

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES



COACH SCOTT WILLIAMS (1 YEAR, 1-2-0)

Scott Williams was the man credited with introducing the game of football to the University of Illinois campus. Even though the first college football game was played in 1869, no one seemed to have heard of the sport when Williams, who played at the high school level in Normal, just 50 miles from Champaign-Urbana, managed to gather and teach enough players to play three games in the inaugural season of 1890. Williams coached, captained and quarterbacked that '90 team, and, by the time he left Illinois in 1893, had played every position on the team with the exception of guard and center.

1890

Captain: Scott Williams			
Oct. 2	@Ill. Wesleyan	0-16	L
Nov. 22	@Purdue	0-62	L
Nov. 27	Ill. Wesleyan	12-6	W
		(1-2-0)	23-84



COACH ROBERT LACKEY (1 YEAR, 6-0-0)

Like Scott Williams, Robert Lackey coached the Fighting Illini for just one season. Lackey had been the captain of the 1890 Purdue team, which had humiliated Illinois, 62-0. In addition to his coaching duties, he played halfback part of the time on the '91 team, which played in a league for the first time, and won the championship cup.

1891

Captain: Robert W. Hart			
Oct. 1	*Lake Forest	0-8	L
Oct. 17	Bloomington Swifts	26-0	W
Nov. 7	Eureka College	40-0	W
Nov. 13	Illinois Wesleyan	44-4	W
Nov. 21	Knox College	12-0	W
Nov. 26	@Bloomington	20-12	W
		(6-0-0)	142-24

* Lake Forest later forfeited the game for using ineligible players. Illinois was champion of Illinois Intercollegiate Football League.



COACH E.K. HALL (2 YEARS, 12-5-5)

E.K. Hall, according to Scott Williams, developed a class of football at Illinois "second to none in the west" in the seasons of 1892 and 1893, the same two years in which the Fighting Illini wore green uniforms. One of the most noteworthy happenings during Hall's tenure was an "ironman trip," during which the 18-man Illinois team played six games in eight days. A former Dartmouth athlete, Hall was called "Boss Hall" by his players.

1892

Captain: Robert W. Hart			
Oct. 8	Purdue	6-12	L
Oct. 12	Northwestern	16-16	T
Oct. 21	@Wash. (St. Louis)	22-0	W
Oct. 22	@Doane (Omaha)	20-0	W
Oct. 24	@Nebraska	0-6	L
Oct. 26	@Baker	26-10	W
Oct. 27	@Kansas	4-26	L
Oct. 29	@K.C. Athletic Club	42-0	W
Nov. 1	Wisconsin (Forfeited)		W
Nov. 5	Englewood HS (Chicago)	38-0	W
Nov. 16	@Chicago	4-4	T
Nov. 17	@Beloit (Forfeited)		W
Nov. 18	DePauw	34-0	W
Nov. 24	Chicago	28-12	W
		(9-3-2)	240-86

1893

Captain: George H. Atherton			
Sept. 30	Wabash	60-6	W
Oct. 7	@DePauw	14-4	W
Oct. 21	@Northwestern	0-0	T
Oct. 28	Chicago Ath. Assn.	4-10	L
Nov. 6	Oberlin	24-34	L
Nov. 11	*Pastime Ath. Club	18-16	W
Nov. 25	@Purdue	26-26	T
Nov. 30	Lake Forest	10-10	T
		(3-2-3)	156-106

* at St. Louis, Mo.



COACH LOUIS D. VAIL (1 YEAR, 5-3-0)

Louis D. Vail became Illinois' fourth football coach in 1894. Not much is known about Vail, except that his season was full of controversy. A dispute arose over his participation in the Chicago game, and many questionable referees' calls were the focus of attention in the game with Indianapolis Light Artillery.

1894

Captain: John E. Pfeffer			
Oct. 6	@Wabash	36-6	W
Oct. 13	@Chicago Ath. Club	0-14	L
Oct. 20	Lake Forest	54-6	W
Nov. 3	Northwestern	66-0	W
Nov. 17	Purdue	2-22	L
Nov. 21	@Chicago (Forfeit)		W
Nov. 24	Indianapolis Artillery	14-18	L
Nov. 29	*Pastime Ath. Club	10-0	W
		(5-3-0)	182-66

* at St. Louis, Mo.



COACH GEORGE A. HUFF (5 YEARS, 21-16-3)

George Huff, born on a Champaign, Ill., farm in 1872, first attended Illinois at age 15. He not only played and coached football at the UI, but coached baseball (for 24 years) and was the athletic director and director of the School of Physical Education. He was also, for a brief time, the manager of the Boston American League baseball team, and later was a talent scout for many summers. Huff had the title of head football coach from 1895-99, but performed most of the duties for just the first two of those five years. In 1897, the year the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives (the Big Ten) was formed, Fred Smith, formerly of Princeton, actually took over the coaching reins and remained for two seasons. In 1899, Neilson Poe, another former Princeton player, coached the Fighting Illini. Huff broke tradition in 1913 when he brought in a high school football coach to head up the Illinois football program. That coach was Bob Zuppke.

1895

Captain: Robert J. Hotchkiss			
Oct. 5	Wabash	48-0	W
Oct. 12	@Chicago Ath. Club	0-8	L
Oct. 19	Illinois College	79-0	W
Oct. 26	@Wisconsin	10-10	T
Nov. 2	Rush-Lake Forest	38-0	W
Nov. 23	Northwestern	38-4	W
Nov. 28	@Purdue	2-6	L
		(4-2-1)	215-28

1896

Captain: Charles D. Beebe			
Oct. 3	Lake Forest	38-0	W
Oct. 10	Knox	70-4	W
Oct. 17	*Missouri	10-0	W
Oct. 21	Oberlin	22-6	W
Oct. 31	+@Chicago	0-12	L
Nov. 7	Northwestern	4-10	L
Nov. 26	@Purdue	4-4	T
		(4-2-1)	148-36

* at St. Louis, Mo.; + Illinois' first Big Ten game

1897

Captain: Don Sweney			
Oct. 2	Eureka	26-0	W
Oct. 9	Physicians-Surgeons	6-0	W
Oct. 16	Lake Forest	36-0	W
Oct. 23	&Purdue	34-4	W
Oct. 30	Chicago	12-18	L
Nov. 12	Knox	64-0	W
Nov. 20	*Carlisle Indians	6-23	L
Nov. 25	+Eureka	6-0	W
		(6-2-0)	190-45

& Illinois' first Big Ten victory; * at Chicago Coliseum in first night & indoor game; + at Peoria

1898

Captain: Arthur R. Johnston			
Sept. 28	Illinois Wesleyan	18-0	W
Oct. 1	Physicians-Surgeons	6-11	L
Oct. 8	Notre Dame	0-5	L
Oct. 15	DePauw	16-0	W
Oct. 22	Alumni	10-6	W
Nov. 4	Alumni	17-23	L
Nov. 12	+@Michigan	5-12	L
Nov. 19	&Carlisle Indians	0-11	L
Nov. 24	Minnesota	11-10	W
		(4-5-0)	83-78

Big Ten: (1-1-0) 4th
+ at Detroit, Mich.; & at Chicago, Ill.

1899

Captain: E. C. McLane			
Sept. 30	Illinois Wesleyan	6-0	W
Oct. 7	@Knox	5-0	W
Oct. 14	Indiana	0-5	L
Oct. 28	Michigan	0-5	L
Nov. 6	Alumni	0-0	T
Nov. 11	+@Wisconsin	0-23	L
Nov. 22	@Purdue	0-5	L
Nov. 25	@St. Louis U.	29-0	W
Nov. 30	&Iowa	0-58	L
		(3-5-1)	40-96

Big Ten: (0-3-0) T-6th
+ at Milwaukee, Wis.; & at Rock Island, Ill.



COACH FRED L. SMITH (1 YEAR, 7-3-2)

Fred L. Smith, who performed most of the head football coaching duties under George Huff in 1897-98, was finally given the title in 1900. He served only that year, turning over the coaching duties to his assistant Edgar Holt prior to the 1901 season.

1900

Captain: Arthur R. Hall			
Sept. 29	Rose Poly	26-0	W
Oct. 3	DePauw	63-0	W
Oct. 6	Illinois Wesleyan	21-0	W
Oct. 10	Physicians-Surgeons	6-0	W
Oct. 13	Knox	16-0	W
Oct. 16	Lombard	35-0	W
Oct. 20	@Northwestern	0-0	T
Oct. 27	&Michigan	0-12	L
Nov. 3	Purdue	17-5	W
Nov. 10	@Minnesota	0-23	L
Nov. 17	+Indiana	0-0	T
Nov. 24	@Wisconsin	0-27	L
		(7-3-2)	184-67

Big Ten: (1-3-2) 8th
& at Chicago, Ill.; + at Indianapolis, Ind.



COACH EDGAR G. HOLT (2 YEARS, 18-4-1)

Edgar G. Holt posted the best winning percentage (.804) of any Fighting Illini coach who served for more than one year. His teams, however, finished only fourth and fifth in the league in his two seasons despite their impressive records. His 1902 team recorded eight shutouts. Holt coached two players of note, guard/running back Jake Stahl, a bruising runner, who later went on to manage professional baseball's Boston Red Sox, and tackle Justa Lindgren, who became Illinois' football coach in 1906.

1901

Captain: Justa M. Lindgren			
Sept. 28	Englewood HS	39-0	W
Oct. 5	Marion Sims	52-0	W
Oct. 11	Physicians-Surgeons	23-0	W
Oct. 12	Wash. (St. Louis)	21-0	W
Oct. 19	@Chicago	24-0	W
Oct. 26	Northwestern	11-17	L
Nov. 2	+Indiana	18-0	W

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1914 (tied with Army); 1919 (tied with Harvard and Notre Dame); 1923; 1927; 1951
ROSE BOWL APPEARANCES: 1947, 1952, 1964, 1984, 2008

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

Nov. 9	@Iowa	27-0	W
Nov. 16	@Purdue	28-6	W
Nov. 28	Minnesota	0-16	L
		243-39	
		(8-2-0)	
		Big Ten: (4-2-0) 4th	

+ at Indianapolis, Ind.

1902

Captain: Garland Stahl			
Sept. 20	North Div.	34-6	W
Sept. 27	Englewood HS	45-0	W
Oct. 1	Osteopaths	22-0	W
Oct. 4	Monmouth	33-0	W
Oct. 8	Haskell	24-10	W
Oct. 11	Wash. (St. Louis)	44-0	W
Oct. 18	Purdue	29-5	W
Oct. 25	@Chicago	0-6	L
Nov. 1	Indiana	47-0	W
Nov. 8	@Minnesota	5-17	L
Nov. 15	@Ohio State	0-0	T
Nov. 22	@Northwestern	17-0	W
Nov. 27	Iowa	80-0	W
		380-44	
		(10-2-1)	
		Big Ten: (4-2-0) 4th	



COACH GEORGE WOODRUFF

(1 YEAR, 8-6-0)

George Woodruff coached Illinois during the 1903 season. The former University of Pennsylvania coach, who coached the legendary John Heisman, picked up eight victories to open the campaign (mostly over weaker competition), but proceeded to drop the final six games, including the last four as shutouts. Woodruff returned to the East directly after the season.

1903

Captain: Claude J. Rothgeb			
Sept. 19	Englewood HS	45-5	W
Sept. 26	Lombard	43-0	W
Sept. 30	Osteopaths	36-0	W
Oct. 3	Knox	29-5	W
Oct. 7	Physicians-Surgeons	40-0	W
Oct. 10	Rush	64-0	W
Oct. 14	Chicago Dentistry	54-0	W
Oct. 17	@Purdue	24-0	W
Oct. 24	@Chicago	6-18	L
Oct. 31	Northwestern	11-12	L
Nov. 6	@Indiana	0-17	L
Nov. 14	Minnesota	0-32	L
Nov. 21	@Iowa	0-12	L
Nov. 26	@Nebraska	0-16	L
		352-117	
		(8-6-0)	
		Big Ten: (1-5-0) 7th	

GRADUATE COACHES

(1 YEAR, 9-2-1)

This was a case of coaching by committee. Four men, Justa Lindgren, Arthur Hall, Fred Lowenthal and Clyde Mathews, were in charge of the 1904 Illinois football team. Each of the former three had his own stint as head coach between 1905 and 1912.

