

TEAM AND BIG TEN HONORS

ILLINOIS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

The Fighting Illini Most Valuable Football Player is selected each year by a vote of team members. The following is a list of Illinois' MVPs since 1930.

1930	Stan Bodman	.....G
1931	Fred Frink	.....E
1932	Gil Berry	.....HB
1933	Dave Cook	.....FB
1934	Les Lindberg	.....HB
1935	Ed Grybaski	.....G
1936	Cliff Kuhn	.....G
1937	Jack Berner	.....QB
1938	James Hodges	.....G
1939	Bill Lenich	.....D
1940	George Bernhardt	.....FB
1941	Nate Johnson	.....T
1942	Elmer Engle	.....E
1943	Eddie Bray	.....HB
1944	Buddy Young	.....HB
1945	Mac Wenskunas	.....C
1946	Alex Agase	.....G
1947	Ike Owens	.....E
1948	James Valek	.....E
1949	John Karras	.....HB
1950	Tony Klimek	.....E
1951	Charles Boerio	.....LB
1952	Al Brosky	.....HB
1953	Don Ernst	.....T
1954	Jack Chamblin	.....QB
1955	Em Lindbeck	.....CB
1956	Dave Walker	.....G
1957	Ron Hanson	.....E
1958	Gene Cherney	.....C
1959	Bill Burrell	.....G
1960	Joe Rutgens	.....T
1961	Tony Parrilli	.....G
1962	Ken Zimmerman	.....HB
1963	Dick Butkus	.....C
1964	Dick Butkus	.....C
1965	Jim Grabowski	.....FB
1966	Ron GuentherG
1967	John WrightE
1968	Rich JohnsonFB
1969	Doug DiekenE
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1971	Terry MasarP-HB
1972	Larry McCarrenC
	Larry AllenDE
1973	Eddie JenkinsHB
	Octavus Morgan	.....DE
1974	Tom Hicks	.....LB
	Jeff Hollenbach	.....QB
1975	Stu Levenick	.....OT
	Bruce Beaman	.....DB
1976	Jerry Finis	.....OT
	Scott Studwell	.....LB
1977	John Sullivan	.....LB
	James Coleman	.....TB
1978	John Sullivan	.....LB
	Randy Taylor	.....C
1979	Lawrence McCullough	.....QB
1980	Dave Wilson	.....QB
1981	Tony Eason	.....QB
	Kelvin Atkins	.....OLB
	Ron Ferrari	.....OLB
	Dan Gregus	.....DT
	Mike Bass	.....K
1982	Tony Eason	.....QB
1983	Don Thorp	.....DT
1984	David Williams	.....WR
1985	David Williams	.....WR
1986	Keith Jones	.....RB
1987	Darryl Usher	.....WR
1988	Keith Jones	.....RB
1989	Moe Gardner	.....NT
	Mike Bellamy	.....WR
1990	Howard GriffithRB
1991	Kameno BellRB

1992	Jason VerduzcoQB
1993	Dana HowardLB
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1995	Kevin HardyLB
1996	Robert HolcombeRB
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1998	Danny ClarkLB
1999	Kurt KittnerQB
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2002	Antoineo HarrisRB
2003	Derrick StrongDE
2004	Pierre ThomasRB
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2006	J LemanLB
2007	Rashard MendenhallRB
2008	Arrelious BennWR

CHICAGO TRIBUNE SILVER FOOTBALL AWARD

The *Chicago Tribune* has awarded the Silver Football to the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player each year since 1924. To be eligible for the conference award, a player must have been selected as his team's MVP.

