

Illinois 2004-05 Schedule/Results

11-19	Delaware State	W, 87-67	(1-0)
11-21	Florida A&M	W, 91-60	(2-0)
11-24	Oakland	W, 85-54	(3-0)
11-27	vs. #24 Gonzaga (Indianapolis)	W, 89-72	(4-0)
12-1	#1 Wake Forest - @	W, 91-73	(5-0)
12-4	vs. Arkansas (Little Rock)	W, 72-60	(6-0)
12-6	Chicago State	W, 78-59	(7-0)
12-9	at Georgetown	W, 74-59	(8-0)
12-11	vs. Oregon (Chicago)	W, 83-66	(9-0)
12-19	Valparaiso - &	W, 93-56	(10-0)
12-22	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	W, 70-64	(11-0)
12-27	Longwood - &	W, 105-79	(12-0)
12-30	vs. N'western St.-& (Las Vegas)	W, 69-51	(13-0)
12-31	vs. #22 Cincinnati-& (Las Vegas)	W, 67-45	(14-0)
1-5	Ohio State	W, 84-65	(15-0, 1-0)
1-8	at Purdue	W, 68-59	(16-0, 2-0)
1-12	Penn State	W, 90-64	(17-0, 3-0)
1-15	at Northwestern	W, 78-66	(18-0, 4-0)
1-20	#23 Iowa	W, 73-68, OT	(19-0, 5-0)
1-25	at #18 Wisconsin	W, 75-65	(20-0, 6-0)
1-29	Minnesota	W, 89-66	(21-0, 7-0)
2-1	at #12 Michigan State	W, 81-68	(22-0, 8-0)
2-6	Indiana	W, 60-47	(23-0, 9-0)
2-8	at Michigan	W, 57-51	(24-0, 10-0)
2-12	#20 Wisconsin	W, 70-59	(25-0, 11-0)
2-16	at Penn State	W, 83-63	(26-0, 12-0)
2-19	at Iowa	W, 75-65	(27-0, 13-0)
2-23	Northwestern	W, 84-48	(28-0, 14-0)
3-3	Purdue	W, 84-50	(29-0, 15-0)
3-6	at Ohio State	L, 64-65	(29-1, 15-1)

(Associated Press rankings)
 @ = ACC/Big Ten Challenge
 & = Las Vegas Holiday Classic

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ESPN - Brent Musburger, play-by-play; Steve Lavin, expert analyst; Erin Andrews, sideline reporter.

CBS - National: Jim Nantz, play-by-play; Billy Packer, expert analyst.

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Illini Sports Network - 47 stations: Brian Barnhart, play-by-play; Loren Tate, expert analyst, pregame/halftime/postgame interviews.

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#1 ILLINOIS (29-1, 15-1, Big Ten Champions)

Probable Starters

F -	43	Roger Powell, Jr. (Sr., 6-6, 235, 12.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg)
F -	40	James Augustine (Jr., 6-10, 230, 10.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.3 bpg)
G -	4	Luther Head (Sr., 6-3, 185, 16.1 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 3.8 apg)
G -	5	Deron Williams (Jr., 6-3, 210, 12.4 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 6.6 apg)
G -	11	Dee Brown (Jr., 6-0, 185, 14.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 4.6 apg)

Off The Bench

G -	15	Calvin Brock (Fr., 6-4, 185, plans to redshirt)
G -	33	Rich McBride (So., 6-3, 215, 3.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg)
F -	34	Fred Nkemdi (Sr., 6-5, 235, 0.7 ppg, 0.4 rpg)
F -	41	Warren Carter (So., 6-9, 210, 2.9 ppg, 2.0 rpg)
C -	45	Nick Smith (Sr.-r, 7-2, 250, 3.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg)
C/F -	50	Jack Ingram (Sr.-r, 6-10, 245, 3.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
F -	55	Shaun Pruitt (Fr., 6-8, 245, 1.4 ppg, 0.9 rpg)

Injured

F -	42	Brian Randle (So., 6-7, 210, 1.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg in 2003-04)
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Coaching Staff

Illinois Head Coach Bruce Weber

Overall Record: 158-62/.718 (7th Year)

At Illinois: 55-8/.873 (2nd Year)

Big Ten: 28-4/.875

Big Ten Tournament: 2-1/.667

Assistant Coaches: Wayne McClain (4th Year),
 Jay Price (2nd Year),
 Tracy Webster (1st year)

Assistant to the Head Coach: Gary Nottingham (2nd Year)

Trainer: Al Martindale (2nd Year; 22nd Year at Illinois)

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2005 BIG TEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET



2005 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament



United Center, Chicago, IL



Thursday
March 10

Friday
March 11

Saturday
March 12

Sunday
March 13

#1 Illinois (29-1/15-1)

Game 4

11 a.m. CST - ESPN

Game 4 winner

#8 Northwestern (14-15/6-10)

Game 1

11 a.m. CST - ESPN

Game 1 winner

#9 Michigan (13-17/4-12)

Game 8

12:40 p.m. CST - CBS

Game 8 winner

#4 Indiana (15-12/10-6)

Game 5*

1:30 p.m. CST - ESPN

Game 5 winner

#5 Minnesota (20-9/10-6)

Game 10

2:30 p.m. CST - CBS

**Tournament
Champion**

#2 Michigan State (22-5/13-3)

Game 6

5:40 p.m. CST -
ESPN Plus

Game 6 winner

#7 Iowa (19-10/7-9)

Game 2*

1:30 p.m. CST - ESPN

Game 2 winner

#10 Purdue (7-20/3-13)

Game 9*

3:05 p.m. CST - CBS

Game 9 winner

#3 Wisconsin (20-7/11-5)

Game 7*

8:10 p.m. CST -
ESPN Plus

Game 7 winner

#6 Ohio State (19-11/8-8)

Game 3*

4:05 p.m. CST - ESPN2

Game 3 winner

#11 Penn State (7-22/1-15)

* Approximate game times

Big Ten Tournament Notes...

Illinois Earns Third No. 1 Tourney Seed

- Illinois enters the Big Ten Tournament as a No. 1 seed for the third time in tournament history. Illinois earned the top seed in 2001 after tying Michigan State for the regular-season title and was also the No. 1 seed last year after winning the outright regular-season title.
- Illinois has the most all-time Big Ten Tournament wins (13) and the best all-time Big Ten Tournament winning percentage (.684, 13-6).
- Illinois has the most Big Ten championship game appearances, having advanced to the title game four times through the first seven tournaments.
- Illinois is the only school to advance to the Big Ten Tournament semifinals in each of the seven previous tournaments.
- Illinois has three players on its current roster that have earned Big Ten All-Tournament Team honors in Roger Powell, Jr. (2003), Dee Brown (2004) and Deron Williams (2004).

Brown Sweeps Big Ten Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year Honors

Junior Dee Brown was named Big Ten Player of the Year by both the coaches and the media on Tuesday, and was also honored as the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year by the league coaches. Brown is the third Illini player in the last five years to be chosen as the Big Ten Player of the Year, joining Frank Williams (2001) and Brian Cook (2003). He is only the third UI player ever to be named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, joining Bruce Douglas (1985 and 1986) and Stephen Bardo (1989).

Brown has pulled off a rare feat by sweeping both awards this year. He is just the third Big Ten player since the conference began honoring a defensive player of the year in 1984 to be named both Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season, joining Michigan's Gary Grant (1988) and Minnesota's Bobby Jackson (1997).

Three Illini Guards All Named First-Team All-Big Ten

Illinois had three players named to the 5-player All-Big Ten first team (coaches and media) announced on Tuesday in junior Dee Brown, sen-

ior Luther Head and junior Deron Williams. The Illini backcourt trio has joined exclusive company by earning first-team accolades. This marks the first time since 1975, and just the fifth time since World War II, that at least three players from the same team have been placed on the All-Big Ten first team. It is the third time in school history that it has happened. Paul Judson, George Bon Salle and Bill Ridley all earned first-team recognition for the Illini in 1956, while Gene Vance, Jack Smiley and Art Mathisen were the first UI trio to accomplish the feat in 1943.

This is the second straight first-team All-Big Ten selection for Williams. He becomes the first Illini player since Frank Williams in 2001 and 2002 to make the first team in consecutive seasons.

Weber Named Big Ten Coach of the Year

Bruce Weber was honored by the media on Tuesday for directing Illinois' outstanding season by being named the 2005 Big Ten Coach of the Year. Weber is just the second Illini coach to ever earn the honor. Since the award began in 1973, Lou Henson was the school's only other honoree, in 1993. Under the direction of Weber this season, the Illini reeled off 29 straight wins to start the year, tying the 12th best start in NCAA Div. I history and the third best start in Big Ten history. With 29 wins, Illinois has secured its second winningest season in school history and is just two wins away from tying the school record. Illinois won its second straight outright Big Ten championship this year with a 15-1 league record, tying the best record since the conference went to a 16-game schedule in 1998. Along with last year's conference championships, Weber is now the first coach in the 100-year history of Big Ten basketball to win consecutive outright titles in each of his first two seasons.

Illinois' Three Guards Named Finalists for Wooden Award

Illinois leads the nation with three players named to the official ballot for the Wooden Award All-America Team and Player of the Year. The Wooden Award Committee has selected 23 players as finalists for the award, which includes Illinois' Dee Brown, Luther Head and Deron Williams. A national panel of over 1,000 voters comprised of sports media and college basketball

Illini Head Coach Bruce Weber

Bruce Weber has led the Fighting Illini to the top of the national charts in just his second season at the helm of the Illinois program. After leading the Fighting Illini to their first outright Big Ten title since 1952 last season, Weber has had Illinois at No. 1 in the national polls for most of the season. Weber is the only coach in the history of the Big Ten Conference to win outright league titles in each of his first two seasons. He came to Illinois following five years at Southern Illinois where he led the Salukis to Missouri Valley Conference titles each of his last two seasons.

Weber became just the third coach in Big Ten history to win an outright title in his first season in the league, leading the Illini to 10 straight victories to end the regular season and claim the title. He is also just the sixth coach in the conference since 1951 (when Michigan State joined the league) to defeat every other conference team in his first season.

In his five seasons at SIU, Weber took the Saluki program to the top of the MVC, winning league titles in 2002 and 2003. He posted records of 28-8 and 24-7 in his last two seasons, leading the Salukis to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances including a run to the Sweet Sixteen in 2002 with wins over Texas Tech and Georgia at the United Center in Chicago. Weber earned Missouri Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year honors following the 2003 season.

A 1978 graduate of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Weber spent 18 years as an assistant at Purdue under Gene Keady before moving to SIU.

He has helped teams make 18 NCAA Tournament appearances in 25 seasons as a collegiate coach, including one Elite Eight and four Sweet Sixteen appearances. Purdue won six Big Ten titles during his stop in West Lafayette.

Weber Career Record

All Games158-62 (.718)
 at Illinois55-8 (.873)
 Illinois, 200529-1 (.967)
 Southern Illinois, 1999-2003 . .103-54
 (.656)
 Assistant at Western Kentucky . .21-8
 Assistant at Purdue415-176

Best Undeclared Starts in NCAA Div. I History

Rank	Year	School	Start	Final	Result of Season
1.	1991	UNLV	34-0	34-1	NCAA Final Four
2.	1979	Indiana State	33-0	33-1	NCAA Runner-Up
T3.	1957	North Carolina	32-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T3.	1976	Indiana	32-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T5.	1975	Indiana	31-0	31-1	NCAA Regional Finalist
T5.	1968	Houston	31-0	31-2	NCAA Final Four - 4th Place
T5.	1976	Rutgers	31-0	31-2	NCAA Final Four - 4th Place
T8.	1964	UCLA	30-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T8.	1967	UCLA	30-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T8.	1972	UCLA	30-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T8.	1973	UCLA	30-0	Same	NCAA Champion
T12.	2005	ILLINOIS	29-0	???	???
T12.	1956	San Francisco	29-0	Same	NCAA Champion

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Illini Record Under Bruce Weber:		
	All	04-05
Plays at home	27-1	15-0
Plays on the road	15-3	8-1
Plays at neutral site	13-4	6-0
Plays at United Center	3-0	1-0
Big Ten record	28-4	15-1
Big Ten at home	14-1	7-0
Big Ten on the road	13-3	7-1
When Ranked	48-7	29-1
As No. 1	23-1	23-1
Plays a ranked opponent	10-5	7-0
Plays a Top-10 opponent	1-3	1-0
Vs. No. 1	1-0	1-0
Wins the game before	48-7	28-1
Loses the game before	5-1	0-0
Leading at the half	48-3	27-1
Trailing at the half	5-5	2-0
Tied at the half	2-0	0-0
Shoots 45% or better	40-1	22-0
Shoots less than 45%	15-7	7-1
Opp. shoots 45% or less	39-1	20-0
Opp. shoots better than 45% FG	16-7	9-1
Shoots better than opp.	44-0	24-0
Shoots worse than opp.	10-8	5-1
Shoots same as opp.	1-0	1-0
Shoots more FT than opp.	25-0	15-0
Shoots fewer FT than opp.	27-7	13-1
Shoots same number of FT	3-1	1-0
Makes more FT than opp.	28-1	18-0
Makes fewer FT than opp.	24-7	10-1
Makes same number of FT	3-0	1-0
Scores 70 or more points	44-1	24-0
Leads in rebounding	34-5	18-1
Trails in rebounding	18-3	9-0
When rebounding is tied	3-0	2-0
Scores more bench points	31-2	13-0
Scores fewer bench points	22-5	16-1
Scores same bench points	2-1	0-0
Has fewer TOs than opp.	46-2	26-0
Has equal or more TOs than opp.	9-6	3-1
Has 15+ assists	41-4	21-0
Wears white uniforms	21-2	8-0
Wears blue uniforms	5-3	0-0
Wears orange uniforms	29-3	21-1
Plays in tournaments	4-2	0-0
NCAA Tournament	2-1	0-0
In November	7-0	4-0
In December	15-2	10-0
In January	12-3	7-0
In February	14-0	7-0
In March	7-3	1-1
Plays during the day	25-4	12-1
Plays at night	30-4	17-0
Margin is 5 points or less	5-2	1-1
Margin is between 6-10	12-3	5-0
Margin is between 11-20	21-3	14-0
Margin is more than 20	17-0	9-0
Has a 20+ point scorer	27-2	15-0
Scores 59 points or less	2-4	1-0
Scores 60-69 points	9-3	4-1
Scores 70-79 points	19-0	9-0
Scores 80-89 points	17-1	10-0
Scores 90-99 points	7-0	4-0
Scores 100+ points	1-0	1-0
Overtime	3-0	1-0
On ESPN	13-2	8-0
On espn2	5-0	2-0
On CBS	9-3	3-1
On FOX Sports Net	2-0	2-0

