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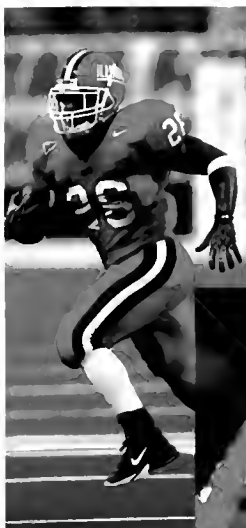
ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

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Spring Prospectus



EB Halsey



Kevin Hayden, Sr., WR

- Led the team in receiving with 592 yards
- Ranked sixth in Big Ten in receptions
- NJCAA National Offensive Player of the Year in 2002



Kevin Hayden



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E.B. Halsey, So., RB

- Became the first true-freshman running back in school history to top the 100-yard mark in his first collegiate game
- Recorded 1,285 all-purpose yards in rookie season
- Ranked fourth in the Big Ten in all-purpose yards, third in kick return average and 10th in rushing as a freshman

Duke Preston



Matt Maddox, Sr., OL

- Named to the 2003 Freshman All-America team by Rivals.com and collegefootballnews.com
- Started all 12 games as a redshirt-freshman at right guard in 2003
- Was in on every offensive snap, totaling 64 knockdowns

Matt Maddox



Duke Preston, Sr., C

- Two-year starter at center
- Helped lead school record-setting offense in 2002
- Anchors four returning starters on offensive line



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2004 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

Head Coach: Ron Turner

Alma Mater: Pacific, '77

Record at Illinois: 32-49

Record overall: 39-53

Seasons at Illinois: Eighth season

Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Line:

Harry Hiestand

Alma Mater: East Stroudsburg, '83

Seasons at Illinois: Eighth season

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers:

Mike Mallory

Alma Mater: Michigan, '85

Seasons at Illinois: Fourth season

Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs:

Dan Roushar

Alma Mater: Northern Illinois, '85

Seasons at Illinois: Second season

Wide Receivers/Recruiting: Robert Jackson

Alma Mater: Northern Illinois, '74

Seasons at Illinois: Sixth season

Tight Ends/Special Teams: Greg McMahon

Alma Mater: Eastern Illinois, '83

Seasons at Illinois: 13th season

Quarterbacks: Dan O'Dell

Alma Mater: San Jose State, '98

Seasons at Illinois: Fourth season

Secondary: Scott Shafer

Alma Mater: Baldwin-Wallace, '90

Seasons at Illinois: First season

Linebackers: Tommy Thigpen

Alma Mater: North Carolina, '94

Seasons at Illinois: Second season

Defensive Line: Donnie Thompson

Alma Mater: UConn, '75

Seasons at Illinois: Fourth season

Graduate Assistants: Robbie Long (defense),

Ronnie O'Dell (offense), Brian Hodges

(operations)

Strength Coach: Jim Zielinski

Director of Football Operations: Lloyd Richards

Director of Sports Medicine: John Quinn

Equipment Manager: Trent Chesnut

Video Coordinator: Steve Cramer

2003 Record: 1-11, 0-8 Big Ten (11th)

Offensive Formation: Pro-style

Defensive Formation: Multiple 4-3

Letterwinners returning/lost: 38/20

Offensive letterwinners ret./lost: 18/6

Defensive letterwinners ret./lost: 18/11

Special Teams letterwinners ret./lost: 2/3

Starters returning/lost: 16/6

Offensive starters ret./lost: 9/2

Defensive starters ret./lost: 7/4

Office Phone: (217) 333-1400

Mailing Address: Memorial Stadium

1402 South First Street

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Champaign, IL 61820

2004 SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 4 | Florida A&M | Champaign, Ill. |
| Sept. 11 | UCLA | Champaign, Ill. |
| Sept. 18 | Western Michigan | Champaign, Ill. |
| Sept. 25 | Purdue | Champaign, Ill. |
| Oct. 2 | at Wisconsin | Madison, Wis. |
| Oct. 9 | at Michigan State | East Lansing, Mich. |
| Oct. 16 | Michigan | Champaign, Ill. |
| Oct. 23 | at Minnesota | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Oct. 30 | Iowa | Champaign, Ill. |
| Nov. 6 | Indiana | Champaign, Ill. |
| Nov. 20 | at Northwestern | Evanston, Ill. |

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: Champaign-Urbana

Founded: 1867

Enrollment: 38,000

Colors: Orange & Blue

Nickname: Fighting Illini

Conference: Big Ten

President: James J. Stukel

Chancellor: Nancy Cantor

Director of Athletics: Ron Guenther

Alma Mater: Illinois, '67

Stadium: Memorial Stadium

Capacity: 69,249

Surface: Astro Play

2004 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| March 15 | Practice #1 | 3:50 p.m. |
| March 17 | Practice #2 | 3:50 p.m. |
| March 18 | Practice #3 | 3:50 p.m. |
| March 20-27 | Spring Break | |
| March 30 | Practice #4 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 1 | Practice #5 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 2 | Practice #6 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 3 | Practice #7 | 2 p.m. |
| April 5 | Practice #8 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 7 | Practice #9 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 8 | Practice #10 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 10 | Practice #11 | 6 p.m. |
| April 12 | Practice #12 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 14 | Practice #13 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 15 | Practice #14 | 3:50 p.m. |
| April 17 | Spring Game | 1 p.m. |

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2004 SPRING FOOTBALL NOTES

OFFENSIVE LINE BATTLES

One of the most anticipated battles this spring will be for the five starting positions on the offensive line, despite the departure of only one starter from last season. Coaches will be watching the development and emergence of what is touted to be the best recruiting class of offensive linemen in school history. In 2003, the Illini signed five linemen who all have a chance to compete for a spot in this season's lineup.

Returning starters to the line are guards Matt Maddox and Bryan Koch, as well as center Duke Preston and right tackle Bucky Babcock.

Maddox, a sophomore, earned freshman All-America honors from Rivals.com and collegefootballnews.com last season for his solid performance at right guard. The other guard position was held by Koch until a neck injury sidelined him for the final five games of the season. His replacement, utility lineman Dave Hilderbrand, will also have the chance to earn a spot in the lineup. Battling for both guard positions will be Parade All-American Martin O'Donnell. O'Donnell redshirted the 2003 season, but was one of the most highly recruited players in the state in 2002.

Preston looks to become a three-year starter at center for the Illini, after helping lead the group to school-record total offense numbers in 2002. Last season, he registered 71 knockdowns and allowed only six pressures on the quarterback all season. Challenging the center position will be junior Kyle Schnettgoecke and redshirt-freshman Ben Amundsen.

Senior Bucky Babcock heads into his fourth season as a starter, but only second at tackle after spending his first two years in the lineup at right guard. However, on his heels is redshirt-freshman James Ryan, who impressed coaches last fall and was named Illinois' scout team offensive player of the year. All-Big Ten performer Sean Bubin graduated, leaving a vacancy at left tackle, which could prove to be a hot battle this spring. The tight race includes sophomore JJ Simmons and redshirt-freshman Jim LaBonte. Simmons gained some valuable playing time on special teams last year.

SIXTH YEAR PLAYERS

In January, the Illinois football program received word that the NCAA had granted a sixth year of eligibility to quarterback Jon Beutjer and defensive end Mike O'Brien. Beutjer is a two-year starter for the Illini, who has passed for 4,108 yards and 31 touchdowns during that time. He missed the final

five games of the season in 2003 with a season-ending back injury. In 2002, he led the Big Ten in passing yardage. O'Brien had a career game in the season opener against Missouri, registering a career-high nine tackles, eight solo, and three tackles for loss. Three days later in a practice drill he tore his ACL and had season-ending surgery.

COORDINATING EFFORTS

This season's coaching staff features a pair of new coordinators in Mike Mallory on the offense and Dan Roushar on the defense. Both have previous coordinating experience.

Mallory, who has been on staff for three seasons, moves from linebackers coach to running the defensive side of the ball. He spent four seasons as the coordinator at Northern Illinois and three at Rhode Island. Roushar has had experience in that role on the offensive side of the ball at Northern Illinois, Ball State and Butler.

Turner, who calls the offensive plays on game day, will use Roushar in a complementary role with organizational and motivational duties.

The Illini also added former Northern Illinois defensive coordinator Scott Shafer to the staff, who will take control of the secondary. During his time at NIU, he tutored eight All-MAC players in the secondary and his units ranked first in the conference in interceptions for two straight seasons.

SOPHOMORE RUNNING BACKS

What was youth last season is now experience at tailback. They are one-year older and one-year wiser as the Illini's trio of true-freshmen running backs from a year ago return to become a highlight on offense. E.B. Halsey led the pack with 525 yards and was on pace to break the school's freshman rushing record before a knee injury kept him out of three games. He made his presence felt with 1,285 all-purpose yards, making an impact as a running back, returner and receiver. Illinois also got quality time from Pierre Thomas with 233 yards and two touchdowns until he suffered a season-ending leg injury. The Illini then turned to their third rookie talent in Marcus Mason, who capped off the season with 214 yards.

LINEBACKERS

Despite losing three seniors who were all considered starters at linebacker during some point in their career, the position returns many experienced players, which could make for wide open races at all three spots. Senior Matt Sinclair and junior Antonio Mason

return as starters from a year ago, but will be challenged by both experience and youth. Sinclair led the team a year ago with 129 total tackles at the middle linebacker position and was named honorable mention All-Big Ten, but will also be in the mix on the outside. He will be challenged inside by senior Mike Gawelek and redshirt-freshman Joe Mele. Gawelek has seen action in 32 career games, while Mele will be making his first collegiate appearance this fall, but was impressive with defensive and special teams scout team player of the year awards from the coaches.

At the one of the outside positions, Mason returns along with junior Josh Tischer. Mason had 90 tackles, three for loss in 2003, while Tischer played in eight games registering 14 total stops. The graduation of Winston Taylor leaves an opening at the other spot, which could be filled with Sinclair, sophomore Cyrus Garrett or redshirt-freshman J Leman. Garrett saw limited time in five games with three tackles.

EARLY BIRD

True-freshman running back Brock Bolen joins the Illinois football team for spring practice after graduating early from high school and enrolling on college classes in January. Bolen is looking to get a jump start on learning the Ron Turner pro-style offense, one that heavily involves running backs. Bolen was one of Illinois' most highly touted recruits, a Top-100 pick by the Chicago Sun Times. He rushed for 2,087 yards and scored 40 touchdowns as a senior, which earned him the No. 1 national ranking at fullback by recruiting analyst Tom Lemming. He will be challenging junior Jason Davis and redshirt-freshman Brian Grzelakowski for playing time this fall.

WHO'S UNDER CENTER

With the return of senior Jon Beutjer at quarterback, the position looks to be a hot battle for spring practices. The University learned of the granting of Beutjer's sixth year in January making the race for the starting position a four-man battle. Beutjer heads into spring with the most experience, starting 14 games in two years for the Illini. He led the Big Ten in passing in 2002 and was averaging 228.1 yards per contest before a back injury sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

Of the returning quarterbacks, sophomore Chris Pazan saw the most game action behind Beutjer, getting his first collegiate start at "The Big House." In six games, he completed nearly 60 percent of his passes, averaging 85.2 yards a game in two starts.

Sophomore Tim Brasic and redshirt-fresh-



man Brad Bower will also be in the thick of the competition for the starting job. Brasic played in one game, attempting only one pass against Illinois State. The staff will see Bower in action running the Illinois offense this spring after watching him take on the roles of opponents last season on the scout team. Bower passed for 2,886 yards and 48 touchdowns as a senior at Hinsdale Central in 2002.

THE COVERING ILLINI

The defensive secondary will feature young players, who also have experience on their side. Both cornerback positions have returning starters, but are sophomores. True-sophomore Alan Ball got on the job training last year as he started five games and played in seven for the Illini. He recorded 44 tackles in his rookie season, including a career-high 11 at Iowa. On the other side, third-year sophomore Sharriff Abdullah returns after five starts in 2003. Along with his 31 tackles, he recorded a tackle-for-loss and two passes broken up. The two will be pushed by seniors Taman Jordan and Jamaal Clark and junior James Cooper.

The dean of the defensive backfield is two-year starting free safety Travis Williams. With 18 starts under his belt, Williams is a candidate for all-star honors. He was third on the team in total tackles and had one of the team's two interceptions. His athleticism is evident with the number of touchdowns scored by Williams. In his career, he has scored three times - interception return, blocked kick and kickoff return. Last season, he also forced and recovered a fumble and recorded a tackle-for-loss. Backing up the free safety position will be junior Kyle Kleckner, who also is in the hunt at strong safety. The three-way battle begins with Kleckner and converted running back Morris Virgil, as well as redshirt-freshman Kevin Mitchell. Kleckner saw action in all 12 games, registering 18 tackles.

THE SPECIAL TEAMERS

Steve Weatherford jumped on the national scene as a punter last season after breaking a 55-year-old school record for punt yardage average with a 44.3 yards per punt mark. He ranked second in the Big Ten and 12th nationally, which earned him honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. He also handled kickoff duties toward the end of the season. On his 14 kickoffs, opposing teams averaged only 17.9 return yards. With the graduation of placekickers John Gockman and JJ Tubbs, Weatherford could be asked to take on a new special teams role, that of field goal and extra point placekicker. Currently Weatherford is listed atop the Illini depth chart at the posi-

tion, as well as co-leader at punter along with senior Matt Minnes. Minnes started at punter for four games for the Illini, averaging 43.1 yards for his 15 punts.

MOVING PARTS

One of the Turner's most successful traits is the ability to make position moves that prove beneficial for the team. This offseason is no different as spring practice will feature some new role changes. The defensive secondary will get a couple new faces in running backs turn defensive backs Morris Virgil and James Cooper. Cooper was recruited by the Illini as a DB, but moved to running back to fill depth needs in 2003. Virgil began to take a look at the defensive side of the ball toward the end of last season and will make that move permanent this spring. Cooper will be challenging sophomore Alan Ball for time at cornerback, while Virgil looks to be contender for a starting role at strong safety.

DaJuan Warren decided to follow in the footsteps of other successful quarterbacks turn wide receiver, Walter Young and Mark Kornfeld, as the 6-5, 200-pound youngster looks to make an impact at receiver. Recruited as a quarterback, Warren asked to be moved to receiver midway through the season and became a valuable target for scout team quarterbacks during his redshirt season. Warren will be in the hunt for playing time with senior Ade Adeyemo and sophomore Lonnie Hurst.

Coaches saw something in redshirt-freshman defensive tackle Chris Norwell in a brief time that had him playing on the defensive scout team. Norwell came in as a tight end, moved to offensive tackle and then again to the defensive line, to take advantage of his aggressive demeanor. He will have the opportunity this spring to vie for a role at tackle, along with senior Mike Maloney and junior Brian Schaefering.

RECOVERING ILLINI

In 2003, the Illinois football team had an unprecedented 12 in-season surgeries, which affected the loss of 17 players for a total 75 missed games. Among those impact players lost for the season were defensive linemen Mike O'Brien and Brian Schaefering. Both were expected to be starters on the line with O'Brien playing one game, against Missouri recording nine tackles and three for loss, before an ACL tear ended his year. Schaefering had a shoulder injury which kept him out the entire season. The two will return for the 2004 season.

Six games into the season, Illini starting quarterback Jon Beutjer and left guard Bryan Koch both discovered their seasons were over when they suffered back injuries against

Michigan State. The two were absent for five contests.

In the course of one game, Illinois lost both starting receivers to injuries as junior Kelvin Hayden and Lonnie Hurst went down against Minnesota. Hurst broke his leg and was out the remainder of the year and Hayden missed two games with an ankle sprain and returned for the finale. One of the key contributors at receiver after losing the two was Ade Adeyemo, who missed four games earlier in the season with a rib injury suffered at the Rose Bowl against UCLA.

The running backs were also not immune to the injury bug as freshman phenom E.B. Halsey's knee sprain removed him from three games, while he was on pace to break the school's freshman rushing record. Replacing Halsey was freshman Pierre Thomas, who one game later tore muscles in his calf ending his rookie season. The Illini then turned to a third tailback in freshman Marcus Mason. Senior fullback Carey Davis defied all odds when he returned to play just four days after a knee scope, but an infection kept him out three weeks.

THE SCHEDULE

For the first time in school history, the Illinois football team will host seven home games for the 2004 season. Despite having a homefield advantage, the Illini will have to take on eight teams that went to bowl games a year ago. In 2003, Illinois' schedule featured 10 bowl teams and this upcoming season doesn't seem to ease the difficulty. Seven of Illinois' eight Big Ten opponents were bowl-bound a year ago, along with non-conference foe UCLA.

Illinois does however open the season with four consecutive home contests with the season opener against Florida A&M, followed by UCLA, Western Michigan and Purdue in the conference opener. The squad also plays host to the Michigan Wolverines, Iowa Hawkeyes and Indiana Hoosiers.



2004 ILLINOIS SPRING FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

SPRING ROSTER

| NO | NAME | POS | HT | WT | YR | ELIG. | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL |
|----|----------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|---|
| 22 | Sharriff Abdullah* | DB | 5-8 | 180 | So. | 3-3 | Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres |
| 97 | Kyle Adams | PK | 6-2 | 215 | Jr. | 2-2 | Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central |
| 4 | Ade Adeyemo** | WR | 6-0 | 195 | Sr. | 1-1 | Chicago, Ill./St. Rita |
| 69 | Ben Amundsen | OL | 6-6 | 305 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Moline, Ill./Moline |
| 70 | Bucky Babcock*** | OL | 6-4 | 305 | Sr. | 1-1 | Stillman Valley, Ill./Stillman Valley |
| 18 | Alan Ball* | CB | 6-1 | 175 | So. | 4-3 | Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres |
| 7 | Jon Beutjer** | QB | 6-5 | 211 | Sr. | 1-1 | Wheaton, Ill./Iowa/Wheaton-Warrenville |
| 33 | Brock Bolen | RB | 6-1 | 230 | Fr. | 5-4 | Springboro, Ohio/Valley View |
| 14 | Brad Bower | QB | 6-2 | 210 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central |
| 92 | Arthur Boyd* | DL | 6-3 | 265 | So. | 4-3 | Shaker Heights, Ohio/Shaker Heights |
| 95 | Justin Brantley | PK | 5-9 | 160 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres |
| 15 | Tim Brasic* | QB | 6-2 | 185 | So. | 3-3 | Riverside, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield |
| 31 | Brian Brosnan** | S | 6-1 | 205 | Jr. | 2-2 | Chicago, Ill./Notre Dame HS |
| 88 | Melvin Bryant* | TE | 6-5 | 235 | So. | 3-3 | Muncie, Ind./Muncie Central |
| 59 | Kam Buckner | DL | 6-4 | 260 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park |
| 96 | Andrew Burk | OL | 6-6 | 290 | So. | 3-3 | Newburgh, Ind./Castle |
| 9 | Jamaal Clark*** | WR | 6-2 | 195 | Sr. | 1-1 | St. Louis, Mo./Riverview Gardens |
| 25 | James Cooper | DB | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | 2-2 | South Holland, Ill./Thornton Township |
| 34 | Jason Davis** | FB | 5-11 | 220 | Jr. | 3-2 | St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh |
| 22 | Kieron Frazier | WR | 6-2 | 160 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Mason, Ohio/Cherry Hill East |
| 76 | Kevin Gage | OL | 6-6 | 285 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Downers Grove, Ill./Downers Grove South |
| 52 | Cyrus Garrett | LB | 6-3 | 230 | So. | 3-3 | Bolingbrook, Ill./Romeoville |
| 45 | Mike Gawelek*** | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Sr. | 1-1 | Chillicothe, Ohio/Chillicothe |
| 56 | Zach Gray* | DL | 6-3 | 250 | So. | 3-3 | Gillman, Ill./Iroquois West |
| 35 | Brian Grzelakowski | FB | 5-11 | 210 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Clarendon Hills, Ill./Hinsdale Central |
| 26 | E.B. Halsey* | RB | 5-11 | 185 | So. | 4-3 | Elizabeth, N.J./Elizabeth |
| 6 | Kelvin Hayden* | WR/CB | 6-0 | 198 | Sr. | 2-1 | Chicago, Ill./Hubbard/Joliet JC |
| 63 | Dave Hilderbrand*** | OL | 6-3 | 290 | Sr. | 1-1 | Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central |
| 1 | Lonnie Hurst* | WR | 6-3 | 190 | So. | 4-3 | Detroit, Mich./Jesusit |
| 17 | Spencer Jensen | WR | 6-0 | 180 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township |
| 84 | Kendrick Jones** | WR | 6-1 | 180 | Jr. | 2-2 | East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis |
| 21 | Taman Jordan*** | DB | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 2-1 | Tempe, Ariz./Marcos De Niza |
| 39 | Tyler Keely | LS | 6-1 | 172 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Oswego, Ill./Oswego |
| 10 | Kyle Kleckner* | DB | 6-0 | 195 | Jr. | 2-2 | Downers Grove, Ill./Downers Grove North |
| 71 | Bryan Koch** | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Sr. | 1-1 | Wentzville, Mo./Francis Howell |
| 19 | Mark Kornfeld** | WR | 6-1 | 200 | Sr. | 1-1 | St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis Univ. HS |
| 40 | Justin Kovach | LS | 6-1 | 220 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Lombard, Ill./Montini Catholic |
| 61 | Jordan Kruger | OL | 6-4 | 285 | Jr. | 2-2 | Chicago, Ill./New Trier/Ohio University |
| 68 | Jim LaBonte | OL | 6-7 | 300 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Lombard, Ill./Montini Catholic |
| 47 | J Leman | LB | 6-3 | 220 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Champaign, Ill./Central |
| 31 | Frank Lenti | WR | 6-2 | 180 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Chicago, Ill./Mt. Carmel |
| 67 | Matt Maddox* | OL | 6-4 | 290 | So. | 3-3 | Manasquan, N.J./Manasquan |
| 74 | Mike Maloney** | DL | 6-3 | 280 | Sr. | 1-1 | Joliet, Ill./Joliet Catholic |
| 46 | Antonio Mason** | LB | 6-0 | 245 | Jr. | 2-2 | St. Louis, Mo./Pattonville |
| 23 | Marcus Mason* | RB | 5-9 | 200 | So. | 4-3 | Pontiac, Md./Georgetown Prep |
| 97 | Ryan Matha** | DT | 6-1 | 285 | Jr. | 2-2 | Dixon, Ill./Dixon |
| 81 | Anthony McClellan*** | TE | 6-3 | 245 | Sr. | 1-1 | O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon Township |
| 89 | Mark McGoey | WR | 6-4 | 195 | So. | 3-3 | Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville |
| 29 | Drew McMahon | DB | 5-10 | 175 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Champaign, Ill./Central |
| 32 | Joe Mele | LB | 6-2 | 225 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Sea Girt, N.J./Manasquan |

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|-------|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-------|--|
| 38 | Matt Minnes** | P | 6-2 | 195 | Sr. | 1-1 | Urbana, Ill./Urbana |
| 42 | Kevin Mitchell | S | 6-0 | 190 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Ft. Wayne, Ind./Homestead |
| 90 | Scott Moss** | DL | 6-3 | 260 | Jr. | 3-2 | Minooka, Ill./Minooka |
| 69 | Josh Norris | DL | 5-11 | 250 | So. | 3-3 | Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart Griffin |
| 73 | Chris Norwell | DL | 6-7 | 270 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson |
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| 93 | Mike O'Brien*** | DE | 6-6 | 225 | Sr. | 1-1 | Oak Lawn, Ill./Marist |
| 64 | Martin O'Donnell | OL | 6-5 | 290 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Downers Grove, Ill./Downers Grove South |
| 53 | Nick Pankey | LS | 6-3 | 260 | Jr. | 2-2 | Herscher, Ill./Herscher |
| 80 | Franklin Payne | WR | 6-0 | 185 | So. | 3-3 | Jackson, Tenn./Univ. School of Jackson |
| 16 | Chris Pazan* | QB | 6-2 | 210 | So. | 3-3 | Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice |
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| 75 | Duke Preston** | OL | 6-5 | 305 | Sr. | 1-1 | San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel |
| 95 | Lee Robinson* | DL | 6-5 | 265 | Sr. | 1-1 | Naperville, Ill./Naperville N./Coll. of DuPage |
| 26 | Tyler Rouse | DB | 5-10 | 180 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Champaign, Ill./Centennial |
| 79 | James Ryan | OL | 6-6 | 310 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Batavia, Ill./Batavia |
| 66 | Brian Schaefering** | DL | 6-5 | 280 | Jr. | 2-2 | St. Louis, Mo./Hazelwood East |
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| 72 | Kyle Schnettgoecke | OL | 6-3 | 280 | Jr. | 2-2 | St. Louis, Mo./Chaminade |
| 99 | Dominic Shafer | PK | 5-10 | 180 | So. | 3-3 | Centralia, Ill./Centralia |
| 57 | JJ Simmons* | OL | 6-6 | 290 | So. | 3-3 | Mishawaka, Ind./Penn |
| 44 | Matt Sinclair*** | LB | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | 2-1 | St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis Univ. HS |
| 35 | Thomas Smiley | DB | 5-8 | 185 | So. | 3-3 | Chicago Ridge, Ill./HG Richards |
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| 82 | Tim Splant | WR | 6-5 | 195 | So. | 3-3 | Lockport, Ill./Lockport Township |
| 39 | James Stevenson | LB | 6-3 | 240 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Franklinville, N.J./Delsea Regional |
| 30 | Pierre Thomas* | RB | 5-11 | 190 | So. | 4-3 | Lynwood, Ill./Thornton Fractional South |
| 51 | Anthony Thornhill | LB | 6-1 | 215 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Detroit, Mich./Detroit Central |
| 36 | Josh Tischer** | LB | 6-1 | 215 | Jr. | 3-2 | Morris, Ill./Morris |
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| 85 | Mike Trepina | TE | 6-3 | 240 | So. | 3-3 | Darien, Ill./Hinsdale South |
| 99 | Bryan Truttling | DL | 6-4 | 295 | So. | 3-3 | East Chicago, Ind./East Chicago Central |
| 20 | Morris Virgil** | DB | 5-10 | 195 | Sr. | 1-1 | Urbana, Ill./Urbana |
| 8 | DeJuan Warren | WR | 6-3 | 195 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Southfield, Mich./Southfield |
| 37 | Steve Weatherford** | P | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 2-2 | Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North |
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| 40 | Steve Whitehill | LB | 6-2 | 215 | r-Fr. | 4-4 | Champaign, Ill./Centennial |
| 61 | Adam Wilk* | DL | 6-5 | 275 | So. | 4-3 | Lake Zurich, Ill./Lake Zurich |
| 28 | Travis Williams** | DB | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | 3-2 | East Alton, Ill./East Alton-Wood River |

2004 NUMERICAL ROSTER

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| 1 Lonnie HurstWR | 29 Drew McMahonDB | 52 Cyrus GarrettLB | 80 Franklin PayneWR |
| 4 Ade AdeyemoWR | 30 Pierre ThomasRB | 53 Nick PankeyLS | 81 Anthony McClellanTE |
| 6 Kelvin Hayden ...WR/DB | 31 Frank LentiWR | 56 Zach GrayDL | 82 Tim SplantWR |
| 7 Jon BeutjerQB | 31 Brian BrosnanS | 57 JJ SimmonsOL | 84 Kendrick JonesWR |
| 8 DeJuan WarrenWR | 32 Joe MeleLB | 59 Kam BucknerDL | 85 Mike TrepinaTE |
| 9 Jamaal ClarkWR | 33 Brock BolenRB | 61 Adam WilkDL | 88 Melvin BryantTE |
| 10 Kyle KlecknerDB | 34 Jason DavisFB | 61 Jordan KrugerOL | 89 Mark McGoeyWR |
| 14 Brad BowerQB | 35 Brian Grzelakowski ...FB | 63 Dave HilderbrandOL | 90 Scott MossDL |
| 15 Tim BrasicQB | 35 Thomas SmileyDB | 64 Martin O'DonnellOL | 92 Arthur BoydDL |
| 16 Chris PazanQB | 36 Josh TischerLB | 66 Brian SchaeferingDL | 93 Mike O'BrienDE |
| 17 Spencer JensenWR | 37 Steve WeatherfordP | 67 Matt MaddoxOL | 95 Justin BrantleyPK |
| 18 Alan BallCB | 38 Matt MinnesP | 68 Jim LaBonteOL | 95 Lee RobinsonDL |
| 19 Mark KornfeldWR | 39 James StevensonLB | 69 Ben AmundsenOL | 96 Andrew BurkOL |
| 20 Morris VirgilDB | 39 Tyler KeelyLS | 69 Josh NorrisDL | 97 Ryan MathaDT |
| 21 Taman JordanDB | 40 Justin KovachLS | 70 Bucky BabcockOL | 97 Kyle AdamsPK |
| 22 Sharriff AbdullahDB | 40 Steve WhitehillLB | 71 Bryan KochOL | 99 Bryan TruttlingDL |
| 22 Kieron FrazierWR | 42 Kevin MitchellS | 72 Kyle Schnettgoecke ...OL | 99 Dominic ShaferPK |
| 23 Marcus MasonRB | 44 Matt SinclairLB | 73 Chris NorwellDL | |
| 25 James CooperDB | 45 Mike GawelekLB | 74 Mike MaloneyDL | |
| 26 E.B. HalseyRB | 46 Antonio MasonLB | 75 Duke PrestonOL | |
| 26 Tyler RouseDB | 47 J LemanLB | 76 Kevin GageOL | |
| 28 Travis WilliamsDB | 51 Anthony ThornhillLB | 79 James RyanOL | |

RON TURNER

Head Football Coach • Pacific, '77 • Eighth Season

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

As Illinois head football coach Ron Turner enters his eighth year at the helm of the program, he looks to continue to build a program that just three years ago enjoyed an outright Big Ten Championship. Turner has engineered offenses that have broken school records and have the Illini among the top scorers in the country. During his tenure, the Illinois offense has posted the best total yards numbers in consecutive years (2001 and 2002), recorded more points than any other Illini team on two occasions (1999 and 2001) and passed for over 3,000 yards twice (2001 and 2002). Look at the all-time rushers in school history and you will find three of the top-five from the Turner era. Just two years ago, the Illini bid farewell to the greatest receiving corp the program has seen with four players making NFL rosters in 2003.

The 2002 offense set a new school mark for total offense, averaging 446.3 yards per game, which also ranked ninth nationally. Turner's high-powered offenses now rank in three of the school's top-five spots.

Quarterback Jon Beutjer led the conference in passing and the team held the top spot as well for the second straight year. Illinois fans saw the compilation of probably the greatest wide receiving corp in school history as Brandon Lloyd, Walter Young, Aaron Moorehead and Greg Lewis accounted for 57 touchdowns and over 7,700 receiving yards during their four years. At least three of the four rank on every career receiving record list and all four are on NFL rosters.

Not to leave out the rushing game, the Turner era has produced three of the best running backs in school history. In 2002, Antoino Harris capped his career with a 178-yard performance to break the single-season record. He also moved to second on the career list, behind only Robert Holcombe who set the career mark in 1997. A 2001 graduate, Rocky Harvey ranks fifth on that list.

The championship run in 2001 marked many firsts for the Illini. It was the first outright Big Ten title for Illinois in 18 years and the team's first-ever berth in the Bowl Championship Series. The 10-win season was only the fourth for an Illini squad in its storied history. For his efforts, Turner was unanimously named the 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year. He also was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson, Bear Bryant and the AFCA Coach of the Year awards. Illinois' No. 7 ranking in both the Associated Press and coaches' poll at

the end of the regular season was the highest for an Illini squad since 1990. The team finished No. 12 in both final polls.

Considered one of the game's great offensive minds, in 2001 Turner once again led his Illini to the highest scoring offense in school history, scoring 390 points for an average of 32.5 points per contestant. In 1999, Illinois scored 388 to break the previous scoring record set in 1982.

Turner is also known for his development of quarterbacks and his most recent protege, Kurt Kittner, benefited from his tutoring. Kittner was a Johnny Unitas Award finalist and a Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist. He became only the sixth Illinois quarterback to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season and with the win over Northwestern in 2001, he became the winningest quarterback in school history (24-15). He set the school record for touchdown passes in a career with 70 and broke his own single-season record of 24 set in 1999 with 27 in 2001.

Kittner also became one in a long line of successful Turner-coached quarterbacks to head to the NFL. Others on that prestigious list are: Jeff Garcia, Erik Kramer, Jim Harbaugh, Steve Stenstrom, Sean Salisbury, Rodney Peete, Bucky Richardson, Sandy Schwab, John Congemi and Dave Kreig.

During Turner's tenure, the Illini have been very successful in the NFL draft, with at least one player selected in each of his six seasons. In 2003, the Illini broke school records with five players taken in the



THE TURNER FILE

CAREER RECORD

| School | Year | Rec. | Conf. | Finish | Bowl |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| San Jose State | 1992 | 7-4 | 4-2 | 2nd | - |
| Illinois | 1997 | 0-11 | 0-8 | 11th | - |
| Illinois | 1998 | 3-8 | 2-6 | 7th | - |
| Illinois | 1999 | 8-4 | 4-4 | 6th | Micronpc.com |
| Illinois | 2000 | 5-6 | 2-6 | 7th | - |
| Illinois | 2001 | 10-2 | 7-1 | 1st | Sugar |
| Illinois | 2002 | 5-7 | 4-4 | 5th | - |
| Illinois | 2003 | 1-11 | 0-8 | 11th | = |
| at Illinois | 7 years | 32-49 | 19-37 | - | - |
| Career | 8 years | 39-53 | 23-39 | - | - |

COACHING EXPERIENCE

| | |
|---------|---|
| 1997- | University of Illinois (head coach) |
| 1993-96 | Chicago Bears (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks) |
| 1992 | San Jose State University (head coach) |
| 1989-91 | Stanford University (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks) |
| 1988 | Texas A&M University (quarterbacks) |
| 1985-87 | University of Southern California (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, receivers) |
| 1983-84 | University of Pittsburgh (quarterbacks) |
| 1981-82 | Northwestern University (quarterbacks/receivers) |
| 1978-80 | University of Arizona (running backs/receivers) |
| 1977 | University of the Pacific (graduate assistant) |

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year (unanimous)
- 2001 AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year
- 2001 Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2001 Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year Finalist

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Date of Birth:** December 5, 1953
- Hometown:** Martinez, Calif.
- Family:** Wife: Wendy; Children: Morgan, Cameron, Callan, Madison
- Education:** B.A. Physical Education University of Pacific, 1977
- Playing Experience:** Diablo Valley College (1973-74); Pacific (1975-76)



OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION UNDER TURNER

TOTAL OFFENSE

In 2002, the Illini topped the 5,000-yard total offense mark for only the second time in school history with 5,356, breaking the school record of 5,041 set in 2001. Turner has put together three of the best offensive years in school history, ranking first, second and fourth.

| RK. | YEAR | YARDS | AVG. | HEAD COACH |
|-----|------|-------|-------|------------|
| 1 | 2002 | 5,356 | 446.3 | Turner |
| 2. | 2001 | 5,041 | 420.1 | Turner |
| 3. | 1981 | 4,514 | 410.4 | White |
| 4. | 1999 | 4,887 | 407.3 | Turner |
| 5. | 1984 | 4,860 | 405.0 | White |

SCORING OFFENSE

Turner is also known for his ability to score, with his offenses ranked among the best in the nation each year. In four of the past five seasons, the Illinois scoring output has ranked in the school's Top-10. In 1999, Illinois broke the school record, scoring 388 points, only to set a new record in 2001 with 390 points. The Illini have scored 25 points or more in 35 of Turner's 81 games as head coach, including 13 games with 40 or more.

| RK. | YEAR | YARDS | AVG. | HEAD COACH |
|-----|------|-------|------|------------|
| 1 | 2001 | 390 | 32.5 | Turner |
| 2. | 1999 | 388 | 32.3 | Turner |
| 3. | 1984 | 323 | 29.4 | White |
| 4. | 1902 | 380 | 29.2 | Holt |
| 5. | 1983 | 347 | 28.9 | White |
| 6. | 2002 | 346 | 28.8 | Turner |
| 7. | 1982 | 338 | 28.3 | White |
| 8. | 1989 | 332 | 27.7 | Mackovic |
| 9. | 2000 | 294 | 26.7 | Turner |
| 10. | 1903 | 352 | 25.1 | Holt |

PASSING OFFENSE

Touted as a highly respected quarterbacks coach, Turner has produced the conference's best signal callers two of the past three seasons. Kurt Kittner led the Big Ten in passing 2001 with 271.3 yards per game, while Jon Beutjer was the conference's passing leader with 228.3 yards per contest in 2002. Illinois' 3,000-yard passing season in 2002 was only the ninth in school history and second-highest total output for an Illini squad. The 2002 and 2001 seasons rank fourth and fifth in the passing yards per game list.

| RK. | YEAR | YARDS | AVG. | HEAD COACH |
|-----|------|-------|-------|------------|
| 1 | 1981 | 3,398 | 308.9 | White |
| 2. | 1980 | 3,227 | 293.4 | White |
| 3. | 1984 | 3,130 | 284.5 | White |
| 4. | 2002 | 3,358 | 282.3 | Turner |
| 5. | 2001 | 3,327 | 277.3 | Turner |

RUSHING OFFENSE

Although the Illinois passing offense often overshadows the running game, three running backs from the Turner era rank on the school's Top-5 career list.

| RK | PLAYER (YEARS) | YARDS |
|----|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Robert Holcombe (1994-97) | 4,105 |
| 2. | Antoineo Harris (1999-2002) | 2,985 |
| 3. | Thomas Rooks (1982-85) | 2,887 |
| 4. | Jim Grabowski (1963-65) | 2,878 |
| 5. | Rocky Harvey (1998-2001) | 2,711 |

WIDE RECEIVERS

Never in Illinois history has a group of receivers dominated the Illinois record books, with three players from a single year ranking in every career record. In 1996 and 1985 the Illini had two players in the Top-10 of each list, but the 2002 squad broke the mark, adding a third.

| Career Receptions | Career Touchdowns |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3. Brandon Lloyd ... 160 | 2. Brandon Lloyd ... 21 |
| 6. Walter Young ... 147 | 3. Walter Young ... 15 |
| 10. Greg Lewis ... 103 | 6. Greg Lewis ... 12 |

Career Yardage

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|----------------------------|
| 2. Brandon Lloyd ... 2,583 |
| 3. Walter Young ... 2,382 |
| 9. Greg Lewis ... 1,451 |

draft. Cornerback Eugene Wilson became the highest player drafted since 1996 when he was selected as the 36th pick. Receiver Brandon Lloyd went in the fourth round, followed by offensive linemen Tony Pashos and David Diehl in the fifth and WR Walter Young in the seventh. In 1998, Robert Holcombe was taken in the second round by the St. Louis Rams, while offensive lineman J.P. Machado was a sixth-round pick for the New York Jets in 1999. In both 2000 and '01, two players went in the April draft, placekicker Neil Rackers and linebacker Danny Clark in 2000 and offensive tackle Marques Sullivan and fullback Jameel Cook in 2001. Kittner was the sole selection in 2002 as an Atlanta Falcons fifth-rounder. In addition to players drafted, many former Illini have signed free agent contracts to play professionally.