1904

Captain: Charles A. Fairweather			
Sept. 24	Northwestern College	10-0	W
Sept. 28	Wabash	23-2	W
Oct. 1	Knox	11-0	W
Oct. 5	Physicians-Surgeons	26-0	W
Oct. 8	@Wash. (St. Louis)	31-0	W
Oct. 15	Indiana	10-0	W
Oct. 22	@Purdue	24-6	W
Oct. 29	@Chicago	6-6	T
Nov. 5	@Ohio State	46-0	W
Nov. 12	@Northwestern	6-12	L
Nov. 19	Iowa	29-0	W
Nov. 24	@Nebraska	10-16	L
		232-42	
		(9-2-1)	
		Big Ten: (3-1-1) 4th	



COACH FRED LOWENTHAL

(1 YEAR, 5-4-0)

Fred Lowenthal, after serving on the "Committee of Coaches" in 1904, took his turn as head coach in 1905. Lowenthal, who played center, left guard and left tackle for Illinois from 1898-1901, had moderate success overall; he produced a winning record, but failed to win a conference game. As a player, he was selected by the Chicago Post to its All-Western team.

1905

Captain: Charles J. Moynihan			
Sept. 30	Knox	30-0	W
Oct. 4	Wabash	6-0	W
Oct. 7	Northwestern College	24-0	W
Oct. 14	St. Louis	12-6	W
Oct. 21	Purdue	0-29	L
Oct. 28	Physicians-Surgeons	30-0	W
Nov. 4	Michigan	0-33	L
Nov. 18	@Chicago	0-44	L
Nov. 30	@Nebraska	6-24	L
		84-136	
		(5-4-0)	
		Big Ten: (0-3-0) T-6th	



COACH JUSTA LINDGREN

(1 YEAR, 1-3-1)

Justa Lindgren, another of the 1904 coaching committee members, took the reins of the 1906 Illinois football team. Like his predecessor, Fred Lowenthal, Lindgren played (center and right tackle) for the Fighting Illini from 1898-1901. He was captain of the 1901 UI team.

1906

Captain: Ina T. Carrithers			
Oct. 13	Wabash	0-0	T
Oct. 27	@Michigan	9-28	L
Nov. 10	Wisconsin	6-16	L
Nov. 17	@Chicago	0-63	L
Nov. 24	@Purdue	5-0	W
		20-107	
		(1-3-1)	
		Big Ten: (1-3-0) 5th	



COACH ARTHUR R. HALL

(6 YEARS, 27-10-3)

Arthur R. Hall was the first man to coach Illinois football for a period of six years or more. The forward pass came into being during this period and Hall installed it into his offense, with quarterback "Pom" Sinnock, the first notable passer for the Fighting Illini. Hall's 1910 team was Illinois' first Big Ten (then Big Eight) football champion. The team outscored its seven opponents,

89-0, with three of the victories coming, 3-0, on the strength of dropkick field goals by Otto Seiler. Hall played for the Fighting Illini at halfback and left end from 1898-1900.

1907

Captain: Lion Gardiner			
Oct. 19	Chicago	6-42	L
Oct. 26	@Wisconsin	15-4	W
Nov. 2	Purdue	21-4	W
Nov. 9	@Iowa	12-25	L
Nov. 22	@Indiana	10-6	W
		64-81	
		(3-2-0)	
		Big Ten: (3-2-0) 3rd	

1908

Captain: Forest C. Van Hook			
Oct. 3	Monmouth	17-6	W
Oct. 10	Marquette	6-6	T
Oct. 17	@Chicago	6-11	L
Oct. 31	Indiana	10-0	W
Nov. 7	Iowa	22-0	W
Nov. 14	@Purdue	15-6	W
Nov. 21	@Northwestern	64-8	W
		140-37	
		(5-1-1)	
		Big Ten: (4-1-0) 2nd	

1909

Captain: Benjamin F. Baum			
Oct. 2	Millikin	23-0	W
Oct. 9	Kentucky	2-6	L
Oct. 16	@Chicago	8-14	L
Oct. 30	Purdue	24-6	W
Nov. 6	Indiana	6-5	W
Nov. 13	@Northwestern	35-0	W
Nov. 20	@Syracuse	17-8	W
		115-39	
		(5-2-0)	
		Big Ten: (3-1-0) 3rd	

1910

Captain: Glenn D. Butzer			
Oct. 1	Millikin	13-0	W
Oct. 8	Drake	29-0	W
Oct. 15	*Chicago	3-0	W
Oct. 29	@Purdue	11-0	W
Nov. 5	@Indiana	3-0	W
Nov. 12	@Northwestern	27-0	W
Nov. 19	Syracuse	3-0	W
		89-0	
		(7-0-0)	
		Big Ten: (4-0-0) T-1st	

* First college homecoming (First Western Conference title; undefeated, untied, and unscored upon.)

1911

Captain: Chester C. Roberts			
Oct. 7	Millikin	33-0	W
Oct. 14	St. Louis	9-0	W
Oct. 21	@Chicago	0-24	L
Nov. 4	Purdue	12-3	W
Nov. 11	@Indiana	0-0	T
Nov. 18	Northwestern	27-13	W
Nov. 25	Minnesota	0-11	L
		81-51	
		(3-5-1)	
		Big Ten: (2-2-1) T-4th	

1912

Captain: William H. Woolston			
Oct. 5	Ill. Wesleyan	87-3	W
Oct. 12	Wash. (St. Louis)	13-0	W
Oct. 19	Indiana	13-7	W
Nov. 2	@Minnesota	0-13	L
Nov. 9	@Purdue	9-9	T
Nov. 16	Chicago	0-10	L
Nov. 23	@Northwestern	0-6	L
		122-48	
		(3-3-1)	
		Big Ten: (1-3-1) T-6th	



COACH ROBERT C. ZUPPKE

(29 YEARS, 131-81-13)

Robert C. Zuppke coached the University of Illinois football team in 225 games over a span of 29 years, the longest term of any Fighting Illini football coach. Zuppke, who was born in Germany and raised in Wisconsin, coached Oak Park (Ill.) High School to national championships in 1911 and 1912 before coming to Champaign-Urbana in time for the 1913 season. Zuppke was an innovator as a coach; he is credited with originating such contributions as the "flea-flicker" play, the screen pass, the spiral snap from center, spring practice and the huddle. He led Illinois to four of its five national championships — in 1914, 1919, 1923 and 1927. In addition, Zuppke's teams won seven Big Ten championships.

1913

Captain: Enos M. Rowe			
Oct. 4	Kentucky	21-0	W
Oct. 11	Missouri	24-7	W
Oct. 18	Northwestern	37-0	W
Oct. 25	@Indiana Ath. Club	10-0	W
Nov. 1	@Chicago	7-28	L
Nov. 15	Purdue	0-0	T
Nov. 22	Minnesota	9-19	L
		108-54	
		(4-2-1)	
		Big Ten: (2-2-1) 5th	

1914

Captain: Ralph D. Chapman			
Oct. 3	Christian Bros.	37-0	W
Oct. 10	Indiana	51-0	W
Oct. 17	Ohio State	37-0	W
Oct. 24	@Northwestern	33-0	W
Oct. 31	@Minnesota	21-6	W
Nov. 14	Chicago	21-7	W
Nov. 21	@Wisconsin	24-9	W
		224-22	
		(7-0-0)	
		Big Ten: (6-0-0) 1st	

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1915

Captain: John W. Watson

Oct. 2	Haskell Indians	36-0	W	3,193
Oct. 9	Rolla Mines	75-7	W	2,969
Oct. 16	@Ohio State	3-3	T	6,634
Oct. 23	Northwestern	36-6	W	4,424
Oct. 30	Minnesota	6-6	T	11,593
Nov. 13	Wisconsin	17-3	W	3,788
Nov. 20	@Chicago	10-0	W	24,078
		(5-0-2)		183-25
		Big Ten: (3-0-2) 5th		

1916

Captain: F. Bart Macomber

Oct. 7	Kansas	30-0	W	3,788
Oct. 14	Colgate	3-15	L	5,263
Oct. 21	Ohio State	6-7	L	4,388
Oct. 28	@Purdue	14-7	W	NA
Nov. 4	@Minnesota	14-9	W	11,368
Nov. 18	Chicago	7-20	L	831
Nov. 25	@Wisconsin	0-0	T	NA
		(3-3-1)		74-58
		Big Ten: (2-2-1) T-4th		

1917

Captain: Reynold R. Kraft

Oct. 6	Kansas	22-0	W	NA
Oct. 13	Oklahoma	44-0	W	NA
Oct. 20	Wisconsin	7-0	W	NA
Oct. 27	Purdue	27-0	W	NA
Nov. 3	@Chicago	0-0	T	NA
Nov. 17	@Ohio State	0-13	L	NA
Nov. 24	Minnesota	6-27	L	NA
Nov. 29	@Camp Funston	28-0	W	NA
		(5-2-1)		134-40
		Big Ten: (2-2-1) T-5th		

1918

Captains: Edward C. Sternaman, B.A. Ingwersen

Oct. 4	@Chanute Field	3-0	W	NA
Oct. 12	Great Lakes	0-7	L	2,535
Oct. 26	Municipal Pier	0-7	L	0
Nov. 2	@Iowa	19-0	W	NA
Nov. 9	@Wisconsin	22-0	W	NA
Nov. 16	Ohio State	13-0	W	2,786
Nov. 23	@Chicago	29-0	W	NA
		(5-2-0)		86-14
		Big Ten: (4-0-0) 1st		

1919

Captain: William K. Kopp

Oct. 11	@Purdue	14-7	W	NA
Oct. 18	Iowa	9-7	W	6,470
Oct. 25	Wisconsin	10-14	L	7,260
Nov. 1	Chicago	10-0	W	16,000
Nov. 8	@Minnesota	10-6	W	NA
Nov. 15	Michigan	29-7	W	9,622
Nov. 22	@Ohio State	9-7	W	14,925
		(6-1-0)		91-48
		Big Ten: (6-1-0) 1st		

1920

Captain: John C. Depler

Oct. 9	Drake	41-0	W	4,435
Oct. 16	Iowa	20-3	W	10,480
Oct. 23	@Michigan	7-6	W	27,655
Oct. 30	Minnesota	17-7	W	15,265
Nov. 6	@Chicago	3-0	W	27,545
Nov. 13	@Wisconsin	9-14	L	20,257
Nov. 20	*Ohio State	0-7	L	19,921
		(5-2-0)		97-37
		Big Ten: (4-2-0) 4th		

* First college Dad's Day

1921

Captain: Lawrence W. Walquist

Oct. 8	South Dakota	52-0	W	7,404
Oct. 15	@Iowa	2-14	L	13,516
Oct. 22	Wisconsin	0-20	L	13,063
Oct. 29	Michigan	0-3	L	13,171
Nov. 5	DePauw	21-0	W	5,814
Nov. 12	Chicago	6-14	L	18,872
Nov. 19	@Ohio State	7-0	W	18,118
		(3-4-0)		88-51
		Big Ten: (1-4-0) 8th		

1922

Captain: David D. Wilson

Oct. 14	Butler	7-10	L	5,350
Oct. 21	Iowa	7-8	L	18,784
Oct. 28	@Michigan	0-24	L	41,560
Nov. 4	Northwestern	6-3	W	14,775
Nov. 11	@Wisconsin	3-0	W	28,745
Nov. 18	@Chicago	0-9	L	32,115
Nov. 25	Ohio State	3-6	L	32,115
		(2-5-0)		26-60
		Big Ten: (2-4-0) 6th		