Illinois in the Big Ten Rankings

Illinois ranks among the top three in the Big Ten as a team in the following categories (as of March 7):

ALL GAMES

1st in scoring offense (79.0 ppg)
 1st in scoring margin (+17.8 ppg)
 1st in 3-point field goal percentage (.409)
 1st in 3-pt. field goals per game (8.97)
 1st in assists (18.97 apg)
 1st in assist/turnover ratio (1.77)
 1st in turnover margin (+4.57)
 2nd in field goal percentage (.497)
 2nd in free throw percentage (.739)
 2nd in scoring defense (61.1 ppg)
 2nd in rebounding defense (30.4 rpg)
 3rd in rebounding margin (+3.3 rpg)

BIG TEN GAMES

1st in scoring offense (75.9 ppg)
 1st in scoring defense (60.6 ppg)
 1st in scoring margin (+15.4 ppg)
 1st in 3-point field goal percentage (.413)
 1st in 3-point field goals per game (9.06)
 1st in assists (17.50 apg)
 1st in assist/turnover ratio (1.75)
 1st in turnover margin (+4.56)
 2nd in field goal percentage (.485)
 2nd in free throw percentage (.755)
 2nd in rebounding defense (29.1 rpg)
 3rd in steals (8.12 spg)
 3rd in rebounding margin (+3.3 rpg)

(North Carolina). The winner will be announced on April 1 in St. Louis.

experts will vote for the 10-member Wooden All-America Team as well as the Wooden Award Player of the Year. The winner be announced on April 9 at Noon CT during a CBS telecast of the Wooden Award ceremony from the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Head Named Rupp Award Finalist

Illini senior Luther Head is one of 10 finalists for the Adolph Rupp Trophy, presented by the Commonwealth Athletic Club of Kentucky. Joining Head as finalists for the Rupp Player of the Year Award are Andrew Bogut (Utah), Ike Diogu (Arizona State), Joey Graham (Oklahoma State), Sean May and Rashad McCants (North Carolina), Chris Paul (Wake Forest), J.J. Redick (Duke), Wayne Simien (Kansas) and Hakim Warrick (Syracuse). The finalists have been chosen by a committee of coaches, administrators and journalists. A 5-player Rupp All-America Team will be announced at the conclusion of the regular season, and the winner of the Rupp Trophy will be announced on March 31 in St. Louis.

Weber Named Finalist for Naismith Coach of the Year Award

Bruce Weber has been named one of 20 finalists for the Naismith Award, which is given by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. The finalists have been compiled by the Club's Board of Selectors, which is comprised of coaches, administrators and journalists from throughout the country. The winner will be announced at the Naismith Awards Banquet on April 8 in Atlanta.

Weber Named Finalist for Jim Phelan Coach of the Year

Bruce Weber has been named one of 10 finalists for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year, which is presented by CollegeInsider.com. The voting is done by a 21-member panel made up of current and retired head coaches, athletic administrators and members of the media. In addition to Weber, other finalists are Ray Giaconetti (Utah), Bobby Lutz (Charlotte), Bruce Pearl (Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Skip Prosser (Wake Forest), Al Skinner (Boston College), Tubby Smith (Kentucky), Bob Thomason (Pacific), Ralph Willard (Holy Cross) and Roy Williams

Illini Trio Named Finalists for Oscar Robertson Player of the Year

Illinois leads the way with three players named to the list of 16 finalists for the Oscar Robertson Player of the Year, as voted on by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association. Starting guards Dee Brown, Deron Williams and Luther Head all appear on the USBWA ballot for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, which will be awarded on April 1 in St. Louis.

Illini Final Undefeated Squad of Season

Illinois was the last NCAA Div. I team in the country to boast a perfect record before losing March 6 at Ohio State, and with 29 victories has the most wins in the nation.

Weber Makes History as Illini Clinch Second Straight Outright Big Ten Championship

Following Michigan State's loss at Indiana on Feb. 27, Illinois clinched its second straight outright Big Ten title. This is the program's fourth Big Ten title in the last five years and fifth in the

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last eight years, and is the 17th conference championship in school history for the Illini.

This is first time in 53 years and the third time in school history that the Illini have won back-to-back outright league championships, along with 1942 & 1943 and 1951 & 1952. Illinois becomes the first Big Ten team to win back-to-back outright titles since Purdue won three straight outright titles from 1994 through 1996.

Bruce Weber has also entered the record books, becoming the first coach in the 100-year history of Big Ten basketball to win consecutive outright championships in each of his first two seasons.

Illini Winning Streaks Snapped at OSU

Illinois had two of the longest NCAA Div. I winning streaks snapped in the 65-64 loss Sunday at Ohio State. The Illini's 29-game winning streak was the longest winning streak in the nation, and Illinois' 14-game road winning streak was the longest road winning streak in the nation. Illinois won its last six road games last year and had won its first eight road games this season.

Illini Remain No. 1

For just the third year in school history – and for the 14th straight week – Illinois is the No. 1-ranked team in the nation. This marks the first time in school history that the Illini have been ranked first for more than one week in the same season. Illinois' first tenure at No. 1 came the final week of January, 1952. Illinois' 14 straight weeks at No. 1 is the longest streak by any team in eight years, since Kansas owned the top spot for the final 15 weeks of the 1996-97 season.

Prior to this year, the last time Illinois was ranked No. 1 was the week of Jan. 23-29, 1989. The UI was also ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll for a week during the final week in January, 1952. In each of the previous two seasons when the Illini achieved a No. 1 ranking, they went on to advance to the NCAA Final Four.

Illini Notch Second-Winningest Season in School History

With its 29 victories, Illinois has recorded its second-winningest season in school history in terms of total wins. The Illini school record for wins in a season is 31, set by the 1988-89 squad, which finished 31-5. Following are the winningest seasons in school history, in terms of total wins:

Rank	Season	Wins	Record
1.	1988-89	31	31-5 (.861)
2.	2004-05	29	29-1 (.967)
3.	2000-01	27	27-8 (.771)
T4.	2003-04	26	26-7 (.788)
T4.	2001-02	26	26-9 (.743)
T4.	1984-85	26	26-9 (.743)
T4.	1983-84	26	26-5 (.838)
8.	2002-03	25	25-7 (.781)

Illini in Midst of Record-Setting Season

Illinois' record of 29-0 to begin the season set a school record for the best start to a season in the

100-year history of Fighting Illini basketball. The 29 straight wins also ranked as the longest winning streak in school history, breaking the previous mark of 25 consecutive wins that spanned parts of three seasons from Feb. 21, 1914, through Feb. 9, 1916

Illinois' 29-0 mark was also the third best start ever by a Big Ten team, and was the best start by a Big Ten team in 29 years, since Indiana went a perfect 32-0 during the 1975-76 season. The following is a list of the all-time best starts by Big Ten teams.

Rank	School	Start	Season
1.	Indiana	32-0 *	1975-76
2.	Indiana	31-0	1974-75
3.	Illinois	29-0	2004-05
4.	Ohio State	27-0	1960-61
5.	Ohio State	22-0	1961-62
6.	Iowa	18-0	1986-87
T7.	Ohio State	17-0	1990-91
T7.	Illinois	17-0	1988-89

*Indiana went undefeated during the 1975-76 season.

Big Ten Streakin'

Illinois won a school-record 25 straight Big Ten games – its final 10 conference games last season and the first 15 this season. Illinois' 25-game Big Ten winning streak broke the school's previous best mark of 17-straight Big Ten wins from Feb. 21, 1914 through Feb. 9, 1916. The following are the Illini's all-time best Big Ten winning streaks:

- 25 - Feb. 3, 2004 - March 3, 2005
- 17 - Feb. 21, 1914 through Feb. 9, 1916
- 15 - Jan. 20, 1951 through Feb. 2, 1952
- 14 - March 7, 1942 through Jan. 3, 1944
- 13 - Feb. 26, 1955 through Feb. 20, 1956
- 13 - Feb. 23, 1924 through Feb. 21, 1925

Illinois' 25-game conference winning streak ranked third in Big Ten history and was the longest since Indiana won a league-record 37 straight Big Ten games from Dec. 27, 1975 through Jan. 7, 1978. Ranking second on the list is Ohio State's 27-game Big Ten winning streak from March 5, 1960 through Feb. 26, 1962.

Illinois also set a school record with a streak of 13 straight Big Ten road victories – its final six conference away games last season and its first seven this season. This broke the previous school-record streak of eight straight Big Ten road wins, which happened twice. The Illini won eight straight conference road games from Feb. 21, 1914 through Feb. 9, 1916 and again from Feb. 5, 1951 through Feb. 2, 1952.

Big Ten Near-Perfection

With a 15-0 start in Big Ten play, Illinois recorded its most wins ever to start a conference season. The Illini had twice won its first 12 Big Ten games, with a pair of undefeated conference runs in 1915 and 1943.

This was the best conference start by any Big Ten team in 29 years, since Indiana went a perfect 18-0 in 1976. The following are the Illini's all-time best Big Ten starts:

Rank	Start	Season
1.	15-0	2004-05

Week-by-Week Rankings

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	5	5
Nov. 15	6	5
Nov. 22	5	4
Nov. 29	5	3
Dec. 6	1	1
Dec. 13	1	1
Dec. 20	1	1
Dec. 27	1	1
Jan. 3	1	1
Jan. 10	1	1
Jan. 17	1	1
Jan. 24	1	1
Jan. 31	1	1
Feb. 7	1	1
Feb. 14	1	1
Feb. 21	1	1
Feb. 28	1	1
March 7	1	1
March 14		

National Polls

(March 7)	(March 7)
AP	ESPN/USA Today
1. ILLINOIS (48)	1. ILLINOIS (21)
2. North Carolina (22)	2. North Carolina (10)
3. Wake Forest	3. Wake Forest
4. Kentucky	4. Kentucky
5. Duke	5. Duke
6. Louisville	6. Louisville
7. Boston College	7. Boston College
8. Arizona	8. Arizona
9. Kansas	9. Kansas
10. Oklahoma State	10. Michigan State
11. Gonzaga	11. Oklahoma State
12. Connecticut	12. Gonzaga
13. Michigan State	13. Washington
14. Washington	14. Connecticut
15. Utah	15. Utah
16. Syracuse	16. Pacific
17. Oklahoma	17. Oklahoma
18. Pacific	18. Syracuse
19. Villanova	19. Alabama
20. Alabama	20. Cincinnati
21. Cincinnati	21. Villanova
22. Pittsburgh	22. Wisconsin
23. Wisconsin	23. Pittsburgh
24. Nevada	24. Charlotte
25. Charlotte	25. Florida

Illini opponents in bold

T2.	12-0 *	1914-15
T2.	12-0 *	1942-43
4.	10-0	1955-56
T5.	7-0	1941-42
T5.	7-0	1924-25
T7.	6-0	1962-63
T7.	6-0	1951-52

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Illinois Career Totals 2004-05 Career

Double-Digit Scoring Games		
Dee Brown	25	66
Luther Head	27	54
Roger Powell	20	52
Deron Williams	20	49
James Augustine	17	42
Nick Smith	0	17
Rich McBride	0	2
Brian Randle	0	1

20+ Point Games		
Dee Brown	3	12
Luther Head	9	10
Deron Williams	3	8
Roger Powell	2	8
James Augustine	1	2
Nick Smith	0	1
Rich McBride	0	1

10+ Rebound Games		
James Augustine	4	16
Roger Powell	3	5
Brian Randle	0	1
Luther Head	0	1

10+ Assist Games		
Deron Williams	3	6
Dee Brown	2	5

3+ Steal Games		
Dee Brown	10	24
Luther Head	7	17
Deron Williams	3	16
James Augustine	3	7
Roger Powell	2	5
Rich McBride	0	2
Brian Randle	0	2
Jack Ingram	1	1

5+ 3-Point FG Games		
Dee Brown	4	10
Luther Head	3	5
Deron Williams	1	3
Rich McBride	0	1

Double-Doubles		
James Augustine	2	12
Roger Powell	3	5
Deron Williams	1	4
Dee Brown	1	2
Luther Head	0	1

Starts		
Dee Brown	30	94
James Augustine	30	92
Deron Williams	30	89
Roger Powell	30	80
Luther Head	30	75
Nick Smith	0	15
Brian Randle	0	9

**Illinois went unbeaten in Big Ten play during the 1942-43 and 1914-15 seasons.*

Illini Tie Winningest Big Ten Season in School History

With its 15 Big Ten victories this season, Illinois tied its winningest Big Ten season in school history in terms of total wins. This year's run equaled the school record for Big Ten wins in a season, set by the 1984 Illini squad, which won 15 contests en route to a Big Ten co-championship with a 15-3 league record. Illinois also recorded its most Big Ten wins since the league went to a 16-game conference schedule in 1998 due to the Big Ten Tournament. Following are the winningest Big Ten seasons in school history, in terms of total wins (* marks season in which Illini also won the Big Ten title):

Rank	Season	Wins	Record
T1.	2004-05 *	15	15-1 (.938)
T1.	1983-84 *	15	15-3 (.833)
T3.	1988-89	14	14-4 (.778)
T3.	1952-53	14	14-4 (.778)
T5.	2003-04 *	13	13-3 (.813)
T5.	2000-01 *	13	13-3 (.813)
T5.	1997-98 *	13	13-3 (.813)
T5.	1986-87	13	13-5 (.722)
T5.	1950-51 *	13	13-1 (.929)
T5.	1941-42 *	13	13-2 (.867)

About the Illini Senior Class

Illinois recognized its senior class during the final home game of the season March 3, honoring five men who are among the most decorated players in Illini basketball history:

- **Fred Nkemd** has been a walk-on for the past two seasons and has won a pair of Big Ten championships. He will earn a degree in political science this May and plans to enroll in law school following graduation.