Currently 21 Illinois players from the Turner era are on NFL rosters. LB Danny Clark, FB Jameel Cook, TE Matt Cushing, OL Dave Diehl, RB Antoineo Harris, LS Nathan Hodel, RB Robert Holcombe, S Bobby Jackson, QB Kurt Kittner, WR Greg Lewis, WR Brandon Lloyd, OL J.P. Machado, OL Brandon Moore, WR Aaron Moorehead, OL Tony Pashos, PK Neil Rackers, OL Marques Sullivan, DE Fred Wakefield, CB Eugene Wilson, LB Michael Young and WR Walter Young.

Turner has also been tabbed as one of the best coaches for turning under-recruited players into All-Big Ten selections (by Lindy's in 2001). In his five seasons, Turner has boasted 49 All-Big Ten selections (first, second-team and honorable mention), including first-teamers DE Fred Wakefield in 2000, CB Eugene Wilson, OL Tony Pashos and OL Jay Kulaga in 2001 and Pashos again in 2002. Turner had a record number of all-conference picks after the championship in 2001 with 13.

Following the 2001 season, junior cornerback Eugene Wilson was named to many All-American teams (Playboy, Football News, Sporting News and CNNSI.com) after leading the nation in passes broken up and intercepting six. Wakefield, OL Marques Sullivan and Kittner earned Football News honorable mention All-American honors in 2000 and Sullivan garnered third-team All-America accolades from the Football Writers.

The 1999 season was the breakthrough year for the Illini as the Turner-led Illini produced an 8-4 overall record with a 4-4 Big Ten Conference mark. It was the school's first winning season and bowl appearance since 1994. Turner finished fourth in the Associated Press Coach of the Year voting that season. The Illini's 63 points scored in the lop-sided 63-21 victory over Virginia in the Micronpc.com Bowl were the fourth-most ever scored by a college team in NCAA bowl history. During

that game, the squad shattered 22 Illinois and Micronpc.com Bowl records.

With wins at Michigan and Ohio State in 1999, Turner led the first team since 1952 (Michigan St.) to wins at "The Big House" and "The Horseshoe" in the same season.

As on the field, the Illinois program has had a steady turnaround in all facets of its football operation, including the creation of innovative ideas such as the "Camp Rantoul" two-week training camp at the former Chanute Air Base in nearby Rantoul. The Illini also have seen dramatic improvements in the overall well-being of the football student-athlete under Turner, ranging from an increased emphasis on strength and conditioning, nutrition, academic services, time management and gambling and drug awareness programs all designed to create a positive atmosphere for the Illinois football student-athletes.

The academic standards also have been raised by Turner. Prior to the 1997 season, the cumulative team GPA for the Illini was a 2.19 which has since improved to a 2.67. Turner has placed 64 players on the Academic All-Big Ten team in the past six years, while also boasting three GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, first-teamer Josh Whitman and on the second-team, Fred Wakefield, in both 1999 and 2000 and Tony Pashos in 2001 and 2002. Whitman represented the school at the College Football Hall of Fame banquet in New York speaking on behalf of 16 scholar-athlete award winners. Offensive lineman Tony Pashos also garnered academic all-district honors in 2002.

Although only 50 years old, Turner is a seasoned coaching veteran, spending 20-plus seasons in the collegiate ranks and four years as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach of the National Football League's Chicago Bears.

Turner became the 21st head coach in Illinois football history on Dec. 2, 1996 and recently signed a contract extension that keeps him in Champaign through January of 2007.

THE CHICAGO BEARS

In four seasons working with the Chicago Bears, Turner coordinated an offense that improved every season, breaking the club record for passing yards with 233 yards per game in 1995 and producing a 1,000-yard receiver and rusher in the same season. The diversity of the Turner offense in Chicago found success under four different quarterbacks in Jim Harbaugh (1993), Steve Walsh (1994), Erik Kramer (1995) and Dave Krieg (1996). In 1994, the Bears led the NFC Central Division for much of the regular season and defeated division rival Minnesota, 35-18, in a first-round playoff game.

TURNER'S SUCCESS AT ILLINOIS

MOST TOTAL WINS

- In 2003, Ron Turner recorded his 32nd career win with the Illini. He becomes the only the sixth coach to win 30 or more games in their coaching career and with 32, has the fourth-most of any coach in school history.

| COACH | W | YRS. |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Bob Zuppke (1913-41) | 131 | 28 |
| 2. Ray Eliot (1942-59) | 83 | 18 |
| 3. Mike White (1980-87) | 47 | 8 |
| 4. Ron Turner (1997-) | 32 | 7 |
| 5. Pete Elliott (1960-66) | 31 | 7 |
| 6. John Mackovic (1988-91) | 30 | 4 |
| 7. Bob Blackman (1971-76) | 29 | 6 |
| 8. Arthur Hall (1907-1912) | 27 | 6 |
| 9. Lou Tepper (1991-96) | 25 | 5+ |
| 10. George Huff (1895-99) | 21 | 5 |

LONGEST TENURES

- Ron Turner came to Illinois in December of 1996 and made a commitment to the University of Illinois to turn around the football program and return the Fighting Illini to the national scene. As he looks to begin his seventh season at the helm of the program, he becomes part of an elite group of five Illinois head coaches to guide the team for seven years or more.

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|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
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| 2. Ray Eliot (1942-59) | 83 | 18 |
| 3. Mike White (1980-87) | 47 | 8 |
| 4. Ron Turner (1997-) | 32 | 7 |
| Pete Elliott (1960-66) | 31 | 7 |
| 6. Bob Blackman (1971-76) | 29 | 6 |
| Arthur Hall (1907-1912) | 27 | 6 |
| 8. Lou Tepper (1991-96) | 25 | 5+ |
| 9. George Huff (1895-99) | 21 | 5 |
| 10. John Mackovic (1988-91) | 30 | 4 |
| Jim Valek (1967-70) | 8 | 4 |

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- In 2001, Ron Turner led the Illini to its 15th Big Ten Championship in school history becoming part of an elite group of seven Illinois head coaches to record conference titles.

| COACH | TITLES | YRS. | FREQ. |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Bob Zuppke (1913-41) | 7 | 28 | 4.0 |
| John Mackovic (1988-91) | 1 | 4 | 4.0 |
| Ray Eliot (1942-59) | 3 | 18 | 6.0 |
| Arthur Hall (1907-1912) | 1 | 6 | 6.0 |
| Ron Turner (1997-) | 1 | 7 | 7.0 |
| Pete Elliott (1960-66) | 1 | 7 | 7.0 |
| Mike White (1980-87) | 1 | 8 | 8.0 |

SAN JOSE STATE

The Martinez, Calif., native entered the professional ranks in 1993 after a long and successful college coaching ledger. In 1992, Turner was named head coach at San Jose State. In just one season, Turner led a remarkable turnaround at SJSU, leading the Spartans to a 7-4 record and a second-place finish in the Big West Conference. Turner guided San Jose State to its best record in six years and directed a potent offense that churned out 400 yards per game while averaging 30 points per contest, good for 15th in the nation.

THE ASSISTANT COACH

A proven offensive teacher and tenacious recruiter, Turner spent the previous 16 years as an assistant at the major college level. He earned the San Jose State post after coordinating the Stanford offense for three seasons under Dennis Green. Turner began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Pacific before becoming the receivers coach at the University of Arizona, a post he held for two seasons (1978-79).

After coaching the Arizona running backs in 1980, Turner joined Green at Northwestern University in 1981 where he spent two seasons as quarterbacks/receivers coach. At Northwestern, Turner helped turn the Wildcat offense into one of the most exciting in the Big Ten, tutoring NU quarterback Sandy Schwab to several school and Big Ten records. As an assistant at Northwestern, Turner also recruited all-time NU punt and kickoff return leader Steve Tasker, who went on to a long career in the NFL.

In 1983, Turner became the quarterbacks coach at the University of Pittsburgh, working with Panther QB John Congemi for two seasons. He joined the Ted Tollner staff at Southern California in 1985 in a similar role before he was elevated to offensive coordinator in 1986, coaching 1988 Heisman Trophy runner-up Rodney Peete.

In 1987, new head coach Larry Smith retained Turner on the USC staff as receivers coach as the Trojans romped to the Pac 10 Conference title. The following season, Turner moved to Texas A&M University as the quarterbacks coach before moving to Stanford University in 1989. With the 2002 Sugar Bowl appearance, Turner has been a part of nine bowl teams, including the 1988 Rose Bowl team and the 1991 Stanford Aloha Bowl squad.

THE ATHLETE

As a player, Turner was a second-team junior college All-American wide receiver at Diablo Valley Community College. He earned a

scholarship to the University of Pacific and led the Tigers in receiving in 1975 and 1976, catching 40 passes for 666 yards (16.7 avg.) and three touchdowns. The following year, Turner began his coaching career at his alma mater.

THE PERSONAL FILES

Turner's older brother, Norv, is in his first season as the head coach for the Oakland Raiders. Turner and his wife, Wendy, are extremely active in the Champaign community and reside in Champaign with their four children, sons Morgan and Cameron and daughters Cally and Madison.



HARRY HIESTAND

Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line
East Stroudsburg, 1983
Eighth Season



For the past seven seasons, Harry Hiestand has served as offensive line coach in Ron Turner's system and is entering his fifth as assistant head coach.

During his tenure, Hiestand has produced

11 All-Big Ten selections on the offensive line. Every senior starting offensive lineman since Hiestand's arrival has been signed to an NFL contract for at least a season and currently four are on pro rosters.

In 2002, Illinois marched out one of the nation's most balanced offensive attacks thanks in large part to Hiestand's offensive front. Illinois surpassed 5,300 yards in total offense for the first time in school history. Seniors Tony Pashos and Dave Diehl each earned All-Big Ten accolades, and were fifth-round picks in the 2003 NFL Draft.

In 2001, Hiestand tutored a pair of linemen to first team All-Big Ten accolades. Both Jay Kulaga and Pashos were named to the Big Ten's first team by the coaches and media, while senior center Luke Butkus was a second-team selection. Illinois topped the 5,000-yard total offense mark for the first time in school history.

In 2000, Marques Sullivan and Ray Redziniak earned second-team All-Big Ten honors for the second straight year.

In 1999, Hiestand's line led Illinois to the second highest scoring offense in school history with 388 points scored in 12 games. Sullivan and Redziniak earned second-team All-Big Ten honors.

Hiestand joined Ron Turner's staff after a three-year stint as offensive line coach at Missouri. With the Tigers, Hiestand helped UM to a No. 9 national ranking in rushing at 250.7 yards per game in 1996. In that same year, three of Hiestand's offensive lineman garnered All-Big 12 honors. Hiestand came to Missouri after spending five years as offensive line coach at the University of Cincinnati. He served as run game coordinator with the Bearcats in 1992 and offensive coordinator in 1993.

Prior to Cincinnati, Hiestand was an offensive line coach at Toledo (1988), graduate assistant coach at Southern California (1987) and tight ends and assistant line coach at Penn (1986). He began his coaching career at his alma mater, East Stroudsburg University, after an injury ended his playing

days. Hiestand has been a part of league championship teams at five of his seven stops, at East Stroudsburg (1982-83), Penn (1986), USC (1987), Cincinnati (1993) and Illinois (2001). He was on the Trojan staff at the 1988 Rose Bowl.

A native of Malvern, Penn., Hiestand played offensive guard for two seasons at Springfield College before spending a season at East Stroudsburg. Hiestand earned his bachelor of science degree in health and physical education from East Stroudsburg in 1983. He and his wife, Terri, have three sons, Michael, Matthew and Mark and one daughter, Sarah.

THE HIESTAND FILE

| | |
|---------|--|
| 2000- | University of Illinois (assistant head coach/offensive line) |
| 1997-99 | University of Illinois (offensive line) |
| 1994-96 | University of Missouri (offensive line) |
| 1989-93 | University of Cincinnati (offensive coordinator/offensive line) |
| 1988-89 | University of Toledo (offensive line/tight ends) |
| 1987-88 | Univ. of So. California (graduate asst.) |
| 1986-87 | Univ. of Pennsylvania (tight ends) |
| 1983-85 | East Stroudsburg (offensive line) |
| 1981-82 | East Stroudsburg (student asst) |

MIKE MALLORY

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Michigan, 1985
Fourth Season



A member of one of the most respected coaching families in college football, Mike Mallory just completed his third year on the Fighting Illini coaching staff. The 2004 season brings a promotion as the team's

defensive coordinator. Last season, Mallory coached linebackers after spending the previous two years with the safeties. The move was a natural one, giving him a chance to work with the position that earned him All-America honors as a player at Michigan.

The three starting linebackers in 2003 combined for 327 total tackles (27.3 per game) with middle linebacker Matt Sinclair leading the defense. Sinclair garnered honorable mention All-Big Ten honors for his season.

In his second season as safeties coach in 2002, Mallory showed his coaching prowess after guiding a young group of safeties to a successful season despite battling through a rash of injuries. Despite Illinois' inexperience at the position, the Illini safeties thrived, picking off four passes and recovering three fumbles.

In 2001, Mallory worked with the senior safety duo of Bobby Jackson and Muhammad Abdullah, both earning All-Big Ten honors. Jackson and Abdullah responded to a new defensive scheme that allowed them to challenge the run (10 TFL and three sacks combined) and drop back in pass coverage (5 interceptions and 20 passes broken up).

Mallory, son of former Indiana, Colorado, Northern Illinois and Miami (OH) head coach Bill Mallory, came to Illinois following one season as linebackers coach with the Maryland Terrapins. Prior to his stint at Maryland, Mallory was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Northern Illinois. In 1999, he guided the Huskies to a 5-6 record, their best since 1992, while posting the Mid-American Conference's third-best pass efficiency defense.

In addition to defensive coordinator experience at NIU, Mallory also held the same position at the University of Rhode Island from 1993-95. With 17 years of experience in college coaching, Mallory began his career as a graduate assistant at Indiana in 1986-87 assisting in the Hoosiers back-to-back bowl appearances. He then went on to Kent State where he was the linebackers and defensive line coach for three seasons. In 1991, Mallory became the linebackers coach at Eastern Illinois.

Mallory was a four-year letterwinner at linebacker for the University of Michigan from 1982-85, where he played in four bowl games including the 1983 Rose Bowl and 1986 Fiesta Bowl. He was also a two-year captain, the 1984 team MVP and 1985 Butkus Award finalist. He graduated from Michigan in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in sports administration and began pursuing graduate work in sports management at Indiana University in 1986-87.

Mallory is a graduate of Delkalb High School in Illinois, where he was an all-state performer in 1980.

Mallory and his wife, Kim, have a daughter, Kathryn and a son, William Michael.

THE MALLORY FILE

| | |
|---------|---|
| 2004- | University of Illinois (defensive coordinator/linebackers) |
| 2001-03 | University of Illinois (secondary/safeties linebackers) |
| 2000 | University of Maryland (inside linebackers) |
| 1996-99 | Northern Illinois (defensive coordinator/linebackers) |
| 1993-95 | Rhode Island (defensive coordinator/linebackers) |
| 1991-92 | Eastern Illinois (linebackers) |
| 1988-90 | Kent State (linebackers/defensive line) |
| 1986-87 | Indiana University (graduate assistant) |

DAN ROUSHAR

**Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs
Northern Illinois, 1985
Second Season**



Dan Roushar enters his second year with the Fighting Illini and this season has a new title of offensive coordinator. Roushar will continue to handle running back coaching duties as well as additional organizational responsibilities with the offense. He comes to Illinois after spending six years as offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois University.

In 2003, he tutored a trio of true-freshman tailbacks, starting each of the three throughout the season. E.B. Halsey became the first running back in school history to top the 100-yard mark in his first collegiate game when he rushed for 139 yards against Missouri and led the team in yardage. He was followed by Pierre Thomas with 233 and Marcus Mason with 214.

Roushar has the daunting task of carrying on a running back tradition, which includes three tailbacks during the Turner era, who rank in the school's all-time top-five. Robert Holcombe (1994-97) is Illinois' leader, followed by the single-season rushing leader and second in career yards, Antoino Harris (1999-2002) and ranked fifth is Rocky Harvey (1998-2001).

Roushar led the Huskies, offense to new heights during his years, as it set a school record for total yards in 2000, ranked 12th nationally in rushing offense with 228.1 yards per game and set team rushing records in 2002 with 2,409 yards. NIU had four 1,000-yard rushers in the past four season under Roushar: William Andrews in 1999 (1,127 yards), Thomas Hammock in 2000-01 (1,083 and 1,096), and Michael Turner, the nation's second-leading rusher in 2002, with 1,915 yards.

Last season began Roushar's second stint with the Illini. Prior to his time at NIU, Roushar coached quarterbacks in 1995, and offensive tackles and tight ends in 1996 under Lou Tepper.

Roushar began his career with a six-year tenure at Butler, where he coached running backs for three years before being promoted to offensive coordinator, a position he held for three years. During his time at Butler, the Bulldogs compiled a 42-17-4 record, winning five conference titles and making two Division II playoff appearances.

Roushar then coached at Rhode Island in

1993, where he worked on the opposite side of the ball from Illinois defensive coordinator coach Mike Mallory. He moved on to serve as offensive coordinator at Ball State in 1994. Roushar's offense at BSU featured 1,000-yard rusher Tony Nibbs (1,210) and threw a school-record 18 touchdown passes.

Roushar is a 1985 graduate of Northern Illinois, with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. He was a two-time letter-winner under Hall of Fame coach Bill Mallory. Roushar is married to the former Patti Cahill of Sutton, Mass., and the couple has three daughters Marissa, Mallory and Maura.

THE ROUSHAR FILE

- 2004- University of Illinois (offensive coordinator/running backs)
- 2003 University of Illinois (running backs)
- 1998-2002 Northern Illinois University (offensive coordinator/offensive tackles/tight ends)
- 1997 Northern Illinois University (offensive line)
- 1995-96 University of Illinois (quarterbacks/offensive tackles/tight ends)
- 1994 Ball State (offensive coordinator)
- 1993 University of Rhode Island (offensive line)
- 1989-92 Butler University (offensive coordinator/offensive line)
- 1986-88 Butler University (offensive backfield)
- 1984 Northern Illinois University (student assistant)

ROBERT JACKSON

**Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Northern Illinois, 1974
Sixth Season**



Robert Jackson begins his sixth year as receivers coach for the Illini and fourth as recruiting coordinator in 2004.

For the fifth consecutive year, Jackson's receiving corps hauled in over 2,000 yards receiving.

In 2002, the receivers caught an impressive 21 touchdowns and topped the 3,000-yard mark. Nine times Illinois receivers had 100+ yard games, led by All-Big Ten pass catcher Brandon Lloyd who had five. Senior Walter Young had two 100+ yard days including back-to-back games at Wisconsin and vs. eventual national champion Ohio State. The Illini receivers were once again led by the duo of Brandon Lloyd and Walter Young. Lloyd racked up his second consecutive 1,000 yard season, catching 65 passes for 1,010 yards and nine scores, while Young added 822 yards on 56 catches with six touchdowns. The most

productive receiving corp to ever play at Illinois, Lloyd and Young were drafted in 2003 and Aaron Moorehead and Greg Lewis signed free agent contracts, marking four from the 2002 class with a spot on an NFL roster.

In 2001, Illinois' duo of sophomore Lloyd and junior Young combined for over 160 yards per game and 12 catches per contest. Lloyd earned second-team All-Big Ten honors after a regular season that saw six 100-yard performances. The mark tied a school record set by David Williams in 1985. Young racked up over 100 yards in the final three games, producing a dual threat to defenses.

Jackson also transformed Lewis and Moorehead, former walk-ons, into two of the team's most reliable receivers. In 2000, Lewis was the leading receiver on an offense that topped the 2,300-yard mark.

In 1999, under Jackson's tutelage, senior Michael Dean closed out his Illini career with 608 yards and four touchdown receptions, while then-freshman Lloyd produced a record-breaking debut campaign with 511 yards and two TD catches, setting a new freshman receiving yards mark in the process. The Fighting Illini receivers smashed 1998's totals, posting 2,805 yards and 26 touchdown receptions, while averaging 233.8 yards per contest.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Jackson spent two seasons as Director of Football Operations at Oregon State. Joining the OSU staff in 1991, Jackson started as receivers coach from 1992-97 before becoming assistant head coach and receivers coach in 1996-97. In his eight years with the Beavers, Jackson served as academic coordinator for the football program and helped deliver a team that led the nation in graduation rates in 1994 (94.6 percent) with 25 Academic All-Pac 10 selections. During his last two seasons at Oregon State, Jackson monitored the football budget, coordinated all support areas related to OSU football, assisted in the certification process for incoming student-athletes, managed building administration and scheduled all football trips and weekends.

The Harvey, Ill., native has been renowned for his longtime Illinois prep and college career. A highly successful prep coach at Thornwood High School from 1974-86, Jackson served as head football coach and baseball coach before moving to Northern Illinois as receivers coach from 1986-91. While at his alma mater, Jackson helped the Huskies rank among the nation's leading offensive teams, posting a 9-2 record in 1989 and recruited former NCAA record-holder QB Stacey Robinson.

Jackson played several sports at Thronton Township High School and served as senior



class president. He was a four-year letterwinner at Northern Illinois in baseball, ranking among the nation's leading hitters as a junior and earning all-conference and All-NCAA tournament honors. He received his bachelor's degree from NIU in 1974.

Jackson and his wife, JoAnn, reside in Urbana. They are the parents of former Illinois defensive backs Marc and Bobby.

THE JACKSON FILE

- 1999- University of Illinois (receivers)
- 1998-99 Oregon State University (director of football operations)
- 1997 Oregon State University (assistant head coach)
- 1992-96 Oregon State University (receivers)
- 1986-91 Northern Illinois University (receivers)
- 1983-85 Thornwood H.S. (head coach)
- 1974-82 Thornwood H.S. (assistant coach)

GREG MCMAHON

Tight Ends/Special Teams
Eastern Illinois, 1983
13th Season



The Dean of Illini coaches, Greg McMahon enters his 13th year on the Illinois sidelines and seventh coaching the special teams and tight ends.

Experience breeds success and the Illinois

special teams have had plenty of success in McMahon's tenure. That is evident by the amount of Illinois record holders that have come from McMahon's tutelage, including the single-season punt average record holder Steve Weatherford, the school's all-time punting leader in every category, Steve Fitts, the single-season and single-game scoring leader Neil Rackers, the all-time punt return yardage leader, Eugene Wilson and the most consecutive extra points made streak by Peter Christofilakos (69).

In addition to the outstanding careers of the special teamers over the last six years there are the number of crowd-pleasing plays that have become memorable. Just in 2002 alone, the Illini tied No. 1 Ohio State with a last-minute 48-yard field goal by John Gockman, got on the board early with a 100-yard kickoff return for touchdown by Travis Williams, Wilson's 70-yard punt return for touchdown at USM and Brian Brosnan's blocked punt recovered by Kendrick Jones in the endzone against Arkansas State. In 2003, the Illini blocked three kicks, including one that was returned 66 yards for the score by Travis Williams (blocked by Derrick Strong). Running back E.B. Halsey scored the second special teams touchdown of the year with a

41-yard punt return against Purdue.

Since McMahon took over the special team duties in 1997, Illini kickers have averaged over 12 field goals made per season and connected on an impressive 188-of-191 extra points (.984). Fitts, Rackers and Christofilakos were regulars on All-Big Ten teams as well as semifinalists for national honors, Ray Guy Award and Lou Groza Award. In addition to getting off great kicks, the Illini have become known for blocking their share. Illinois blocked seven kicks in 2001, four by defensive end Terrell Washington, and followed that up with four blocks in 2002.

Illini special teamers have also had success in the pros as well. In 2001, Rackers was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals and long snappers Nathan Hodel (Arizona) and Mike Malczyk (N.Y. Giants) were signed as free agents.

While also great blockers, Illinois' tight ends have also flourished in the passing game. Over the last six seasons, the position has accounted for an average of 20 catches, 200 yards and 3 touchdowns a year. In 1999, Josh Whitman and Brian Hodges combined for 29 receptions, 295 yards and five TDs. Whitman received honorable mention All-Big Ten honors and was signed by the San Diego Chargers in 2001. He joined former Illini tight ends Matt Cushing (Pittsburgh) and Ken Dilger (Tampa Bay) in the NFL.

McMahon stresses excellence off the field as well. Whitman earned first-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors twice with a near-perfect 3.97 GPA in Illinois' nationally ranked business school and delivered the scholar-athlete speech at the College Football Foundation's Hall of Fame dinner. Placekicker JJ Tubbs held the highest GPA of any male athlete in his class during his entire career, earning Academic All-Big Ten honors four straight years.

McMahon came to Illinois in 1992 from Nevada-Las Vegas, where he spent two seasons coaching offensive tackles and tight ends. McMahon also spent time at Valdosta, Southern Illinois, North Alabama and Minnesota.

A native of Rantoul, the home of the Illinois football training camp, McMahon earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois in 1983 after playing four seasons as a defensive back for the Panthers. As a player, McMahon was a part of the 1978 NCAA Division II national championship EIU squad and 1980 NCAA runner-up.

McMahon and his wife, Linda, have three children, sons Drew, who is a member of the U of I football team, and Sam and a daughter, Lisa. The McMahon's reside in Champaign.

THE MCMAHON FILE

- 1992- University of Illinois (tight ends/special teams)
- 1990-91 University of Nevada-Las Vegas (offensive tackles/tight ends/special teams)
- 1989 Valdosta State College (defensive backs)
- 1988 Southern Illinois University (receivers/tight ends)
- 1985-87 University of North Alabama (receivers/tight ends)
- 1983-84 University of Minnesota (graduate assistant)
- 1982 Eastern Illinois University (student coach)

DAN O'DELL

Quarterbacks
San Jose State, 1998
Fourth Season



Dan O'Dell begins his fourth season as quarterbacks coach at the University of Illinois, following three years spent with the Illini as a graduate assistant.

Last season, three quarterbacks combined for 2,756 passing yards. O'Dell's signal callers have now topped the 2,500-yard mark for each of his three years with the Illini.

In 2002, Illinois' passing attack ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten at a 282.3 ypg clip. Junior quarterback Jon Beutjer ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten with 228.3 passing yards per game, while throwing for 2,511 yards. His 21 touchdown passes rank fourth in Illinois single-season history, while his 59 percent completion percentage was second among Big Ten quarterbacks.

In 2001, the Illinois passing attack was one of the most prolific in school history under O'Dell thanks to his efforts with All-Big Ten and All-American quarterback Kurt Kittner. Kittner passed for a career high 3,256 yards, while adding 27 touchdowns. Kittner also became Illinois' all-time leader in touchdown passes with 70 and the winningest QB in school history with 24 victories. In addition to working with Kittner, O'Dell has also been instrumental in the development of the Illinois back-up quarterbacks including Jon Beutjer who led the Big Ten Conference in passing last season.

As a graduate assistant, O'Dell spent two years working with the highly touted Fighting Illini offensive line, including the record setting 1999 season when the line led the team to the highest scoring offense in school history and in 2000 when the line held defenses to only 20 sacks, the 17th lowest in the country.

In 1998, O'Dell worked as a graduate

assistant in football recruiting and operations, earning his masters degree in education in 2001. O'Dell earned his B.S. in psychology from San Jose State in May of '98 after concluding a five-year career as quarterback for the Spartans.

O'Dell is a native of Martinez, Calif., and graduated from Alhambra High School in 1993, where he was a standout in football, basketball and baseball. O'Dell was a four-year letterwinner at San Jose State. His senior season, he completed 48 percent of his passes, which included 13 touchdowns and six touchdowns rushing in nine games.

During his six weeks as the starting quarterback, O'Dell was named the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week twice, throwing five touchdown passes and running for one TD in a 55-48 overtime victory in the season finale against UNLV.

After starting the season 0-6, the Spartans were 4-2 with O'Dell as the starter, defeating UTEP, Air Force, Hawaii and UNLV.

Following the season, O'Dell was voted offensive captain for the 1997 season by his teammates.

O'Dell and his wife, Marni, have a son, Tobin and the couple resides in Champaign.

THE O'DELL FILE

- 2001- University of Illinois (quarterbacks)
- 2001 Bucknell University (quarterbacks)
- 1998-2000 University of Illinois (graduate assistant)

SCOTT SHAFER

Secondary
Baldwin-Wallace, 1990
First Season



Scott Shafer makes only his fourth stop in a 12-year coaching career, as he enters his first season as Illinois' secondary coach. Shafer joins the Illini staff after an eight-year stint at Northern Illinois under Joe

Novak. He began at NIU as the secondary coach, moving up to fill the defensive coordinator position when left vacated by Illinois' Mike Mallory in 2000. He is reunited with Mallory, whom he worked with at both Northern Illinois and Rhode Island from 1993-95. Yet another connection to the family, Coach Bill Mallory gave Shafer his first start as a graduate assistant coach at Indiana in 1991-92.

During his time as the NIU coordinator, the Huskies tallied a record of 30-16, including a 10-win season in 2003, the school's first since 1983. His defense led the Mid-American Conference in interceptions with

23 and was in the top-three in takeaways, scoring defense, rush defense and pass efficiency defense. The Huskies boasted three wins over BCS Conference teams (Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State), allowing an average of only 15.0 points a game against those opponents.

NIU won a share of the MAC-West Conference title in both 2001 and 2002 and during the 2002 season, the defense was No. 1 in the conference rankings in interceptions, takeaways, scoring defense, run defense and sacks. While at NIU, Shafer produced eight All-MAC performers in the secondary.

Shafer is a 1990 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in education and went on to receive a master of science degree in education from Indiana in 1992. Shafer was the team's MVP in 1987 playing quarterback, while also ranked 17th nationally in passing efficiency with a 137.3 rating.

Shafer and his wife Missy have two children, a son, Wolfgang, 9, and a daughter, Elsa, 5.

THE SHAFER FILE

- 2004- University of Illinois (secondary coach)
- 2000-03 Northern Illinois (defensive coordinator/secondary)
- 1996-99 Northern Illinois University (secondary coach)
- 1993-95 University of Rhode Island (secondary coach)
- 1991-92 Indiana University (graduate assistant)

TOMMY THIGPEN

Linebackers
North Carolina, 1994
Second Season



Tommy Thigpen begins his second year with the Illinois staff making the move to linebackers coach for the 2004 season. He came to Illinois in 2003 as cornerbacks coach, after two years at

Bowling Green. Thigpen coached cornerbacks and was special teams coordinator at BGSU in 2002.

Thigpen led one of the Mid-American Conference's top defenses, as the Falcons forced 27 turnovers to lead the MAC in turnover margin in 2002. BGSU also finished second in the MAC in pass efficiency defense. Thigpen's special teams also shone, blocking seven punts and a potential game-winning field goal attempt by Western Michigan to preserve the Falcons, early undefeated season.

Prior to his time at Bowling Green, Thigpen coached linebackers at Tennessee State for one season, and spent two years at

his alma mater, North Carolina, as a graduate assistant. There he played for and coached with current Illini assistant Donnie Thompson.

Thigpen achieved accolades as a Parade All-American and Virginia Defensive Player of the Year at Potomac High School in Dumfries, Va. He was a three-time All-ACC performer for North Carolina and earned All-America honors as a senior at UNC. Thigpen went on to play professionally for the New York Giants in 1993-94 and the Barcelona Dragons (1995-96). He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UNC.

Thigpen is married to the former Jacinda Webb and the couple resides in Champaign.

THE THIGPEN FILE

- 2004- University of Illinois (linebackers)
- 2003 University of Illinois (cornerbacks)
- 2001-02 Bowling Green State University (cornerbacks/special teams)
- 2000 Tennessee State (linebackers)
- 1998-99 University of North Carolina (graduate assistant)

DONNIE THOMPSON

Defensive Line
Connecticut, 1975
Fourth Season



Donnie Thompson joined the University of Illinois coaching staff in 2001 to coach the defensive line, following 12 years with the North Carolina Tar Heels.

In 2001, his first with the Illini, the defensive front allowed just 147 rushing yards per contest, fourth in the Big Ten, an improvement of 84.8 yards a contest from the previous season. In addition to stopping the run, the defensive line showed the ability to get after the quarterback as 10 different defensive linemen recorded sacks. Starting defensive tackle Brandon Moore was named an All-Big Ten selection after registering 41 tackles, eight of which went for loss, and four sacks.

During his time with the Tar Heels, Thompson tutored 15 defensive linemen currently in the NFL, including five first-round draft picks, Ebenezer Ekuban in 1999, Greg Ellis in 1998, Marcus Jones in 1996 and Julius Peppers (No. 2 overall) and Ryan Sims (No. 6 overall) who were drafted in 2002. In 1999, the Tar Heel defense ranked 18th in the nation, second in the ACC and the squad set a new school record for sacks in a season with 53, which led the nation. Thompson aided in seven bowl appearances at North Carolina, with a win over Virginia Tech in

the 1997 Gator Bowl. During 1995-97, the Tar Heel's defense ranked in the top-six in total defense.

Thompson began his coaching career at his alma mater, Connecticut, in 1975, working with linebackers and defensive ends. In 1981, Thompson moved to the University of Pittsburgh to coach the defensive line and in his four seasons the Panthers went to the Cotton Bowl in 1983 and the Fiesta Bowl in '84.

Prior to his tenure in Chapel Hill, N.C., Thompson worked as the defensive coordinator at East Carolina and Western Kentucky.