1923

Captain: James W. McMillen

Oct. 6	Nebraska	24-7	W	10,117
Oct. 13	Butler	21-7	W	8,564
Oct. 20	@Iowa	9-6	W	19,011
Oct. 27	@Northwestern	29-0	W	25,774
Nov. 3	+Chicago	7-0	W	60,632
Nov. 10	Wisconsin	10-0	W	21,579
Nov. 17	Miss. A & M	27-0	W	17,078
Nov. 24	@Ohio State	24-0	W	39,355
		(8-0-0)		136-20
		Big Ten: (5-0-0) 1st		

& at Chicago, Cubs Park; + First game played at Memorial Stadium

1924

Captain: Frank E. Rokusek

Oct. 4	@Nebraska	9-6	W	22,355
Oct. 11	Butler	40-10	W	12,599
Oct. 18	*Michigan	39-14	W	67,886
Oct. 25	DePauw	45-0	W	12,196
Nov. 1	Iowa	36-0	W	31,330
Nov. 8	@Chicago	21-21	T	32,543
Nov. 15	@Minnesota	7-20	L	35,341
Nov. 22	Ohio State	7-0	W	27,378
		(6-1-1)		204-71
		Big Ten: (3-1-1) T-2nd		

* Memorial Stadium dedicated

1925

Captain: Harold E. "Red" Grange

Oct. 3	Nebraska	0-14	L	22,335
Oct. 10	Butler	16-13	W	12,599
Oct. 17	@Iowa	10-12	L	24,738
Oct. 24	Michigan	0-3	L	66,609
Oct. 31	@Pennsylvania	24-2	W	67,877
Nov. 7	Chicago	13-6	W	68,864
Nov. 14	Wabash	21-0	W	20,466
Nov. 21	@Ohio State	14-9	W	72,657
		(5-3-0)		98-59
		Big Ten: (2-2-0) T-4th		

1926

Captain: Charles E. Kassel

Oct. 2	Coe	27-0	W	19,144
Oct. 9	Butler	38-7	W	8,101
Oct. 16	Iowa	13-6	W	42,555
Oct. 23	@Michigan	0-13	L	46,688
Oct. 30	Pennsylvania	3-0	W	58,661
Nov. 6	@Chicago	7-0	W	47,274
Nov. 13	Wabash	27-13	W	5,762
Nov. 20	Ohio State	6-7	L	28,755
		(6-2-0)		121-46
		Big Ten: (2-2-0) T-6th		

1927

Captain: Robert Reitsch

Oct. 1	Bradley	19-0	W	16,987
Oct. 8	Butler	58-0	W	10,742
Oct. 15	Iowa State	12-12	T	11,211
Oct. 22	@Northwestern	7-6	W	46,580
Oct. 29	Michigan	14-0	W	63,101
Nov. 5	@Iowa	14-0	W	22,000
Nov. 12	Chicago	15-6	W	48,012
Nov. 19	@Ohio State	13-0	W	70,034
		(7-0-1)		152-24
		Big Ten: (5-0-0) T-1st		

1928

Captain: Albert J. Nowack

Oct. 6	Bradley	33-6	W	21,477
Oct. 13	Coe	31-0	W	8,562
Oct. 20	Indiana	13-7	W	26,683
Oct. 27	Northwestern	6-0	W	59,871
Nov. 3	@Michigan	0-3	L	78,229
Nov. 10	@Butler	14-0	W	9,448
Nov. 17	@Chicago	40-0	W	48,714
Nov. 24	Ohio State	8-0	W	35,712
		(7-1-0)		145-16
		Big Ten: (4-1-0) 1st		

1929

Captain: Russell J. Crane

Oct. 5	Kansas	25-0	W	20,636
Oct. 12	Bradley	45-0	W	9,217
Oct. 19	@Iowa	7-7	T	32,001
Oct. 26	Michigan	14-0	W	54,333
Nov. 2	@Northwestern	0-7	L	50,000
Nov. 9	Army	17-7	W	69,509
Nov. 16	Chicago	20-6	W	22,792
Nov. 23	@Ohio State	27-0	W	64,869
		(6-1-1)		155-27
		Big Ten: (3-1-1) 2nd		

1930

Captain: Olaf E. Robinson

Oct. 4	Iowa State	7-0	W	32,718
Oct. 11	Butler	27-0	W	8,371
Oct. 18	Northwestern	0-32	L	52,687
Oct. 25	@Michigan	7-15	L	63,176
Nov. 1	Purdue	0-25	L	26,549
Nov. 8	*Army	0-13	L	68,186
Nov. 15	@Chicago	28-0	W	18,500
Nov. 22	Ohio State	9-12	L	16,881
		(3-5-0)		78-97
		Big Ten: (1-4-0) 8th		

* at New York, N.Y., Yankee Stadium

1931

Captain: Gil Berry

Oct. 3	St. Louis	20-6	W	13,535
Oct. 10	@Purdue	0-7	L	15,825
Oct. 17	Bradley	20-0	W	31,505
Oct. 24	Michigan	0-35	L	33,496
Oct. 31	@Northwestern	6-32	L	35,783
Nov. 7	Wisconsin	6-7	L	15,313
Nov. 14	Chicago	6-13	L	10,721
Nov. 21	@Ohio State	0-40	L	20,642
Nov. 26	+Indiana	0-0	T	15,825
		(2-6-1)		58-140
		Big Ten: (0-6-1) T-9th		

& at Chicago, Ill.; + Even though the ILL-IND game ended in a tie, Indiana was awarded the victory, since they had more first downs than the Fighting Illini.

1932

Captain: Gil Berry

Oct. 1	#Miami (Ohio)	20-7	W	4,568
Oct. 1	Coe	13-0	W	4,568
Oct. 8	Bradley	20-0	W	41,256
Oct. 15	Northwestern	0-26	L	25,369
Oct. 22	@Michigan	0-32	L	19,513
Oct. 29	@Chicago	13-7	W	16,139
Nov. 5	@Wisconsin	12-20	L	18,961
Nov. 12	Indiana	18-6	W	8,400
Nov. 19	Ohio State	0-3	L	6,718
		(5-4-0)		96-101
		Big Ten: (2-4-0) 7th		

Doubleheader

1933

Captain: Herman Walser

Sept. 30	Drake	13-6	W	25,788
Oct. 7	@Wash. (St. Louis)	21-6	W	8,776
Oct. 14	Wisconsin	21-0	W	19,810
Oct. 21	*Army	0-6	L	28,495
Nov. 4	Michigan	6-7	L	20,405
Nov. 11	@Northwestern	3-0	W	27,269
Nov. 18	Chicago	7-0	W	8,135
Nov. 25	@Ohio State	6-7	L	
		(5-3-0)		77-32
		Big Ten: (3-2-0) 5th		

* at Cleveland, Ohio

1934

Captains: Chuck Bennis, Jack Beynon

Sept. 29	Bradley	40-7	W	26,027
Oct. 6	@Wash. (St. Louis)	12-7	W	7,229
Oct. 13	Ohio State	14-13	W	24,831
Oct. 27	@Michigan	7-6	W	34,822
Nov. 3	Army	7-0	W	42,000
Nov. 10	@Northwestern	14-3	W	36,000
Nov. 17	@Wisconsin	3-7	L	23,817
Nov. 24	@Chicago	6-0	W	29,828
		(7-1-0)		103-43
		Big Ten: (4-1-0) 3rd		

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1935

Captain: Charles S. Galbreath, Jr.

Sept. 28	Ohio	0-6	L	19,404
Oct. 5	Wash. (St. Louis)	28-6	W	18,886
Oct. 12	@USC	19-0	W	50,000
Oct. 26	Iowa	0-19	L	26,647
Nov. 2	@Northwestern	3-10	L	36,000
Nov. 9	Michigan	3-0	W	28,136
Nov. 16	@Ohio State	0-6	L	43,000
Nov. 23	Chicago	6-7	L	12,536

(3-5-0) **59-54**
Big Ten: (1-4-0) T-9th

1936

Captain: Elvin C. Sayre

Sept. 26	DePaul	9-6	W	16,589
Oct. 3	Wash. (St. Louis)	13-7	W	20,568
Oct. 10	USC	6-24	L	33,325
Oct. 17	@Iowa	0-0	T	39,000
Oct. 24	Northwestern (4)	12-3	L	30,579
Oct. 31	@Michigan	9-6	W	35,000
Nov. 14	Ohio State	0-13	L	19,465
Nov. 21	@Chicago	18-7	W	15,000

(4-3-1) **57-76**
Big Ten: (2-2-1) 6th

1937

Captain: Lowell Spurgeon

Sept. 25	Ohio	20-6	W	20,059
Oct. 2	DePaul	0-0	T	25,000
Oct. 9	Notre Dame	0-0	T	45,000
Oct. 16	@Indiana	6-13	L	17,000
Oct. 30	Michigan	6-7	L	32,506
Nov. 6	@Northwestern (19)	6-0	W	42,000
Nov. 13	@Ohio State	0-19	L	41,921
Nov. 20	@Chicago	21-0	W	13,627

(3-3-2) **59-45**
Big Ten: (2-3-0) 8th

1938

Captain: James W. McDonald

Sept. 24	Ohio	0-6	L	31,378
Oct. 1	DePaul	44-7	W	11,414
Oct. 8	Indiana	12-2	W	15,571
Oct. 15	@Notre Dame	6-14	L	45,000
Oct. 22	Northwestern (18)	0-13	L	37,000
Oct. 29	@Michigan (13)	0-14	L	30,000
Nov. 12	Ohio State	14-32	L	18,000
Nov. 19	@Chicago	34-0	W	6,000

(3-5-0) **110-88**
Big Ten: (2-3-0) 7th

1939

Captain: Melvin C. Brewer

Sept. 30	Bradley	0-0	T	31,000
Oct. 14	@USC	0-26	L	60,000
Oct. 21	Indiana	6-7	L	21,912
Oct. 28	@Northwestern	0-13	L	35,000
Nov. 4	Michigan (2)	16-7	W	30,654
Nov. 11	Wisconsin	7-0	W	17,665
Nov. 18	@Ohio State (8)	0-21	L	46,643
Nov. 25	@Chicago	46-0	W	4,500

(3-4-1) **75-74**
Big Ten: (3-3-0) 6th

1940

Captain: Thomas J. Riggs

Oct. 5	Bradley	31-0	W	31,000
Oct. 12	USC	7-13	L	30,125
Oct. 19	@Michigan (3)	0-28	L	39,000
Oct. 26	Notre Dame (2)	0-26	L	63,186
Nov. 2	@Wisconsin	6-13	L	35,000
Nov. 9	@Northwestern (10)	14-32	L	35,000
Nov. 16	Ohio State	6-14	L	15,571
Nov. 23	@Iowa	7-18	L	19,759

(1-7-0) **71-144**
Big Ten: (0-5-0) 9th

1941

Captain: Selected each game

Oct. 4	Miami (Ohio)	45-0	W	21,500
Oct. 11	@Minnesota	6-34	L	50,345
Oct. 18	Drake	40-0	W	12,193
Oct. 25	@Notre Dame (7)	14-49	L	48,000
Nov. 1	Michigan (7)	0-20	L	30,010
Nov. 8	Iowa	0-21	L	14,339
Nov. 15	@Ohio State (20)	7-12	L	38,000
Nov. 22	@Northwestern (10)	0-27	L	26,000

(2-6-0) **112-163**
Big Ten: (0-5-0) 9th



COACH RAY ELIOT

(18 YEARS, 83-73-11)

Ray Eliot, known to Illinois football fans as "Mr. Illini," held the position of head football coach at Illinois for more years than anyone else except Bob Zuppke. Eliot was born Raymond Nusspickel at Brighton, Mass., in 1905, and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1932 after lettering once in baseball and three times in football as a tackle. After entering the coaching profession at Illinois College in Jacksonville, he returned to the U of I in 1937 as line coach under Zuppke before replacing him in 1942. At Illinois, Eliot produced a national championship team in 1951 as well as Big Ten championships in 1946, 1951 and 1953. His teams claimed Rose Bowl victories, 45-14, over UCLA in 1947, and, 40-7, over Stanford in 1952 for the national title. Eliot, who for years was in demand as a lecturer at football clinics around the nation, was renowned as a motivator. A nine-word motto he uttered, typified his Fighting Illini spirit: "Anything you think you can do, you can do."