- **Jack Ingram** transferred to Illinois after playing his first two seasons at Tulsa. He has won a pair of Big Ten championships as well as a Big Ten tournament title the past three seasons. Ingram will earn a degree in electrical engineering this May.

- **Roger Powell, Jr.** and **Luther Head** are wrapping up their careers as four-year letterwinners. The Illini have compiled a record of 106-24 (.815), have won three Big Ten championships and a Big Ten Tournament championship during their tenure. Powell will earn a degree in speech communications this May, while Head will complete his coursework in sports management this May and will need only a summer internship to earn his bachelor's degree.

- **Nick Smith** owns the most Big Ten titles of any player ever to suit up in an Illini basketball uniform. During his five years, the Illini have gone 133-32 (.806), have won four Big Ten championships and a Big Ten Tournament championship. Smith has already earned a bachelor's degree in finance and will earn his master's degree in finance this May.

In addition to their career accomplishments, these five seniors have helped take the program to

new heights this year, with the team in the midst of a record-setting season with its current 29-1 overall record, 15-1 Big Ten record, and No. 1 ranking in the national polls for 13 consecutive weeks.

Illinois' Three Guards Named First-Team All-District by NABC

Illinois had its entire starting backcourt named First-Team All-District for District 11 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) on Feb. 18. Deron Williams, Luther Head and Dee Brown were all first-team selections, joined by Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson and Minnesota's Vincent Grier. The three Illini guards are now eligible for the NABC All-America Team, which will be announced at the end of the season.

Illini Reach 25-Win Marker for Fifth Straight Season

Illinois' victory over Wisconsin on Feb. 12 was its 25th of the season, marking the fifth straight season that the Illini have recorded at least 25 wins. Illinois is the only team in the nation to accomplish this feat in each of the last five seasons (beginning in 2000-01). Duke has won at least 25 games each of the past seven seasons and has 22 wins this season.

With a combined record of 133-32 (.806) over the last five years, this marks Illinois' winningest five-year stretch in school history.

Big Ten Road Warriors

It took a total of just 13 conference road games in just his second season for Bruce Weber's Illini to win at every Big Ten arena. Illinois won at Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio State, Penn State and Purdue last season and completed the conference run with wins at Northwestern, Wisconsin, Michigan State and Michigan this season.

Weber is just one of three current coaches in the Big Ten to win at every opposing arena – joining Michigan State's Tom Izzo and Purdue's Gene Keady. Weber has accomplished the feat the fastest. Below is a breakdown of how long it took the three to win at every arena.

Coach	School	Games	Season
1. Bruce Weber	ILL	13	2nd
2. Tom Izzo	MSU	33	4th
3. Gene Keady	PUR	36	4th

Home Cookin'

Illinois will carry a 21-game winning streak at the Assembly Hall into next season, which ranks fifth in the nation among active homecourt winning streaks ... Illinois is 66-2 (.971) at the Assembly Hall over the last five years, with the only losses coming to Michigan State on Feb. 3, 2002 and to Purdue on Jan. 10, 2004 ... The Boilermakers broke a 23-game Illini winning streak at the Hall that at the time ranked fourth in the nation ... Illinois is 78-3 (.963) at the Assembly Hall over the past six seasons, the best home mark in the nation over that period ... The Illini have also

won 38 in a row at the Assembly Hall against non-conference opponents ... Illinois has won 43 of its last 45 (.956) Big Ten games at the Assembly Hall ... Below is a look at Illinois' home record the past six seasons:

Year	Overall	Big Ten
2004-05	15-0	8-0
2003-04	12-1	7-1
2002-03	14-0	7-0
2001-02	13-1	7-1
2000-01	12-0	8-0
<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>12-1</u>	<u>7-1</u>
Total	78-3 (.963)	44-3 (.936)

Illini Nation's Third-Winningest Team over Past Five Seasons

Illinois ranks as the third-winningest team in the nation over the past five seasons, in terms of both total wins and winning percentage. Illinois has reeled off 133 victories since the beginning of the 2000-01 season, which trails only Duke and Kansas. Illinois' .806 winning percentage over that same time period trails just Duke and Gonzaga. Following is a list of the six winningest teams (ranked by total wins) over the past five years (*list provided by Stats, Inc.*):

	School	Wins	Record	Pct.
1.	Duke	145	145-26	.848
2.	Kansas	135	135-33	.804
3.	ILLINOIS	133	133-32	.806
4.	Gonzaga	132	132-27	.830
5.	Kentucky	128	128-33	.795
6.	Pittsburgh	127	127-37	.774

Illini Sweep Big Ten "Single" Games For Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, the Illini are the only Big Ten team to defeat all four conference opponents it played just once. This marks the fourth time in eight seasons (since inception of the Big Ten Tournament) that the Illini have swept the four "single" games, and all four times the Illini have gone on to win the Big Ten championship. The previous times came in 1998 and 2001 when the Illini won shares of the Big Ten title and last year when the Illini won the outright Big Ten championship.

Weber Becomes Fastest UI Coach to Reach 50 Wins

With Illinois' win at Michigan on Feb. 8, Bruce Weber became the fastest coach in UI history to reach 50 wins. It took Weber a total of just 57 games in just his second season to reach the 50-win marker. Weber broke the previous school record by Ralph Jones, who recorded his 50th victory in his 64th game overall. Below are the four Illini coaches to reach 50 wins the fastest.

	Coach	Games	Season
1.	Bruce Weber	57	2nd
2.	Ralph Jones	64	5th
3.	Bill Self	65	2nd
4.	Harry Combes	67	3rd

2004-05 Fighting Illini Starters

Game	G	G	G	F	C
Delaware State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Florida A&M	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Oakland	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Gonzaga	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Wake Forest	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Arkansas	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Chicago State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Georgetown	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Oregon	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Valparaiso	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Missouri	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Longwood	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Northwestern St.	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
vs. Cincinnati	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Ohio State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Purdue	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Penn State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Northwestern	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Iowa	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Wisconsin	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Minnesota	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Michigan State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Indiana	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Michigan	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Wisconsin	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Penn State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Iowa	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Northwestern	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
Purdue	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine
at Ohio State	Brown	Williams	Head	Powell	Augustine

Illini Tally Sixth Straight 20-Win Season

With the victory at Wisconsin on Jan. 25, Illinois recorded its sixth-straight 20-win season, which is also its eighth in the last nine years and 24th all-time. The current streak of six-straight 20-win seasons is second best in school history, behind nine-consecutive 20-wins seasons from 1983-91.

Illinois has also reached the 20-win plateau the fastest in school history in terms of both calendar date and number of total games, by winning its 20th game on Jan. 25 in just its 20th game of the season.

Prior to this year, the quickest that Illinois had recorded its 20th win in a season by calendar date was during the 1988-89 season, when the UI won its 20th game on Feb. 11, 1989. In terms of total games, the fastest that Illinois had recorded its 20th win had been in 23 games. This happened four times; during the 1948-49, 1951-52, 1983-84, and 1988-89 seasons.

Williams Racks Up Assists at Record Pace

Deron Williams is on pace this season to shatter various school assists records. He has 198 assists, which is on pace to break the Illinois school record for assists in a season (200 by Bruce Douglas in 1985). His average of 6.6 assists per

game (12th in the NCAA as of Feb. 28) is on pace to break the Illinois record for assists average in a season (6.4 apg by Tony Wysinger in 1987). In just his junior campaign, Williams already ranks second all-time at Illinois with 528 career assists.

1,000-Point Club

Illinois is on pace to have four members of its current roster join the school's 1,000-point club this season:

- Roger Powell, Jr. recorded his 1,000th career point against Indiana on Feb. 6, becoming the 38th 1,000-point scorer in Illini History. Powell currently ranks 36th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,075 points.
- Powell joins Dee Brown and Luther Head as current Illini in the 1,000-point club. Brown recorded his 1,000th career point against Cincinnati on Dec. 31 and is currently 20th on the school career scoring chart with 1,250 points.
- Head, meanwhile, recorded his 1,000th career point against Wisconsin on Jan. 25 and currently ranks 27th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,155 points.
- A fourth Illini player, Deron Williams, is on pace to score his 1,000th career point this season. With 995 career points, Williams is just five

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points away from 1,000. He ranks 39th on the Illini career scoring list.

3-Point Attack

With the outstanding play of the Illini guards this year, it's no surprise that Illinois is enjoying one of its best seasons ever from behind the arc. The Illini lead the Big Ten and rank 10th in the NCAA (as of Feb. 28) with 9.0 three-pointers per game. The Illini have made 10 or more threes in 12 games this season (12 vs. Delaware State, 12 vs. Oakland, 14 vs. Gonzaga, 11 vs. Wake Forest, 10 vs. Longwood, 11 at Purdue, 15 vs. Penn State, 10 vs. Minnesota, 13 at Michigan State, 12 at Penn State, 14 vs. Northwestern and 15 vs. Purdue), highlighted by a school-record 15 threes twice this season: vs. Penn State on Jan. 15 and vs. Purdue on March 3.

Illinois' average of 9.0 three-pointers per game is on pace to shatter the school record, with the current record of 7.5 per game set during the 1995-96 season. This year's Illini team has already broken the school's single-season record for most three pointers in a season with 269 through 30 games, breaking the previous record of 254 set in 2001-02.

The Illini have been accurate as well as prolific from behind the arc, leading the Big Ten and ranking eighth in the nation (as of Feb. 28) with a 3-point field goal percentage of 40.9 percent.

Luther Head leads the way with a Big Ten-leading 2.83 threes per game on 42.5 percent accuracy from 3-point range (6th in Big Ten, 23rd in NCAA). Dee Brown is next, ranking second in the Big Ten with 2.73 threes per game. Brown leads the conference and ranks ninth in the NCAA with a 3-point field goal percentage of 48.2 percent. Deron Williams is averaging 1.8 threes per contest. Illinois' three starting guards have accounted for 81.8 percent of Illinois' 3-pointers this season (220-of-269).

Illini in Control

Illinois has trailed in the scoring column for just 92:21 out of 1,185 minutes of play this year, meaning Illinois has either held the lead or been tied in 92.2 percent of the minutes played to date in the 2004-05 season.

The Illini have also not trailed during the second half in 25 of 30 games this year. Games at Purdue (Jan. 8), at Wisconsin (Jan. 25), at Michigan (Feb. 8), vs. Wisconsin (Feb. 12) and the single loss at Ohio State (March 6) have been the only five games this season when Illinois has been behind in the second half of play. Illinois has never trailed by double figures at any point this season. Its largest deficit – nine points – came at Purdue on Jan. 8.

The Illini have held the lead the entire way in 14 games this year (Oakland, vs. Gonzaga, Wake Forest, vs. Oregon, Valparaiso, vs. Missouri, Longwood, vs. Northwestern State, vs. Cincinnati, Minnesota, Indiana, at Penn State, Northwestern and Purdue), which included a streak of six straight games from Dec. 11 (Oregon) through Dec. 31 (Cincinnati) that was broken against Ohio State in the Big Ten opener on Jan. 5. Following is a list of time that Illinois has been behind this season:

Opponent	Time Trailed
Delaware State	7:01
Florida A&M	0:50
vs. Arkansas	1:34
Chicago State	0:47
at Georgetown	11:20
Ohio State	7:11
at Purdue	21:46
Penn State	0:33
at Northwestern	0:22
Iowa	3:30
at Wisconsin	11:40
at Michigan State	2:08
at Michigan	14:32
Wisconsin	2:07
at Iowa	6:57

at Ohio State	0:05
TOTAL	92:21

Quick Shots

- For the third year in school history – and the 14th straight week – the Illini are ranked No. 1 in the nation. Prior to this season, Illinois last stood atop the national polls the week of January 23-29, 1989. Illinois' first tenure at No. 1 came the final week of January, 1952. Illinois' 13 straight weeks at No. 1 is the longest streak by any team in eight years, since Kansas owned the top spot for the final 15 weeks of the 1996-97 season.

- This is the first time in school history that Illinois has spent multiple weeks ranked No. 1 in the polls. In 1952 and 1989, the Illini spent just one week at the No. 1 spot.

- Illinois' 21-game winning streak at the Assembly Hall is the fourth-longest current home-court streak in the nation. The Illini wrapped up its third undefeated season at the Assembly Hall in the last five years with a 15-0 record this year. Illinois also went undefeated at home in 2000-01 (12-0) and 2002-03 (14-0). Illinois has the best homecourt record in the nation over the past six years at 78-3 (.963).

- Illinois has defeated all-seven ranked opponents that it has played this season – No. 24 Gonzaga (Nov. 27), No. 1 Wake Forest (Dec. 1), No. 22 Cincinnati (Dec. 31), No. 23 Iowa (Jan. 20), No. 18 Wisconsin (Jan. 25), No. 12 Michigan State (Feb. 1) and No. 20 Wisconsin (Feb. 12).

- The Illini are averaging 9.0 three-pointers per game this season, which leads the Big Ten and ranks 10th in the NCAA (as of Feb. 28). Illinois set a school record for 3-pointers in a game with 15 vs. Penn State on Jan. 12 and equaled that school record with 15 threes vs. Purdue on March 3.

- Illinois has won 25 of 30 games by double figures, and is outscoring its opponents by an average of 17.8 points per game on the year.

The Last Time.....