A Bogalusa, La., native, Thompson is a 1975 graduate of the University of Connecticut where he earned a B.S. in business and an M.S. in psychology. He was an All-East linebacker in 1973 at UConn after recording a school record 178 solo tackles. He was also the team's Most Valuable Player and captain. Thompson and his wife, Shirley, reside in Savoy. They have four children, sons Don and Shawn; daughters Amie and Shiketa, and seven grandchildren.

THE THOMPSON FILE

- 2001- University of Illinois (defensive line)
- 1997-2000 University of North Carolina (assistant head coach/defensive line)
- 1989-96 University of North Carolina (defensive line)
- 1987-88 East Carolina University (defensive coordinator)
- 1985-86 Western Kentucky (defensive coordinator)
- 1981-84 University of Pittsburgh (defensive line)
- 1975-81 University of Connecticut (linebackers/defensive ends)

LLOYD RICHARDS

Director of Football Operations
Illinois, 1995
Third Season



Lloyd Richards Jr. begins his third season as Director of Football Operations for the Illini after a four-year stint in the NFL.

Richards' responsibilities include coordinating the day-to-day operations for the entire U of I football program, working closely with the staff and DIA

administration in all aspects of planning for Illini football including: scheduling, budgeting, facilities, travel, recruiting and game management.

In 2001, Richards served as the Assistant Director of Pro Personnel for the Washington Redskins. While in Washington D.C., Richards was instrumental in the signing of

players from the free agent market and maintained a working list of free agents during the regular season. Another key part of Richards' job was the evaluation of talent. In addition to evaluating free agents Richards evaluated the performance and talent level of Washington's roster players and assigned their value to the club. This talent evaluation process spilled into other professional leagues as he served as the Redskins' liaison and coordinator for NFL Europe.

Prior to his time in Washington, Richards spent three years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, serving as the team's College Area Scout for the West Coast his final year. As a scout, Richards combed a 10-state, 65-school area on the West Coast generating talent and character reports for draft-eligible players. Richards also served as a "War Room" consultant for the Buccaneers on draft day.

Richards' first two years with Tampa Bay were spent as a Pro Personnel Assistant where he evaluated both professional and college-level talent in addition to serving as the Buccaneers' representative at the NFL Draft.

Prior to his time in the NFL, Richards spent two years as the Illinois' Graduate Assistant for Recruiting and Operations. Richards is a 1995 graduate of Illinois in speech communication and earned three letters while on the Illinois football team as a defensive back. Upon his return to the University, Richards completed work on his master's degree in organizational communications, which he received in August.

Richards and his wife, Maria, have two children, Jasmin and Lloyd III.

THE RICHARDS FILE

- 2002- University of Illinois (director of football operations)
- 2001 Washington Redskins (Asst. Director of Pro Personnel)
- 2000 Tampa Bay Buccaneers (College Area Scout)
- 1998-99 Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Pro Personnel Asst.)
- 1996-97 University of Illinois (graduate assistant)

JIM ZIELINSKI

Strength and Conditioning Coach
Northern Illinois, 1986
Sixth Season



Veteran strength coach Jim Zielinski is beginning his sixth season as the head strength coach for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics marking over 15 years experience with Division I football pro-

grams. In the summer of 2002, Zielinski was named a master strength coach, the highest accolade received in his field.

During the past five seasons, Zielinski has been the main force behind the strengthening of the Illinois football team. The offensive line is one of the strongest and quickest in school history, allowing an offense to produce over 5,000 yards in both 2001 and 2002, the only two occasions in school history. The defensive squad is the fastest in the Ron Turner era and broke records for sacks in a season and lead the nation with 18 players with sacks in 2001. The defensive secondary had 18 interceptions and broke up an amazing 104 passes during that same season.

Zielinski, a native of Rockford, Ill., graduated from Northern Illinois in 1986 where he was a defensive tackle under Coach Bill Mallory. He helped lead his squad to a win in the California Bowl in 1983. He earned a bachelor of science in business management with an emphasis in exercise physiology.

A 15-year veteran of the business, Zielinski joined Turner's staff after stints at Oregon State University (1995-99), Northern Illinois University (1988-95) and Nebraska (1988). During his time at OSU, he was responsible for the program design, speed and strength development and all test and evaluation for the football program as well as the other 14 Division I sports.

From 1988-1995, Zielinski was the head strength and conditioning coordinator for the Northern Illinois Huskies 16-sport program. During his six and a half years at NIU, Zielinski implemented the program design and monitored the athlete's daily progress. Zielinski began his career as an assistant strength coach at the University of Nebraska in 1988. He is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) by the National Strength and Conditioning Association and by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Association.

Zielinski and his wife Teresa, who is also an Illinois native, have four children, James Edward, Alexandra Marie, Zachary and Christopher.

THE ZIELINSKI FILE

- 1999- University of Illinois (head strength coach)
- 1995-98 Oregon State University (head strength coach)
- 1989-94 Northern Illinois University (head strength coach)
- 1988 University of Nebraska (assistant strength coach)
- 1986-87 Northern Illinois University (student assistant)

KERRY HARBOR

Assistant Strength Coach



Kerry Harbor begins his fifth year with the Illini as the assistant strength and conditioning coach under Jim Zielinski. Harbor came to Illinois after spending two years as a graduate assistant coach at the University of North Carolina. There he worked primarily with the football team and extensively with all Olympic sports teams, designing and evaluating strength and conditioning programs.

A native of Durham, N.C., Harbor earned his bachelor of science degree for physical education from North Carolina Central University in 1997. After graduation, he worked for his alma mater first as a graduate assistant coach and then as an assistant. While on staff, Harbor coached the offensive line and tight ends as well as recruiting and coordinating the strength program.

BRIAN HODGES

Graduate Assistant - Football Operations



Former Illini tight end Brian Hodges returns to the football operations staff for his second year as a graduate assistant. Hodges assists Director of Football Operations Lloyd Richards in all aspects of the Illinois

program, including recruiting, travel, facilities and game management.

Hodges was a senior starter on Illinois' 2001 Big Ten Championship squad, catching four touchdown passes during the season, one at the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl. He was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter, totaling 34 receptions, 320 yards and eight scores. A high school All-Conference quarterback at Rich Central, he moved to tight end during his redshirt-freshman season.

Hodges graduated from the University of Illinois in May of 2002 with a degree in economics. Hodges is single and resides in Savoy.

ROBBY LONG

Graduate Assistant - Defense



Robby Long begins his third season as the defensive graduate assistant working with the defensive line. Long began his stint fresh out of college where he helped lead the Illinois team to a 2001 Big Ten title. He was a three-year letterwinner on the defensive line, playing in 36 games. His senior year he recorded 15 total tackles and four tackles for loss. Long received a bachelor's degree in leisure studies and sports management in May of 2002.

Long's responsibilities include aiding Coach Donnie Thompson and the defensive line as well as preparing the scout teams each week.

A Champaign, Ill., native, Long attended Centennial High School where he led the team to two Big 12 Championships. He is single and resides in Champaign.

RON O'DELL

Graduate Assistant - Offense



Ron O'Dell begins his second season as the offensive graduate assistant with the Illinois football team. He works primarily with Harry Hiestand's offensive line group as well as coordinate the defensive scout team.

O'Dell joins the program after a one-year stint at the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif., where he began graduate school and aided the wide receivers and tight ends. He was also involved in the Redland's strength and conditioning program. Following the 2002 season with Redlands, O'Dell enjoyed a brief tenure at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

O'Dell is a 2002 graduate of California State University-Chico where he received a Liberal Studies degree. During his time in college, he assisted the Pleasant Valley High School football team as an assistant, coaching wide receivers and quarterbacks. He has also been a long-time instructor at the Illinois football camps, working the quarterback, linemen and padded camps since 1999.

Coming to Illinois joins O'Dell with his younger brother, Dan, who is the Illini quarterbacks coach.

**OFFENSE****Left Tackle**

- 57 JJ Simmons (6-6, 290, So.)
68 Jim LaBonte (6-7, 300, r-Fr.)

Left Guard

- 71 **Bryan Koch (6-3, 285, Sr.)**
63 Dave Hilderbrand (6-3, 290, Sr.)
64 Martin O'Donnell (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)

Center

- 75 **Duke Preston (6-5, 305, Sr.)**
72 Kyle Schnettgoecke
(6-3, 280, Jr.) OR
69 Ben Amundsen (6-6, 305, r-Fr.)

Right Guard

- 67 **Matt Maddox (6-4, 290, So.)**
64 Martin O'Donnell (6-5, 290, r-Fr.)
61 Jordan Kruger (6-4, 285, Jr.)

Right Tackle

- 70 **Bucky Babcock (6-4, 305, Sr.)**
79 James Ryan (6-6, 310, r-Fr.)

Quarterback

- 7 **Jon Beutjer (6-5, 211, Sr.) OR**
16 **Chris Pazan (6-2, 210, So.)**
15 Tim Brasic (6-2, 185, So.)
14 Brad Bower (6-2, 210, r-Fr.)

Running Back

- 23 **E.B. Halsey (5-11, 185, So.)**
30 Pierre Thomas (5-11, 190, So.)
23 Marcus Mason (5-9, 200, So.)

Fullback

- 34 Jason Davis (5-11, 220, Jr.)
35 Brian Grzlakowski (5-11, 210, r-Fr.)
33 Brock Bolen (6-1, 230, Fr.)

Wide Receiver

- 6 **Kelvin Hayden (6-0, 198, Sr.)**
19 Mark Kornfeld (6-1, 200, Sr.)
80 Franklin Payne (6-0, 185, So.)

Wide Receiver

- 4 Ade Adeyemo (6-0, 195, Sr.) OR
1 **Lonnie Hurst (6-3, 190, So.)**
10 DaJuan Warren (6-3, 195, r-Fr.)

Tight End

- 88 Melvin Bryant (6-5, 235, So.)
81 **Anthony McClellan (6-3, 245, Sr.)**

DEFENSE**Defensive End**

- 95 Lee Robinson (6-5, 265, Sr.)
92 Arthur Boyd (6-3, 265, So.)

Defensive Tackle

- 97 **Ryan Matha (6-1, 285, Jr.)**
61 Adam Wilk (6-5, 275, So.)

Defensive Tackle

- 74 Mike Maloney (6-3, 280, Sr.)
73 Chris Norwell (6-7, 270, r-Fr.)
66 Brian Schaefering (6-5, 280, Jr.)

Defensive End

- 90 **Scott Moss (6-3, 260, Jr.)**
92 Arthur Boyd (6-3, 265, So.)
39 James Stevenson (6-3, 240, r-Fr.)

Linebacker

- 36 Josh Tischer (6-1, 215, Jr.) OR
46 **Antonio Mason (6-0, 245, Jr.)**

Linebacker

- 44 **Matt Sinclair (6-3, 240, Sr.) OR**
45 Mike Gawelek (6-2, 230, Sr.) OR
53 Joe Mele (6-2, 225, r-Fr.)

Linebacker

- 44 Matt Sinclair (6-3, 240, Sr.)
52 Cyrus Garrett (6-3, 230, So.) OR
47 J Leman (6-3, 220, r-Fr.)

Cornerback

- 18 **Alan Ball (6-1, 175, So.)**
25 James Cooper (5-11, 200, Jr.)
9 Jamaal Clark (6-2, 196, Sr.)

Free Safety

- 28 **Travis Williams (6-1, 185, Jr.)**
10 Kyle Kleckner (6-0, 195, Jr.)

Strong Safety

- 20 Morris Virgil (5-10, 195, Sr.) OR
10 Kyle Kleckner (6-0, 195, Jr.) OR
42 Kevin Mitchell (6-0, 190, r-Fr.)
31 Brian Brosnan (6-1, 205, Jr.)

Cornerback

- 22 **Sharriff Abdullah (5-8, 180, So.)**
21 Taman Jordan (5-11, 195, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS**Placekicker**

- 37 Steve Weatherford (6-4, 205, Jr.)
95 Dominic Shafer (5-10, 180, So.)

Punter

- 37 Steve Weatherford (6-4, 205, Jr.) OR
38 Matt Minnes (6-2, 195, Sr.)

Long Snapper

- 31 Brian Brosnan (6-1, 205, Jr.)
40 Justin Kovach (6-1, 220, r-Fr.)
39 Tyler Keely (6-1, 172, r-Fr.)



22 SHARRIFF ABDULLAH

DB, 5-8, 180, So.
Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres



2003: Played in all 12 games, starting four games at cornerback ... Totaled 31 tackles, two passes broken up and one tackle-for-loss ... Had a season-high 10 tackles vs. Michigan State ... Registered six

tackles and one PBU at Iowa.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Defensive captain that led his team to the Division Seven State Championship ... Led St. Martin DePorres to the Catholic League title as a senior ... Was an All-State, All-Catholic League and an All-Detroit selection as a defensive back.

Personal: Son of Miles and Patricia Neal ... Born March 29, 1984 ... Has two brothers and one sister ... Undecided on a major.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 vs. Michigan State, 10/11/03
Solos: 4 twice (last time at Iowa, 11/1/03)
TFL: 1 vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03
PBU: 1 twice (last time at Iowa, 11/1/03)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2003 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 31 | 1-6 | 0-0 | 2 |

4 ADE ADEYEMO

WR, 6-0, 195, Sr.
Chicago, Ill./St. Rita



2003: Saw action in eight games, starting two ... Caught 16 passes for 205 yards and one touchdown ... Had career-highs in catches (6) and yards (83) vs. Northwestern ... Scored his first career touch-

down on a season-long 34-yard catch, at Indiana and also had three receptions for 52 yards ... Made two catches for 28 yards vs. Minnesota ... Caught two passes for 21 yards vs. Illinois State ... Hauled in at least one pass in each of his last seven games ... Sat out four games with a rib injury sustained at UCLA in the Rose Bowl.

2002: Played in eight games at wide receiver and on special teams ... Did not record any stats.

2001: Played in 73 snaps as a member of the punt block unit ... Also served as a back-up wide receiver.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Named a Prep Star All-American ... A SuperPrep All-Midwest team member and Top-25 receiver ... Named a *Chicago Sun-Times* Top-30 area prospect ... Caught 43 passes for 715 yards, averaging 15.4 yards a grab his senior year ... Scored four touchdowns and had over 300 return yards ... High school coach was Todd Kuska ... *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune* all-state team ... An all-area selection ... Honorable mention All-Catholic Metro Conference player ... Caught 84 passes for 1,465 yards in his career ... Also hauled in 10 career touchdown receptions and averaged 18.5 yards per reception ... Earned seven varsity letters in football and track.

Personal: Full given name is Adeoye Oye Adeyemo ... Name pronounced ah-day ah-day-yah-mo ... Born June 18, 1982 in Huntsville, Ala. ... Name means "King" ... The son of Horatio and Mojirolo Adeyemo ... Majoring in finance ... An honor roll student at St. Rita High School ... Admires Jerry Rice for his great hands and great work ethic ... Says his friends and family most influenced his athletic career.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Receiving Yards: 83 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Long Reception: 34 at Indiana, 11/8/03
Touchdowns: 1 at Indiana, 11/8/03

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 8 | 16 | 205 | 12.8 | 25.6 | 1 | 34 |

70 BUCKY BABCOCK

OL, 6-4, 305, Sr.
Stillman Valley, Ill./Stillman Valley



2003: Started every regular season game for a third straight season ... Made the switch to right tackle from right guard ... Totaled 58 knock-downs and allowed three sacks.

2002: Started every game for the Illini at right guard ... Helped set school total offense record with 5,356 yards for an average of 446.3 per game, topping the 5,000 mark for the second-straight season and only two times in school history ... Total offense ranked ninth in the country and passing average of 282.3 yards per game ranked 16th ... Aided running back Antoine Harris to single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards.

2001: Started every game of the regular season at right guard before suffering a broken wrist and missing the 2002 Nokia Sugar

Bowl ... Named *Sporting News* Freshman All-American ... Offensive line ranked second in the conference with only 16 sacks allowed (1.3 per game) and held four defenses without a sack ... Team posted over 5,000 yards of total offense for the first time in over 51 years ... Passing and scoring offense ranked second in the conference ... Team averaged 32.5 points per game, the most in school history.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Named *Chicago Sun-Times* Top-30 area prospects ... Earned All-America honors by *Prep Football Report* ... Was a *USA Today* All-USA Special Mention ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun-Times* all-state team ... High school coach was Mike Lalor ... Earned IHSA Coaches all-state team honors both junior and senior year ... Was a unanimous All-Big Northern Conference selection his sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... Two-time team Most Valuable Player ... Team captain for the 3A state champion Stillman Valley squad ... First-team all-state by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as a sophomore and junior ... Three-time Stillman Valley Most Valuable Offensive Lineman ... Earned 11 varsity letters at Stillman Valley in football, wrestling and track ... Was a heavyweight state champion wrestler ... Holds the school record for most career pins ... State runner-up in the shot put in 1999 ... Was the team MVP in all three sports his junior year.

Personal: Full given name is Patrick Ryan Babcock ... Nickname is "Bucky" ... Born Jan. 17, 1982 in Freeport, Ill. ... The son of David and Laura Babcock ... Majoring in sports management ... Graduated with a GPA of 3.50, ranking 15th in his high school class ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Also a member of the student council and sportsmanship committee ... Claims his parents are the biggest influence on his athletic career ... Lists winning the state championship in football as his biggest thrill in sports after making the semifinals his sophomore and junior seasons.

18 ALAN BALL

S, 6-1, 175, So.
Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres



2003: Totaled 44 tackles, four PBU's and one forced fumble in seven games, including five starts ... Made a career-high 11 solo stops at Iowa ... Had nine tackles and a forced fumble



at Purdue ... Added eight tackles vs. Wisconsin and California ... Had five tackles and two PBU's vs. Northwestern ... Missed two games with a shoulder injury sustained at Purdue.

High School: Intercepted 15 passes in two years at St. Martin De Porres, including six in the postseason of his senior year ... Prep Star and SuperPrep All-Region selection ... Named to the *Lansing State Journal* "Catch 22" list ... Helped lead his team to the 2001 state championship ... Named a Top-50 defensive back recruit nationally by Rivals.com ... Won the 110-meter hurdles as a junior ... Garnered all-state honors ... Earned two varsity letters in football and three in track ... High school coach was Greg Carter.

Personal: Full given name is Alan Sheffield Ball ... Born March 29, 1985 in Detroit, Mich. ... The son of Lorenzo and Cheryl Ball ... Sister, Tracy, ran track at SMU and holds the state high school record in the 200 and 400 meters ... A four-year honor roll student ... Lists favorite athlete as Michael Jordan ... Biggest thrill in sports was winning a state title in the 110-meter hurdles.

CAREER HIGHS

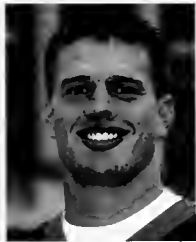
Tackles: 11 at Iowa, 11/1/03
Solos: 11 vs. at Iowa, 11/1/03
PBU: 2 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Forced Fumble: 1 at Purdue, 10/4/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2003 | 7 | 36 | 8 | 44 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 |

7 JON BEUTJER

QB, 6-5, 211, Sr. (6th)
Wheaton, Ill.
Wheaton-Warrenville South/Iowa



2003: Threw for 1,597 yards which gives him 4,108 career passing yards and moved him to seventh on Illinois' all-time passing list ... Averaged 228.1 yards passing per game and threw for 10 touchdowns ... Was 16-of-23 for 207 yards and four TD's vs. Illinois State ... Had a career day vs. California, setting career-highs in completions (35), attempts (57), yards (430) and long pass (72), also had three TD passes ... His 430 yards marked the highest total in Memorial Stadium history and ranks as the fourth highest single-game passing total in school history ... Completed 63.0 percent of his passes ... Completed 31 of 44 passes (70 percent) for 284 yards and one touchdown in season opener vs. Missouri ... Started the first

seven games before a back injury forced him to miss the remainder of the season ... Began season on the Davey O'Brien Award watch list.

2002: Led the Big Ten in passing yardage with 228.3 yards per game and was third in the conference in total offense with 228.9 yards per contest ... His 21 touchdowns were second in the Big Ten only to Heisman Trophy finalist Brad Banks of Iowa (26) ... Made seven starts and saw action in four other games ... Averaged 306 yards and 2.7 touchdowns, while completing 61.8 percent of his passes in his seven starts ... Threw four touchdown passes in his starting debut vs. Arkansas State and followed that up the next week with four TD's against San Jose State ... That was just the second time in school history that a quarterback has had back-to-back four touchdown passes ... Also had four TD passes in a 37-20 win at Wisconsin, Illinois' first win in Madison since 1992 ... Finished the season with 2,511 yards passing and 21 scores ... His 2,518 total yards is 10th on the Illinois single-season list ... His 21 touchdown passes are fourth on the Illinois single-season charts and ranks him seventh on the Illinois career charts ... Had four 300-yard passing days and his 426 yards passing vs. San Jose State is the fourth highest single-game passing total in school history ... Nearly led Illinois to a win over then No. 1 ranked Ohio State with a 306-yard passing performance and one TD ... Entered the game in the third quarter against Penn State and threw for 157 yards on 19-of-28 passing and one touchdown ... Saw back-up action vs. Indiana ... Connected on 28-of-38 passes for 426 yards against San Jose State, a Memorial Stadium record and fourth-best passing game in school history ... That performance merited a passing efficiency rating of 195.00, the 10th best passing efficiency day in Illinois single-history ... Was 18-of-22 (82 percent) for 277 yards and four touchdowns against Arkansas State, earning him a passing efficiency rating of 250.17 which is the third best in school history ... Entered the Missouri game at the start of the fourth quarter and began the second half of the USM contest.

2001: Sat out the 2001 season after transferring from the University of Iowa.

High School: Illinois Player of the Year by *USA Today*, Gatorade and *Champaign News-Gazette* ... First-team all-state by *News-Gazette*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Daily Herald* and Illinois High School Coaches Association ... Was a preseason All-American by SuperPrep and *CNN/Sports Illustrated* ... Featured in *Sports Illustrated* Faces in the Crowd in January, 1999 ... Unanimous all-conference selection ... Set state high school record with 60 touchdown

passes as a senior ... Set national record of 60 TD passes in 14 games ... Set state championship game records for TD passes (6), yards passing (493) and completions (29) ... Set school and conference record for touchdown passes in a game (7), completions in a season (149) and career (232), and passing yards in a season (1,743) ... Team offensive player of the year and MVP ... Special mention all-conference and all-state as a junior ... Career totals include 316-of-504 passes for 5,492 yards with 79 TDs and 14 interceptions in 21 games ... As a senior, led prep team to a perfect 14-0 record and Illinois Class 6A state title and completed 218-of-334 attempts for 3,939 yards, 60 TDs and only seven interceptions ... Prep team ranked 15th nationally by *USA Today* ... Also competed in basketball and track and field.

Personal: Born Aug. 15, 1980 ... The son of Nancy and Jim Beutjer ... Majoring in speech communications ... Earned academic all-conference and all-state honors ... Attended same high school as legendary Illini Red Grange ... High school coach was John Thorne.

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 35 vs. California, 9/20/03
Attempts: 57 vs. California, 9/20/03
Yards: 430 vs. California, 9/20/03
Long Pass: 72 vs. California, 9/20/03
Touchdowns: 4, four times (last time vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03)
Rushes: 10 vs. Ohio State, 11/16/02
Long Rush: 18 vs. Wisconsin, 11/9/02

PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT. | LP |
|-------|----|-----|------|------|------|----|------|----|
| 2002 | 11 | 327 | 193 | 59.0 | 2511 | 21 | 11 | 51 |
| 2003 | 7 | 257 | 162 | 63.0 | 1597 | 10 | 9 | 72 |
| TOTAL | 18 | 584 | 355 | 61.0 | 4108 | 31 | 20 | 72 |

14 BRAD BOWER

QB, 6-2, 210, r-Fr.
Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Consensus All-State performer at quarterback ... Named the Illinois Player of the Year by Chris Poole Recruiting ... Made the *Sun-Times*

Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... Set 10 high school records at Hinsdale Central for both single-season and career passing ... Racked up 2,886 total yards and accounted for 48 touchdowns as a senior ... Completed 65 percent of his passes for 1,942 yards and 23 TDs ... Rushed for 944 yards and 25 more scores ... Averaged better than 10 yards per carry and 17.9 yards per completion his senior season ... Led Hinsdale Central to a 28-6

record as a three-year starter ... His 5,308 yards of total offense and 43 touchdown passes top the Hinsdale Central career charts ... Completed 56 percent of his passes for his career (237-for-419) for 3,674 yards, also school records ... Scored 242 points in his career ... Named the West Suburban Conference and Suburban Life Player of the Year ... Led Hinsdale Central to back-to-back West Suburban Conference titles and a pair of appearances in the state playoffs ... Led Hinsdale Central to the semifinals as a senior ... High school coach was Ken Schreiner.

Personal: Full given name is Bradley James Bower ... Born Aug. 25, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill. ... The son of William and Colleen Bower ... Has two brothers ... Brother Robert played football at Iowa ... Brother William played tennis at Valparaiso ... Enjoys golf, fishing and video games ... Was a volunteer coach for a local Pop Warner football team ... Favorite athlete is Joe Montana because he took the quarterback position to a new level of excellence ... Led his Pop Warner team to a second place national finish.

92 ARTHUR BOYD III

DL, 6-3, 265, So.

Shaker Heights, Ohio/Shaker Heights



2003: Saw action in seven games as a true freshman defensive lineman ... Made four tackles at Purdue ... Had one tackle vs. Michigan State.

High School: Listed among the Top-50 preps in Ohio by Rivals.com as a fullback ... Ranked the No. 1 fullback in Ohio by Future Stars magazine ... Was an outstanding defensive lineman that registered 33 tackles and three sacks ... Named an All-Conference, All-Area and All-District selection as a senior ... Named the Shaker Heights High School Most Outstanding defensive lineman ... Participated in the National High School All-Star Combine ... Was a three-year letterman in football, while spending two seasons as a starter ... Also an outstanding track athlete competing in the shot put, discus and sprinting events ... Competed at the district meet in both the shot put and discus as a sophomore and junior ... Also competed in the 200 meters ... High School coach was Dave Sedmak.

Personal: Full given name is Arthur B. Boyd III ... Born Feb. 24, 1985 in Shaker Heights, Ohio ... Son of Arthur and Delphine Boyd ... Has one sister ... Father was a defen-

sive end at Florida A&M ... Cousin Brian Johnson was a cornerback at Alabama A&M ... Lists Simeon Rice as his Fighting Illini hero ... Hopes to attend medical school following his football career.

CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4 at Purdue, 10/4/03
Solos: 3 at Purdue, 10/4/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2003 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |

15 TIM BRASIC

QB, 6-2, 185, So.

Riverside, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield



2003: Saw action vs. Illinois State and attempted one pass.
2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Earned nine varsity letters in basketball, track and football at Riverside

High School ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Prep Star All-Region ... Set IHSA record for single-game passing yardage when he threw for 589 against Joliet Catholic in the state quarterfinals in 2001 ... Named the *Chicago Sun-Times* 2001 Player of the Year ... Passed for 4,639 yards and 58 touchdowns as a senior, also state records ... Earned *Champaign News-Gazette* Player of the Year honors in 2001 ... In his two years as a starter, he passed for 7,906 yards and 94 touchdowns ... A *Chicago Tribune* all-state selection ... Led his team to a 22-2 record in 2000 and 2001 ... Two-time Suburban Prairie All-Conference pick and the 2001 conference Most Valuable Player ... IHSA all-state selection following his junior and senior seasons ... *Suburban Life* Player of the Year ... High school coach was Otto Zeman ... Also earned all-conference honors in basketball and track.

Personal: Full given name is Timothy Christian Brasic ... Born July 30, 1983 in Berwyn, Ill. ... The son of Dan and Caroline Brasic ... Father played baseball at Northern Illinois ... Plans on majoring in education ... A two-year honor roll student.

CAREER HIGHS
Attempts: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03

PASSING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT. | LP |
|------|---|-----|------|-----|-----|----|------|----|
| 2003 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

88 MELVIN BRYANT

TE, 6-5, 235, So.

Muncie, Ind./Muncie Central



2003: Caught 12 passes for 114 yards to lead Illini tight ends ... Had two catches for 29 yards in season opener vs. Missouri, including a season-long reception of 21 yards ... Set career-highs in receptions (3)

and yards (33) vs. Minnesota ... Had two catches for 22 yards vs. Northwestern.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: SuperPrep All-American ... Tenth-ranked tight end in nation according to SuperPrep ... Prep Star All-Region ... Started at both tight end and defensive end as a junior and senior ... Three-year letterwinner at tight end and defensive end for Muncie Central ... Versatile receiver who caught 49 passes for 779 yards and six touchdowns ... Also starred on defense totaling 87 tackles, 15 sacks and 12.5 more tackles for loss ... Was called "the best run blocker on the team" ... First team All-Indiana selection at tight end by the Indiana Football Coaches Association ... Was named a first team Big State selection by the *Bloomington Herald* ... Named the East Central Indiana Defensive Player of the Year in 2001 ... Ranked No. 13 nationally at tight end by Tom Lemming ... Ranked the 24th-best tight end in the country by Rivals.com ... Also named to the East Central Indiana first team on offense ... First team Indiana Class 4A selection in 2001 ... Two-time All-North Central Conference pick ... Caught 80 passes for 1,254 yards and 10 TDs as a starter at tight end his junior and senior seasons ... Head coach was John Hochstetler ... Also a standout basketball player at Muncie Central, earning two letters ... Lists winning the sectionals in basketball as his greatest sports thrill.

Personal: Full given name is Melvin Lynn Bryant II ... Born Sept. 1, 1984 in Muncie, Ind. ... The son of Tracie Johnson ... Has two brothers ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Listed to the Who's Who among African American Students.

CAREER HIGHS
Receptions: 3 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Receiving Yards: 33 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Long Reception: 21 vs. Missouri, 11/8/03

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 11 | 12 | 114 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 0 | 21 |



25 JAMES COOPER

DB, 5-11, 200, Jr.

South Holland, Ill./Thornton Township



2003: Played in 10 games at running back and on special teams ... Had one carry for two yards at Iowa.

2002: Saw action in five games at running back and on special teams ... Got carries vs.

Arkansas State and Indiana ... Had career highs in carries (5) and yards (29) vs.

Arkansas State ... Also had two carries for three yards vs. Indiana.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season ... Was a sprinter for the Illinois track team during the off season.

High School: Football letterwinner under Coach Bill Mosel at Thornton Township High School ... *Chicago Sun-Times* Top-100 all-area athlete ... Totaled 27 tackles and one interception as a junior as well as 667 yards rushing, five touchdowns and a kickoff return for a touchdown ... An all-area performer ... Helped lead his team to the 6A state playoffs in 2000 and tallied four tackles and one deflection in the game.

Personal: Full name is James Edward Cooper ... Born June 5, 1983 ... The son of Byron and Sheryl Ellis ... An honor roll student at Thornton High School ... Enrolled in the college of liberal arts and sciences ... Biggest thrill in sports was winning the 2000 homecoming game on a 40-yard touchdown pass with two seconds remaining in the game ... Member of the church choir.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 5 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Yards: 29 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Long Rush: 14 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02

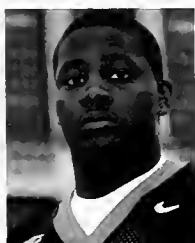
RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2002 | 5 | 7 | 32 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 0 | 14 |
| 2003 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 8 | 34 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 14 |

34 JASON DAVIS

FB, 5-11, 220, Jr.

St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh



2003: Had 14 receptions for 114 yards and 11 carries for 36 yards ... Had a career-highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (40) at UCLA ... Made two catches for 34 yards at Michigan, including a

career long reception of 24 yards ... Played in every game, starting the first two.

2002: Played in five games as a true freshman, grabbing a pair of touchdown receptions ... First career catch went for a three-yard score vs. Arkansas State ... Added 17 rushing yards on six carries vs. the Indians ... Caught his second TD pass at Wisconsin ... Had two catches for 21 yards and two carries for nine yards vs. the Badgers ... Set career highs in carries (8) and yards (38) vs. Indiana ... Had one catch for four yards vs. Ohio State.

High School: Four-year starter at Lindbergh High School ... Led his school to its first-ever district title and berth into the state playoffs ... Tallied 54 tackles and three interceptions as a senior ... Named a second team All-South selection by the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* as both a defensive back and wide receiver ... Also played linebacker at Lindbergh ... Team's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards ... Was named a first-team all-conference pick both offensively and defensively ... Was recruited to Illinois to play fullback ... Also starred on the Lindbergh basketball team, earning two letters, and on the track team, winning one letter ... Was a part of the state champion 4x100m relay team in 2000 ... High school coach was Tom Beauchamp.

Personal: Full given name is Jason Sidney-Arthur Davis ... Born Nov. 2, 1983 in St. Louis, Mo. ... The son of Anthony and Julie Davis ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Has one brother ... Was a two-time honor roll member.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 8 vs. Indiana, 10/26/02
Yards: 38 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Long Rush: 13 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Receptions: 7 vs. UCLA, 9/13/03
Receiving Yards: 40 vs. UCLA, 9/13/03
Long Reception: 24 vs. Michigan, 10/18/03
Touchdowns: 1 twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 11/9/02)

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2002 | 5 | 16 | 64 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 0 | 13 |
| 2003 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 17 | 17 | 66 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0 | 13 |

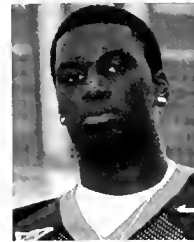
RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|-------|----|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2002 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 2 | 12 |
| 2003 | 12 | 14 | 114 | 8.1 | 9.5 | 0 | 24 |
| TOTAL | 17 | 18 | 142 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 2 | 24 |

52 CYRUS GARRETT

LB, 6-3, 230, So.

Bolingbrook, Ill./Romeoville



2003: Saw action in five games ... Had two tackles vs. Illinois State ... Added one tackle vs. Wisconsin.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Named to Lindy's Big Ten

Freshman of Influence team ... Made 89 tackles in 10 games, including 18 sacks in 2001 ... Also blocked four kicks as a senior ... PrepStar All-American ... Named to the SuperPrep All-Midwest team ... Earned *Champaign News-Gazette* all-state special mention ... Named a U.S. Army All-American after leading the West to a 24-0 win in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl ... Garnered all-area, all-conference and all-state accolades ... Had 16 sacks as a junior ... Returned an interception 70 yards for a touchdown ... Four-time letterwinner in football and basketball at Romeoville High School ... High school coach was Jim Boudouris.

Personal: Full given name is William Cyrus Garrett ... Born Nov. 15, 1983 in Downers Grove, Ill. ... The son of William and Beverly Garrett ... Has two sisters ... Lists one of his hobbies as drawing ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Would like to pursue a career as an FBI agent.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03
Solos: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | FF-RS |
|------|---|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 2003 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

45 MIKE GAWELEK

LB, 6-2, 230, Sr.

Chillicothe, Ohio/Chillicothe



2003: Played in 11 games, totaling 11 tackles ... Had a career-high four tackles at Michigan and at Iowa ... Notched one tackle vs. Missouri, Illinois State and Wisconsin.

2002: Saw action in nine games, recording five tackles and a forced fumble ... Had a career-high two tackles vs. Indiana ... Also had two assists at Southern Miss.

2001: Played in 10 games as a special teams standout ... Registered nine tackles including a career-high three in the season-opener at California ... Also had two tackles in the win over Louisville.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.
High School: Three-time all-state selection ... Named to the All-Ohio Capital Conference team for three straight season ... Earned first-team All-Southeast District honors for two consecutive years ... Named Southeast District Defensive Player of the Year ... Led his Chillicothe squad with 189 tackles ... Helped team to 8-4 record and first playoff berth in 12 years ... Amassed 451 career tackles ... Registered 153 tackles as a junior and 109 as a sophomore ... Three-year starter and letterwinner ... Selected to play in the Ohio North/South game.

Personal: Full given name Michael Lucas Gawelek ... Born Feb. 14, 1982 in Lake Forest, Ill. ... The son of Randy and Marilyn Gawelek ... Has four brothers ... Majoring in business administration ... An honor roll student ... Admires former Ohio State line-backer Andy Katzenmoyer for his attitude and toughness ... Lists his first interception which he returned for a 65-yard touchdown as his biggest thrill in sports ... Plans on pursuing a career as a fireman after a stint in professional football.