1942

Captain: James Smith

Sept. 26	South Dakota	46-0	W	7,500
Oct. 3	Butler	67-0	W	10,000
Oct. 10	Minnesota	20-13	W	24,276
Oct. 17	(5) @Iowa (19)	12-7	W	25,600
Oct. 24	(5) Notre Dame (8)	14-21	L	43,476
Oct. 31	(12) @Michigan (13)	14-28	L	33,000
Nov. 7	(20) @Northwestern	14-7	W	35,300
Nov. 14	(13) & Ohio State (10)	20-44	L	68,586
Nov. 21	Great Lakes	0-6	L	10,850
Nov. 28	+Camp Grant	20-0	W	5,000

(6-4-0) **227-126**

Big Ten: (3-2-0) T-3rd

& at Cleveland, Ohio; + at Rockford, Ill.

1943

Captain: Selected each game

Sept. 11	Camp Grant	0-23	L	3,500
Sept. 18	Iowa Seahawks	18-32	L	8,500
Oct. 2	@Purdue	21-40	L	15,000
Oct. 9	@Wisconsin	25-7	W	17,000
Oct. 16	Pittsburgh	33-25	W	7,144
Oct. 23	@Notre Dame (1)	0-47	L	24,438
Oct. 30	Michigan (7)	6-42	L	13,500
Nov. 6	@Iowa	19-10	W	11,000
Nov. 13	@Ohio State	26-29	L	36,331
Nov. 20	@Northwestern (9)	6-53	L	25,000

(3-7-0) **154-308**

Big Ten: (2-4-0) 6th

1944

Captain: Selected each game

Sept. 16	Ill. Normal	79-6	W	5,386
Sept. 23	Indiana	26-18	W	7,986
Sept. 30	@Great Lakes	26-26	T	25,000
Oct. 7	Purdue	19-35	L	15,210
Oct. 14	(14) Iowa	40-6	W	11,498
Oct. 21	@Pittsburgh	39-5	W	15,000
Oct. 28	(14) Notre Dame (1)	7-13	L	65,114
Nov. 11	(10) @Michigan (8)	0-14	L	42,200
Nov. 18	+Ohio State (4)	12-26	L	83,627
Nov. 25	@Northwestern	25-6	W	38,000

(5-4-1) **273-149**

Big Ten: (3-3-0) 6th

AP Final National Ranking: 15th; + at Cleveland, Ohio

1945

Captain: Ralph Serpico

Sept. 22	Pittsburgh	23-6	W	9,962
Sept. 29	@Notre Dame	0-7	L	45,000
Oct. 6	Indiana	0-6	L	25,173
Oct. 20	@Wisconsin	7-7	T	33,000
Oct. 27	Michigan (16)	0-19	L	55,672
Nov. 3	Great Lakes	6-12	L	14,569
Nov. 10	Iowa	48-7	W	14,060
Nov. 17	@Ohio State (9)	2-27	L	70,287
Nov. 24	@Northwestern	7-13	L	35,000

(2-6-1) **93-104**

Big Ten: (1-4-1) 7th

1946

Captain: Mac Wenskunas

Sept. 21	@Pittsburgh	33-7	W	35,000
Sept. 28	Notre Dame	6-26	L	75,119
Oct. 5	Purdue	43-7	W	38,512
Oct. 12	(12) @Indiana	7-14	L	27,000
Oct. 19	Wisconsin (20)	27-21	L	62,597
Oct. 26	@Michigan (8)	13-9	W	86,938
Nov. 2	(11) @Iowa	7-0	W	52,000
Nov. 16	(9) Ohio State (13)	16-7	W	61,519

Nov. 23	(5) @Northwestern	20-0	W	47,000
Jan. 1	*UCLA	45-14	W	93,083

(8-2-0) **217-105**

Big Ten: (6-1-0) 1st

AP Final National Ranking: 5th; * 1947 Rose Bowl

1947

Captain: Art Dufelmeier

Sept. 27	Pittsburgh	14-0	W	22,079
Oct. 4	@Iowa	35-12	W	52,000
Oct. 11	(6) *Army (5)	0-0	T	65,000
Oct. 18	(6) Minnesota (13)	40-13	W	56,048
Oct. 25	(5) @Purdue	7-14	L	42,000
Nov. 1	(11) Michigan (2)	7-14	L	71,119
Nov. 8	W. Michigan	60-14	W	24,012
Nov. 15	(1) @Ohio State	28-7	W	70,036
Nov. 22	(12) Northwestern	13-28	L	52,158

(5-3-1) **204-102**

Big Ten: (3-3-0) T-3rd

* at Yankee Stadium, New York, N.Y.

1948

Captain: Herbert Siegert

Sept. 25	Kansas State	40-0	W	29,593
Oct. 2	@Wisconsin	16-20	L	45,000
Oct. 9	Army (5)	21-26	L	71,119
Oct. 16	@Minnesota (11)	0-6	L	62,066
Oct. 23	Purdue	10-6	W	56,451
Oct. 30	@Michigan (1)	20-28	L	85,938
Nov. 6	Iowa	14-0	W	41,502
Nov. 13	Ohio State	7-34	L	65,732
Nov. 20	@Northwestern (7)	7-20	L	47,000

(3-6-0) **135-140**

Big Ten: (2-5-0) 8th

1949

Captain: Lyle Button

Sept. 24	Iowa State	20-20	T	31,106
Oct. 1	Wisconsin	13-13	T	38,332
Oct. 8	@Iowa	20-14	W	45,066
Oct. 15	Missouri	20-27	L	42,184
Oct. 22	@Purdue	19-0	W	48,000
Oct. 29	Michigan (6)	0-13	L	71,119
Nov. 5	Indiana	33-14	W	40,457
Nov. 12	@Ohio State (11)	17-30	L	81,805
Nov. 19	Northwestern	7-9	L	67,872

(3-4-2) **149-140**

Big Ten: (3-3-1) T-5th

1950

Captain: William Vohaska

Sept. 30	Ohio Univ.	28-2	W	NA
Oct. 7	(15) Wisconsin	6-7	L	54,230
Oct. 13	@UCLA	14-6	W	45,619
Oct. 21	Washington (10)	20-13	W	35,930
Oct. 28	(12) Indiana (19)	20-0	W	65,021
Nov. 4	(10) @Michigan	7-0	W	96,577
Nov. 11	(10) @Iowa	21-7	W	45,104
Nov. 18	(8) Ohio State (1)	14-7	W	71,119
Nov. 25	(6) @Northwestern	7-14	L	NA

(4-2-0) **137-56**

Big Ten: (4-2-0) 4th

Final National Ranking: 13th (AP), 11th (UPI)

1951

Captain: Charles Studley

Sept. 29	UCLA	27-13	W	53,265
Oct. 6	(8) Wisconsin	14-10	W	56,207
Oct. 13	(7) Syracuse	41-20	W	30,000
Oct. 20	(8) @Washington (20)	27-20	W	54,000
Oct. 27	(4) @Indiana	21-0	W	33,000
Nov. 3	(3) Michigan (15)	7-0	W	71,119
Nov. 10	(2) Iowa	40-13	W	56,444
Nov. 17	(3) @Ohio State	0-0	T	79,457
Nov. 24	(6) @Northwestern	3-0	W	52,000
Jan. 1	(4) *Stanford	40-7	W	96,825

(9-0-1) **220-83**

Big Ten: (5-0-1) 1st

Final National Ranking: 1st (Board) 4th (AP), 3rd (UPI); * 1952 Rose Bowl

1952

Captain: Alfred Brosky

Sept. 27	Iowa State	33-7	W	47,338
Oct. 4	(2) @Wisconsin (8)	6-20	L	52,071
Oct. 11	(13) Washington	48-14	W	48,248
Oct. 18	(17) @Minnesota	7-13	L	55,267
Oct. 25	Purdue	12-40	L	71,119
Nov. 1	@Michigan (15)	22-13	W	64,752
Nov. 8	@Iowa	33-13	W	44,855
Nov. 15	Ohio State	7-27	L	60,077
Nov. 22	Northwestern	26-28	L	41,214

(4-5-0) **194-175**

Big Ten: (2-5-0) T-6th

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1953

Captain: Robert Lenzini

Sept. 26	Nebraska	21-21	T	40,011
Oct. 3	Stanford	33-21	W	32,737
Oct. 10	@Ohio State (3)	41-20	W	81,745
Oct. 17	(9) Minnesota	27-7	W	55,641
Oct. 24	(7) Syracuse	20-13	W	30,076
Oct. 31	(4) Purdue	21-0	W	57,210
Nov. 7	(4) Michigan (17)	19-3	W	71,119
Nov. 14	(3) @Wisconsin	7-34	L	52,887
Nov. 21	(7) @Northwestern	39-14	W	51,039

(7-1-1) **228-133**

Big Ten: (5-1-0) T-1st

Final National Ranking: 7th (AP), 7th (UPI)

1954

Captain: Jan Smid

Sept. 25	(6) Penn State	12-14	L	54,094
Oct. 2	@Stanford	2-12	L	30,000
Oct. 9	Ohio State (10)	7-40	L	69,567
Oct. 16	@Minnesota (11)	6-19	L	63,810
Oct. 23	Syracuse	34-6	W	41,820
Oct. 30	@Purdue (9)	14-28	L	47,000
Nov. 6	@Michigan	7-14	L	58,812
Nov. 13	Wisconsin (14)	14-27	L	71,169
Nov. 20	Northwestern	7-20	L	39,186

(1-8-0) **103-180**

Big Ten: (0-6-0) 10th

1955

Captain: J. C. Caroline

Sept. 24	@California	20-13	W	32,000
Oct. 1	Iowa State	40-0	W	43,457
Oct. 8	@Ohio State	12-27	L	82,407
Oct. 15	Minnesota	21-13	W	45,995
Oct. 22	@Michigan State (6)	7-21	L	51,851
Oct. 29	Purdue	0-13	L	61,262
Nov. 5	Michigan (3)	25-6	W	58,968
Nov. 12	@Wisconsin	17-14	W	53,529
Nov. 19	@Northwestern	7-7	T	35,000

(5-3-1) **149-114**

Big Ten: (3-3-1) 5th

1956

Captain: James Minor

Sept. 29	California	32-20	W	54,833
Oct. 6	(13) @Washington	13-28	L	36,000
Oct. 13	Ohio State (5)	6-26	L	58,247
Oct. 20	@Minnesota	13-16	L	63,037
Oct. 27	Michigan State (1)	20-13	W	71,119
Nov. 3	@Purdue	7-7	T	46,166
Nov. 10	@Michigan (10)	7-17	L	75,470
Nov. 17	Wisconsin	13-13	T	52,858
Nov. 24	@Northwestern	13-14	L	40,000

(2-5-2) **124-154**

Big Ten: (1-4-2) T-7th

1957

Captain: Dale Smith

Sept. 27	@UCLA	6-16	L	48,714
Oct. 5	Colgate	40-0	W	41,594
Oct. 12	@Ohio State	7-21	L	82,239
Oct. 19	Minnesota (4)	34-13	W	69,619
Oct. 26	(16) @Michigan St. (8)	14-19	L	64,353
Nov. 2	Purdue	6-21	L	47,690
Nov. 9	Michigan (11)	20-19	W	46,007
Nov. 16	(15) @Wisconsin	13-24	L	52,384
Nov. 23	Northwestern	27-0	W	27,017