AN ILLINOIS PLAYER HAD

35+ points	Kevin Turner (35) vs. Indiana, 1/3/98
30-34 points	Deron Williams (31) vs. Cincinnati, 3/21/04
25+ points	Dee Brown (27) vs. Purdue, 3/4/05
20+ rebounds	Nick Weatherspoon (22) vs. DePauw, 12/2/72
15-19 rebounds	Brian Cook (16) vs. Notre Dame, 3/22/03
15+ assists	Tony Wysinger (16) vs. Pittsburgh, 12/6/86
10-14 assists	Dee Brown (11) vs. Penn State, 2/16/05
7+ steals	Kendall Gill (7) vs. Iowa, 3/4/90
6 steals	Luther Head vs. Iowa, 1/20/05
5+ blocks	James Augustine (5) vs. Arkansas, 12/6/03
Triple-Double	Sergio McClain (10p, 11r, 11a) vs. Mich, 1/13/01

AN ILLINOIS TEAM HAD

100+ points	105 vs. Longwood, 12/27/04
under 50 points	44 vs. Michigan State, 2/11/99
under 40 points	34 vs. Purdue, 1/30/85
over 50 rebounds	52 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 12/30/03
over 20 off. reb.	24 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/27/02
overtime	W (73-68) vs. Iowa, 1/20/05

AN OPPONENT PLAYER HAD

35+ points	Shawn Respert (35) Michigan State, 2/15/95
30-34 points	Michael Jefferson (30) Longwood, 12/27/04
25-29 points	Matt Sylvester (25) Ohio State, 3/6/05
20+ rebounds	Joe Franklin (23) Wisconsin, 12/19/66
15-19 rebounds	Reggie Evans (15) Iowa, 1/11/01
15+ assists	never, Quinn Buckner (14) Indiana, 2/18/74
10-14 assists	Vince Greene (10) Illinois State, 1/3/04
7+ steals	Pat Baldwin (7) Northwestern, 3/2/91
5+ blocks	Steven Hill (6) Arkansas, 12/4/04

AN OPPONENT TEAM HAD

100+ points	108 by Missouri, 12/22/93
under 50 points	48 by Northwestern, 2/23/05
under 40 points	37 by Penn State, 1/21/04
over 50 rebounds	50 by Delaware State, 11/25/96
over 20 off. reb.	21 by Arkansas, 12/6/03

Illinois leads the Big Ten and ranks third in the nation (as of Feb. 28) in scoring margin.

- The Illini are shooting 49.7 percent (865-1740) from the field and 40.9 percent (269-657) from 3-point range. Illinois leads the Big Ten in both field goal pct. (10th in NCAA, as of 2/28) and 3-pt. field goal pct. (eighth in NCAA, as of 2/28).

- In the first half of games this season, Illinois is averaging 42.3 points (1,265 pts.) on 50.6 percent shooting (475-938), and enjoys an average halftime lead of 13.1 points.

- All five Illini starters are averaging in double-figures this season.

- Illinois has led the Big Ten in scoring each of the last four seasons. The Illini currently lead the Big Ten and rank 14th in the nation (as of Feb. 28) in scoring, averaging 79.0 points per game.

- Illinois has been credited with assists on 65.8 percent of its baskets this season (569 assists on 865 field goals). The Illini lead the Big Ten and rank third in the nation in assists (as of Feb. 28), averaging 19.0 assists per game. The Illini also lead the Big Ten with an assist/turnover ratio of 1.77 on the season.

- The Illini have four players – Dee Brown, Luther Head, Jack Ingram and Nick Smith – shooting 40 percent or better from 3-point range.

- The Illini snapped Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak on Jan. 25 with a 75-65 victory at the Kohl Center, ending the longest homecourt winning streak in the nation.

- Illinois' victory over Chicago State on Dec. 6 marked the first time in school history that the Illini have won their *first* game after earning the No. 1 ranking. In 1989, No. 1 Illinois lost at Minnesota and in 1952, the No. 1 Illini lost at DePaul. The Illini are now 25-3 all-time when ranked No. 1, with wins over Indiana in 1989 and at Purdue in 1952, in addition to 23 straight victories this season while sitting atop the polls before losing March 6 at Ohio State.

- Illinois defeated a No.1-ranked team for the second time in school history and the first since 1979 on Dec. 1 when the Illini cruised past then-No. 1 Wake Forest 91-73.

- In its win over Gonzaga, Illinois set a number of Wooden Tradition team records, including points (89), assists (24), steals (13), three-pointers (14), as well as individual records, including assists (Luther Head, 9), steals (Luther Head-tied, 4), and 3-pointers (Deron Williams-tied, 5).

- In the season opener on Nov. 19, Illinois and Delaware State combined to set the Illinois all-time and Assembly Hall records for combined field goal percentage. The teams joined to shoot 60.8 percent (59-97), with the Illini making 35-of-55 attempts and the Hornets connecting on 24-of-42 shots.

Last Time Out: Ohio State

Illinois' dream of a perfect season came to an end on a three-point bucket with 5.1 seconds remaining at Ohio State Sunday. The Illini led the entire game until Matt Sylvester drained the game winner for his career-high 25th point. The Illini shot

just 38 percent from the field, and 26 percent (5-19) from three-point range. Roger Powell led the Illini with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Dee Brown scored 13 points and Luther Head added 12.

Great Guard Play

Illinois has what many believe is the top backcourt in the country in the three-guard lineup of senior Luther Head and juniors Dee Brown and Deron Williams. They are Illinois' top three scorers as well as the top three assists and steals leaders. The trio has accounted for 54.1 percent of Illinois' scoring and 81.8 percent of its 3-pointers. They have also totaled 78.9 percent of Illinois' assists and 59.7 percent of its steals. Perhaps most impressive is that despite playing the most minutes and handling the ball for the majority of the game, the three guards boast an incredible combined assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.43. Below is a statistical look at Illinois' starting backcourt.

	PPG	APG	RPG	ST	3FG
Head	16.1	3.8	3.9	54	85
Brown	14.2	4.6	2.5	55	82
Williams	<u>12.4</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>53</u>
Total	42.7	15.0	10.1	138	220

Sharing the Wealth

One reason why Illinois ranks 10th in the nation in field goal percentage (as of Feb. 28) at 50.1 percent is unselfish play. The Illini have been moving the ball well and making the extra pass to set up an open shot. Illinois has been credited with 569 assists on its 865 baskets, an impressive 65.8 percent assist-to-made field goals percentage. Illinois ranks third in the nation in assists (as of Feb. 28), averaging 19.0 apg, and has recorded at least 20 assists in 16 games on the year. The Illini recorded a season-high 27 assists vs. Wake Forest on Dec. 1 and matched that total with 27 assists at Penn State on Feb. 16.

First-Half Dominance

Illinois' play has been especially crisp in the first half of games this season. The Illini have shot 50 percent or better in 16 first halves so far, and are averaging 50.1 percent shooting in the first half of its games. Illinois has scored 45 or more points in 13 first halves and is averaging 42.2 points in the first half. Illinois has also taken a double-digit lead into halftime 18 times this year and goes into the locker room with an average lead of 13.1 points. Below is a breakdown of Illinois' performance in the first half:

Opponent	UI FG%	UI POINTS	UI LEAD
Delaware St.	64.5	50	13
Florida A&M	58.8	58	29
Oakland	60.0	47	19
vs. Gonzaga	55.0	58	31
Wake Forest	60.0	54	21
vs. Arkansas	48.4	40	9
Chicago St.	54.5	47	15
at Georgetown	41.9	31	7
vs. Oregon	56.0	43	14
Valparaiso	57.1	49	26

UI Career Records to Watch

Points	
1. Deon Thomas, 1991-94	2,129
2. Kiwane Garris, 1994-97	1,948
3. Brian Cook, 2000-03	1,748
4. Cory Bradford, 1999-02	1,735
5. Eddie Johnson, 1978-81	1,692
16. Dave Downey, 1961-63	1,360
17. John Kerr, 1952-54	1,299
18. Doug Altenberger, 1983-87	1,271
19. Bruce Douglas, 1983-86	1,261
20. Dee Brown, 2003-	1,250
21. Lowell Hamilton, 1986-89	1,241
22. Rich Adams, 1975-78	1,223
23. Anthony Welch, 1982-86	1,217
24. Audie Matthews, 1975-78	1,210
25. Nick Anderson, 1988-89	1,172
26. Skip Thoren, 1963-65	1,164
27. Luther Head, 2002-	1,155
28. Kevin Turner, 1995-98	1,150
29. Richard Keene, 1993-96	1,145
30. James Griffin, 1979-82	1,124
31. Tal Brody, 1963-65	1,121
32. Bill Burwell, 1961-63	1,119
33. Kenny Battle, 1988-89	1,112
34. Rick Schmidt, 1973-75	1,105
35. Greg Jackson, 1969-71	1,078
36. Roger Powell, 2002-	1,075
37. Paul Judson, 1954-56	1,013
38. Govoner Vaughn, 1958-60	1,001
39. Deron Williams, 2003-	995
Three-Point Field Goals	
1. Cory Bradford, 1999-02	327
2. Richard Keene, 1993-96	237
3. Dee Brown, 2003-	204
4. Sean Harrington, 2000-03	191
5. Kiwane Garris, 1994-97	189
6. Kevin Turner, 1995-98	179
7. Luther Head, 2002-	178
8. Matt Heldman, 1995-98	161
9. Tom Michael, 1991-94	149
10. Deron Williams, 2003-	148
Assists	
1. Bruce Douglas, 1983-86	765
2. Deron Williams, 2003-	528
3. Kiwane Garris, 1994-97	502
4. Stephen Bardo, 1987-90	495
5. Richard Keene, 1993-96	459
6. Dee Brown, 2003-	445
Steals	
1. Bruce Douglas, 1983-86	324
2. Kendall Gill, 1987-90	218
3. Frank Williams, 2000-02	212
4. Sergio McClain, 1998-2001	210
5. Derek Harper, 1981-83	178
6. Dee Brown, 2003-	163
7. Kenny Battle, 1988-89	161
8. Mark Smith, 1978-81	161
9. Luther Head, 2002-	145
Blocked Shots	
1. Deon Thomas, 1991-94	177
2. Derek Holcomb, 1979-81	174
3. James Griffin, 1979-82	156
4. Brian Cook, 2000-03	136
5. James Augustine, 2003-	107
6. Efreem Winters, 1983-86	103
7. Nick Smith, 2002-	97
Field Goal Percentage	
1. James Augustine, 2003-	.612 (330-539)
2. Ken Norman, 1985-87	.609 (558-916)
3. Deon Thomas, 1991-94	.601 (803-1336)
4. Kenny Battle, 1988-89	.591 (415-702)
5. Roger Powell, Jr., 2002-	.580 (419-722)
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	
1. Doug Altenberger, 1983-87	.475 (76-160)
2. Tony Wysinger, 1984-87	.467 (29-60)
3. Stephen Bardo, 1987-90	.455 (61-134)
4. Tom Michael, 1991-94	.449 (149-332)
5. Sean Harrington, 2000-03	.428 (191-446)
6. Matt Heldman, 1995-98	.405 (161-398)
7. Cory Bradford, 1999-2002	.388 (327-843)
8. Roger Powell, Jr., 2002-	.385 (40-104)
9. Richard Keene, 1993-96	.384 (237-617)
10. Luther Head, 2002-	.384 (178-464)

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vs. Missouri	41.9	38	15
Longwood	57.5	56	13
vs. N'western St.	50.0	42	14
vs. Cincinnati	35.5	35	11
Ohio State	56.3	46	6
at Purdue	37.9	33	-6
Penn State	50.0	41	16
at Northwestern	47.1	42	8
Iowa	35.3	34	9
at Wisconsin	42.4	35	2
Minnesota	60.0	47	21
at Michigan St.	48.3	41	8
Indiana	41.7	26	6
at Michigan	37.5	24	-4
Wisconsin	27.9	27	1
at Penn State	66.7	52	22
at Iowa	48.0	36	8
Northwestern	60.0	45	23
Purdue	57.1	50	24
at Ohio State	42.4	38	11
Avg.	50.1	42.2	13.1

Williams Fifth-Straight Illini Chosen Preseason Player of the Year Pick

Junior guard Deron Williams became the fifth straight Illini to be named Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year at the Big Ten Media Day in Chicago on Oct. 31. Williams, also named to the All-Big Ten First-Team last season, is the first Big Ten player ever to lead the league in assists in each of his first three seasons, after joining Michigan State's Magic Johnson (1978-79) and Illinois' Bruce Douglas (1983-84) as the only players to lead the league in their first two seasons. He is the second player to lead the league for three consecutive years along with MSU's Mateen Cleaves.

Williams earned Preseason All-America honors from Playboy Magazine and was a preseason candidate for the Wooden, Naismith and Rupp Awards. He has since been named a finalist for the Bob Cousy College Point Guard of the Year award, Oscar Robertson (USBWA) Player of the Year, and is on the Wooden Award and Naismith Award finalist lists.

Williams is third on the team in scoring this season, averaging 12.4 points (18th in Big Ten). He leads the Big Ten and ranks 12th in the nation (as of Feb. 28) in assists, averaging 6.6 apg. Williams dished out a career-high 12 assists vs. Penn State on Jan. 12 and has recorded double figures in assists three times this season. He boasts an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.39 on the year (4th in Big Ten). Williams is also fourth on the team in rebounding with 3.7 boards per game.

Williams had one of his best games of the season in Illinois' win over Missouri on Dec. 22, scoring 19 points - 15 of which came in the second half - with five assists. He then had a season-high 23 points with four 3-pointers vs. Longwood (Dec. 27).

Williams was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Las Vegas Holiday Classic after scoring 14 points with a game-high six assists vs. Northwestern State and a game-high 18 points with six rebounds and four assists vs. Cincinnati.

He played 39 minutes in the Big Ten opener

vs. Ohio State, finishing with 14 points and a game-high eight assists.

Williams notched the fourth double-double of his career on Jan. 12 vs. Penn State, scoring 11 points in addition to his career-high 12 assists. He also tied his career high in steals with four against the Nittany Lions.

Williams was a key factor in the win at Wisconsin on Jan. 25, scoring 13 points with six rebounds and a game-high six assists.

The junior guard may have had his best shooting day of the season with 18 points on 7-10 shooting, including 4-5 from 3-point range, in the win over Minnesota on Jan. 29.

Williams repeated his 4-5 shooting from 3-point range in the following game en route to 14 points at Michigan State.

He had 15 points against Wisconsin on Feb. 12 and was instrumental in the win at Iowa on Feb. 19, scoring 18 points with five assists while

playing the entire game.

