal:



- » Born Feb. 10, 2001
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 1 vs Purdue 10/31/20
Rushing Yards: 9 vs Purdue 10/31/20
Long Run: 9 vs Purdue 10/31/20
Receptions: 2, at Nebraska 11/21/20
Receiving Yards: 31 vs. Akron 8/31/19
Kick returns: 2, at Nebraska 11/21/20
Kick return yards: 40, at Nebraska 11/21/20
Long kick return: 22, at Nebraska 11/21/20
Long kick return: 22, at Nebraska 11/21/20
Long kick return: 22, at Nebraska 11/21/20

#### DECEIVING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2019	4	2	31	0	31	0.5	15.5	7.8
2020	5	3	16	0	17	0.6	5.3	3.2
TOTAL	9	5	47	0	31	0.6	9.4	5.2
RUSHING S	TAT	ISTICS						
YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G	
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
2020	5	2	11	0	9	5.5	2.2	
TOTAL	9	2	11	0	9	5.5	1.2	

#### **PUNT RETURN STATISTICS**

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2019	4	2	11	0	6	5.5	2.8
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	9	2	11	0	6	5.5	1.2
KICK RE	TURNS						
YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2019	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	5	2	40	0	22	20.0	8.0

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RUSHING	/RECE	IVING	GAM	E-BY-G	AME			
2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	1	9	0	9	1	17	0	17
MIN	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0
0SU			Gar	ne- Cano	celed			
IOWA				DNP				
@NW				DNP				
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	31
@UCONN				DNP				
EMU				DNP				
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS				DNP				
@PUR				DNP				
RUT				DNP				
@MSU @IOWA				DNP DNP				
WIUWA NW				DNP				
vs. CAL				DNP				
VS. UAL				DINI				
2019	KR-YDS		TD	LG	PR-YDS		TD	LG
AKRON	0-0	0	0	0	1-6	6.0	0	6
@UCONN				DNP				
EMU				DNP				
NEB				DNP				_
@MIN	0-0	0	0	0	1-5	5.0	0	5
MICH	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@PUR				DNP DNP				
RUT				DNP				
@MSU				DNP				
@IOWA				DNP				
NW				DNP				

#### KICK/PUNT RETURN GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@NEB	2	40	0	22	0-0	0	0	0
OSU			Gan	ne - Ca	nceled			
IOWA				DNP				
@NW				DND				

## 10 DESMOND DAN JR.

WR, 6-3, 190, SR.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA. / CHECOTAH HS / NEW MEXICO STATE

#### 2019 Redshirt Junior (New Mexico State):

- » Played in three games with one start before suffering a season-ending injury
- » Finished his shortened season with five catches for 49 yards
- » Caught two passes for 27 yards in the season opener at #23 Washington State (8/31)
- » Two receptions for 22 yards at #2 Alabama (9/7)
- » Ran the ball two times for 22 yards against the nationally ranked Crimson Tide

#### 2018 Redshirt Sophomore (New Mexico State):

- » Played in all 12 games with 11 starts
- » Fourth on the team in receptions and receiving yards with 37 catches for 491 yards
- » Tied for the team lead with three receiving touchdowns
- » Began the season with two catches for 60 yards and a touchdown in the opener against Wyoming 8/25/18
- » Season-high seven catches and a season-high 85 receiving yards in the season finale at Liberty 11/24/18

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (New Mexico State):

- » Played in all 13 games
- » Completed the season with 11 catches for 91 yards
- » Breakout game at Appalachian State 10/7/17 with five catches for 44 vards
- » Began the season with five combined catches in the first three weeks of the season
- » Season-long catch was 15 yards at Appalachian State.

#### 2016 Freshman (New Mexico State):

» Redshirted the season

#### **High School:**

- » Played at Checotah HS under Chad Hendricks
- » Selected First Team All-State as a wide receiver by OCA
- » Named First Team All-State as a kickoff returner for OK Preps after finishing No. 1 in state in return yards
- » Amassed 888 return yards and four touchdowns on 33 returns with a 26.9 return yard average
- » Finished as No. 3 wide receiver in state of Oklahoma by OK Preps
- » Racked up 1,150 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns on 54 receptions
- » Had a 21.3 average for receiving yards
- » #27 overall prospect in state by OK Preps
- » 4.0 GPA
- » National Honor Society

#### Personal:

- » Son of Desmond Drew Dan Sr. and Jennifer McMann
- » Has six brothers and one sister
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

## 38 ISAAC DARKANGELO

LB, 6-1, 225, FR

### BRIGHTON, MICH. / DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

#### High School:

- » Named First team All-State 2016
- » First team All Catholic league in 2016 and 2017
- » Team captain in 2017
- » Three time district champion
- » State-runner up 2016
- » Also played golf, lacrosse and wrestling

#### Personal:

- » Born April 26, 2000
- » Son of Anthony and JoAnn
- » Majoring in communication
- » Has two brothers and three sisters
- » Brother, Anthony, played college football at Ferris State for four years, then professionally in Germany

- » Sister, Shiann, is a professional women's hockey player who is a world champion with Team USA (2016)
- » Mother, JoAnn, is a national champion in college volleyball
- » Chose to wear 38 because "my older Brother Anthony Darkangelo II has always been 38. I've always looked up to him and he is someone that inspires me."

### 43 COOPER DAVIS

DE. 6-5. 245. FR.

MELBOURNE, FLA. / VIERA

#### 2020 Freshman:

» Made Illinois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » National ranks: #903 (247 Composite), #1349 (247)
- » Strong-side defensive end ranks: #34 (Rivals), #46 (247 Composite), #52 (ESPN), #68 (247)
- » Florida ranks: #90 (ESPN), #120 (247 Composite), #155 (247)
- » Finished fourth in Florida 7A Player of the Year voting
- » 103 tackles, 22.0 sacks, 39.0 TFLs, 18 quarterback hurries, one interception as a senior
- » 97 tackles, 21.0 sacks, 29.0 TFLs, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries as a junior
- » Also played basketball in high school
- » Committed to Illinois on Dec. 11, 2019

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 24, 2001
- » Majoring in community health

### 5 MILO EIFLER

LB, 6-2, 225, SR.

#### BERKELEY, CALIF. / BISHOP O'DOWD / WASHINGTON

Pronunciation: MEE-low EYE-fler

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Starting linebacker
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in all 13 games and started 12 at linebacker
- » 69 tackles, 10.0 TFLs, one PBU, one fumble recovery on the season
- » Sack on the first defensive play of the game in the Redbox Bowl against California
- » Career-highs in tackles (10), TFLs (2.5), and sacks (1.0) in 38-10 win against Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » Eight tackles vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » First career touchdown on a fumble recovery return at Minnesota 10/5/19
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Two years of eligibility remaining beginning in 2019

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (Washington)

- » Played in all 13 games at Washington
- » Six tackles (four solo)
- » Washington Special Teams Player of the Game at Oregon State
- » Two tackles in the Apple Cup win over Washington State

#### 2016 Freshman (Washington)

» Redshirted the season at Washington

#### High School:

- » Played linebacker and running back at Bishop O'Dowd
- » Played for Napoleon Kaufman at Bishop O'Dowd

- » First-team All-West Alameda County Conference-Foothill League at outside linebacker as a senior
- » Helped Bishop O'Dowd to a 7-6 record and the semi-finals of the CIF North Coast Section Division 3 playoffs as a senior
- » 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl invitation
- » Helped Bishop O'Dowd to the North Coast Section playoffs as a junior
- » First-team All-WACC, third-team All-East Bay and honorable mention San Francisco Chronicle All-Metro as a junior
- » 2014 CalHiSports.com junior-class all-state
- » Tacoma News Tribune "Western 100"
- $\tt w$  No. 94 prospect in the nation by Scout, No. 118 by Rivals, No. 142 by 247Sports and No. 280 by ESPN
- » No. 21 prospect in California by 247Sports, No. 23 by Rivals and No. 31 by ESPN
- » No. 6 outside linebacker prospect in the nation by Scout, No. 11 by Rivals, No. 11 by 247Sports and No. 15 by ESPN
- » Participated in the shot, discus, high jump and long jump for the track team, winning league titles in the shot put as a sophomore and junior

#### Personal:

- » Born Feb. 13, 1998
- » Majoring in sociology

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 10 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/19 **TFLs:** 2.5 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/19

Sacks: 1.0, twice (last vs. California, 12/30/19)
Fumbles Recovered: 1 at Minnesota, 10/5/19
PBUs: 1, twice (last vs. lowa 12/5/20)
Touchdowns: 1 at Minnesota, 10/5/19

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017*	5	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13	39	24	63	10.0	29	1	0	1	0	0
2020	5	15	6	21	2.5	3	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	54	30	84	12.5	32	2	0	1	0	0
All*	23	58	32	90	12.5	32	2	0	1	0	0
* - stats include Washington (2017)											

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	2	1	3	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	4	3	7	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT				[	NP - Injure	:d				
@NEB				[	NP - Injure	:d				
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	3	0	3	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@NW	5	2	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	1	2	2	1.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@UCONN	5	2	7	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	1	3	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	1	4	5	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-7	0-0	0	0
MICH	3	1	4	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	7	3	10	2.5-6	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	5	0	5	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	4	0	4	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>2017-UW</b> @RUT	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds DNP	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
MONT	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
FRESNO	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@COL	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@ORST	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
CAL					DNP					
@ASU					DNP					
UCLA					DNP					
OREGON					DNP					
@STAN					DNP					

### **58 PRESTON ENGEL**

OL, 6-0, 270, SO.

WASHST

vs PSII

NORMAL, ILL. / NORMAL COMMUNITY

#### Pronunciation: EN-gull

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played in two games, primarily as an extra blocker
- » Made Illinois debut against Rutgers

#### 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2018 season (Did not play)

#### High School:

- » Three-year letterwinner in football
- » Played for head coach Wes Temples at Normal Community
- » 2018 All-Big 12 Conference first team
- » 2018 senior captain
- » Also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore

#### Personal:

- » Born March 14, 2000
- » Son of Melissa and Greg Engel
- » Father played center at Illinois from 1989-94 and was captain of the 1993 team before playing in the NFL
- » Mother is the Director of Internal Operations for Advancement at the University of Illinois
- » Older brother, Mclain, is a manager for the Illinois men's basketball team
- » Picked Illinois because, "it is the school I've always been a fan of. It also has a lot more to offer than just a great football program, the academics here are outstanding as well."
- » Plans to major in business
- » Lists Lebron James as his favorite athlete because, "no matter where he goes, he makes everyone around him a better player and person."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

### **26 MIKE EPSTEIN**

RB, 6-0, 205, SR.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

#### $\textbf{Pronunciation:} \ \text{ep-STEEN}$

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Part of running back rotation
- » Tied career-high 113 rushing yards at Nebraska 11/21/20
- » Scored a touchdown in four straight games
- » Scored his first touchdown since Rutgers 10/5/18 against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year watch list

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Injured knee during the season opener against Akron and missed the remainder of the season
- » Eight carries for 45 yards against Akron

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played seven games with two starts at running back
- » 411 rushing yards on 60 carries (6.8 yards per carry) and three touchdowns on season
- $^{\mathrm{w}}$  10 receptions for 86 yards on season
- » Missed the last five games and most of the game at Wisconsin 10/20/18 due to injury
- » Third on the team in rushing yards (411) and tied for third in rushing touchdowns (3)
- » Career-high five receptions for career-high 56 receiving yards against South Florida 9/15/18
- » Back-to-back 100-yard rushing games against Western Illinois 9/8/18 and South Florida 9/15/18
   » Career-high 113 rushing yards against South Florida 9/15/18
- for third career 100-yard game

  » Second career 100-yard game (eight carries for 105 yards)
- against Western Illinois 9/8/18
- » Touchdown in the season opener against Kent State 9/1/18
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » Played in the first five games of the season with three starts at running back
- » Missed the last seven games with an injury
- » 57 carries for 346 rushing yards and three touchdowns, along with 4 catches for 59 yards and one touchdown on season
- » Led Illinois in rushing yards (346) and yards per carry (6.1)
- » Fifth true freshman in program history to lead the team in rushing yards
- » Tied for the team lead in touchdowns (4; 3 rushing, 1 receiving)
- » Third on the team in all-purpose yards (424)
- » Led Illinois in all-purpose yards per game (84.8)
- » Team-high 111 rushing yards vs. Western Kentucky, his first career 100-yard game
- » Two touchdowns and 105 all-purpose yards in his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » One of six true freshmen in the nation to score multiple touchdowns during the season opener
- » Two touchdowns against South Florida (one receiving, one rushing)
- » Team-long 58-yard rush at lowa
- » First career start vs. Western Kentucky Sept. 9

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by Rivals, ESPN and Scout
- » Ranked No. 58 running back in the nation by Scout, No. 59 by 247Sports and No. 89 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 92 recruit in Florida by Rivals, No. 143 by 247Sports and No. 197 by ESPN
- » Played at St. Thomas Aquinas for head coach Roger Harriott
- » 2016 Sun Sentinel All-Broward Football Player of the Year
- » 2016 Sun Sentinel 7A All-State first team
- » 2016 Sun Sentinel 7A All-County
- » Led St. Thomas Aquinas to 2016 Florida 7A state championship with 45-6 win over Tampa Plant in title game
- » Scored four touchdowns in the state semifinal against Venice
- » Helped St. Thomas Aquinas beat Bingham (Utah) 33-25 in State Champions Bowl Series on ESPNU
- » Rushed for 1,173 yards on 156 carries (7.5 yards per rush) and 16 touchdowns as a senior
- » Totaled over 1,500 yards as a senior
- » Lettered three years in high school
- » Missed his junior season with a knee injury
- » Spent his first two years of high school at Cypress Bay (Weston, Florida)

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 6, 1998
- » Son of Elizabeth and David Epstein
- » Has one sister, Melanie, and one brother, Danny
- » Brother, Danny, played football at Colgate (2011-12) and Bryant (2012-15)
- » Picked Illinois because, "of the great coaching staff, great fit for me, being one of the top academic schools in the country and the opportunity to play Big Ten football."
- » Maioring in marketing

#### CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: 2, twice (last at South Florida, 9/15/17) Carries: 21 vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17 Rushing Yards: 113 twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/20)

Long Run: 63 vs. Minnesota, 11/7/20 Rushing Touchdowns: 2 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17 Receptions: 5 vs. South Florida, 9/15/18 Receiving Yards: 56 vs. South Florida, 9/15/18 Long Reception: 32 vs. South Florida, 9/15/18 Receiving Touchdowns: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

Kickoff Returns: 1 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17 Kickoff Return Yardage: 19 vs. Ball State, 9/2/17 All-Purpose Yards: 169 vs. South Florida, 9/15/18

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	5	57	346	3	58	6.1	69.2
2018	7	60	411	3	43	6.8	58.7
2019	1	8	45	0	14	5.6	45.0
2020	6	61	360	4	63	5.9	60.0
TOTAL	19	186	1162	10	63	6.2	61.2

RECEIVING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G				
2017	5	4	59	1	21	0.8	14.8	11.8				
2018	7	10	86	0	32	1.4	8.6	12.3				
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
2020	6	2	29	0	22	0.3	14.5	4.8				
TOTAL	19	16	174	1	32	0.8	10.9	9.2				
KICK RE	KICK RETURN STATISTICS											

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2017	5	1	19	0	19	19.0	3.8
2018	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	18	1	19	0	19	19.0	1.1

#### DUCHING/DECEIVING CAME BY CAME

RUSHING/REGEIVING GAME-DI-GAME											
2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG			
@WIS	8	36	0	20	1	22	0	22			
PUR	13	63	1	33	1	7	0	7			
MIN	11	108	1	63	0	0	0	0			
@RUT	10	18	1	11	0	0	0	0			
@NEB	13	113	1	58	0	0	0	0			
0SU			Gai	me Canceled							
IOWA				DNP							
@NW	6	22	0	8	0	0	0				

#### 2019 CAR YDS TD REC YDS TD LG LG 14 AKRON 45 @UCONN DNP - Injured EMU DNP - Injured

NEB	DNP - Injured
@MIN	DNP - Injured
MICH	DNP - Injured
WIS	DNP - Injured
@PUR	DNP - Injured
RUT	DNP - Injured
@MSU	DNP - Injured
@IOWA	DNP - Injured
NW	DNP - Injured
vs. CAL	DNP - Injured

@0SU

2018	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
KENT ST	8	33	1	6	0	0	0	0
WIU	8	105	0	38	1	5	0	5
USF	19	113	1	43	5	56	0	32
PENN ST	13	73	0	18	2	19	0	13
@RUT	9	63	1	41	0	0	0	0
PUR	1	10	0	10	2	6	0	4
@WIS	2	14	0	11	0	0	0	0
@MD			DNI	P - Injured				
MINN			DNI	P - Injured				
@NEB			DNI	P - Injured				

OWA @NW									
2017	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
BALL ST	11	54	2	14	2	32	0	17	
WKU	21	111	0	13	0	0	0	0	
@USF	8	56	1	45	2	27	1	21	
NEB	10	42	0	13	0	0	0	0	
@IOWA	7	83	0	58	0	0	0	0	
RUT			DNI	P - Injured					
@MIN			DNI	P - Injured					
WIS	DNP - Injured								
@PUR			DNI	P - Injured					
IND			DNI	P - Injured					

DNP - Injured

#### KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

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

## 24 NICK FEDANZO

RB. 6-0. 205. R-FR.

LOMBARD, ILL. / MONTINI CATHOLIC

Pronunciation: fa-DON-zo

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Freshman:

» Played in three games and redshirted the season

» Made Illinois debut against Eastern Michigan

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 81 running back in the nation by 247Sports and No. 97 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 25 recruit in Illinois by ESPN and No. 28 by 247Sports
- » Played for head coach Mike Bukovsky at Montini
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Illinois second team
- » 2018 Class 5A IHSFCA All-State
- » Led Montini to an IHSA 5A state runner-up finish as a senior at Memorial Stadium
- » 17 carries for 186 yards and three touchdowns in the 2018 state championship game against Joliet Catholic
- » Also ran track in high school

- » Born Nov. 13, 2000
- » Son of Natalie and Joe Fedanzo
- » One brother, Michael, and one sister, Danielle
- » Nicknamed "Zo"
- » Picked Illinois because of, "the family atmosphere."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## 82 LUKE FORD

TE, 6-6, 250, JR.

#### CARTERVILLE, ILL. / CARTERVILLE / GEORGIA

#### 2020 Junior-

- » First career start at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Sat out 2019 season due to NCAA transfer rules after hardship waiver request was denied
- » Enrolled at Illinois for spring 2019 semester and participated in 2019 spring practices

#### 2018 Freshman (Georgia):

- » Played in nine of 14 games for the Bulldogs
- » One reception for four yards in collegiate debut against Austin Peay 9/1/18

#### High School:

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 42 recruit in the nation in the class of 2018 by Rivals, No. 51 by 247Sports and No. 63 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 1 tight end in the nation by Rivals and No. 3 by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 1 recruit in Illinois by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » 2018 U.S. Army All-America Bowl
- » The Opening 2017 Finals
- » PrepStar Magazine Top 150 Dream Team
- » 2017 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association All-State honorable mention
- » 2017 MaxPreps Preseason Medium School All-America First Team offense
- » Two-time News-Gazette All-State Special Mention 100
- » Played for head coach Dennis Drust at Carterville
- » Also played basketball in high school, helping Carterville to the IHSA Regional Finals each of the last three seasons
- » Also competed in the long jump and 200 meters for the Carterville track and field team
- » Offers included Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Baylor, Florida, Florida State, Illinois, Iowa, Louisville, LSU, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, NC State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Pitt, Rutgers, Syracuse, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, and West Virginia

#### Personal:

» Born Sept. 27, 1999

» Majoring in communication

#### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. lowa 12/5/20) Receiving yards: 11 vs lowa 12/5/20 Long reception: 11 vs lowa 12/5/20 All-purpose yards: 11 vs lowa 12/5/20

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2018*	9	1	4	0	4	0.1	4.0	0.4
2020	7	2	15	0	11	0.3	7.5	2.1
TOTAL	7	2	15	0	11	0.3	7.5	2.1
ALL*	16	3	19	0	11	0.2	6.3	1.2
* - stats i	nclude (	Georgia	(2018)					

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2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSU				Game	Canceled			
IOWA	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	11
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 13 JAMES FRENCHIE JR.

WR, 5-10, 175, FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

#### 2020 Freshman:

- » Plays primarily on special teams
- » Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### High School:

- » Four-star recruit by ESPN, three-star recruit by 247 and Rivals
- » National ranks: #203 (ESPN), #408 (247 Composite), #646 (247)
- » Wide receiver ranks: #32 (ESPN), #40 (Rivals), #68 (247 Composite), #111 (247)
- » Missouri ranks: #5 (ESPN), #6 (247 Composite), #11 (247), #15 (Rivals)
- » 2019 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 3 All-State First Team
- » 1,524 receiving yards, 821 rushing yards, 3,204 all-purpose yards, 40 total touchdowns during his high school career
- » 33 receptions, 453 receiving yards, five receiving touchdowns, 43 carries, 264 rushing yards, six rushing touchdowns, two kick return touchdowns, 1,052 all-purpose yards as a senior
- » 10 receptions, 310 receiving yards, three receiving touchdowns, 30 carries, 400 rushing yards, nine rushing touchdowns, one punt return touchdown, 798 all-purpose yards as a junior
- » 13 receptions, 444 receiving yards, seven receiving touchdowns, 715 all-purpose yards as a sophomore
- » 19 receptions, 317 receiving yards, three receiving touchdowns, 18 carries, 150 rushing yards, two rushing touchdowns, 639 all-purpose yards as a freshman
- » Played for head coach Cory Patterson, who is now an Illinois assistant, during his first two high school seasons
- » Missed most of his senior season with an injury
- » Committed to Illinois on Aug. 24, 2019
- » Offers included Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisville, Missouri, Nebraska, Purdue, South Carolina, Syracuse, and Tennessee

#### Personal:

- » Born Nov. 10, 2001
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

All-purpose yards: 8 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 Punt returns: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 Punt return yards: 8 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 Long punt return: 8 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20

#### PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG		
2020	6	1	8	0	8	8.0	1.3		
TOTAL	C	1	0	0	0	0.0	1.3		

KICK/PUNT RETURN GAME-BY-GAME

2020	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	1-8	8	0	8
PUR	0	0	0	0	1-16	16	0	16
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8
OSU					Game Cance	eled		
IOWA					DNP			
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 92 ISAIAH GAY

DL, 6-3, 240, SR.

#### NASHVILLE, N.C. / NORTHERN NASH

#### 2020 Senior:

» Starting defensive end

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in 11 games and started five at defensive end
- » 27 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, three PBUs, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery on the season
- » Career-high six tackles, career-high two pass breakups, his first career forced fumble, and 1.0 sacks in 38-10 win over Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » Season-high three tackles (all solo) in Illinois' 24-6 win at Purdue 10/26/19
- » Fumble recovery vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played nine games with three starts at defensive end
- » 20 tackles, 1.0 TFL and 1.0 sack on season
- » Tied career high with four tackles against South Florida 9/15/18 and Penn State 9/21/18 in back-to-back games
- » Career-high four solo tackles against South Florida 9/15/18
- » Sack and three tackles in win over Western Illinois 9/8/18

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » Played in all 12 games with two starts at defensive end
- » 20 tackles (12 solo), 4.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, two quarterback hurries on season
- » Third-youngest player in FBS to start a game in 2017
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » First career start in the second game of the season against Western Kentucky
- » Blocked a field goal at South Florida

#### **High School:**

- » Played at Northern Nash for head coach Randy Raper
- » 117 tackles, 25 TFLs, 17 sacks and three forced fumbles as
- » 2016 Big East Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year
- » Two-time all-conference and three-time letterwinner
- » Led Northern Nash to a 5-7 record and trip to the state playoffs as a senior
- » Team captain
- » Also played basketball and competed in track & field in HS

#### Personal:

- » Born Dec. 17, 1999
- » Son of Derek and Chirley Gay
- » Has two brothers and three sisters
- » Picked Illinois because, "of the program fit academically and in sports. Big Ten, big stage."
- » Four-year honor roll student in high school
- » Majoring in learning and education studies

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019 TFLs: 1.0, six times (last vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019) Sacks: 1.0, three times (last vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019) QB Hurries: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 9/9/17) Fumbles Forced: 1, twice (last vs. Minnesota, 11/7/20) Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Wisconsin, 10/19/19 PBUs: 2 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019

Blocked Kicks: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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#### YEAR UA YDS G 12 1.0 2018 0 1.0 2019 11 0 1.0 1.5 2020

TOTAL 38

DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME										
2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS				DN	P - Suspen	ded				
PUR	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
MIN	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	2	2	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	2	1	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU					ame Cancel					
IOWA	0	1	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB				0	NP - Injure	d				
@MIN				0	NP - Injure	d				
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-6	0-0	0	0
@PUR	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	5	1	6	1.0-2	1.0-2	1	0-0	0-0	0	2
@MSU	0	4	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
@IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	2	3	5	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	2	1	3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
2018 KENT ST	UA 1	<b>AS</b> 2	<b>TOT</b> 3	TFL-Yds 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0	FR-Yds 0-0	INT-Yds 0-0	<b>QBH</b>	<b>PBU</b>
KENT ST	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
KENT ST WIU	1	0	3	0.0-0 1.0-9	0.0-0 1.0-9	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF	1 3 4	2 0 0	3 4	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0	0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST	1 3 4 3	2 0 0	3 3 4 4	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT	1 3 4 3 0 0	2 0 0 1 1	3 3 4 4 1 0	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 1.0-9 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
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OL. 6-4. 315. JR.