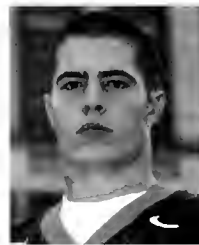
CAREER HIGHS
Tackles: 4, twice (last time at Iowa., 11/1/03)
Solos: 4 at Michigan, 10/18/03
Fum. Forced: 1 vs. Michigan, 9/28/02

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | FF-FR |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2001 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| 2002 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| 2003 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 15 | 10 | 25 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |

35 BRIAN GRZELAKOWSKI

FB, 5-11, 210, r-Fr.
Clarendon Hills, Ill./Hinsdale Central



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Consensus All-State pick after rushing for 2,355 yards and scoring 27 TDs ... Those totals were both school records ... Made the

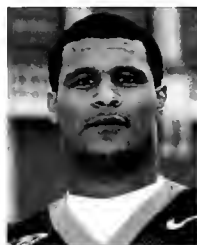
Sun-Times Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... Rushed for 3,775 yards and scored 38 TDs in his career ... Set Illinois Class 8A single-game playoff records with a 98-yard run and 326 yards rushing ... West Suburban Silver Conference Offensive MVP ... Won letters in football and baseball ... Also an All-

State pick on the diamond ... Led the Hinsdale Central baseball team to state semi-finals while being named a first-team All-State tournament pick ... High school coach was Ken Schreiner.

Personal: Full given name is Brian James Grzelakowski ... Born Nov. 14, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill. ... Son of Edward and Maureen Grzelakowski ... Has one brother ... Dad was an All-American baseball player at Northwestern ... Mother played softball for the Wildcats ... Hobbies include basketball, music and skiing ... Plans to attend graduate school following graduation ... Played in the Pop Warner World Championship in 1998 ... Was a member of the Hinsdale Central National Honor Society and Athletes Committed to Excellence Program ... Was a Wendy's High School Heisman finalist.

26 E.B. HALSEY

RB, 5-11, 185, So.
Elizabeth, N.J./Elizabeth



2003: Selected as the team's Rookie of the Year ... Finished the season ranked fourth in the Big Ten in all-purpose yards, third in kick return average and 10th in rushing ... Racked up 1,285 all purpose

yards, including 525 rushing, 303 receiving and 457 returning kicks ... Averaged 142.8 yards per game to rank 19th nationally ... Led the team in rushing yardage, kickoff returns and all purpose yardage ... Became the first Illinois true freshman to top 100 yards rushing in his first game, after gaining 139 yards on 20 carries vs. Missouri, also caught six passes for 46 yards ... Scored the first touchdown of his career on a 10-yard reception vs. California, also hauled in a 29-yarder against the Bears ... Caught seven passes for 93 yards vs. California ... Made seven receptions for 57 yards and one TD vs. Wisconsin ... Had the first rushing TD of his career vs. the Badgers ... Returned a punt 41 yards for a TD at Purdue ... Ran for 75 yards on 19 carries vs. Michigan State and had six receptions for 39 yards and one TD ... Had a one yard touchdown run vs. Northwestern ... Started every game he played in except the season opener vs. Missouri ... Missed three games with knee injury sustained at Michigan.

2002: Joined the Illinois squad as a gray shirt in the spring of 2003.

High School: Gatorade Player of the Year for New Jersey ... Won the Junior Heisman

Award for the state of New Jersey ... Named the *Newark Star Ledger's* Offensive Player of the Year, gaining an average of 13.4 yards every time he touched the ball ... Prep Star All-American ... SuperPrep All-American ... No. 1 running back out of the East according to Prep Star ... Fourth-rated player from the state of New Jersey according to SuperPrep ... Named to Prep Star's Dream Team as the No. 6 running back nationally ... Rushed for 1,303 yards and scored 15 touchdowns ... Recorded 24 catches for 464 yards and four scores ... Returned 14 punts and eight kicks for 908 combined return yards and scoring on four total returns ... Garnered all-county and all-conference accolades as a senior ... Helped lead Elizabeth High School to state championships in 1999 and 2000 ... Earned eight varsity letters in football, wrestling, basketball and track ... Averaged 9.4 yards per carry and caught 26 passes for 411 yards and four touchdowns ... Scored on four kick returns to win state offensive player of the year honors ... High school coach was Jerry Moore.

Personal: Full given name is Ibrahim Q. Halsey ... Born Oct. 13, 1983 in Newark, N.J. ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... The son of Donna Halsey and Andre Johnson ... The nephew of Brett and Phyllis Wyatt ... Has six brothers and two sisters ... Nickname is E.B. ... Favorite athlete is former Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders.

CAREER HIGHS
Carries: 24 vs. UCLA, 9/13/03
Yards: 139 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
Long Rush: 30 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
Touchdowns: 1 twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03)
Receptions: 7 twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03)
Receiving Yards: 93 vs. California, 9/20/03
Long Reception: 29 vs. California, 9/20/03
Touchdowns: 2 vs. California, 9/20/03

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 9 | 140 | 525 | 3.8 | 58.3 | 2 | 30 |

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 9 | 37 | 303 | 8.2 | 33.7 | 4 | 29 |

6 KELVIN HAYDEN

WR/DB, 6-0, 198, Sr.
Chicago, Ill./Hubbard/Joliet JC



2003: Led the team in receiving yards and receptions ... Sixth in the Big Ten in receptions per game ... Caught 52 passes for 592 yards and rushed six times for 54 yards ... Had a career day vs. California, hauling in 11 passes for 158 yards and one touchdown, including a 72-yarder ...



Pulled in nine passes for 97 yards vs. Wisconsin ... Had eight catches for 63 yards at UCLA ... Scored his first career touchdown vs. Missouri ... Led the team in receiving four times, vs. California, vs. Wisconsin, at Purdue and vs. Minnesota.

High School: Phenomenal all-around athlete that originally signed with Illinois out of Hubbard High School ... Was a four-year starter on the gridiron ... All-State selection as a wide receiver as a senior ... Named to the first-team All-Power Bar team as a senior ... Led the team and finished second in the state with 10 interceptions as a freshman ... Threw 21 touchdown passes, while rushing for seven more TDs as a sophomore ... Racked up 2,315 rushing yards and 33 scores as a junior ... Had 792 yards despite missing seven games as a senior ... Four-time All-Conference pick and three-time All-Area selection as a prep ... Two-time City League Track Champion in the 55- and 200-meter dashes indoors and the 100- and 200-meter dashes outdoors.

Junior College: NJCAA National Offensive Player of the Year ... Racked up 1,297 yards and 13 TD's as a sophomore ... Caught 114 passes for 1,839 yards and 17 scores, an average of 16.2 yards per catch during his junior college career ... Named Top-100 recruit by Rivals.com ... Earned first team All-America accolades in his second season... Two-time All-Conference and All-Region pick ... Named conference Player of the Year ... Named MVP of the 2002 Junior College National Championship Game ... After losing his first junior college game, led Joliet Junior College to 21 consecutive victories and the 2002 NJCAA National Championship ... Was the first wide receiver to ever win NJCAA Player of the Year honors.

Personal: Full given name is Kelvin Darnell Hayden Jr. ... Son of Kelvin and Lynette Hayden ... Born July 23, 1983 ... Has one sister ... Plans to major in speech communication ... Lists former Chicago Public League standout Rocky Harvey as his Fighting Illini hero and Marvin Harrison as his favorite athlete.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11 vs. California, 9/20/03
Receiving Yards: 158 vs. California, 9/20/03
Long Reception: 72 vs. California, 9/20/03
Touchdowns: 1, three times (last time vs. California, 9/20/03)

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 10 | 6 | 54 | 9.0 | 5.4 | 0 | 16 |

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 10 | 52 | 592 | 11.4 | 59.2 | 3 | 72 |

63 DAVID HILDERBRAND

OL, 6-3, 290, Sr.
 Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central



2003: Played in all 12 games, earning starts on the offensive line the final five games ... Recorded 38 knock-downs, allowed only four pressures and one sack.

2002: Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams ... Did see time as a backup on the line, helped set school total offense record with 5,356 yards for an average of 446.3 per game, topping the 5,000 mark for the second straight season and only two times in school history ... Total offense ranked ninth in the country and passing average of 282.3 yards per game ranked 16th.

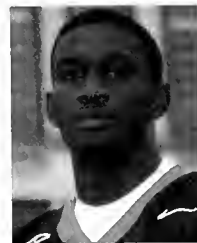
2001: Played in all 12 games along the offensive line and on special teams ... Was a fixture along the front wall of the kickoff unit.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.
High School: First-team all-state ... Named to the *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun-Times* all-state team ... Earned first team DuPage all-area honors ... Rated the No. 1 offensive lineman in the Dupage Valley Conference by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Recorded 74 knock-down blocks, as well as 10 tackles and five for loss and two sacks on the defensive side of the ball ... Allowed no sacks his senior year ... Line allowed running back Ryan Clifford to compile 2,671 yards rushing in 1999 and IHSA record 51 touchdowns ... Naperville Central won the 6A state championship and finished with a 14-0 record ... Naperville Central set an IHSA playoff championship record for most points scored in a game in their 56-31 win over Schaumburg ... Earned four varsity letters in football and baseball ... Catcher for Team Illinois Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

Personal: Full given name is David Patrick Hilderbrand ... Born Nov. 7, 1981 in Aurora, Ill. ... The son of David and Paula Hilderbrand ... Father played football at Western Illinois and his cousin Rob Baxley was an All-American at Iowa ... Majoring in leisure studies/sports management ... A four-time honor roll student at Naperville Central ... Was a mentor for the D.A.R.E. program for fifth graders ... Worked as a fitness supervisor during summer breaks ... Lists biggest thrill in sports as winning the 1999 state championship at Memorial Stadium.

1 LONNIE HURST

WR, 6-3, 190, So.
 Detroit, Mich./Univ. of Detroit Jesuit



2003: Became the first Illinois player since 1980 to start his first collegiate game when he started at wide receiver vs. Missouri ... Was third on the team in receiving yards (315) and fifth in receptions

(27) ... Made five catches for 76 yards in his collegiate debut vs. Missouri ... Caught his first career touchdown, a 30-yarder, vs. Illinois State ... Had six receptions for 65 yards vs. California ... Made a career-high seven catches for 65 yards vs. Purdue ... Had two catches vs. Wisconsin and Michigan State ... Hauled in three passes for 35 yards vs. Minnesota before suffering a season-ending broken leg ... Started all nine games he appeared in.

High School: Listed among the top two wide receiver recruits in the Midwest by Prep Star Magazine and the 20th best receiver in the country by Rivals.com ... Named to the Prep Star and SuperPrep All-America teams ... Named a three-time All-City, All-Conference and All-Region pick ... Was an All-State selection as a junior ... Caught 39 passes for 890 yards and 10 scores as a junior ... Added 25 grabs for 390 yards and seven touchdowns as a sophomore ... Also a standout in basketball and track ... Won three letters on the hardwood and four in track ... Led Detroit Jesuit to conference and regional titles in track ... Is an outstanding student who won the Spirit of Detroit Award ... High school coach was Scott Merchant.

Personal: Full given name is Lonnie Edward Hurst ... Born Aug. 8, 1985 in Detroit, Mich. ... Son of Michael and Geneva Barnett ... Has one brother, who got him started in football by secretly signing him up ... Won his school spelling bee in 1999 ... Hopes to become a stockbroker.

CAREER HIGHS

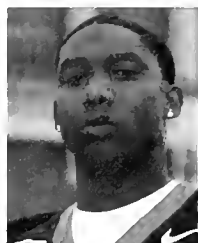
Receptions: 7 at Purdue, 10/4/03
Receiving Yards: 76 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
Long Reception: 30 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 9 | 27 | 315 | 11.7 | 35.0 | 1 | 30 |

21 TAMAN JORDAN

DB, 5-11, 195, Sr.
 Tempe, Ariz./Marcos De Niza



2003: Started the first three games of the season and played in nine games ... Totaled seven tackles and three PBU's ... Had four tackles and one PBU vs. Missouri ... Added one tackle and one PBU at UCLA.

2002: Started the first seven games at strong safety ... Finished the season with 30 tackles, including two TFLs and a sack ... Had four tackles, a sack and a 35-yard fumble return at Southern Miss. ... Had a career-high nine tackles and a TFL vs. San Jose State.

2001: Played in 11 games as a true freshman at safety and on nearly every special teams unit ... Recorded tackles against Northern Illinois and Louisville.

High School: Earned three varsity football letters under Coach Tom Joseph at Marcos De Niza High School ... Three-year starter ... Registered 18 solo tackles, three interceptions and caused one fumble ... Named Offensive Player of the Year for 5A central region ... Recorded 27 receptions for 564 yards and 15 touchdowns as well as 77 carries for 344 yards ... Earned all-state honors as a senior ... An all-city and first-team all-region selection ... Averaged over 25 yards per kick-off return and 10 yards per punt return ... Helped lead team to state quarterfinals as a junior ... Played in the Arizona All-Star game ... Also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal: Full name is Taman Rey Jordan ... Born on June 17, 1983 in Louisville, Ky. ... The son of Schmell Moore ... Uncle, Jim Moore, played at Ohio State and for the Baltimore Colts ... Biggest thrill in sports was defeating arch-rival Corona Del Sol in 2000 ... Member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association and a scholar-athlete for three consecutive years ... Majoring in pre-journalism ... Would like to pursue a career in sports broadcasting after graduation ... Favorite athlete is Randy Moss.

CAREER HIGHS

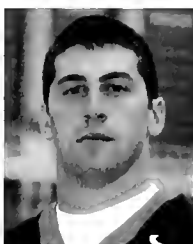
Tackles: 9 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/02
Solos: 6 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/02
TFL: 1 at Southern Miss, 9/7/02 & vs. San Jose St., 9/21/02
PBU: 1 five times (last time vs. Michigan State, 10/11/03)
Fum. Recovered: 1 at Southern Miss, 9/7/02

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2001 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2002 | 9 | 23 | 7 | 30 | 2-13 | 0-0 | 2 |
| 2003 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 28 | 30 | 9 | 39 | 2-13 | 0-0 | 5 |

10 KYLE KLECKNER

DB, 6-0, 195, Jr.
 Downers Grove, Ill.
 Downers Grove North



2003: Totaled 18 tackles on the season ... Set a career-high with eight tackles at Michigan ... Had three tackles vs. Michigan State ... Added two tackles against Iowa ... Played in every game.

2002: Member of the UI squad ... Suffered a torn ACL in fall camp.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season.

High School: All-state selection in three sports (baseball, football and basketball) ... Earned three football letters under Coach Pete Ventrelli at Downers Grove North High School ... DuPage Male Athlete of the Year ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune* first-team all-state teams ... *Arlington Heights Daily-Herald* Player of the Year ... Rushed for 850 yards, threw for 1,032 and caught 10 passes for 186 yards ... Against Lyons Township, scored six touchdowns and recorded two interceptions and 203 yards rushing ... Led team to conference title in 2000, elite eight in 1999 and final four in 1998 ... Named the West Suburban Silver Conference Player of the Year ... Earned *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun-Times* all-area honors ... Also lettered in baseball and basketball ... All-Area basketball selection ... Averaged 22.3 points per game and 6.3 rebounds ... Stole 27 bases, second all-time in school history, as a center-fielder.

Personal: Full name is Kyle William Kleckner ... Born March 24, 1983 in Hinsdale, Ill. ... The son of Bill Kleckner and Sue Doyle ... Father played football at Illinois from 1972-74... Favorite Fighting Illini athlete is Kendall Gill ... Majoring in speech communication ... An honor roll student ... Biggest thrill in sports was defeating No. 1 St. Charles in the Elite Eight round in 1998 and catching two third-down catches for 36 yards.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8 at Michigan, 10/18/03
Solos: 7 at Michigan, 10/18/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2003 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |

71 BRYAN KOCH

OL, 6-3, 285, Sr.
 Wentzville, Mo./Francis Howell



2003: Started the first seven games of the season before being sidelined for the year with a herniated disk in his neck ... In seven games, didn't allow a sack and added 48 knockdowns ... Academic All-Big

Ten.

2002: Played in five games ... Helped set school total offense record with 5,356 yards for an average of 446.3 per game, topping the 5,000 mark for the second straight season and only two times in school history ... Total offense ranked ninth in the country and passing average of 282.3 yards per game ranked 16th ... Aided running back Antoino Harris to single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards.

2001: Member of the UI squad.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Mo-Kan Magazine's All-Midwest team ... Missouri/Kansas Super 35 team ... Three-time All-Gateway Athletic South Conference team member ... All-Metro his senior year ... Named the team's Most Outstanding Lineman ... Helped lead his Francis Howell team to a 27-8 record and three consecutive district titles ... Set school bench press record at 430 pounds and squats 645 ... Earned eight varsity letters in football and track ... Holds the school records in the shot put and discus ... An all-conference and all-metro selection in track ... Selected to compete in the Lindberg Elite Meet in track.

Personal: Full given name is Bryan James Koch ... Born Feb. 9, 1982 ... The son of Louis and Diane Koch ... Majoring in speech communications ... Member of the honor roll for seven consecutive semesters ... Aspires to be a high school teacher and coach, more specifically, at his alma mater Francis Howell ... Hobbies include weight lifting, basketball, hunting and fishing ... Says his uncle Jim Swanter most influenced his athletic career ... Worked for three summers building retaining walls with 180-pound railroad ties.



19 MARK KORNFELD

WR, 6-1, 200, Sr.
St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis Univ. HS



2003: Second on the team in receptions (44) and receiving yards (527) ... 31 of his 44 receptions (70%) resulted in first downs ... Caught four passes for 73 yards and one touchdown, the first of his

career, vs. Illinois State ... Made six receptions for 79 yards at UCLA ... Hauled in five passes for 66 yards and one TD against Michigan State ... Caught five balls for 50 yards and one TD at Iowa ... Had at least one catch in every game ... Returned five punts for 28 yards ... Played in every game, earning eight starts ... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2002: One of the teams' more versatile athletes ... Saw action in nine contests on special teams and as a back-up wide receiver ... Was also the third-team quarterback ... Made the move from quarterback to receiver during preseason workouts.

2001: Member of the UI squad.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Prep Star all-region team ... Named the Metro Catholic Conference Player of the Year in both 1998 and '99 ... First-team all-state 5A quarterback ... Threw 19 touchdown passes and only five interceptions his senior year while totaling 2,417 passing yards ... Set the St. Louis area passing yardage record with 5,839 yards, while also becoming the first local quarterback to amass 5,000 yards ... Compiled 755 yards rushing as a senior for an average of 5.4 yards per carry ... Three-time *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* All-Metro team ... Named to the all-district first-team for three consecutive years ... Holds the school record for most passing yards in a career ... Had 7,286 yards total offense and 84 touchdowns in three seasons at St. Louis University High School under his father Coach Gary Kornfeld ... Won the Morris Henderson Award for outstanding high school athlete at the 48th-annual MS Sports Celebrity Dinner ... Helped lead SLUH to the final four at state his senior year and an 11-2 record ... Earned 11 varsity letters for football, baseball and basketball.

Personal: Full given name is Mark Charles Kornfeld ... Born Oct. 17, 1981 in St. Louis, Mo. ... The son of Gary and Karen Kornfeld ... Father, Gary, played football at Southeast Missouri State ... Sister, Kara, plays soccer at St. Louis University ... Uncles Keith

and Kevin Kornfeld played baseball at Southeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri, respectively ... Majoring in speech communication ... Lists Brett Favre as his favorite athlete ... Says his biggest thrill in sports was playing for his father/coach ... Enjoys lifting weights and playing basketball.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7 vs. California, 9/20/03
Receiving Yards: 79 at UCLA, 9/13/03
Long Reception: 32 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03
Touchdowns: 1 three times (last time at Iowa, 11/1/03)

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 12 | 44 | 527 | 12.0 | 43.9 | 3 | 32 |

68 JIM LABONTE

OL, 6-7, 300, r-Fr.
Lombard, Ill./Montini Catholic



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: All-State selection by the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association ... Made the *Sun-Times* Top-100

Chicago Area recruit list ... Was a two time All-Conference pick at tackle ... Honorable mention All-Area pick as a junior ... Two-year starter for Montini Catholic ... Earned letters in football, wrestling and track ... High school coach was Chris Andriano.

Personal: Full given name is James Lawrence LaBonte ... Son of Don and Serena LaBonte ... Born March 4, 1985 ... Has one brother and one sister ... Member of National Honor Society.

47 J LEMAN

LB, 6-3, 220, r-Fr.
Champaign, Ill./Central



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: All-State selection by the *Champaign News-Gazette* and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association ... Named the Area Player

of the Year by the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Named among the Top-100 inside linebackers in the country by Rivals.com ... Also tabbed an All-Conference and All-Area pick as a junior ... Tallied 356 career tackles, including 191 as a senior ... Added 26 tackles-for-loss, nine sacks, three blocked punts, five forced fumbles and an interception as a senior ...

Caught 20 passes for 275 yards as a tight end ... Earned eight prep letters, three in both football and basketball, and two in track ... High school coach was former Illini Jeff Hasenstab.

Personal: Full given name is Jeremy Leman ... Born March 1, 1985 in Champaign, Ill. ... Son of Happy and Dianne Leman ... Has three brothers and one sister ... Active in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship ... Worked for a family-owned lawn service over the summer, mowing 70 lawns in the Champaign area ... Outstanding student who earned two academic letters ... Hopes to become a sports anchor following graduation ... First Champaign Central signee since Greg Boysaw in 1985 ... Lists Dana Howard as his Fighting Illini hero.

67 MATT MADDOX

OL, 6-4, 290, So.
Manasquan, N.J./Manasquan



2003: Named to *Rivals.com's* and *college-footballnews.com's* 2003 Freshman All-American Team ... Started every game at right guard ... Was part of every offensive snap and allowed only two sacks ...

Totaled 64 knockdowns and allowed only 12 pressures.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Prep Star All-American ... Earned first-team all-state honors by the *Newark Star Ledger*, *Gannett News Service* and the *Associated Press* ... Averaged 10 pancake blocks per game during junior and senior seasons ... Eastern Recruiting Magazine All-American ... Gridiron Greats All-American ... Was the first sophomore to start on the offensive line at Manasquan in 10 years ... Didn't allow a sack in his career ... First-team All-Shore Conference, All-Monmouth County and All-Division ... Led an offense that averaged 308 total yards per game ... Manasquan was 34-2 in his four years as a starter ... Team won four straight state championships ... Earned 10 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track ... Played in the New Jersey North/South All-Star game and the New Jersey/New York Governor's Bowl game ... High school coach was Vic Kubu.

Personal: Full given name is Matthew Aaron Maddox ... Born May 8, 1983 in Point Pleasant, N.J. ... The son of William and Mary Anne Maddox ... Majoring in business administration ... Grandfather played football and lacrosse at Rutgers ... Father played his football career at Syracuse

and was a fourth-round pick for the San Diego Chargers ... Brother, Mike, played football at Cincinnati for Illini offensive line coach Harry Hiestand ... An honor roll student all four years of high school ... Enjoys weight training and fishing.

74 MIKE MALONEY

DL, 6-3, 280, Sr.
Joliet, Ill./Joliet Catholic



2003: Played in 11 games, earning a start at defensive lineman vs. Michigan State ... Had three tackles vs. Wisconsin ... Made two tackles vs. Minnesota ... Added one tackle vs. Missouri and at Purdue ... Recorded a quarterback hurry vs. California.

2002: Saw action in seven games as a reserve defensive lineman ... Had one tackle vs. Arkansas State ... Had a fumble recovery and return for three yards vs. Michigan.

2001: Saw action in the season-opener vs. California ... Did not record any statistics.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Earned Prep Star All-America honors ... Named to the SuperPrep All-Midwest team ... Recorded 89 tackles, 37 for loss and 12 sacks during senior season ... Also picked off two passes, broke up 11 and blocked two punts ... Three-year starter totaled 146 career tackles, 40.5 sacks, 58 quarterback hurries and nine blocked kicks ... *Chicago Tribune*, *Sun-Times* and *Champaign News Gazette* all-state selection ... Named to the IHSA and Illinois Prep Report 4A all-state team ... Catholic Metro White Defensive Player of the Year ... Helped lead Joliet Catholic to a 4A state championship and a 14-0 season ... Had nine tackles, two sacks and an interception return for a touchdown in championship game in Memorial Stadium ... Bench pressed 315 pounds in high school.

Personal: Full given name is Michael Joseph Maloney ... Born Jan. 24, 1982 in Joliet, Ill. ... The son of Dan and Mary Beth Maloney ... Grandfather pitched for the Chicago Cubs AAA ballclub ... Honor roll student at Joliet Catholic ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Has one brother, who is 13 years younger than Mike ... Favorite athlete is Dick Butkus ... Biggest sports thrill was winning the state championship with Joliet Catholic.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3 vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03
Solos: 1 at Purdue, 10/4/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | FF-FR |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 2002 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| 2003 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| TOTAL | 18 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 |

46 ANTONIO MASON

LB, 6-0, 245, Jr.
St. Louis, Mo./Pattonville



2003: Tied for fourth on the squad in tackles with 90, also had three tackle-for-loss, three PBU's, one fumble recovery and one quarterback hurry ... Led the team in tackles at Iowa (16) and at Purdue (11)

... Made a career-high 16 stops at Iowa and had one TFL and one PBU ... Tallied 10 tackles and one TFL at Indiana ... Had a fumble recovery, quarterback hurry, two PBU's and six tackles vs. California ... Played in every game, earning six starts.

2002: Emerged during the second half of the season and became a steady performer at linebacker ... Finished the season with 17 tackles, a tackle-for-loss and two quarterback hurries ... Had a career-high six stops vs. Ohio State ... Added five tackles and a tackle-for-loss at Wisconsin ... Had 14 of his 17 tackles in the month of November.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season.

High School: Had 128 solo tackles and 67 assists as a senior ... Totaled four sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception ... Earned two football letters under Coach Donald Greco at Pattonville High School ... *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* All-Metro team first team selection ... Named to the *St. Louis American* "All-American" team ... First-team all-state, first-team all-conference and all-district ... Registered 38 solo tackles, 28 assists, one interception and three fumble recoveries as a junior ... Led team to state championship game in 2000 ... Also earned two letters in track and field.

Personal: Full name is Antonio Mason ... Born Aug. 8, 1982 in Little Rock, Ark. ... The son of Rickey Brown and Eyvonne Mason ... Has five siblings ... Plans to be a civil engineer following graduation ... Lists his pastor as biggest influence on his athletic career ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and enjoys listening to gospel music.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 16 at Iowa, 11/1/03
Solos: 9 vs. at Iowa, 11/1/03
TFL: 1 four times (last time at Indiana, 11/8/03)
QB Hurries: 2 at Penn State, 11/2/02

PBU: 2 vs. California, 9/20/03

Fumble recovery: 1 vs. California, 9/20/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2002 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 |
| 2003 | 12 | 47 | 43 | 90 | 3-5 | 0-0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 18 | 55 | 52 | 107 | 4-7 | 0-0 | 3 |

23 MARCUS MASON

RB, 5-9, 200, So.
Potomac, Md./Georgetown Prep



2003: Gained 214 yards on 64 carries and returned 11 kickoffs for 208 yards ... Team's third leading rusher ... Rushed for 102 yards on 23 carries at Indiana ... Had 42 yards at Iowa ... Returned five kicks

for 116 yards at Purdue ... Made two receptions for 10 yards ... Played in eight games, earning a start at Iowa.

High School: All-time leading rusher in the state of Maryland ... Also tops on the Maryland charts in career touchdowns and points scored ... Totaled over 5,700 yards in his four-year career as a varsity starter ... Despite missing three games with an injury, still racked up 1,532 yards and 29 scores as a senior ... Named Area Player of the Year by the *Gazette News* ... Named the Metro Offensive Player of the Year by the *Washington Post* ... Also named to the Golden 11 All-State team ... Named the PowerBar East Region Athlete of the Week ... Rushed for over 2,100 yards as a junior, scoring 26 TDs on the ground and three more as a receiver ... Was the metro area's leading rusher as a junior ... Named the *Journal* and *Gazette News* Offensive Player of the Year in 2001 ... Three time all-conference selection ... Rushed for 1,359 yards as a sophomore, finding the end zone 20 times, 17 of which were on the ground ... Also a standout defensive back and kick returner ... Had eight career interceptions, returning one for a score ... Had two career kick off returns for scores and averaged 33 yards per return over his career ... Also averaged 15 yards per punt return ... Led Georgetown Prep to an amazing 36-3 record in his four seasons ... High school coach was Dan Paro.

Personal: Full given name is Marcus Anthony Mason ... Son of Tarlton Barnett and Patricia Mason ... Born June 23, 1984 ... Has two sisters ... Hopes to major in business finance ... Uncle, Mark Mason, played football at Maryland ... Lists Walter Payton as his favorite athlete ... Appeared in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd".



CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 23 at Indiana, 11/8/03
Yards: 102 at Indiana, 11/8/03
Long Rush: 15, twice (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03)

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 9 | 64 | 214 | 3.3 | 23.8 | 0 | 15 |

97 RYAN MATHA

DT, 6-1, 285, Jr.
Dixon, Ill./Dixon



2003: Returned from a devastating 2002 knee injury to play 11 games, including starting the final eight ... Totaled 25 tackles, one sack and one quarterback hurry ... Tied his career-highs in tackles (4) and sacks (1) vs. Wisconsin, and had one quarterback hurry ... Made four solo tackles at Purdue.

2002: Played in the first seven games, earning a start vs. Purdue, before missing the rest of the season with a knee injury ... Had two tackles and a sack vs. Michigan ... Had a career-high four tackles at Minnesota, while adding three tackles at Southern Miss. ... Named Academic All-Big Ten.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season.

High School: Tallied 68 solo tackles, eight sacks and six blocked kicks as a senior ... Also had one interception, nine fumble recoveries and five forced fumbles ... Earned three letters for Coach Bill Lech at Dixon High School ... Three-year all-conference selection, earning unanimous first-team honors as a senior ... Dixon's Defensive Player of the Year ... Named to the all-area team as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Team co-captain ... Illinois Football Coaches Association all-state team ... Area Player of the Year ... Also lettered in track and wrestling ... Placed fifth in the shot put at the indoor state championships and third at the outdoor state meet ... Personal best in shot put is 55 feet, 9-inches.

Personal: Full name is Ryan Thomas Ignatius Matha ... Born May 23, 1983 in Hinsdale, Ill. ... The son of Warren and Janis Matha ... Sister, Kristen is a two-year starter in basketball at St. Mary's College in Indiana ... Favorite Illini athlete is Dick Butkus ... Four-year honor roll member with a 3.5 GPA ... Biggest thrill in sports was winning first playoff game in school history as Dixon defeated Rochelle in 2000 ... Lists Warren Sapp as his favorite athlete ... Majoring in speech communication ... Would like to coach football following graduation ... Member of the Key Club.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, three times (last time at Purdue, 10/4/03)
Solos: 4, twice (last time at Purdue, 10/4/03)
TFL: 1 twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03)
Sacks: 1 twice (last time vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2002 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 1-7 | 1-7 | 0 |
| 2003 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 1-7 | 1-7 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 18 | 20 | 15 | 35 | 2-14 | 2-14 | 1 |

81 ANTHONY MCCLELLAN

TE, 6-3, 245, Sr.
O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon Township



2003: Played in all 12 games, earning four starts ... Had three receptions for 34 yards, one each vs. Missouri, California and Michigan State.

2002: Caught 11 passes for 156 yards ...

Eight of his catches came in the final four games of the year ... Had a career-highs in catches (5) and yards (52) vs. Indiana ... Also scored his first career touchdown vs. the Hoosiers ... Had two catches for 17 yards vs. Ohio State ... Had a 25-yard grab for a score vs. Northwestern ... Had a career-long 42-yard reception at Southern Miss. ... Had one catch vs. Arkansas State and Michigan.

2001: Played in all 12 games for the Illini ... Caught eight passes for 122 yards as a red-shirt freshman ... Hauled in catches in seven games ... Was the top pass catcher among tight ends in receiving yardage ... A career-long 30-yard reception was one of his two catches for 54 yards against Northern Illinois ... Tied his career-long with a 30-yard reception at Michigan ... Caught a 21-yard pass at Purdue ... Recorded receptions against Louisville (5 yds), Wisconsin (9 yds) and Northwestern (4 yds).

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Averaged 22 yards per catch as a senior at O'Fallon Township High School ... Earned first-team all-state as voted by the Illinois Football Coaches Association ... Three-time All-South Seven Conference selection in football ... Named all-conference twice in basketball ... Cleared a 6-7 high jump attempt ... Caught the winning touchdown pass on a 67-yard strike in the fourth quarter against rival Carbondale ... Earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball and track ... Listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Personal: Full given name is Anthony Horace McClellan ... Born Feb. 27, 1982 in Belleville, Ill. ... The son of Anthony and Cassandra McClellan ... Cousin Rodney Byrd

played fullback for Illinois from 1993-96 ... Majoring in landscape architecture ... Past summer jobs include working elementary school basketball camps ... Says NBA star Vince Carter is his favorite athlete.

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 vs. Indiana, 10/26/02
Yards: 54 vs. NIU, 9/8/01
Long Reception: 42 at Southern Miss, 9/7/02
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Ind., 10/26/02 & at Northwestern, 11/23/02

RECEIVING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|----|
| 2001 | 12 | 8 | 122 | 15.3 | 12.2 | 0 | 30 |
| 2002 | 12 | 11 | 156 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 2 | 42 |
| 2003 | 12 | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 2.83 | 0 | 16 |
| TOTAL | 36 | 22 | 312 | 14.2 | 8.7 | 2 | 42 |

53 JOE MELE III

LB, 6-2, 225, r-Fr.
Sea Girt, N.J./Manasquan



2003: Earned the team's Scout Team Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Year awards ... Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Was an all-state pick at line-backer as a senior after

recording 139 tackles, 29 of which were for a loss including four sacks ... Also added three interceptions, seven passes broken up and five forced fumbles ... Named the Monmouth County Defensive Player of the Year and was a two-time All-Monmouth County selection ... Registered over 300 career tackles during his three seasons as a starter ... Led Monmouth to four consecutive state championships on the gridiron ... Also starred as a tight end catching 12 passes for 160 yards and a touchdown ... High school coach was Vic Kubu.

Personal: Full given name is Joseph P. Mele III ... Born May 2, 1985 in Summit, N.J. ... Son of Joe and Patricia Mele ... Has three brothers and one sister ... Father was a running back at Rutgers, helping the 1976 team to an undefeated season and a No. 17 national ranking ... Lists Tampa Bay safety and former Ron Turner player, John Lynch, as his favorite athlete ... Was inducted into the Manasquan High School Hall of Fame ... Hopes to attend law school following his playing career ... Was his high school newspaper editor-in-chief ... Hobbies include surfing and reading.

38 MATT MINNES

P, 6-2, 195, Sr.
Urbana, Ill./Urbana



2003: Appeared in four games for the Illini ... Punted 15 times for 647 yards for the season ... Had seven kicks for 322 yards at Michigan, including a career-long 58-yarder ... Posted a career-high average of

48.5 vs. Northwestern ... Booted five balls 50+ yards ... Had four punts downed inside the 20 ... Punted three times for 101 yards vs. Missouri.

2002: Opened the season as the starting punter and averaged 37.7 yards on 33 punts ... Saw action in nine games ... Had a career-long 55-yard punt vs. San Jose State ... Averaged a season best 42.0 yards on three punts vs. the Spartans ... Had six kicks downed inside the 20 including two at Minnesota ... Also had 50+ yard punts vs. Michigan and Minnesota ... Career-high nine punts at Minnesota.

2001: Was a member of the UI squad ... Sat out the season after battling a near-fatal virus prior to the start of the season.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Was all-conference in baseball and football ... Earned all-area baseball Player of the Year ... Was a Big 12 scholar athlete and also an IHSA all-state academic athlete ... Participated in IHSA baseball hitting derby ... Accumulated eight total letters in football, baseball and swimming.