In his most recent outing vs. Purdue, Williams hit 7-of-9 shots, including four 3-pointers, to finish with 21 points while adding six assists and five rebounds.

Williams is headed towards numerous assists records this season. With 198 assists, he is just three away from breaking the Illinois single-season assists record of 200 set by Bruce Douglas in 1985. Williams' average of 6.6 assists per game is also on pace to break the Illinois record for assists average in a season (6.4 apg by Tony Wisinger in 1987).

In just his junior campaign, Williams already ranks second all-time at Illinois with 528 career assists.

The Head of the Class

Guard Luther Head entered the season as one of the most underrated players in the nation, and

Illini Honors 2004-05

James Augustine

- Third-Team All-Big Ten (Media and Coaches)
- Big Ten Player of the Week - Jan. 10
- Big Ten Player of the Week - Jan. 31

Dee Brown

- Big Ten Player of the Year (Media and Coaches)
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year
- First-Team All-Big Ten (Media and Coaches)
- Oscar Robertson Player of the Year Finalist
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- Scout.com Third-Team All-American
- NABC All-District First-Team
- Dick Vitale's First-Team All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Player of the Week - Feb. 21
- Big Ten Player of the Week - Nov. 22
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team
- Preseason Wooden Award Candidate
- Preseason Naismith Award Candidate
- First-Team Preseason All-Big Ten - Media

Luther Head

- First-Team All-Big Ten (Media and Coaches)
- Rupp Award Finalist
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Oscar Robertson Player of the Year Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- NABC All-District First-Team
- Scout.com First-Team All-American
- Big Ten MVP by Collegeinsider.com
- Dick Vitale's First-Team All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Player of the Week - Jan. 17
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic Tournament MVP
- Dick Vitale's All-Blenders (best at blending in and helping the team)
- Dick Vitale's All-Velcro Super Six (top defenders)

Roger Powell, Jr.

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (Media and Coaches)

- Big Ten Player of the Week - Dec. 6
- Bayer Advantage Senior CLASS Award Candidate

Deron Williams

- First-Team All-Big Ten (Media and Coaches)
- Oscar Robertson Player of the Year Finalist
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Bob Cousy College Point Guard of the Year Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- NABC All-District First-Team
- Scout.com Second-Team All-American
- Dick Vitale's Big Ten Player of the Year
- Dick Vitale's First-Team All-Big Ten
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team
- Dick Vitale Midseason Report - All-Rolls Royce First Team
- Dick Vitale's All-Thomas Edison Super Six (creators at point guard)
- Preseason Wooden Award Candidate
- Preseason Naismith Award Candidate
- Preseason Rupp Trophy Candidate
- Preseason Playboy Magazine All-American
- Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year - Media
- First-Team Preseason All-Big Ten - Media

Bruce Weber

- Big Ten Coach of the Year (Media)
- Naismith Coach of the Year Finalist
- Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- Scout.com National Coach of the Year
- Dick Vitale's Big Ten Coach of the Year
- Big Ten Coach of the Year by Collegeinsider.com
- Dick Vitale's Coach of the Midseason

Team

- Dick Vitale's Midseason Report - Best Team
- Dick Vitale's Team of the Week (wins at Wisconsin and vs. Minnesota)

has been playing like an All-American in this his senior year. He was recently named a finalist for the Rupp and Wooden Awards.

Head leads the Illini in scoring at 16.1 points per game (T-6th in Big Ten), is second on the team with 54 steals (4th in Big Ten), while also contributing 3.8 assists per game (5th in Big Ten). He is shooting 49.4 percent from the field and 42.5 percent from 3-point land (6th in Big Ten, 23rd in NCAA as of Feb. 28) with a Big Ten-leading 85 treys. Head is on pace to challenge the Illinois school record for 3-pointers in a season (96 by Cory Bradford in 2000). Head also leads the Illini and ranks fourth in the Big Ten in free throw shooting at 83.1 percent (69-83).

Head opened the season by scoring in double figures in five straight games with 15 points vs. Delaware State, 13 vs. Florida A&M, a game-high 22 points vs. Oakland, 20 points vs. Gonzaga and 16 points vs. Wake Forest.

After his streak ended against Arkansas, Head responded with a career-long streak of eight straight games in double figures: a game-high 17 points vs. Chicago State; 13 at Georgetown; game-high 23 vs. Oregon; 11 against Valparaiso; 20 vs. Missouri; 20 vs. Longwood; game-high 18 vs. Northwestern State; and 11 vs. Cincinnati.

That streak came to an end vs. Ohio State on Jan. 5, but Head has picked it right back up since then. He has been Illinois' leading scorer in seven of the last 13 games, with 15 points at Purdue; 19 vs. Penn State; season-high 26 at Northwestern; 25 vs. Iowa; 18 at Wisconsin; 22 at Michigan State, and, a season-high tying 26 vs. Wisconsin.

He was named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week on Jan. 17 after averaging 22.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.5 steals against Penn State and Northwestern.

Head has an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.25 on the year, which ranks sixth in the Big Ten. In consecutive games vs. Gonzaga and Wake Forest, he combined for 14 assists with only two turnovers. He tied his career-high in assists with nine dimes apiece in back-to-back games vs. Oakland and Gonzaga. Head also had nine assists with no turnovers vs. Valparaiso.

Head recorded his 1,000th career point against Wisconsin on Jan. 25 and currently ranks 27th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,155 points.

Dee Lighting it Up

Dee Brown has had a hot shooting hand during his junior season, shooting 53.8 percent (148-275) from the field (10th in Big Ten). That percentage is even more impressive when considering that over 62 percent of his shots have come from 3-point range. And Brown has been dependable from downtown as well, shooting 51.5 percent (82-170) from behind the arc, which leads the Big Ten and ranks ninth in the NCAA.

Brown is second on the Illini in scoring at 14.2 points per game (10th in Big Ten). He recorded his 1,000th career point against Cincinnati on Dec. 31, and is currently 20th on the school career scoring chart with 1,259 points.

Brown has been one of the hottest players in the nation during the stretch run leading into postseason play, earning Big Ten player of the Year honors. Over the last nine games, Brown is averaging 17.7 points and has scored in double figures in all nine contests, led by a career-high 27 points vs. Purdue on March 3.

Brown is shooting 58.2 percent from the field (53-91) and an incredible 57.6 percent from 3-point range (34-59) over the last nine games. He tied a school record with eight threes vs. Purdue, hitting 8-of-10 from behind the arc. This came on the heels of his 6-for-8 performance from 3-point range against Northwestern on Feb. 23.

While Brown's scoring has increased, he has made his presence felt in all areas, averaging 4.6 assists, 1.8 steals and 2.5 rebounds on the season. He tied his season high in steals with four against Michigan on Feb. 8, which included a sensational series where he had three steals on consecutive possessions, all of which he converted into layups. He had 11 assists at Penn State on Feb. 16 to record his first double-double of the season, as he also scored 19 points.

Like his backcourt teammates, Brown has also been taking care of the ball and making good decisions. He is third in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 4.6 per game. He also has an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.67 on the season to lead the team and rank third in the Big Ten.

In the two games vs. Gonzaga and Wake Forest, Brown combined for 15 assists without a turnover. In a three-game stretch vs. Chicago State, Georgetown and Oregon, he combined for 20 assists with just four turnovers (game-high nine assists with one turnover vs. Chicago State;

game-high six assists with two turnovers at Georgetown; five assists with one turnover vs. Oregon). Against Longwood on Dec. 27, Brown had a career-high 13 assists, tying the third highest single-game assist total in UI history.

Brown ranks sixth on the Illinois career assists list with 445 assists.

The Rev Rises to the Occasion

Senior forward Roger Powell, Jr. is fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 12.1 points, and is second on the team with 5.2 rebounds, while shooting 56.6 percent from the field (138-244, 8th in Big Ten). Standing 6-foot-6 and playing the power forward position, Powell is often undersized against his opponent. But he causes a match-up problem for the defense with his quickness and ability to step out and face the basket and either drive or hit the outside shot. Powell currently ranks fifth on the UI career field goal percentage chart at 58.0 percent (419-722).

Powell had perhaps his best game of the season Dec. 1 vs. Wake Forest, scoring 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting, which included a pair of 3-pointers. He followed that performance with another 19 points and a career-high 11 rebounds in a victory over Arkansas. Powell was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 6 for his performance in those two games.

In a victory at Georgetown on Dec. 9, Powell led the Illini with 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting.

In one of his best games during Big Ten play, Powell scored a season-high 21 points on 8-12 field goal shooting, including 2-3 from three-point range, in the win over Minnesota on Jan. 29.

He shot a perfect 10-for-10 from the field at Penn State on Feb. 16, tying his season high with 21 points.

Powell recorded his 1,000th career point against Indiana on Feb. 6, becoming the 38th 1,000-point scorer in Illini history. He currently ranks 36th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,085 points.

Powell is scheduled to graduate with his bachelor's degree in speech communications in May. He is a licensed minister in the Pentecostal church.

Augie Leads on the Interior

Junior James Augustine has been consistent in the paint this season, averaging 10.0 points while shooting 61.7 percent from the field (111-180), and averaging a team-high 7.0 rebounds. He is second in the Big Ten in field goal percentage, and ranks seventh in the league in rebounding. Augustine also leads the Illini with 39 blocked shots (6th in Big Ten).

He has also stepped up his performance in Big Ten play. In conference games only, Augustine is fourth on the team with an average of 10.6 points, is shooting 60.6 percent from the field (60-99), and is averaging 6.9 rebounds. He also ranks second in the Big Ten in free throw

Best Undeclared Starts in Illinois History

Rank	Year	Start	Final	Coach	Season Notes
1.	2004-05	29-0	???	Bruce Weber	Illini currently ranked No. 1 in both polls
2.	1988-89	17-0	31-5	Lou Henson	NCAA Final Four; Winningest season in school history
3.	1914-15	16-0	16-0	Ralph Jones	National Champions; Big Ten Champions; Only undefeated season in school history
4.	1978-79	15-0	19-11	Lou Henson	Illini defeated No. 1-ranked and eventual national champion Michigan State
5.	1907-08	12-0	20-6	Fletcher Lane	10 wins during 12-0 start came against YMCAs
T6.	1989-90	11-0	21-8	Lou Henson	NCAA Tournament
T6.	1951-52	11-0	22-4	Harry Combes	NCAA Final Four; Big Ten Champions
8.	1968-69	10-0	19-5	Harv Schmidt	Second place in Big Ten

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shooting during conference games, having made 84.7 percent (50-59) from the charity stripe.

Augustine tied his career high in rebounds with 14 vs. Iowa on Jan. 20, which also ranks as the highest total by an Illini player this season.

Augustine was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Jan. 10 after notching the 12th double-double of his career vs. Ohio State (Jan. 5) with a career-high tying 21 points and 10 boards, and adding eight points and a game-high nine boards at Purdue (Jan. 8). On the week, Augustine averaged 14.5 points and 9.5 rebounds while shooting 71.4 percent from the field (10-14).

Augustine earned his second Big Ten Player of the Week award on Jan. 31 after averaging 14.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks, while shooting 83.3 percent from the field in a pair of victories over Wisconsin (Jan. 25) and Minnesota (Jan. 29). He posted 14 points on 5-6 shooting, a game-high eight rebounds and two blocks in a 75-65 victory over Wisconsin, which helped end the Badgers' 38-game home winning streak. With Illinois up by just one with three minutes remaining, Augustine had back-to-back dunks to give the Illini a five-point advantage and seal the win. He followed with another strong performance, tallying 15 points on 5-of-6 shooting against Minnesota, while pulling down a team-high seven rebounds and adding a game-high three blocks.

Augustine extended his streak of scoring in double figures to six games, after scoring 11 at Michigan State, a game-high 16 vs. Indiana, and 10 at Michigan. His streak came to an end in the win over Wisconsin on Feb. 12 (four points), but he responded with 10 points at Penn State on Feb. 16 followed by 13 at Iowa on Feb. 19.

That's a Three ... Rich McBride

Sophomore Rich McBride has been another offensive weapon on the perimeter for the Illini. He is the first guard off the bench and is averaging 16.3 minutes per game. Known for his smooth stroke from 3-point land, McBride is fourth on the team with 25 treys.

Ingram Gives Illini Big Lift off the Bench
Senior Jack Ingram is Illinois' first big man off the bench and has given the Illini a spark in a number of games. Playing 14.3 minutes per game, Ingram is averaging 3.9 points and 2.7 rebounds. He has a good outside shot and is shooting over 45 percent from the field and 40 percent from 3-point range.

Ingram has scored a season-high eight points in six games, including five times in Big Ten play. His best performance of the year came at Wisconsin on Jan. 25 when he scored eight points, including back-to-back 3-pointers during a second half run in which Illinois fought back from an eight-point deficit to take the lead for good.

Illinois-Wisconsin Game Receives High TV Rating

The Illinois-Wisconsin game on Jan. 25, which was televised by ESPN, achieved a 2.78 rating. That translates to roughly 2.5 million households, making it the seventh most watched regular-season college basketball game in ESPN history.

Taking Down No. 1

Illinois' victory over No. 1 Wake Forest on Dec. 1 marked the second time in school history that the Illini have defeated an opponent ranked atop the *Associated Press* poll. The last time came on Jan. 11, 1979, when Illinois defeated Michigan State 57-55. Illinois is now 2-19 all-time against No. 1-ranked opponents.

Illini Join 1,500 Club

Illinois' win over Penn State on Jan. 12 marked the 1,500th victory all-time at Illinois. The Fighting Illini became the 15th program in NCAA history to record 1,500 victories, and the program now owns an all-time record of 1,512-804 (.653). With 1,512 all-time victories, the Illini rank 14th in NCAA history in terms of total wins. And with a .653 all-time winning percentage, Illinois ranks as the 11th winningest program in NCAA history by percentage. The following is a list of the all-time winningest NCAA Div. I teams (by total wins) who have reached the 1,500-win marker:

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| 1. Kentucky | 9. Indiana |
| 2. North Carolina | 10. Notre Dame |
| 3. Kansas | 11. Utah |
| 4. Duke | 12. UCLA |
| 5. St. John's | 13. Oregon State |
| 6. Syracuse | 14. ILLINOIS |
| 7. Temple | 15. Princeton |
| 8. Pennsylvania | 16. Western Kentucky |

Brown Earns Second Big Ten Player of the Week Honor - Feb. 21

Dee Brown was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Feb. 21 after leading Illinois to two road victories at Penn State and at Iowa. Brown averaged 18.5 points on combined 64 percent shooting, while adding 7.0 assists, 3.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game.