(4-5-0) **167-133**

Big Ten: (3-4-0) 7th

1958

Captain: Jack Delveaux

Sept. 27	UCLA	14-18	L	46,577
Oct. 4	@Duke	13-15	L	25,000
Oct. 11	Ohio State (5)	13-19	L	50,416
Oct. 18	@Minnesota	18-8	W	58,174
Oct. 25	Michigan State (20)	16-0	W	68,811
Nov. 1	@Purdue (10)	8-31	L	46,357
Nov. 8	@Michigan	21-8	W	58,778
Nov. 15	Wisconsin (5)	12-31	L	45,937
Nov. 22	Northwestern (20)	27-20	W	32,390

(4-5-0) **144-150**

Big Ten: (4-3-0) 6th

1959

Captain: William Burrell

Sept. 26	@Indiana	0-20	L	20,000
Oct. 3	Army (4)	20-14	W	64,891
Oct. 10	(20) @Ohio State	9-0	W	82,980
Oct. 17	(13) Minnesota	14-6	W	57,485
Oct. 24	(13) *Penn State	9-20	L	15,045
Oct. 31	Purdue (11)	7-7	T	42,553
Nov. 7	Michigan	15-20	L	45,573
Nov. 14	@Wisconsin (7)	9-6	W	56,028

Nov. 21	Northwestern (8)	28-0	W	65,697
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(5-3-1) **111-93**

Big Ten: (4-2-1) T-3rd

Final National Ranking: 13th (AP), 11th (UPI); *at Cleveland, Ohio



COACH PETE ELLIOTT

(7 YEARS, 31-34-1)

Pete Elliott, a native of Bloomington, Ill., became only the third football coach at Illinois in 47 years in 1960. When he was hired, he was the Big Ten's youngest head football coach at age 33. He had already coached for 10 years — as an assistant at Oregon State and Oklahoma, and as head coach at Nebraska and California. A quarterback on Michigan's 1948 national championship team,

Elliott eventually represented three different schools in the Rose Bowl: Michigan (quarterbacking the Wolverines to a 49-0 win over Southern Cal in 1948), California (coaching the Bears in their 1959 38-12 loss to Iowa) and Illinois (coaching the Fighting Illini to a 17-7 triumph over Washington in 1964). His 1963 team, with Dick Butkus and Jim Grabowski, produced Illinois' only Big Ten championship during his tenure.

1960

Captain: William Brown

Sept. 24	(4) +Indiana	17-6	W	38,444
Oct. 1	(4) West Virginia	33-0	W	43,612
Oct. 8	(4) Ohio State (5)	7-34	L	71,119
Oct. 15	@Minnesota (10)	10-21	L	63,641
Oct. 22	Penn State	10-8	W	51,459
Oct. 29	@Purdue	14-12	W	48,625
Nov. 5	@Michigan	7-8	L	62,297
Nov. 12	Wisconsin	35-14	W	43,165
Nov. 19	@Northwestern	7-14	L	51,782

(5-4-0) **140-117**

Big Ten: (2-4-0) T-5th

+ Indiana on probation—game did not count in conference standings

1961

Captain: Gary Brown

Sept. 30	Washington	7-20	L	41,319
Oct. 7	Northwestern	7-28	L	40,138
Oct. 14	@Ohio State (7)	0-44	L	82,974
Oct. 21	Minnesota	0-33	L	52,247
Oct. 28	@USC	10-14	L	28,694
Nov. 4	Purdue	9-23	L	35,077
Nov. 11	Michigan	6-38	L	40,179
Nov. 18	@Wisconsin	7-55	L	45,122
Nov. 25	@Michigan St. (3)	7-34	L	38,344

(2-9-0) **53-289**

Big Ten: (0-7-0) T-9th

1962

Captains: Bob Scharbert, Ken Zimmerman

Sept. 29	@Washington	7-28	L	56,000
Oct. 6	@Northwestern	0-45	L	41,854
Oct. 13	Ohio State (10)	15-51	L	56,017
Oct. 20	@Minnesota	0-17	L	59,247
Oct. 27	USC	16-28	L	31,375
Nov. 3	@Purdue	14-10	W	45,496
Nov. 10	@Michigan	10-14	L	49,756
Nov. 17	Wisconsin (4)	6-35	L	36,762
Nov. 24	Michigan State	7-6	W	19,547

(2-7-0) **75-234**

Big Ten: (2-5-0) 8th

1963

Captains: Mike Taliaferro, Dick Deller

Sept. 28	California	10-0	W	42,357
Oct. 5	Northwestern (4)	10-9	W	51,286
Oct. 12	@Ohio State (8)	20-20	T	84,712
Oct. 19	(7) Minnesota	16-6	W	61,229
Oct. 25	(4) @UCLA	18-12	W	24,616
Nov. 2	(2) Purdue	41-21	W	61,796
Nov. 9	(2) Michigan	8-14	L	55,810
Nov. 16	(8) @Wisconsin	17-7	W	65,418
Nov. 28	(8) @Michigan St. (4)	13-0	W	74,342
Jan. 1	*Washington	17-7	W	95,597

(8-1-1) **170-93**

Big Ten: (5-1-1) 1st

Final National Ranking: 3rd (AP), 4th (UPI); * 1964 Rose Bowl

1964

Captains: Dick Butkus, George Donnelly

Sept. 26	@California	20-14	W	44,704
Oct. 3	(3) @Northwestern	17-6	W	52,062
Oct. 10	(2) Ohio State (4)	0-26	L	71,227
Oct. 17	@Minnesota	14-0	W	60,475
Oct. 24	UCLA	26-7	W	68,727
Oct. 31	@Purdue	14-26	L	59,425
Nov. 7	@Michigan	6-21	L	62,415
Nov. 14	Wisconsin	29-0	W	55,077

Nov. 21	Michigan State	16-0	W	32,000
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(6-3) **142-100**

Big Ten: (4-3-0) T-4th

1965

Captains: Jim Grabowski, Don Hansen

Sept. 18	Oregon State	10-12	L	34,000
Sept. 25	SMU	42-0	W	45,175
Oct. 2	@Michigan State (9)	12-22	L	71,237
Oct. 9	@Ohio State	14-28	L	83,712
Oct. 16	Indiana	34-13	W	61,257
Oct. 23	Duke	28-14	W	47,077
Oct. 30	Purdue (6)	21-0	W	59,507
Nov. 6	Michigan	3-23	L	50,136
Nov. 13	@Wisconsin	51-0	W	55,192
Nov. 20	@Northwestern	20-6	W	41,348

(6-4-0) **234-118**

Big Ten: (4-3-0) 5th

1966

Captains: Kai Anderson, Bo Batchelder

Sept. 17	@SMU	7-26	L	28,000
Sept. 24	Missouri	14-21	L	55,378
Oct. 1	Michigan State (1)	10-26	L	57,747
Oct. 8	Ohio State	10-9	W	51,069
Oct. 15	@Indiana	24-10	W	39,399
Oct. 22	Stanford	3-6	L	56,561
Oct. 29	@Purdue	21-25	L	61,648
Nov. 5	@Michigan	28-21	W	59,332
Nov. 12	Wisconsin	49-14	W	53,645
Nov. 19	@Northwestern	7-35	L	37,625

(4-6-0) **173-193**

Big Ten: (4-3-0) T-3rd



COACH JIM VALEK

(4 YEARS, 8-32-0)

Jim Valek, a native of Joliet, played end on Ray Eliot's football teams at Illinois from 1945-48, earning the team's MVP award his senior year. After coaching stops at the high school level, and as an assistant at Illinois, Army, and South Carolina, Valek took over Fighting Illini fortunes upon Elliott's departure in 1967.

1967

Captains: Ken Kmiec, Ron Bess

Sept. 23	@Florida	0-14	L	57,391
Sept. 30	Pittsburgh	34-6	W	51,251
Oct. 7	Indiana	7-20	L	53,550
Oct. 14	Minnesota	7-10	L	56,103
Oct. 21	Notre Dame	7-47	L	71,227
Oct. 28	@Ohio State	17-13	W	83,298
Nov. 4	Purdue (6)	9-42	L	61,262
Nov. 11	Michigan	14-21	L	44,236
Nov. 18	@Northwestern	27-21	W	36,679
Nov. 25	@Iowa	21-19	W	35,714

(4-6-0) **143-213**

Big Ten: (3-4-0) T-5th

1968

Captains: Carson Brooks, Tony Pleviak

Sept. 21	Kansas	7-47	L	46,359
Sept. 28	Missouri	0-44	L	48,127
Oct. 5	@Indiana	14-28	L	50,241
Oct. 12	@Minnesota	10-17	L	49,864
Oct. 19	@Notre Dame (6)	8-58	L	59,075
Oct. 26	Ohio State (2)	24-31	L	56,174
Nov. 2	@Purdue (6)	17-35	L	62,321
Nov. 9	@Michigan (7)	0-36	L	56,776
Nov. 16	Northwestern	14-0	W	42,099
Nov. 23	Iowa	13-37	L	35,055

(1-9-0) **107-333**

Big Ten: (1-6-0) T-8th

1969

Captains: Bruce Erb, Doug Redmann

Sept. 20	Washington St.	18-19	L	40,345
Sept. 27	#Missouri (11)	6-37	L	48,740
Oct. 4	Iowa State	20-48	L	37,663
Oct. 11	Northwestern	6-10	L	43,928
Oct. 18	@Indiana	20-41	L	51,812
Oct. 25	@Ohio State (1)	0-41	L	86,576
Nov. 1	Purdue	22-49	L	51,299
Nov. 8	Michigan (18)	0-57	L	35,270
Nov. 15	@Wisconsin	14-55	L	42,624
Nov. 22	Iowa	0-40	L	30,257

(0-10-0) **106-397**

Big Ten: (0-7-0) 10th

at Busch Stadium, St. Louis

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1970

Captains: Doug Dieken, Kirk McMillin

Sept. 19	Oregon	20-16	W	33,246
Sept. 26	Tulane	9-23	L	27,864
Oct. 3	Syracuse	27-0	W	39,357
Oct. 10	@Northwestern	0-48	L	33,316
Oct. 17	Indiana	24-30	L	42,079
Oct. 24	Ohio State (1)	29-48	L	46,208
Oct. 31	@Purdue	23-21	W	67,747
Nov. 7	@Michigan (5)	0-42	L	70,781
Nov. 14	Wisconsin	17-29	L	36,569
Nov. 21	@Iowa	16-22	L	38,700
(3-7-0)				165-279
Big Ten: (1-6-0) T-9th				



COACH BOB BLACKMAN

(6 YEARS, 29-36-1)

Bob Blackman was a native of Big Ten country — from DeSoto, Iowa, originally, and later from Chicago. He had won 104 games in 16 years at the Ivy League school, producing three undefeated seasons for the Big Green. Blackman was the fifth winningest active collegiate coach (with 150 victories) when he arrived on the UI campus as the school's third coach in a decade. It was his job to

raise Illinois football fortunes from the lows of the late 1960s. Blackman accomplished that; however, the only winning team he produced was the 1974 squad, which went 6-4-1.