Personal: Full given name is Matthew Mason Minnes ... Born Jan. 22, 1982 in Champaign ... The son of Mason and Connie Minnes ... Father played football for the Illini from 1969-73 as a fullback and offensive lineman ... Majoring in agricultural finance ... Was the Kiwanis student of the year ... Honored as an Army ROTC scholar athlete ... Lists parents as most influential in athletic career.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 9 at Minnesota, 10/3/02
Yardage: 343 at Minnesota, 10/3/02
Average: 48.5 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Long Punt: 58 at Michigan, 10/18/03
Inside 20: 2 at Minnesota, 10/3/02

PUNTING STATISTICS

| YEAR | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TB | FC | I20 | BK |
|-------|----|------|------|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 2002 | 33 | 1244 | 37.7 | 55 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| 2003 | 15 | 647 | 43.1 | 58 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 48 | 1891 | 39.4 | 58 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 1 |

42 KEVIN MITCHELL

S, 6-0, 190, r-Fr.
Ft. Wayne, Ind./Homestead



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Was an All-State pick by the Indiana Football Coaches Association and *Bloomington Herald* at defensive back after totaling 12 career interceptions as a senior ... Was the IFCA Region 3 Most Valuable Player ... Earned first-team All-North East Hoosier Conference honors two years in a row ... Two-time All-State selection ... Named to the "Tremendous 26" list among football players in the state of Indiana ... Totaled 1,950 career rushing yards, while scoring 34 touchdowns ... Was a two-time All-Conference and All-Area selection as a defensive back ... Was the team's MVP ... High school coach was Drew Wood.

Personal: Full given name is Kevin T. Mitchell ... Son of Stephen and DeVita Mitchell ... Born April 6, 1985 ... Has two brothers and one sister ... Brother Phil Hayes played football at Arkansas ... Father played football at Indiana ... Uncle Jon Hayes played football at Purdue ... Lists NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott as his favorite athlete.

90 SCOTT MOSS

DL, 6-3, 260, Jr.
Minooka, Ill./Minooka



2003: Tallied 34 tackles, six tackles-for-loss, four sacks and one forced fumble ... Notched his first career sack vs Illinois State in his first career start ... Had a sack and a tackle at UCLA ... Made three tackles, including a sack and forced a fumble at Michigan ... Set a career-high vs. Minnesota with five tackles ... Registered two TFLs and one sack vs. Northwestern ... Academic All-Big Ten.

2002: Played 11 games at defensive end as a freshman ... Registered three tackles on the season, two of which came at Penn State ... Had one tackle at Minnesota.

High School: Prep Star All-American ... SuperPrep All-Midwest team ... Led Minooka to an 11-3 record ... Recorded over 60 solo tackles as a senior ... Earned *Champaign News-Gazette* all-state special mention ... A three-year letterman, starting at

both fullback and linebacker for Minooka Community ... Rushed for 2,300 career yards and 19 scores including 1,014 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior from his fullback position ... Caught passes for another 300 career yards out of the backfield ... Saw extensive time along the defensive line in high school amassing over 150 career tackles ... Was a two-time All-Suburban Prairie Red selection at running back, an all-area fullback selection by the *Morris Herald* and an all-area linebacker/ defensive line selection by the *Herald News* ... Won the Class AA state championship in the discus with a school-record throw of 190'02.00" as a junior ... Also finished sixth in the shot put at the state meet ... Four-year letterman in track ... Owns school weight-lifting records in the bench press (400 pounds) and squat (575 pounds).

Personal: Full given name is Scott Robert Moss ... Born Jan. 8, 1984 in Joliet, Ill. ... The son of Chet and Cindy Moss ... Majoring in finance ... Sister Tracy was a member of the Illinois women's track team ... Was named an Illinois Academic All-State selection as a senior ... Was a two-time member of the National Honor Society.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Solos: 4 at Indiana, 11/8/03
Sacks: 1 four times (last time vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03)
TFL: 2, vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2002 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2003 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 34 | 6-33 | 4-30 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 23 | 24 | 13 | 37 | 6-33 | 4-30 | 0 |

73 CHRIS NORWELL

DL, 6-7, 270, r-Fr.
Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Excellent athlete that received recruiting interest in basketball as well as football ... Ranked No. 61 among offensive tackles in the country by

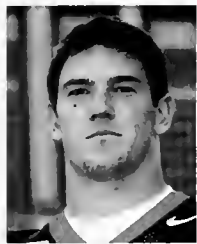
Rivals.com ... Ranked as one of the top offensive linemen in the state of Ohio as a senior ... All-Region selection by SuperPrep ... Twice named second team all-Southwest Ohio ... Earned the honor as a tight end during his senior season and as an offensive tackle as a junior ... Led all Cincinnati preps in tackles for loss as a senior with 33, while registering 80 tackles ... As a tight end he caught 10 passes for 137 yards ... Selected to play in the Ohio East-West Shrine Game ... Excelled in hoops and is Anderson High School's all-time

leading scorer and rebounder ... Led his conference in scoring and rebounding as a junior ... Earned seven letters at Anderson High — four in basketball and three in football ... High school coach was Vince Suriano.

Personal: Full given name is Christopher Reinhard Norwell ... Son of Ivar and Julia Norwell ... Born Feb. 12, 1985 ... One of seven children ... Has four sisters and two brothers ... Brother, Adam, played basketball at Northern Kentucky.

93 MIKE O'BRIEN

DE, 6-6, 225, Sr. (6th)
Oak Lawn, Ill./Marist



2003: Had nine tackles, three tackles-for-loss, one sack and one quarterback hurry vs. Missouri before tearing his ACL in practice ... Granted a sixth season of eligibility by NCAA.

2002: Twice registered eight-tackle performances on the year, once in the season-opener vs. Missouri and again vs. Ohio State ... Finished fourth on the team with three sacks and seventh on the team with 51 tackles ... His 11 tackles-for-loss were third among Illini tackles this season ... Had three tackles and a sack against Wisconsin ... Recorded a TFL and four tackles in loss to PSU ... Got TFL and first sack of the season against Indiana ... Had six tackles and recovered a fumble against Purdue ... Recorded a TFL vs. Michigan ... Had four tackles, three for loss and two balls batted down at the line of scrimmage vs. San Jose State.

2001: Started 10 of 12 games at defensive end ... Fourth on the team among defensive linemen in tackles with 33 ... Tied for second on the team in tackles-for-loss with eight ... Second on the team in sacks with five ... Second on the team in quarterback hurries with nine ... Had a career-high seven stops, six solo, in the Nokia Sugar Bowl vs. LSU ... Also had one sack for a 17-yard loss ... Had six tackles in the win at Purdue ... Finished the season with at least one TFL in the last five games ... Had five tackles, one sack, two TFLs and three quarterback hurries in the win over Penn State ... Had two tackles for loss, including one sack in the season opener at California ... Had a career-high five quarterback hurries in the win vs. Northern Illinois.

2000: Played the first two games before suffering a stress fracture in his foot ... Took a medical redshirt ... Had one tackle against

Middle Tennessee.

1999: Sat out the bowl game due to a broken fibula suffered in the final game of the season ... Provided depth at defensive end ... Played in 10 games ... Totaled seven tackles, all solo stops ... Registered two tackles at Louisville ... Recovered a fumble at Indiana ... Ranked second on team with five QB hurries ... Recorded one PBU.

High School: An all-area selection by the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune* ... Named to All-Catholic League squad ... Played defensive end for Marist H.S. under Coach Werner Emmrich ... Led team in sacks both junior and senior seasons, registering nine and 10.5, respectively ... Was second leading tackler on team ... Team went 7-5 in Catholic League Metro Blue division ... Earned four letters in football and three in basketball ... Led basketball team in scoring as a junior.

Personal: Full given name is Michael Patrick O'Brien ... Born March 15, 1981 in Oak Lawn, Ill. ... Parents are Jack and Ruth O'Brien ... Has one brother and sister ... Made honor roll two semesters in high school ... Majoring in leisure studies/ sports management.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
Solos: 8 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
Sacks: 1 six times (vs. Missouri, 8/30/03)
TFL: 3, twice (last time vs. Missouri, 8/30/03)
QB Hurries: 5 vs. NIU, 9/8/01
PBU: 2 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/02
Forced Fum.: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02
Fum. Recovered: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1999 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5 |
| 2000 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2001 | 10 | 19 | 7 | 26 | 7-34 | 4-25 | 9 |
| 2002 | 12 | 31 | 20 | 51 | 11-38 | 3-22 | 3 |
| 2003 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3-8 | 1-4 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 35 | 65 | 29 | 94 | 21-80 | 8-51 | 18 |

64 MARTIN O'DONNELL

OL, 6-5, 290, r-Fr.
Downers Grove, Ill.
Downers Grove South



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Earned *Parade* All-American honors and was named top offensive lineman in country ... Top-100 recruit according to *Chicago Sun-Times* ...

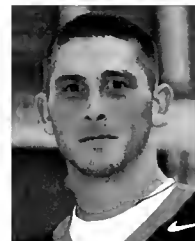
Prep Star Dream Team member and All-American ... Named Top-100 recruit and second-best offensive lineman nationally by Rivals.com ... Recorded 55 pancake blocks as

a senior ... A two-time all-state and all-conference selection ... Made the *Sun-Times* Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... Named a first-team Riddell All-American ... Earned West Suburban Gold Conference Player of the Year honors ... Also garnered conference lineman of the year accolades ... SuperPrep All-Region selection ... Earned three varsity letters for football and three for the track team ... High school coach was John Belskis.

Personal: Full given name is Martin Edward O'Donnell ... Son of Michael and Pamela O'Donnell ... Born Dec. 9, 1984 ... Biggest thrill in sports was winning the 2001 8A state championship at Memorial Stadium ... Lists favorite athlete as Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis ... Has been an honor roll student every year with a 4.0-plus GPA ... Plans to be a high school coach and history teacher upon graduation ... Was a member of Athletes Committed to Excellence.

16 CHRIS PAZAN

QB, 6-2, 210, 5o.
Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice



2003: Was 49-of-82 for 511 yards and two touchdowns ... Threw his first career touchdown pass vs. Michigan State, while completing 7-of-11 passes for 67 yards ... Had a touch-

down pass and a career-long pass of 47 yards against Iowa ... Threw for a career-high 188 yards on 18-of-28 vs. Northwestern ... Was a perfect 5-of-5 in his first collegiate action at Purdue ... Earned first career start at Michigan and also started vs. Minnesota ... Saw action in four other Big Ten games, at Purdue, vs. Michigan State, at Iowa and vs. Northwestern.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Named to Lindy's Big Ten Freshman of Influence team ... Prep Star All-American ... SuperPrep All-Midwest team ... Student Sports All-American ... Named to the *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun-Times* All-State, all-conference and all-area teams ... Passed for 1,880 yards, completing over 50 percent of his passes and threw 21 touchdown strikes, with only one interception ... Set school records for yards in a game, season and career ... Passed for 4,600 career yards and threw 35 touchdown passes ... Earned *Champaign News-Gazette* all-state special mention ... Prep Football Report All-Midwest team ... Three-year letterwinner in both football and baseball at Brother Rice ... Bench presses 350 pounds



... Coach was Steve Nye.

Personal: Full given name is Christopher Alan Pazan ... Born Oct. 21, 1983 in Chicago, Ill. ... The son of Ken and Jean Pazan ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Stepmother, Barb, played volleyball at Pepperdine University ... Four-year honor roll student ... Hobbies include weightlifting, reading and watching movies.

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 18 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Attempts: 28 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Yards: 188 vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
Long Pass: 47 at Iowa, 11/1/03
Touchdowns: 1 twice (last time at Iowa 11/1/03)

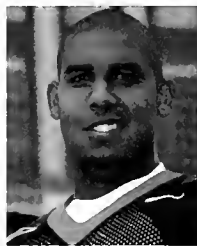
PASSING STATISTICS

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75 DUKE PRESTON

OL, 6-5, 305, Sr.

San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel



2003: Started every game for the Fighting Illini at center ... Took every snap and allowed only one sack ... Registered 71 knock-downs and gave up six pressures.

2002: Started every game for the Illini at center ... Helped set school total offense record with 5,356 yards, an average of 446.3 per game, topping the 5,000 mark for the second straight season and only two times in school history ... Total offense ranked ninth in the country and passing average of 282.3 yards per game ranked 16th ... Aided running back Antoinio Harris to a single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards.

2001: Played in two games as the backup to All-American center Luke Butkus ... Logged playing time in the season-opener at California and at Purdue.

2000: Redshirted the 2000 season.

High School: Prep Star All-West team ... Allowed only two sacks in two years ... First-team All-Palomar League in both 1998 and '99 ... Was first-team all-county and all-North county as voted by the North County Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune ... Cal-Hi Top 100 player ... Accepted invitations to the North/South San Diego all-star game and the Cal-Hi/Texas all-star game ... Named team's Most Valuable Player in 1999 ... Voted team lineman of the year for junior and senior seasons ... Earned four varsity letters for football and baseball.

Personal: Full given name is Raymond Newton Preston III ... Goes by Duke ...

Born June 12, 1982 in San Diego, Calif. ... The son of Raymond and Susan Preston ... Father played for nine years with the San Diego Chargers and was a Kodak All-American for Syracuse University ... Majoring in speech communication ... Lists Muhammad Ali as favorite athlete because of his tremendous drive for greatness ... Four-year member of the Mt. Carmel All-Academic team ... Two-time member of the San Diego Union-Tribune All-Academic team ... Hobbies and activities include FCA, basketball, golf, surfing and billiards.

95 LEE ROBINSON

DE, 6-5, 265, Sr.

Naperville, Ill./College of DuPage



2003: Had 19 tackles, 1.5 tackles-for-loss, one sack and one PBU ... Registered a sack, .5 TFL and one PBU vs. California ... Tallied a career best five tackles vs. Minnesota ... Saw action in 10 games

2002: Enrolled at the University of Illinois, but was ineligible to compete due NCAA academic rules.

College of DuPage: Listed as one of the top-five defensive line prospects in the junior college ranks by JC Grid Wire ... Was an honorable mention All-America selection as a freshman ... Listed as the 63rd-best junior college prospect in the country by Juniorcollege.com ... Was a unanimous all-conference and all-region pick.

High School: Won seven varsity letters during his career at Naperville North, including two in football ... Was a unanimous All-DuPage Valley Conference selection as a senior ... Led Naperville North in tackles for loss en route to being named a two-time selection to the City All-Defensive team by the Naperville Sun ... Was a first team all-area pick by the Daily Herald ... Was an honorable mention all-state selection by Chicago Sun-Times and an all-state special mention selection by the Chicago Tribune ... As a junior led Naperville North to the semifinals of the state playoffs ... Also led his high school to the regional title in basketball ... Earned two varsity letters on the hardwood.

Personal: Full given name is Lee Albert Robinson ... Born on May 27, 1982 in Winfield, Ill. ... Majoring in speech communication ... The son of John Robinson and Janet Sumner-Griffin.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Sacks: 3 at Michigan, 10/18/03
Sacks: 1 vs. California, 9/20/03
Tackles: 1 at Iowa, 11/1/03

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Table with columns: YEAR, G, ST, AT, TOT, TFL-YDS, QBS-YDS, QBH. Row for 2003: 12, 22, 12, 34, 6-33, 4-30, 0

79 JAMES RYAN

OL, 6-6, 310, r-Fr.

Batavia, Ill./Batavia



2003: Selected as the scout team Offensive Player of the Year ... Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School:

Preseason All-America selection on the offensive line as a senior ...

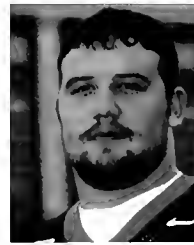
Four-year varsity letterwinner ... Ranked among the top-25 offensive linemen in the country and the No. 22 guard in the country by Rivals.com ... Four-year starter at Batavia High School ... Made the Sun-Times Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... A two-time captain and the only junior to be elected captain in the last 25 years ... Three-time All-Conference and All-Area pick ... Two-way starter as a prep ... Recorded more than 136 tackles, 32 tackles-for-loss and five forced fumbles as a defensive lineman ... Also an outstanding wrestler ... Was an All-State selection at 275 pounds finishing eighth as a junior ... Earned 12 letters in high school ... High school coach was Mike Gaspari.

Personal: Full given name is James Christopher Ryan ... Son of Jim and Robin Ryan ... Born March 19, 1985 ... Has one brother ... Grandfather, Donald Ryan, played football at Notre Dame ... Cousin, Katie Ryan, played volleyball at DePaul ... Lists Bruce Smith as his favorite athlete.

66 BRIAN SCHAEFERING

DL, 6-5, 280, Jr.

St. Louis, Mo./Hazelwood East



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

2002: Played in all-12 games earning two starts ... Finished the season third on the team with four sacks and fifth in tackles-for-loss with five ... Registered 34 tackles

on the season, seven of which came in an



overtime win over Purdue ... Also added a sack and a fumble recovery vs. the Boilers ... Had sacks vs. Michigan, San Jose State and Northwestern ... Had five tackles at Minnesota ... Forced a fumble vs. Missouri.

2001: Played the final nine games of the season along the defensive line as a true freshman ... Finished the season with eight tackles and one sack ... Had a career-high three tackles in his first game at Michigan ... Had two tackles and a quarterback hurry at Indiana ... Got the first sack and PBU of his career vs. Wisconsin ... Had two tackles in the Nokia Sugar Bowl vs. LSU.

High School: Earned three football letters under Coach Rick Gorzynski at Hazelwood East High School ... First-team all-state, two-time first-team all-Suburban North and first-team North district selection ... Two-time all-conference selection ... Had seven quarterback sacks, 130 tackles and two interceptions as a senior ... Named a Prep Star All-American ... Recorded 22 solo tackles in a single game in 2000 ... Averaged 46.9 yards per punt ... SuperPrep All-Midlands team ... Posted 60 tackles and six blocked punts as a junior ... Also earned letters in track.

Personal: Full name is Brian Schaefering ... Born Aug. 20, 1983 in St. Louis, Mo. ... The son of Janice Schaefering ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Past jobs include remodeling bathrooms, lawn care and working at a grocery store ... Lists his mother as biggest influence in his athletic career ... Is the first member of his family to play a Division I sport.

CAREER HIGHS

- Tackles:** 7 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02
- Solos:** 5 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02
- Sacks:** 1 five times (last time at Northwestern, 11/23/02)
- TFL:** 2 vs. San Jose State, 9/21/02
- QBH:** 1 three times (last time vs. Wisconsin, 11/9/02)
- Fum. Forced:** 1 vs. Missouri, 8/31/02
- Fum. Recovered:** 1 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 2001 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 1 |
| 2002 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 34 | 5-21 | 4-19 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 23 | 17 | 42 | 6-26 | 5-24 | 3 |

99 DOMINIC SHAFER

PK, 5-10, 180, So.
Centralia, Ill./Centralia

2003: Member of the UI squad.

High School: All-conference as a senior ... Holds school record for most field goals in a season and longest made field goal ... Made 62 consecutive PAT's ... All-conference selection in soccer as a junior ... Practiced with the 16-under Olympic development soccer team in 2000 ... Qualified for the state track meet as a member of the 1,600 meter relay

his senior year ... Earned eight varsity letters-two in football, three in track and three in soccer ... High school coach was Marc Arthur.

Personal: Full given name is Dominic Magoulias Shafer ... Son of Charles and Teena Shafer ... Born Aug. 15, 1984 ... Has one brother ... Biggest sports thrill was going to the state playoffs as a senior because it was the first time the school went in 22 years ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Senior class president and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... Majoring in general engineering ... Lists his parents as being most influential in his athletic career ... Fighting Illini hero growing up was Dike Eddleman who is from his hometown.

57 JJ SIMMONS

OL, 6-6, 290, So.
Mishawaka, Ind./Penn



2003: Played in all 12 games, primarily on special teams.

2002: Redshirted the 2002 season.

High School: Garnered first-team all-state honors from the *Associated Press* ... Prep

Star All-Region ... *Bloomington Herald* first-team all-conference and all-area ... Earned *Bloomington Herald's* Big 33 team honors ... Named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association Top-50 team ... Selected as the Region 2 Most Valuable Player as voted by the IFCA ... Recorded 58 "pancake" blocks as a senior ... Earned three letters in football and one in basketball at Penn High School ... Team won state championship in 2000 ... Received invitation to play in the Indiana North/ South All-Star game in July ... High school coach was Chris Geesman.

Personal: Full given name is John Joseph Simmons ... Born Aug. 30, 1984 in Wheeling, Ill. ... The son of Robert and Jacqueline Simmons ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Goes by "JJ" ... Grandfather, Jack, played football for the Chicago Cardinals and Detroit Lions ... Aspires to be a college football coach ... Favorite athlete is former Lion and Buffalo Bills linebacker Chris Spielman ... Volunteers for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

44 MATT SINCLAIR

LB, 6-3, 240, Sr.
St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis University HS



2003: Earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors ... First on team in tackles with 129 ... Led the Big Ten in tackles during conference games with 98 and finished third overall ... Set a career-high in

tackles with 21 vs. Wisconsin ... Had double-digits in tackles each of the final four games and six times overall ... Made seven tackles and had two sacks at UCLA ... Recorded 17 tackles vs. Minnesota ... Posted 14 tackles at Iowa ... Made 10 tackles and had a sack at Indiana ... Opened the season with 12 tackles, one sack and one quarterback hurry vs. Missouri ... Had a fumble recovery at Purdue ... Led the team in tackles three times ... Started every game at linebacker ... Rushed for five yards and a first down on a fake punt vs. Northwestern

2002: Started the final eight games of the year at linebacker ... Finished the season fourth in tackles with 56, five of which were tackles-for-loss ... Had eight tackles, two TFLs and a sack in the season finale vs. Northwestern ... His five TFLs were fourth on the team ... Posted three tackles against Wisconsin ... Recorded seven tackles vs. Penn State ... Had a 11 tackles and two TFLs against Michigan ... Had eight solo tackles vs. Purdue ... Led the team with seven tackles in win over Arkansas State.

2001: Saw time at linebacker and as a member of the special teams as a true freshman ... Played in the final 11 games of the season ... Recorded a career-high two stops at Michigan ... Also recorded tackles vs. Louisville, Indiana, Wisconsin and Purdue.

High School: Earned three football letters under Coach Gary Kornfeld at St. Louis University High School ... Honorable mention All-USA team by *USA Today* ... Recorded 121 solo tackles, 14 assists, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions ... Averaged 12 tackles a game ... Conference Player of the Year ... Named the SuperPrep Midwest Defensive Player of the Year ... SuperPrep All-American ... *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Metro Defensive Player of the Year ... Prep Star All-American ... Recorded 25 catches for 530 yards as a tight end ... Ended career second on SLUH career tackles list ... Helped lead team to two district championships ... Selected to play in the Missouri Lions All-Star Game ... Team reached 5A state semifinals as a junior ... Also earned

three letters in basketball.

Personal: Full name is Matthew Christopher Sinclair ... Born July 24, 1982 ... The son of Carol Sinclair ... Favorite Fighting Illini athlete is Dick Butkus and favorite athlete is London Fletcher, the St. Louis Rams linebacker who has persevered despite his 5-9 height ... Is involved in mentoring program for young children, serves as secretary for SLUH Cultural Enrichment Program and as a Student Ambassador ... Majoring in speech communication ... Did not play organized football until high school ... Wants to own a restaurant following graduation ... Scholar-Athlete finalist four consecutive years and was on the honor roll every semester of high school.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 21 vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03
Solos: 9 vs. Indiana, 11/8/03
Sacks: 2 at UCLA, 9/6/03
TFL: 2, twice (last time at UCLA, 9/6/03)
PBU: 1 three times (last time at Michigan, 10/18/03)
QB Hurries: 1 four times (last time at Iowa, 11/1/03)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|-----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2001 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1-9 | 1-9 | 0 |
| 2002 | 12 | 42 | 14 | 56 | 5-16 | 1-10 | 1 |
| 2003 | 12 | 61 | 68 | 129 | 4-26 | 4-26 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 34 | 107 | 84 | 197 | 10-51 | 6-45 | 4 |

30 PIERRE THOMAS

RB, 5-11, 190, 5o.
 Lynwood, Ill./Thornton Fractional South



2003: Team's second leading rusher with 233 yards on 43 carries ... Caught three passes for 12 yards and returned seven kicks for 134 yards ... Scored two touchdowns at Michigan ... Rushed for 78 yards on nine carries in his collegiate debut vs. Illinois State, including a career-long run of 35 yards ... Gained 70 yards on 15 carries vs. Minnesota.

High School: Named a national Top-100 recruit by the *Chicago Sun-Times* ... *Champaign News-Gazette* Player of the Year ... Named to the *USA Today* Old Spice Red Zone Top-50 National Team ... Earned Offensive Player of the Year honors from the *Daily Southtown* ... Made the *Sun-Times* Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... Named to SuperPrep All-American team ... Two-time All-State selection at running back by the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune* ... Totaled over 5,522 rushing yards for his career and found the end zone 88 times ... Gained over 3,200 yards as a sophomore and junior, before racking up 2,365 yards and 38 scores last season ... Had a career-high 304

rushing yards in a single game last season ... Had 27 100-yard rushing games, including 11 with over 200 yards ... Scored five touchdowns in back-to-back contests as a junior ... Rated the No. 1 player in the SICA Orange Conference in 2002 ... Earned All-Area and All-Conference honors as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Also earned Player of the Year honors from Thornton Fractional South High School ... High school coach was Tom Padjen.

Personal: Full given name is Charles Pierre Thomas Jr. ... Born Dec. 18, 1984 in Chicago, Ill. ... The son of Charles and Greta Jo Thomas ... Has one sister ... Enjoys playing video games and collecting sports cards ... Favorite athlete is Barry Sanders.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries: 15 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Yards: 78 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03
Long Rush: 35 vs. Illinois State, 9/6/03
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Michigan, 10/18/03

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2003 | 6 | 43 | 233 | 5.4 | 38.8 | 2 | 35 |

36 JOSH TISCHER

LB, 6-1, 215, Jr.
 Morris, Ill./Morris



2003: Tallied 14 tackles in eight games ... Had a season-high three tackles vs. Illinois State and vs. Minnesota ... Recorded two stops vs. Missouri, at Michigan and at Indiana ... Made one tackle at UCLA and at

Iowa.

2002: Played in all 12 games as a true freshman at linebacker and on special teams ... Had tackles in seven games including at Penn State, where he had a season-high three stops ... Added two tackles vs. Arkansas State ... Had solo stops vs. Ohio State, Indiana and Michigan and an assist vs. San Jose State.

High School: Garnered Most Valuable Player accolades for the Suburban Prairie (Red) Conference ... Prep Star All-Region ... SuperPrep All-Midwest team ... Named to the *Champaign News-Gazette* first-team all-state team ... Averaged 15 stops per game ... Recorded over 300 tackles combined during his junior and senior seasons ... Named the all-area MVP by the *Morris Daily Herald* ... *Joliet Herald* All-State team member as a linebacker and punter ... First-team all-conference linebacker ... Earned eight varsity letters in football, wrestling and track at Morris High School ... Also earned all-conference honors in the shot put and discus following

the 2000 track season ... Helped lead team to the state finals in 2001 ... High school coach was Dan Darlington.

Personal: Full given name is Joshua Cody Tischer ... Born March 31, 1984 in River Forest, Ill. ... The son of Stan and Janis Tischer ... Majoring in education ... Father, Stan, played football for the Concordia St. Paul Golden Bears ... A four-year honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society ... Plans on majoring in physical education ... Enjoys fishing and hunting ... Favorite athlete is Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, three times (last time vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03)
Solos: 2, twice (last time at Indiana, 11/8/03)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | QBS-YDS | QBH |
|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| 2002 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2003 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 13 | 11 | 24 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |

20 MORRIS VIRGIL

DB, 5-10, 195, 5r.
 Urbana, Ill./Urbana



2003: Played in 10 games on the season ... Had 21 carries for 118 yards and one touchdown ... Caught two passes for nine yards and returned three kicks for 68 yards ... Rolled up 84 yards and one touchdown vs. Illinois State ... Ran six times for 22 yards vs. California ... Made one catch for four yards and returned one kick for 25 yards at UCLA.

2002: Played in the first seven games as a backup to Antoino Harris and as a kick returner ... Illinois' team leader in kickoff returns, with 332 yards ... Third on the team in all purpose yards with 78.3 ypg ... Was the Illini's change-of-pace back that showed his breakaway ability in the home-opener vs. Arkansas State ... Had a career-high 12 carries for a career high 131 yards ... Also had a 69-yard TD tote that at the time was the longest scoring run for the Illini since 1988 ... Also scored three touchdowns and had 178 all-purpose yards vs. the Indians ... Had six carries for 42 yards vs. Michigan ... Had a career-long 36-yard kick return vs. the Wolverines ... Suffered a season-ending leg injury vs. Purdue.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season as a partial qualifier.

High School: Earned three football letters under Coach Alec Anderson ... Rushed for 1,585 yards and 29 touchdowns as a senior



... Broke school records for most rushing yards, most touchdowns and most points scored in a season, as well as for total career yards... *USA Today* honorable mention All-American ... Earned first-team all-conference honors ... Scored five touchdowns (two punt returns, one kickoff return and two rushing TDs) against Champaign Central ... Named to the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times* all-state team ... Earned all-state honors from the *Champaign News-Gazette* ... Rated as a top running back by Tom Lemming, ESPN.com and Rivals.com ... Played in the All-State Shrine All-Star game ... Also earned four track and field letters ... Ran the 100 meters in 10.3, an Urbana High School track record ... Finished fourth in the 200 meters (22.24) and fifth in the 100 meters (10.79) at the 2001 IHSA Outdoor Track Meet.

Personal: Full name is Morris Virgil-Winston ... Born April 5, 1983 in Chicago ... The son of Lloyd Winston ... Two-year member of honor roll ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Lists Peter Warrick as his favorite athlete ... Greatest thrill in sports was rushing for 110 yards and five touchdowns against cross-town rival Champaign Central High School to win Big 12 East Conference and a berth in the state playoffs ... Has one younger brother.

CAREER HIGHS

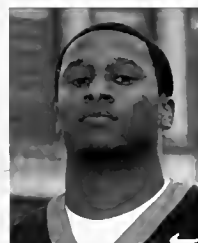
Carries: 12 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Yards: 131 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Long Rush: 69 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02
Touchdowns: 3 vs. Arkansas State, 9/14/02

RUSHING STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ATT | YDS | AVG | Y/PG | TD | LP |
|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 2002 | 7 | 28 | 216 | 7.7 | 30.9 | 3 | 69 |
| 2003 | 10 | 21 | 118 | 5.6 | 11.8 | 1 | 35 |
| TOTAL | 17 | 49 | 334 | 6.8 | 19.6 | 4 | 69 |

8 DAJUAN WARREN

WR, 6-3, 195, r-Fr.
Southfield, Mich./Southfield



2003: Redshirted the 2003 season.

High School: Three-year starter at quarterback for Southfield High School ... Threw for 4,400 yards and scored 42 TDs in his prep career ... Threw for

1,400 yards and scored 10 TDs as a senior ... Six of those scores came on the ground ... Also made 30 tackles on defense ... Racked up 1,500 yards passing and 16 touchdowns during both his sophomore and junior campaigns ... Listed among the Top-30 dual-threat quarterbacks in the country by Rivals.com ... Was an all-conference, all-area, all-region and all-state quarterback as a senior ... Outstanding

athlete who won letters in basketball and track as well as football ... Averaged 16 points, six assists and five boards for Southfield as a junior ... Also registered a 10.8 100-meter-dash time on the track ... High school coach was David Reese.

Personal: Full given name is DaJuan Avery Warren ... Born March 9, 1984 ... The son of David and Mary Warren ... Has one brother ... Is a member of the Positive Peer Influence Program ... Enjoys cooking and shopping ... Lists Terrell Owens as his favorite athlete because of his rise to stardom despite going unnoticed during the early part of his career.

37 STEVE WEATHERFORD

P, 6-4, 205, Jr.
Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North



2003: Honorable mention All-Big Ten selection ... With 43 kicks for 2,045 yards, he averaged 44.5 yards per kick, to break the school record for average yards per kick of 43.0 ypp set by Dike Eddleman in

1948 ... Ranked second in the Big Ten and 12th in the nation in punting average ... Booted 16 kicks of 50 yards or more ... Had eight punts downed inside the 20-yard line ... Voted the team's Special Teams Player of the Year ... Handled punting duties in nine games and had an average over 45.0 six times ... Had a career day vs. Minnesota, punting seven times for 315 yards, including a career-long 66-yard kick, four punts of 50+ yards and three kicks downed inside the 20 ... Piled up a career-high in yardage at UCLA, punting seven times for 333 yards, averaging 47.6 yards per kick ... Had six punts for 285 yards vs. California, including three of 50 yards or more ... Two of his four punts vs. Michigan State were downed inside the 20 ... Had seven kicks for 317 yards at Iowa.

2002: Moved into the starting punting role vs. Indiana ... Had two punts for a 40.5-yard average vs. the Hoosiers ... Averaged 39.7 yards on 23 punts ... Career long 57-yard kick came at Northwestern ... Averaged 44.7 yards on six kicks vs. Northwestern ... Had 50+ yard punts vs. Indiana and Wisconsin ... Four punts were downed inside the 20 ... Had three touchbacks on 19 kickoffs.

2001: Redshirted the 2001 season.

High School: Earned three football letters for Coach Wayne Stahley at Terre Haute North High School ... Set records for most

field goals in a career, best punting average and longest field goal made (55 yards vs. Lawrence North) ... Made 37-of-40 extra point attempts ... Converted on seven field goals over 40 yards ... Averaged 45.4 yards per punt and had a 4.26 second hang time ... Earned all-state honors as a kicker for two consecutive years ... Named to the all-conference team ... Also played strong safety and had two interceptions, one for a touchdown ... Also a three-time all-county forward in soccer ... Earned 10 letters in track, basketball and soccer ... Named to the all-state track team three times ... Set a junior Olympic record in the 4x800 meters ... Also set school record in the 300-meter hurdles (39.34).

Personal: Full name is Steven Thomas Weatherford ... Born Dec. 17, 1982 in Crown Point, Ind. ... The son of Sam and Lisa Weatherford ... Lists Bo Jackson as his favorite athlete ... Past summer jobs include being a lifeguard and a camp counselor ... Member of the Key Club ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to be a chiropractor following graduation ... Three-year member of the honor roll ... Biggest thrills in sports are hitting a 55-yard field goal, being named MVP of basketball and setting a national junior Olympic record in the 4x800 meters.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 8 at Penn State, 11/2/02
Yardage: 333 at UCLA, 9/13/03
Average: 50.0 at Wisconsin, 11/9/02
Long Punt: 66 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03
Inside 20: 3 vs. Minnesota, 10/25/03

PUNTING STATISTICS

| YEAR | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TB | FC | I20 | BK |
|-------|----|-------|------|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 2002 | 23 | 912 | 39.7 | 57 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| 2003 | 46 | 2,045 | 44.5 | 66 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 69 | 2,957 | 42.9 | 66 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 1 |

61 ADAM WILK

DL, 6-5, 275, So.
Lake Zurich, Ill./Lake Zurich



2003: Played in seven games as a defensive lineman ... Did not record any stats.

High School: Led Lake Zurich to the semifinals of the state playoffs as a senior ... Was an all-state selection

by the *Chicago Tribune* from his defensive line position ... Made the *Sun-Times* Top-100 Chicago Area recruit list ... All-area pick by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Daily Herald* and the *Northwest Herald* ... Named to the Great Northwest All-Defense team by the *Pioneer Press* ... Was a two-year letterman in football ... Holds the Lake Zurich High School record



with a hang clean of 325 pounds ... High school coach was Mike DiMatteo.

Personal: Full given name is Adam Anthony Wilk ... Born March 11, 1985 ... The son of Mitchell and Barbara Wilk ... Has one brother and one sister ... Enjoys working on cars and is currently restoring a 1979 Ford Bronco ... Past summer jobs included working as a caddy at the Twin Orchard Country Club.

28 TRAVIS WILLIAMS

DB, 6-1, 185, Jr.
East Alton, Ill.
East Alton-Wood River



2003: Third on the team in tackles with 91 ... Made a career-high 14 stops vs. Wisconsin ... Returned a blocked field goal 66 yards for a touchdown vs. Illinois State ... Tallied 13 tackles vs. Minnesota ...

Had nine tackles, a fumble recovery, a PBU and returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown vs. Northwestern ... Made 11 tackles and had one PBU vs. Michigan State ... Had six tackles, including one TFL vs. Indiana ... Forced a fumble and made six stops vs. Missouri ... Made eight tackles at both Michigan and Iowa ... Started every game at one of the safety positions.