He posted the second double-double of his career in the win over Penn State, scoring 19 points, including five 3-pointers, while dishing out a game-high 11 assists. Brown also had four rebounds and two steals, while committing only one turnover against the Nittany Lions. He followed with another clutch performance at Iowa, shooting 7-of-11 from the floor (.636) for the second consecutive game to finish with 18 points, while adding three assists and two steals.

This is the second time this season that Brown has been named Player of the Week by the conference office, as he was first honored on November 22. It is the fourth Big Ten weekly honor of his career.

Augustine Earns Second Big Ten Player of the Week Honor - Jan. 31

James Augustine was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Jan. 31 after averaging 14.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks, while shooting 83.3 percent from the field in a pair of victories over Wisconsin and Minnesota. He posted 14 points on 5-6 shooting, a game-high eight rebounds and two blocks in a 75-65 victory over Wisconsin, which helped end the Badgers' 38-game home winning streak. With Illinois up by just one with three minutes remaining, Augustine had back-to-back dunks to give the Illini a five-point advantage and seal the win. He followed with another strong performance, tallying 15 points on 5-of-6 shooting against Minnesota, while pulling down a team-high seven rebounds and adding a game-high three blocks.

Augustine claimed his second career Big Ten weekly award this season as he was also honored on Jan. 10.

Head Named Big Ten Co-POTW - Jan. 17

Luther Head was the driving force behind wins over Penn State and Northwestern to earn Big Ten Co-Player of the Week honors on Jan. 17 along with Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson. Head averaged 22.5 points on 61.5 percent shooting from the field, while going 9-of-18 from 3-point range (.500). He also averaged 4.5 rebounds, three assists and 2.5 steals per game. Head scored a game-high 19 points in the win over Penn State, tallying five three-pointers, while also adding a game-high seven rebounds and three assists. He then posted a season-high 26 points against Northwestern, just three off his career best. His 26 points and nine field goals vs. the Wildcats are the most by an Illinois player this season. Head added three assists and a game-high three steals against NU.

Illinois has now set a Big Ten record by having four different players named Player of the Week during the same season:

Luther Head - Jan. 17

James Augustine - Jan. 10, Jan. 31

Roger Powell - Dec. 6

Illinois and the Century Mark

Illinois has scored 100 points or more 77 times in school history. Below is a breakdown of Illinois' record in games where it hits the 100 mark.

All-Time Record: 73-4

The Last Time: Dec. 27, 2004

vs. Longwood (105-79)

Most Points: 127, Dec. 22, 1988

vs. Louisiana State (127-100)

Both Teams: Missouri 108, Illinois 107

Dec. 22, 1993

At Assembly Hall: 46-0

The Last Time: Dec. 27, 2004

vs. Longwood (105-79)

Most Points: 126, March 10, 1982

vs. Long Island (126-78)

All-Time at Home: 60-0

Dee Brown – Nov. 22, Feb. 21

Augustine Named Big Ten POTW - Jan. 10
James Augustine was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Jan. 10 after leading the Illini to victories over Ohio State and Purdue, while nearly averaging a double-double on the week. He tied his career high in scoring with a season-high 21 points against Ohio State in the Big Ten opener. He shot 8-of-10 from the field, while also grabbing 10 rebounds to notch the 12th double-double of his career. Augustine then scored eight points and had a game-high nine rebounds, while adding three assists and two blocked shots in a road win at Purdue. On the week, he averaged 14.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game on a combined 71.4 shooting percentage (10-of-13).

Powell Named Big Ten POTW - Dec. 6
Roger Powell, Jr. was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 6 following his performance in a pair of Illini victories. Powell scored a game-high 19 points in the win over then-No. 1 Wake Forest. He connected on 8-of-10 shots, including a pair of 3-pointers, while grabbing seven boards. Powell then registered the third double-double of his career in the win over Arkansas, again leading the Illini with 19 points along with a career-high 11 rebounds. On the week, Powell averaged 19 points and 9.0 rebounds while shooting 67 percent from the field (14-21) in garnering the first Big Ten Player of the Week accolade of his career.

Brown Named Big Ten POTW - Nov. 22
Junior guard Dee Brown earned the third Big Ten Player of the Week honor of his career Nov. 22 after leading the Illini to victories over Delaware State and Florida A&M. Brown totaled 37 points on the weekend, hitting 13-of-16 shots from the field, including 8-of-11 from three-point range.

Illinois Begins Season Near the Top
Illinois began the 2004-05 season ranked No. 5 in both the Preseason ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and Associated Press Poll, its highest preseason ranking since starting the 2001-02 season ranked No. 2 in the coaches' poll and No. 3 in the AP poll.

Illinois has moved atop both polls with its 29-1 record. This is the 14th straight week that Illinois has been ranked No. 1.

Randle Sidelined with Broken Hand
Sophomore forward Brian Randle suffered a broken left hand in practice on Nov. 10. Surgery on Nov. 11 successfully repaired the bone. Randle had the pins removed on Dec. 23 and is in the process of working his way back into practice. He intends to apply for a medical redshirt at the end of the season.

Hot Ticket to Watch the Illini at the Hall
Illinois sold out of season tickets for the 2004-05 campaign, making it one of the hottest tickets in program history.

New Faces on the Roster

- **Arnold Transfers From Illinois State:** Marcus Arnold, a 6-8 forward/center from Chicago, transferred to Illinois from Illinois State in the summer of 2004 and will sit out the 2004-05 season per NCAA transfer rules. He will begin the 2005-06 season with junior eligibility.
- **Freshman Duo:** The 2004 recruiting class of 6-foot-4-inch guard Calvin Brock of Chicago Simeon High School and 6-8 forward Shaun Pruitt of Aurora (Ill.) West High School are now in their freshman season for the Illini. Brock was the Chicago Player-of-the-Year in 2004 while Pruitt was runner-up for Mr. Basketball in the state of Illinois last season. Brock has indicated that he intends to sit out the season as a redshirt to preserve a season of eligibility.

Weber Wins Big Ten Title in First Season
With the win over Ohio State on March 7, the 2004 Illini claimed sole possession of the Big Ten title. With that victory, Bruce Weber became just the third Big Ten coach to win an outright league title in his first season along with Wisconsin's Guy Lowman in 1918 and Minnesota's Bill Musselman in 1972.

Weber is the 11th coach in Big Ten history to win at least a share of the conference title in his first season. He is the third Illini rookie coach to win the league, following Doug Mills in 1937 and Bill Self in 2001.

The Graduate

Nick Smith earned a bachelor's degree in finance in December of 2003, graduating from Illinois' College of Business in three-and-a-half years. Smith is now working on his master's degree in finance and should graduate with that degree in May, 2005.

A Pro Look

Illinois players are getting a look at several pro venues this season. Illinois played at the Conseco Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers, on Nov. 27 against Gonzaga in The Wooden Tradition; at the MCI Center in Washington D.C., home of the Washington Wizards, on Dec. 9 against Georgetown; at the United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls, on Dec. 11 against Oregon; and at Savvis Center, home of the NHL's St. Louis Blues, on Dec. 22 against Missouri in the annual Braggin' Rights game. The Big Ten Tournament is held at the United Center in Chicago, March 10-13.

Orange Krush Honors Cardinal

The Orange Krush student support group and cheering section announced last year that it will fund an endowment in the name of former men's basketball trainer Rod Cardinal in the amount of \$300,000 to fund future student athletic trainers for the UI sports medicine program. The Krush has already endowed the \$250,000 Matthew Heldman Memorial Scholarship, named after former Illini point guard Matt Heldman who was tragically killed in a car accident in 1999.

Illini Sign Three

Illinois signed three prep standouts to national letters of intent during the fall signing period in Jamar Smith, a 6-3 shooting guard from Peoria, Ill./Richwoods H.S.; Chester Frazier, a 6-2 point guard from Baltimore, Md./Notre Dame Prep (Fitchburg, Mass.); and Charles Jackson, a 6-7 power forward from Buena Vista, Ga./Tri-County H.S.

Cook and Williams in the NBA

Frank Williams became Illinois' first, first-round NBA draft pick since 1990 when the New York Knicks chose him as the 26th pick of the 2002 NBA Draft. He is currently with the Chicago Bulls.

In 2003, Brian Cook was chosen as the 24th pick in the first round by the Los Angeles Lakers, becoming the third Illini chosen by the NBA in the 2002 and 2003 drafts (along with Robert Archibald). Cook is in his second season with the Lakers.

Illini Radio Network

(51 Stations)	Clinton, WHOW-AM 1520	Kewanee, WYEC-FM 93.9	Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570
Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3	Clinton, WHOW-FM 95.9	Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1	Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7
Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570	Danville, WDAN-AM 1490	Mt. Carmel, WVMC-AM 1360	Rockford, WROK-AM 1440
Bloomington, WTRX-FM 93.7	Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1	Mattoon, WCRC-FM 95.7	Salem, WJBD-AM 1350
Bloomington, WJBC-AM 1230	Davenport, Iowa, KUUL-FM 101.3	Morrison, WZZT-FM 102.7	Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1
Cartersville, WJPF-AM 1340	Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340	Newton, WIKK-FM 103.5	Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230
Cartersville, WCIL-AM 1020	DuQuoin, WDQN-AM 1580	Olney, WVNL-AM 740	St. Louis, KRFT-AM 1190
Casey, WCBH-FM 104.3	East Moline, KUUL-FM 101.3	Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9	Springfield, WTAX-AM 1240
Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400	Effingham, WCRC-FM 95.7	Paris, WPRS-AM 1440	Sterling, WSDR-AM 1240
Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5	Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390	Paris, WACF-FM 98.5	Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3
Chicago, WSCR-AM 670	Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400	Paxton, WPNX-FM 104.9	Vandalia, WPMB-AM 1500
Chicago, WCKG-FM 105.9	Highland, WCBW-AM 880	Peoria, WWFS-AM 1290	Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1
	Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550	Pontiac, WTRX-FM 93.7	
	Kankakee, WKAN-AM 1320	Quincy, WTAD-AM 930	

CUMULATIVE SEASON STATISTICS

Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 06, 2005) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(29-1)	(15-0)	(8-1)	(6-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(15-1)	(8-0)	(7-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(14-0)	(7-0)	(1-0)	(6-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
04 Head, Luther.....	30-30	979 32.6	164-332	.494	85-200	.425	69-83	.831	19	99	118	3.9	40	0	115	51	4	54	482	16.1
11 Brown, Dee.....	30-30	952 31.7	148-275	.538	82-170	.482	48-63	.762	16	60	76	2.5	58	1	139	52	1	55	426	14.2
05 Williams, Deron....	30-30	986 32.9	136-316	.430	53-145	.366	48-70	.686	14	96	110	3.7	58	0	198	83	8	29	373	12.4
43 Powell, Jr., Roger.	30-30	736 24.5	138-244	.566	13-38	.342	75-104	.721	66	90	156	5.2	80	0	11	26	7	18	364	12.1
40 Augustine, James...	30-30	774 25.8	111-180	.617	0-0	.000	77-99	.778	80	130	210	7.0	63	1	38	34	39	27	299	10.0
50 Ingram, Jack.....	30-0	429 14.3	46-101	.455	6-15	.400	19-24	.792	36	46	82	2.7	52	1	14	12	16	14	117	3.9
45 Smith, Nick.....	30-0	357 11.9	47-115	.409	4-10	.400	15-23	.652	17	52	69	2.3	45	0	22	17	16	11	113	3.8
33 McBride, Rich.....	29-0	473 16.3	29-84	.345	25-75	.333	4-4	1.000	13	30	43	1.5	33	0	27	16	2	12	87	3.0
41 Carter, Warren.....	24-0	206 8.6	31-58	.534	1-4	.250	6-13	.462	17	30	47	2.0	22	0	3	12	5	8	69	2.9
55 Pruitt, Shaun.....	19-0	91 4.8	9-25	.360	0-0	.000	9-17	.529	10	7	17	0.9	15	0	0	10	1	3	27	1.4
34 Nkemi, Fred.....	17-0	42 2.5	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	4	2	6	0.4	5	0	2	5	1	0	12	0.7
TEAM.....									33	42	75	2.5	0		4					
Total.....	30	6025	865-1740	.497	269-657	.409	370-501	.739	325	684	1009	33.6	471	3	569	322	100	231	2369	79.0
Opponents.....	30	6025	671-1596	.420	179-488	.367	313-474	.660	309	602	911	30.4	464	-	369	459	70	138	1834	61.1