1971

Captains: Glenn Collier, Larry McCarren

Sept. 11	@Michigan St.	0-10	L	42,083
Sept. 18	North Carolina	0-27	L	49,391
Sept. 25	@USC (16)	0-28	L	49,390
Oct. 2	Washington (15)	14-52	L	48,127
Oct. 9	Ohio State (15)	10-24	L	53,555
Oct. 16	@Michigan (3)	6-35	L	73,406
Oct. 23	Purdue (17)	21-7	W	52,344
Oct. 30	Northwestern	24-7	W	40,144
Nov. 6	@Indiana	22-21	W	23,018
Nov. 13	@Wisconsin	35-27	W	65,459
Nov. 20	Iowa	31-0	W	40,703
(5-6-0)				163-238
Big Ten: (5-3-0) T-3rd				

1972

Captains: Larry McCarren, John Wiza

Sept. 16	Michigan State	0-24	L	55,493
Sept. 23	USC (1)	20-55	L	61,225
Sept. 30	@Washington	11-31	L	61,200
Oct. 7	Penn State (16)	17-35	L	60,394
Oct. 14	@Ohio State (4)	7-26	L	86,298
Oct. 21	Michigan (6)	7-31	L	64,290
Oct. 28	@Purdue	14-20	L	61,784
Nov. 4	@Northwestern	43-13	W	35,235
Nov. 11	Indiana	37-20	W	55,077
Nov. 18	Wisconsin	27-7	W	45,703
Nov. 25	@Iowa	14-15	L	25,000
(3-8-0)				197-277
Big Ten: (3-5-0) T-6th				

1973

Captains: Ken Braid, John Gann

Sept. 15	@Indiana	28-14	W	50,433
Sept. 22	@California	27-7	W	22,000
Sept. 29	W. Virginia	10-17	L	48,107
Oct. 6	Stanford	0-24	L	45,383
Oct. 13	Purdue	15-13	W	54,252
Oct. 20	@Michigan St.	6-3	W	63,303
Oct. 27	Iowa	50-0	W	48,864
Nov. 3	Ohio State (1)	0-30	L	60,707
Nov. 10	@Michigan (4)	6-21	L	76,461
Nov. 17	Minnesota	16-19	L	34,438
Nov. 24	@Northwestern	6-9	L	26,117
(5-6-0)				164-157
Big Ten: (4-4-0) T-4th				

1974

Captains: Ty McMillin, Revie Sorey

Sept. 14	Indiana	16-0	W	40,911
Sept. 21	@Stanford (19)	41-7	W	47,500
Sept. 28	(16) Washington St.	21-19	W	40,594
Oct. 5	(14) California	14-31	L	54,378
Oct. 12	@Purdue	27-23	W	63,174
Oct. 19	*Michigan St.	21-21	T	55,677
Oct. 26	@Iowa	12-14	L	49,400
Nov. 2	@Ohio State (1)	7-49	L	87,813
Nov. 9	Michigan (4)	6-14	L	60,670
Nov. 16	@Minnesota	17-14	W	46,162
Nov. 23	@Northwestern	28-14	W	33,753
(6-4-1)				210-206
Big Ten: (4-3-1) 5th				

* Memorial Stadium's Golden Anniversary Game

1975

Captains: Dean March, Stu Levenick

Sept. 13	@Iowa	27-12	W	57,200
Sept. 20	Missouri (5)	20-30	L	57,059
Sept. 27	@Texas A & M (8)	13-43	L	45,524
Oct. 4	Washington St.	27-21	W	51,060
Oct. 11	Minnesota	42-23	W	46,162
Oct. 18	Purdue	24-26	L	61,204
Oct. 25	@Michigan State (16)	21-19	W	66,223
Nov. 1	@Wisconsin	9-18	L	76,868
Nov. 8	Ohio State (1)	3-40	L	67,571
Nov. 15	Michigan (4)	15-21	L	45,077
Nov. 22	@Northwestern	28-7	W	19,800
(5-6-0)				229-260
Big Ten: (4-4-0) T-3rd				

1976

Captains: Marty Friel, Dean March, Scott Studwell

Sept. 11	Iowa	24-6	W	49,515
Sept. 18	@Missouri (6)	31-6	W	63,486
Sept. 25	(14) Baylor	19-34	L	44,481
Oct. 2	Texas A & M (9)	7-14	L	67,543
Oct. 9	@Minnesota	14-29	L	52,606
Oct. 16	@Purdue	21-17	W	66,716
Oct. 23	Michigan State	23-31	L	52,860
Oct. 30	Wisconsin	31-25	W	54,121
Nov. 6	@Ohio State (8)	10-42	L	87,654
Nov. 13	@Michigan (4)	7-38	L	104,107
Nov. 20	Northwestern	48-6	W	34,500
(5-6-0)				235-248
Big Ten: (4-4-0) T-3rd				



COACH GARY MOELLER

(3 YEARS, 6-24-3)

Gary Moeller was hired by athletic director Cecil Coleman to bring the Illinois football program back into Big Ten title contention. Moeller knew what it was like to be a Big Ten contender, coaching with Bo Schembechler for two years at Miami (Ohio), and for 10 more at Michigan. His reputation as an outstanding recruiter was in for a test at Illinois.

Like Jim Valek, he picked up half of his wins at UI his first season. Unfortunately, they amounted to only three of his total of six in three seasons.

1977

Captains: Rickie Mitchem, Kurt Steger

Sept. 10	Michigan (2)	9-37	L	60,477
Sept. 17	Missouri	11-7	W	52,771
Sept. 24	@Stanford	24-37	L	50,500
Oct. 1	Syracuse	20-30	L	52,015
Oct. 8	@Wisconsin (19)	0-26	L	78,661
Oct. 15	@Purdue	29-22	W	60,242
Oct. 22	Indiana	21-7	W	50,298
Oct. 29	@Michigan St.	20-49	L	70,589
Nov. 5	Ohio State (4)	0-35	L	66,973
Nov. 12	Minnesota	0-21	L	37,697
Nov. 19	@Northwestern	7-21	L	17,255
(3-8-0)				141-292
Big Ten: (2-6-0) T-8th				

1978

Captains: John Sullivan, Randy Taylor

Sept. 9	Northwestern	0-0	T	40,091
Sept. 16	@Michigan (4)	0-31	L	104,102
Sept. 23	Stanford	10-35	L	43,143
Sept. 30	@Syracuse	28-14	W	20,101
Oct. 7	@Missouri	3-45	L	62,062
Oct. 14	Wisconsin	20-20	T	51,160
Oct. 21	Purdue (19)	0-13	L	50,918
Oct. 28	@Indiana	10-31	L	37,355
Nov. 4	Michigan State (18)	19-59	L	48,077
Nov. 11	@Ohio State	7-45	L	87,719
Nov. 18	@Minnesota	6-24	L	25,388
(1-8-2)				103-317
Big Ten: (0-6-2) 9th				

1979

Captains: Lawrence McCullough, Stanley Ralph

Sept. 8	@Michigan St. (10)	16-33	L	46,377
Sept. 15	Missouri (11)	6-14	L	66,306
Sept. 22	@Air Force	27-19	W	18,178
Sept. 29	Navy	12-13	L	53,825
Oct. 6	Iowa	7-13	L	51,044
Oct. 13	@Purdue (20)	14-28	L	69,413
Oct. 20	Michigan (11)	7-27	L	43,370
Oct. 27	@Minnesota	17-17	T	47,406
Nov. 3	Ohio State (5)	7-44	L	41,870
Nov. 10	Indiana	14-45	L	30,874
Nov. 17	@Northwestern	29-13	W	19,217
(2-8-1)				156-266
Big Ten: (1-6-1) 9th				



COACH MIKE WHITE

(8 YEARS, 47-41-3)

Mike White was new athletic director Neale Stoner's choice to run the UI football program starting in 1980. He had declined Pete Elliott's overtures to join him at Illinois in 1960, but picked up some impressive coaching credentials after learning from some of the game's heavyweights — Bill Walsh, Dick Vermeil, Marv Levy and John Ralston. White coached California to a Pac-8 championship with a nation-leading offense (459 yards per game) in 1975. Along the way, he had helped to develop such passers as Joe Roth, Jim Plunkett, Steve Bartkowski and Craig Morton, and would add to his list at Illinois with the likes of Dave Wilson, Tony Eason and Jack Trudeau. White's wide-open passing philosophy seemed to be just what the Fighting Illini needed at the time. His teams virtually rewrote the UI record books in the passing department and brought Illinois back to Big Ten contender status. Five of White's eight Illinois teams posted winning records. The 1982 squad (7-5-0) played in the Liberty Bowl against Alabama in the legendary Bear Bryant's final game as Crimson Tide head coach. The Liberty Bowl was Illinois' first bowl game appearance since the 1964 Rose Bowl. The 1983 Big Ten championship team (10-2), which played in the 1984 Rose Bowl, is the only team in Big Ten history to have defeated all nine conference opponents in the same season.

1980

Captains: Dave Dwyer, Ron Ferrari, Dave Wilson

Sept. 6	Northwestern	35-9	W	44,222
Sept. 13	Michigan State	20-17	W	46,377
Sept. 20	@Missouri (15)	7-52	L	66,306
Sept. 27	Air Force	20-20	T	45,638
Oct. 4	Mississippi St.	21-28	L	60,889
Oct. 11	@Iowa	20-14	W	59,780
Oct. 18	Purdue	20-45	L	62,121
Oct. 25	@Michigan	14-45	L	105,109
Nov. 1	Minnesota	18-21	L	51,202
Nov. 8	@Ohio State (7)	42-49	L	87,952
Nov. 15	@Indiana	24-26	L	38,128
(3-7-1)				241-326
Big Ten: (3-5-0) T-6th				

1981

Captains: Greg Boeke, Ron Ferrari, Jack Squirek

Sept. 5	@Pittsburgh (8)	6-26	L	46,022
Sept. 12	@Michigan St.	27-17	W	54,945
Sept. 19	Syracuse	17-14	W	57,579
Oct. 3	Minnesota	38-29	W	63,814
Oct. 10	@Purdue	20-44	L	69,846
Oct. 17	@Ohio State	27-34	L	87,158
Oct. 24	Wisconsin	23-21	W	67,413
Oct. 31	Iowa (16)	24-7	W	66,877
Nov. 7	@Michigan (12)	21-70	L	105,570
Nov. 14	Indiana	35-14	W	56,143
Nov. 21	@Northwestern	49-12	W	23,116
(7-4-0)				287-288
Big Ten: (6-3-0) T-3rd				

1982

Captains: Mike Bass, Dan Gregus, Mike Martin

Sept. 4	*Northwestern	49-13	W	67,036
Sept. 11	Michigan State	23-16	W	66,152
Sept. 18	@Syracuse	47-10	W	30,128
Sept. 25	(19) Pittsburgh (3)	3-20	L	71,547
Oct. 2	@Minnesota (19)	42-24	W	63,684
Oct. 9	(20) Purdue	38-34	W	71,232
Oct. 16	(15) Ohio State	21-26	L	73,488
Oct. 23	@Wisconsin	29-28	W	78,406
Oct. 30	@Iowa	13-14	L	59,922
Nov. 6	Michigan (15)	10-16	L	75,256
Nov. 13	@Indiana	48-7	W	38,471
Dec. 29	#Alabama	15-21	L	54,123
(7-5-0)				338-229
Big Ten: (6-3-0) 4th				

* First night game in Memorial Stadium; # Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn.

1983

Captains: Tim Brewster, Joe Miles, Don Thorp

Sept. 10	@Missouri	18-28	L	53,744
Sept. 17	Stanford	17-7	W	72,852
Sept. 24	@Michigan St.	20-10	W	75,867
Oct. 1	Iowa (4)	33-0	W	73,351
Oct. 8	(19) @Wisconsin	27-15	W	78,307
Oct. 15	(19) Ohio State (6)	17-13	W	73,414
Oct. 22	(11) @Purdue	35-21	W	69,328
Oct. 29	(9) Michigan (8)	16-6	W	76,127
Nov. 5	(6) @Minnesota	50-23	W	35,514
Nov. 12	(5) Indiana	49-21	W	73,612
Nov. 19	(4) @Northwestern	56-24	W	52,333
Jan. 2	(4) *UCLA	9-45	L	103,217
(10-2)				347-213
Big Ten: (9-0-0) 1st				

Final National Ranking: 10th (AP), 10th (UPI); * 1984 Rose Bowl

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1984

Captains: Rick Schulte, David Edwards

Sept. 1	Northwestern	24-16	W	75,753
Sept. 8	Missouri	30-24	W	78,297
Sept. 15	@Stanford	19-34	L	43,795
Sept. 22	Michigan State	40-7	W	75,762
Sept. 29	@Iowa (4)	16-21	L	66,322
Oct. 6	Wisconsin	22-6	W	78,307
Oct. 13	@Ohio State (8)	38-45	L	89,937
Oct. 20	Purdue	34-20	W	76,101
Oct. 27	@Michigan	18-26	L	104,916
Nov. 3	Minnesota	48-3	W	76,056
Nov. 10	#Indiana	34-7	W	49,264

(7-4-0) 323-209
Big Ten: (6-3-0) T-2nd

at Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis

1985

Captains: Jack Trudeau, Craig Swoope, Chris White

Sept. 7	(11) USC (6)	10-20	L	76,369
Sept. 14	(19) So. Illinois	28-25	W	76,330
Sept. 21	(20) @Nebraska (17)	25-52	L	76,149
Oct. 5	Ohio State (5)	31-28	W	76,343
Oct. 12	@Purdue	24-30	L	68,837
Oct. 19	@Michigan St.	30-17	W	76,438
Oct. 26	Wisconsin	38-25	W	76,395
Nov. 2	Michigan (4)	3-3	T	76,397
Nov. 9	@Iowa (6)	0-59	L	66,120
Nov. 16	Indiana	41-24	W	78,805
Nov. 23	@Northwestern	45-20	W	33,054
Dec. 31	*Army	29-31	L	29,857

(6-5-1) 304-334
Big Ten: (5-2-1) 3rd

* Peach Bowl, Atlanta, Ga.