2002: True freshman that had an immediate impact as a free safety and as a kick returner ... Earned the team's Rookie of the Year Award ... Went 90 yards on the opening kickoff vs. Purdue to set the tone for the overtime victory ... Also had seven stops vs. Purdue ... Started five games at safety, including the final four of the year ... Finished with 38 tackles, an interception and two passes broken up ... Had eight tackles vs. Michigan and Penn State ... Had seven tackles vs. Purdue ... Picked off one pass in the end zone at Wisconsin, returning it 30 yards.

High School: *Alton Telegraph* All-Metro Player of the Year ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Set a school record for career rushing yards with 2,722 as well as a single-season record of 1,503 yards ... Also broke school record for points scored ... Earned all-state honors by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association ... South Central Conference first-team all-conference as both an offensive and defensive back ... Named to the Tom Lemming 2001 Reebok All-American team ... *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Area Player of the Year ... *Champaign News-*

Gazette all-state team ... Earned 10 varsity letters in football, basketball and track at East Alton-Wood River High School ... Named the team's Most Valuable Player ... Also an all-conference performer in basketball and track ... A long and triple jumper in track, placing third and second respectively at state in 2000 ... Also qualified for state in the 100 and 200 meters ... High school football coach was Gary Carter.

Personal: Full given name is Travis Jacob Williams ... Born Oct. 14, 1983 in Alton, Ill. ... The son of Rory Williams and Carolyn Johnson ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ... Hobbies include fishing and hunting ... Favorite athlete is St. Louis Ram running back Marshall Faulk ... A four-year honor roll student ... Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and performed with a show choir.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 14 vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03
Solos: 7 vs. Purdue, 10/12/02 & vs. Wisconsin, 9/27/03
Interceptions: 1 at Wisconsin, 11/9/02 & vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03
PBU: 2 at Penn State, 11/2/02
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Missouri, 8/30/03
TFL: 1 at Indiana, 11/8/03
Touchdown: 1, on three occasions (int. return 32 yards vs. Northwestern, 11/22/03)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

| YEAR | G | ST | AT | TOT | TFL-YDS | INT-YDS | PBU |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 2002 | 8 | 23 | 15 | 38 | 0-0 | 1-30 | 2 |
| 2003 | 12 | 50 | 41 | 91 | 1.5-1 | 1-32 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 73 | 56 | 129 | 1.5-1 | 2-62 | 4 |



2003 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | SCORE | REC | ATTEN. |
|----------|--------------------|-----|-------|--------|---------|
| Aug 30 | vs. Missouri | L | 15-22 | 0-1-0 | 63,576 |
| Sept. 6 | Illinois State | W | 49-22 | 1-1-0 | 56,304 |
| Sept. 13 | at UCLA | L | 3-6 | 1-2-0 | 51,118 |
| Sept. 20 | California | L | 24-31 | 1-3-0 | 58,363 |
| Sept. 27 | Wisconsin | L | 20-38 | 1-4-0 | 58,495 |
| Oct. 4 | at #22 Purdue | L | 10-43 | 1-5-0 | 64,139 |
| Oct. 11 | #21 Michigan State | L | 14-49 | 1-5-0 | 47,509 |
| Oct 18 | at #17 Michigan | L | 14-56 | 1-6-0 | 110,231 |
| Oct. 25 | #24 Minnesota | L | 10-36 | 1-8-0 | 46,407 |
| Nov. 1 | at #13 Iowa | L | 10-41 | 1-9-0 | 70,397 |
| Nov. 8 | at Indiana | L | 14-17 | 1-10-0 | 24,102 |
| Nov. 22 | Northwestern | L | 20-37 | 1-11-0 | 38,688 |

2003 TEAM STATISTICS

| | ILLINOIS | OPPONENT |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Scoring | 203 | 398 |
| Points Per Game | 16.9 | 33.2 |
| First Downs | 230 | 283 |
| Rushing | 81 | 163 |
| Passing | 132 | 109 |
| Penalty | 17 | 11 |
| Rushing Yardage | 1328 | 2681 |
| Yards Gained Rushing | 1541 | 2924 |
| Yards Lost Rushing | 213 | 243 |
| Rushing Attempts | 375 | 574 |
| Average Per Rush | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| Average Per Game | 110.7 | 223.4 |
| TDs Rushing | 5 | 32 |
| Passing Yardage | 2756 | 2428 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 451-274-16 | 313-189-2 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Average Per Catch | 10.1 | 12.8 |
| Average Per Game | 229.7 | 202.3 |
| TD Passing | 15 | 15 |
| Total Offense | 4084 | 5109 |
| Total Plays | 826 | 887 |
| Average Per Play | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| Average Per Game | 340.3 | 425.8 |
| Kick Returns #Yards | 43-840 | 40-840 |
| Punt Returns#Yards | 21-163 | 31-396 |
| Int Returns #Yards | 2-32 | 16-210 |
| Kick return Average | 19.5 | 21.0 |
| Punt Return Average | 7.8 | 12.8 |
| Int Return Average | 16.0 | 13.1 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 14-10 | 18-6 |
| Penalties-Yards | 61-477 | 73-629 |
| Average Per game | 39.8 | 52.4 |
| Punt Yards | 62-2729 | 59-2264 |
| Average Per Punt | 44.0 | 38.4 |
| Net Punt Average | 37.6 | 35.6 |
| Time of Possession/Game | 28:09 | 31:51 |
| 3rd Down Conversions | 69/172 | 72/163 |
| 3rd Down Pct | 40% | 44% |
| 4th Down Conversions | 8/17 | 12/17 |
| 4th Down Percent | 47% | 71% |
| Sack By Yards | 24-157 | 21-149 |
| Misc Yards | 0 | 56 |
| Touchdowns Scored | 23 | 52 |
| Field Goal Attempts | 14-23 | 13-16 |
| PAT- Attempts | 21-21 | 45-49 |
| Attendance | 305766 | 319987 |
| Games/Avg. Per Game | 6/50961 | 5/63997 |

| Score By Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Totals |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|--------|
| Illinois | 41 | 50 | 47 | 65 | - | 203 |
| Opponents | 100 | 96 | 90 | 112 | - | 398 |

ILLINI HONORS

Jon Beutjer: Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

Sean Bubin: Honorable Mention All-Big Ten, Illinois Offensive Player of the Year, Illinois Wright Commitment to Success Award.

E.B. Halsey: Illinois Rookie of the Year

Brad Haywood: Academic All-Big Ten

Bryan Koch: Academic All-Big Ten

Mark Kornfeld: Academic All-Big Ten

Matt Maddox: Rivals.com All-Freshman team, collegefootball-news.com All-Freshman team

Eric McGoey: Academic All-Big Ten

Joe Mele: Illinois Defensive and Special Teams Scout Team Player of the Year

Scott Moss: Academic All-Big Ten

James Ryan: Illinois Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year

Matt Sinclair: Honorable Mention All-Big Ten

Derrick Strong: Honorable Mention All-Big Ten, Illinois Most Valuable Player, Illinois Defensive Player of the Year, Illinois Bruce Capel Award, Ted Hendricks Award Watch List.

JJ Tubbs: Academic All-Big Ten, Illinois Scholar-Athlete Award

Steve Weatherford: Honorable Mention All-Big Ten, Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 27), Illinois Special Teams Player of the Year.

John Young: Academic All-Big Ten



2004 ILLINOIS SPRING FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

2003 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

| Rushing | GP | Att | Gain | Loss | Net | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Halsey | 9 | 140 | 537 | 12 | 525 | 3.8 | 2 | 30 | 58.3 |
| Thomas | 6 | 43 | 238 | 5 | 233 | 5.4 | 2 | 35 | 38.8 |
| Mason | 8 | 64 | 225 | 11 | 214 | 3.3 | 0 | 15 | 26.8 |
| Davis, C | 9 | 44 | 203 | 5 | 198 | 4.5 | 0 | 29 | 22.0 |
| Virgil | 10 | 21 | 126 | 8 | 118 | 5.6 | 1 | 35 | 11.8 |
| Hayden | 10 | 6 | 54 | 0 | 54 | 9.0 | 0 | 16 | 5.4 |
| Davis, J | 12 | 11 | 39 | 3 | 36 | 3.3 | 0 | 8 | 3.0 |
| McGoey | 12 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 10.0 | 0 | 20 | 2.5 |
| Sinclair | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 0.4 |
| Kornfeld | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 0.4 |
| Cooper | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Pazan | 6 | 5 | 7 | 23 | -16 | -3.2 | 0 | 5 | -2.7 |
| Ward | 5 | 11 | 24 | 42 | -18 | -1.6 | 0 | 7 | -3.6 |
| Beutjer | 7 | 22 | 46 | 87 | -41 | -1.9 | 0 | 15 | -5.9 |
| Team | 6 | 2 | 0 | 17 | -17 | -8.5 | 0 | 0 | -2.8 |
| Total | 12 | 375 | 1541 | 213 | 1328 | 3.5 | 5 | 35 | 110.7 |
| Opponents | 12 | 574 | 2924 | 243 | 2681 | 4.7 | 32 | 42 | 223.4 |

| Passing | GP | Effic | Att-Comp-Int | Pct | Yds | Td | Lng | Avg/G |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Beutjer | 7 | 121.07 | 257-162-9 | 63.0 | 1597 | 10 | 72 | 228.1 |
| Ward | 5 | 108.64 | 108-63-5 | 58.3 | 648 | 3 | 47 | 129.6 |
| Pazan | 6 | 115.27 | 82-49-2 | 59.8 | 511 | 2 | 47 | 85.2 |
| Brasic | 2 | 0.00 | 1-0-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Team | 5 | 0.00 | 3-0-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 12 | 115.97 | 451-274-16 | 60.8 | 2756 | 15 | 72 | 229.7 |
| Opponents | 12 | 140.08 | 313-189-2 | 60.4 | 2428 | 15 | 80 | 202.3 |

| Receiving | GP | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Hayden | 10 | 52 | 592 | 11.4 | 3 | 72 | 59.2 |
| Kornfeld | 12 | 44 | 527 | 12.0 | 3 | 32 | 43.9 |
| Davis, C | 9 | 39 | 236 | 6.1 | 1 | 24 | 26.2 |
| Halsey | 9 | 37 | 303 | 8.2 | 4 | 29 | 33.7 |
| Hurst | 10 | 27 | 315 | 11.7 | 1 | 30 | 31.5 |
| Adeyemo | 8 | 16 | 205 | 12.8 | 1 | 34 | 25.6 |
| McGoey | 12 | 15 | 230 | 15.3 | 1 | 47 | 19.2 |
| Davis, J | 12 | 14 | 114 | 8.1 | 0 | 24 | 9.5 |
| Bryant | 11 | 12 | 114 | 9.5 | 0 | 21 | 10.4 |
| Haywood | 11 | 5 | 28 | 5.6 | 1 | 9 | 2.5 |
| McClellan | 12 | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 0 | 16 | 2.8 |
| Thomas | 6 | 3 | 12 | 4.0 | 0 | 8 | 2.0 |
| Payne | 4 | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 0 | 9 | 4.5 |
| Mason | 8 | 2 | 10 | 5.0 | 0 | 6 | 1.2 |
| Virgil | 10 | 2 | 9 | 4.5 | 0 | 5 | 0.9 |
| Jones | 10 | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 0 | 9 | 0.9 |
| Total | 12 | 274 | 2756 | 10.1 | 15 | 72 | 229.7 |
| Opponents | 12 | 189 | 2428 | 12.8 | 15 | 80 | 202.3 |

| Scoring | TD | FGs | Kick | Rush | Rcv | Pass | DXP | Saf | Pts |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Gockman | 0 | 14-22 | 21-21 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 63 |
| Halsey | 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Hayden | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Kornfeld | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Thomas | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Williams | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Haywood | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| McGoey | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Davis, C | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Adeyemo | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Virgil | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Hurst | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Tubbs | 0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Team | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beutjer | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 23 | 14-23 | 21-21 | 0-0 | 1 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 203 |
| Opponents | 52 | 13-16 | 45-49 | 1-1 | 0 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 398 |

| Field Goals | FGM-FGA | Pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | Lg | Blk |
|-------------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Gockman | 14-22 | 53.6 | 0-0 | 6-6 | 3-4 | 5-10 | 0-2 | 48 | 0 |
| Tubbs | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Morton | 8 | 56 | 7.0 | 0 | 16 |
| Halsey | 8 | 79 | 9.9 | 1 | 41 |
| Kornfeld | 5 | 28 | 5.6 | 0 | 12 |
| Total | 21 | 163 | 7.8 | 1 | 41 |
| Opponents | 31 | 396 | 12.8 | 2 | 74 |

| Interceptions | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Williams | 1 | 32 | 32.0 | 1 | 32 |
| Jackson | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2 | 32 | 16.0 | 1 | 32 |
| Opponents | 16 | 210 | 13.1 | 1 | 69 |

| Kick Returns | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Halsey | 16 | 378 | 23.6 | 0 | 66 |
| Mason | 11 | 208 | 18.9 | 0 | 31 |
| Thomas | 7 | 134 | 19.1 | 0 | 29 |
| Virgil | 3 | 68 | 22.7 | 0 | 29 |
| McGoey | 2 | 28 | 14.0 | 0 | 22 |
| Davis, C | 2 | 21 | 10.5 | 0 | 12 |
| McClellan | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gawelek | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 43 | 840 | 19.5 | 0 | 66 |
| Opponents | 40 | 840 | 21.0 | 0 | 39 |

| Fumble Returns | No. | Yds. | Avg | TD | Long |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Williams | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| Opponents | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 2 | 52 |

| FG Sequence | Illinois | Opponents |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Missouri | (44),(48),(31) | - |
| Illinois State | (40),(28) | (27),49,(28), (28) |
| UCLA | (29),43 | (28),(48) |
| California | 51,(34) | (32) |
| Wisconsin | (27),(47) | (18) |
| Purdue | (28) | 23,(50) |
| Michigan State | 48,51 | - |
| Michigan | 45 | - |
| Minnesota | (27) | (31) |
| Iowa | 48,43,(24) | (23),(24) |
| Indiana | 39,36 | (40) |
| Northwestern | (37),(45) | 38,(38) |

- Numbers in (Parentheses) indicate field goals was made

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2003 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

| Total Offense | G | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total | Avg/G |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beutjer | 7 | 279 | -41 | 1597 | 1556 | 222.3 |
| Ward | 5 | 119 | -18 | 648 | 630 | 126.0 |
| Halsey | 9 | 140 | 525 | 0 | 525 | 58.3 |
| Pazan | 6 | 87 | -16 | 511 | 495 | 82.5 |
| Thomas | 6 | 43 | 233 | 0 | 233 | 38.8 |
| Mason | 8 | 64 | 214 | 0 | 214 | 26.8 |
| Davis, C | 9 | 44 | 198 | 0 | 198 | 22.0 |
| Virgil | 10 | 21 | 118 | 0 | 118 | 11.8 |
| Hayden | 10 | 6 | 54 | 0 | 54 | 5.4 |
| Davis, J | 12 | 11 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 3.0 |
| McGoey | 12 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 2.5 |
| Kornfeld | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | .4 |
| Sinclair | 12 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | .4 |
| Cooper | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .2 |
| Team | 6 | 5 | -17 | 0 | -17 | -2.8 |
| Total | 12 | 826 | 1328 | 2756 | 4084 | 340.3 |
| Opponents | 12 | 887 | 2681 | 2428 | 5109 | 425.8 |

| All Purpose | G | Rush | Rec | PR | KOR | IR | Tot | Avg. |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Halsey | 9 | 525 | 303 | 79 | 378 | 0 | 1285 | 142.8 |
| Hayden | 10 | 54 | 592 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 646 | 64.6 |
| Kornfeld | 12 | 5 | 527 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 560 | 46.7 |
| Davis, C | 9 | 198 | 236 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 455 | 50.6 |
| Mason | 8 | 214 | 10 | 0 | 208 | 0 | 432 | 54.0 |
| Thomas | 6 | 233 | 12 | 0 | 134 | 0 | 379 | 63.2 |
| Hurst | 10 | 0 | 315 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 315 | 31.5 |
| McGoey | 12 | 30 | 230 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 288 | 24.0 |
| Adeyemo | 8 | 0 | 205 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 205 | 25.6 |
| Virgil | 10 | 118 | 9 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 195 | 19.5 |
| Davis, J | 12 | 36 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 12.5 |
| Bryant | 11 | 0 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 10.4 |
| Morton | 11 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 5.1 |
| McClellan | 12 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 2.8 |
| Williams | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 32 | 2.7 |
| Haywood | 11 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 2.5 |
| Payne | 4 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4.5 |
| Jones | 10 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.9 |
| Sinclair | 12 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.4 |
| Gawelek | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.2 |
| Cooper | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Pazan | 6 | -16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -16 | -2.7 |
| Team | 6 | -17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -17 | -2.8 |
| Ward | 5 | -18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -18 | -3.6 |
| Beutjer | 7 | -41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -41 | -5.9 |
| Total | 12 | 1328 | 2756 | 163 | 840 | 32 | 5119 | 426.6 |
| Opponents | 12 | 2681 | 2428 | 396 | 840 | 210 | 6555 | 546.2 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | TB | FC | I20 | Blkd |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Weatherford | 46 | 2045 | 44.5 | 66 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Minnes | 15 | 647 | 43.1 | 58 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Gockman | 1 | 37 | 37.0 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 62 | 2729 | 44.0 | 66 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 0 |
| Opponents | 59 | 2264 | 38.4 | 63 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 0 |

| DEFENSIVE LEADERS | GP | UT | —TACKLES— | | | FOR LOSS | —SACKS— | | —PASS DEF— | | Q8H | —FUMBLES— | | BLKD | KICK |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | AT | TOTAL | NO-YDS | | INT-YDS | BRUP | RCV-YDS | FF | | | | | |
| 44 Sinclair, Matt | 12 | 61 | 68 | 129 | 4.0-26 | 4-26 | . | 2 | 3 | 1-0 | . | . | . | . | |
| 54 Taylor, Winston | 12 | 52 | 56 | 108 | 4.5-11 | 3-8 | . | 2 | 1 | . | 2 | . | . | . | |
| 28 Williams, T. | 12 | 50 | 41 | 91 | 1.5-1 | . | 1-32 | 2 | 1 | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | . | |
| 46 Mason, Antonio | 12 | 47 | 43 | 90 | 3.0-5 | . | . | 3 | 1 | 1-0 | . | . | . | . | |
| 1 Jackson, Marc | 12 | 59 | 31 | 90 | 5.0-17 | 2-4 | 1-0 | 4 | . | 2-0 | . | . | . | . | |
| 98 Strong, Derrick | 12 | 27 | 20 | 47 | 11.0-28 | 4-16 | . | 1 | 4 | . | 1 | 2 | . | . | |
| 18 Ball, Alan | 7 | 36 | 8 | 44 | . | . | . | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | |
| 27 Myers, Ty | 11 | 23 | 14 | 37 | 4.0-28 | 2-21 | . | . | . | 1-0 | 2 | . | . | . | |
| 90 Moss, Scott | 12 | 22 | 12 | 34 | 6.0-33 | 4-30 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | |
| 5 Morton, Christ. | 11 | 24 | 10 | 34 | 2.0-9 | 1-8 | . | 10 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 22 Abdullah, Shar. | 12 | 19 | 12 | 31 | 1.0-6 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 33 Bevis, Joe | 12 | 15 | 13 | 28 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 91 Gilstrap, Char. | 12 | 15 | 12 | 27 | 1.5-5 | 2-5 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 97 Matha, Ryan | 11 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 1.0-7 | 1-7 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 3 McGoey, Eric | 12 | 17 | 8 | 25 | 3.0-3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 58 Ruffin, Jeff | 9 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 2.0-2.6 | 2-26 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | |
| 2 Ray, Darnell | 6 | 17 | 3 | 20 | . | . | . | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 95 Robinson, Lee | 10 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 1.5-6 | 1-2 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 10 Kleckner, Kyle | 12 | 10 | 8 | 18 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 36 Tischer, Josh | 8 | 7 | 7 | 14 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 45 Gawelek, Mike | 12 | 8 | 3 | 11 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 49 Haywood, Brad | 11 | 4 | 5 | 9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 93 O'Brien, Mike | 1 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3.0-8 | 1-4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 74 Maloney, Mike | 11 | 1 | 6 | 7 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 21 Jordan, Taman | 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 4 Adeyemo, Ade | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 92 Boyd, Arthur | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 31 Brosnan, Brian | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 6 Hayden, Kelvin | 10 | 4 | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 80 Hood, Estus | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 37 Weatherford, 5. | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 56 Gray, Zach | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 52 Garrett, Cyrus | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| TM Team | 6 | 2 | . | 2 | 1.0-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 30 Thomas, Pierre | 6 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | |
| 71 Koch, Bryan | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 73 Bubin, Sean | 12 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 70 Babcock, Bucky | 12 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 83 Gomez, Mike | 12 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 67 Maddox, Matt | 12 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 60 Hodges, Aaron | 11 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 4# Young, John | 3 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 34 Davis, Jason | 12 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 24 Davis, Carey | 9 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 26 Halsey, E.B. | 9 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 96 Burk, Andrew | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| Total | 12 | 592 | 430 | 1022 | 55-220 | 24-157 | 2-32 | 42 | 14 | 6-0 | 10 | 3 | . | . | |
| Opponents | 12 | 515 | 322 | 837 | 52-216 | 21-149 | 16-210 | 60 | 18 | 10-56 | 11 | . | . | . | |

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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

| PLAYER | MU | ISU | UCLA | CAL | WIS | PUR | MSU | MICH | MINN | IOWA | IND | NW |
|---------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Jon Beutjer | 2/-10/0 | 2/14/0 | 1/-7/0 | 8/-15/0 | 4/-14/0 | 3/-8/0 | 2/-1/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| James Cooper | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 1/2/0 | DNP | DNP |
| Carey Davis | 2/7/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | 2/23/0 | 3/7/0 | 4/14/0 | 3/16/0 | 5/15/0 | 6/19/0 | 12/46/0 | 7/51/0 |
| Jason Davis | 5/11/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0-0-0 | 1/-1/0 | 0/0/0 | 4/18/0 | 1/8/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| E.B. Halsey | 20/139/0 | 20/73/0 | 24/76/0 | 19/51/0 | 10/44/0 | 5/7/0 | 19/75/0 | 8/12/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | 15/49/1 |
| Kelvin Hayden | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/6/0 | 1/10/0 | 1/16/0 | 0/0/0 | 2/20/0 | 1/2/0 | DNP | DNP | 0/0/0 |
| Mark Kornfeld | 0/0/0 | 1/5/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Marcus Mason | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 2/2/0 | 5/16/0 | 5/2/0 | 2/8/0 | 4/10/0 | 14/42/0 | 23/102/0 | 9/32/0 |
| Eric McGoey | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 3/30/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Chris Pazan | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 0/0/0 | 1/-7/0 | 3/-1/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | DNP | 1/-8/0 |
| Pierre Thomas | DNP | 9/78/0 | DNP | 1/2/0 | DNP | 0/0/0 | 8/57/0 | 10/30/2 | 15/70/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| Morris Virgil | 4/-5/0 | 9/84/1 | 0/0/0 | 6/22/0 | 1/1/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/16/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| Dustin Ward | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 0/0/0 | 1/-7/0 | 5/-4/0 | 4/0/0 | 1/-7/0 |

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

| PLAYER | MU | ISU | UCLA | CAL | WIS | PUR | MSU | MICH | MINN | IOWA | IND | NW |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Ade Adeyemo | 0/0/0 | 2/21/0 | 1/4/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 1/9/0 | 2/28/0 | 1/8/0 | 3/52/1 | 6/83/0 |
| Melvin Bryant | 2/29/0 | 0/0/0 | DNP | 0-0-0 | 1/11/0 | 0/0/0 | 2/10/0 | 1/6/0 | 3/33/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/3/0 | 2/22/0 |
| Carey Davis | 10/66/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | 2/7/0 | 3/37/0 | 4/18/0 | 1/2/0 | 2/6/1 | 5/25/0 | 2/31/0 | 10/44/0 |
| Jason Davis | 2/18/0 | 1/5/0 | 7/40/0 | 0-0-0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 2/34/0 | 1/2/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/15/0 |
| E.B. Halsey | 6/46/0 | 3/5/0 | 2/15/0 | 7/93/2 | 7/57/1 | 0/0/0 | 6/39/1 | 1/2/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | 5/46/0 |
| Kelvin Hayden | 4/16/1 | 2/53/1 | 8/63/0 | 11/158/1 | 9/97/0 | 5/40/0 | 4/30/0 | 4/25/0 | 3/93/0 | DNP | DNP | 2/17/0 |
| Brad Haywood | 0/0/0 | 3/20/1 | 0/0/0 | 2/8/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | DNP |
| Lonnie Hurst | 5/76/0 | 1/30/1 | 1/11/0 | 6/65/0 | 2/17/0 | 7/65/0 | 2/16/0 | 0/0/0 | 3/35/0 | DNP | DNP | NDP |
| Mark Kornfeld | 1/18/0 | 4/73/1 | 6/79/0 | 7/59/0 | 2/18/0 | 2/11/0 | 5/66/1 | 5/77/0 | 3/21/0 | 5/50/1 | 2/30/0 | 2/25/0 |
| Marcus Mason | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/6/0 | 1/4/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Anthony McClellan | 1/15/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/3/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/16/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Eric McGoey | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/44/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 4/119/0 | 7/47/1 | 3/20/0 |
| Franklin Payne | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 2/18/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Pierre Thomas | DNP | 0/0/0 | DNP | 0/0/0 | DNP | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/8/0 | 2/4/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| Morris Virgil | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 0/0/0 | 1/5/0 | DNP | DNP | DNP |

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

| JON BEUTJER | ATT. | COMP. | YDS | INT | TD |
|----------------|------|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Missouri | 44 | 31 | 284 | 0 | 1 |
| Illinois State | 23 | 16 | 207 | 1 | 4 |
| UCLA | 42 | 26 | 216 | 3 | 0 |
| California | 57 | 35 | 430 | 1 | 3 |
| Wisconsin | 41 | 23 | 207 | 1 | 1 |
| Purdue | 23 | 12 | 107 | 1 | 0 |
| Michigan State | 27 | 19 | 146 | 2 | 1 |

| TIM BRASIC | ATT. | COMP. | YDS | INT | TD |
|----------------|------|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Illinois State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| CHRIS PAZAN | ATT. | COMP. | YDS | INT | TD |
|----------------|------|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Purdue | 5 | 5 | 46 | 0 | 0 |
| Michigan State | 11 | 7 | 67 | 0 | 1 |
| Michigan | 23 | 11 | 100 | 1 | 0 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Iowa | 9 | 4 | 98 | 0 | 1 |
| Northwestern | 28 | 18 | 188 | 1 | 0 |

| DUSTIN WARD | ATT. | COMP. | YDS | INT | TD |
|--------------|------|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Michigan | 5 | 5 | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| Minnesota | 32 | 17 | 221 | 1 | 1 |
| Iowa | 23 | 12 | 108 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana | 21 | 15 | 163 | 1 | 2 |
| Northwestern | 27 | 14 | 93 | 3 | 0 |



TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| (Rank) Team | Score | Rushing Att.-Yd.-TD | Passing A-C-Int.-TD | Pass Yards | Total Offense | Punt | Fum. | Pen. | Time Poss |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Illinois vs. Missouri | 15 22 | 34-127-0 41-121-1 | 45-31-0-1 18-12-0-2 | 284 102 | 411 223 | 3-33.7 7-42.4 | 2-1 1-0 | 7-33 2-10 | 32:54 27:06 |
| Illinois vs. Illinois State | 49 22 | 41-254-1 29-126-0 | 24-16-1-4 56-33-0-2 | 207 385 | 461 511 | 3-45.0 5-41.2 | 0-0 2-2 | 5-50 6-70 | 29:23 30:37 |
| Illinois vs. UCLA | 3 6 | 26-67-0 35-110-0 | 42-26-3-0 31-11-1-0 | 216 94 | 283 204 | 7-47.6 10-37.9 | 1-1 0-0 | 6-40 7-51 | 31:01 28:59 |
| Illinois vs. California | 24 31 | 35-66-0 32-105-2 | 57-35-1-3 37-20-0-1 | 430 263 | 496 368 | 6-47.5 7-36.4 | 0-0 1-1 | 3-40 5-26 | 33:20 26:40 |
| Illinois vs. Wisconsin | 20 38 | 21-64-1 63-307-5 | 41-23-1-1 13-7-0-0 | 207 131 | 271 438 | 4-36.0 2-39.5 | 0-0 0-0 | 5-40 3-25 | 23:03 36:57 |
| Illinois vs. #22/23 Purdue | 10 43 | 17-38-0 67-324-5 | 28-17-1-0 20-13-0-1 | 153 209 | 191 533 | 7-40.9 2-40.0 | 1-1 1-1 | 6-46 9-69 | 20:25 39:35 |
| Illinois vs. #21/23 Michigan St. | 14 49 | 43-158-0 29-102-4 | 39-26-2-2 31-23-0-2 | 213 317 | 371 419 | 4-42.0 4-45.3 | 2-1 3-0 | 3-28 6-48 | 35:09 24:51 |
| Illinois vs. #17 Michigan | 14 56 | 29-89-2 49-275-5 | 28-16-1-0 34-22-0-2 | 163 244 | 252 519 | 7-46.0 5-39.0 | 1-1 2-0 | 5-49 8-71 | 26:56 33:04 |
| Illinois vs. #24 Minnesota | 10 36 | 27-106-0 57-338-2 | 38-21-1-1 16-12-0-3 | 233 237 | 339 575 | 7-45.0 4-31.8 | 0-0 0-0 | 2-2 4-44 | 25:53 34:07 |
| Illinois vs. #13/14 Iowa | 10 41 | 26-59-0 50-244-2 | 32-16-0-1 25-16-0-2 | 206 261 | 265 505 | 7-45.3 4-39.8 | 4-2 1-1 | 6-44 10-88 | 23:49 36:11 |
| Illinois vs. Indiana | 14 17 | 42-178-0 51-195-2 | 21-15-1-2 24-17-0-0 | 163 161 | 341 356 | 5-45.2 6-38.8 | 1-1 3-0 | 9-79 8-92 | 27:39 32:21 |
| Illinois vs Northwestern | 20 37 | 34-122-1 70-444-4 | 56-32-4-0 9-3-1-0 | 281 24 | 403 468 | 2-48.5 3-24.3 | 2-2 4-1 | 4-26 5-45 | 28:16 31:44 |

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

| GAME | TE | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | FL | HB | QB | SE | FB |
|----------------|-----------|-------|-------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Missouri | McClellan | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Virgil | Beutjer | Hurst | J. Davis |
| ISU | Kornfeld | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | J. Davis |
| UCLA | Kornfeld | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | J. Davis |
| California | McClellan | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | Haywood |
| Wisconsin | McClellan | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | Kornfeld |
| Purdue | Kornfeld | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | C. Davis |
| Michigan State | Bryant | Bubin | Koch | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Beutjer | Hurst | C. Davis |
| Michigan | Bryant | Bubin | Hilderbrand | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Hayden | Halsey | Pazan | Hurst | C. Davis |
| Minnesota | Bryant | Bubin | Hilderbrand | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Kornfeld | Thomas | Pazan | Hurst | C. Davis |
| Iowa | Bryant | Bubin | Hilderbrand | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Kornfeld | Mason | Ward | Adeyemo | C. Davis |
| Indiana | Bryant | Bubin | Hilderbrand | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Kornfeld | McGoey | Ward | Adeyemo | C. Davis |
| Northwestern | Bryant | Bubin | Hilderbrand | Preston | Maddox | Babcock | Kornfeld | Halsey | Ward | Adeyemo | C. Davis |
| Consec. Starts | 6 | 36 | 5 | 24 | 12 | 24 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Career Starts | 6 | 36 | 5 | 24 | 12 | 36 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 31 |

DEFENSE

| GAME | DE | DT | DT | DE | LB | LB | LB | CB | FS | SS | CB |
|----------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Missouri | Strong | Ruffin | Gilstrap | O'Brien | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Jordan |
| ISU | Strong | Ruffin | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Myers | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Jordan |
| UCLA | Strong | Ruffin | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Myers | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Jordan |
| California | Strong | Ruffin | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Myers | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Ray |
| Wisconsin | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Ruffin | Taylor | Myers | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Ball |
| Purdue | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Myers | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Ball |
| Michigan State | Strong | Matha | Maloney | Moss | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Abdullah |
| Michigan | Strong | Matha | Ruffin | Moss | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Williams | McGoey | Jackson | Abdullah |
| Minnesota | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Morton | Williams | Jackson | Abdullah |
| Iowa | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Ball | Williams | Jackson | Abdullah |
| Indiana | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Mason | Sinclair | Ball | Williams | Jackson | Morton |
| Northwestern | Strong | Matha | Gilstrap | Moss | Taylor | Bevis | Sinclair | Ball | Williams | Jackson | Morton |
| Consec. Starts | 24 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 17 | 19 | 2 |
| Career Starts | 24 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 5 | 18 | 31 | 27 |



GAME 1

Missouri22
Illinois15

Aug. 30, 2003 - St. Louis, Mo. - 63,576

Despite outgaining Missouri 411-223, the Illinois football team opened the season with a 22-15 loss to the Tigers at the Edward Jones Dome.

Illinois' defense held the Tigers' to just 223 yards of total offense and allowed Missouri's sophomore quarterback Brad Smith to gain just 168 yards.

Illinois scored on its first possession with a 44-yard field goal by John Gockman, the first of three by the Illini senior.

After a Missouri punt, the Illini were forced to punt, but were unable to get the punt off as Missouri's Derrick Ming tackled Illini punter Matt Minnes to give Missouri the ball at the Illinois three-yard line.

Missouri scored on a 14-yard pass from Smith to tight end J.D. McCoy with 5:31 to go in the half to go up 14-3.

A six-yard scoring strike from Beutjer to junior Kelvin Hayden gave Illinois its first lead of the game at 15-14 with 10:36 remaining in the game, but the two-point conversion attempt failed.

Illinois got the ball back on its 10 yard line with 2:03 left and drove to Missouri's 23 yard line, but the drive stalled as a Beutjer pass intended for Melvin Bryant was broken up by Nino Williams.

SCORING BY QUARTER

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Rows for Missouri and Illinois.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IL: Gockman 44 yard FG, 8:47 (9 pl., 43 yds, 4:21)
MU: Abron 1 yard run (Matheny kick), 0:40 (4 pl., 3 yds, 1:34)

Second Quarter

MU: McCoy 14 yard pass from Smith (Matheny kick), 5:31 (9 pl., 47 yds, 3:40)
IL: Gockman 48 yard FG, 0:07 (4 pl., 15 yds., :24)

Third Quarter

IL: Gockman 31 yard FG, 9:03 (13pl., 51 yds., 5:57)

Fourth Quarter

IL: Hayden 6 yard pass from Beutjer (Pass failed), 10:36 (8 pl., 39 yds, 2:54)
MU: Outlaw 6 yard pass from Smith (Smith run), 4:12, (12pl., 78 yda., 6:24)

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: CATEGORY, ILL, MIZZOU. Rows include First Downs, Rushes-Yards, Passing Yards, etc.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - E.B. Halsey 20-139; J. Davis 5-13; C. Davis 2-7; Virgil 4-(-5); Beutjer 2- (-10). MU - Smith 17-73; Abron 21-70-1; Nash1-(-1); Team 2-(-4)
PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 31-44-0-284-1; Team0-1-0-0. MU - Smith 12-18-0-102-2.
RECEIVING: ILL - C. Davis 10-66; E.B. Halsey 6-46; Hurst 5-76; Hayden 4-16-1; Bryant 2-29; J. Davis 2-18; Kornfeld 1-18; McClellan 1-15. MU - Outlaw 4-33-1; Abron 3-34; Sesay 2-3; McCoy 1-14-1; Omboga 1-12; Coffey 1-6.
TACKLES: ILL - Sinclair 12, 1-2; O'Brien 9, 1-4; Strong 8; Mason 7; Ruffin 6; Williams 6; McGoey 6; Taylor 4; Jordan 4. MU - Kinney 16; Barnes 10; Harden 8; Williams 7; Harrington 7; Mosley 7; Smith 5; Washington 4; Bell 4.