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND		
SCORING.....	2369	1834	11/19/04	DELAWARE STATE	W	87-67	16618		
Points per game.....	79.0	61.1	11/21/04	FLORIDA A&M	W	91-60	15518		
Scoring margin.....	+17.8	-	11/24/04	OAKLAND UNIVERSITY	W	85-54	13932		
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	865-1740	671-1596	11/27/04	vs Gonzaga	W	89-72	14183		
Field goal pct.....	.497	.420	12/01/04	WAKE FOREST	W	91-73	16618		
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	269-657	179-488	12/04/04	vs Arkansas	W	72-60	13140		
3-point FG pct.....	.409	.367	12/06/04	CHICAGO STATE	W	78-59	16618		
3-pt FG made per game..	9.0	6.0	12/09/04	at Georgetown	W	74-59	12401		
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	370-501	313-474	12/11/04	vs Oregon	W	83-66	21224		
Free throw pct.....	.739	.660	12/19/04	VALPARAISO	W	93-56	16618		
REBOUNDS.....	1009	911	12/22/04	vs Missouri	W	70-64	22153		
Rebounds per game.....	33.6	30.4	12/27/04	LONGWOOD	W	105-79	16618		
Rebounding margin.....	+3.3	-	12/30/04	vs Northwestern State	W	69-51	2500		
ASSISTS.....	569	369	12/31/04	vs Cincinnati	W	67-45	2500		
Assists per game.....	19.0	12.3	*01/05/05	OHIO STATE	W	84-65	16618		
TURNOVERS.....	322	459	*01/08/05	at Purdue	W	68-59	14123		
Turnovers per game.....	10.7	15.3	*01/12/05	PENN STATE	W	90-64	16618		
Turnover margin.....	+4.6	-	*01/15/05	at Northwestern	W	78-66	8117		
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.8	0.8	*01/20/05	IOWA	W OT	73-68	16618		
STEALS.....	231	138	*01/25/05	at Wisconsin	W	75-65	17142		
Steals per game.....	7.7	4.6	*01/29/05	MINNESOTA	W	89-66	16694		
BLOCKS.....	100	70	*02/01/05	at Michigan State	W	81-68	14759		
Blocks per game.....	3.3	2.3	*02/06/05	INDIANA	W	60-47	16618		
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*02/08/05	at Michigan	W	57-51	13751		
Home win streak.....	15	-	*02/12/05	WISCONSIN	W	70-59	16865		
ATTENDANCE.....	245807	201659	*02/16/05	at Penn State	W	83-63	10966		
Home games-Avg/Game...	15-16387	9-13995	*02/19/05	at Iowa	W	75-65	15500		
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	6-12617	*02/23/05	NORTHWESTERN	W	84-48	16618		
			*03/03/05	PURDUE	W	84-50	16618		
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total	*03/06/05	at Ohio State	L	64-65	19200
Illinois.....	1265	1096	8	-	2369				
Opponents.....	873	958	3	-	1834				

CUMULATIVE BIG TEN STATISTICS

Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 06, 2005) Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-1)	(8-0)	(7-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(15-1)	(8-0)	(7-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
04 Head, Luther.....	16-16	536 33.5	82-175	.469	43-110	.391	48-59	.814	9	56	65	4.1	22	0	48	29	3	31	255	15.9
11 Brown, Dee.....	16-16	515 32.2	79-151	.523	51-99	.515	31-43	.721	5	30	35	2.2	32	1	64	22	0	28	240	15.0
43 Powell, Jr., Roger.	16-16	381 23.8	65-129	.504	5-22	.227	45-59	.763	41	47	88	5.5	47	0	4	18	0	7	180	11.3
40 Augustine, James...	16-16	452 28.3	60-99	.606	0-0	.000	50-59	.847	41	70	111	6.9	32	0	20	20	18	18	170	10.6
05 Williams, Deron....	16-16	535 33.4	66-151	.437	27-67	.403	10-21	.476	8	46	54	3.4	37	0	107	38	6	22	169	10.6
50 Ingram, Jack.....	16-0	240 15.0	29-60	.483	5-9	.556	9-12	.750	20	20	40	2.5	24	0	9	5	6	7	72	4.5
45 Smith, Nick.....	16-0	171 10.7	22-49	.449	3-7	.429	9-10	.900	3	23	26	1.6	19	0	10	5	5	6	56	3.5
41 Carter, Warren.....	11-0	93 8.5	12-22	.545	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	6	18	24	2.2	10	0	1	6	3	3	25	2.3
33 McBride, Rich.....	15-0	247 16.5	10-38	.263	10-35	.286	2-2	1.000	10	13	23	1.5	20	0	16	7	1	8	32	2.1
55 Pruitt, Shaun.....	7-0	37 5.3	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	2	3	5	0.7	4	0	0	2	0	0	10	1.4
34 Nkemdi, Fred.....	6-0	18 3.0	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	1	2	0.3	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	1.0
TEAM.....										15	22	37	2.3	0		3				
Total.....	16	3225	432-890	.485	145-351	.413	206-273	.755	161	349	510	31.9	248	1	280	160	43	130	1215	75.9
Opponents.....	16	3225	360-823	.437	97-260	.373	152-221	.688	146	319	465	29.1	244	-	204	233	35	59	969	60.6

TEAM STATISTICS	ILL	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1215	969	*01/05/05	OHIO STATE	W	84-65	16618
Points per game.....	75.9	60.6	*01/08/05	at Purdue	W	68-59	14123
Scoring margin.....	+15.4	-	*01/12/05	PENN STATE	W	90-64	16618
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	432-890	360-823	*01/15/05	at Northwestern	W	78-66	8117
Field goal pct.....	.485	.437	*01/20/05	IOWA	W OT	73-68	16618
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	145-351	97-260	*01/25/05	at Wisconsin	W	75-65	17142
3-point FG pct.....	.413	.373	*01/29/05	MINNESOTA	W	89-66	16694
3-pt FG made per game..	9.1	6.1	*02/01/05	at Michigan State	W	81-68	14759
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	206-273	152-221	*02/06/05	INDIANA	W	60-47	16618
Free throw pct.....	.755	.688	*02/08/05	at Michigan	W	57-51	13751
REBOUNDS.....	510	465	*02/12/05	WISCONSIN	W	70-59	16865
Rebounds per game.....	31.9	29.1	*02/16/05	at Penn State	W	83-63	10966
Rebounding margin.....	+2.8	-	*02/19/05	at Iowa	W	75-65	15500
ASSISTS.....	280	204	*02/23/05	NORTHWESTERN	W	84-48	16618
Assists per game.....	17.5	12.8	*03/03/05	PURDUE	W	84-50	16618
TURNOVERS.....	160	233	*03/06/05	at Ohio State	L	64-65	19200
Turnovers per game.....	10.0	14.6					
Turnover margin.....	+4.6	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.8	0.9					
STEALS.....	130	59					
Steals per game.....	8.1	3.7					
BLOCKS.....	43	35					
Blocks per game.....	2.7	2.2					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	8	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	133267	113558					
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-16658	8-14195					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Illinois.....	617	590	8	1215
Opponents.....	462	504	3	969



Dee Brown

6-0 • 185 • Jr.
Maywood, Ill.
Proviso East H.S.

— THE NATION'S FASTEST PLAYER —

- Blazing speed on the court has earned him the nickname the One-Man Fast Break
- Second on the Illini in scoring at 14.2 ppg (11th in Big Ten) and has scored in double figures in 24 games
- Averaged 15.0 points in Big Ten play and scored in double figures in 14 of 16 conference games
- Locked up Big Ten Player of the Year honors after averaging 17.7 points on 58 percent shooting from the field as well as 58 percent from 3-point range over the final nine conference games
- Leads the Big Ten and ranks ninth in the NCAA in 3-point field goal percentage, shooting 48.2 percent from behind the arc
- Second on the Illini and in the Big Ten with 82 three-pointers (2.7 per game) and has made at least three treys in 14 games
- One of the top ranking guards in the nation in field goal percentage, he is shooting 53.8 percent on the season (11th in Big Ten)
- Second on the Illini and third in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 4.6 apg
- Leads the Illini and ranks third in the Big Ten in steals, averaging 1.8 spg
- Leads the Illini and ranks third in the Big Ten in assist/turnover ratio (2.67)

- All-America Candidate
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Oscar Robertson (USBWA) Player of the Year Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- Big Ten Player of the Year
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year
- First-Team All-Big Ten
- NABC First-Team All-District

- Scored career-high 27 points on 9-12 shooting, including 8-10 from 3-point range vs. Purdue (March 3)
- His eight threes vs. Purdue were a career high and tied the Illinois school record
- Dished out a career-high 13 assists vs. Longwood (Dec. 27), the most by a Big Ten player this season and the third highest total by an Illini player in school history
- Ranks 20th on the Illini all-time scoring list with 1,250 career points (entering next game on March 11)
- Ranks third on the Illini career 3-point field goals list with 204 treys
- Ranks sixth on the Illini career steals list with 163 steals
- Twice named Big Ten Player of the Week (Nov. 22 and Feb. 21)
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team

Dee Brown's Career Statistics:

Year	GP-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	REB/Avg	Δ	S	PTS/Avg
2002-03	32-31	1090-34.1	142-327/.434	51-155/.329	49-72/.681	119/3.7	159	57	384/12.0
2003-04	33-33	1153-34.9	160-389/.411	71-205/.346	49-73/.671	123/3.7	147	51	440/13.3
2004-05	30-30	952-31.7	148-275/.538	82-170/.482	48-63/.762	76/2.5	139	55	426/14.2
Totals	95-94	3195-33.6	450-991/.454	204-530/.385	146-208/.702	318/3.3	445	163	1250/13.2



Luther Head

6-3 • 185 • Sr.
Chicago, Ill.
Manley H.S.

— THE NATION'S MOST IMPROVED PLAYER —

- Leads the Illini in scoring at 16.1 ppg (6th in Big Ten) and has been Illinois' leading scorer in 13 games
- Has scored in double figures in 27 of 30 games, with nine games of 20+ points
- Leads the Big Ten with 85 three-pointers (2.8 per game) and is on pace to set an Illinois single-season record for three-point field goals in a season (current UI record 96 by Cory Bradford in 2000)
- Has made at least three treys in 18 games
- Second on the Illini with a 3-point field goal percentage of 42.5 percent (6th in Big Ten)
- Shooting 49.4 percent from the field on the season
- Leads the Illini in free throw percentage (4th in Big Ten) at 83.1 percent
- Second on the Illini and fourth in the Big Ten in steals, averaging 1.8 spg
- Third on the Illini and fifth in the Big Ten in assists, averaging 3.8 apg
- Third on the Illini and sixth in the Big Ten in assist/turnover ratio (2.25)
- Third on the Illini in rebounding, averaging 3.9 rpg
- Scored season-high 26 points twice; at Northwestern (Jan. 15) and vs. Wisconsin (Feb. 12)

- All-America Candidate
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Oscar Robertson (USBWA) Player of the Year Finalist
- Rupp Award Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- First-Team All-Big Ten
- NABC First-Team All-District

- Set a career high with six 3-pointers vs. Oakland (Nov. 24)
- Had a career-high six steals vs. Iowa (Jan. 20), the most by an Illini player this season
- Ranks 27th on the Illini all-time scoring list with 1,155 career points (entering next game on March 11)
- Ranks seventh on the Illini career three-point field goals list with 178 treys
- Ranks ninth on the Illini career steals list with 145 steals
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic Tournament MVP
- Big Ten Player of the Week (Jan. 17)

Luther Head's Career Statistics

Year	GP-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	REB/Avg	Δ	S	PTS/Avg
2001-02	35-13	581-16.6	63-124/.508	16-55/.291	14-25/.560	67/1.9	59	34	156/4.5
2002-03	25-8	509-20.4	68-131/.519	28-66/.424	34-46/.739	71/2.8	42	27	198/7.9
2003-04	29-24	863-29.8	107-239/.448	49-143/.343	56-72/.778	110/3.8	75	30	319/11.0
2004-05	30-30	979-32.6	164-332/.494	85-200/.425	69-83/.831	118/3.9	115	54	482/16.1
Total	119-75	2932-24.6	402-826/.487	178-464/.384	173-226/.765	366/3.1	291	145	1155/9.7



Deron Williams

6-3 • 210 • Jr.
The Colony, Texas
The Colony H.S.

— THE NATION'S MOST UNSELFISH PLAYER —

- Leads the Big Ten and ranks 12th in the nation in assists, averaging 6.6 apg
- First player in Big Ten history to lead the conference in assists in each of his first three seasons
- With 198 assists (entering next game on March 11), he is on pace to set an Illinois single-season record for assists in a season (current UI record 200 by Bruce Douglas in 1985)
- Already ranks second on the Illini career assists lists with 528 assists
- Has reached double figures in assists three times this season, led by a career-high 12 assists vs. Penn State (Jan. 12), the seventh highest total by an Illini player in school history
- Has totaled at least seven assists in 13 games
- Third on the Illini in scoring at 12.4 ppg (18th in Big Ten) and has scored in double figures in 20 games
- Second on the Illini and fourth in the Big Ten in assist/turnover ratio (2.39)
- Third on the Illini with 53 three-pointers (11th in Big Ten), averaging 1.8 treys per game
- Third on the Illini with 29 steals

- All-America Candidate
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Oscar Robertson (USBWA) Player of the Year Finalist
- Midseason Naismith Award Candidate
- Bob Cousy College Point Guard of the Year Finalist
- First-Team All-Big Ten
- NABC First-Team All-District

- Scored a season-high 23 points vs. Longwood (Dec. 27)
- Made a season-high five 3-pointers vs. Gonzaga (Nov. 27)
- Tied career high in steals with four vs. Penn State (Jan. 12)
- Ranks 39th on the Illini all-time scoring list with 995 career points (entering next game on March 11)
- Ranks 10th on the Illini career three-point field goals list with 148 treys
- Las Vegas Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team
- Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year

Deron Williams' Career Statistics

Year	GP-GS	MIN-Avg	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	REB/Avg	Δ	S	PTS/Avg
2002-03	32-30	868/27.1	75-176/.426	28-79/.354	24-45/.533	95/3.0	145	46	202/6.3
2003-04	30-29	1017-33.9	147-360/.408	67-170/.394	59-75/.787	97/3.2	185	31	420/14.0
2004-05	30-30	986-32.9	136-316/.430	53-145/.366	48-70/.686	110/3.7	198	29	373/12.4
Total	92-89	2871-31.2	358-852/.420	148-394/.376	131-190/.689	302/3.3	528	106	995/10.8