1986

Captains: Scott Davis, Sam Ellsworth, Mark Dennis, Shane Lamb

Sept. 6	Louisville	23-0	W	72,822
Sept. 13	@USC	16-31	L	51,496
Sept. 20	Nebraska (6)	14-59	L	75,869
Oct. 4	@Ohio State	0-14	L	90,030
Oct. 11	Purdue	34-27	W	73,720
Oct. 18	Michigan State	21-29	L	75,083
Oct. 25	@Wisconsin	9-15	L	76,983
Nov. 1	@Michigan (3)	13-69	L	104,122
Nov. 8	Iowa (16)	20-16	W	75,190
Nov. 15	@Indiana	21-16	W	34,572
Nov. 22	Northwestern	18-23	L	70,568

(4-7-0) 189-299
Big Ten: (3-5-0) T-6th

1987

Captains: Mike Scully, Mike Piel, Darrick Brownlow

Sept. 5	@No. Carolina	14-34	L	40,000
Sept. 12	Arizona State* (15)	7-21	L	70,060
Sept. 19	East Carolina	20-10	W	62,045
Oct. 3	Ohio State (9)	6-10	L	73,045
Oct. 10	@Purdue	3-9	L	59,483
Oct. 17	Wisconsin	16-14	W	57,040
Oct. 24	@Michigan St. (14)	14-14	T	76,513
Oct. 31	Minnesota	27-17	W	60,143
Nov. 7	@Indiana (18)	22-34	L	50,026
Nov. 14	Michigan	14-17	L	64,496
Nov. 21	@Northwestern	10-28	L	27,104

(3-7-1) 153-208
Big Ten: (2-5-1) 8th

* 28th consecutive home sellout game



COACH JOHN MACKOVIC

(4 YEARS, 30-16-1)

John Mackovic became Illinois' 19th head football coach February 3, 1988. Mackovic came to Champaign with a variety of collegiate and professional coaching experiences and built the Fighting Illini into not only a Big Ten contender, but also a force to be reckoned with nationally. All four of his UI teams played in bowl games (1988 All American Bowl, 1990 Florida Citrus Bowl, 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl and 1991 John Hancock Bowl). Mackovic was the first to have earned the Dave McLain Big Ten Coach of the Year award in each of his first two seasons in the league. His 1989 team tied the school record (set in 1983) for victories with 10 and his 1990 team tied for the Big Ten Championship. Mackovic was named athletic director at Illinois December 23, 1988. He retained both the position of athletic director and head football coach until resigning just before the 1991 John Hancock Bowl to become head coach at Texas.

1988

Captains: Glenn Cobb, Mark McGowan

Sept. 3	Washington St.	7-44	L	54,458
Sept. 10	@Arizona State	16-21	L	70,091
Sept. 17	Utah	35-24	W	54,002
Oct. 1	@Ohio State	31-12	W	90,274

Oct. 8	Purdue	20-0	W	63,473
Oct. 15	@Wisconsin	34-6	W	57,886
Oct. 22	Michigan State	21-28	L	65,771
Oct. 29	@Minnesota	27-27	T	40,554
Nov. 5	Indiana (20)	21-20	W	66,201
Nov. 12	@Michigan (13)	9-38	L	105,000
Nov. 19	Northwestern	14-9	W	43,329
Dec. 29	#Florida	10-14	L	42,890

(6-5-1) 245-243
Big Ten: (5-2-1) T-3rd

All American Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.

1989

Captains: Craig Schneider, Steve Glasson, Mike Bellamy, Moe Gardner

Sept. 4	(22) @USC (5)	14-13	W	54,622
Sept. 16	(10) @Colorado (8)	7-38	L	46,747
Sept. 23	(20) Utah State	41-2	W	61,553
Oct. 7	(18) Ohio State	34-14	W	69,088
Oct. 14	(16) @Purdue	14-2	W	41,101
Oct. 21	(13) @Michigan St.	14-10	W	76,216
Oct. 28	(8) Wisconsin	32-9	W	64,856
Nov. 4	(8) @Iowa	31-7	W	67,700
Nov. 11	(8) Michigan (3)	10-24	L	73,069
Nov. 18	(12) Indiana	41-28	W	53,368
Nov. 25	(11) @Northwestern	63-14	W	31,017
Jan. 1	(11) #Virginia (16)	31-21	W	60,016

(10-2) 332-182
Big Ten: (7-1-0) 2nd

Final National Ranking: 10th (AP), 10th (UPI); # Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

1990

Captains: Curtis Lovelace, Howard Griffith, Moe Gardner, Darrick Brownlow

Sept. 8	(11) @Arizona	16-28	L	53,330
Sept. 15	(21) Colorado (11)	23-22	W	64,351
Sept. 22	(15) So. Illinois	56-21	W	64,469
Oct. 6	(13) @Ohio State (20)	31-20	W	89,404
Oct. 13	(11) Purdue	34-0	W	60,604
Oct. 20	(8) Michigan St. (25)	15-13	W	70,398
Oct. 27	(5) @Wisconsin	21-3	W	67,746
Nov. 3	(5) Iowa (13)	28-54	L	72,714
Nov. 10	(17) @Michigan (19)	17-22	L	105,343
Nov. 17	(22) @Indiana	24-10	W	44,639
Nov. 24	(22) Northwestern	28-23	W	32,383
Jan. 1	(16) #Clemson (14)	0-30	L	63,154

(8-4-0) 293-246
Big Ten: (6-2) T-1st

Final National Ranking: 25th (AP), 24th (UPI); # Hall of Fame Bowl, Tampa, Fla.

1991

Captains: Mike Hopkins, Marlon Primous, Tim Simpson

Aug. 31	East Carolina	38-31	W	46,313
Sept. 14	@Missouri	19-23	L	49,586
Sept. 21	Houston (21)	51-10	W	60,182
Oct. 5	(22) Minnesota	24-3	W	57,981
Oct. 12	(20) Ohio State (11)	10-7	W	70,125
Oct. 19	(13) @Iowa (15)	21-24	L	70,220
Oct. 26	(17) @Northwestern	11-17	L	26,542
Nov. 2	Wisconsin	22-6	W	61,493
Nov. 9	@Purdue	41-14	W	34,582
Nov. 16	(25) Michigan (4)	0-20	L	66,757
Nov. 23	@Michigan St.	24-27	L	61,721
Dec. 31	&#UCL (22)	3-6	L	42,281

(6-6-0) 264-188
Big Ten: (4-4) 5th

John Hancock Bowl, El Paso, Texas; & Head coach was Lou Tepper



COACH LOU TEPPER

(5+ YEARS, 25-31-2)

Lou Tepper was hired as Illinois' 20th head football coach Dec. 13, 1991, just prior to the team's appearance in the John Hancock Bowl. He replaced John Mackovic, who resigned his head football coach and athletic director duties to become head coach at the University of Texas. Tepper had five successful seasons at Colorado prior to coming to Illinois. He spent his last two years with the Buffaloes as their assistant head coach. When Mackovic took over the program in 1988, he brought Tepper in as defensive coordinator and named him assistant head coach in 1990. Tepper led Illinois to the 1992 Holiday Bowl and a 30-0 victory in the the 1994 Liberty Bowl. He also coached consecutive Butkus Award winners in Dana Howard (1994) and Kevin Hardy (1995).

1992

Captains: Brad Hopkins, John Wright, Jr.

Sept. 5	No. Illinois	30-14	W	50,015
Sept. 12	Missouri	24-14	W	53,568
Sept. 19	@Houston	13-31	L	25,931
Oct. 3	@Minnesota	17-18	L	32,112
Oct. 10	@Ohio State (21)	18-16	W	93,982
Oct. 17	Iowa	14-24	L	70,314
Oct. 24	Northwestern	26-27	L	52,332
Oct. 31	@Wisconsin	13-12	W	65,293

Nov. 7	Purdue	20-17	W	55,339
Nov. 14	@Michigan (3)	22-22	T	106,481
Nov. 21	Michigan State	14-10	W	40,552
Dec. 30	#Hawaii	17-27	L	44,457

(6-5-1) 235-228
Big Ten: (4-3-1) 4th

- Holiday Bowl, San Diego, Calif.

1993

Captains: Greg Engel, Filmel Johnson, Gary Voelker

Sept. 11	@Missouri	3-31	L	48,427
Sept. 18	Arizona (15)	14-16	L	51,110
Sept. 25	Oregon	7-13	L	45,574
Oct. 2	@Purdue	28-10	W	37,621
Oct. 9	Ohio State (6)	12-20	L	61,209
Oct. 16	@Iowa	49-3	W	70,397
Oct. 23	@Michigan (13)	24-21	W	106,385
Oct. 30	Northwestern	20-13	W	49,940
Nov. 6	Minnesota	23-20	W	50,192
Nov. 13	@Penn State (16)	14-28	L	90,000
Nov. 20	Wisconsin (14)	10-35	L	48,083

(5-6) 204-210
Big Ten: (5-3) T-4th

1994

Captains: Pete Gabrione, John Holecek, Dana Howard, Jon Kerr

Sept. 1	(21) #Wash. St.	9-10	L	39,472
Sept. 10	Missouri	42-0	W	64,305
Sept. 17	No. Illinois	34-10	W	55,327
Oct. 1	Purdue	16-22	L	58,338
Oct. 8	@Ohio State (17)	24-10	W	93,351
Oct. 15	Iowa	47-7	W	59,573
Oct. 22	Michigan (11)	14-19	L	72,677
Oct. 29	@Northwestern	28-7	W	40,365
Nov. 5	@Minnesota	21-17	W	35,069
Nov. 12	Penn State (2)	31-35	L	72,364
Nov. 19	@Wisconsin	13-19	L	77,745
Dec. 31	&East Carolina	30-0	W	33,280

(7-5) 309-210
Big Ten: (4-4) 5th

Illinois home game at Soldier Field, Chicago; & St. Jude Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn.