#### PEORIA, ILL. / PEORIA

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#### 2020 Junior:

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- » Starting left guard
- » Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team
- » Outland Trophy watch list
- » Organized Black Lives Matter march for Illini student-athletes on Aug. 31, 2020

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Started 12 games at left guard and one game at center
- » Pro Football Focus All-America honorable mention
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » No. 9 graded offensive guard in the nation and No. 3 in the Big Ten by PFF (78.3)
- » Ended the season with 25 straight starts
- » Played 866 snaps

#### 2018 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Started all 12 games at left guard
- » Part of an OL that paved the way for the most-improved runnig game in the nation (+137.4 ypg from 2017 to '18), finishing 12th in FBS and second in the Big Ten at 243.0 ypg.
- » First career start and Illinois debut in the season opener against Kent State
- » Moved to OL prior to the season after practicing at defensive tackle during his freshman season in 2017

#### 2017 Freshman:

» Redshirted 2017 season as a defensive tackle

#### High School:

- » Four-star recruit by Scout
- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked as a top 500 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 22 defensive tackle in the nation by Scout. No. 30 by Rivals, No. 31 by 247Sports and No. 50 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 5 recruit in Illinois by Scout, No. 8 by 247Sports, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 14 by Rivals
- » Played at Peoria High School for head coach Tim Thornton
- » USA Football U-19 team member for IFAF World Championships in Harbin, China
- » Blue-Grey All-American
- » Led Peoria to 2016 IHSA 5A state championship
- » 111 tackles, 33.0 TFLs, 15.0 sacks as a senior
- » 2016 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association allstate first team
- » 2016 Preps Plus All-State first team
- » 2016 ALL-USA Illinois Football Team
- » 2016 Big 12 all-conference
- » High school teammate of Illini sophomore Coran Taylor

- » Born Dec. 22 1998
- » Picked Illinois because, "the coaching staff is awesome and I would love to represent my home state."
- » Majoring in sociology

### CALEB GRIFFIN

K, 6-3, 215, SO.

#### DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » Made first career start and went 1-1 on field goals and 3-3  $\,$ on PATs against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Primary punt returner against Iowa 12/5/20
- » University of Illinois Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Vice President

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

» Backup kicker, did not kick in a game

#### 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2018 season (Did not play)

#### **High School**

- » Lettered four years in football in high school
- » Played for head coach Marcus Forrest at Danville
- » Three-time All-Big 12 PK
- » Four-time Commercial News All-Area
- » Two-time News-Gazette All-Area first team
- » Kohl's Kicking Player of the Week 10/23/17
- » 2017 all-state honorable mention
- » Four-sport athlete at Danville (football, baseball, basketball,
- » Four-year letterwinner in baseball
- » Four-year letterwinner in soccer
- » Three-year letterwinner in basketball
- » Three-time All-Big 12 in baseball
- » Two-time all-state in soccer
- » Two-time all-area in basketball

#### Personal



- » Born Oct. 20, 1999
- » Son of Chris and Erin Griffin
- » Older brother, Cameron, and younger sister, Kedzie
- » Brother played soccer at Quincy University for one year
- » Father played soccer at Illinois College for two years
- » Chose No. 38 because his home is 38 miles from Memorial
- » Chose Illinois because, "The relationship I was able to build with all of the coaches"
- » Plans to work in sports following his playing career
- » Double major in marketing and management

#### CAREER HIGHS

Points: 6 vs Purdue 10/31/20 PATs Made: 3 vs Purdue 10/31/20 Field goals made: 1 vs Purdue 10/31/20 Longest field goal: 28 vs Purdue 10/31/20 All-purpose yards: 4 vs lowa 12/5/20 Punt returns: 1 vs lowa 12/5/20 Punt return yards: 4 vs lowa 12/5/20

Long punt return: 4 vs lowa 12/5/20

#### KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PTS	LG
2018	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2020	3-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	28
TOTAL	3-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	28

#### KICKOFF STATISTICS

YEAR	G	KO	YDS	AVG.	TB	TB%	OB	ONSIDE
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	2	8	503	62.9	5	63%	1	0
TOTAL	2	8	503	62.9	5	63%	1	0

#### PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	ե	NU.	LD2	עו	Lti	AVG/K	AVG/G	
2020	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	1.3	
TOTAL	3	1	4	0	4	4.0	1.3	

#### KICKING GAME-BY-GAME

	FG			KICKOFF	F			
2020	MD-ATT	LG	BLKD	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
@WIS				DNP				
PUR	1-1	28	0	5	319	63.8	3	1
MIN	0-0	0	0	3	184	61.3	2	0
@RUT				DNP				
@NEB				DNP				
OSU			Gar	ne Canc	eled			
IOWA	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NW				DNP				

#### KICK/PUNT RETURN GAME-BY-GAME

2020	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
@WIS				DNP				
PUR0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
@RUT				DNP				
@NEB				DNP				
OSU			G	ame Car	nceled			
IOWA	0	0	0	0	1-4	0	4	4
@NW				DNP				

### 72 PHIFER GRIFFIN

OT, 6-6, 300, FR.

#### MONROE, N.C. / UNION ACADEMY

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN, two-star recruit by Rivals
- » National ranks: #945 (247), #1341 (247 Composite)
- » Offensive tackle ranks: #77 (247), #96 (ESPN), #109 (247 Composite)
- » North Carolina ranks: #28 (247), #34 (ESPN), #42 (247 Composite)
- » 2019 Greater Charlotte Offensive Lineman of the Year
- » Committed to Illinois on July 21, 2019
- » Offers included Air Force, Eastern Kentucky, Georgia State, Liberty, Marshall, and West Virginia

#### Personal:

- » Born Oct. 28, 2001
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

### 39 AIDAN HALL

LS. 6-2. 205. R-FR.

#### GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / BENET ACADEMY

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made Illinios debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### 2019 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2019 season

#### High School:

- » Played for head coach Pat New at Benet Academy
- » Two-year letterwinner
- » 2018 Benet Special Teams MVP
- » Graduated with Honors
- » Honor Roll all eight semesters

#### Personal:

- » Born Oct. 27, 2000
- » Son of Brian and Patty Hall
- » Two brothers, Colin and Brogan
- » Majoring in systems engineering and design
- » Picked Illinois because, "I had the opportunity to study engineering at a top tier university while participating in Big Ten athletics."

### 35 JAKE HANSEN

LB, 6-1, 225, SR.

#### TARPON SPRINGS, FLA. / EAST LAKE

#### **Career Notes:**

» Hansen's 10 career forced fumbles are tied for third-most in program history (dating back to 1990)

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Four straight games with a forced fumble, fumble recovery or interception
- » Matched career high 15 tackles, a sack and interception in Illinois' win at Rutgers 11/14/20
- » 14 tackles, two TFLs, forced fumble and fumble recovery against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten second team
- » Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- » Bednarik Award watch list
- » Butkus Award watch list
- » Nagurski Award watch list

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Butkus Award semifinalist
- » Played and started nine games at linebacker
- » Missed the final four games with an injury
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 72 tackles, 7.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, one interception, seven forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries on the season
- » Led the nation in forced fumbles (7) and forced fumbles per game (0.78)
- » Ranked sixth in the nation in fumbles recovered (3)
- » As many or more forced fumbles (7) than 30 FBS teams on the season
- » No. 17 graded linebacker in the nation and No. 5 in the Big Ten by PFF (79.6)
- » Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after two forced fumbles vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led Illinois to one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Started all 12 games at linebacker
- » 95 tackles, 8.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack, one PBU, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one QB hurry on season
- » Tied for the Illinois lead in tackles (95) and led Illinois in solo tackles (48)

- » Second on the team in TFLs (8.5)
- » First career forced fumble against Minnesota 11/3/18
- » First career sack at Maryland 10/27/18
- » First career PBU at Rutgers 10/6/18
- » Illinois single-game record-tying 6.0 TFLs in the season opener against Kent State 9/1/18
- » The 6.0 TFLs against Kent State 9/1/18 tied for the seventh-most in Big Ten history
- » Game-high and career-high 15 tackles (10 solo) against Kent State 9/1/18
- » PFF National Team of the Week and Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week after 15 tackle, 6.0 TFL performance vs. Kent State.
- » Won team's Bruce Capel Award for courage

#### 2017 Sophomore:

» Did not play in 2017 after suffering season-ending injury during training camp.

#### 2016 Freshman:

- » Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams, with one start at linebacker
- » Eight tackles and one QB hurry on the season
- » First career start vs. Minnesota
- » Two tackles against Minnesota and Northwestern
- » QB hurry at Northwestern

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by Scout
- » Ranked among the top 100 O LBs nationally by Scout (No. 99)
- » Ranked among the top 100 inside linebackers nationally by ESPN.com (No. 60) and 247Sports (No. 98)
- » Totaled 103 tackles (75 solo) and 2.0 sacks as a senior
- » Class 7A Associated Press All-State second team in 2015
- » Also played basketball and ran track and field in high school
- » Honor roll student (4.3 GPA)

#### Personal:

- » Born June 19, 1998
- » Son of Shad and Lori Hansen
- » Has two younger siblings, Lane (brother) and Jessie (sister)
- » Father, Shad Hansen, played football at BYU from 1989-92 and is the school's all-time leading tackler (408)
- » Graduated with a degree in kinesiology
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 15, twice (last at Rutgers, 11/14/20)

TFLs: 6.0 vs. Kent State, 9/1/18

Sacks: 1.0, three times (last at Minnesota, 10/5/19) QB Hurries: 1 at Northwestern, 11/26/16

Fumbles Forced: 2, twice (last vs. Wisconsin, 10/19/19)

Fumbles Recovered: 2 vs. Nebraska, 9/21/19
Interception: 1, three times (last at Nebraska 11/21/20)

Long interception return: 8, at Nebraska 11/21/20

Pass breakups: 1, three times (last at Northwestern, 12/12/20)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2016	12	2	6	8	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2017				DN	IP - Inj	ured					
2018	12	48	47	95	8.5	18	1	1	1	0	1
2019	9	41	31	72	7.5	38	1	7	3	0	0
2020	7	32	27	59	7.5	19	4	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	28	121	105	226	23.5	75	6	10	6	0	1

#### INTERCEPTION STATISTICS

YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2016	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2017		DN	P - Inju	red			
2018	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	7	2	12	0	8	6.0	1.7
TOTAL	28	3	12	0	8	4.0	0.4

#### CACKE STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOTAL	YDS
2016	12	0	0	0	0
2017		DNF	- Inj	jured	
2018	12	1	0	1.0	6
2019	9	3	1	3.5	27
2020	7	1	0	1.0	3
TOTAL	28	5	1	5.5	36

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME



2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	8	6	14	2.0-3	0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	3	3	6	1.0-5	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	6	9	15	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0-0	1-4	0	1
@NEB	3	4	7	2.5-5	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-8	0	0
0SU					ame Cancel					
IOWA	5	2	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	5	3	8	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PRII
AKRON	5	2	7	0.5-4	0.5-4	1	1-0	1-0	0	0
@UCONN	3	4	7	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	4	3	7	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	11	1	12	1.0-5	0.0-0	2	1-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	2	4	6	1.5-9	1.0-8	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	3	6	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	6	5	11	1.0-6	1.0-6	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	3	6	9	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU					NP - Injure	d				
@IOWA					NP - Injure					
NW					NP - Injure					
vs. CAL					NP - Injure					
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF		INT-Yds	QBH	
KENT ST	10	5	15	6.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PENN ST	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	6	3	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
PUR	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@WIS	5	4	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	8	3	11	1.5-7	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN @NFB	4 0	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
IOWA	3	3 7	3 10	0.0-0 0.5-1	0.0-0 0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	7	8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WINW	1	,	0	0.3-2	0.0-0	U	0-0	0-0	U	U
2016	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-YDS	QBS-YDS	FF		INT-YDS		
MUR ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0

### 14 BLAKE HAYES

P, 6-6, 215, SR.

#### MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA / BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Top NFL Draft punting prospect in the nation by Mel Kiper
- » USA TODAY Preseason All-American second team
- » Campbell Trophy nominee
- » Athlon Preseason All-American second team
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-American third team
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten first team
- $\ensuremath{\text{\textit{»}}}$  Leader in career punting yardage with 10811 yards.
- » Averaging 17 yards per carry after two successful fake punts at Nebraska 11/21/20 and at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### 2019 Junior:

- » 2019 Big Ten Punter of the Year
- » All-Big Ten first team (coaches)
- » All-Big Ten first team (media)
- » 77 punts, 3,437 punt yards (44.6 yards/punt), 32 punts inside the 20, 22 punts of 50+ yards, only two touchbacks on the season
- » Led the Big Ten and ranked 18th in the nation in punting average (44.6)
- » Illinois single-season record 32 punts downed inside the 20
- » Illinois single-season record 41.6% (32/77) of punts downed inside the 20
- » Illinois single-season record 22 punts of 50+ yards
- » Illinois single-season record 3,437 punt yards
- » Illinois single-season record low two touchbacks
- » Illinois single-season record low 2.6% (2/77) touchback percentage

- » Third-best single-season punting average in Illinois history (44.6)
- » Second on Illinois' career punting average list (43.4 ypp)
- » Fourth on Illinois' career punting yardage list (9,369)
- » Sixth on Illinois' career punts list (216)

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » All-Big Ten third team (media)
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- » Started all 12 games at punter
- » Averaged 43.6 yards per punt (62 punts for 2,701 yards) with 21 downed inside the 20-yard line
- » Career average of 42.7 ranks second on Illinois career list
- » 23rd in the nation in punting average (43.6) during the regular season
- » Season average of 43.6 ypp ranks fifth-best in Illinois history
- » Career-high four 50+-yard punts against South Florida 9/15/18
- » Career-high five punts downed inside the 20 against Western Illinois 9/8/18
- » Placed 11 punts inside the 20 in the first three games
- » 53.4 ypp against Kent State was the fourth-best single-game average in program history
- » Also served as primary holder for field goals and PATs
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team
- » Starting punter for all 12 games
- » 77 punts, 3,231 yards (42.0 ave.), 10 punts of 50+ yards, 22 punts inside the 20-yard line on the season
- » Voted team's Dike Eddleman Outstanding Special Teams Player
- » 42.0 yards per punt ranked fourth in FBS among true freshmen and was the ninth-best single-season average in Illinois history
- » Ranked third in the Big Ten in punting average (42.7) and third net punting (40.0) in conference games
- » 59 punts, 2,519 yards (42.7 yards/punt), eight punts of 50+ yards, 18 punts inside the 20-yard line during Big Ten games
- » Booted season-long 64 yard punt at Ohio State on Nov. 18
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » College debut was the first football game he ever attended
- » Third-tallest punter in FBS (one inch shorter than Bowling Green's Joseph Davidson and Houston's Dane Roy)

#### High School:

- » Played Australian rules football for three years high school
- » Captained the 2016 Brighton Grammar School AFL team
- » Valedictorian
- » High School Vice Captain
- » ProKick Australia product

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 13, 1998
- » Son of Ronan and Georgina Hayes
- » One older brother, Max
- » Chose Illinois because, "It gives me the best opportunity to be successful on and off the field. From great academic facilities and staff to a coaching staff with the most NFL experience, I couldn't have asked for another school that has everything need to provide me with the best opportunity to succeed.
- » Majoring in kinesiology

#### CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 11, twice (last at 0hio State, 11/18/17)
Punt Yards: 469 at 0hio State, 11/18/17
Longest Punt: 70 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19
Punt Average: 53.4 vs. Kent State, 9/1/18
50- Yard Punts: 4 vs. South Florida, 9/15/18
Punts Inside the 20: 5, three times (last at Minnesota, 10/5/19)
Rushing Yards: 20 at Northwestern, 12/12/20

#### PUNTING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	LG	AVG
2017	12	77	3231	64	42.0
2018	12	62	2701	69	43.6
2019	13	77	3437	70	44.6

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PUNTING	G GA	ME-E	BY-GAI	ME					
2020	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	120
@WIS	5	216	43.2	54	0	0	2	1	2
PUR	2	83	41.5	53	0	1	0	1	1
MIN	8	336	42.0	54	0	0	2	1	2
@RUT	4	184	46.0	59	0	0	3	1	3
@NEB	3	137	45.7	49	0	0	0	0	0
OSU				Game	Canceled				
IOWA	7	266	38.0	49	0	0	1	0	2
@NW	4	220	55.0	62	0	0	0	3	3
2019	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	ТВ	FC	50+	120
AKRON	4	184	46.0	51	0	0	0	1	2
@UCONN	4	155	38.8	47	0	0	1	0	3
EMU	7	338	48.3	55	0	0	1	3	2
NEB	8	368	46.0	59	0	0	2	3	5
@MIN	7	302	43.1	53	0	0	2	1	5
MICH	7	328	46.9	70	1	1	0	4	2
WIS	5	233	46.6	55	0	0	1	2	1
@PUR	8	342	42.8	64	0	0	0	1	2
RUT	5	227	45.4	55	0	0	0	2	2
@MSU	9	401	44.6	60	0	1	3	1	3
@IOWA	4	154	38.5	49	0	0	2	0	0
NW	4	197	49.2	61	0	0	0	2	1
vs. CAL	5	208	41.6	55	0	0	1	2	4
2018	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	ТВ	FC	50+	120
KENT ST	5	267	53.4	69	0	1	0	3	2
WIU	7	287	41.0	51	0	0	0	1	5
USF	7	322	46.0	62	0	1	2	4	4
PENN ST	4	179	44.8	54	0	0	0	1	1
@RUT	4	176	44.0	51	0	1	1	1	2
PUR	9	391	43.4	53	0	1	3	2	2
@WIS	6	219	36.5	48	0	0	1	0	1
@MD	4	167	41.8	48	0	0	1	0	1
MINN	2	82	41.0	49	0	0	i	0	1
@NEB	3	129	43.0	45	1	1	0	0	0
IOWA	8	359	44.9	62	1	0	1	2	1
@NW	3	123	41.0	48	0	0	0	0	1
2017	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	ТВ	FC	50+	120
BALL ST	4	184	46.0	54	0	0	0	1	1
WKU	7	243	34.7	52	0	0	1	1	2
@USF	7	285	40.7	49	0	0	0	0	1
NEB	5	185	37.0	44	0	0	3	0	3
@IOWA	2	88	44.0	51	0	0	0	1	0
RUT	6	259	43.2	47	0	1	1	0	1
@MIN	5	262	52.4	59	0	0	0	3	2
WIS	4	164	41.0	46	0	0	3	0	2
@PUR	5	185	37.0	44	0	0	3	0	3
IND	11	455	41.4	53	0	0	3	1	3
@OSU	11	469	42.6	64	0	0	2	2	2
NW	9	393	43.7	52	0	0	0	1	3
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## 84 OWEN HICKEY

WR, 6-2, 165, FR.

#### DES PLAINES, ILL. / SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL

#### High School:

- » Named All-Conference 2019
- » Played four years of basketball and baseball
- » Honor Roll student
- » Also was the kickoff specialist as a junior and punter as a

#### Personal:

- » Born May 8, 2002
- » Son of Thomas and Jeanne
- » Older brother, Patrick, and older sister, Catherine
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

### 14 BRIAN HIGHTOWER

WR, 6-3, 220, JR.

### LEIMERT PARK, CALIF. / IMG ACADEMY / MIAMI (FLA.)

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » First Illinois career catch, four catches for 97 yards in home opener against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener at Wisconsin 10/23/20
- » Starting wide receiver
- » Immediate eligible after receiving an NCAA waiver



#### 2018 Freshman (Miami, Fla.):

- » Played in 11 games in regular season and made three starts
- » Finished with four catches for 60 yards and one touchdown
- » Caught first touchdown pass of career in debut vs. LSU 9/2/18, hauling in 32-yard pass in end zone for first career
- » 8-yard reception at Toledo 9/15/18
- » 13-yard reception in win over North Carolina 9/27/18
- » 7-yard catch in come-from-behind win vs. Florida State
- » Played in games versus Boston College 10/26/18 and Duke 11/3/18
- » Played in wins over Virginia Tech 11/17/18 and Pittsburgh 11/24/18
- » Started New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. Wisconsin 12/27/18

#### **High School:**

- » Consensus four-star prospect by ESPN, 247Sports.com and Rivals com
- » #36 wide receiver in the nation and #32 prospect in state of Florida by 247Sports
- » Ranked among top 300 recruits by ESPN.com
- » Participated in The Opening in summer of 2017
- » Selected to 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio
- » As senior at IMG, led team with 35 catches for 445 yards and five touchdowns
- » Posted breakout sophomore season at Calabasas High School (Calif.) in 2015, as he caught 71 passes for 1,344 yards and 14 touchdowns before transferring to IMG Academy in 2016
- » Chose Miami over offers from Alabama, Clemson and USC, among others
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

#### Personal:

- » Born July 17, 1999
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

#### CAREER HIGHS (ILLINOIS)

Touchdowns: 1, twice (last at Northwestern, 12/12/20) Receptions: 4 vs Purdue 10/31/20 Receiving Yards: 97 vs Purdue 10/31/20 Long Reception: 46 at Northwestern, 12/12/20 All-purpose Yards: 97 vs Purdue 10/31/20

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G		
2018*	11	4	60	1	32	0.4	15.0	5.5		
2019*	7	8	88	0	19	1.1	11.0	12.6		
2020	7	9	201	2	46	1.3	22.3	28.7		
TOTAL	7	9	201	2	46	1.3	22.3	28.7		
ALL*	25	21	349	3	46	0.8	16.6	14.0		
* - stats include Miami (2018-19)										

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#### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME CAR YDS TD LG

@WIS	0	0	0	0	1	26	0	26
PUR	0	0	0	0	4	97	1	44
MIN	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	6
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	12
OSU				Game	Canceled			
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0	2	60	1	46
2019-MIA	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
FLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
@UNC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
BCU	0	0	0	0	5	51	0	16
CMU	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	19
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
UVA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
GT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
@PIT				DNP				
@FSU				DNP				
LOU				DNP				
@FIU				DNP				
@DUK				DNP				
LOT				DNP				
2018-MIA	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	32	1	32
SAV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@T0L	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8
@FIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNC	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13
FSU	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	7
@UVA				DNP				
@B0S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DUK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GT				DNP				
@VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 8 NATE HOBBS

DB, 6-0, 195, SR.

LOUISVILLE, KY. / LOUISVILLE MALE

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Staring defensive back
- » Fourth-quarter interception at Rutgers 11/14/20 led to Illinois' game-winning field goal
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 13 games at cornerback
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 67 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, one interception, one fumble recovery on
- » Four tackles and a career-high 2.0 TFLs at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » First career touchdown on a 36-yard fumble return in a 38-10 win over Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » Career-high 10 tackles vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Career-high six solo tackles at UConn 9/7/19

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played nine games with seven starts at corner
- » 22 tackles, 3.0 TFLs, one interception and one PBU
- » Returned four punts for seven yards and returned two kickoffs for 27 yards
- » PBU against Iowa 11/17/18
- » First career interception at Rutgers 10/6/18
- » Missed the first three games of the season due to suspension

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team
- » Played in all 12 games with 10 starts at cornerback
- » 48 tackles (31 solo), 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, two pass breakups, one forced fumble on the season
- » Led Illinois in defensive snaps
- » Seventh on the team in tackles (48)
- » 10 kick returns for 223 yards (22.3 yards per kick return)
- » Four punt returns for five yards (1.2 yards per punt return)
- » Scored a defensive extra point on a blocked extra point at South Florida
- » Made his Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State
- » First career start against Western Kentucky
- » First career sack at lowa

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by Scout
- » Ranked No. 233 corner back in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 15 recruit in Kentucky by 247Sports
- » High jumped 6-9 and long jumped 22' 11.25 in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born June 24, 1999
- » Majoring in sociology

#### **CAREER HIGHS** Tackles: 10 vs. Wisconsin, 10/19/19

TFLs: 2.0, twice (last at Wisconsin 10/23/20) Sacks: 1.0 at Iowa, 10/7/17 Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Nebraska, 9/29/17 Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019 PBUs: 2, three times (last at Michigan State, 11/9/19) Interception: 1, three times ( last at Rutgers, 11/14/20) Kick Returns: 4 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17 Kick Return Yards: 92 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17 Long Kick Return: 31 vs. Rutgers, 10/14/17

All-Purnose Yards: 96 vs. Indiana 11/11/17

Punt Returns: 2, twice (last vs. lowa, 11/17/18)

Punt Return Yards: 4, twice (last vs. lowa, 11/17/18) Long Punt Return: 4, twice (last vs. lowa, 11/17/18) All-Purpose Yards: 96 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17 Touchdowns: 1 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019 Defensive Extra Point: 1 at South Florida, 9/15/17

DEFEN	ISIVE	STATI	STIC	S						
YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QB
2017	12	31	17	48	2.0 8	2	1	0	0	0
2018	9	13	9	22	3.0 8	2	0	0	0	0
2019	13	44	23	67	5.5 15	11	0	1	0	0
2020	5	22	9	31	2.0 3	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	110	58	168	12.5 34	18	1	1	0	0

CEPT	ION S	TATIST	ICS			
G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
9	1	27	0	27	27.0	3.0
13	1	29	0	29	29.0	2.2
5	1	26	0	26	26.0	5.2
39	3	82	0	29	27.3	2.1
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SACKS	STAT	TISTIC	S		
YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOTAL	YDS
2017	12	1	0	1.0	7
2018	9	0	0	0.0	0
2019	13	0	0	0.0	0
2020	5	0	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	39	1	0	1.0	7

TURN ST	ATISTIC	S				
G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/
12	10	223	0	31	22.3	18.6
9	2	27	0	15	13.5	3.0
12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
39	12	250	0	31	20.8	7.1
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PUNT	<b>RETURN S</b>	TATISTIC	CS				
YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/
2017	12	4	5	0	4	1.2	0.4
2018	9	4	7	0	4	1.8	0.8
2019	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	39	9	15	0	4	1.7	0.4

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBI		
@WIS	8	1	9	2.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
PUR	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1		
MIN		DNP - Injured										
@RUT	7	0	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-26	0	1		
@NEB	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
0SU				G	ame Cancel	ed						
IOWA	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0		
@NW					DNP							

AKRON	4	2	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@UCONN	6	2	8	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
EMU	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	
NEB	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	
@MIN	2	2	4	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
MICH	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	
WIS	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@PUR	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	
RUT	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-36	0-0	0	0	
@MSU	2	2	4	2.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	
@IOWA	4	1	5	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	
NW	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-29	0	0	
vs. CAL	9	0	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	

UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

KENT ST	DNP - Suspended									
WIU		DNP - Suspended								
USF		DNP - Suspended								
PENN ST	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-27	0	0
PUR	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	2	2	4	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	2	1	3	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	2	1	3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@NW	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WKU	5	1	6	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@USF	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	5	0	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IND	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@0SU	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
NW	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

2019	KR-YD	IS AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
AKRON	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@UC0I	NN 0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
EMU	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
NEB	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MIN	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
MICH	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
WIS	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@PUR	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
RUT	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MSU	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@IOWA	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
NW	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
vs. CAL	. 0-0	0.0	0	0	1-3	3.0	0	3
2018	KR-YD	S AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
KENT S	T		DN	P - Sus	pended			
WIU				P - Sus				
USF			DN	P - Sus	pended			
PENN S			0	15	0-0	0.0	0	0
@RUT	0-0		0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
PUR	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@WIS	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MD	0-0	0.0	0	0	1-1	1.0	0	1
MINN	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@NEB	0-0	0.0	0	0	1-2	2.0	0	2
IOWA	0-0	0.0	0	0	2-4	2.0	0	4
@NW	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
2017		S AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS		TD	LG
BALL S		0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
WKU	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@USF	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
NEB	0-0		0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@10WA			0	15	0-0	0.0	0	0
RUT	3-75		0	31	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MIN	0-0		0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
WIS	0-0		0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@PUR	2-41		0	23	0-0	0.0	0	0
IND	4-92		0	28	1-4	4.0	0	4
@OSU	0-0		0	0	1-1	1.0	0	1
NW	0-0	0.0	0	U	2-0	0.0	0	U

## 33 EZEKIEL HOLMES

DL, 6-5, 240, SO.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS / HIRSCHI

### 2020 Sophomore:

» Backup defensive lineman

## 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played in one game
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

#### 2018 Freashman:

» Redshirted 2018 season (Did not play)

## High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 60 weakside defensive end in the nation by 247Sports
- » Played for head coach Danny Youngs at Hirschi
- » Three-time all-district
- » 2017 all-state second team
- » 96 tackles, 38.0 TFLs, 6.0 sacks, two interceptions, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two touchdowns as senior
- » 39 tackles, 1.0 sack, one interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a junior
- » Also played basketball and threw shot put in high school
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in February 2018
- » Offers included Air Force and Washington State

#### Personal:

- » Born July 7, 2000
- » Son of Enez and Ronnie Holmes
- » One older brother, Ronnie A. Holmes, one older sister, Alexis Brown, and one younger sister, Miracle Holmes
- » Plans to be an accountant or work with kids following his playing career
- » Picked Illinois because, "Illinois was the best option for me to develop into a good young man."
- » Plays the piano and drums
- » Majoring in sociology

### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1. at Nebraska 11/21/20

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBL
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN					DNP					
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA		DNP								
@NW					DNP					

## 88 DANIEL IMATORBHEBHE

TE. 6-3. 240. SR.