GAME 2

Illinois49
Illinois State22

Sept. 6, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. - 56,304

Jon Beutjer threw four touchdown passes and Travis Williams returned a blocked field goal 66 yards for a score as Illinois defeated Illinois State, 49-22.

Beutjer connected with Mark Kornfeld for a 32-yard score, Kelvin Hayden for a 41-yard TD and Lonnie Hurst for a 30-yarder on successive Illinois drives in the first quarter after Illinois State marched down the field on the opening drive only to fumble at the end zone.

The Redbirds rolled up 511 yards in total offense and Dwayne Smith, who transferred from Illinois before last season, caught 14 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns, one a 74-yard play.

Tailback Morris Virgil led the Illini with 84 yards on nine carries, one of them 35 yards for a score in the third quarter. Freshman E.B. Halsey ran the ball 20 times for 73 yards.

Illinois built a 31-3 halftime lead after defensive end Derrick Strong blocked a field goal attempt and Williams ran it back for a touchdown as time ran out.

Beutjer's fourth TD pass of the game was a 4-yarder to Brad Haywood with 10:06 remaining. John Gockman kicked two field goals for the

Illini.

SCORING BY QUARTER

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Rows for Illinois State and Illinois.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IL: Kornfeld 32 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 7:32 (4 pl., 63 yds, 1:47)
IL: Hayden 41 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 4:28 (5 pl., 58 yds, 1:43)
IL: Hurst 30 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 2:03 (3 pl., 41 yds, 1:11)

Second Quarter

ISU: Carroll 27 yard FG, 7:35 (14pl. 59 yds, 6:53)
IL: Gockman 40 yard FG, 1:18 (15 pl., 63 yds., 6:17)
IL: Williams 66 yard missed FG return (Gockman kick), 0:00

Third Quarter

ISU: Smith 10 yard pass from Souza (Carroll kick), 7:28 (13pl., 78 yds., 5:26)
ISU: Carroll 28 yard FG, 5:38 (5pl. 32 yds, 1:50)
IL: Virgil 35 yard run (Gockman kick) 3:13 (5 pl. 65yds., 2:25)
ISU: Smith 74 yard pass from Souza (pass failed), 1:13 (4pl., 80 yds., 2:00)

Fourth Quarter

IL: Haywood 4 yard pass from Beutjer (Hayden pass from Beutjer), 10:06 (8 pl., 59 yds, 3:53)
IL: Gockman 28 yard FG, 1:58 (12 pl., 78 yds., 5:33)
ISU: Carroll 28 yard FG, 5:38 (12pl. 58 yds, 1:58)

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Category, ILL, ISU. Rows include First Downs, Rushes-Yards, Passing Yards, etc.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - Virgil 9-84-1; Thomas, 9-78; Halsey 20-73; Beutjer 2- 14; Kornfeld 1-5;. ISU - Souza 16-71; Johnson 8-38; Edwards 5-17
PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 16-23-1-207-4; Brasic 0-1-0-0. ISU - Souza 33-56-0-385-2.
RECEIVING: ILL - Kornfeld 4-73-1; Haywood 3-20-1; Halsey 3-5; Hurst 1-30-1; Hayden 2-53-1; Adeyerno 2-21; J. Davis 1-5. ISU - Smith 14-243-2; Barber 6-37; Massengale 5-48; Johnson 4-28; Larson 2-28; Jones 1-2; Edwards 1- (-2).
TACKLES: ILL - Mason 8; Taylor 8; Sinclair 7; Jackson 7; Myers 7; Morton 6; Ray 6; McGoey 5. ISU - Grigsby 18; Gilot 10; Pappoccia 9; Larick 8; Colvin 5; Robinson 5; Temple 5.



GAME 3

UCLA6

Illinois3

Sept. 13, 2003 - Pasadena, Calif. - 51,118

In its first game at the Rose Bowl since 1984, the Illinois defense was outstanding, limiting UCLA to 204 total yards, including just 94 yards passing. The Illini kept pressure on Bruins quarterback Drew Olson all night, coming away with five sacks and allowing Olson to complete just 35 percent of his passes.

Unfortunately, the Illinois were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 27-0 loss at Penn State in 1998.

Illini quarterback Jon Beutjer was 26-of-42 for 216 yards and running back E.B. Halsey carried the ball 24 times for 76 yards, but Illinois' offense never got on track.

Trailing 6-0, the Orange and Blue got on the board in the third quarter on a 29-yard John Gockman field goal, his sixth of the season. The score was set up by safety Marc Jackson's second career interception, an acrobatic grab at the Illinois 42-yard line. With three quick first downs, the Illini offense was able to march to UCLA's seven yard line, where they were facing a third and two, but was whistled for a delay of game penalty. After the five yard loss, a Beutjer pass intended for Mark Kornfeld fell incomplete and the Illini were forced to settle for Gockman's field goal.

Starting from their own 15 with 3:02 to go, Beutjer led the Illini to the Bruin 29, hitting Kornfeld three times for 30 yards, fullback Jason Davis twice for 15 yards and Halsey once for a five yard pickup. Attempts by Beutjer on first and second down to hit receivers in the end zone were incomplete. On third down, he found Kelvin Hayden for an eight-yard gain to set up a potential game-tying field goal attempt for Gockman.

After timeouts by both teams and an Illini false start penalty that pushed the attempt to 43 yards, Gockman's kick sailed wide left. The Bruins took over and ran out the clock.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|
| UCLA | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
UCLA: Medlock 28 yard FG, 2:52 (11 pl., 58 yds., 4:13)

Second Quarter
UCLA: Medlock 48 yard FG, 8:45 (4 pl., 2 yds., 1:59)

Third Quarter
IL: Gockman 29 yard FG, 4:15 (10 pl., 45 yds., 5:00)

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | ILL | UCLA |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 16 | 12 |
| Rushes-Yards | 26-67 | 35-110 |
| Passing Yards | 216 | 94 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 26-42-3 | 11-31-1 |
| Total Yards | 283 | 204 |
| Punts-Avg | 7-47.6 | 10-37.9 |
| Kickoff Returns | 2-43 | 2-48 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-40 | 7-51 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Sacks by | 5-35 | 1-7 |
| Third-down Conv. | 7-of-16 | 5-of-17 |
| Time of Possession | 31:01 | 28:59 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - E.B. Halsey 24-76; Beutjer 1- (-2); Team 1-(-2); UCLA - White 18-102; Ebell 8-44; Drew 2-4; Olson 6-(-38); Team 1- (-1)

PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 26-42-3-216-0; UCLA - Olson 11-31-1-94-0.

RECEIVING: ILL - Kornfeld 6-79; Hayden 8-63; J. Davis 7-40; Halsey 2-15; Hurst 1-11; Adeyemo 1-4; Virgil 1-4. UCLA - Bragg 4-39; Ebell 2-14; Moss 1-16; Smith 1-11; White 1-5; Taylor 1-5; Norton 1-4.

TACKLES: ILL - Jackson 8; Taylor 7, 1-3; Sinclair 6, 1-7; Ray 5; Morton 4; Myers 4, 1-11; Williams 3; Strong 2, 1-6; McGoey 2; Mason 2; Moss 2, 1-8; Robinson 2. UCLA - Chillar 13; Emanuel 10; London 7; Havner 5; Short 4; D. Ball 3; Page 3; Link 3; Ware 3; Boschetti 2; M. Ball 2, 1-7.

GAME 4

California31

Illinois24

Sept. 20, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. -58,363

Jon Beutjer set a Memorial Stadium record and a career-high passing mark, throwing for 430 yards, but it wasn't enough as the Fighting Illini fell 31-24 to California in their final non-conference game.

Trailing 21-7 at halftime, the Illini started quickly after halftime as Beutjer found wide receiver Kelvin Hayden deep down the middle for a 72-yard scoring strike on the second play of the half. The pass was the longest Illini pass since a 73-yard connection from Johnny Johnson to Jasper Strong in the 1994 Liberty Bowl. Hayden finished with 11 catches for 158 yards, both career highs.

After a California field goal made the score 31-14 with 11:07 to go, the Illini mounted a furious comeback, starting with an eight play, 80-yard drive that ended when Beutjer found running back E.B. Halsey along the sideline for a 29-yard touchdown pass.

After the Illini defense forced a Golden Bear punt, the Illini pulled to within seven on a 34-yard field goal by John Gockman.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Illini recovered an onside kick at the 50-yard line with 1:44 remaining. Facing a fourth and three, Beutjer found wide receiver Lonnie Hurst for six yards to give the Illini the ball at the eight-yard line with 17 seconds left. With no timeouts remaining, 11 seconds ticked off the clock as Beutjer's pass attempt to Mark Kornfeld in the end zone fell incomplete. On the game's final play, Beutjer was

sacked as time ran out.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|------------|---|----|---|----|----|
| California | 7 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 31 |
| Illinois | 7 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 24 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
IL: Halsey 10 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 7:46 (14 pl. 68 yds, 5:06)
CAL: Arrington 5 yard run (Fredrickson kick), 3:31 (9 pl., 61 yds, 4:15)

Second Quarter
CAL: McArthur 14 yard pass from Rodgers (Fredrickson kick), 7:16 (7pl. 54 yds, 2:09)
CAL: Strang 68 yard punt return, (Fredrickson kick), 0:23

Third Quarter
IL: Hayden 72 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 14:40 (1pl, 78 yds, 0:20)
CAL: Echemandu 5 yard run (Fredrickson kick), 9:29 (4 pl., 26 yds, 1:13)

Fourth Quarter
CAL: Fredrickson 32 yard FG, 11:07 (12 pl., 70 yds, 5:13)
IL: Halsey 29 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 7:27 (8 pl, 80 yds, 3:40)
IL: Gockman 34 yard FG, 1:44 (16 pl., 76 yds., 2:39)

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | ILL | CAL |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs | 26 | 22 |
| Rushes-Yards | 35-66 | 32-105 |
| Passing Yards | 430 | 263 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 35-57-1 | 20-37-0 |
| Total Yards | 496 | 368 |
| Punts-Avg | 6-47.5 | 7-36.4 |
| Kickoff Returns | 4-91 | 4-94 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-40 | 5-26 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Sacks by | 2-9 | 5-40 |
| Third-down Conv. | 13-of-23 | 5-of-13 |
| Time of Possession | 33:20 | 26:40 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - E.B. Halsey 19-51; Virgil 6-22; Hayden 1-6; Thomas 1-2; Beutjer 8- (-15); CAL - Echemandu 16-70-1; Arrington 10-27-1; Rodgers 5-17; O'Keith 1-0.

PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 35-57-1-430-3; CAL - Rodgers 20-37-0-263-1.

RECEIVING: ILL - Hayden 11-158-1; Halsey 7-93-2; Kornfeld 7-59; Hurst 6-65; Haywood 2-8; McGoey 1-44; McClellan 1-3. CAL - McArthur 10-155-1; Makonnen 4-68; Toler 3-28; Strang 1-7; Hall 1-5; Cross 1-0.

TACKLES: ILL - Taylor 16, 1-6; Ball 8; Myers 7; Mason 6; Williams 5; Sinclair 5; Ray 4; Jackson 4, 1-1; McGoey 3; Bevis 3. CAL - Hunter 15, 3-26; McCleskey 12, 1-6; Gutierrez 9; Foltz 6; Hall 5; Slater 5d Alexander 4; McGrath 4; Blay-Miezah 4; Betha 3; Hughes 3; Beckham 3.

2004 ILLINOIS SPRING FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

GAME 5

Wisconsin38
 Illinois20
 Sept. 27, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. - 58,495

The return of Illinois' star fullback, Carey Davis was not enough to lift the Illini past Wisconsin, as the Fighting Illini opened the Big Ten season at Memorial Stadium with a 38-20 loss to the Badgers.

Davis, who missed the previous three games with a staph infection, was limited to five touches, rushing twice for 23 yards, catching two passes for seven yards and returning one kick for 12 yards.

Trailing 21-0 in the second quarter, the Illini fought back, closing to 21-10 at the end of the second quarter on a John Gockman field goal followed by an E.B. Halsey 4-yard TD pass from quarterback Jon Beutjer, who finished the day 23-of-41 for 207 yards and one TD.

Halsey added another touchdown, a 4-yard run with 5:14 left in the third quarter. The score was Halsey's first rushing touchdown of his career. The freshman compiled 211 all purpose yards, including a 66-yard kickoff return that led to Gockman's second quarter field goal. Gockman added a 47-yarder in the third quarter.

Halsey's performance was not enough as the Badgers ran 63 times for 307 yards and five TD's.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wisconsin | 14 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 38 |
| Illinois | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 20 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

WIS: Smith 19 yard run (Allen kick), 12:32 (4 pl., 45 yds., 1:14)
 WIS: Smith 2 yard run (Allen kick), 8:02 (9 pl., 68 yds., 3:04)

Second Quarter

WIS: Sorgi 8 yard run (Allen kick), 12:30 (14 pl., 80 yds., 8:00)
 IL: Gockman 27 yard FG, 10:54 (4pl., 14 yds., 1:36)
 IL: Halsey 4 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 0:32 (18 pl, 75 yds, 6:32)

Third Quarter

IL: Gockman 47 yard FG, 13:14 (4pl., -5 yds., 0:19)
 WIS: Smith 5 yard run (Allen kick), 9:19 (2 pl., 80 yds., 0:16)
 IL: Halsey 4 yard run (Gockman kick), 5:14 (10 pl, 68 yds, 4:05)

Fourth Quarter

WIS: Sorgi 4 yard run (Allen kick), 12:59 (14 pl., 69 yds., 7:15)
 WIS: Allen 18 yard FG 3:54 (12 pl., 75 yds., 7:12)

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | ILL | WIS |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| First Downs | 20 | 26 |
| Rushes-Yards | 21-64 | 63-307 |
| Passing Yards | 207 | 131 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 23-41-1 | 7-13-1 |
| Total Yards | 271 | 438 |
| Punts-Avg | 4-36.0 | 2-39.5 |
| Kickoff Returns | 7-179 | 4-94 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-40 | 3-25 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Sacks by | 1-7 | 2-15 |
| Third-down Conv. | 4-of-12 | 10-of-15 |
| Time of Possession | 23:03 | 36:57 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - E.B. Halsey 10-43-1; C. Davis 2-23; Hayden 1-10; M. Mason 2-2; Virgil 1-1; J. Davis 1-(-1); Beutjer 1-(-14); WIS -Smith 34-193-3; Stanley 12-55; Bernstein 5-29; Pettus 6-20; Sorgi 4-24; Team 1-(-1); Morse 1-(-6)

PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 23-41-1-207-1; WIS - Sorgi 7-12-0-131-0; Schabert 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: ILL - Hayden 9-97; Halsey 7-57-1; Kornfeld 2-18; Hurst 2-17; C. Davis 2-7; Bryant 1-11. WIS - Evans 4-45; Williams 1-75; Bernstein 1-6; Pociask 1-5.

TACKLES: ILL - Sinclair 21; Williams 14; Taylor 13; Jackson 10; Mason 9; Ball 8; Morton 6; Strong 5; Bevis 4; Myers 4; Matha 4, 1-7. WIS- Mack 9; Leonhard 6; Catalano 6; Lewis 6; Aiello 6; Starks 5; Jones 4, 2-15; Hawthorne 4.

GAME 6

Purdue43
 Illinois10
 Oct. 4, 2003 - West Lafayette, Ind. - 64,139

Freshman E.B. Halsey returned a punt 41 yards for a touchdown and the Fighting Illini blocked two Boilermaker kicks as the Illini special teams performed well in Illinois' 43-10 loss at Purdue.

Defensive end Derrick Strong blocked a PAT in the first quarter, his second blocked kick on the season and cornerback Christian Morton blocked the second kick of his career, a 23-yard attempt at the end of the second quarter.

The Boilermakers overcame Illinois' special teams heroics and went on to a 43-10 victory, rushing for five touchdowns.

Illinois' offense was not able to get on track, racking up a season-low total of 191 yards. Quarterback Jon Beutjer finished 12-23 for 107 yards.

The Illini's lone scoring drive, an 11 play, 60-yard march, culminated in a John Gockman second quarter 28-yard field goal, his 10th on the season.

Redshirt-freshman quarterback Chirs Pazan made his Illinois debut, going 5-of-5 for 46 yards in the fourth quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|----------|----|---|----|---|----|
| Purdue | 20 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 43 |
| Illinois | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

PUR: Void 2 yard run (Jones kick), 12:48 (6 pl., 71 yds., 2:12)
 PUR: Void 4 yard run (kick blocked), 6:50 (9 pl., 54 yds., 3:57)
 PUR: Williams 20 yard pass from Orton (Jones kick), 3:20 (7 pl., 77 yds., 2:32)

Second Quarter

IL: Gockman 28 yard FG, 13:41 (11 pl., 60 yds., 4:39)
 PUR: Void 5 yard run (Jones kick), 5:57 (5 pl., 45 yds., 1:18)

Third Quarter

PUR: Void 1 yard run (Jones kick), 10:35 (6 pl., 19 yds., 3:12)
 PUR: Jones 50 yard FG, 6:13 (7 pl., 18 yds., 2:45)

Fourth Quarter

IL: Halsey 41 yard punt return (Gockman kick), 13:34
 PUR: Jones 5 yard run (Jones kick), 0:35 (7 pl., 38 yds., 3:07)

TEAM STATISTICS

| CATEGORY | ILL | PUR |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| First Downs | 11 | 28 |
| Rushes-Yards | 17-38 | 67-324 |
| Passing Yards | 153 | 209 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 17-28-1 | 13-20-0 |
| Total Yards | 191 | 533 |
| Punts-Avg | 7-40.9 | 2-40.0 |
| Kickoff Returns | 6-138 | 3-71 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-46 | 9-69 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Sacks by | 1-8 | 2-9 |
| Third-down Conv. | 1-of-9 | 12-of-18 |
| Time of Possession | 20:25 | 39:35 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - M. Mason 5-19; Hayden 1-16; C. Davis 3-7; E.B. Halsey 5-7; Beutjer 1-(-8); PUR - Void 25-119-4; Brooks 20-82; Jones 12-57-1; Orton 7-49; Stubblefield 1-11; Williams 1-3; Kirsch 1-3

PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 12-23-1-107-0; Pazan 5-5-0-46-0. PUR - Orton 13-19-0-209-1; Kirsch 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: ILL - Hurst 7-65; Hayden 5-40; C. Davis 3-37; Kornfeld 2-11. PUR - Standeford 6-101; Stubblefield 3-56; Williams 3-38-1; Ingraham 1-14.

TACKLES: ILL - Mason 11; Ball 9; Taylor 8; Jackson 7; Morton 6, 1-8; Sinclair 6; Ray 5; Williams 4; Myers 4; Matha 4; Bevis 4; Boyd 4. PUR - Johnson 7; Reeves 6, 1-4; Gardner 6; Schweigert 4; Pollard 3; Terrill 3; Philips 2, 1-5.

GAME 7

Michigan State49
 Illinois14
 Oct. 11, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. - 47,509

Illinois got its running game back on track against the nation's third best run defense, gaining 158 yards on the ground. The Illini's run defense was much improved, allowing the Spartans just 102 yards, but Michigan State handed the Illini their third straight Big Ten loss, 49-14.



Trailing 7-0, Illini quarterback Jon Beutjer led the Illini on a season long, 92-yard drive which ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Beutjer to wide receiver Mark Kornfeld.

The game's momentum swayed to the Spartans' side when, after a Michigan State touchdown, a Beutjer interception deep in Illini territory was returned to the two-yard line. After three Illini defensive stops, Tyrell Dortch was able to squeeze into the end zone on fourth down to put the Spartan's ahead 14-7.

Illinois next scored when Chris Pazan connected with E.B. Halsey on a six-yard scoring strike with 1:05 to go in the game. The touchdown was the first of Pazan's career.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|--------------|---|----|---|----|----|
| Michigan St. | 7 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 49 |
| Illinois | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 14 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
 MSU: Hayes 1 yard run (Rayner kick), 8:15 (6 pl., 69 yds., 2:23)

Second Quarter
 IL: Kornfeld 10 yard pass from Beutjer (Gockman kick), 14:56 (15 pl., 92 yds, 8:19)
 MSU: Dortch 1 yard run (Rayner kick), 9:52 (4 pl., 2 yds., 2:17)
 MSU: Scott 15 yard pass from Smoker (Rayner kick), 5:30 (8 pl., 68 yds., 3:13)

Third Quarter
 MSU: Dortch 4 yard run (Rayner kick), 7:34 (8 pl., 93 yds., 3:39)

Fourth Quarter
 MSU: Alexander 15 yard pass from Smoker (Rayner kick), 14:27 (2 pl., 12 yds., 0:50)
 MSU: Smoker 1 yard run (Rayner kick), 8:25 (5 pl., 55 yds., 2:05)
 MSU: Harmon 52 yard fumble return (Rayner kick), 6:29
 IL: Halsey 6 yard pass from Pazan (Gockman kick), 1:05 (15 pl., 80 yds., 5:24)

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | ILL | MSU |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 23 | 23 |
| Rushes-Yards | 43-158 | 29-102 |
| Passing Yards | 213 | 317 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 26-39-2 | 23-31-0 |
| Total Yards | 371 | 419 |
| Punts-Avg | 4-42.0 | 4-45.3 |
| Kickoff Returns | 1-16 | 3-33 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-28 | 6-48 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 3-0 |
| Sacks by | 3-9 | 2-13 |
| Third-down Conv. | 8-of-17 | 2-of-7 |
| Time of Possession | 35:09 | 24:51 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - E.B. Halsey 19-75; Thomas 8-57; J. Davis 4-18; C. Davis 4-14; M. Mason 5-2; Beutjer 2-(-1); Pazan 1-(-7). MSU - Hayes 12-56-1; Dortch 6-35-2; Cobb 2-9; Teague 2-7; Shabaj 1-3; Smoker 6-(-8)-1.
PASSING: ILL - Beutjer 19-27-2-146-2; Pazan 7-11-0-67-1. MSU - Smoker 23-31-0-317-2.
RECEIVING: ILL - Halsey 6-39-1; Kornfeld 5-66-1; Hayden 4-30; C. Davis 4-18; Payne 2-18; Hurst 2-16; Bryant 2-10; McClellan 1-16. MSU - Tranton 6-6; Hayes 3-55; Alexander 3-47-1; Randall 3-42; Knott 2-52; Brown 2-34; Shabaj 2-3; Scott 1-15-1;

Cobb 1-9.

TACKLES: ILL - Williams 11; Abdullah 10; Sinclair 9; Mason 7; Jackson 6; Taylor 6, .5-1; Ruffin 3, 1-2; Morton 3; Kleckner 3; Strong 2, 1-4; Myers 2; Gilstrap 2, .5-1; Moss 2. MSU - Smith 13, 1-7; Stanley 11; Harmon 8; Dukes 8, 1-6; Labinjo 8; Maples 7; Barnert 6; Watson 5; Mitchell 5; Cooper 4; Flagg 4.

GAME 8

Michigan 56
 Illinois 14

Oct. 18, 2003 - Ann Arbor, Mich. - 110,231

Redshirt freshman Chris Pazan made his first career start in Illinois' 56-14 setback at Michigan. Pazan was starting for Jon Beutjer who missed the game due to a back injury.

Pazan finished the game 11-of-23 for 100 yards with one interception. He became the first freshman to start at quarterback for the Illini since teammate Dustin Ward, who started the final game of the 2000 season as a redshirt freshman.

Illinois' Pierre Thomas, a true freshman running back scored the first two touchdowns of his career. The first, a one-yard plunge, capped an Illini drive that covered 81 yards in eight plays on their second possession of the second half.

Thomas' second touchdown was a seven-yard run, which finished an 80-yard drive engineered by senior Dustin Ward. On the drive, Ward was a perfect 4-of-4 for 53 yards, hitting wide receiver Mark Kornfeld with three passes for 44 yards. Ward finished the day 5-for-5 for 63 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|----------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Michigan | 14 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 56 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 14 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
 MICH: Perry 25 yard run (Rivas kick), 12:28 (8 pl., 71 yds., 2:32)
 MICH: Perry 2 yard run (Rivas kick), 5:24 (11 pl., 61 yds., 5:27)

Second Quarter
 MICH: Breaston 74 yard punt return (Rivas kick), 7:39
 MICH: Mignery 9 yard pass from Navarre (Rivas kick), 2:14 (8 pl., 84 yds., 3:04)
 MICH: Perry 1 yard run (Rivas kick), 0:11 (10 pl., 67 yds., 1:27)

Third Quarter

IL: Thomas 1 yard run (Gockman kick), 7:44 (11 pl., 81 yds., 4:52)
 MICH: Bracken 27 yard run (Rivas kick), 5:32 (9 pl., 74 yds., 2:12)

Fourth Quarter

MICH: Massaquoi 21 yard pass from Gutierrez (Rivas kick), 9:44 (2 pl., 23 yds., 0:39)
 IL: Thomas 7 yard run (Gockman kick), 5:33 (10 pl., 80 yds., 4:11)

MICH: Jackson 1 yard run (Rivas kick), 1:47 (10 pl., 76 yds., 3:46)

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | ILL | MICH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 13 | 30 |
| Rushes-Yards | 29-89 | 49-275 |
| Passing Yards | 163 | 244 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 16-28-1 | 22-34-0 |
| Total Yards | 252 | 519 |
| Punts-Avg | 7-46.0 | 5-39.0 |
| Kickoff Returns | 7-121 | 3-64 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-49 | 8-71 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Sacks by | 1-13 | 1-8 |
| Third-down Conv. | 1-of-11 | 9-of-15 |
| Time of Possession | 26:56 | 33:04 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - Thomas 10-30-2; Hayden 2-20; C. Davis 3-16; Halsey 8-12; J. Davis 1-8; M. Mason 2-8; Pazan 3-(-1). MICH -Perry 24-140-3; Jackson 8-54-1; Bracken 8-52-1; Underwood 4-17; Rembert 2-15; Navarre 3-(-13).
PASSING: ILL - Pazan 11-23-1-100-0; Ward 5-5-0-63-0. MICH - Navarre 18-27-0-203-1; Gutierrez 4-7-0-41-1.
RECEIVING: ILL - Kornfeld 5-77; Hayden 4-25; J. Davis 2-34; Adeyemo 1-9; Thomas 1-8; Bryant 1-6; Halsey 1-2; C. Davis 1-2. MICH - Avant 4-71; Thompson 4-37; Massaquoi 3-37-1; Edwards 3-25; Bell 1-43; Mignery 1-9-1; Perry 1-6; Dudley 1-6; Bracken 1-5; Breaston 1-4; Tabb 1-3; Rembert 1-(-2).
TACKLES: ILL - Kleckner 8; Williams 8; Jackson 6; Sinclair 6; Mason 5; Taylor 5; Gawelek 4; Abdullah 4; Myers 4; Robinson 4. MICH - Burgess 5; Diggs 5, 1-8; Reid 5; LeSueur 5; McClintock 5; Barringer 5; Harrison 4.

GAME 9

Minnesota 36
 Illinois 10

Oct. 25, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. - 46,407

Senior quarterback Dustin Ward relieved redshirt freshman Chris Pazan at the start of the second quarter and finished 17-of-32 for 221 yards and one touchdown in Illinois' 36-10 Homecoming loss to Minnesota at Memorial Stadium.

Ward connected with senior Carey Davis on a four-yard touchdown toss in the second quarter to pull the Illini to 17-7. After three punts, the Fighting Illini got the ball back and drove to the Gophers' 10-yard line, but the drive ended when a Ward pass was intercepted in the end zone.

In the third quarter, Ward appeared to have his second touchdown pass, a 10-yarder to Mark Kornfeld, but the official's ruled that Kornfeld stepped out of the end zone and the penalty nullified the score. Instead, senior John Gockman kicked a 27-yard field goal.

Freshman Pierre Thomas rushed for 70 yards on 15 carries before leaving the game with a leg injury.

The Illini also lost their two starting receivers, as Kelvin Hayden, after catching three balls for 93 yards, left with an ankle injury and freshman



Lonnie Hurst was knocked out by a leg injury.

SCORING BY QUARTER

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Rows for Minnesota and Illinois.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

MN: Maroney 6 yard run (Lloyd kick), 6:18 (12 pl., 89 yds., 4:57)

Second Quarter

MN: Lloyd 31 yard FG, 14:17 (10 pl., 45 yds., 4:33)

MN: Hosack 80 yard pass from Abdul-Khaliq (Lloyd kick), 12:28 (1 pl., 80 yds., 0:13)

IL: C. Davis 4 yard pass from Ward(Gockman kick), 9:03 (7 pl., 80 yds., 3:25)

Third Quarter

MN: Ellerson 21 yard pass from Abdul-Khaliq (kick failed), 11:51 (8 pl., 89 yds., 3:09)

IL: Gockman 27 yard FG, 2:00 (9 pl., 80 yds., 2:59)

Fourth Quarter

MN: Maroney 2 yard run (pass failed), 14:56 (5 pl., 80 yds., 2:04)

MN: Posthumus 1 yard pass from Abdul-Khaliq (Lloyd kick), 6:52 (11 pl., 78 yds., 6:18)

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Category, ILL, MINN. Rows for First Downs, Rushes-Yards, Passing Yards, etc.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - Thomas 15-70; Virgil 1-16; C. Davis 5-15; M. Mason 4-10; Hayden 1-2; Ward 1-(7). MINN - Maroney 22-179-2; Barber III 24-129; Ellerson 2-9; Abdul-Khaliq 3-7; Tapeh 1-5; Kamrath 1-5; Team 1-(2).

PASSING: ILL - Ward 17-32-1-221-1; Pazan 4-6-0-12-0. MINN - Abdul-Khaliq 12-15-0-237-3; Kamrath 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: ILL - Hayden 3-93; Hurst 3-35; Bryant 3-33; Kornfeld 3-21; Adeyemo 2-28; C. Davis 2-6-1; Thomas 2-4; M. Mason 1-6; Virgil 1-5; J. Davis 1-2. MINN - Ellerson 4-87-1; Hosack 3-112-1; Utech 2-22; Wallace 1-9; Spaeth 1-6; Posthumus 1-1-1.

TACKLES: ILL - Sinclair 17; Taylor 15; Williams 13; Jackson 9; A. Mason 8; Robinson 5; Moss 5; Strong 5. MINN - Sims 9; Isom 8; West 7; Dozier 6; McKenzie 6; Banks 5; Reese 5; Fraley 3; Ward 3.

GAME 10

Iowa41
Illinois10

Nov. 1, 2003 - Iowa City, Iowa - 70,397

Senior Dustin Ward became the third Illinois starting quarterback of the season in the Illini's 41-10 loss to Iowa at Kinnick Stadium.

Ward finished the day 12-of-23 for 108 yards and split time with redshirt freshman Chris Pazan, who went 4-of-9 for 98 yards and one touchdown.

Pazan threw his second scoring strike of the season when he found wide receiver Mark Kornfeld in the end zone from three yards out in the fourth quarter. Kornfeld hauled in five passes for 50 yards.

In addition, Pazan and receiver Eric McGoey connected on a 47-yard pass that set up a 24-yard field goal by senior John Gockman. The pass was a career-long for both McGoey and Pazan.

McGoey, filling in on a receiving corps depleted by injuries, led the Orange and Blue with 119 yards on four catches, his first 100-yard receiving game.

SCORING BY QUARTER

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Rows for Iowa and Illinois.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IA: Jackson 1 yd pass from Chandler, (Kaeding kick), 5:54 (18 pl., 77 yds., 9:06)

Second Quarter

IA: Kaeding 23 yd FG, 12:43 (9 pl., 75 yds., 2:17)

IA: Russell 2 yd run (Kaeding kick) 0:52 (11 pl., 80 yds., 6:02)

Third Quarter

IA: Kaeding 24 yd FG, 10:16 (7 pls., 43 yds., 2:44)

IA: Sanders 3 yd fumble recovery (Kaeding kick), 5:56

IA: Russell 14 yd run (Kaeding kick) 2:48 (3 pls., 57 yds., 0:51)

Fourth Quarter

IL: Kornfeld 3 yd pass from Pazan (Gockman kick), 12:22 (6 pls., 80 yds., 1:45)

IL: Gockman 24 yd FG, 7:58 (6 pls., 57 yds., 1:57)

IA: Melloy 13 yd pass from Tate (Kaeding kick), 3:18 (8 pls., 73 yds., 4:39)

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: CATEGORY, ILL, IOWA. Rows for First Downs, Rushes-Yards, Passing Yards, etc.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL- Mason 14-42, Davis 6-19, Cooper 1-2, Ward 5-(minus 4). IA-, Russell 23-94, Lewis 9-61, Cervantes 6-27, Brownlee 2-18, Tate 1-17, Chandler 3-15, Schnoor 3-12, Sherlock 1-5, Davis 1-0, Bradley 1-(minus 5).

PASSING: ILL- Ward 12-23-0-108, Pazan 4-9-0-98. IA- Chandler 14-23-0-243, Tate 2-2-0-18.

RECEIVING: ILL- Kornfeld 5-50, Davis 5-25, McGoey 4-119, Adeyemo 1-8, Mason 1-4. IA- Davis 5-109, Melloy 2-44, Brown 2-31, Holloway 2-21, Jensen 2-21, Hinkel 1-23, Ochoa 1-11, Jackson 1-1

TACKLES: ILL - Mason 16; Sinclair 14; Ball 11; Williams 8; Taylor 8; Abdullah 6; Jackson 6; Gawlelek 4. IA- Hodge 9; Greenway 8; Roth 6, 2-10; Johnson 6; Allen 5; Neubauer 5; Robinson 5; Lewis 4.

GAME 11

Indiana17
Illinois14

Nov. 8, 2003 - Bloomington, Ind. - 24, 102

Freshman running back Marcus Mason ran for 102 yards on 25 carries and quarterback Dustin Ward threw two touchdown passes, but the Fighting Illini fell 17-14 to Indiana.

Ward's first touchdown toss was the end result of a 49-second drive to close out the first half. On first and goal from the six-yard line, Ward floated a pass to the left side of the end zone which McGoey hauled in for his first touchdown catch of the season.

In the third quarter, Ward found junior wide receiver Ade Adeyemo from 34 yards out to give the Illini a 14-7 lead.

Illinois had a chance to break the game open at the start of the fourth quarter, but a 52-yard punt return for a touchdown by Christian Morton was called back due to a holding penalty. After the penalty, the Illini were held to 27 yards on their next three possessions.

Indiana scored on its' first possession of the game, but was unable to mount any more substantial drives until the fourth quarter.

After an Indiana field goal made the score 14-10, the Illini were forced into two straight three-and-out possessions, with the second one setting up Indiana's game-winning drive that ended with an eight-yard run by quarterback Matt LoVecchio.

The Illini had 24 seconds to try and tie the game, but, after moving to their own 38-yard line following a defensive pass interference call, Ward's final pass was intercepted deep in Indiana's territory as time expired.

SCORING BY QUARTER

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Rows for Indiana and Illinois.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IN: Green-Ellis, B. 1 yd run (Robertson kick), 9:41 (12 pl. 76 yds., 5:19)



Second Quarter

IL: McGoeY 6 yd pass from Ward (Gockman kick), 0:08 (6pl., 62 yds., 0:49)

Third Quarter

IL: Adeyemo 34 yd pass from Ward (Gockman kick), 2:32 (8 pl., 69 yds., 3:34)

Fourth Quarter

IN: Robertson 40 yd FG,8:56 (8 pl., 56yds., 2:41)
 IN: LoVecchio 8 yd run (Robertson kick), 0:24 (12pl., 66 yds., 2:28)

TEAM STATISTICS

| CATEGORY | ILL | IND |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 19 | 24 |
| Rushes-Yards | 42-178 | 51-195 |
| Passing Yards | 163 | 161 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 15-21-1 | 17-24-0 |
| Total Yards | 341 | 356 |
| Punts-Avg | 5-45.2 | 6-38.8 |
| Kickoff Returns | 3-40 | 3-44 |
| Penalties-Yards | 9-79 | 8-92 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 3-0 |
| Sacks by | 2-15 | 1-15 |
| Third-down Conv. | 4-of-12 | 4-of-14 |
| Time of Possession | 27:39 | 32:21 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL- Mason 23-102; C. Davis 12-46; McGoeY 3-30; Ward 4-0. IND- Grenn-Ellis 25-98-1; Taylor 11-62; LoVecchio 14-36-1; Team 1 (minus 1).