YEAR	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL
1924	Red Grange	HB	Illinois
1925	Tim Lowry	C	Northwestern
1926	Benny Friedman	QB	Michigan
1927	Ken Rouse	C	Chicago
1928	Chuck Bennett	HB	Indiana
1929	Bill Glassgow	HB	Iowa
1930	Wesly Fesler	DE	Ohio St.
1931	Clarence Munn	OG	Minnesota
1932	Harry Newman	QB	Michigan
1933	Joe Laws	Back	Iowa
1934	Pug Lund	Back	Minnesota
1935	Jay Berwanger	Back	Chicago
1936	Vernon Huffman	Back	Indiana
1937	Corbett Davis	FB	Indiana
1938	Howard Weiss	FB	Wisconsin
1939	Nile Kinnick	FB	Iowa
1940	Tom Harmon	HB	Michigan
1941	Jack Graf	FB	Ohio State
1942	Dave Schreiner	DE	Wisconsin
1943	Otto Graham	HB	Northwestern
1944	Les Horvath	HB	Ohio State
1945	Ollie Cline	FB	Ohio State
1946	Alex Agase	OG	Illinois
1947	Chalmers Elliott	HB	Michigan
1948	Art Murakowski	Back	Northwestern
1949	Robert Wilson	C	Wisconsin
1950	Vic Janowicz	HB	Ohio State
1951	Bill Reichardt	FB	Iowa
1952	Paul Giel	HB	Minnesota
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1954	Alan Ameche	FB	Wisconsin
1955	Howard Cassidy	HB	Ohio State
1956	Kenny Ploen	QB	Iowa
1957	Jim Pace	HB	Michigan
1958	Randy Duncan	QB	Iowa
1959	Bill Burrell	OG	Illinois
1960	Tom Brown	OG	Minnesota
1961	Sandy Stephens	QB	Minnesota
1962	Ron VanderKelen	QB	Wisconsin
1963	Dick Butkus	LB	Illinois
1964	Bob Timberlake	QB	Michigan
1965	Jim Grabowski	FB	Illinois
1966	Bob Griese	QB	Purdue
1967	Leroy Keyes	HB	Purdue
1968	Ron Johnson	HB	Michigan
1969	Mike Phipps	QB	Purdue
1970	Mike Adamle	FB	Northwestern
1971	Eric Allen	HB	Michigan State
1972	Otis Armstrong	HB	Purdue
1973	Archie Griffin	TB	Ohio State
1974	Archie Griffin	TB	Ohio State
1975	Cornelius Greene	QB	Ohio State
1976	Rob Lytle	TB	Michigan
1977	Larry Bethea	DT	Michigan St.
1978	Rick Leach	QB	Michigan
1979	Tim Clifford	QB	Indiana
1980	Mark Herrmann	QB	Purdue

1981	Art Schlichter	QB	Ohio State
1982	Anthony Carter	WR	Michigan
1983	Don Thorp	DT	Illinois
1984	Keith Byars	TB	Ohio State
1985	Chuck Long	QB	Iowa
1986	Jim Harbaugh	QB	Michigan
1987	Lorenzo White	TB	Michigan State
1988	A. Thompson	TB	Indiana
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1990	Nick Bell	RB	Iowa
1991	Desmond Howard	WR	Michigan
1992	Lee Gissendaner	WR	Northwestern
1993	Brent Moss	RB	Wisconsin
1994	Kerry Collins	QB	Penn State
1995	Eddie George	RB	Ohio State
1996	Orlando Pace	OT	Ohio State
1997	Charles Woodson	DB	Michigan
1998	Joe Germaine	QB	Ohio State
1999	Ron Dayne	RB	Wisconsin
2000	Drew Brees	QB	Purdue
2001	Antwaan Randle El	QB	Indiana
2002	Brad Banks	QB	Iowa
2003	Chris Perry	RB	Michigan
2004	Braylon Edwards	WR	Michigan
2005	Michael Robinson	QB	Penn State
2006	Troy Smith	QB	Ohio State
2007	Rashard Mendenhall	RB	Illinois
2008	Shonn Greene	RB	Iowa

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1924	Red Grange, B
1946	Alex Agase, G
1959	Bill Burrell, G
1963	Dick Butkus, C-LB
1965	Jim Grabowski, FB
1983	Don Thorp, DT
2007	Rashard Mendenhall, RB

DAVE MCCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR

(chosen by writers and broadcasters)

1983	Mike White
1988	John Mackovic
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2001	Ron Turner (<i>unanimous</i>)
2007	Ron Zook

UPI COACH OF THE YEAR

1983	Mike White
1988	John Mackovic

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

(as chosen by Big Ten media)

1989	Moe Gardner, NT, Defensive
1994	Simeon Rice, LB, Defensive

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2007	Rashard Mendenhall, RB (coaches and media)
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DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1990	Darrick Brownlow, LB (media)
1990	Moe Gardner, NT (coaches)
1993	Dana Howard, LB (coaches and media)
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BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

1992	Simeon Rice, RLB (media)
2007	Arrelious Benn, WR (coaches and media)