### SUWANEE, GA. / NORTH GWINNETT / USC

Pronunciation: ee-MAT-or-bay-bay

- » Earned bachelor's degree in social science (economics) from USC in Summer 2018
- » Grad transfer is pursuing master's degree in recreation, sport, and tourism at Illinois

#### **USC Career:**

- » 25 receptions for 394 yards (15.8 avg) with four touchdowns
- » Appeared in 22 games in his career, with nine starts
- » Missed the last two seasons with an injury,
- » Granted sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA

#### 2020 Senior:

» Two catches for 43 yards and first touchdown as an Illini in his Illinois debut against Purdue 10/31/20

### 2019 Senior (USC):

» Sat out 2019 while continuing to recover from a leg injury

### 2018 Junior (USC):

- » Sat out 2018 with a upper leg muscle injury
- » Held out of 2018 spring practice to rest a nagging hip injury
- » Won USC's Community Service Award.

#### 2017 Sophomore (USC):

- » Fought through an early-season injury to make an impact in the second half of his sophomore year in 2017
- » Suffered a hip flexor injury prior to the Stanford game and missed the next five games (Stanford, Texas, California, Washington State, Oregon State)
- » Appeared in nine games (all but Stanford, Texas, California, Washington State, Oregon State) and starting the last four (Colorado, UCLA, Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game and Ohio State)
- » Eight catches for 144 yards (18.0 avg)
- » 48-yard catch against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game
- » Two catches for 25 yards against Ohio State in the Cotton

#### 2016 Redshirt Freshman (USC):

- » Appeared in all 13 games with five starts
- » 17 catches for 250 yards (14.7 avg) and four touchdowns
- » 2016 Campus Insiders Freshman All-American second team
- » All-Pac-12 honorable mention

#### 2015 Freshman (Florida/USC):

- » Sat out the 2015 season because of NCAA transfer rules
- » Transferred to USC in the fall of 2015 from Florida
- » Enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2015 after graduating a semester early from high school and participated in 2015 spring practice

## High School:

- » 32 catches for 487 yards (15.2 avg) and eight touchdowns as a senior
- » 29 receptions for 358 yards (12.3 avg) and two touchdowns as a junior
- » Helped North Gwinnett advance to the Class AAAAAA state championship game
- » Also played basketball at North Gwinnett

#### Personal

- » Received his bachelor's degree in social sciences (economics) in the summer of 2018 from the University of Southern California
- » Was working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship at USC
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program
- » Born in Los Angeles, then moved to Virginia and Georgia
- » Brother, Josh, was his teammate at USC and now plays at Illinois

#### CAREER HIGHS (ILLINOIS)

Touchdowns: 1 vs Purdue 10/23/20 Receptions: 2 vs Purdue 10/23/20 Receiving yards: 43 vs Purdue 10/23/20 Long Reception: 28 vs Purdue 10/23/20 All purpose yards: 43 vs Purdue 10/23/20

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
13	17	250	4	37	1.3	14.7	19.2
9	8	144	0	48	0.9	18.0	16.0
4	3	54	1	28	0.8	18.0	13.5
4	3	54	1	28	0.8	18.0	13.5
26	28	448	5	48	1.1	16.0	17.2
	13 9 4 4	13 17 9 8 4 3 4 3	13 17 250 9 8 144 4 3 54 4 3 54	13 17 250 4 9 8 144 0 4 3 54 1 4 3 54 1	13 17 250 4 37 9 8 144 0 48 4 3 54 1 28 4 3 54 1 28	13 17 250 4 37 1.3 9 8 144 0 48 0.9 4 3 54 1 28 0.8 4 3 54 1 28 0.8	13 17 250 4 37 1.3 14.7 9 8 144 0 48 0.9 18.0 4 3 54 1 28 0.8 18.0 4 3 54 1 28 0.8 18.0

\* - stats include Southern California (2016-17)

USHING/RECEIVING	GAME-BY-GAME

<b>2020</b> @WIS	CAR	YDS	TD	LG DNP	REC	YDS	TD	LG
PUR	0	0	0	0	2	43	1	28
MIN	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	11
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
OSU			Gam	e Canceled				
IOWA				DNP				
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017- USC	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
WM	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	12
STAN				DNP				
TEX				DNP				
@CAL				DNP				
@WSU				DNP				
ORS				DNP				
UTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@ND @ASU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@ASU ARI	0	0	0	0	2	0 25	0	17
@COLO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UCLA	0	0	0	0	2	34	0	18
STAN	0	0	0	0	1	48	0	48
OSU	0	0	0	0	2	25	0	14
2016- USC	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
ALA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USU				DNP				
@STA	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	7
@UTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COL	0	0	0	0	2	45	1	32
@ARI	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	8
CAL	0	0	0	0	1	17	1	17
ORE	0	0	0	0	2 5	37	0	37
@WAS	0	0	0	0		78	1	23
@UCLA ND	0	0	0	0	2	27 6	0	15 6
PEN	0	0	0	0	2	ь 25	0	13
LEW	U	U	U	U	2	20	U	13

## 9 JOSH IMATORBHEBHE

WR, 6-2, 220, SR.

SUWANEE, GA. / NORTH GWINNETT / USC

**Pronunciation:** ee-MAT-or-bay-bay

- » Earned bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in May 2019
- » Grad transfer is pursuing a master's degree in strategic brand communication at Illinois

### 2020 Redshirt Senior:

- » Leads the team in receptions (22), receiving yards (297), and receiving touchdowns (3)
- » Starting wide receiver
- » Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth team

#### 2019 Redshirt Junior:

- » Played and started the first 11 games at wide receiver
- » Missed the last three games with an injury



- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » 33 receptions, 634 receiving yards, nine receiving touchdowns on the season
- » Second in Illinois history in touchdown receptions in a single season (9), one behind the record of 10 set by David Williams in 1985 and Brandon Lloyd in 2001
- » Fifth in the Big Ten and 32nd in the nation in receiving touchdowns (9)
- » Third in the Big Ten and 20th in the nation in yards per reception (19.2)
- » 16th in the Big Ten in receiving yards (634)
- » Led Illinois in receptions (33), receiving yards (634), and touchdowns (9)
- » Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after four receptions for a career-high 178 yards, including a career-long 83-yard touchdown, at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » 52-yard touchdown reception in 38-10 win over Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » Two receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Career-high five receptions and 102 receiving yards against Michigan 10/12/19, including one touchdown
- » 91 receiving yards against Eastern Michigan 9/14/19
- » First career touchdown as part of a two-touchdown game at UConn 9/7/19
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron
- » Immediately eligible as a graduate transfer with two years of eligibility remaining

#### 2018 Redshirt Sophomore (USC):

» Played in one game for the Trojans

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (USC):

- » Backup wide receiver as a redshirt freshman
- » Played in six games (Stanford, Texas, Washington State, Oregon State, Notre Dame, Ohio State)
- » Two receptions for 11 yards on season
- » Nine-yard reception at Washington State and a two-yard catch against Oregon State

#### 2016 Freshman (USC):

- » Redshirted the 2016 season
- » Enrolled at USC in the spring of 2016 after graduating a semester early from high school

### High School:

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 123 recruit in the nation by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 18 wide receiver in the nation by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 13 recruit in Georgia by 247Sports Composite
- » 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team
- » 2015 Gwinnett Daily Post All-County third team
- » Caught 31 passes for 452 yards (14.6 yards/catch) with three touchdowns as a senior
- » Also threw a touchdown, had a 66-yard rush and averaged 19.0 yards on five kickoff returns as a senior
- » 2014 All-Region 7-AAAAAA first team
- » Helped North Gwinnett advance to the 2014 Class AAAAAA state championship game
- » 59 receptions for 1,072 yards (18.2 yards/catch) with 15 touchdowns as a junior
- » Five receptions for 55 yards (11.0 yards/catch) with a touchdown as sophomore
- » Also played basketball at North Gwinnett

#### Personal:

- » Born April 12, 1998
- » Brother, Daniel, played football at USC and transferred to Illinois for the 2020 season
- » Majored in business administration at USC
- » Enrolled in the strategic brand communication master's program

» Traveled to Santiago, Chile, as part of the USC Marshall School of Business' Learning About International Commerce (LINC) program

#### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Receiving Yards: 178 at Michigan State, 11/9/19 Long Reception: 83 at Michigan State, 11/9/19 Rec. Touchdowns: 2, twice (last at Michigan State, 11/9/19) All-Purpose Yards: 178 at Michigan State, 11/9/19

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

NEOLIVINO SIAIISTIOS													
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G					
2017*	6	2	11	0	9	0.3	5.5	1.8					
2019	11	33	634	9	83	3.0	19.2	57.6					
2020	7	22	297	3	52	3.1	13.5	42.4					
TOTAL	18	55	931	12	83	3.1	16.9	51.7					
All*	24	57	942	12	83	2.4	16.5	39.2					
* - stats include Southern California (2017-18)													

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RUSHING/	RECE	IVING	GAM	E-BY-GAME				
2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	3	26	0	11
PUR	0	0	0	0	4	43	0	17
MIN	0	0	0	0	2	60	1	52
@RUT	0	0	0	0	2	15	0	9
@NEB	0	0	0	0	4	71	1	28
OSU			Gam	e Canceled				
IOWA	0	0	0	0	4	48	1	25
@NW0	0	0	0	0	3	34	0	20
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON	0	0	0	0	2	34	0	22
@UCONN	0	0	0	0	4	42	2	14
EMU	0	0	0	0	4	91	1	36
NEB	0	0	0	0	1	26	1	26
@MIN	0	0	0	0	4	27	0	10
MICH	0	0	0	0	5	102	1	35
WIS	0	0	0	0	2	42	1	29
@PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUT	0	0	0	0	3	56	1	52
@MSU	0	0	0	0	4	178	2	83
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	4	36	0	14
NW				P - Injured				
vs. CAL			DN	P - Injured				
2017-USC	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG

2017-USC	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
WMU				DNP				
STAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEXAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@CAL				DNP				
@WASHST	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	9
ORST	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
@ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@ASU				DNP				
ARIZ				DNP				
@COL				DNP				
UCLA				DNP				
vs. STAN				DNP				
vs. OSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 68 RYAN INGOLD

OL, 6-5, 305, FR.

### BATAVIA, ILL. / BATAVIA

#### High School:

- » 2019 DuKane Conference Champs
- » Played golf and baseball for three years
- » Honor Roll student

#### Personal:

- » Son of Barry and Barb
- » Older Brother, Kevin
- » Chose Illinois because it was "perfect match for me to continue athletics and get a great education. Coaches make you feel at home."
- » Enrolled in the Gies College of Business

## **55 BLAKE JERESATY**

OL, 6-2, 295, R-SR.

## CHARLESTON, S.C. / BISHOP ENGLAND / WOFFORD

## 2020 Senior:

» Will miss the 2020 season with an injury

#### Wofford Career

» Played in 35 games with 29 games started at center

» Recorded 275 career knockdown blocks

#### 2019 Redshirt Junior (Wofford):

- » Started all 12 games at center
- » Led the team with 127 knockdown blocks
- » Recipient of the Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award »
- » Named All-Southern Conference first team by the coaches and second team by the media
- » Named first team Associated Press All-America, second team STATS FCS and AFCA All-America, and third team Phil Steele All-America
- » Led the team in knockdown blocks in six games
- » In the season opener at South Carolina State (8/31) had ten knockdown blocks
- » Against Samford (9/14) had 14 knockdown blocks
- » Recorded nine knockdown blocks each against Gardner-Webb (9/21) and at VMI (9/28)
- » At ETSU (10/5) had 22 knockdown blocks
- » Against Chattanooga (10/26) recorded 12 knockdown blocks
- » Against Furman (11/16) had 15 knockdown blocks
- » In the NCAA FCS Playoffs against Kennesaw State (11/30) had ten knockdown blocks
- » Recipient of the Southern Conference Pinnacle Award for the highest GPA on the championship team
- » Named CoSIDA Academic All-District
- » Named to the Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team
- » Named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll

### 2018 Redshirt Sophomore (Wofford):

- » Started 12 games at center
- » Recorded 68 knockdown blocks on the season
- » Tied for the team high with seven knockdown blocks in the season opener against The Citadel (9/1)
- » Ten knockdown blocks at Gardner-Webb (9/29) to lead the team
- » Added seven knockdown blocks each at Chattanooga (10/6) and against Mercer (10/27)
- » At Western Carolina (11/10) had eight knockdown blocks » In the NCAA FCS Playoffs against Elon (11/24) had seven knockdown blocks
- » Named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll and the Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team
- » Recipient of the Southern Conference Pinnacle Award for the highest GPA on the championship team
- » CoSIDA Academic All-District

### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (Wofford):

- » Played in 11 games with five starts at center
- » Finished season with 80 knockdown blocks
- » Made first career start in the season opener against Furman (9/2) and had 15 knockdown blocks
- » Added 12 knockdown blocks at Mercer (9/9) and ten against Gardner-Webb (9/23)
- » At The Citadel (10/14) had 12 knockdown blocks
- » Against Samford (10/21) had seven knockdown blocks
- » Recipient of the Southern Conference Pinnacle Award for the highest GPA on the championship team
- » Named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll and the Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team

### 2016 Freshman (Wofford):

- » Redshirted the season
- » Named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll

- » A three-year starter at center for Bishop England High School
- » A three-time All-Region selection, during his senior season he was named Region Lineman of the Year, first team All-Low Country, first team All-State, and a North-South All-Star
- » Team won the 6AA region championship his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons, with a state title his freshman year as the squad was 13-1 overall
- » Also played basketball for three seasons and lacrosse for two seasons



#### Personal

- » Born April 21, 1998
- » Enrolled in the finance graduate program

## **76 BREVYN JONES**

OL, 6-5, 270, R-FR.

## CENTER POINT, ALA. / HUFFMAN / MISSISSIPPI STATE

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » Made Illinois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Immediate eligible after receiving an NCAA waiver

#### 2019 Freshman (Mississippi State):

» Redshirted the season

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star offensive tackle by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » #33 recruit from the state of Alabama by ESPN
- » #56 offensive tackle in the 2019 recruiting class by ESPN
- » Played at Huffman High under head coach Alex Wilson
- » Originally committed to Mississippi State on Oct. 31, 2018

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 6, 2001
- » Son of Beverly and Brantley Jones
- » Majoring in kinesiology

## **37 JADEN JONES-WATKINS**

DB, 6-0, 175, SO.

FISHER, ILL. / FISHER

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Joined the team as a walk-on

#### High School

- » Two-year letterwinner after beginning football as a junior
- » 2017 all-state
- » 2017 Illinois Shrine Game participant
- » Two-time all-conference
- » Two-time team offensive player of the year
- » Also played basketball and ran track
- » Four-year starter for the basketball team
- » Four-time Honor Roll
- » Graduated in May 2018

### Personal:

- » Born June 6, 1999
- » Son of Kevin Jones and Miranda Watkins
- » Two younger brothers, Chandler and Kai, and two younger sisters, Reese and Juliana
- » Chose Illinois because, "It is one of the best schools in the country and I know I will be able to leverage my degree to obtain a great job post graduation."
- » Majoring in communication

## 25 KERBY JOSEPH

DB, 6-1, 200, JR.

ORLANDO, FLA. / JONES

#### 2020 Junior:

» Back up defenseive back.

### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in 12 games and started two at safety
- » 17 tackles, 1.0 TFL, three PBUs on the season
- » Career-high two PBUs at UConn 9/7/19 despite missing the first half due to targeting penalty suspension
- » Targeting penalty in the second half against Akron 8/31/19 and did not play in the first half at UConn 9/7/19

#### 2018 Freshman:

» Played 10 games

- » Nine tackles and one PBU on season
- » First career PBU against Minnesota 11/3/18
- » Career-high three tackles against Kent State 9/1/18
- » Made his Illinois debut in the season opener against Kent State 9/1/18
- » Missed the Wisconsin and Maryland games with an injury

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by Rivals
- » Two-way player
- » Four interceptions and 7.0 TFLs as a senior, plus five touchdown receptions
- » Played for head coach Elijah Williams at Jones
- » Also ran track and played volleyball in high school
- » Volleyball team's MVP
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in December 2017
- » Offers included Mississippi State, Syracuse, USF and FAU

#### Personal-

- » Born Nov. 14, 2000
- » Picked Illinois because, "I love the chemistry."
- » Plans to major in elementary education
- » Majoring in community health

## CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 vs. Nebraska, 9/21/19
TFLs: 0.5, twice (last at UConn, 9/7/19)
Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. lowa, 11/17/18
Fumbles Recovered: -

PBUs: 2 at UConn, 9/7/19

#### **DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2018	10	8	1	9	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2019	10	13	17	30	1.0	2	3	0	0	0	0
2020	6	8	4	12	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	29	22	51	1.0	2	4	0	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds			PBU
@WIS PUR	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0 DNP	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU				
AKRON	2	4	6	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	1	2	3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	4	7	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@MIN	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS					DNP					
@PUR					DNP					
RUT					DNP					
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PENN ST	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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## **57 EVAN KIRTS**

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OL. 6-5. 285. R-FR.

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**EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. / BROTHER RICE** 

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#### 2019 Freshman:

» Did not play in a game and redshirted

#### High School:

» Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN

- » Ranked No. 116 offensive tackle in the nation by ESPN and No. 141 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 24 recruit in Illinois by ESPN and No. 42 by 247Sports
- » Two-year letterwinner in football
- » Played for coaches Tim Lyons and Brian Badke at Brother Rice
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Illinois second team
- » 2018 EdgyTim.com All-State 5A-8A
- » 2018 Daily Southtown All-Area First Team
- » Led Brother Rice to an IHSA 8A state runner-up finish as a senior at Memorial Stadium
- » Helped Brother Rice score 405 points as a senior
- » Also played rugby in high school and was a state champion and all-conference selection
- » High Honor Roll & National Honor Society
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in November 2018
- » Offers included Ball State, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Virginia, and Western Michigan

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 19, 2000
- » Son of Dawn and Evan Kirts
- » One brother, Tyler, and one sister, April
- » Nicknamed "Cheese"
- » Picked Illinois because he, "loved my visit, coaches were awesome, liked the idea of playing for my home state."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum with plans to major in psychology

## **65 DOUG KRAMER**

OL. 6-2. 300. SR.

HINSDALE, ILL. / HINSDALE CENTRAL

### 2020 Senior:

- » Starting center
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- » Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten fourth Team
- » Wuerffel Trophy watch list

## 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 12 regular season games at center
- » Missed the Redbox Bowl with an injury, snapping a streak of 27 straight starts
- Z/ Straight Starts
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
   No. 8 graded center in the nation and No. 3 in Power-5 by PFF
- » Did not allow a sack in 751 snaps

## 2018 Sophomore:

- » Started all 12 games at center
- » Part of an OL that paved the way for the most-improved runnig game in the nation (+137.4 ypg from 2017 to '18), finishing 12th in FBS and second in the Big Ten at 243.0 ypg.
- » Academic All-Big Ten

## 2017 Redshirt Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention
- » Played and started eight games at center
- » Missed four games with an injury
- » Made his Illinois debut and first career start in the opener against Ball State
- » Academic All-Big Ten

## 2016 Freshman:

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» Member of the Illinois squad

- » Three-year letterwinner at Hinsdale Central
- » Played for head coach Dan Hartman
- » 2015 West Suburban Conference Offensive Lineman of the
- » 2015 All-West Suburban Conference



- » 2015 All-State honorable mention
- » Also was a member of the track and field team at Hinsdale Central
- » Dean's List all four years of high school

#### Personal:

- » Born June 4, 1998
- » Son of Lisa Kramer and Doug Kramer Sr.
- » Both parents graduated from the University of Illinois
- » Has one brother, Dan, and one sister, Carrie
- » Lists Dee Brown as his favorite athlete
- » Plans to coach following his playing career
- » Graduated with a degree in finance
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

## 32 TAILON LEITZSEY

DB, 6-0, 190, SR.

LAUREL, MD. / RIVERSIDE / MISSOURI BAPTIST

Pronunciation: TAY-Ion LIT-see

#### 2020 Senior:

» Has played in one game

#### 2019 Junior:

» Did not play in a game

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Redshirted 2018 season (Did not play)
- » Joined squad in September after walk-on tryouts

#### Personal:

- » Born Feb. 6, 1999
- » Majoring in kinesiology

## 23 CONNER LILLIG

RB, 5-10, 190, JR.

OAK PARK, ILL. / FENWICK

## 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in one game at running back
- » First career carries against Rutgers 11/2/19

#### 2018 Redshirt Freashman:

- » Member of Illinois team (Did not play)
- » Joined squad in September after walkon tryouts
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### Personal:

- » Born June 8, 1999
- » Majoring in economics

## 15 TY LINDENMAN

WR. 5-6. 160. FR.

SHAWNEE, KAN. / SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST

## 2020 Freshman:

» Made Illinois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### High School:

- » Named 1st team All-State, All-Metro, and Sunflower League
- » Gatorade player of the year nominee
- » Played basketball and baseball all four years
- » Sunflower league champions sophomore year (baseball)
- » 72 receptions for 1,491 yards and 19 touchdowns, he also returned 15 kickoffs for 455 yards (30.3) and a touchdown his senior year
- » Finalist for the Otis Taylor Award
- » Honor Roll, 4.2 GPA

#### Personal:

» Son of Andrew and Kris Lindenman

- » One brother, Blake, and two sisters, Sydney and Andi
- » Born December 15, 2001
- » Majoring in agriculture and consumer economics

# 28 REGGIE LOVE III

RB, 5-11, 200, FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

#### 2020 Freshman-

- » Plays primarily on special teams as punt returner
- » Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### High School

- » Four-star recruit by Rivals, three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN
- » National ranks: #178 (Rivals), #430 (247 Composite), #815 (247)
- » Running back ranks: #8 (Rivals), #31 (247 Composite), #56 (247), #65 (ESPN)
- » Missouri ranks: #4 (Rivals), #8 (247 Composite), #15 (247), #17 (ESPN)
- » 108 carries for 668 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns during his high school career
- » Played for head coach Cory Patterson, who is now an Illinois assistant, during his first two high school seasons
- » 2019 all-state, all-district, and all-metro
- » National Honor Society
- » Elizabeth Seton Scholar
- » Committed to Illinois on April 4, 2019, becoming the first commit to the Illini's class
- » Offers included Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisville, Minnesota, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Penn State, Purdue, Syracuse, TCU, Tennessee, Utah, Vanderbilt, and Wisconsin

#### Personal:

- » Born Oct. 11, 2001
- » Son of Reginald Love Jr. and Kimberly Dennis
- » One brother, Reginald, and three sisters, Reiandra, Reginae, and Jordyn
- » Chose Illinois because it, "felt like home."
- » Plans to run his own business following his playing career
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

### CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 6, vs lowa 12/5/20 Rush yards: 13 vs lowa 12/5/20 Long rush: 8 vs lowa 12/5/20 All-purpose yards: 13 vs lowa 12/5/20

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2020	7	10	12	0	8	1.2	1.7
TOTAL	7	10	12	0	8	1.2	1.7

#### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0SU			Gam	e Canceled				
IOWA	6	13	0	8	0	0	0	0
@NW	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

## 79 VEDERIAN LOWE

OL, 6-6, 320, SR.