PASSING: ILL- Ward 15-21-1-2-163. IND- LoVecchio 17-24-0-0-161.

RECEIVING: ILL- McGoeY 7-47-1; Adeyemo 3-52-1; C. Davis 2-31; Kornfeld 2-30; Bryant 1-3.

IND- Roby 8-81; Halterman 3-19; Spencer 1-20; Haney 1-15; Taylor 1-15; Thompson 1-5; Pannozzo 1-4; Green-Ellis 1-2.

TACKLES: ILL - Sinclair 10, 1-14; Mason 10; Strong 8, 1-1; Jackson 7; Williams 6; Moss 3; Matha 3; Gilstrap 3. IND- Killion 10; Meyers 9; Henry 9; Stone 8; Jones 5; Powers 5; Adeyanju 4; Gonzalez 3.

GAME 12

Northwestern37
 Illinois20

Nov. 22, 2003 - Champaign, Ill. - 38,688

Jason Wright ran for 251 yards and four touchdowns to lead Northwestern to a 37-20 victory over Illinois in the season finale for both teams.

Noah Herron also carried for 163 yards as the Wildcats turned entirely to their running game in the second half. Quarterback Brett Basanez's only pass attempt after half-time was nullified by an Illinois penalty.

The Illini led at halftime 13-7, but the Wildcats took over in the third quarter behind Wright and Herron. The two carried the ball for 154 yards on the next two drives as the Wildcats grabbed a 20-13 lead.

Brian Huffman kicked a 38-yard field goal and Marvin Ward returned an interception 69 yards for Northwestern's other scores. Basanez was 3-of-9 for 24 yards.

The Illini scored the game's first points when John Gockman kicked a 37-yard field goal to cap a 59-yard drive with 8:25 left in the first quarter. It was the first time in nine games that Illinois scored first.

On the next drive, faced with third-and-22, Basanez tried a pass to the right flat, but Illini safety Travis Williams stepped in front of the Wildcats' Roger Jordan to intercept and ran 32 yards for a touchdown. The Illini scored twice within 1:01 for a 10-0 lead, their biggest lead since the second game of the season when they beat Illinois State 49-22.

But Northwestern got things together on the next drive, handing the ball to Wright four times on a seven-play drive. Wright carried for 55 of the 59 yards on the drive, scoring the touchdown on a 1-yard run.

Dustin Ward left in the third quarter after hitting 14-of-27 attempts for only 93 yards and three interceptions. Freshman Chris Pazan replaced him and finished 18-of-28 for 188 yards.

Fullback Carey Davis rushed for 51 yards and caught 10 passes for 44 yards for Illinois. E.B. Halsey ran for 49 yards on 15 carries and scored a touchdown.

| TEAM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|--------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Northwestern | 7 | 0 | 13 | 17 | 37 |
| Illinois | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 31 |

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

IL: Gockman 37 yd field goal, 8:25 (11 pl., 59 yds., 4:10)
 IL: Williams 32 interception return (Gockman kick), 7:24
 NW: Wright 1 yd run (Huffman kick), 5:20 (7 pl., 59 yds., 1:55)

Second Quarter

IL: Gockman 45 yd field goal, 13:43 (15 pl., 52 yds., 6:46)

Third Quarter

NW: Wright 1 yd run (Huffman kick failed), 11:49 (9 pl., 61 yds., 3:11)
 NW: Wright 3 yd run (Huffman kick), 3:49 (10 pl., 97 yds., 4:08)

Fourth Quarter

NW: Huffman 38 yd field goal, 11:19 (11 pl., 42 yds., 4:47)
 IL: Halsey 1 yd run (Gockman kick), 8:37 (10 pl., 65 yds., 2:42)
 NW: Wright 4 yd run (Huffman kick), 4:59 (9 pl., 80 yds., 3:38)
 NW: Ward 69 yd interception return (Huffman kick), 3:19

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | NW | ILL |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 26 | 25 |
| Rushes-Yards | 70-444 | 34-122 |
| Passing Yards | 24 | 281 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 9-3-1 | 56-32-4 |
| Total Yards | 468 | 403 |
| Punts-Avg | 3-24.3 | 2-48.5 |
| Kickoff Returns | 4-96 | 1-9 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-45 | 4-26 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-1 | 2-2 |
| Sacks | 2-15 | 4-38 |
| Third-down Conv. | 5-of-12 | 8-of-18 |
| Time of Possession | 31:44 | 28:16 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: ILL - C. Davis 7-51; Halsey 15-49-1; M. Mason 9-32; J. Davis 1-5; Ward 1-(-7); Pazan 1-(-8). NW - Wright 42-251-4; Herron 17-163; Horn 2-49; Basanez 9-(-19).

PASSING: ILL - Pazan 28-18-1-188-0; Ward 27-14-3-93-0. NW - Basanez 9-3-1-24-0.

RECEIVING: ILL - C. Davis 10-44; Adeyemo 6-83; Halsey 5-46; McGoeY 3-20; Kornfeld 2-25; Bryant 2-22; Hayden 2-17; J. Davis 1-15; Jones 1-9. NW - Patrick 3-24.

INTERCEPTIONS: ILL - Williams 1-32. NW - Ward 2-69; Heinz 2-0.

TACKLES: ILL - Jackson 17, 2-10; Taylor 17, 2-2, 1-1; Sinclair 15; Williams 9; Bevis 7; Ball 5; Strong 5. NW - Heinz 15; McGarigle 13, 2-4; Ward 8; Durr 8, 1-7; Pickens 6, 2-2; Stuckey 6, 1-8; Castillo 5, 1-1.



SEPT. 4

Florida A&M at Illinois
Central Michigan at Indiana
Kent State at Iowa
Michigan State at Rutgers
Toledo at Minnesota
Northwestern at TCU
Cincinnati at Ohio State
Akron at Penn State
Central Florida at Wisconsin

SEPT. 5

Syracuse at Purdue

SEPT. 11

UCLA at Illinois
Indiana at Oregon
Iowa State at Iowa
Michigan at Notre Dame
Rutgers at Michigan State
Minnesota TBA
Arizona State at Northwestern
Marshall at Ohio State
Penn State at Boston College
Ball State at Purdue
UNLV at Wisconsin

SEPT. 18

Western Michigan at Illinois
Indiana at Kentucky
Iowa at Arizona State
San Diego State at Michigan
Notre Dame at Michigan State
Minnesota at Colorado State
Kansas at Northwestern
Ohio State at N.C. State
Central Florida at Penn State
Wisconsin at Arizona
Purdue idle

SEPT. 25

Purdue at Illinois
Michigan State at Indiana
Iowa at Michigan
Northwestern at Minnesota
Penn State at Wisconsin
Ohio State idle

OCT. 2

Illinois at Wisconsin
Michigan at Indiana
Michigan State at Iowa
Penn State at Minnesota
Ohio State at Northwestern
Purdue at Notre Dame

OCT. 9

Illinois at Michigan State
Indiana at Northwestern
Minnesota at Michigan
Wisconsin at Ohio State
Purdue at Penn State
Iowa idle

OCT. 16

Michigan at Illinois
Ohio State at Iowa
Minnesota at Michigan State
Wisconsin at Purdue
Indiana idle
Northwestern idle
Penn State idle

OCT. 23

Illinois at Minnesota
Indiana at Ohio State
Iowa at Penn State
Michigan at Purdue
Northwestern at Wisconsin
Michigan State idle

OCT. 30

Iowa at Illinois
Minnesota at Indiana
Michigan State at Michigan
Purdue at Northwestern
Penn State at Ohio State
Wisconsin idle

NOV. 6

Indiana at Illinois
Purdue at Iowa
Ohio State at Michigan State
Minnesota at Wisconsin
Northwestern at Penn State
Michigan idle

NOV. 13

Penn State at Indiana
Iowa at Minnesota
Northwestern at Michigan
Wisconsin at Michigan State
Ohio State at Purdue
Illinois idle

NOV. 20

Illinois at Northwestern
Indiana at Purdue
Wisconsin at Iowa
Michigan at Ohio State
Michigan State at Penn State
Minnesota idle



2004 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS RECRUITING CLASS

| Name | Ht. | Wt. | Pos. | Hometown | High School/JC |
|--------------------|------|-----|-------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Charles Bailey Jr. | 6-1 | 195 | DB | Ft. Wayne, Ind. | Northrop |
| Brock Bolen | 6-1 | 230 | RB | Springboro, Ohio | Valley View |
| Anthony Brodnax | 6-1 | 180 | DB | Lithonia, Ga. | Lakeside |
| Sam Carson III | 6-1 | 225 | LB | Woodridge, Ill. | Downers Grove South |
| Bryant Creamer | 6-3 | 190 | WR | Chicago, Ill. | Simeon |
| Jody Ellis | 6-1 | 180 | DB | Evanston, Ill. | Evanston Township |
| Kisan Flakes | 6-1 | 190 | QB | Lovejoy, Ga. | Lovejoy |
| Xavier Fulton | 6-5 | 270 | DL | Flossmoor, Ill. | Homewood-Flossmoor |
| Billy Garza | 6-2 | 195 | QB | Brownsville, Texas | Porter |
| Justin Harrison | 5-11 | 205 | DB | Bloomington, Ill. | Bloomington |
| Kyle Knezetic | 6-1 | 195 | LS | Channahan, Ill. | Minooka |
| JR Kraemer | 6-5 | 220 | TE | Wildwood, Mo. | Lafayette |
| Ryan McDonald | 6-4 | 270 | OL | Holland, Mich. | West Ottawa |
| Walter Mendenhall | 6-0 | 200 | RB | Skokie, Ill. | Niles West |
| Dan Motuliak | 6-4 | 270 | DL | Lafayette, Ind. | Jefferson |
| Jarvis Newson | 6-0 | 185 | DB | Decatur, Ga. | Columbia |
| Jason Reda | 6-3 | 190 | PK | Rock Island, Ill. | Rock Island |
| Jeff Sobol | 6-4 | 250 | DL | Pevely, Mo. | Herculaneum |
| Tony Sparkman | 6-4 | 280 | OL | Brooklyn Park, Minn. | Wayzata |
| Alex Stroud | 6-1 | 185 | WR | Danville, Calif. | De La Salle |
| Derek Walker | 6-5 | 245 | DL | Glendale Heights, Ill. | Glenbard East |
| Russ Weil | 6-0 | 240 | FB/LB | Minooka, Ill. | Minooka |
| Remond Willis III | 6-0 | 220 | LB | Lilbourn, Mo. | New Madrid |
| Andre' Young | 6-5 | 190 | WR | North Augusta, S.C. | North Augusta |

CHARLES BAILEY JR.

6-1, 195, DB
Ft. Wayne, Ind./Northrop

High School: Named All-state and All-region as a senior ... Finished his career with 113 solo tackles and 42 assists as well as 14 tackles-for-loss and nine sacks ... Forced seven career fumbles and recovered five, while breaking up 15 passes ... Is the school's all-time rushing leader and set school record for career rushing touchdowns ... Rushed for 2,335 yards and 30 scores ... Three-time All-Conference selection ... Earned three letters each in football and track ... All-State performer in track ... Recipient of the Euell Wilson Award, given to the exceptional football player who also excels in the classroom and community ... Team placed second at state in track as a junior ... Set national indoor record in the 55-meter hurdles with a 7.4 mark ... Named the "Fastest Hurdler in the Nation." ... High school coach was Matt Stinson.

Personal: Full name is Charles Allen Bailey Jr. ... Born on Oct. 26, 1985 ... The son of Charles and Patricia Bailey ... Father, Charles Sr., played football at Michigan State from 1966-70 ... Lists Mike McKinzie as his favorite athlete ... Honor roll student.

Turner on Bailey: "Charles is a very athletic football player who excelled at both running back and defensive back during his high school career. We are projecting him as a safety here at Illinois. He has outstanding speed which is evidenced by his great track times."

BROCK BOLEN

6-1, 230, RB
Springboro, Ohio/Valley View

High School: Named a Top-100 recruit by the Chicago Sun-Times ... Carried the ball for 2,087 yards and scored 40 times as a senior ... Rushed for 2,287 yards and 43 touchdowns as a junior ... For his career, totaled 6,099 yards and 108 touchdowns ... Ranked the No. 1 fullback in the country by Tom Lemming ... Named the team's Most Valuable Player for three straight years ... Earned first-team All-State by the Dayton Daily News and Middletown Journal Herald ... Garnered first-team All-District, All-League and All-Conference honors ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Set seven school rushing and scoring records ... As a junior, was the Middletown Journal's Player of the Year, first-team All-Conference, first-team All-District and second-team All-Ohio ... During his sophomore year, was first-team All-Area by the Dayton Daily News and Middletown Journal, first-team All-Conference and second-team All-District ... Played football at Fenwick High School and was honorable mention All-League and All-District as a freshman ... Four-time Scholar-Athlete Award winner ... High school coach was Jay Niswonger.

Personal: Born on March 24, 1985 ... The son of Gail and Jim Bolen ... Has one sister, Stephanie ... Enrolled at Illinois in Jan. 2004 and will go through spring practices.

Turner on Bolen: "Brock is a very versatile football player with great running skills. One of his greatest assets is his ability to catch balls out of the backfield. He is also a tremendous blocker and a physical player who fits the mold of what we are looking for at running back."

ANTHONY BRODNAX

6-1, 180, DB
Lithonia, Ga./Lakeside

High School: As a senior recorded 48 tackles and five passes broken up as well as 911 yards rushing and 286 receiving ... Finished his career with 137 tackles, 18 PBUs and three interceptions ... Earned letters in football, track and basketball ... High school coach was Bill Harris.

Personal: Full name is Anthony Curtis Broadnax ... Born on Dec. 29, 1985 in Wuerzburg, Germany ... The son of Lemuel and Sonja Leach ... Cousin, Jamal Wilson, currently plays football at Purdue ... Lists Michael Vick as his favorite athlete.

Turner on Brodnax: "Anthony is extremely quick and has great acceleration to the football. He is physical and aggressive, especially for a cornerback. He has the potential to be a great cover corner, who can also be very effective in run support."

SAM CARSON III

6-1, 225, LB
Woodridge, Ill./Downers Grove South

High School: Two-time All-State selection ... Named All-State by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Finished his career with a school record 366 tackles ... Earned All-Conference honors at inside linebacker in both 2002 and 2003 ... Registered 127 tackles, including 83 solo stops as a senior ... Twice named the West Suburban Gold Defensive Player of the Year ... SuperPrep All-American ... PrepStar All-American ... Helped lead team to a state championship in 2003 ... Recorded 120 tackles and four interceptions as a junior ... High

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school coach was John Belskis.

Personal: Full name is Samuel Carson III ... Born on March 10, 1986 ... The son of Sam and Gwen Carson ... Father, Sam, played football at Eastern Illinois with current Illinois assistant coach Greg McMahon ... Cousin, Roosevelt Brown, played for the Chicago Cubs ... Lists Ray Lewis as his favorite athlete ... Biggest thrill in sports was winning a state title in football.

Turner on Carson: "Sam is just an outstanding athlete. What I like most about Sam is the instinctive nature he has to get to the football. He can run sideline-to-sideline and is a great leader. His athleticism is very obvious by the fact that he is an excellent basketball player."

BRYANT CREAMER

6-3, 190, WR

Chicago, Ill./Simeon

High School: Named a national Top-100 recruit by the Chicago Sun-Times ... Earned first-team All-State honors by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Named to the Chicago Sun-Times All-Area team ... PrepStar All-American ... Named Public League Most Valuable Player ... Caught 63 passes, 23 for touchdowns ... First-team All-City ... Averaged 21.2 yards per reception ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Football team captain ... Basketball team has twice won the city championship and is currently ranked No. 3 in the state ... High school coach was Al Scott.

Personal: Born on April 7, 1986 ... Lives with his great-grandfather, Paul Creamer.

Turner on Creamer: "Bryant is a big-play receiver who can double as both a possession receiver and a down-the-field vertical threat. He has great leaping ability and good ball skills. We expect him to be an impact player here at Illinois very early."

JODY ELLIS

6-1, 180, DB

Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township

High School: Named to the 2003 IHSA All-State team ... Earned All-State honors from the Champaign News-Gazette and Chicago Sun-Times ... Central Suburban South Conference Player of the Year ... Recorded 115 career tackles, five interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... As a senior, he had 85 tackles and three picks ... Also caught 67 passes for 870 yards and 19 touchdowns ... Lettered in football and basketball ... High school coach was Tony Johnson.

Personal: Full name is Joseph Leo Ellis ... Goes by "Jody" ... Born on July 14, 1986 ... The son of Keith and Mona Ellis ... Lists Deion Sanders as his favorite athlete ... Honor roll student.

Turner on Ellis: "Jody Ellis is just a football player. When you watch his film you see No. 1 fly across the screen — whether he is making plays as a receiver or defensively making interceptions and big hits. He seems to always be around the ball and has tremendous instincts and outstanding all-around abilities."

KISAN FLAKES

6-1, 190, QB

Lovejoy, Ga./Lovejoy

High School: Earned All-State Offensive Player of the Year honors ... Named the Southern Crescent Offensive Player-of-the-Year ... PrepStar All-Region ... First-team All-Area ... Team captain ... Lovejoy High School Offensive Player of the Year ... Garnered All-Region Offensive Player of the Year accolades ... Three-year letterwinner in football ... High school coach was Al Hughes.

Personal: Full name is Garrett Kisan Flakes ... Born on July 28, 1986 in Buffalo, N.Y. ... The son of Garrett Flakes and Rayshonne Jones ... Brother, Julius Page, plays basketball for the University of Pittsburgh ... Earned a 3.4 GPA in an accelerated college prep program ... Lists Michael Vick as his favorite athlete.

Turner on Flakes: "Kisan has great instincts in the pocket. I was impressed with his awareness and presence. He has the ability to hurt you not only with his arm, but also with his feet. He can make the first pass-rushers miss and then has the uncanny instincts to know when to pull the ball down and run, or wait and make a play to an open receiver."

XAVIER FULTON

6-5, 270, DL

Flossmoor, Ill./Homewood-Flossmoor

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

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

Turner on Fulton: "Xavier excelled on both sides of the ball in high school. He has tremendous quickness and strength. He was productive in every facet of the game, blocking kicks and tackling for loss. He just has a knack for making plays around the ball."

BILLY GARZA

6-2, 195, QB

Brownsville, Texas/Porter

High School: Passed for 3,185 yards and 38 touchdowns as well as seven touchdowns rushing ... Holds single-game school record with 404 yards passing and seven touchdowns against Harlingen South ... Garnered All-State honors from the Associated Press and Dave Campbell's Texas High School Magazine ... Named the All-Valley Offensive Most Valuable Player by the RGV Newspapers and the Bay Area Sports Newspaper ...

District 32-4A Most Valuable Player ... Earned a total of 11 letters in football, baseball and basketball ... All-District performer in both baseball and basketball ... High school coach was Jim Helms.

Personal: Full name is William Michael Ball Garza ... Goes by "Billy" ... Born on Oct. 6, 1985 ... Coached by Jim Helms, former Illinois running backs coach ... The son of William Garza and Marilyn Ball-Garza.

Turner on Garza: "Billy has an outstanding feel for the game. He is extremely accurate with good touch on his passes, but at the same time has the strength to make all the throws you want to make. He is also a tremendous leader with that aura you are looking for in a quarterback. He is also a standout basketball and baseball player."

JUSTIN HARRISON

5-11, 205, DB

Bloomington, Ill./Bloomington

High School: Earned All-State honors from the Chicago Sun-Times, Champaign News-Gazette, Illinois High School Coaches Association and the Bloomington Pantagraph ... PrepStar All-Region ... Made 119 tackles, 21 tackles-for-loss and caused four fumbles as a senior ... Also picked off three passes and blocked two punts ... As a running back, he recorded 1,077 yards, scored 24 touchdowns and averaged 28.3 yards per reception ... Named to the Big 12 All-Conference team on both offense and defense ... Finished his career with 236 tackles, three sacks and three interceptions ... Selected to play in the Illinois Shriners All-State game ... Earned eight letters in football, baseball and track ... High school coach was Rigo Schmelzer.

Personal: Full name is Justin Lavelle Harrison ... Born on Aug. 22, 1986 ... The son of Michael and Nicola Harrison ... Father, Michael, played football and baseball at Millikin University ... Uncle, Eric Wright, played cornerback for the San Francisco 49ers for 12 years ... Illinois football hero is Dana Howard ... Originally from East St. Louis, his parents played on teams with Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Kellen Winslow and Jerome Heavens ... Biggest thrill in sports was scoring a touchdown in the IHSA state championship game and hitting a walk-off homerun to win a national Khoury League Championship game.

Turner on Harrison: "Justin is a physical player. When he hits you, you know you've been hit. We are really excited about his future contributions to the secondary, primarily as a safety. He never came off the field in high school, playing offense, defense and special teams."

KYLE KNEZETIC

6-1, 195, LS

Channahan, Ill./Minooka

High School: Earned All-Conference honors as a senior ... Also made Joliet and Morris' All-Area teams as both a safety and tight end ... Recorded 58 tackles, one sack, three interceptions, four recovered fumbles and three forced in 2003 ... Played outside linebacker as a junior and had 42 tackles, two sacks, three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles ...



bles and two interceptions ... Lettered in both football and basketball ... High school coach was Mike Briscoe.

Personal: Full name is Kyle Robert Knezetic ... Born on Nov. 5, 1985 ... The son of Kenneth and Teena Knezetic ... Favorite Fighting Illini hero was Dick Butkus ... Biggest thrill in sports was beating Providence in the 2003 quarterfinals, 14-7.

Turner on Knezetic: "Whenever you sign someone you look for that special quality and we have found that in Kyle. We had him in camp so we have seen first-hand what he can do. He gets the ball back as quickly as I have seen at this level. He was also productive linebacker, but has dedicated himself to being the best long snapper in the country and we believe he is."

JR KRAEMER

6-5, 220, TE
Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette

High School: Earned All-State honors in 2003 as a punter ... Named to the 2003 St. Louis Rams All-Metro team as a tight end ... All-Conference performer as a linebacker, punter and tight end ... SuperPrep All-American ... PrepStar All-Region ... Team captain ... Finished second at state in the 110-meter hurdles ... Named to the All-Conference team as a defensive back, punter and wide receiver after his junior season ... Four-year starter ... Earned nine letters in football, track and basketball ... Set the school record in the 110-meter hurdles and triple jump ... Took second in the 110-meter hurdles in 2003 and was named to the All-Conference and All-District teams in track ... High school coach was Mick Picataggio.

Personal: Full name is John R. Kraemer ... Goes by "JR" ... Born on May 13, 1985 ... The son of John and Cathy Kraemer ... Plans to pursue a major in sports management.

Turner on Kraemer: "JR is a gifted athlete who can really run, catch the ball and block. He played both sides of the ball, punted and has done just about everything on the field. He also runs track and I know it is his goal to win the state title in the high hurdles where he took second last year. He brings a lot of athleticism to the position."

RYAN MCDONALD

6-4, 270, OL
Holland, Mich./West Ottawa

High School: Earned All-Conference honors as a senior ... Named to the Holland Sentinel Dream Team in 2003 ... Two-time All-Area performer ... Team set school records for wins and points scored in 2002 and 2003 ... Also set record for total offense in 2002 ... In 2003, the offense led the conference in scoring and averaged over 400 yards and 37 points a game ... Had 77 knockdowns and 59 tackles, five for loss as a senior ... Three-year starter on the offensive and defensive line, leading his team to a 21-10 record during that time ... Totaled 59 knockdowns and 14 tackles as a junior ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Team captain ... Selected for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game ... Nominated to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl ...

Earned letters in football and basketball ... High school coach was Jim Caserta.

Personal: Born Aug. 21, 1985 in Toledo, Ohio ... The son of Phil and Jan McDonald ... Father, Phil, played center for the Illini from 1974-76 ... Would like to pursue a career in engineering ... Member of the National Honor Society with a 3.99 GPA ... Won the school's scholar-athlete award three consecutive years ... Lists Tony Boselli as his favorite athlete.

Turner on McDonald: "Ryan is a good athlete. He was a two-way player who really has a passion for football at the University of Illinois, with his father as a former player. He is the kind of guy you like to have in the program because of his understanding of the tradition of Illini football. He is also an outstanding student-athlete."

WALTER MENDENHALL

6-0, 200, RB
Skokie, Ill./Niles West

High School: Averaged 7.7 yards per carry as a senior at Niles West, rushing for 1,158 yards on 151 attempts for 14 touchdowns ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Also caught 10 passes for 189 yards and recorded 38 tackles and two interceptions ... Finished his career with over 3,600 all-purpose yards ... Named a Champaign News-Gazette All-State special mention ... Two-time Pioneer Press All-Area selection ... Scored 15 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,250 yards as a junior ... Earned Central Suburban League Offensive MVP as a junior ... Learner Press Player of the Year in 2003 ... Named to the Prep Football Report All-Area team ... Earned 10 letters in football, basketball and track ... Two-time state qualifier in track ... Track conference sectional champs ... High school coach was Mark Egofske.

Personal: Born on Jan. 22, 1986 ... The son of Walter and Sybil Mendenhall ... Earned academic all-conference honors with a 3.2 GPA ... Honor roll student ... Lists Ray Lewis as his favorite athlete ... Would like to pursue a career as a high school teacher and coach after graduation.

Turner on Mendenhall: "Walter was extremely productive as a high school running back. He is strong, and athletic, with good running skills and outstanding hands out of the backfield. In this program, we look for that well-rounded running back, which Walter fits very well. He will be an outstanding player for us."

DAN MOTULIAK

6-4, 270, DL
Lafayette, Ind./Jefferson

High School: Made 100 tackles as a senior ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Two-time all-conference and all-area performer ... Recorded 60 tackles, two for loss and a sack as a junior ... Earned three football letters ... Four-time letterwinner in wrestling ... Member of Team Indiana for National Duals ... High school coach was Fred Kurruff.

Personal: Full name is Daniel Evan Motuliak ... Born on May 2, 1986 ... The son of Marc and Kim Motuliak ... Was the sports editor of the

school newspaper ... Spent time as a volunteer at The Boys and Girls Club ... Enjoys hunting, fishing and horse racing.

Turner on Motuliak: "Dan is another two-way player that we had in camp. We really liked his toughness. He has that mentality you need to have for a defensive lineman. He is very aggressive and physical. He is also an outstanding wrestler."

JARVIS NEWSON

6-0, 185, DB
Decatur, Ga./Columbia

High School: Earned first-team All-Dekalb County honors as a senior in 2002 ... Also all-state, all-city and all-metro ... As a senior, recorded 56 tackles, caused 13 fumbles and intercepted four passes ... Had 33 tackles, 11 interceptions and three fumbles as a junior ... Earned three letters in football, basketball and track ... High school coach was Keith Johnson.

Personal: Born on Dec. 9, 1984 ... The son of Lewis and Lunell Newson ... Brother, Kendall played football at Middle Tennessee State and just completed his first season with the Miami Dolphins ... Brother, Keon, is a junior defensive back at Bowling Green ... Hobbies include basketball, bowling and golf.

Turner on Newson: "Jarvis is a really talented athlete. He came out of high school a year ago, but we didn't have any scholarships available at the time. I admire his perseverance to stay with us. He is a very physical player who could be either a safety or a corner. I like the intensity and aggressiveness he brings to the position."

JASON REDA

6-3, 190, PK
Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island

High School: Named to All-State, All-Conference and All-Metro teams in football and was an All-Conference and All-Sectional performer in soccer ... All-State selection by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Career-long field goal in a game is 48 yards and 65 yards is longest in practice setting ... Named to the Illinois Football Dream Team by the IHSA ... PrepStar All-Region ... Lettered in football, soccer and track ... High school coach was Robert Krاندall.

Personal: Full name is Jason Gerald Reda ... Born Aug. 16, 1985 ... The son of Gerald and Kim Reda ... Honor roll student ... Lists Michael Jordan as his favorite athlete ... Plans to major in business.

Turner on Reda: "Jason has a great leg, as good as I have seen in a long time. He is another player that we had the luxury of seeing in camp. What we discovered is that he has leg strength that is hard to find in somebody at that level. He has tremendous potential and upside."

JEFF SOBOL**6-4, 250, DL**
Pevely, Mo./Herculeum

High School: Three-time all-conference performer as an offensive and defensive lineman ... Named to the KJFF Dream Team two straight years ... Team's Most Valuable Player ... PrepStar All-Region ... School's first three-time all-state player ... Nominated to play in the Army All-American Bowl ... Helped lead team to conference titles in 2001 and 2003 ... Earned letters in football, basketball and track ... High school coach was Stan Helms.

Personal: Full name is Jeffrey Adam Sobol ... Born on Dec. 25, 1985 in Muscatine, Iowa ... The son of Mark and Judy Sobol ... Lists Grant Wistrom as his favorite athlete ... Was named the Pevely Lions Club Mr. Football 2004 ... Was the school's 2003 Homecoming King and Student Council Executive Vice President.

Turner on Sobol: "You watch Jeff's film and see that he is all over the place. He is a very active player with tremendous quickness off the ball. He uses hands very well and has that tenacity and toughness you can't teach. I love the way he brings a spark every time he hits the field."

TONY SPARKMAN**6-4, 280, OL**
Brooklyn Park, Minn./Wayzata

High School: Named to the Classic Lake All-Conference team ... Also earned All-Metro and All-City honors ... Named to Rivals 101 All-State team ... All-Area performer ... Helped lead team to the state quarterfinals in 2003 ... Earned four letters in football ... High school coach was Brad Anderson.

Personal: Full name is Tony Maurice Sparkman ... Born on April 27, 1986 ... The son of Darlene Hayes ... Lists Steve McNair as his favorite athlete ... Says his younger brother, T.J., is the most influential person on his athletic career.

Turner on Sparkman: "Tony is an outstanding player who made the most of a tough situation. He moved to Minnesota from Chicago just prior to training camp as a junior and jumped right in and learned the new system. He is very strong and set records in his school's weight room. He brings a tremendous toughness to the offensive line."

ALEX STROUD**6-1 185, WR**
Danville, Calif./De La Salle

High School: Played both receiver and outside linebacker as a senior ... Started all 13 games, recording 17 catches for over 300 yards in 2003 ... Also recorded 65 tackles and two interceptions ... Was a part of two consecutive state championship teams in 2002 and 2003 ... Rated the No. 15 recruit in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties ... Given the team's "Iron Spartan" Award ... Earned letters in both football and baseball ... High school coach was Bob Ladouceur.

Personal: Full name is Alexander Patrick Stroud ... Born on Aug. 23, 1985 in Berkeley,

Calif. ... The son of Patrick and Laurie Stroud ... Part of a baseball team that was one out away from going to the Little League World Series at the age of 12 ... Enjoys fishing, working on cars and playing basketball ... High school game against Evangel Christian was nationally televised on ESPN.

Turner on Stroud: "Alex is a standout athlete with the best of his career still in front of him. He has only played football for a couple of years, but played on traditionally one of the best high schools teams in football, De La Salle, in California. He has a 40-plus inch vertical jump and great speed and explosiveness. His coach was most impressed with how quickly he took to his only year of playing defense."

DEREK WALKER**6-5, 245, DL**
Glenbard Heights, Ill./Glenbard East

High School: Earned special mention All-State honors by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Named the team's Most Valuable Player in football, track and basketball ... Was an all-conference performer as a senior ... Registered 32 solo tackles, 15 for loss and 18 sacks in nine games in 2003 ... SuperPrep All-Region ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Earned letters in football, basketball and track ... Two-time all-conference selection in the discus ... Named to the all-conference team in basketball ... High school coach was Dennis Lueck.

Personal: Full name is Derek Raynal Walker ... Born on Sept. 16, 1986 in Chester, Pa. ... The son of Walton and Doreatha Walker ... Would like to pursue a career in graphic design ... Hobbies include drawing and building models.

Turner on Walker: "Derek is a really gifted athlete, defensively. He has a tremendous upside. His senior year he was much improved. As a junior he played strictly on athleticism, but learned to be a much more aware football player. He brings great burst and acceleration to the defensive line."

RUSS WEIL**6-0, 240, FB/LB**
Minooka, Ill./Minooka

High School: Three-time all-conference selection ... Earned all-state honors from IHSA, Champaign News-Gazette and Chicago Sun-Times ... PrepStar All-Region ... Made 24 solo tackles, 36 assists and 10 tackles for loss as a senior ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Morris Daily Herald All-Area Most Valuable Player ... As a running back finished his career with 2,500 yards and 32 touchdowns ... Earned three letters in football and four in wrestling ... Won an Illinois state wrestling title at 215 pounds in 2002 ... Earned all-conference and all-state honors ... High school coach was Mike Briscoe.

Personal: Full name is John Russell Weil ... Born on July 3, 1985 ... Son of John and Stephana Weil ... Honor roll student.

Turner on Weil: "Russ is as intense a player as I remember seeing. He has only one speed and that is 100 percent all the time. He is very versatile and could play fullback, linebacker or defensive end. He

won a wrestling state title, which shows his great mental toughness."

REMOND WILLIS III**6-0, 220, LB**
Lilbourn, Mo./New Madrid

High School: Named to all-conference and all-region teams as a running back and quarterback in high school ... PrepStar All-Region ... Earned all-state honors ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Recorded 47 solo tackles, 51 assists, 16 tackles-for-loss and four sacks ... On offense, rushed for 2,086 yards and scored 26 touchdowns ... Lettered in football, basketball and baseball ... High school coach was Glen Pixley.

Personal: Born Aug. 28, 1985 ... The son of Remond Willis and Diane Taylor ... Name is pronounced "Ramone" ... Honor roll student ... Lists Ronde Barber as his favorite athlete.

Turner on Willis: "When you think Remond Willis, you think great speed. I am really excited about what he brings to the table. He excelled his senior season as a running back after previously being known for his great defensive play. I like the way he has the ability to make play after play."

ANDRE' YOUNG**6-5, 190, WR**
North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta

High School: Caught 72 passes for 1,311 yards and 12 touchdowns all for school records ... SuperPrep All-Region ... Set a South Carolina single-game record with 13 catches and 322 yards in the playoffs ... Caught eight passes for 113 yards and two scores in the South Carolina North/South All-Star game to earn MVP honors ... Earned All-Region and All-CSRA honors in both football and basketball ... Earned letters in football, basketball and baseball ... High school coach was Joe Long.

Personal: Full name is Andre' Charlton Young ... Born on Nov. 27, 1985 in Augusta, Ga. ... The son of Al and Jackie Young ... Father played for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1971-73 ... Brother, Anthony, currently plays football at Wake Forest and brother, Al Jr., played for Livingstone College from 1995-98 ... Lists Michael Jordan as his favorite athlete ... Honor roll student ... Member of the Mu Alpha Theta honor society ... Was the president of school's FCA and volunteered for the "Adopt-A-Child" organization.

Turner on Young: "Andre' fits the mold of receiver that we try to get in this program. He plays basketball and had a chance to possibly play in college. He has great body control and is impressive with his ability to go up and get the ball. He reminds the coaching staff of Walter Young, except more polished as a receiver coming out of high school."



Mike O'Brien



Matt Sinclair, Sr., LB

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten in 2003
- Led team with 129 tackles and is three tackles shy of the 200-mark for his career
- Led the Big Ten with 98 tackles in conference games



Matt Sinclair



Steve Weatherford, Jr., P/PK

- Broke 55-year-old school record for punting average in a single-season with 44.3 yards per punt in 2003
- 2003 Honorable mention All-Big Ten
- Ranked second in the Big Ten and 12th in the nation in punting average

Steve Weatherford



Mike O'Brien, Sr., DE

Recorded three tackles for loss and eight solo tackles against Missouri in his only game played in 2003
 Has 21 career tackles for loss
 Was granted a sixth year by the NCAA

Travis Williams

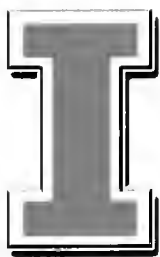


Travis Williams, Jr., DB

- Has scored three touchdowns in his career (blocked kick, interception and kickoff return)
- Has started 17 games in two seasons with 129 career tackles
- Led all Illini defensive backs with 91 tackles in 2003



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