1995

Captains: Jason Dulick, Kevin Hardy, Brett Larsen

Sept. 2	(25) Michigan (13)	14-38	L	70,193
Sept. 9	@Oregon (24)	31-34	L	44,201
Sept. 16	Arizona (17)	9-7	W	57,134
Sept. 23	East Carolina	7-0	W	60,545
Oct. 7	@Indiana	17-10	W	38,098
Oct. 14	Michigan State	21-27	L	65,653
Oct. 28	Northwestern (8)	14-17	L	65,425
Nov. 4	@Iowa	26-7	W	70,397
Nov. 11	@Ohio State (2)	3-41	L	92,639
Nov. 18	Minnesota	48-14	W	45,521
Nov. 25	@Wisconsin	3-3	T	76,750

(5-5-1) 254-229
Big Ten: (3-4-1) T-7th

1996

Captains: Rodney Byrd, Ty Douthard, Paul Marshall, Dennis Stallings

Aug. 31	@Michigan (12)	8-20	L	105,992
Sept. 7	USC (19)	3-55	L	56,504
Sept. 14	@Arizona	0-41	L	43,012
Sept. 21	Akron	38-7	W	48,285
Oct. 5	Indiana	46-43	W	55,534
Oct. 12	@Michigan St.	14-42	L	71,639
Oct. 26	@Northwestern (11)	24-27	L	48,187
Nov. 2	Iowa (25)	21-31	L	54,381
Nov. 9	Ohio State (2)	0-48	L	54,412
Nov. 16	@Minnesota	21-23	L	34,321
Nov. 23	Wisconsin	15-35	L	37,814

(2-9) 190-372
Big Ten: (0-8) 11th



COACH RON TURNER

(8 YEARS, 32-49)

Ron Turner was named the 21st head coach in Illinois history Dec. 2, 1996, coming to the Fighting Illini after four highly successful seasons as the offensive coordinator for the NFL's Chicago Bears. In 1999, Turner's Illini began their program turnaround with an 8-4 season, including a 63-21 Micropen.com Bowl victory in the team's first postseason appearance since 1994. Turner then followed that season up with the 2001 Big Ten Championship season which saw the Illini earn a bid to the BCS and the Sugar Bowl. Illinois finished the season 10-2, the first 10-win season since 1989. Turner was unanimously named the Big Ten Coach of the Year.

YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

1997

Captains: Ivan Benson, Danny Clark, Robert Holcombe

Sept. 6	Southern Miss	7-24	L	44,519
Sept. 13	@Louisville	13-26	L	36,824
Sept. 20	Washington St. (19)	22-35	L	47,131
Sept. 27	@Iowa (11)	10-38	L	70,397
Oct. 4	Penn State (2)	6-41	L	51,523
Oct. 11	@Wisconsin	7-31	L	79,327
Oct. 25	Purdue (22)	3-48	L	45,122
Nov. 1	@Indiana	6-23	L	32,705
Nov. 8	Northwestern	21-34	L	41,195
Nov. 15	@Ohio State (4)	15-41	L	92,008
Nov. 22	Michigan St.	17-27	L	30,087

(0-11) **119-368**
Big Ten: (0-8) 11th

1998

Captains: Ivan Benson, Danny Clark, Ryan Schau

Sept. 5	@Washington St.	13-20	L	31,568
Sept. 12	Middle Tenn.	48-20	W	35,475
Sept. 19	Louisville	9-35	L	39,475
Sept. 26	Iowa	14-37	L	44,245
Oct. 3	@Northwestern	13-10	W	41,232
Oct. 10	Ohio State (1)	0-41	L	46,390
Oct. 17	Wisconsin (9)	3-37	L	40,627
Oct. 24	@Purdue	9-42	L	60,163
Oct. 31	@Penn State (10)	0-27	L	96,508
Nov. 7	Indiana	31-16	W	31,388
Nov. 21	@Michigan St.	9-41	L	67,285

(3-8) **149-216**
Big Ten: (2-6) 7th

1999

Captains: Ray Redziniak, Danny Clark, Neil Rackers, Steve Havard

Sept. 4	Arkansas State	41-3	W	34,227
Sept. 11	San Diego State	38-10	W	35,798
Sept. 18	@Louisville	41-36	W	40,332
Sept. 25	Michigan State (19)	10-27	L	52,417
Oct. 2	@Indiana (ot)	31-34	L	30,381
Oct. 16	Minnesota	7-37	L	49,152
Oct. 23	@Michigan (9)	35-29	W	110,188
Oct. 30	Penn State (2)	7-27	L	50,014
Nov. 6	@Iowa	40-24	W	61,350
Nov. 13	@Ohio State (25)	46-20	W	93,429
Nov. 20	Northwestern	29-7	W	50,137
Dec. 30	#Virginia	63-21	W	31,089

(8-4) **388-275**
Big Ten: (4-4) T-6th

- *Microptic.com Bowl* (Miami, Fla.)
Final AP ranking - 24th

2000

Captains: Ray Redziniak, Muhammad Abdullah, Bobby Jackson, Fred Wakefield

Sept. 2	(21) M. Tennessee	35-6	W	35,032
Sept. 9	(21) @San Diego St.	49-13	W	26,779
Sept. 16	(19) California	17-15	W	50,181
Sept. 23	(19) Michigan (10)	31-35	L	72,524
Sept. 30	(24) @Minnesota	10-44	L	44,462
Oct. 14	Iowa	31-0	W	62,639
Oct. 21	@Penn State	25-39	L	96,475
Oct. 30	@Michigan St.	10-14	L	73,826
Nov. 4	Indiana (ot)	42-35	W	54,283
Nov. 11	Ohio State (13)	21-24	L	61,207
Nov. 18	Northwestern (23)	23-61	L	40,658

(5-6) **294-286**
Big Ten: (2-6) T-9th

2001

Captains: Kurt Kittner, Luke Butkus, Brandon Moore, Bobby Jackson

Sept. 1	@California	44-17	W	38,160
Sept. 8	Northern Illinois	17-12	W	45,674
Sept. 22	Louisville (25)	34-10	W	43,232
Sept. 29	(22) @Michigan (17)	20-45	L	107,085
Oct. 6	Minnesota	25-14	W	53,225
Oct. 13	@Indiana	35-14	W	31,116
Oct. 20	Wisconsin	42-35	W	70,904
Nov. 3	(21) @Purdue (20)	38-13	W	61,568
Nov. 10	(15) Penn State	33-28	W	70,904
Nov. 17	(12) @Ohio State (25)	34-22	W	104,407
Nov. 22	(10) Northwestern	34-28	W	45,755
Jan. 1	(7) #LSU (12)	34-47	L	77,688

(10-2) **390-285**
Big Ten: (7-1) 1st

Final AP ranking No. 12
- 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl; New Orleans, La.

2002

Captains: Tony Pashos, Jerry Schumacher, Eugene Wilson, Walter Young

Aug. 31	#Missouri	20-33	L	61,876
Sept. 7	@Southern Miss.	20-33	L	22,183
Sept. 14	Arkansas State	59-7	W	46,258
Sept. 21	San Jose State	35-38	L	50,990
Sept. 28	Michigan (14)	28-45	L	69,249
Oct. 3	@Minnesota	10-31	L	32,663

Oct. 12	Purdue (ot)	38-31	W	55,590
Oct. 26	Indiana	45-14	W	50,295
Nov. 2	@Penn State	7-18	L	105,589
Nov. 9	@Wisconsin	37-20	W	78,709
Nov. 16	Ohio State (2) (ot)	16-23	L	58,810
Nov. 23	@Northwestern	31-24	W	25,134

(5-7) **346-307**
Big Ten: (4-4) T-5th

- St. Louis, Mo.

2003

Captains: Sean Bubin, Carey Davis, Derrick Strong

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

(1-11) **203-398**
Big Ten: (0-8) 11th

- St. Louis, Mo.

2004

Captains: Kelvin Hayden, Duke Preston

Sept. 4	Florida A&M	52-13	W	46,106
Sept. 11	UCLA	17-35	L	47,457
Sept. 18	Western Michigan	30-27	W	51,452
Sept. 25	Purdue (15)	30-38	L	50,532
Oct. 2	@Wisconsin	7-24	L	82,306
Oct. 9	@Michigan State	25-38	L	72,441
Oct. 16	Michigan (13)	19-30	L	55,725
Oct. 23	@Minnesota	0-45	L	46,526
Oct. 30	Iowa (23)	13-23	L	47,651
Nov. 6	Indiana	26-22	W	41,458
Nov. 20	@Northwestern (ot)	21-28	L	38,688

(3-8) **240-323**
Big Ten: (1-7) T-10th



COACH RON ZOOK

(4 YEARS, 18-30)

Ron Zook was named the 22nd head coach in Illinois history Dec. 7, 2005, coming to the Fighting Illini after three highly successful seasons as the head coach at the University of Florida. Zook has 31 years of experience coaching high school, college and NFL teams. In his third season at Illinois, Zook led the Illini to a 9-4 record and a trip to the 2008 Rose Bowl. For his efforts, Zook was named the 2007 Big Ten Coach of the Year and Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year. His Illini have led the Big Ten in rushing two of three years in the league, including 2007 with 256 yards per game. Zook also has turned in three top-30 recruiting classes, including a top-15 ranking in 2007.

2005

Captains: James Cooper, E.B. Halsey, Ryan Matha, Pierre Thomas

Sept. 3	Rutgers (ot)	33-30	W	50,112
Sept. 10	San Jose State	40-19	W	49,279
Sept. 17	@California (15)	20-35	L	57,657
Sept. 24	Michigan State	14-61	L	51,469
Oct. 1	@Iowa	7-35	L	70,585
Oct. 8	@Indiana	13-36	L	35,829
Oct. 22	Penn State (12)	10-63	L	52,633
Oct. 29	Wisconsin (15)	24-41	L	52,158
Nov. 5	@Ohio State (12)	2-40	L	104,799
Nov. 12	@Purdue	3-37	L	57,611
Nov. 19	Northwestern	21-38	L	31,465

(2-9) **187-435**
Big Ten: (0-8) 11th

2006

Captains: Alan Ball, E.B. Halsey, J. Leman, Josh Norris, Pierre Thomas

Sept. 2	Eastern Illinois	42-17	W	45,444
Sept. 9	@Rutgers	0-33	L	41,036
Sept. 16	Syracuse	21-31	L	40,657
Sept. 23	Iowa (14)	7-24	L	43,066
Sept. 30	@Michigan State	23-20	W	71,268
Oct. 7	Indiana	32-34	L	43,006
Oct. 14	Ohio	17-20	L	34,328
Oct. 21	@Penn State	12-26	L	108,112
Oct. 28	@Wisconsin (17)	24-30	L	81,300
Nov. 4	Ohio State (1)	10-17	L	53,351
Nov. 11	Purdue	31-42	L	44,266
Nov. 18	@Northwestern	16-27	L	22,242

(2-10) **235-321**
Big Ten: (1-7) T10th

2007

Captains: J. Leman, Rashard Mendenhall, Kevin Mitchell, Martin O'Donnell

Sept. 1	vs. Missouri*	34-40	L	62,352
Sept. 8	Western Illinois	21-0	W	48,301
Sept. 15	@Syracuse	41-20	W	34,188
Sept. 22	@Indiana	27-14	W	34,707
Sept. 29	Penn State (21)	27-20	W	57,078
Oct. 6	Wisconsin (5)	31-26	W	57,078
Oct. 13	(18) @Iowa	6-10	L	70,585
Oct. 20	Michigan (25)	17-27	L	57,078
Oct. 27	Ball State	28-17	W	55,578
Nov. 3	@Minnesota	44-17	W	46,604
Nov. 10	@Ohio State (1)	28-21	W	105,453
Nov. 17	(21) Northwestern	41-22	W	54,116
Jan. 1	(13) vs. USC^	17-49	L	93,923

(9-4) **362-283**
Big Ten: (6-2) T2nd

Final AP ranking No. 20

* in St. Louis at Edward Jones Dome ^ Rose Bowl

2008

Captains: Arrelious Benn, David Lindquist, Brit Miller, Juice Williams

Aug. 30	(19) vs. Missouri* (6)	42-52	L	66,441
Sept. 6	(24) Eastern Illinois	47-21	W	60,131
Sept. 13	(24) Louisiana-Lafayette	20-17	W	58,632
Sept. 27	(21) @Penn State (12)	24-38	L	109,626
Oct. 4	@Michigan	45-20	W	109,750
Oct. 11	Minnesota	20-27	L	62,870
Oct. 18	Indiana	55-13	W	62,870
Oct. 25	@Wisconsin	17-27	L	81,241
Nov. 1	Iowa	27-24	W	62,870
Nov. 8	@Western Michigan^	17-23	L	12,865
Nov. 15	Ohio State (10)	20-30	L	62,870
Nov. 22	@Northwestern (24)	10-27	L	32,166

(5-7) **344-319**
Big Ten: (3-5) T6th

* Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Mo.

^ Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.