ROCKFORD, ILL. / AUBURN

Pronunciation: vuh-DARE-ee-an

### 2020 Senior:

» Starting left tackle

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 13 games at left tackle
- » Ended the season with 26 straight starts

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Started all 12 games at left tackle
- » Part of an OL that paved the way for the most-improved running game in the nation (+137.4 ypg from 2017 to '18), finishing 12th in FBS and second in the Big Ten at 243.0 ypg

### 2017 Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention
- » Played in eight games with seven starts at tackle
- » Teamed with Alex Palczewski and Larry Boyd to be Illinois' first ever true-freshmen trio to start the same game on the offensive line
- » Made his Illinois debut and first career start at lowa

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and Scout
- » Ranked No. 68 offensive guard in nation by Scout
- » Ranked No. 108 OT in nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 16 recruit in Illinois by Rivals, No. 25 by ESPN, No. 26 by Scout and No. 29 by 247Sports
- » Three-time all-conference
- » Led Auburn to a 10-2 record and the Illinois state quarterfinals as a senior
- » Helped Auburn rush for 271.1 yards per game in 2016
- » Played for head coach Dan Appino

#### Personal:

- » Born April 17, 1999
- » Son of Eric Lowe and Veneka Cockrell
- » Son, Kingston Lowe, was born in June 2019
- » Chose Illinois because, "I love this program, the coaches, the school and my teammates"
- » Majoring in communication

## **42 MICHAEL MARCHESE**

DB, 6-4, 210, SR.

**VERNON HILLS, ILL. / STEVENSON** 

**Pronunciation:** mar-CASE

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Plays primarily on special teams
- » Made first start of the season at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### 2019 Senior:

» Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in 12 games, primarily on special teams
- » Five tackles, one interception on the season
- » Second career interception at UConn 9/7/19

## 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played 11 games with three starts at safety
- » 21 tackles, two PBUs, one interception, one fumble recovery
- and one QB hurry on season

  » Career-high 11 tackles at Northwestern 11/24/18
- » First career start and first career interception against Western Illinois 9/8/18
- » Missed the season opener with an injury
- » Academic All-Big Ten

## 2017 Freshman:

- » Walkon played in five games, primarily on special teams
- » Two tackles, one fumble recovery on the season
- Made his Illinois debut against Wisconsin in the eighth game of the season
- » First career fumble recovery on a muffed punt at Purdue

- » Two-vear letterwinner in football
- » Three-year letterwinner in baseball
- » All-conference and all-area selection in football
- » Four-time member of the Green Honor Roll

#### Personal:

- » Born October 23, 1998
- » Son of John and Julie Marchese
- » Three brothers, Joe, Jim and Henry
- » Father played football at lowa from 1982-86
- » Twin brother Henry plays football at Iowa
- » Brother, Jimmy, played football at Illinois 2015-18
- » Brother, Joe, played football at Maryland from 2013-17
- » Uncle, Dan, played football at Army from 1978-82
- » Chose Illinois because, "The academic and athletic excellence of the school and I loved the campus, the people and the coaching staff."
- » Plans to work in football or business/law after playing career
- » Majoring in economics

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11 at Northwestern, 11/24/18

**Fumbles Recovered:** 1, twice (last vs. Penn State, 9/21/18) **PBUs:** 1, three times (last at Northwestern, 12/12/20)

Interception: 1, twice (last at UConn, 9/7/19)

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS** 

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	5	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2018	11	12	9	21	0.0	0	3	0	1	0	1
2019	12	3	2	5	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2020	3	5	3	8	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	21	15	36	0.0	0	5	0	2	0	1

INTER	CEPT	ION S	TATIST	ICS			
YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2017	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2018	11	1	42	0	42	42.0	3.8
2019	12	1	29	0	29	29.0	2.4
2020	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	31	2	71	0	42	35.5	2.3

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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<b>2020</b> @WIS	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds DNP	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
PUR					DNP					
MIN					DNP					
@RUT					DNP					
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ime Cancel	ed				
IOWA	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-29	0	0
FMU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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RUT	0	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	-	-	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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## 21 JARTAVIUS MARTIN

DB. 6-0. 195. JR

## LEHIGH ACRES, FLA. / LEHIGH ACRES

 $\textbf{Pronunciation:} \ jar\text{-}TAY\text{-}vee\text{-}us$ 

Nickname: Quan

#### 2020 Junior:

- » Made first start of the season at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Backup defensive back

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in 12 games with five starts at cornerback
- » 23 tackles, 2.0 TFLs, two fumbles recovered on the season
- » Fourth in the Big Ten in fumble recoveries (2)
- » Moved from cornerback to safety in the middle of the season

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played 10 games with eight starts at corner
- » 42 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, three PBUs and three interceptions
- » Second on the team in interceptions (3)
- » Tied for the fifth-most starts by an Illinois true freshman DB (8)
- » Career-high seven tackles against Nebraska 11/10/18 and at Rutgers 10/6/18
- » Third interception of the season against Rutgers 10/6/18
- » One of two true freshmen in the nation with multiple interceptions in the first three weeks of the season (Andre Cisco, Syracuse)
- » Second career interception against South Florida in the third game of the season
- » First career interception in his first career game, the season opener against Kent State
- » Started the season opener and made his Illinois debut against Kent State 9/1/18
- » Second Illinois true freshman cornerback to start the first two games of the season since 1980, joining Vontae Davis (2006)

### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 101 safety in the nation by ESPN and No. 105 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 206 recruit in Florida by ESPN and No. 206 by 247Sports
- » 87 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery as senior
- » 38 tackles and two interceptions as a junior
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2017

#### Personal

- » Born April 17, 2000
- » Majoring in communication

## CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12 at Northwestern, 12/12/20
TFLs: 2.0 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19
Fumbles Forced: 1, at Northwestern, 12/12/20
Fumbles Recovered: 2 vs. Nebraska, 9/21/19
PBUs: 1, three times (last at Nebraska, 11/10/18)
Interception: 1, three times (last at Rutgers, 10/6/18)

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	101	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2018	10	25	17	42	1.5	4	6	0	0	0	0
2019	12	14	9	23	2.0	6	0	0	2	0	0
2020	7	18	8	26	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	57	34	91	3.5	10	7	1	2	0	0
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2018	10	3	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	29	3	0	0	Ω	0.0	0.0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@NEB	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

@NW	11	1	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	0011	PBU
AKRON	UA 1	AS 0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	<b>UDI</b>	0
@UCONN	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	2	3	5	2.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NFB	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2-10	0-0	0	0
@MIN	2	3	5 5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0		0	0
@PUR	U	U	U	0.0-0	DNP	U	0-0	0-0	U	U
RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	·	·	Ü	0.0 0	DNP	·	0 0		·	·
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
VS. UAL	J	U	J	0.0-0	0.0-0	U	0-0	0-0	U	U
VS. UAL	J	U	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	U	0-0	0-0	U	U
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds		PBU
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2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
2018 KENT ST	UA 2	AS 2	<b>TOT</b> 4	<b>TFL-Yds</b> 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0	FR-Yds 0-0	INT-Yds 1-0	<b>QBH</b> 0	<b>PBU</b>
2018 KENT ST WIU	<b>UA</b> 2 2	<b>AS</b> 2 1	<b>TOT</b> 4 3	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0	INT-Yds 1-0 0-0	<b>QBH</b> 0 0	<b>PBU</b> 1
2018 KENT ST WIU USF	<b>UA</b> 2 2 6	<b>AS</b> 2 1 0	<b>TOT</b> 4 3 6	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0	1-0 0-0 1-0	<b>QBH</b> 0 0 0	PBU 1 1 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST	UA 2 2 6 0	AS 2 1 0 1	<b>TOT</b> 4 3 6 1	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0	<b>QBH</b> 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 1 0 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT	UA 2 2 6 0 6	AS 2 1 0 1 1 1	<b>TOT</b> 4 3 6 1 7	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	<b>FF</b> 0 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0	<b>QBH</b> 0 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 0 0 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR	UA 2 2 6 0 6 4	AS 2 1 0 1 1 2	<b>TOT</b> 4 3 6 1 7 6	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	FF 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0	<b>QBH</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 0 0 0 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS	UA 2 2 6 0 6 4 0	AS 2 1 0 1 1 2 0	<b>TOT</b> 4 3 6 1 7 6 0	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	FF 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 0-0	QBH 0 0 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 1 0 0 0 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS @MD	UA 2 2 6 0 6 4 0 1	AS 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 1	TOT 4 3 6 1 7 6 0 2	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	FF 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 0-0	QBH 0 0 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
2018 KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS @MD MINN	UA 2 2 6 0 6 4 0 1 2	AS 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 1 4	TOT 4 3 6 1 7 6 0 2 6	TFL-Yds 0.0-0 1.0-4 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.5-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	FF 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	FR-Yds 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-	1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 1-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	QBH 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	PBU 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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## 17 JAMES McCOURT

K, 6-1, 215, SR.

PARKLAND, FLA. / ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Hit game winning field goal at Rutgers to give the Illini their first win of the season
- » Starting kicker

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 13 games at kicker
- » 13-19 field goals, 42-43 extra points, 65.2% touchback percentage (43/66) on the season
- » Ninth in the Big Ten in scoring (81 points)
- » No. 11 kickoff grade in the nation and No. 2 in the Big Ten by PFF (87.6)
- » 39-yard field goal as time expired beat No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to finish the largest upset over a ranked team in Big Ten history
- » Three 50+-yard field goals made is the fourth-most in a career in Illinois history
- » 50-yard field goal against Michigan 10/12/19, his third 50+yard field goal of the season
- » 57-yard field goal against EMU 9/14/19 tied for the longest in school history and was tied the second-longest in the nation in 2019
- » 53-yard field goal at UConn 9/7/19, his first career made field goal, tied for the longest road field goal in Illinois history and tied for the fifth-longest field goal overall in program history

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Backup kicker and punter
- » Made his Illinois debut with a kickoff against Minnesota 11/3/18

## 2017 Freshman:

» Member of the Illinois squad

### 2016 Freshman:

» Member of the Illinois squad

### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by Scout. 247Sports, and ESPN.com
- » No. 9 kicker recruit in nation and No. 2 in Florida by Scout
- » Ranked as No. 16 kicker recruit in the nation by 247 Sports  $\,$
- » Florida Class 7A AP first-team All-State and All-Broward County in 2015
- » Helped team to state championships in 2012, 2014 and 2015



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- » Attended same high school as fellow 2016 Illinois signee Dom Thieman, former Illini LB James Crawford and former Illini punter Justin DuVernois
- » Also played lacrosse in high school (two years)

#### Personal

- » Born Nov. 9, 1997 in Ireland
- » Son of Ciaran and Margaret McCourt
- » Has one older sister, Ellen, and two younger brothers, Marcus and Alex
- » National Honor Society
- » Lists rugby payer Brian O'Driscoll as his favorite athlete because of his "outstanding work ethic on and off the field"
- » Graduated with a degree in finance
- » Enrolled in the management graduate program

#### CAREER HIGHS

Points: 11, twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/2) PATs Made: 6 vs. Akron, 8/31/19 Field Goals Made: 3, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Long Field Goal: 57 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19

#### KICKING STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	FG	0-29	30-39	40-49	<b>50</b> +	PTS	LG
2018	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2019	42-43	13-19	2-2	4-6	3-6	4-5	81	57
2020	12-12	6-10	4-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	12	47
TOTAL	54-55	19-29	6-6	5-7	4-8	4-6	93	57

## KICKOFF STATISTICS

YEAR	G	KO	YDS	AVG.	TB	TB%	OB	ONSIDE
2018	1	1	65	65.0	1	100.0	0	0
2019	13	66	4203	63.7	43	65.2	1	0
2020	5	23	1396	60.66	12	43%	0	0
TOTAL	17	90	5667	62.97	56	62%	1	0

#### KICKING GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	MD-ATT	LG	BLKD	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
@WIS	0-0 0		0	2	126	63	0	0
PUR				DNP				
MIN				DNP				
@RUT	3-5	47	0	6	388	64.7	4	0
@NEB	2-2	24	0	8	515	64.4	5	0
OSU			Gar	ne Canc	eled			
IOWA	0-0	0	0	4	200	50.0	1	0
@NW	1-3	39	0	0 3		56.7	2	0
	FG			KICKOFI				
2019	MD-ATT	LG	BLKD	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	OB
AKRON	0-1	0	0	7	454	64.9	4	0
@UCONN	1-1	53	0	3	314	62.8	2	0

AKKUN	0-1	U	U	/	454	64.9	4	U
@UCONN	1-1	53	0	3	314	62.8	2	0
EMU	1-1	57	0	6	390	65.0	6	0
NEB	1-1	47	0	7	455	65.0	6	0
@MIN	1-2	46	0	4	252	63.0	2	0
MICH	1-1	50	0	5	324	64.8	4	0
WIS	1-2	39	0	4	255	63.8	3	0
@PUR	1-2	38	0	5	302	60.4	3	0
RUT	1-1	33	0	7	447	63.9	6	0
@MSU	1-1	40	0	6	384	64.0	4	0
@IOWA	1-2	28	0	3	195	65.0	2	0
NW	1-2	50	0	3	181	60.3	1	0
vs. CAL	2-2	30	0	4	250	62.5	0	0

## **47 QUINTON McCOY**

DL, 6-3, 280, FR.

## VALRICO, FLA. / BLOOMINGDALE

#### Freshman:

» Made Illinois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN, two-star recruit by Rivals
- » National ranks: #1440 (247), #1650 (247 Composite)
- » Defensive tackle ranks: #109 (247), #121 (247 Composite)
- » Defensive end ranks: #146 (ESPN)
- » Florida ranks: #167 (247), #214 (247 Composite), #222 (ESPN)
- » 117 tackles, 9.0 sacks, 20.5 TFLs during his high school career
- » 37 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 3.0 TFLs, one blocked punt as a senior
- » 34 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 7.5 TFLs, one fumble recovery as a
- » Committed to Illinois on June 10, 2019
- » Offers included Bowling Green, FIU, Georgia Southern, Iowa State, Louisville, Southern Miss, Toledo, USF, and Kentucky

#### Personal:

- » Born March 20, 2002
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## **46 ALEC McEACHERN**

TE, 6-1, 235, JR.

## PLAINFIELD, ILL.. / BENET ACADEMY

Pronunciation: Mc-CARE-un

#### 2020 Junior-

» Plays primarily on special teams

## 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in all 13 games, primarily on special teams
- » Four tackles on the season

### 2018 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played four games, primarily on special teams
- » Made his Illinois debut against Minnesota 11/3/18, making one tackle
- » Also played against Nebraska, Iowa and Northwestern
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

» Walk-on redshirted the 2017 season

### High School:

- » All-state honorable mention as a senior
- » Two-time all-conference and all-area selection
- » Two-time Benet Co-Offensive MVP
- » Lettered three years
- » Played for coach Pat New
- » Also lettered in baseball (3), basketball (1) and lacrosse (1) in high school

#### Personal-

- » Born Feb. 2, 1999
- » Son of TJ and Tess McEachern
- » One brother, Hayes, and one sister, Avery
- » Father, TJ, played football at North Central
- » Uncle played football at Aurora
- » Chose Illinois because, "Illinois was my favorite team as a kid and was always a dream school of mine. I also wanted to be coached by a man who has great integrity and is known by his players to be a players dream coach. Finally, Illinois has some of the best academics in the country."
- » Plans to start his own business following his playing career
- » Double majoring in management and finance

## 34 RYAN MEED

LB, 6-1, 220, R-FR.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. / CANARSIE

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played the final four games and redshirted the season
- » Made Illinois debut on special teams against Michigan State to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history

### High School:

- » Played for head coach Brian Ellis at Canarsie
- » 70 tackles, 10 TFLs, five sacks as a senior
- » 2018 All-City Conference
- » 2018 All-City
- » 2018 Defensive Player of the Year
- » Also participated in track and field in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 30, 2001
- » Son of Regina and Tony McWilliams
- » Two sisters, Raina and Madison, and one brother, Christopher

- » Picked Illinois because, "from my first contact with Coach Ligashesky to my visit, it felt like family. That in addition to the academic prestige and the great school community, it was a no brainer."
- » Majoring in kinesiology

## 54 MARC MONDESIR

DL, 6-2, 240, SR.

CHICAGO, ILL. / ST. RITA

Pronunciation: mon-duh-SEER

#### 2020 Senior:

» Made switch to defensive line during the off-season

#### 2019 Junior-

- » Played three games at defensive end
- » Two tackles on the season
- » Missed most of the season with an injury

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played 10 games
- » Three tackles, 1.0 TFL, 1.0 sack on season
- » First career sack against Minnesota 11/3/18

### 2017 Freshman:

- » Played in 11 games, primarily on special teams
- » Four tackles on the season
- » Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and Scout
- » Ranked No. 50 linebacker in the nation by Scout and No. 109 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 22 recruit in Illinois by Scout, No. 25 by Rivals, No. 32 by ESPN
- » Played at St. Rita High School for head coach Todd Kuska
- » Lettered three years in football
- » 44 tackles, 1.0 TFL in 10 games as a senior
- » 2016 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association academic all-state team
- » 2016 All-CCL Blue
- » Also played basketball for one year and ran track for two years in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born April 1, 1999
- » Son of Yves and Myrline Mondesir
- » Has two brothers, Eddy Mondesir and Phil Leonard
- » Picked Illinois because, "it provides me with the total package
- to be successful in line."

  » Majoring in communication

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CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 2 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20
TFLs: 1.0 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/18
Sacks: 1.0 vs. Minnesota, 11/3/18

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH	
2017	11	2	2	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2018	10	3	0	3	1.0	9	0	0	0	0	0	
2019	3	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2020	4	2	1	3	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	20	0	4	12	1.5	11	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ	

#### SACKS STATISTICS

SACKS	SACKS STATISTICS										
YEAR	G	UA	Α	SACKS	YDS						
2017	11	0	0	0.0	0						
2018	10	1	0	1.0	9						
2019	3	0	0	0.0	0						
2020	5	0	0	0.0	0						
TOTAL	28	1	0	1.0	9						

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	0	1	1	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT				0	NP - Injure	d				
@NEB				0	NP - Injure	d				
OSU	Game Canceled									
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0



@NW					DNP					
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN					DNP					
EMU				0.0.0	DNP		0.0	0.0	•	^
NEB @MIN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
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WIS					NP - Injure					
@PUR					NP - Injure					
RUT				0	NP - Injure	d				
@MSU					NP - Injure					
@IOWA					NP - Injure					
NW vs. CAL					NP - Injure NP - Injure					
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2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF PENN ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT					)NP - Injure )NP - Injure					
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	1	0	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA @NW	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
WINW	U	U	U	0.0-0	0.0-0	U	0-0	0-0	U	U
2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					DNP					
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF NFB	0 1	0	0 1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IND	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@OSU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## 43 GRIFFIN MOORE

## BLOOMINGTON, ILL. / BLOOMINGTON

### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made Illiniois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

## 2019 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2019 season

#### High School-

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 84 tight end in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 139 athlete in the nation by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 31 recruit in Illinois by ESPN and No. 46 by 247Sports
- » Two-year letterwinner in football
- » Played for head coach Scott Godfrey as a senior and head coach Joe Walters as a junior at Bloomington
- » 2018 Class 6A IHSFCA All-State
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Illinois second team
- » Played mostly quarterback in high school, throwing for 1,957 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior and 857 yards and five touchdowns as a junior
- » Averaged 37.7 yards per punt with eight down inside the 20-yard line as a senior
- » 2018 all-conference first-team quarterback and second-team
- » 2018 Pantagraph All-Area first-team punter and honorable mention quarterback
- » Also played basketball at Bloomington
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in March 2018
- » Offers included Illinois State

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 1, 2000
- » Son of Angie and Tim Moore
- » Father is the principal at Bloomington High School

- » Father played football at Eastern Illinois
- » One younger brother, Landon
- » Nicknamed "Griff"
- » Chose No. 13 because of his friend Kai Bates Diop (younger brother of NBA player Keita), who had a heart attack while playing basketball and can no longer play competitive sports
- » Picked Illinois because, "The opportunity to represent my home state and help turn around the program."
- » Plans to work in sports following his playing career as an agent, front office administrator or coach
- » Enrolled in general curriculum with plans to major in business

## **86 DONNY NAVARRO**

WR, 5-11, 185, JR.

#### NAPERVILLE, ILL. / NEUQUA VALLEY / VALPARAISO

#### 2020 Junior:

- » Rated as the No. 4 rated wide receiver in the nation after win over Nebraska and No. 2 among receivers with multiple receptions according PFF
- » Starting wide receiver

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in all 13 games and started six at wide receiver
- » Walk-on was awarded scholarship by Lovie Smith on Nov. 7,
- » 27 receptions, 345 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns on the season
- » Five punt returns for 25 yards on the season
- » Second on the team in receptions (27) and receiving yards
- » Career-high seven receptions for 49 yards at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » Career-high 57 receiving yards and tied career high with 48-yard reception in 38-10 win over Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » First career start in 24-6 win at Purdue 10/26/19
- » First career Illini touchdown on a 48-yard reception vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

### 2018 Sonhomore:

- » Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Three years of eligibility remaining starting in 2019

### 2017 Freshman (Valparaiso):

- » Led Valparaiso in receptions (32), receiving yards (539), yards per catch (16.8), touchdown receptions (5) and receiving yards per game (49.0)
- » Transferred to Illinois following his freshman season with three years of eligibility left
- » Led all PFL freshmen in receiving yards per game, total receiving yards and yards per catch
- » 50-yard reception at Montana on Sept. 2 for first career catch
- » 33-yard touchdown at Montana for his first collegiate score
- » Finished his collegiate debut with three catches for 93 yards
- » First career two-touchdown game on Sept. 30, helping Valpo to a 27-24 win over Stetson
- » Totaled 100 receiving yards against Stetson, which stood as his season high
- » Fourth Crusader in the last 10 years to surpass 500 yards receiving in a season
- » Longest catch of the season was a 79-yarder on Oct. 28 against Morehead State
- » Season-high six receptions Sept. 16 at Trinity International

- » Played for head coach Bill Ellinghaus at Neuqua Valley
- » Unanimous all-conference selection
- » All-DuPage County
- » Naperville Sun All-Area first team

- » Neuqua Valley Football Athlete of the Year
- » Team captain
- » Also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore
- » Two-time national qualifier in Business Professionals of

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 25, 1999
- » Son of Don Navarro, Jr. and Shirley Navarro
- » Younger brother, Donovan, and younger sister, Zoe
- » Picked Illinois because of the, "it was a great fit for me as a student-athlete. Academically, it is one of the top universities in the country. The football program has great coaching, is a good fit, and competes in the Big Ten Conference."
- » Plans to, "design and implement digital technologies that promote learning through the use of web technologies and mobile applications," following his playing career
- » Majoring in information sciences

### CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 1 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Rushing Yards: 6 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Long Run: 6 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Receptions: 7 at Michigan State, 11/9/19

Receiving Yards: 77 vs. California, 12/30/19 Long Reception: 48, twice (last vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019) Rec. Touchdowns: 1, twice (last at lowa, 11/23/19)

Punt Returns: 2 at UConn, 9/7/19

Punt Return Yards: 16, twice (last vs Purdue 10/23/20) Long Punt Return: 16, twice (last vs Purdue 10/23/20) All-Purpose Yards: 80 vs. California, 12/30/19

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G	
RUSHING	STATI	STICS						
TOTAL	20	35	433	2	48	1.8	12.4	21.6
2020	7	8	88	0	25	1.1	11.0	12.6
2019	13	27	345	2	48	2.1	12.8	26.5
YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/U

#### 2019 13 6.0 0.5 2020 0.0 0.0 TOTAL 6.0 0.3

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YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G					
2019	13	5	25	0	13	5.0	1.9					
2020	6	1	16	0	16	0.0	2.7					
TOTAL	18	5	41	0	16	8.2	2.2					

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#### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME CAR YDS TD

2020

@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5
MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	15
@NEB	0	0	0	0	5	58	0	25
OSU				Game	Canceled			
IOWA	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@UCONN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMU	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0	3	33	0	16
MICH	1	6	0	6	3	18	0	9
WIS	0	0	0	0	1	48	1	48
@PUR	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	17
RUT	0	0	0	0	2	57	0	48
@MSU	0	0	0	0	7	49	0	12
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	3	36	1	31
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME KR-YDS AVG TD LG PR-YNS AVG

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AKRON	0-0	0	0	0	1-13	13.0	0	13
@UCONN	0-0	0	0	0	2-7	3.5	0	5
EMU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
NEB	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MIN	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
MICH	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
WIS	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@PUR	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
RUT	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@MSU	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@IOWA	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
NW	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0

## 94 JER'ZHAN NEWTON

DL. 6-2, 270, FR.

#### ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC

#### 2020 Freshman

- » Highest rated true freshman defender (85.8) by PFF after his first career forced fumble and two tackles against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » National ranks: #821 (247), #1024 (247 Composite)
- » Defensive tackle ranks: #42 (247), #56 (247 Composite)
- » Defensive end ranks: #86 (ESPN)
- » Florida ranks: #94 (247), #125 (ESPN), #134 (247 Composite)
- » Played for head coach Chris Harvey at Clearwater Central Catholic
- » 2019 MaxPreps All-American
- » 244 tackles, 24.0 sacks, 45.0 TFLs, five forced fumbles in his high school career
- » 104 tackles, 16.0 sacks, 29.5 TFLs, three forced fumbles as a senior
- » Honor Roll
- » Also played basketball in high school
- » Offers included Boston College, Cincinnati, Colorado State, Florida, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas State, Kentucky, Maryland, Miami (Fla.), North Carolina, Rutgers, Syracuse, UCF, USF, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 31, 2002
- » Son of Jervon Newton and Jovita Rich
- » Four brothers, Jervon, Jerquan, Jerjuan, Jershaun
- » Brothers, Jervon and Jerquan, play football at West Florida
- » Brother, Jerjuan, plays football at Toledo
- » Cousin, Pro Wells, plays football at TCU
- » Chose Illinois because, "the coaching staff is great, Lovie made me feel like I would be home with him, one of the best engineering programs."
- » Plans to design and build cars following his playing career
- » Enrolled in general curriculum
- » Played for the same little league team and attended same middle school as Illinois

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7 at Northwestern, 12/12/20 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Minnesota, 11/7/20 TFL: 1.0 vs. Minnesota, 11/7/20 Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Purdue 10/31/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2020	7	5	15	20	1.0 10	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	5	15	20	1.0 10	0	1	0	0	0

#### SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	SACKS	YDS
2020	6	1	0	1.0	10
TOTAL	6	1	0	1.0	10

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	2	1	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	me Cancel	ed				
IOWA	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	7	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## 23 TAHVEON NICHOLSON

DB, 5-11, 170, FR.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / LEE HS / PALMETTO PREP

#### High School:

» Three-star recruit by 247

- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » National prep school ranks: #7 (247 Composite), #8 (247)
- » No. 1 prep school athlete in the nation by 247 Composite
- » Four interceptions and one forced fumble at Palmetto Prep Academy
- » Also played wide receiver for Palmetto Prep Academy
- » Enrolled at Palmetto Prep Academy after high school career at Lee HS
- » Five interceptions and one forced fumble during his high school career
- » 28 touchdowns during his high school career, including two interception returns and one punt return
- » Offers included Florida Atlantic

#### Persona

» Enrolled in general curriculum

## 3 JAKARI NORWOOD

RB, 5-10, 180, SO

#### POMPANO BEACH, FLA. / DEERFIELD BEACH

Pronunciation: juh-CAR-ee

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Part of the running back rotation

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played in six games at running back
- » 15 carries for 94 yards on the season
- » Career-long 50-yard run at UConn 9/7/19

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played three games and redshirted the 2018 season
- » Five carries for 29 yards (5.8 yards per carry) on season
- » One reception for 11 yards on season

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 96 running back in the nation by ESPN and No. 142 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 246 recruit in Florida by ESPN and No. 320 by 247Sports
- » 2016 and 2017 Sun Sentinel honorable mention
- » Played for head coach Jevon Glenn at Deerfield Beach
- » High school teammate of Illinois TE Daniel Barker
- » Also ran track in high school
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in June 2017

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 6, 1999
- » Son of Angelia McCutcheon
- » Older sister, Vertaisha Torres, and older brother, Israel
- » Cousin, Lamar Jackson, played football at Louisville and was the 2016 Heisman Trophy winner
- » Picked Illinois because, "I believe I have a future here and can be apart of something special."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

### CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns:

Carries: 6 at UConn, 9/7/19 Rushing Yards: 62 at UConn, 9/7/19 Long Run: 50 at UConn, 9/7/19

**Receptions:** 1, three times (last vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19)

YDS TD

Receiving Yards: 11 vs. lowa 11/17/19 Long Reception: 11 vs. lowa 11/17/19 All-Purnose Yards: 64 at UConn. 9/7/19

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

RECEIVIN	IG STA	TISTIC	S					
TOTAL	10	22	124	0	50	5.6	12.4	
2020	1	2	1	0	1	0.5	1.0	
2019	6	15	94	0	50	6.3	15.7	
2018	3	5	29	0	12	5.8	9.7	

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/C	YDS/G
2018	3	1	11	0	11	0.3	11.0	3.7
2019	6	2	-1	0	2	0.3	-0.5	-0.2

AVG/C AVG/G

TOTAL	10	3	10	0 .	11	0.5	3.3		.0
RUSHING/ 2020	RECE CAR	IVING YDS	GAMI TD	E-BY-GAME Lg	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
@WIS	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
PUR	_	1	U	DNP	U	U	U	U	
MIN				DNP					
@RUT				DNP					
@NFB				DNP					
OSU			Gam	e Canceled					
IOWA			duiii	DNP					
@NW				DNP					
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2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
AKRON	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	
@UCONN	6	62	0	50	1	2	0	2	
EMU	1	4	0	4	1	-3	0	0	
NEB	1	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	
@MIN				DNP					
MICH				DNP					
WIS	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	
@PUR				DNP					
RUT	2	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	
@MSU				DNP					
@IOWA				DNP					
NW				DNP					
vs. CAL				DNP					
2018	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
KENT ST	JAN	103	עו	DNP	NEG	103	טו	LU	
WIU	1	(-1)	0	-	0	0	0	_	
1110	1	(-1)	U		U	U	U	-	

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OL, 6-6, 300, FR.

MAQUON, ILL. / BRIMFIELD

#### High School:

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PENN ST

@RUT

@WIS

@MD

MINN

@NFR

IOWA

PUR

2020

TOTAL

- » Varsity letterwinner
- » Played basketball and is tied for 12th in IHSA for rebounds in a single game (30), and holds school records for most shots blocked per game, most rebounds per game, most offensive rebounds in a season, and most rebounds in a season

### Personal:

- » Born March 14, 2002
- » Son of David and Anita
- » Three brothers, Bradley, Darren, and Jared
- » Father, David, played basketball at College of St. Francis for one year
- » Brother, Darren, was in ROTC at Illinois
- » Majoring in natural resources and environmental sciences

## 69 MOSES OKPALA

OL, 6-7, 295, SO.

ST. LOUIS. MO. / LADUE HORTON WATKINS

Pronunciation: oak-PAH-la

### 2020 Sophomore:

- » Made offensive line debut at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Made switch from defensive line to offensive line

### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in one game and redshirted the season
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 649 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 37 strong side defensive end in the nation by Rivals and No. 47 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 38 defensive end in the nation by ESPN



- » Ranked No. 7 recruit in Missouri by Rivals and ESPN and No. 12 by 247Sports
- » No. 48 recruit in Illinois' last 19 years according to 247Sports
- » Four-year letterwinner in football and basketball
- » Played for head coaches Mike Tarpey and Chad Anderson and Ladue
- » Led Ladue Horton Watkins to 2018 Missouri Class 4 state title as a senior and 2017 state runner-up finish
- » 0.5 TFL and one QB hurry in the 2018 Missouri Class 4 state title game
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Missouri first team
- » Two-time all-state defensive end
- » Four-year Honor Roll member
- » Four-year Ram Pride Award recipient
- » National Honor Society
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in November 2018
- » Offers included Arkansas, Iowa State, Kentucky, Michigan State, Minnesota, Mississippi State, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ole Miss, Purdue, Vanderbilt, Virginia, and Wisconsin

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 19, 1999
- » Son of Moses E. Okpala and Ngozi Okpala
- » American parents are Kim and Gary Bussard
- » Five brothers, Chinedu Okpala, Chukwuebuka Okpala, Goodluck Okpala, Godsgift Okpala and Bryce Bussard, and three sisters, Onyinye Okpala, Haley Bussard and McKenzie Bussard.
- » Nicknamed "Big Mo"
- » Picked Illinois because, "The academics, the coaches and a welcoming environment."
- » Only played basketball before coming to the United States
- » Plans to become a lawyer following playing career
- » Majoring in psychology

## **63 ALEX PALCZEWSKI**

OL, 6-6, 310, SR.

#### **MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. / PROSPECT**

Pronunciation: pal-CHESS-key

## 2020 Senior:

- » Starting right tackle
- » Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- $\ensuremath{\text{\textit{w}}}$  Athlon Preseason All-Big Ten third team
- » Outland Trophy watch list

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 13 games at right tackle
- » Ended the season with 36 straight starts
- » All-Big Ten third team (coaches)
- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Pro Football Focus All-Big Ten first team
- » Started all 12 games at right tackle
- » 23 straight starts
- » No. 30 rated tackle in the nation by PFF
- » No. 4 rated tackle in the Big Ten by PFF
- » No. 9 rated run-blocking tackle in the nation by PFF
- » Part of an OL that paved the way for the most-improved runnig game in the nation (+137.4 ypg from 2017 to '18), finishing 12th in FBS and second in the Big Ten at 243.0 ypg.
- » PFF National Team of the Week 11/11/18
- » Academic All-Big Ten

## 2017 Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention
- » Started the final 11 games at guard

- » Teamed with Vederian Lowe and Larry Boyd to be Illinois' first ever true-freshmen trio to start the same game on the offensive line
- » Missed the opener with an injury

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by Rivals and Scout
- » Ranked No. 45 offensive tackle in the nation by Scout and No. 120 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 12 recruit in Illinois by Scout and No. 39 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 2 offensive tackle in Illinois by Scout
- » Mid-Suburban League East All-Conference
- » Played for football coach Mike Sebestyen
- » Also wrestled (4 years), played water polo (2 years) and was on the track and field team (2 years) in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 3, 1999
- » Son of Andrzej and Bozena Palczewski
- » Has two older brothers, Adam and Alan
- » Picked Illinois because, "It is the flagship of my hometown state, and I want to play for where I grew up."
- » Majoring in kinesiology

## 98 DEON PATE

DL, 6-2, 280, JR.

## JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

#### 2020 Junior:

» Backup defensive lineman

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in nine games at defensive tackle
- » Seven tackles on the season

#### 2018 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played eight games with one start
- » First career start against Iowa 11/17/18
- » Made his Illinois debut at Rutgers 10/6/18

### 2017 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2017 season

### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 56 strong-side defensive end by 247Sports and No. 107 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 165 recruit in Florida by 247Sports
- » Played at Trinity Christian Academy for head coach Verlon
- » Lettered three years in football
- » Trinity Christian Academy won four straight state titles during his high school career
- » 32 TFLs and 15 sacks a senior
- » 2016 all-county first team
- » 2016 Florida 3A all-state second team
- » Honor Roll for three years

#### Persona

- » Born Feb. 14, 1998
- » Son of Melinda and Deon Pate Sr.
- » Father, Deon Sr., was a member of the Chicago Bulls practice
- » Has one brother, Dylan Pate
- » Picked Illinois because, "it was the best fit for me and I love the vision that the coaches have for the program."
- » Wants to go into law enforcement following his playing career
- » Majoring in sociology

## CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBI
2018	8	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	9	2	5	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020	7	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	3	9	12	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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DEFENSI	DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME													
2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU				
@WIS	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
MIN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
0SU					ame Cancel									
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU				
AKRON	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@UCONN					DNP									
EMU	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
NEB	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@MIN					DNP									
MICH					DNP									
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@PUR	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
vs. CAL					DNP									
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU				
KENT ST					DNP									
WIU					DNP									
USF					DNP									
PENN ST	^			0.0.0	DNP	^	0.0	0.0		^				
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0				
@MD	0		0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0					
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IOWA		1	1						-	0				
@NW	0	1	1	0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0				
@INVV	U	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	U	0-0	U-U	U	U				

## **54 JULIAN PEARL**

OL. 6-6. 305. SO.

DANVILLE, ILL. / DANVILLE

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » First career start at Nebraska 11/21/20
- » Backup offensive lineman

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in three games as a backup lineman
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

## 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted 2018 season (Did not play)

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 531 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 41 OT in the nation by 247Sports and No. 107 by
- Ranked No. 7 recruit in Illinois by 247Sports and No. 28 by ESPN
- » Played for head coach Marcus Forrest at Danville
- » 2017 USA Today All-USA Illinois second team
- » 2017 IHSFCA 6A All-State honorable mention
- » 2017 All-Big 12 first team
- » 2017 Champaign News-Gazette All-Area
- » Led Danville to back-to-back IHSA playoff berths
- » High school teammate of fellow Illini Caleb Griffin
- » Also played basketball in high school
- Verbally committed to Illinois in April 2017
   Also offered by Northern Illinois

## Personal:

- » Born Oct. 6, 1999
- » Son of Ronique Heard
- » Two older brothers, Tayvian Johnson and Avery Pearl, and one younger sister, Dasia Middlebrooks
- » Brother, Tayvian Johnson, played Division III football
- » Brother, Avery, played Division III basketball



- » Picked Illinois because, "it would give me a chance to represent and improve my hometown and state."
- » Majoring in sociology

## 96 RODERICK PERRY II

DL, 6-3, 300, SR.

## RALEIGH, N.C. / CARY / SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Starting defensive lineman
- » Transferred to Illinois as a graduate transfer
- » Highest rated draft-eligible defensive tackle in the Big Ten by Phil Steele
- » Was a 2020 Preseason FCS All-American before transferring

#### 2019 Redshirt Junior (South Carolina State):

- » 34 tackles, 14.5 tackle for loss, 4.5 sacks
- » Graded 91.1 by Pro Football Focus

## 2018 Redshirt Sophomore (South Carolina State):

» 17 tackles, 2.5 tackle for loss, 1.0 sacks

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (South Carolina State):

» 16 tackles, 4.0 tackle for loss

#### 2016 Freshman (South Carolina State):

» Redshirted the season

#### **High School:**

- » Three-year letterwinner
- » Two-time All-SWAC conference
- » Also played lacrosse, track and field, and wrestled in high
- » Two-time regional champion in wrestling and state champion as a senior
- » Four-time academic all-conference with a GPA higher than 3.0

#### Personal:

- » Born Dec. 3, 1997
- » Son of Maria Lyons and Roderick Perry Sr.
- » One younger brother, Brenden
- » Plans to own a business or go into coaching following his
- » Chose Illinois because it was, "best fit for what I was looking for and Coach Lovie called me personally, felt that I could really trust them."
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

#### CARFER HIGHS (ILLINOIS)

Tackles: 4, twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/20)

Sacks: 1 vs Purdue 10/31/20 **TFL:** 1.5 vs Purdue 10/31/20 PBU: 1 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20

### **DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2020	6	5	12	17	2.5	21	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	5	12	17	2.5	21	1	0	0	0	0

## SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	SACKS	YDS
2020	6	1	2	2.0	20
ΤΩΤΔΙ	6	1	2	2.0	20

## DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU	
@WIS	1	2	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
PUR	2	2	4	1.5-11	1-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	
@RUT	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NEB	0	4	4	0.5-7	0.5-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
0SU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed					
IOWA	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
@NW				0	NP - Injure	d					

## 18 BRANDON PETERS

### AVON, IND. / AVON / MICHIGAN

» Earned bachelor's degree in general studies from Michigan

#### 2020 Redshirt Senior:

- » Threw for 205 yards and a touchdown in his first game back after being sidelined due to COVID-19 protocols
- » Maxwell Award watch list
- » Grad transfer working on a master's degree in recreation, sport, and tourism at Illinois

#### 2019 Redshirt Junior:

- » Started 11 games at quarterback
- » Missed two games (Michigan, Northwestern) with injuries
- » 152-of-275 passing for 1,884 yards and 18 touchdowns on the season
- » 74 carries for 213 yards and three touchdowns on the season
- » Fifth in the Big Ten in passing touchdowns (18), eight in yards per completion (12.4), eighth in points responsible for (126), ninth in completion percentage (55.3), ninth in passing efficiency (128.6), 10th in passing yards (1,884), and 10th in total offense (190.6)
- » Threw for a career-high 368 yards and three touchdowns against Michigan State 11/9/19 in a 25-point comeback, the biggest comeback in Illinois history, to win 37-34 on a last second touchdown pass to TE Daniel Barker
- » Career-long 54-yard run, completed 6-of-11 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown, and ran three times for a careerhigh 41 yards in 38-10 win over Rutgers 11/2/2019
- » Threw for 174 yards and two touchdowns vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Four touchdown passes at UConn 9/7/19, tied for the secondmost TD passes in a road game in Illinois history
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron
- » Immediately eligible as a graduate transfer
- » Two years of eligibility remaining starting in 2019

#### 2018 Redshirt Sophomore (Michigan):

- » Played in five games
- » One pass for eight yards

### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (Michigan):

- » Played in six games with four starts at quarterback
- » Threw for 636 vards
- » First career start against Minnesota 11/4/17, completing eight of 13 pass attempts for 56 yards with one touchdown
- » Named Offensive Player of the Game for his performance in the win over Maryland 11/11/17 after completing nine of 18 passes for 145 yards and two touchdo

- » Completed 10-of-14 passes for 124 yards with one touchdown against Rutgers 10/28/17
- » Completed 20-of-42 passes in the Outback Bowl against South Carolina 1/1/2018, totaling 186 yards

### 2016 Freshman (Michigan):

» Redshirted the 2016 season

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 34 recruit in the nation, No. 3 pro style quarterback in the nation, and No. 1 recruit in Indiana by 247Sports Composite
- » Played for head coach Mark Bless at Avon
- » Led Avon to a state semi-final appearance as a senior
- » Threw for 6,843 yards and 79 touchdowns and just 17 interceptions in his high school career
- » Threw for 3,103 yards and 37 touchdowns with five interceptions as a senior
- » Completed 148-of-263 passes for 1,876 yards and 21 touchdowns while rushing for five touchdowns as a junior

- » 2015 Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year
- » 2015 Indiana Mr. Football
- » Finalist for the 2015 Maxwell Football Club's National High School Player of the Year
- » Finalist for the 2015 National Gatorade Player of the Year
- » 2015 U.S. Army Player of the Year finalist
- » Participated in the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Game
- » Two-time all-state

#### Personal:

- » Born Oct. 15, 1997
- » Sister, Brooke, played volleyball at Purdue
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

### CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 44 vs. South Carolina, 1/1/18

Completions: 24 at UConn, 9/7/19 Passing Yards: 369 at Michigan State, 11/9/19 Passing Touchdowns: 4 at UConn, 9/7/19

Long Pass: 83 at Michigan State, 11/9/19 Carries: 12 at Purdue, 10/26/19 Rushing Yards: 76 at lowa, 11/23/19

Rushing Touchdowns: 1, three times (last at Purdue, 10/26/19)

Long Rush: 54 vs. Rutgers, 11/2/2019 Total Offense: 365 at Michigan State, 11/9/19

#### PASSING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2017*	6	108	57	2	672	4	48	52.8	6.2	112.0	113.6
2018*	4	2	1	1	8	0	0	50.0	4.0	2.0	83.6
2019	11	275	152	8	1884	18	83	55.3	6.9	171.3	128.6
2020	4	76	39	0	429	3	28	51.3	5.6	107.2	111.8
TOTAL	15	351	191	8	2313	21	83	54.4	6.6	154.2	125.0
All*	25	461	249	10	2993	25	83	54.0	6.5	119.7	122.1
* - stat	ts inc	lude U	niversi	ty of I	<b>Michiga</b>	n (20	17-18	)			

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YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017*	6	17	-36	0	6	0.0	0.0
2018*	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	11	74	213	3	54	2.9	19.4
2020	4	24	136	1	31	5.7	34.0
TOTAL	15	98	349	4	54	3.6	23.3
ALL*	25	119	313	4	54	2.6	12.5
* - stats	include	Universi	ty of Mi	chigan	(2017-	18)	

PASSING GAME-BY-GAME											
2020	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG					
@WIS	19	8	0	87	0	26					
PUR			DNP								
MIN			DNP								
@RUT			DNP								
@NEB	25	18	0	205	1	28					
OSU		Gan	ne Cance	eled							
IOWA	18	10	0	116	2	25					
@NW	14	3	0	21	0	11					
2019	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG					
AKRON	23	14	0	163	3	22					
@UCONN	35	24	1	227	4	28					
FMU	37	22	1	297	2	52					
NFB	22	9	1	78	1	26					
@MIN	10	5	1	32	0	13					
MICH	10		IP - İnjur		Ü	10					
WIS	21	9	0	174	2	48					
@PUR	6	3	0	26	0	17					
RUT	11	6	0	120	1	52					
@MSU	42	22	1	369	3	83					
@IOWA	31	16	2	125	1	31					
NW	01		IP - Injur			01					
vs. CAL	37	22	1	273	1	40					
2018-MICH	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG					
@ND	ATT	CMP	INT	DNP	TD	LG					
@ND WMU	ATT	CMP	INT	DNP DNP	TD	LG					
@ND WMU SMU				DNP DNP DNP							
@ND WMU SMU NEB	<b>ATT</b> 1	<b>CMP</b> 0	<b>INT</b> 1	DNP DNP DNP 0	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LG</b> 0					
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@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD				DNP DNP DNP O DNP DNP							
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS				DNP DNP DNP 0 DNP DNP DNP							
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU				DNP DNP DNP O DNP DNP DNP DNP							
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU				DNP DNP DNP O DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP							
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@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND	1	0	1	DNP DNP O DNP	0	0					
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@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU VS. FLA	1	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP O DNP	0	0					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU VS. FLA	1	0	0	DNP DNP DNP O DNP	0	0					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA  2017-MICH vs. FLA	1	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP O DNP	0	0					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA 2017-MICH CIN	1	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP O DNP	0	0					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF	1 1 <b>ATT</b>	0 1 <b>CMP</b>	1 0 INT	DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 8 <b>LG</b>					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA 2017-MICH vs. FLA CIN AF	1 1 <b>ATT</b>	0 1 <b>CMP</b>	1 0 INT	DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 8 <b>LG</b>					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU	1 1 <b>ATT</b>	0 1 <b>CMP</b>	1 0 INT	DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 8 <b>LG</b>					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU @IND	1 1 <b>ATT</b>	0 1 <b>CMP</b>	1 0 INT	DNP	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 8 <b>LG</b>					

MINN @UMD	13 18	8 9	0	56 145	1 2	20 35			
@WIS OSU	18	9	0	157 DNP	0	48			
vs. S.CAR	44	20	2	186	0	27			
RUSHING/ 2020	RECE Car	IVING Yds	GAM TD	E-BY-GAME LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
@WIS PUR MIN	7	75	0	31 DNP DNP	0	0	0	0	
@RUT @NEB OSU	8	36	1 Gam	DNP 12 e Canceled		0	0	0	0
IOWA	7	17	0	13	0	0	0	0	
@NW	2	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
AKRON	6	36	1	20	0	0	0	0	
@UCONN	6	26	0	13	0	0	0	0	
EMU	9	-34	0	16	0	0	0	0	
NEB	4	2	1	10	0	0	0	0	
@MIN	2	10	0	7	0	0	0	0	
MICH				P - Injured					
WIS	6	-15	0	13	0	0	0	0	
@PUR	12	17	1	10	0	0	0	0	
RUT	3	41	0	54	0	0	0	0	
@MSU	8	-4	0	11	0	0	0	0	
@IOWA	10	76	0	37	0	0	0	0	
NW		0.0		P - Injured	•			•	
vs. CAL	8	68	0	30	0	0	0	0	
2018-MICH									
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	CAR	YDS	TD		REC	YDS	TD	LG	
@ND WMU	<b>CAR</b> 0	<b>YDS</b> 0	<b>TD</b> 0	DNP DNP	<b>REC</b> 0	<b>YDS</b> 0	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LG</b> 0	
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@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU				DNP DNP O DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU				DNP DNP O DNP O DNP DNP DNP DNP					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT				DNP DNP O DNP O DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP					
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND	0	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU	0	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA	0	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA	0	0	0	DNP DNP O DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA	0	0	0	DNP DNP DNP O O DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND QOSU vs. FLA CIN	0	0	0	DNP DNP DNP 0 DNP	0	0	0	0	
@ND WMU SMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF	0 0 <b>CAR</b>	0 0 YDS	0 0 <b>TD</b>	DNP DNP O O DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>REC</b>	0 0 <b>YDS</b>	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 0 <b>LG</b>	
@ND WMU NEB @NW UMD PSU WIS @MSU PSU IND @OSU Vs. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU	0 0 <b>CAR</b>	0 0 YDS	0 0 <b>TD</b>	DNP DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>REC</b>	0 0 <b>YDS</b>	0 0 <b>TD</b>	0 0 <b>LG</b>	
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@ND WMU SMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU VS. FLA  2018-MICH VS. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU @PSU	0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 TD 0	DNP DNP O DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>REC</b> 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 <b>TD</b> 0	0 0 <b>LG</b>	
@ND WMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU @IND @PSU RUT MSU @IND @OPSU RUT WUMD	0 CAR 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 TD 0	DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 REC 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 <b>TD</b> 0	0	
@ND WMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU ENTER WEST AND WIS	0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 TD 0	DNP DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 <b>REC</b> 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 <b>TD</b> 0	0	
@ND WMU NEB @NW UMD WIS @MSU PSU @RUT IND @OSU vs. FLA CIN AF @PUR MSU @IND @PSU RUT MSU @IND @OPSU RUT WUMD	0 CAR 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 TD 0	DNP DNP O DNP	0 0 REC 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 YDS 0	0 0 <b>TD</b> 0	0	

## **75 ALEX PIHLSTROM**

OL, 6-6, 285, JR.

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. / GLENBARD WEST

**Pronunciation:** PILL-strum

### 2020 Junior:

- » Made first career start at left guard against Purdue 10/31/20
- » Awarded with a scholarship by head coach Lovie Smith after practice 11/5/20

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in one game at tight end
- » Made Illinois debut against Rutgers

### 2018 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Member of Illinois team
- » Academic All-Big Ten

#### 2017 Freshman:

» Walk-on redshirted the 2017 season

#### High School:

- » Two-year letterwinner
- » Played for coach Chad Hetlet
- » 2016 All-West Suburban Silver
- » 2016 Academic All-State
- » 2016 Academic All-Conference

- » Helped Glenbard West to a state title in 2015
- » Also played basketball and tennis in high school

#### Personal:

- » Born April 28, 1999
- » Son of Mike Pihlstrom and Kim Noble
- » Two younger sisters, Kate and Megan
- » Father played football at Minnesota from 1984-88
- » Chose Illinois because, "I was looking for a bigger school to try and compete and I believed I could compete in the Big Ten."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism

## 59 JOSH PLOHR

OL, 6-3, 300, R-FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HS

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Made Illinois debut at Northwestern 12/12/20

#### 2019 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2019 season

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 28 in St. Louis Post-Dispatch Super 30 St. Louis area players
- » Also played baseball at Christian Brothers

#### Personal:

- » Father played baseball at Missouri Baptist
- » Brother played baseball at St. Louis University and Carson-
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## 88 KEITH RANDOLPH JR.

DL, 6-5, 270, R-FR

## BELLEVILLE, ILL. / BELLEVILLE WEST

#### 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Part of defensive end rotation

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in four games at defensive end and redshirted the season
- » Seven tackles, 0.5 TFL on the season

### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- » Ranked No. 587 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 36 strong side defensive end in the nation by Rivals and No. 43 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 141 defensive end by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 6 recruit in Illinois by Rivals, No. 6 by 247Sports and No. 20 by ESPN
- » Two-year letterwinner in football and three-year letterwinner in basketball
- » Did not start playing football until his junior year
- » Played for head coach Cameron Pettus at Belleville West
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Illinois first team
- » 2018 Class 7A IHSFCA All-State
- » All-South Western Conference first team
- » 56 tackles, 9.0 TFLs and 7.0 sacks as a senior
- » Also played basketball in high school and led Belleville West to two state titles
- » Offers included Boise State, Florida State, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota, Purdue, Rutgers, Syracuse, and Virginia

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 1, 2001
- » Son of Kimberly and Keith Randolph Sr.
- » Two brothers, Kaleb and Kaden
- » Nicknamed "OT"

- » Picked Illinois because it is, "close to home, greatest fit, family connection, and fantastic academic school."
- » Majoring in journalism
- » Plans to become a sports journalist following playing career

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 at Wisconsin, 10/23/20 TFLs: 0.5 vs Rutgers 11/2/19 Pass breakups: 1 at Rutgers 11/14/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2019	4	3	4	7	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0
2020	4	4	2	6	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	7	6	13	0.5	2	1	0	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBL
@WIS	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR					DNP					
MIN					DNP					
@RUT	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@NEB					DNP					
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	led				
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0.0 - 0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBL
AKRON0	2	2	0.0 - 0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
@UCONN					DNP					
EMU					DNP					
NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN					DNP					
MICH					DNP					
WIS					DNP					
@PUR					DNP					
RUT	1	2	3	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA					DNP					
NW					DNP					

## 89 TIP REIMAN

WR. 6-5. 230 FR.

RAPID CITY, S.D. / O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

#### 2020 Freshman:

- » Plays primarily on special teams
- » Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### **High School:**

- » State Champions 2019
- » Competed in track and field

#### Personal:

- » Born Spetember 17, 2001
- » Son of Scott and Karen
- » Two older sisters, Mckenna and Kelly
- » Majoring in kinesiology
- » Wants to be strength and conditioning coach

## 41 TRE'VON RIGGINS

DT, 6-3, 270, FR.

## BRADENTON, FLA. / LAKEWOOD

### 2020 Freshman:

» Made Illinios debut at defenseinve tackle at Northwestern 12/12/20

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » National ranks: #811 (247 Composite), #1057 (247)
- » Defensive tackle ranks: #31 (Rivals), #70 (247 Composite), #77 (247), #107 (ESPN)
- » Florida ranks: #77 (Rivals), #111 (247 Composite), #117 (247), #153 (ESPN)
- » 74 tackles, 5.0 sacks, 20.0 TFLs, 11 quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles during his high school career
- » 38 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 13.0 TFLs, five quarterback hurries as a senior
- » Committed to Illinois on Dec. 15, 2019



» Offers included Arizona State, Bowling Green, Colorado State, Florida, Liberty, Miami (Fla.), Syracuse, Temple, Tennessee, and USF

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 16, 2002
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## 19 HUGH ROBERTSON

P. 6-2. 225. FR.

## CASTLEMAINE, AUSTRALIA / ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE

#### 2020 Freshman:

» Backup punter

#### **High School:**

» Graduated from high school in 2011

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 16, 1993
- » Eighth oldest player on a college football roster in 2020
- » Second oldest freshman on a college football roster in 2020, behind fellow Australian Luke Larson of East Carolina (28 years old)
- » ProKick Australia product
- » Son of Peter and Judith Robertson
- » Two sisters, Alexandra and Amelia
- » Played Australian Rules Football
- » 2019 Bendigo Football League Senior Premiership playing for the Strathfieldsaye Football Netball Club
- » 2009 Essendon District Football League Premiership playing for Strathmore Football Club
- » Former Australian police officer
- » Former member of the Australian Army
- » Chose Illinois because, "I chose Illinois because the staff made me feel like family at the school and because Blake Hayes spoke so highly of the place."
- » Would like to work in the finance industry after his playing career

## 12 MATT ROBINSON

QB, 6-1, 190, SO.

## SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CALIF. / J SERRA CATHOLIC

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Backup quarterback

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Backup quarterback played in eight games and started two (Michigan, Northwestern)
- » 42-of-77 passing for 475 yards and one touchdown on the
- » First career start against Michigan 10/12/19
- » 15-of-29 passing for 125 yards at Minnesota 10/5/19 in the first extended playing time of his career after starter Brandon Peters was injured in the second quarter

## 2018 Freshman:

- » Played three games and redshirted the 2018 season
- » 3-of-6 passing for 11 yards on season
- » Eight carries for 24 yards on season
- » Played against Western Illinois, Penn State and Purdue

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » Two-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 53 dual-threat quarterback in the nation by 247Sports
- » Played for head coach Pat Harlow at Jserra Catholic in one of the best HS football conferences in the nation
- » Four years on varsity
- » Team MVP for three straight seasons

- » Three-year captain
- » School records for passing yards and passing touchdowns
- » Three-time All-Trinity first team
- » Threw for 2,417 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior
- » Honor Roll
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in February 2018
- » Offers included Coastal Carolina, FIU, Dayton, Montana and Northern Arizona

#### Personal:

- » Born Dec. 3, 1999
- » Son of Jeoff and Betsy Robinson
- » Older brother, Nick, and younger sister, Kate
- » Uncle coached in the NFL
- » Picked Illinois because he wanted, "to play at the highest level."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport, and tourism

#### CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 29 at Minnesota, 10/5/19 Completions: 16 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Passing Yards: 192 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Passing Touchdowns: 1 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Long Pass: 35 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Carries: 11 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Rushing Yards: 17 vs. Penn State, 9/21/18

Rushing Touchdowns: 1 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Long Rush: 11 at Minnesota, 10/5/19 Total Offense: 176 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19

#### PASSING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC		
2018	3	6	3	1	11	0	10	50.0	1.8	3.7	32.1		
2019	8	77	42	0	475	1	35	54.5	6.2	59.4	110.6		
2020	2	3-4-0	22	0	12	75.0	5.5	11.0	121.2				
TOTAL	13	48-87-	1508	1	35	55.2	5.8	39 1	105.7				

#### RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018	3	8	24	0	9	3.0	8.0
2019	8	30	-45	1	11	-1.5	-5.6
2020	12	4	5	0	8	1.2	2.5
TOTAL	13	42	-16	1	11	-0.4	-1.2

#### PASSING GAME-BY-GAME 2020 ATT CMP IN

PUR MIN @RUT	4	3	0 DNP DNP	22	Ö	12	
@NEB			DNP				
OSU		G	ame Can	celed			
IOWA			DNP				
@NW			DNP				
2019	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	
AKRON	2	1	0	31	0	31	
@UCONN			DNP				
EMU			DNP				
NEB	1	0	0	0	0	0	
@MIN	29	15	0	125	0	16	
MICH	25	16	0	192	1	35	
WIS			DNP				
@PUR			DNP				
RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	
@MSU			DNP				
@IOWA	3	2	0	19	0	14	
NW	17	8	0	108	0	29	
vs. CAL			DNP				
2018	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	
KENT ST			DNP				
WIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	
USF			DNP				
PENN ST	2	0	1	0	0	0	
@RUT			DNP				
PUR	4	3	0	11	0	10	
@WIS			DNP				
@MD			DNP				
MINN			DNP				

## RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

DNP

DNP

@NFB

2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	2	5	0	8	0	0	0	0
PUR	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MIN			D	NP				
@RUT			D	NP				
@NEB			D	NP				
OSU		(	Game (	Canceled				
IOWA			D	NP				
@NW								

2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@UCONN				DNP				
EMU				DNP				
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MIN	7	-1	0	11	0	0	0	0
MICH	11	-16	1	9	0	0	0	0
WIS				DNP				
@PUR				DNP				
RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MSU				DNP				
@IOWA	2	-11	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	8	-11	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. CAL				DNP				
2018	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
2018 KENT ST	CAR	YDS	TD	LG DNP	REC	YDS	TD	LG
	CAR 2	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b> 0		REC 0	YDS 0	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LG</b> 0
KENT ST				DNP				
KENT ST WIU				DNP 5				
KENT ST WIU USF	2	10	0	DNP 5 DNP	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST	2	10	0	DNP 5 DNP 9	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP 4	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP 4 DNP	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS @MD	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP 4 DNP DNP	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS @MD MINN	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP 4 DNP DNP DNP	0	0	0	0
KENT ST WIU USF PENN ST @RUT PUR @WIS @MD MINN @NEB	2	10 17	0	DNP 5 DNP 9 DNP 4 DNP DNP DNP DNP	0	0	0	0

## 97 BOBBY ROUNDTREE

DL. 6-5. 255. SR.

LARGO, FLA. / LARGO

#### 2019 Junior:

» Missed the season after suffering a severe spinal injury on May 18, 2019, in a swimming accident near his home of Largo, Florida

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- » Played all 12 games with 11 starts at defensive end
- » Won team's Dick Butkus Outstanding Defensive Player award
- » Led Illinois in TFLs (12.5), sacks (7.5) and PBUs (7)
- » Led all FBS defensive linemen with 7 PBUs
- » Second on the team in QB hurries (4) and third on the team in tackles (66)
- » Career-high 12 tackles, including 10 solo, against Penn State 9/21/18
- » Career-high 3.0 TFLs at Nebraska 11/10/18
- » Multiple sacks against Penn State, Nebraska and Iowa
- » At least 0.5 TFLs in 10 of 12 games, including the last nine consecutive games

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team
- » Played in all 12 games with nine starts at defensive end
- » 50 tackles (28 solo), 4.0 TFLs, 4.0 sacks, three pass breakups, one QB hurry, one forced fumble on season
- » Tied for the team lead in sacks (4.0) with James Crawford
- » Tied for third on the team in pass breakups (3)
- » Sixth on the team in tackles (50)
- » First Illini true freshman defensive end to start the season opener since Terry Cole in 1980 vs. Northwestern
- » Team-high 2.0 sacks vs. Western Kentucky
- » Led the nation in sacks by a true freshman (0.75/game) through the first four games of the season

### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Scout
- » Ranked No. 70 strong-side defensive end in the nation by 247Sports and No. 87 by ESPN
- » Played at Largo for head coach Marcus Paschal
- » Also played basketball in high school

### Personal:

- » Born Feb. 7, 1998
- » Son of Bobby Roundtree and Jacqueline Hearns



- » Chose Illinois because, "I felt like the university was the best fit for me and I trusted the coaching staff to develop me to be the best I can be after graduating."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

**Tackles:** 12 vs. Penn State, 9/21/18 **TFLs:** 3.0 at Nebraska, 11/10/18

Sacks: 2.0, four times (last vs. lowa, 11/17/18) QB Hurries: 1, twice (last at Maryland 10/27/18) Fumbles Forced: 1, twice (last at Nebraska, 11/10/18) PBUs: 2, twice (last vs. South Florida, 9/15/18)

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	12	28	22	50	4.0	31	3	1	0	0	1
2018	12	36	30	66	12.5	52	7	1	0	0	4
TOTAL	24	64	52	116	16.5	83	10	2	0	0	5

#### SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOTAL	YDS
2017	12	4	0	4.0	31
2018	12	7	1	7.5	43
TOTAL	24	11	1	11.5	74

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
WIU	3	0	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
USF	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2
PENN ST	10	2	12	2.0-12	2.0-12	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@RUT	2	2	4	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	3	2	5	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	2	2	4	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	1	2	3	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	1
MINN	0	6	6	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
@NEB	4	4	8	3.0-13	2.0-12	1	0-0	0-0	0	1
IOWA	4	2	6	2.0-10	2.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@NW	3	3	6	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0

2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBl
BALL ST	3	2	5	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	2
WKU	2	1	3	2.0-20	2.0-20	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
WIS	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
IND	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@0SU	5	0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	1	5	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## 11 CARLOS SANDY

WR, 5-9, 180, JR.

#### DANIA BEACH, FLA. / CARDINAL GIBBONS

## 2020 Junior:

- » Backup wide receiver
- » Scored first career touchdown against Iowa 12/5/20

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in the Redbox Bowl after missing the regular season with an injury
- » Redshirted the season
- » Four receptions for 22 yards in the Redbox Bowl

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played in 10 games on season at wide receiver, kick and punt returner
- » Made one start at wide receiver
- » First career start was vs. Penn State on 9/21/18
- » First career reception against USF on 9/15/18
- » Made Illinois debut in season opener vs. Kent State

#### High School

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 147 wide receiver in the nation by ESPN and No. 270 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 131 recruit in Florida by ESPN and No. 285 by 247Sports
- » 2017 All-Broward 1A-5A first team
- » 32 receptions for 498 yards and five touchdowns as a senior
- » 43 receptions for 800 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior
- » High school teammate of fellow Illini Ron Hardge III

» Verbally committed to Illinois in June 2017

#### Personal.

- » Born Dec. 7, 1999
- » Majoring in communication

#### CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: 1 vs. lowa 12/5/20 Receptions: 4 vs. California, 12/30/19 Receiving Yards: 29 vs. lowa 12/5/20 Long Reception: 29 vs. lowa 12/5/20

Punt Returns: 2, twice (last vs. Purdue, 10/13/18)
Punt Return Yardage: 5 at Rutgers 10/6/18
Long Punt Return: 5 at Rutgers 10/6/18
Kickoff Returns: 3, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/24/18)
Kickoff Return Yardage: 51 at Northwestern, 11/24/18
Long Kickoff Return: 26 vs. Kent State, 9/1/18

All-Purpose Yards: 51, twice (last at Northwestern, 11/24/18)

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018	10	1	3	0	3	0.1	3.0	0.3
2019	1	4	22	0	8	4.0	5.5	22.0
2020	3	1	29	1	29	0.3	29.0	9.7
TOTAL	14	6	54	1	29	0.4	9.0	3.9
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KICK RE	KICK RETURN STATISTICS										
YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G				
2018	10	13	232	0	26	17.8	23.2				
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0				
2020	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0				
TOTAL	14	13	232	0	26	17.8	16.6				

<b>PUNT RE</b>	PUNT RETURN STATISTICS												
YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G						
2018	10	7	12	0	7	1.7	1.2						
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0						
2020	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0						
TOTAL	14	7	12	0	7	1.7	0.9						

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MIN				DNP					
@RUT				DNP					
@NEB				DNP					
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IOWA	0	0	0	0	1	29	1		29
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
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WIS			DN	P - Injured				
@PUR			DN	P - Injured				
RUT			DN	P - Injured				
@MSU			DN	P - Injured				
@IOWA			DN	P - Injured				
NW			DN	P - Injured				
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0	4	22	0	8
2018	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LE
KENT ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
PENN ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MD				DNP				
MINN				DNP				
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

KICK/PU	NT RET	URN (	GAME-	BY-GAME				
2018	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	S AVG	TD	LG
KENT ST	1-26	26.0	0	26	0-0	0.0	0	0
WIU	1-19	19.0	0	19	2-3	1.5	0	3
USF	1-23	23.0	0	23	0-0	0.0	0	0
PENN ST	0-0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0	0
@RUT	3-46	15.3	0	17	1-5	5.0	0	5
PUR	2-42	21.0	0	23	2-1	0.5	0	7
@WIS	0-0	0.0	0	0	1-3	3.0	0	3
@MD				DNP				
MINN				DNP				
@NEB	0-0	0.0	0	0	1-0	0.0	0	0
IOWA	2-25	12.5	0	16	0-0	0.0	0	0
@NW	3-51	17.0	Λ	20	1-0	0.0	Λ	Λ

## **36 BEN SCHULTZ**

DB. 6-3, 195, R-FR.

### CHAMPAIGN, ILL. / CENTRAL

#### 2019 Freshman-

» Redshirted the 2019 season

#### **High School:**

- » Played for head coach Tim Turner at Champaign Central
- » Three-year letterwinner
- » Helped Central to the state playoffs as a senior
- » Also participated in track and field in high school and played basketball for one year
- » Sectional champion and ninth at the state meet in long jump
- » National Honor Society and Honor Roll

### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 6, 2001
- » Son of Rob and Juli Schultz
- » One brother, Grey, and one sister, Kendall
- » Brother, Grey, played baseball at Illinois
- » Picked Illinois because, "I have lived in Champaign my whole life. I love the environment and the University."
- » Majoring in agriculture and consumer economics

## 90 ANTHONY SHIPTON

DT. 6-4, 305, JR.

ORANGE, CALIF. / VILLA PARK / CERRITOS COLLEGE

#### Junior College (Cerritos):

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » Juco national ranks: #85 (247 Composite), #119 (247)
- » Juco defensive tackle ranks: #9 (247 Composite), #12 (247)
- » Juco California ranks: #18 (247 Composite), #25 (247)
- » 2019 unanimous all-conference first team
- » 2019 Joe Kapp Real Estate Beach Bowl Defensive MVP
- » 2018 All-Northern Central Division second team
- » 40 tackles, 4.0 sacks, 5.5 TFLs, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery as a sophomore
- » 28 tackles, 0.5 sack, 2.0 TFLs as a freshman
- » Committed to Illinois on Dec. 8, 2019
- » Offers included Arizona. Hawaii. and UTEP

#### Personal:

» Majoring in communication

## 5 TREVON SIDNEY

WR, 5-11, 180, SR.

PASADENA, CALIF. / BISHOP AMAT / USC

Pronunciation: TRAY-von SID-nee

- » Earned bachelor's degree in communications from USC in lune 2019
- » Grad transfer working on a master's degree in recreation, sport, and tourism at Illinois

#### 2020 Senior:

» Has missed the season with an injury

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in five games and started three at wide receiver
- » Missed the final nine games of the season with an injury
- » 16 receptions for 123 yards and one touchdown on the season
- » Injury against Minnesota 10/5/19 required season-ending
- » Tied career high with five receptions at Minnesota 10/5/19
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron
- » Immediately eligible as a graduate transfer with two years of eligibility remaining

2018 Sophomore (USC):



- » Played in 10 games
- » Seven receptions for 104 yards (14.9 yards/catch) on season
- » Three receptions for 72 yards in the season opener against IINIV 9/1/18
- » Two receptions for 12 yards against Texas 9/15/18

#### 2017 Redshirt Freshman (USC):

- » Backup wide receiver as a redshirt freshman
- » Played in nine games (all but Texas, Washington State, Utah, Colorado, Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game)
- » Three receptions for 35 yards (11.7 yards/catch) on season
- » Seven-yard catch against Western Michigan, 23-yard catch against Oregon State and a five-yard catch at Arizona State

#### 2016 Freshman (USC)

- » Redshirted the 2016 season
- » After the season, he had surgery on both hips

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite
- » No. 136 recruit and No. 21 wide receiver in the nation, and No. 16 recruit in California by 247Sports Composite
- » Wide receiver and cornerback at Bishop Amat High
- » 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team
- » 2015 Tacoma News Tribune Western 100
- » 31 receptions for 400 yards (12.9 yards/catch) with six touchdowns, 13 tackles, 13 kickoff returns for 246 yards (18.9 yards/return) and four punt returns for 43 yards (10.8 yards/ return) as a senior
- » 2014 USA Today All-State first team
- » 2014 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior second team
- » 2014 San Gabriel Valley Tribune All-Area
- » 38 receptions for 540 yards (14.2 yards/catch) with three touchdowns, eight carries for 60 yards (7.5 yards/rush), 47 tackles and four interceptions and 12 kickoff returns for 381 yards (31.8 yards/return) as a junior
- » 2013 Student Sports Sophomore All-American first team
- » 2013 Max Preps Sophomore All-American second team
- » 2013 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore first team
- » 2013 San Gabriel Valley Tribune Newcomer of the Year
- » 15 receptions for 225 yards (15.0 yards/catch) with four touchdowns, plus 10 carries for 94 yards (9.4 yards/rush) with one touchdown, 30 tackles, eight interceptions, a PBU and a fumble recovery and 12 kickoff returns for 302 yards (25.2 yards/return) as a sophomore

#### Personal

- » Oct. 24, 1997
- » Cousin, Saniyya Sidney, is a young actress who has appeared in films such as "Fences" and "Hidden Figures" and television shows like "American Horror Story"
- » Majored in communication at USC
- » Enrolled in the recreation, sport, and tourism master's program

### CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 1 vs. Akron, 8/31/19 Rushing Yards: 2 vs. Akron, 8/31/19 Long Run: 2 vs. Akron, 8/31/19

Receptions: 5, twice (last at Minnesota, 10/5/19)

Receiving Yards: 72 vs. UNLV, 9/1/19 Long Reception: 41 vs. UNLV, 9/1/19 Rec. Touchdowns: 1 vs. Akron, 8/31/19

Punt Returns: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/21/19) Punt Return Yardage: 6 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19 Long Punt Return: 6 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/14/19

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All-Purpose Yards: 72 vs. UNLV, 9/1/19

### RECEIVING STATISTICS

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RUSHIN	G STATI:	STICS	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G	
ALL*	24	26	262	1	41	1.1	10.1	10.9
TOTAL	5	16	123	1	16	3.2	7.7	24.6
2019	5	16	123	1	16	3.2	7.7	24.6
2018*	10	7	104	0	41	0.7	14.9	10.4
2017*	9	3	35	0	23	0.3	11.7	3.9

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24	1	2	0	2	2.0	0.1
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G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
9	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
5	2	11	0	6	5.5	2.2
5	2	11	0	6	5.5	2.2
24	2	11	0	6	5.5	0.5
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\* - stats include Southern California (2017-18)

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2018-USC UNLV	CAR 0	YDS O	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LG</b> 0	REC 3	<b>YDS</b> 72	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LG</b> 41
@STAN	-	-	-	DNP			-	41
@TEXAS WASHST @ARIZ COL @UTAH ASU	0	0	0	0 0 DNP DNP DNP DNP	2	12 12	0	12
@ORST CAL @UCLA vs. ND	0	0	0	O DNP DNP DNP	1	8	0	8
2017-USC	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
WMU STAN TEXAS @CAL @WASHST	0	0	0	O DNP DNP DNP DNP	1	7	0	7
ORST @ND	0	0	0	0 DNP	1	23	0	23
@ASU ARIZ @COL UCLA vs. STAN vs. OSU	0	0	0	O DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP	1	5	0	5

## **66 JORDYN SLAUGHTER**

OL, 6-5, 305, R-FR.

BELLEVILLE, ILL. / ALTHOFF CATHOLIC

### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Played in one game as a backup lineman
- » Made Illinois debut in the season opener against Akron

### 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2018 season (Did not play)

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 75 offensive tackle in the nation by ESPN and No. 83 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 20 recruit in Illinois by 247Sports, No. 22 by Rivals and No. 25 by ESPN
- » Played for head coach Ken Turner at Althoff Catholic
- » Led Althoff Catholic to the second round of the 2017 IHSA football playoffs
- » All-city and all-conference selection
- » Honor Roll as a senior

- » Also played basketball in high school
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in June 2017
- » Offers included Vanderbilt, Bowling Green and Toledo

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 7, 2000
- » Son of Vernon and Ja'Nerra Slaughter
- » One younger sister, Jade
- » Picked Illinois because he, "wanted to play for my state."
- » Majoring in sociology

## **2 DERRICK SMITH**

LB, 6-2, 220, JR

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. / TRINITY CATHOLIC / MIAMI (FLA.)

#### 2020 Senior:

» Made Illinois debut at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Sat out 2019 season due to NCAA transfer rules
- » Participated in training camp at Miami (Fla.) before transferring to Illinois in August 2019

#### 2018 Sophomore (Miami):

- » Played in 12 of 13 games
- » 11 tackles (six solo), 0.5 TFLs

## 2017 Freshman (Miami):

- » Played in all 13 games
- » 13 tackles (10 solo), 1.0 TFL
- » Made career debut in season opener against Bethune-Cookman 9/2/17
- » First two tackles of career against Georgia Tech 10/14/17
- » Career-best six tackles (four solo) in ACC Championship Game against Clemson 12/2/17

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout
- » No. 77 athlete in the nation by ESPN
- » No. 124 recruit in Florida by 247Sports
- » Played for head coach Verlon Dorminey at Trinity Christian Academy
- » Led Trinity Christian Academy to an 11-3 record
- » Chose Miami over offers from USC, Mississippi State, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Cincinnati

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 19, 1999
- » Majoring in communication
- » Has enjoyed boxing since middle school

#### CAREER HIGHS (ILLINOIS)

**Tackles:** 6 vs. lowa 12/5/20 **TFL** 1.0 at Wisconsin 10/23/20

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017*	13	10	3	13	1.0	12	0	0	0	0	0
2018*	12	6	5	11	0.5	18	0	0	0	0	0
2020	7	12	5	17	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	7	12	5	17	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
All*	32	28	13	41	2.5	31	0	0	0	0	1
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#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

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2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
@WIS	4	1	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
@NEB	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## 17 KENDALL SMITH

DB. 6-1. 200. SR.

### BOLINGBROOK, ILL. / BOLINGBROOK

#### 2020 Senior:

- » Made season debut at defensive back at Northwestern 12/12/20
- » Plays primarily on special teams

#### 2019 Junior:

» Played in two games, primarily on special teams

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Played 10 games, primarily on special teams
- » Former wide receiver moved to safety
- » 10 tackles and one forced fumble on season
- » Career-high three tackles at Maryland 10/27/18
- » First career forced fumble against Western Illinois 9/8/18

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » Wide receiver played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams
- » Made one special teams tackle on the season
- » Made Illinois debut in the opener against Ball State

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals, ESPN and Scout
- » Ranked No. 100 wide receiver in the nation by Rivals, No. 118 by ESPN, No. 123 by Scout
- » Ranked No. 9 recruit in Illinois by ESPN, No. 15 by Rivals, No. 19 by 247Sports
- » Played at Bolingbrook High School for head coach John Ivlow
- » 2016 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association allstate honorable mention

#### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 3, 1999
- » Son of Vonetta Wade
- » Has two sisters, Sierra and Madison
- » Picked Illinois because, "it was always a favorite school of mine and I want to be a part of the change."
- $\ensuremath{\text{\textit{w}}}$  Majoring in learning and education studies

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. lowa 12/5/20 Fumbles Forced: 1 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/18

**PBUs:** 1, vs. lowa 12/5/20

<b>DEFENSIVE</b> S	STATISTICS
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YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	12	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	10	6	4	10	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2019	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	7	3	4	7	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	9	9	18	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-RY-GAME

DEI FIASI	DELENSIVE GAME-DI-GAME												
2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU			
@WIS	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
MIN	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
@RUT	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
OSU				Ga	me Cancel	ed							
IOWA	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1			
@NW	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0			
AKRON @UCONN EMU NEB @MIN MICH WIS @PUR RUT @MSU @IOWA	0	<b>AS</b> 0	0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0	QBS-Yds 0.0-0 DNP DNP DNP 0.0-0 DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP DNP	0 0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0 0	0 0			
NW vs. CAL					DNP DNP								

118 UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

KENT ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PENN ST				0	NP - Injure	d				
@RUT				0	NP - Injure	d				
PUR	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds		PBU
BALL ST	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
BALL ST WKU	0	1	1	0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
BALL ST WKU @USF	0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0	0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB	0 0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @IOWA	0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @IOWA RUT	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @IOWA RUT @MIN	0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @10WA RUT @MIN WIS	0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @IOWA RUT @MIN WIS @PUR	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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BALL ST WKU @USF NEB @10WA RUT @MIN WIS @PUR IND @0SU	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0 0.0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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## **6 DEUCE SPANN**

QB, 6-4, 195, FR.

### ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / LAKEWOOD

#### **High School**

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » National ranks: #905 (247 Composite), #1556 (247)
- » Dual-threat quarterback ranks: #22 (Rivals), #25 (247 Composite), #27 (ESPN), #32 (247)
- » Florida ranks: #81 (Rivals), #121 (247 Composite), #135 (ESPN), #178 (247)
- » 6,972 yards of total offense during his high school career
- » 4,771 passing yards, 45 passing touchdowns, 2,165 rushing yards, 27 rushing touchdowns during his high school career
- » Led Lakewood to the state semifinals as a senior
- » 117-253 passing, 1,937 passing yards, 25 passing touchdowns, 847 rushing yards, 10 rushing touchdowns as a senior
- » 122-270 passing, 1,860 passing yards, 12 passing touchdowns, 883 rushing yards, 9 rushing touchdowns as a junior
- » 63-142 passing, 974 passing yards, 8 passing touchdowns, 435 rushing yards, 8 rushing touchdowns as a sophomore
- » Father, Greg Spann Sr., played wide receiver at Jackson State and was drafted in the seventh round of the 1996 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars. He went on to play professionally in the Arena League and XFL
- » Committed to Illinois on Dec. 13, 2019
- » Also ran track in high school
- » Offers included Auburn, Boston College, Cincinnati, Duke, Florida State, Georgia, Louisville, Maryland, Miami (Fla.), Mississippi, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Syracuse, UCF, USF, Utah, and Virginia Tech

## Personal:

- » Born Jan. 27, 2002
- » Son of Greg and Kim Spann
- » First name is Gregory, nickname is Deuce
- » One brother, Diezel, and two sisters, Courtney and Conner
- » Cousin, Tom Carter, was the No. 17 overall draft pick by the Washington Redskins in 1993 and played nine seasons in the NFL
- » Chose Illinois because, "I wanted to help them win games and I knew I could make a name for myself here."
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## 74 BLAISE SPARKS

OT. 6-7. 290. FF

#### NORTH FORT MYERS, FLA. / NORTH FORT MYERS

#### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247, ESPN, and Rivals
- » National ranks: #1947 (247 Composite), #2217 (247)
- » Offensive tackle ranks: #161 (247 Composite), #161 (247), #173 (ESPN)
- » Florida ranks: #263 (247 Composite), #274 (247), #299 (ESPN)
- » Committed to Illinois on July 31, 2019
- » Offers included Kent State, Pittsburgh, Southern Miss, Temple, IISF

#### Personal:

- » Born Sept. 10, 2001
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

## **56 ETHAN TABEL**

LS. 6-0. 210. SR.

## BARRINGTON, ILL. / BARRINGTON

Pronunciation: tuh-BELL

#### 2020 Senior:

» Patrick Mannelly Award watch list

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Started all 13 games at long snapper
- » Second on the team in punt return tackles (4)
- » Snapped for James McCourt's game-winning 39-yard field goal as time expired vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Walk-on was awarded a scholarship by coach Lovie Smith at a team meeting on Aug. 26, 2019

#### 2018 Sophomore:

- » Starting long snapper for all 12 games
- » Nolan's Long Snapping College Snapper of the Year
- » Academic All-Big Ten

### 2017 Redshirt Freshman:

- » Started 11 games as the long snapper for field goals and extra points
- » Walk-on made his Illinois debut in opener against Ball State

#### **High School:**

- » Started long snapping late in his junior season of high school
- » Two-year letterwinner
- » 2015 Barrington Unsung Hero Special Teams Award
- » 2015 Academic All-Conference
- Helped Barrington to the second round of IHSA Playoffs in 2015
   2016 State Scholar
- " ZUIU State Schulai
- » Four-year member of the honor roll

#### Personal:

- » Born August 27, 1997
- » Son of Todd and Tamara Tabel
- » One brother, Bryce
- » Father competed in javelin, shot put and discus at Winona State
- » Chose Illinois because, "Illinois gives student-athletes the tools to learn at one of the nation's best schools while also competing at an incredibly high level in the Big Ten. They were one of the only Division I programs to take a chance on me and I knew it would be a perfect fit."
- Plans on working in international advertising or football after his playing career
- » Bilingual in German
- » Graduated with a degree in advertising
- » Enrolled in the technology management graduate program

## 7 CORAN TAYLOR

QB, 6-2, 190, SO. Peoria, Ill. / Peoria

Pronunciation: kor-AHN

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » Made first career start against Minnesota 11/7/20
- » 17-for-29 passing for 273 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for 32 yards in his first significant playing time as an Illini against Purdue 10/31/20

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

» Played in the fourth quarter against Rutgers

### 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2018 season (Did not play)

### **High School:**

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 22 dual-threat QB in the nation by ESPN, No. 23 by 247Sports and No. 29 by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 12 recruit in Illinois by ESPN, No. 20 by 247Sports
- » Completed 86 of 161 passes for 1,546 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior
- » Rushed for 1,048 yards (9.7 yards per carry) and 14 touchdowns as a senior
- » 2016 Illinois Football Coaches Association First Team All-State
- » Led Peoria to 2016 Illinois 5A state championship as a junior
- » Threw for 215 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 134 yards and three touchdowns in the 5A state title game at Illinois' Memorial Stadium in a 62-48 win over Vernon Hills
- » Helped Peoria set Illinois state records in total points (805) and points per game (57.5) in 2016
- » Accounted for 3,215 yards of offense (1,548 passing & 1,662 rushing) and 39 total TDs (17 passing & 22 rushing) in 2016
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in April 2017
- » High school teammate of Illini OL Kendrick Green
- » Played for the same little league team and attended same middle school as Illinois DL Jer'Zhan Newton

#### Personal:

- » Born Dec. 16, 1999
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Rush attempts: 19 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20 Rush yards: 42 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20 Long rush: 33 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Pass attempts: 29 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Pass completions: 17 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Pass yards: 273 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Pass TDs: 2 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Long pass: 52 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20 All-purpose yards: 42 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20

## PASSING STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2020	2	46	23	2	379	3	52	50.0	8.2	189.5	132.0
ΤΩΤΔΙ	3	46	23	2	270	3	52	50.0	22	126.2	132 0

## RUSHING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2019	1	2	11	0	6	5.5	11.0
2020	2	36	74	0	33	2.1	37.0
TOTAL	3	38	85	0	33	2.2	28.3

#### PASSING GAME\_RY\_GAME

PASSING	ASSING GAME-BI-GAME										
2020	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG					
@WIS			DNP								
PUR	29	17	2	273	2	44					
MIN	17	6	0	106	1	52					
@RUT			DNP								
@NEB			DNP								
OSU		Gar	ne Cance	eled							
IOWA			DNP								
ONIM.			DAID								

#### RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	17	32	0	33	0	0	0	0
MIN	19	42	0	16	0	0	0	0
@RIIT			n	NP				

@NEB	DNP
0SU	Game Cancele
IOWA	DNP
@NW	SNP

## **85 DYLAN THOMAS**

WR, 5-11, 185, SO.

MONTICELLO, ILL. / MONTICELLO

#### 2019 Redshirt Freshman:

» Missed the season with an injury

#### 2018 Freshman:

» Redshirted the 2018 season (Did not play)

#### High School:

- » Four-year letterwinner in football and three-year letterwinner in track
- » Played for head coach Cully Welter at Monticello
- » Led Monticello to conference titles as a junior and senior
- » 2017 All-Illini Prairie Conference first team
- » High Honor Roll

#### Personal:

- » Born April 5, 2000
- » Son of Darcy and Bryan Thomas
- » Father attended the University of Illinois
- » Older sister. Danielle
- » Step-grandfather is Barry Alvarez
- » Picked Illinois because he, "it allows me to play Division I football and also get a degree from one of the best business schools in the world."
- » Majoring in finance

## 4 KHMARI THOMPSON

WR, 6-1, 210, SO.

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA. / CENTRAL GWINNETT / MISSOURI

#### 2020 Sophomore:

» Plays primarily on special teams as kick off returner

### 2019 Redshirt Freshman (Missouri):

- » Did not play in a game
- » Also ran track and finished fourth in the 200-meter dash at the Mizzou Open 1/25/19, setting a personal record
- » Ran in the 4x100-meter relay at the SEC Championships 5/11/19, finishing in seventh place and contributing to a relay personal record of 40.74

#### 2018 Freshman (Missouri):

- » Played in three games and redshirted
- » Played against UT-Martin, Wyoming, and Tennessee

#### High School:

- » Three-star wide receiver by Rivals and 247Sports.com
- » Played for head coach Todd Wofford at Central Gwinnett
- » Did not play high school football as a sophomore or junior to focus on track
- » 83 receptions for 1,131 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior
- » Offers included Kansas State, Missouri, Purdue, Tulane, and Georgia Southern

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 3, 2000
- » Majoring in sociology

#### CAREER HIGHS

All-purpose yards: 74 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Kick returns: 3, three times (last at Rutgers 11/14/20) Kick return yards: 74 vs. Purdue 10/31/20 Long kick return: 35 vs. Purdue 10/31/20

## KICK RETURN STATISTICS

YEAR	G	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G			
2018*	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0			
2020	5	12	234	0	35	19.5	46.8			
TOTAL	5	12	234	0	35	19.5	46.8			

All\* 8 12 234 0 35 19.5 29 \* - stats include Missouri (2018)

#### KICK RETURN/PUNT RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME

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2017	KR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR-YDS	AVG	TD	LG
@WIS	2-27	13.5	0	16	0-0	0	0	0
PUR	3-74	24.7	0	35	0-0	0	0	0
MIN	3-53	17.7	0	19	0-0	0	0	0
@RUT	3-59	19.7	0	24	0-0	0	0	0
@NEB				DNP				
0SU			Ga	me Cano	celed			
IOWA	1-21	21	0	21	0-0	0	0	0
@NW				DNP				

## **45 KHALAN TOLSON**

B. 6-0. 220. IR.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. / ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

**Pronunciation:** KAY-lahn

#### 2020 Junior:

- » Career high 10 tackles and 2.5 TFL in Illinois' win at Rutgers 11/14/20
- » First career solo sack against lowa 12/5/20
- » Part of the linebacker rotation

#### 2019 Sophomore:

- » Played in 11 games with four starts at linebacker
- » Started the final four games after Butkus Award semifinalist Jake Hansen was injured
- » 38 tackles, 1.5 TFL, two PBUs, one fumble recovery, one quarterback hurry on the season
- » Tied for the team lead in kickoff tackles (4)
- » Third on the team in special teams tackles (6)
- » Nine tackles, 0.5 TFLs, and one fumble recovery at Michigan State 11/9/19 in his first career start to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history

#### 2018 Freshman:

- » Played all 12 games, primarily on special teams
- » Five tackles on season
- » Made his Illinois debut in the season opener against Kent State 9/1/18

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- » Ranked No. 799 recruit in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 55 OLB in nation by 247Sports and No. 83 by ESPN
- » Ranked No. 125 recruit in Florida by 247Sports and No. 197 by ESPN
- » 15.0 TFLs and 11.0 sacks as a junior
- » Played for Team Florida in the 2016 7-on-7 AAU Jr. Olympics
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2017
- » Offers included Cincinnati, Indiana, Iowa State, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, UCF and USF

### Personal:

- » Born Dec. 27, 1999
- » Majoring in communication

## CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10, twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/20)
TFLs: 2.5, at Rutgers 11/14/20

PBUs: 1. three times (last at Rutgers 11/14/20)

Sacks: 1 vs. lowa 12/5/20 Fumbles Forced: 1, twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/20) Fumbles Recovered: 1, twice (last at Nebraska 11/21/20)

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

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YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2018	12	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	11	23	15	38	1.5	4	2	0	1	0	1
2020	6	15	24	39	6.0	21	2	2	1	0	1
TOTAL	29	41	41	82	7.5	25	4	2	2	0	2

### SACKS STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOTAL	YDS
2018	12	0	0	0.0	0
2019	11	0	0	0.0	0
2020	6	1	1	1.5	11
TOTAL	29	1	1	1.5	11

#### DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

2020 UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU



@WIS	1	5	6	0.5-4	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	2	5	7	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	5	5	10	2.5-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1	1
@NEB					DNP					
0SU				Ga	me Cance	led				
IOWA	1	1	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW	IW DNP - Injured									

@NW	•	•	-	[	NP - Injure	d			·	Ů
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCONN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU					NP - Injure					
NEB					NP - Injure	d				
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	4	5	9	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	1	0
@IOWA	2	5	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
NW	4	4	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	8	1	9	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds		PBU
KENT ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USF	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PENN ST	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@WIS	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MD	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MINN	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NEB	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

## **78 KEVIN TYLER**

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OT. 6-3, 330, FR.

@NW

#### ST. LOUIS. MO. / RITENOUR

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#### **High School:**

» Three-star recruit by 247 and ESPN, two-star recruit by Rivals

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- » National ranks: #1009 (247), #1373 (247 Composite)
- » Offensive tackle ranks: #86 (247), #111 (247 Composite)
- » Offensive guard ranks: #58 (ESPN)
- » Missouri ranks: #16 (ESPN), #24 (247), #25 (247 Composite)
- » 2019 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 5 All-State First Team
- » 2018 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 6 All-State Second Team
- » Committed to Illinois on July 28, 2019
- » Offers included Houston, Indiana, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Memphis, Minnesota, Missouri, Northern Illinois, Purdue, SMU, Syracuse, Western Michigan, and Wyoming

#### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 29, 2001
- » Majoring in communication

## 8 CASEY WASHINGTON

WR, 6-2, 190, SO.

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS / PFLUGERVILLE

## 2020 Sophomore:

» Part of the wide receiver rotation

#### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in 10 games and started five at wide receiver
- » 11 receptions for 132 yards on the season
- » Five starts was the sixth-most in Illinois history by a true freshman wide receiver
- » One reception for four yards at Michigan State 11/9/19 to help Illinois win 37-34 in the biggest comeback in program history
- » First career start in 24-6 win at Purdue 10/26/19
- » 18-yard reception on a fourth-quarter touchdown drive vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » First career catch against No. 16 Michigan 10/12/19

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports and ESPN
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 138 wide receiver in the nation by ESPN and No. 190 by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 175 recruit in Texas by ESPN and No. 201 by 247Sports
- » 42 receptions for 565 yards and five touchdowns as a senior
- » Played for head coach Charles Taylor at Pflugerville
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2018
- » Offers included Kansas, South Alabama, Tulane, and UTSA

#### Personal:

- » Born March 6, 2001
- » Son of Jennifer and Greg Washington
- » Father played football at Kansas State from 1987-89
- » One older sister, Loren
- » Sister, Loren, played volleyball at Texas A&M-Kingsville
- » Picked Illinois because of the, "solid degree, family environment, make an impact ASAP."
- » Majoring in recreation, sport and tourism
- » Plans to become a coach following his playing career

#### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 3 at lowa, 11/23/19

Long Reception: 20, three times (last at Rutgers 11/14/20)

Receiving Yards: 21 at lowa, 11/23/19

All-Purpose Yards: 21 at lowa, 11/23/19

#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2019	10	11	132	0	20	1.1	12.0	13.2
2020	7	10	106	0	20	1.4	10.6	15.1
TOTAL	17	21	238	0	20	1.2	11.3	14.0

## RUSHING/RECEIVING GAME-BY-GAME

2020	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
@WIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MIN	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8	
@RUT	0	0	0	0	3	52	0	20	
@NEB	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	7	
0SU				Game (	Canceled				
IOWA	0	0	0	0	2	22	0	12	
@NW	0	0	0	0	2	13	0	11	
2019	CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG	
AKRON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
@UCONN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EMU				DNP					
NEB				DNP					
@MIN				DNP					
MICH	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	20	
WIS	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	18	
@PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
@MSU	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4	
@IOWA	0	0	0	0	3	21	0	10	
NW	0	0	0	0	4	55	0	20	
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	14	

## 1 ISAIAH WILLIAMS

QB, 5-10, 180, R-FR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. / TRINITY CATHOLIC

## 2020 Redshirt Freshman:

» Set the Illinois single-game rushing record by a quarterback with 192 yards in his first career start Rutgers 11/14/20.

### 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in four games and redshirted the season
- » 3-of-10 passing for 38 yards, nine carries for 16 yards, and three receptions for nine yards on the season
- » Played wide receiver for the first time during the Redbox Bowl and had three receptions for nine yards
- » Made Illinois debut against Nebraska 9/21/19 on two designed quarterback runs

#### **High School:**

- » Four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- $\tt w$  Ranked No. 47 recruit in the nation by Rivals, No. 93 by ESPN and No. 295 by 247Sports

- » Ranked No. 5 athlete in the nation by 247Sports, No. 8 by ESPN and No. 16 by Rivals
- » Ranked No. 1 recruit in Missouri by Rivals and ESPN and No. 5 by 247Sports
- » No. 9 ranked recruit in Illinois' last 17 years according to 247Sports
- » Williams and Marquez Beason are Illinois' two highest ranked recruits since Terry Hawthorne in 2009 and the highest combo since Arrelious Benn and Martez Wilson in 2007
- » Illinois' highest ranked quarterback recruit since Juice Williams in 2006
- » Ranked as high as No. 25 overall recruit in the nation in February 2018 according to 247Sports Composite
- » Played for head coach Cory Patterson through his junior year when Patterson left Trinity Catholic to become the tight ends coach at Illinois
- » Played for head coach Terrence Curry at Trinity Catholic as a senior
- » 2019 Under Armour All-American selection
- » 2018 Elite 11 Finals invitation
- » 2018 and 2019 Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year
- » 2018 USA TODAY Missouri Offensive Player of the Year
- » 2018 USA TODAY All-USA Missouri first team
- » 2018 Missouri Football Coaches Association Class 3 All-State first team
- » 2,470 passing yards and 33 touchdowns as a senior
- » 1,132 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior
- » 1,898 passing yards and 29 touchdowns as a junior
- » Threw for 175 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 23 yards in the 2018 Missouri Class 4 state title game to help Trinity Catholic beat Cardinal Ritter
- » Also played basketball and ran track at Trinity Catholic
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in March 2018
- » Offers included Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisville, LSU, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Oregon, Penn State, Purdue, South Carolina, Stanford, Syracuse, TCU, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, UCF, Virginia, and Wisconsin

### Personal:

- » Born Jan. 29, 2001
- » Son of Ashley Harris and Wendell Williams
- » One brother, Wendell Williams Jr., and two sisters, Zariyah Martin and Keira Williams
- » Nicknamed "1"
- » Has worn No. 1 since he started playing sports
- » Picked Illinois because it is a, "prestigious university and family oriented."
- » Plans to open a training facility following his playing career
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

### CAREER HIGHS

Touchdowns: 1, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Attempts: 4 vs. Michigan, 10/12/19 Pass attempts: 18, at Rutgers 11/14/20

Pass completions: 7, twice (last vs. lowa 12/5/20)

Pass yards: 104, at Rutgers 11/14/20
Passing Touchdowns: 1, twice (at Northwestern, 12/12/20)

Long pass: 46, at Northwestern, 12/12/20 Carries: 31, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Rushing Yards: 192, at Rutgers 11/14/20 Long Rush: 5, three times (last at Wisconsin 10/23/20)

Receptions: 3 vs. California, 12/30/19 Receiving Yards: 9 vs. California, 12/30/19 Long Reception: 4 vs. California, 12/30/19 Total Offense: 299, at Rutgers 11/14/20

## All-Purpose: 195, at Rutgers 11/14/20 PASSING STATISTICS

LA991	PASSING STATISTICS													
YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC			
2019	4	10	3	1	38	0	25	30.0	3.8	9.5	41.9			
2020	5	45	18	1	273	2	46	40.0	6.1	54.6	101.2			
TOTAL	9	55	21	2	311	2	46	38.2	5.7	34.6	90.4			

### RUSHING STATISTICS

 YEAR
 G
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 AVG/C
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 2019
 4
 9
 16
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 5
 1.8
 4.0



2020 TOTAL	5 9	48 57	287 303	1 1	26 26	6.0 5.3	57.4 33.7				
RECEIVIN YEAR	G STA	TISTIC Rec	S YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G			
2019	4	3	9	0	4	0.8	3.0	2.2			
2020	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
TOTAL	9	3	9	0	4	0.3	3.0	1.0			
PASSING GAME-BY-GAME											

2020	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
@WIS	3	0	1	0	0	0
PUR			DNP			
MIN			DNP			
@RUT	18	7	0	104	0	22
@NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSU		Ga	me Cance	eled		
IOWA	16	7	0	83	1	29
@NW	8	4	0	86	1	46
2019	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
AKRON			DNP			
@UCONN			DNP			
EMU			DNP			
NEB	0	0	0	0	0	0
@MIN		DI	NP - Injur	ed		
MICH	4	0	0	0	0	0
WIS		DN	P - Inuu	red		
@PUR		DN	P - Inuu	red		
RUT			DNP			
@MSU			DNP			
@IOWA			DNP			
NW	6	3	1	38	0	25
vs. CAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

RUSHING/RECEIVING GAI	ME-BY-GAME
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CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
			DNP				
			DNP				
31	192	1	26	0	0	0	0
3	14	0	6	0	0	0	0
		Gam	e Canceled				
6	38	0	11	0	0	0	0
7	38	0	17	0	0	0	0
CAR	YDS	TD	LG	REC	YDS	TD	LG
			DNP				
2	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
		DNF	- Injured				
4	4	0	5	0	0	0	0
		DNF	- Inuured				
		DNF	- Inuured				
		DNF	- Inuured				
			DNP				
			DNP				
3	15	0	5	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	3	9	0	4
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## 31 DEVON WITHERSPOON

DB, 6-0, 170, SO.

PENSACOLA, FLA. / PINE FOREST

#### 2020 Sophomore:

- » Has an interception in back-to-back game this season
- » First career interception against Minnesota 11/7/20
- » Missed the season opener at Wisconsin with an injury
- » Part of defensive back rotation

## 2019 Freshman:

- » Played in all 13 games and started three at cornerback
- » 33 tackles, two PBUs on the season
- » Led the team in special teams tackles (13)
- » Led the team in kickoff tackles (11)
- » Only true freshman defender to start a game for Illinois in 2019
- » Chase-down tackle at the goal line in the fourth quarter vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 led to goal-line stop to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » Joined the Illini during training camp after initially planning to attend Hutchinson Community College (Kan.)

#### High School:

- » Two-year letterwinner in football
- » Played for head coach Jason McDonald at Pine Forest

- » Helped Pine Forest to the 2018 District 1-6A championship and advance to the second round of the state playoffs
- » 2018 Pensacola News Journal Defensive Player of the Year
- » 2018 Pensacola News Journal All-Area first team
- » 74 tackles, nine PBUs, 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, and an area-high seven interceptions as a senior
- » Scored two touchdowns as a senior, one on a fumble return and one on an interception return
- » 65 tackles, nine PBUs, 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, and four interceptions as a junior, his first year playing football
- » Also played basketball and ran track in high school, helping three Pine Forest teams to district titles as a senior
- » Standout high jumper and part of multiple championship relay teams, including a Florida Class 3A state runner-up finish in the 4x100-meter relay
- » 2018 Pensacola News Journal Male Athlete of the Year for overall production in all three sports
- » Verbally committed to Illinois in July 2019, four days before training camp
- » Offers included Appalachian State, Georgia State, Massachusetts, Middle Tennessee, South Alabama, Southern Miss, Troy, Temple, and UAB
- » Originally committed to Hutchinson Community College (Kan.)

#### Personal

- » Born Dec. 11, 2000
- » Did not play football until his junior year of high school
- » Enrolled in general curriculum

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 vs Purdue 10/31/20

Interceptions: 1 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20

Fumbles Recovered: 1 twice (last at Northwestern, 12/12/20)

TFL: 1 vs. Minnesota 11/7/20

PBUs: 1, twice (last at Purdue, 10/26/19)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	YEAR	b	UA	Α	101	IFL	LD2	עץ	11	FK	RFIV	ЦВН
	2019	13	23	10	33	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	2020			12	28	1.0	4	2	0	2	0	0
	TOTAL	19	39	22	61	1.0	4	4	0	2	0	0
INTERCEPTIONS STATISTICS												

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YEAR	G	INT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2019	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020	6	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	19	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

## DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME 2020 UA AS TOT TFL-Yds QBS-Yds FF FR-Yds INT-Yds QBH PBU

@WIS				0	NP - Injure	d				
PUR	3	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	3	3	6	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
@RUT	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
@NEB	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
0SU				Ga	ame Cancel	ed				
IOWA	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW		0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
AKRON	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
@UCONN	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	4	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	_	_		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	-	0	-	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
RUT	1	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	_		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
	4	_		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NW	-	0		0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. CAL	5	0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
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# 91 JAMAL WOODS

#### DL. 6-2, 275, SR.

## HUEYTOWN, ALA. / HUEYTOWN

#### 2020 Senior:

» Starting defensive tackle

#### 2019 Junior:

- » Played in nine games and started four at defensive tackle
- » Missed four games with injuries
- » 14 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, 0.5 sack, one forced fumble on the season
- » Three tackles and 1.5 TFLs vs. No. 6 Wisconsin 10/19/19 to help Illinois win 24-23 and complete one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history
- » First career forced fumble at UConn 9/7/19

#### 2018 Sonhomore:

- » Started first four games at defensive tackle before a seasonending injury
- » 13 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, three PBUs and one QB hurry on season
- » First career sack, five tackles, two PBUs and a QB hurry against Western Illinois 9/8/18
- » Season-high 2.0 TFLs against Kent State 9/1/18
- » At least 1.0 TFL in each of the first three games

#### 2017 Freshman:

- » BTN.com All-Freshman Team honorable mention
- » Played in 11 games with four starts on the defensive line
- » 24 tackles (12 solo), 3.5 TFLs on the season playing both defensive end and tackle
- » Team-high 2.5 TFLs vs. Indiana
- » Made his Illinois debut against Western Kentucky
- » First career start against Nebraska

#### High School:

- » Three-star recruit by 247Sports
- » Two-star recruit by Rivals and Scout
- » Ranked No. 91 strong-side DE in the nation by 247Sports
- » Ranked No. 70 recruit in Alabama by 247Sports
- » Played at Hueytown for head coach Scott Mansell
- » Captained his high school team as a senior
- » 2016 Alabama Sports Writers Assoc. 6A all-state second team
- » 2016 all-city selection
- » 47 tackles, 8.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks and one forced fumble as senior
- » Led Hueytown to an 8-3 record and the Alabama 6A state playoffs as a senior
- » Also wrestled in high school and placed in top six at state twice

### Personal:

- » Born June 14, 1999
- » Son of Antonio and Felicia Weldon
- » Has two sisters, Jamiyah Weldon and Jameria Dubose, and two brothers, Malik Woods and Erskine Hawkins
- » Picked Illinois because, "the coaching staff is great, the players are great and it's somewhere that I could be a part of making a change."
- » Wants to own an athletic training facility or coach following his playing career
- » Majoring in community health

#### CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 vs. Purdue, 10/31/20 TFLs: 2.5 vs. Indiana, 11/11/17 Sacks: 1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/18 Fumbles Forced: 1 at UConn, 9/7/19 Fumbles Recovered: 1, vs. Purdue 11/14/20 PBUs: 2 vs. Western Illinois, 9/8/18 Interceptions: 1, twice (last at Rutgers 11/14/20)

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YEAR	G	UA	Α	TOT	TFL	YDS	PD	FF	FR	BLK	QBH
2017	11	12	12	24	3.5	7	0	0	0	0	0
2018	4	11	2	13	4.0	12	3	0	0	0	1
2019	9	10	4	14	5.5	19	0	1	0	0	0
2020	2	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0



2020 TOTAL	4 28	2 35	2 20	4 55	0.5 13.5	0 38	0	0 1		0	0
SACKS	ΤΔΤ2	STIC	S								
YEAR	G	UA	A	TOTAL	YDS						
2017	11	0	0	0.0	0						
2018	4	1	0	1.0	2						
2019	9	0	1	0.5	3						
2020	4	0	0	0.0	0						
TOTAL	28	1	1	1.5	5						
DEFENS	SIVE	CAME	DV	CAME							
2020	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	npe	S-Yds	FF	ED Vdc	INT-Yds	n R L	PBU
@WIS	1	1	2	0.5-0		)-O	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PUR	0	0	0	0-0		)-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MIN	•	·	•	0 0		NP	•	0 0	0 0	•	•
@RUT						NP					
@NEB	1	2	3	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
OSU						Cancel					
IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@NW					DNP -	Injure	d				
2019	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	-	S-Yds	FF	FR-Yds			PBU
AKRON	0	0	0	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@UCON	N 2	2	4	2.0-7		5-3	. 1	0-0	0-0	0	0
EMU						Injure					
NEB	2	0	2	2.0-11		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	1	1	2	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
MICH	1 2	0	1	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	_	1	3	1.5-1		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR RUT	0	0	0	0.0-0		.0-0 Injure	٩ 0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MSU	0	0	0	0.0-0		.0-0	u 0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	U	U	U			Injure		0-0	0-0	U	U
NW						Injure					
vs. CAL	2	0	2	0.0-0		.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2018	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS	S-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
KENT ST	2	0	2	2.0-7	0.	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIU	4	1	5	1.0-2	1.	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	2
USF	3	1	4	1.0-3	0.	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
PENN ST	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@RUT						Injure					
PUR						Injure					
@WIS						Injure					
@MD						Injure					
MINN						Injure					
@NEB IOWA						Injure					
@NW						Injure Injure					
SIM					- וווו	mjure	u				
2017	UA	AS	TOT	TFL-Yds	QBS	S-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	INT-Yds	QBH	PBU
BALL ST					-	NP					
WKU	0	0	0	0.0-0		.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@USF	3	1	4	1.0-1		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
NEB	0	2	2	0.0-0	-	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@IOWA	0	0	0	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
RUT	0	1	1	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@MIN	0	0	0	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
WIS	0	2	2	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
@PUR	1	1 5	2	0.0-0		0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
IND @osu	3	0	3	2.5-6		0-0	0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0	0	0
WU3U	2	0	2	0.0-0 0.0-0		.0-0 .0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
	2	U	4	0.0-0	U.	·U	U	0.20	0-0	U	U

## **62 TERRY ZAPF**

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WINNETKA, ILL. / NEW TRIER / WILLIAMS (MASS.)

## 2019 Freshman (Williams):

- » Starter as a freshman at Williams College
- » All-NESCAC second team, the only freshman lineman named to an all-conference team

### High School:

- » Played for head coach Brian Doll at New Trier
- » 2018 AII-CSL South
- » Also participated in track and field and rugby in high school
- » Honor Roll

### Personal:

- » Born Aug. 30, 2000
- » Son of Matthew and Christine Zapf
- » Has two brothers, Matt and Brian, and two sisters, Tricia and Caitlin
- » Majoring in economics

# **TEAM STATISTICS**

Team Statistics	ILL	OPP
SCORING	140	223
Points Per Game	20.00	31.86
FIRST DOWNS	131	168
Rushing	69	80
Passing	49	76
Penalty	13	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	1416	1588
Yards gained	1572	1753
Yards lost	156	165
Attempts	289	305
Avg Per Attempt	4.9	5.2
Avg Per Game	202.3	226.9
TDs Rushing	8	13
PASSING YARDAGE	1103	1570
Att-Comp-Int	172-83-3	187-130-7
Avg Per Attempt	6.41	8.40
	13.29	12.08
Avg Per Catch		
Avg Per Game	157.57	224.29
TDs Passing	8	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	2519	3158
Total Plays	461	492
Avg Per Play	5.5	6.4
Avg Per Game	359.9	451.1
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	23-402	12-195
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	3-28	13-80
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-61	3-30
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.48	16.25
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.33	6.15
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.71	10.00
FUMBLES-LOST	13-4	13-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	38-391	39-324
Avg Per Game	55.86	46.29
PUNTS-YARDS	33-1442	22-915
Avg Per Punt	43.70	41.59
Net Punt Avg	40.67	39.41
KICKOFFS-YARDS	31-1902	42-2499
Avg Per Kick	61.35	59.50
Net Kick Avg	44.10	43.26
TIME OF POSSESSION	03:14:17	03:45:43
Per Game	27:45	32:15
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	39-98	39-88
3rd-Down Pct	39.80 %	44.32 %
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	7-14	10-16
4th-Down Pct	50.00 %	62.50 %
SACKS BY-YARDS	13-100	12-64
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	17	29
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	7-11	7-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	16-24	28-32
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	10-24	22-32
PAT-ATTEMPTS	17-17	26-27
ATTENDANCE	2,576	0
Dates-Avg Per Date	3-859	4-0
Neutral Site #-Avg	-	0-0

# **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

#	Rushing		GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
2	Brown, Chase		7	93	522	12	510	5.5	2	39	72.86
26	Epstein, Mike		6	61	366	6	360	5.9	4	63	60.00
1	Williams, Isaiah		5	48	290	3	287	6.0	1	26	57.40
18	Peters, Brandon		4	24	161	25	136	5.7	1	31	34.00
7	Taylor, Coran		2	36	149	75	74	2.1	0	33	37.00
14	Hayes, Blake		7	2	34	0	34	17.0	0	20	4.86
28	Love III, Reggie		7	10	26	14	12	1.2	0	8	1.7
20	Cumby, Kyron		5	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	9	2.20
12	Robinson, Matt		2	4	9	4	5	1.3	0	8	2.50
23	Lillig, Conner		2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.50
3	Norwood, Jakari		1	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	1.00
	Team		7	6	0	17	-17	-2.8	0	0	-2.43
	Total		7	289	1572	156	1416	4.9	8	63	202.29
	Opponents		7	305	1753	165	1588	5.2	13	53	226.86
#	Passing	GP	Dating	-	COMP-ATT-IN		РСТ	VDC	TD	LG	AVC/
# 18	Peters, Brandon	4	<b>Rating</b> 111.76		9-76-0		L.32 %			28	AVG/0
7	Taylor, Coran	2	132.03	23-46-2			0.00 %	379	3	52	189.50
1	Williams, Isaiah	5	101.18	18-45-1			0.00 %	273	2	46	54.60
12	Robinson, Matt	2	121.20	3-4-0			5.00 %	2/3	0	12	11.00
12	Team	7	0.00		0-1-0		0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00
	Total	7	113.98		-172-3		3.26 %	1103		52	157.57
	Opponents	7	159.03		)-1/2-3 )-187-7		9.52 %	1570	15	66	224.29
	Орропона	,	133.03	15	. 10, ,	0.	7.52 70	1370	15	00	EETIE.
#	Deschine			GI	P NO	YD		vg ·	TD	LG	N/C/C
<b>#</b> 9	Receiving Imatorbhebhe, Josh			7		29			3	52	AVG/0
87	Barker, Daniel					21			1	25	30.57
14	Hightower, Brian			-		20			2	46	28.7
8	· ·			7		10			0	20	15.14
86	Washington, Casey Navarro, Donny			-		8			0	25	12.57
	· · · · · ·										
88	Imatorbhebhe, Daniel					5			1	28	13.50
2	Brown, Chase						18	4.29			
26	Epstein, Mike								0	22	4.83
11	Sandy, Carlos			3		2			1	29	9.67
19	Campbell, Dalevon			6		_			0	18	4.00
20	Cumby, Kyron			5		1		33	0	17	3.20
82	Ford, Luke			7		1	_	50	0	11	2.14
					7 83	110	3 13.	70	8	52	157.57
	Total Opponents			7		157			15	66	224.29

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#	Punt Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
86	Navarro, Donny	1	16	16.00	0	16
13	Frenchie Jr., James	1	8	8.00	0	8
11	Griffin, Caleb	1	4	4.00	0	4
	Total	3	28	9.33	0	16
	Opponents	13	80	6.15	0	21
#	Interceptions	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
35	Hansen, Jake	2	12	6.00	0	8
31	Witherspoon, Devon	2	0	0.00	0	0
8	Hobbs, Nate	1	26	26.00	0	26
6	Adams, Tony	1	23	23.00	0	23
44	Barnes, Tarique	1	0	0.00	0	0
	Total	7	61	8.71	0	26
	Opponents	3	30	10.00	0	12
#	Kick Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
4	Thompson, Khmari	12	234	19.50	0	35
15	Lindenman, Ty	4	65	16.25	0	26
2	Brown, Chase	4	62	15.50	0	20
20	Cumby, Kyron	2	40	20.00	0	22
46	McEachern, Alec	. 1	1	1.00	0	1
	Total	23	402	17.48	0	35
	Opponents	12	195	16.25	0	29
#	Fumble Returns	NO	YRDS	AVG	TD	LG
44	Barnes, Tarique	1	39	39.00	1	39
	Total	1	39	39.00	1	39
	Opponents	0	0	0	1	0

# **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

						PAT				
#	Scoring	TD	FG	KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS	DXP	SAF	PTS
17	McCourt, James	_	6	12-12	_	_	_	_	_	30
26	Epstein, Mike	4	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	24
9	Imatorbhebhe, Josh	3	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	18
2	Brown, Chase	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	12
14	Hightower, Brian	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12
11	Griffin, Caleb	_	1	5-5	_	_	_	_	_	8
87	Barker, Daniel	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6
44	Barnes, Tarique	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	6
88	Imatorbhebhe, Daniel	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	6
18	Peters, Brandon	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6
11	Sandy, Carlos	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	6
1	Williams, Isaiah	1	_	_		_				6
	Total	17	7	17-17	_	_	_	_	_	140
	Opponents	29	7	26-27	0-1	1	1-1	_	l —	223

#	Field Goals	FGM-FGA	PCT	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
11	Griffin, Caleb	1-1	100.00	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	28	0
17	McCourt, James	6-10	60.00 %	0-0	4-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	47	0
	Total	7-11	63.64 %	0-0	5-5	1-2	1-2	0-2	47	0
	Opponents	7-7	100.00 %	1-1	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-0	40	0

FG Sequence	Illinois	Opponents
Wisconsin	=	(19)
PURDUE	(28)	(36)
MINNESOTA	-	-
Rutgers	(24),(23),54,46,(47)	(29),(26)
Nebraska	(24),(21)	(30)
IOWA	-	(40),(27)
Northwestern	32,(39),53	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

#	Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	AVG/G
18	Peters, Brandon	4	100	136	429	565	141.25
1	Williams, Isaiah	5	93	287	273	560	112.00
2	Brown, Chase	7	93	510	0	510	72.86
7	Taylor, Coran	2	82	74	379	453	226.50
26	Epstein, Mike	6	61	360	0	360	60.00
14	Hayes, Blake	7	2	34	0	34	4.86
12	Robinson, Matt	2	8	5	22	27	13.50
28	Love III, Reggie	7	10	12	0	12	1.71
20	Cumby, Kyron	5	2	11	0	11	2.20
23	Lillig, Conner	2	1	3	0	3	1.50
3	Norwood, Jakari	1	2	1	0	1	1.00
	Team	7	7	-17	0	-17	-2.43
	Total	7	461	1416	1103	2519	359.86
	Opponents	7	492	1588	1570	3158	451.14

#	Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	ТВ	FC	120	50+	BLK
14	Hayes, Blake	33	1442	43.70	62	1	8	13	7	0
	Total	33	1442	43.70	62	1	8	13	7	0
	Opponents	22	915	41.59	66	1	9	10	6	0

#	Kickoffs	NO	YDS	AVG	ТВ	ОВ
11	Griffin, Caleb	8	503	62.9	5	1
17	McCourt, James	23	1399	60.8	12	0
	Total	31	1902	61.4	17	1
	Opponents	42	2499	59.5	14	1

# **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

#	All Purpose	G	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	Total	AVG/G
2	Brown, Chase	7	510	30	0	62	0	602	86.00
26	Epstein, Mike	6	360	29	0	0	0	389	64.83
9	Imatorbhebhe, Josh	7	0	297	0	0	0	297	42.43
1	Williams, Isaiah	5	287	0	0	0	0	287	57.40
4	Thompson, Khmari	5	0	0	0	234	0	234	46.80
87	Barker, Daniel	7	0	214	0	0	0	214	30.57
14	Hightower, Brian	7	0	201	0	0	0	201	28.71
18	Peters, Brandon	4	136	0	0	0	0	136	34.00
8	Washington, Casey	7	0	106	0	0	0	106	15.14
86	Navarro, Donny	7	0	88	16	0	0	104	14.86
7	Taylor, Coran	2	74	0	0	0	0	74	37.00
20	Cumby, Kyron	5	11	16	0	40	0	67	13.40
15	Lindenman, Ty	1	0	0	0	65	0	65	65.00
88	Imatorbhebhe, Daniel	4	0	54	0	0	0	54	13.50
14	Hayes, Blake	7	34	0	0	0	0	34	4.86
11	Sandy, Carlos	3	0	29	0	0	0	29	9.67
8	Hobbs, Nate	5	0	0	0	0	26	26	5.20
19	Campbell, Dalevon	6	0	24	0	0	0	24	4.00
6	Adams, Tony	6	0	0	0	0	23	23	3.83
82	Ford, Luke	7	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.14
28	Love III, Reggie	7	12	0	0	0	0	12	1.71
35	Hansen, Jake	7	0	0	0	0	12	12	1.71
13	Frenchie Jr., James	6	0	0	8	0	0	8	1.33
12	Robinson, Matt	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.50
11	Griffin, Caleb	3	0	0	4	0	0	4	1.33
23	Lillig, Conner	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.50
3	Norwood, Jakari	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
46	McEachern, Alec	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.17
	Team	7	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-2.43
	Total	7	1416	1103	28	402	61	3010	430.00

# **DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

				Tackles		Sacks	Fumble	Blocked						
#	Defensive Leaders	GP	Solo	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS	NO-YDS	INT-YDS	BU	QBH	RCV-YDS	FF	KICK	SAF
35	Hansen, Jake	7	32	27	59	7.5-19	1.0-3	2-12	2	_	2-0	2	-	_
6	Adams, Tony	6	25	26	51	_	_	1-23	1	_	_	-	-	-
45	Tolson, Khalan	7	15	24	39	6.0-21	1.5-11	_	2	2	1-0	2	-	-
30	Brown, Sydney	6	20	16	36	0.5-2	_	_	_	_	_	1	l –	-
8	Hobbs, Nate	5	22	9	31	2.0-3	_	1-26	2	_	_	_	-	_
31	Witherspoon, Devon	6	16	12	28	1.0-4	_	2-0	_	_	2-0	_	-	_
21	Martin, Jartavius	7	18	8	26	_	_	_	1	_	_	1	-	_
44	Barnes, Tarique	5	12	13	25	1.5-10	1.0-9	1-0 — —		1-39	_	-	-	
99	Carney Jr., Owen	7	11	14	25	7.0-50	5.0-40	_	_	2	_	1	-	_
5	Eifler, Milo	5	15	6	21	2.5-3	_	_	1	_	_	_	-	_
94	Newton, Jer'Zhan	7	5	15	20	1.0-10	1.0-10	_	_	_	_	1	-	_
96	Perry II, Roderick	6	5	12	17	2.5-21	2.0-20	_	1	_	_	_	-	_
2	Smith, Derrick	7	12	5	17	1.0-1	_	_	_	1	_	_	-	_
92	Gay, Isaiah	6	8	7	15	2.0-8	1.5-7	_	1	_	1-0	_	-	_
25	Joseph, Kerby	6	8	4	12	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
15	Ware, Delano	5	7	4	11	_	_	_	1	1	_	_	-	_
49	Coleman, Seth	7	5	5	10	3.5-8	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
93	Avery, Calvin	6	6	3	9	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
42	Marchese, Michael	3	5	3	8	_	_	_	1	_	_	_	-	_
17	Smith, Kendall	7	3	4	7	_	_	_	1	_	_	_	-	_
3	Beason, Marquez	6	5	1	6	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
88	Randolph Jr., Keith	4	4	2	6	_	_	_	1	_	_	-	l –	_
29	Bobak, Christian	5	2	2	4	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
91	Woods, Jamal	4	2	2	4	0.5-0	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
51	Coghlan, Sean	7	2	1	3	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
40	Cooper, Shammond	4	2	1	3	0.5-1	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
54	Mondesir, Marc	4	2	1	3	0.5-2	_	_	_	_	_	-	-	-
48	Barnes, Bryce	7	_	2	2	0.5-1	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
19	Campbell, Dalevon	6	1	1	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-
24	Fedanzo, Nick	6	2	_	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
46	McEachern, Alec	6	1	1	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
98	Pate, Deon	7	1	1	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-	-
87	Barker, Daniel	7	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-
2	Brown, Chase	7	1	_	1	_	_	_		_	_	_	-	_
26	Epstein, Mike	6	1	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
33	Holmes, Ezekiel	3	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
34	Meed, Ryan	3	1	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
63	Palczewski, Alex	4	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
75	Pihlstrom, Alex	6	1	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
89	Reiman, Tip	7	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
41	Riggins, Trevon	1	1	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
32	Leitzsey, Tailon	1	_	_		_	_	_		. 1	_			
	Total	7	279	236	515	40.0-164	13.0-100	7-61	15	7	7-39	8	-	_
	Opponents	7	259	192	451	34.0-105	12.0-64	3-30	18	19	4-0	6	-	_



## **ILLINOIS GAME-BY-GAME**

			Rushin	g		Receiving Pass		sing	Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot					
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	Ig	off
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	25	131	0	31	8	87	0	26	8-22-1	87	0	26	6	89	0	20	1	8	0	8	218
Oct 31	PURDUE	44	177	1	33	20	295	2	44	20-33-2	295	2	44	3	74	0	35	1	16	0	16	472
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	36	181	1	63	6	106	1	52	6-17-0	106	1	52	3	53	0	19	0	0	0	0	287
Nov 14	at Rutgers	59	338	2	39	7	104	0	22	7-18-0	104	0	22	3	59	0	24	0	0	0	0	442
Nov 21	at Nebraska	52	285	4	58	18	205	1	28	18-25-0	205	1	28	2	40	0	22	0	0	0	0	490
Dec 05	IOWA	38	149	0	17	17	199	3	29	17-35-0	199	3	29	2	22	0	21	1	4	0	4	348
Dec 12	at Northwestern	35	155	0	20	7	107	1	46	7-22-0	107	1	46	4	65	0	26	0	0	0	0	262
		289	1416	8	63	83	1103	8	52	83-172-3	1103	8	52	23	402	0	35	3	28	0	16	2519
Opponent	ts	305	1588	13	53	130	1585	15	66	130-187-7	1585	15	66	12	195	0	29	13	80	0	21	3173

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 4.9 • Avg/catch: 13.3 • Pass effic: 113.98 • KR avg: 17.5 • PR avg: 9.3 • All purpose avg/game: 430.0 • Total offense avg/gm: 359.9

		Tackles				Sacks	Fun	nble	Pass I	blkd	PAT A	s	off					
Date	Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	52	26	78	7.0-24	2.0-16	1	1-39	0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	7
Oct 31	PURDUE	36	38	74	8.0-38	4.0-33	3	2-0	0-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	37	36	73	5.0-24	1.0-10	1	1-0	1-0	3	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	14
Nov 14	at Rutgers	35	34	69	5.0-11	1.0-3	1	0-0	3-30	2	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	6	23
Nov 21	at Nebraska	36	44	80	8.0-45	3.0-28	1	2-0	3-31	0	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	17	41
Dec 05	IOWA	35	40	75	4.0-15	2.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Dec 12	at Northwestern	48	18	66	3.0-7	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	2	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
		279	236	515	40.0-164	13.0-100	8	7-39	7-61	7	15	0	17-17	0	0	0	44	140
Oppone	nts	259	192	451	34.0-105	12.0-64	6	4-0	3-21	19	18	0	26-27	0	1	0	34	223

					Pun	nting		Field	Goals		Kickoffs							
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long bli	ιd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	5	216	43.2	54	0	0	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	2	126	63.0	0	0
Oct 31	PURDUE	2	83	41.5	53	0	1	0	1	1	1-1	28	0	5	319	63.8	3	1
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	8	336	42.0	54	0	0	2	1	2	0-0	0	0	3	184	61.3	2	0
Nov 14	at Rutgers	4	184	46.0	59	0	0	3	1	3	3-5	47	0	6	388	64.7	4	0
Nov 21	at Nebraska	3	137	45.7	49	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	24	0	8	515	64.4	5	0
Dec 05	IOWA	7	266	38.0	49	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	4	200	50.0	1	0
Dec 12	at Northwestern	4	220	55.0	62	0	0	0	3	3	1-3	39	0	3	170	56.7	2	0
		33	1442	43.7	62	0	1	8	7	13	7-11	47	0	31	1902	61.4	17	1
Oppone	nts	22	915	41.6	66	0	1	9	6	10	7-7	40	0	42	2499	59.5	14	1

## **OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME**

			Rushin	g		Receiving			Pas		Kid	k Ret	urns		Pu		tot					
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	no. yds td lg		cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	Ig	off	
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	54	182	1	13	20	248	5	53	20-21-0	248	5	53	2	28	0	28	1	0	0	0	430
Oct 31	PURDUE	31	85	1	35	29	371	2	45	29-35-0	371	2	45	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	456
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	47	325	5	53	17	231	1	32	17-27-1	231	1	32	1	27	0	27	1	8	0	8	556
Nov 14	at Rutgers	33	166	0	32	21	256	2	66	21-34-3	256	2	66	2	39	0	20	1	-1	0	0	422
Nov 21	at Nebraska	44	215	2	32	18	177	1	31	18-30-3	177	1	31	3	63	0	29	3	29	0	21	392
Dec 05	IOWA	38	204	1	31	18	220	3	24	18-28-0	220	3	24	2	24	0	12	5	29	0	18	424
Dec 12	at Northwestern	58	411	3	50	7	82 1 33		7-12-0	82	1	33	1	0	0	0	2	15	0	17	493	
		305	1588	13	53	130	1585	15	66	130-187-7	1585	15	66	12	195	0	29	13	80	0	21	3173
Illinois		289	1416	8	63	83	1103	8	52	83-172-3	1103	8	52	23	402	0	35	3	28	0	16	2519

Games: 7 • Avg/rush: 5.2 • Avg/catch: 12.2 • Pass effic: 159.70 • KR avg: 16.2 • PR avg: 6.2 • All purpose avg/game: 495.6 • Total offense avg/gm: 453.3

			Ta	ckles		Sacks	Fun	nble	Pass I	blkd	PAT Attempts				off			
Date	Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	30	10	40	6.0-17	3.0-12	1	1-0	1-10	2	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	10	45
Oct 31	PURDUE	42	36	78	4.0-16	2.0-12	1	2-0	2-11	3	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	21	31
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	31	18	49	4.0-23	4.0-23	1	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	5-6	0	0	0	0	41
Nov 14	at Rutgers	42	42	84	5.0-5	1.0-1	1	1-0	0-0	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Nov 21	at Nebraska	39	44	83	6.0-14	1.0-8	2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Dec 05	IOWA	41	24	65	4.0-21	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	2	6	0	3-3	0	1	0	0	35
Dec 12	at Northwestern	34	18	52	5.0-9	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
		259	192	451	34.0-105	12.0-64	6	4-0	3-21	19	18	0	26-27	0	1	0	34	223
Illinois		279	236	515	40.0-164	13.0-100	8	7-39	7-61	7	15	0	17-17	0	0	0	44	140

					Pun	iting		Field		Kickoffs								
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long blk	d	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Oct 23	at Wisconsin	4	184	46.0	60	0	0	1	1	2	1-1	19	0	8	470	58.8	1	0
Oct 31	PURDUE	3	98	32.7	51	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	36	0	6	389	64.8	3	0
Nov 07	MINNESOTA	2	51	25.5	30	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	0	0	7	454	64.9	4	0
Nov 14	at Rutgers	4	182	45.5	66	0	0	3	1	1	2-2	29	0	5	303	60.6	1	0
Nov 21	at Nebraska	2	98	49.0	56	0	0	1	1	2	1-1	30	0	4	224	56.0	1	0
Dec 05	IOWA	5	210	42.0	54	0	0	3	1	2	2-2	40	0	7	413	59.0	4	0
Dec 12	at Northwestern	2	92	46.0	54	0	1	1	1	1	0-0	0	0	5	246	49.2	0	1
		22	915	41.6	66	0	1	9	6	10	7-7	40	0	42	2499	59.5	14	1
Illinois		33	1442	43.7	62	0	1	8	7	13	7-11	47	0	31	1902	61.4	17	1