SEASON RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L, SCORE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HIGH POINTS</u>	<u>HIGH REBOUNDS</u>
11-19-04	DELAWARE STATE	W, 87-67	16,618	17-Brown	7-Augustine
11-21-04	FLORIDA A&M	W, 91-60	15,518	20-Brown	7-Powell
11-24-04	OAKLAND	W, 85-54	13,932	22-Head	11-Augustine
11-27-04	vs. #24 Gonzaga (at Indianapolis)	W, 89-72	14,183	20 - Head 20 - Williams	5 - Augustine 5 - Smith
12-1-04	#1 WAKE FOREST @	W, 91-73	16,618	19 - Powell	7 - Powell 7 - Powell
12-4-04	vs. Arkansas (at Little Rock)	W, 72-60	13,140	19 - Powell	11 - Powell
12-6-04	CHICAGO STATE	W, 78-59	16,618	17 - Head	7 - Augustine
12-9-04	at Georgetown	W, 74-59	12,401	19 - Powell	6 - Augustine
12-11-04	vs. Oregon (at Chicago)	W, 83-66	21,224	23 - Head	8 - Augustine
12-19-04	Valparaiso \$	W, 93-56	16,618	19 - Brown	9 - Augustine
12-22-04	vs. Missouri (at St. Louis, Mo.)	W, 70-64	22,153	20 - Head	7 - Head
12-27-04	Longwood \$	W, 105-79	16,618	23 - Williams	9 - Augustine
12-30-04	vs. N'western State \$ (at Las Vegas)	W, 69-51	2,500	18 - Head	10 - Augustine
12-31-04	vs. #22 Cincinnati \$ (at Las Vegas)	W, 67-45	2,500	18 - Williams	8 - Head
1-5-05	OHIO STATE	W, 84-65	16,618	21 - Augustine	10 - Augustine
1-8-05	at Purdue	W, 68-59	14,123	15 - Head	9 - Augustine
1-12-05	PENN STATE	W, 90-64	16,618	19 - Head	7 - Head 7 - Powell 7 - Augustine
1-15-05	at Northwestern	W, 78-66	8,117	26 - Head	7 - Augustine 7 - Powell
1-20-05	#23 IOWA	W, 73-68 OT	16,618	25 - Head	14 - Augustine
1-25-05	at #18 Wisconsin	W, 75-65	17,142	18 - Head	8 - Augustine
1-29-05	MINNESOTA	W, 89-66	16,694	21 - Powell	7 - Augustine
2-1-05	at #12 Michigan State	W, 81-68	14,759	22- Head	5 - Brown 5 - Augustine
2-6-05	INDIANA	W, 60-47	16,618	16 - Augustine	5 - Augustine
2-8-05	at Michigan	W, 57-51	13,751	16 - Brown	9 - Powell
2-12-05	#20 WISCONSIN	W, 70-59	16,865	26 - Head	8 - Head
2-16-05	at Penn State	W, 83-63	10,966	21 - Powell	5 - Powell
2-19-05	at Iowa	W, 75-65	15,500	18 - Brown 18 - Williams	8 - Augustine
2-23-05	NORTHWESTERN	W, 84-48	16,618	20 - Brown	10 - Powell
3-3-05	PURDUE	W, 84-50	16,618	27 - Brown	6 - Carter
3-6-05	at Ohio State	L, 64-65	19,200	13 - Brown	11 - Powell
3-11-13-05	Big Ten Tournament %				

@ = Big Ten/ACC Challenge

\$ = Las Vegas Holiday Classic

% = Big Ten Tournament (United Center, Chicago, Ill.)

ATTENDANCE				
	<u>Games</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Average/High Game</u>	<u>Sellouts</u>
HOME	15	245,807	16,387/16,865	13
BIG TEN HOME	8	133,267	16,658/16,865	8
AWAY	9	125,959	13,995/19,200	7
NEUTRAL	6	75,700	12,617/22,153	4
TOTAL	30	447,466	14,916/22,153	24

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

	GAME	FGM-A/%	3PM-A/%	FTM-A/%	OR-DR — TOT	PF	AS	TO	BK	ST	PTS (1st-2nd)
11-19	Illinois (W, 87-67)	35-55/.636	12-22/.545	5-7/.714	11-16 — 27	10	23	11	2	2	87 (50-37)
	Delaware State	24-42/.571	10-19/.526	9-11/.818	2-10 — 12	13	18	13	1	6	67 (37-30)
11-21	Illinois (W, 91-60)	32-65/.492	8-24/.333	19-28/.679	17-29 — 46	19	22	21	6	12	91 (58-33)
	Florida A&M	22-59/.373	3-14/.214	13-23/.565	13-20 — 33	25	8	25	1	10	60 (29-31)
11-24	Illinois (W, 85-54)	31-55/.564	12-24/.500	11-14/.786	7-31 — 38	11	26	16	4	5	85 (47-38)
	Oakland	22-63/.349	3-12/.250	7-13/.538	11-18 — 29	14	14	12	2	12	54 (28-26)
11-27	Illinois (W, 89-72)	34-71/.479	14-28/.500	7-8/.875	14-15 — 29	19	24	7	6	13	89 (58-31)
	vs. #24 Gonzaga (at Indianapolis)	25-57/.439	6-12/.500	16-22/.727	19-24 — 43	8	12	19	6	4	72 (27-45)
12-1	Illinois (W, 91-73)	38-68/.559	11-26/.423	4-6/.667	7-30 — 37	13	27	6	3	4	91 (54-37)
	#1 Wake Forest	27-68/.397	10-24/.417	9-12/.667	13-24 — 37	10	18	9	0	3	73 (33-40)
12-4	Illinois (W, 72-60)	22-52/.423	7-19/.368	21-35/.600	12-28 — 40	24	12	14	4	3	72 (40-32)
	vs. Arkansas (at Little Rock)	19-52/.365	5-16/.313	17-32/.531	11-22 — 33	24	12	13	8	6	60 (31-29)
12-6	Illinois (W, 78-59)	32-63/.508	9-23/.391	5-8/.625	17-21 — 38	20	22	18	6	7	78 (47-31)
	Chicago State	20-46/.435	3-11/.273	16-21/.762	5-16 — 21	15	7	19	1	6	59 (32-27)
12-9	Illinois (W, 74-59)	28-54/.519	5-15/.333	13-16/.813	11-20 — 31	13	20	11	1	7	74 (31-43)
	at Georgetown	24-54/.444	6-19/.316	5-7/.714	8-17 — 25	14	11	14	5	6	59 (24-35)
12-11	Illinois (W, 83-66)	29-50/.580	6-14/.429	19-22/.864	6-23 — 29	17	20	14	8	7	83 (43-40)
	vs. Oregon (at Chicago)	23-57/.404	8-21/.381	12-19/.632	13-17 — 30	17	14	15	0	6	66 (29-37)
12-19	Illinois (W, 93-56)	40-68/.588	8-21/.381	5-7/.714	7-30 — 37	11	26	5	3	6	93 (49-44)
	Valparaiso	20-59/.339	5-17/.294	11-17/.647	12-20 — 32	11	11	15	0	2	56 (23-33)
12-22	Illinois (W, 70-64)	22-52/.423	5-19/.263	21-27/.778	13-22 — 35	20	13	9	4	8	70 (38-32)
	vs. Missouri (at St. Louis)	20-53/.377	7-18/.389	17-25/.680	17-21 — 38	20	9	14	1	5	64 (23-41)
12-27	Illinois (W, 105-79)	42-78/.538	10-25/.400	11-17/.647	16-21 — 37	8	24	10	2	12	105 (56-49)
	Longwood	32-60/.533	8-19/.421	7-9/.778	7-24 — 31	15	16	22	4	4	79 (43-36)
12-30	Illinois (W, 69-51)	26-63/.413	8-24/.333	9-14/.643	13-23 — 36	18	16	10	7	9	69 (42-27)
	vs. N'western St (at Las Vegas)	19-53/.358	4-11/.364	9-16/.563	16-27 — 43	17	9	21	1	3	51 (28-23)
12-31	Illinois (W, 67-45)	22-56/.393	9-22/.409	14-19/.737	13-26 — 39	20	14	10	1	6	67 (35-32)
	vs. #22 Cincinnati (at Las Vegas)	14-50/.280	4-15/.267	13-26/.500	16-23 — 39	17	6	15	5	6	45 (24-21)
1-5	Illinois (W, 84-65)	32-65/.492	5-15/.333	15-18/.833	14-25 — 39	16	17	6	4	3	84 (46-38)
	Ohio State	24-49/.490	10-21/.476	7-14/.500	3-20 — 23	19	11	12	2	0	65 (40-25)
1-8	Illinois (W, 68-59)	23-51/.451	11-22/.500	11-18/.611	9-17 — 26	15	16	7	6	5	68 (33-35)
	at Purdue	24-52/.462	5-10/.500	6-8/.750	10-21 — 31	16	14	13	4	1	59 (39-20)
1-12	Illinois (W, 90-64)	34-61/.557	15-34/.441	7-12/.583	15-17 — 32	15	26	9	3	9	90 (41-49)
	Penn State	23-51/.451	6-14/.429	12-13/.923	12-16 — 28	10	11	16	4	1	64 (25-39)
1-15	Illinois (W, 78-66)	30-61/.492	7-21/.333	11-16/.688	16-15 — 31	21	22	8	2	11	78 (42-36)
	at Northwestern	24-42/.571	8-16/.500	10-16/.625	6-19 — 25	17	14	16	2	3	66 (34-32)
1-20	Illinois (W, 73-68 OT)	22-67/.328	6-28/.214	23-31/.742	18-28 — 46	13	12	19	4	15	73 (34-31-8)
	#23 Iowa	27-61/.443	8-18/.444	6-12/.500	9-29 — 38	25	13	22	5	7	68 (25-40-3)
1-25	Illinois (W, 75-65)	25-45/.463	8-15/.533	17-20/.850	7-26 — 33	15	17	10	4	9	75 (35-40)
	at #18 Wisconsin	25-54/.463	10-24/.417	5-12/.417	8-22 — 30	15	14	13	3	4	65 (33-32)
1-29	Illinois (W, 89-66)	33-59/.559	10-22/.455	13-17/.765	11-26 — 37	17	21	13	5	8	89 (47-42)
	Minnesota	24-63/.381	4-14/.286	14-19/.737	16-15 — 31	14	11	12	1	4	66 (26-40)
2-1	Illinois (W, 81-68)	29-51/.569	13-24/.542	10-12/.833	6-21 — 27	13	14	10	0	12	81 (41-40)
	at #12 Michigan State	24-56/.429	7-18/.389	13-13/1.000	11-18 — 29	13	18	13	1	6	68 (33-35)
2-6	Illinois (W, 60-47)	19-44/.432	4-16/.250	18-20/.900	6-22 — 28	16	15	12	4	5	60 (26-34)
	Indiana	17-45/.378	4-14/.286	9-11/.818	7-18 — 25	15	9	15	2	3	47 (20-27)
2-8	Illinois (W, 57-51)	21-48/.438	7-24/.292	8-10/.800	6-18 — 24	17	13	5	0	8	57 (24-33)
	at Michigan	19-40/.475	6-14/.429	7-14/.500	7-21 — 28	11	11	13	0	1	51 (28-23)
2-12	Illinois (W, 70-59)	22-48/.458	8-18/.444	18-19/.947	8-21 — 29	15	11	11	1	9	70 (27-43)
	#20 Wisconsin	22-47/.468	8-19/.421	7-16/.438	8-17 — 25	16	10	14	1	7	59 (26-33)
2-16	Illinois (W, 83-63)	34-63/.540	12-28/.429	3-5/.600	11-22 — 33	17	27	8	4	11	83 (52-31)
	at Penn State	22-50/.440	6-14/.429	13-16/.813	8-19 — 27	9	18	15	1	3	63 (30-33)
2-19	Illinois (W, 75-65)	26-54/.481	5-15/.333	18-23/.783	8-13 — 21	18	12	10	1	8	75 (36-39)
	at Iowa	20-43/.465	4-11/.364	21-26/.808	13-23 — 36	19	13	21	1	5	65 (28-37)
2-23	Illinois (W, 84-48)	32-54/.593	14-23/.609	6-10/.600	9-27 — 36	13	22	11	3	6	84 (45-39)
	Northwestern	22-55/.400	1-17/.059	3-6/.500	7-14 — 21	11	12	13	1	6	48 (22-26)
3-3	Illinois (W, 84-50)	27-50/.540	15-27/.556	15-23/.652	4-27 — 31	10	21	12	1	6	84 (50-34)
	Purdue	20-62/.323	6-20/.300	4-4/1.000	14-23 — 37	20	11	17	4	5	50 (26-24)
3-6	Illinois (W, 64-65)	23-60/.383	5-19/.263	13-19/.684	13-24 — 37	17	14	9	1	5	64 (38-26)
	at Ohio State	23-53/.434	4-16/.250	15-21/.714	7-24 — 31	14	14	8	3	3	65 (27-38)

ILLINOIS & OPPONENT HIGHS & LOWS/PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

2004-05 ILLINOIS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	105 vs. Longwood, 12/27	57 vs. Michigan, 2/8
Field Goals Made	42 vs. Longwood, 12/27	19 vs. Indiana, 2/6
Field Goals Attempted	78 vs. Longwood, 12/27	44 vs. Indiana, 2/6
Field Goal Percentage	.636 (35-55) vs. Delaware State, 11/19	.353 (22-67) vs. Iowa, 1/20
Three-Point Field Goals Made	15 vs. Penn State, 1/12 & Purdue, 3/3	4 vs. Indiana, 2/6
Three-Point Field Goals Attempted	34 vs. Penn State, 1/12	14 vs. Oregon, 12/1
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	.609 (14-23) vs. Northwestern, 2/23	.214 (6-28) vs. Iowa, 1/20
Free Throws Made	23 vs. Iowa, 1/20	4 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1
Free Throws Attempted	35 vs. Arkansas, 12/4	6 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1
Free Throw Percentage	.947 (18-19) vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	.583 (7-12) vs. Penn State, 1/12
Rebounds	46 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	21 vs. Iowa, 2/19
	46 vs. Iowa, 1/20	
Assists	27 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1	11 vs. Wisconsin, 2/12
	27 vs. Penn State, 2/16	
Turnovers	21 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	5 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19
		5 vs. Michigan, 2/8
Blocks	8 vs. Oregon, 12/11	0 vs. Michigan State, 2/1
		0 vs. Michigan, 2/8
Steals	15 vs. Iowa, 1/20	2 vs. Delaware St., 11/19
Fouls	24 vs. Arkansas, 12/4	8 vs. Longwood, 12/27

OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	79, Longwood, 12/27	45, Cincinnati, 12/31
Field Goals Made	32, Longwood, 12/27	14, Cincinnati, 12/31
Field Goals Attempted	68, Wake Forest, 12/1	40, Michigan, 2/8
Field Goal Percentage	.571 (24-42), Delaware State, 11/19	.280 (14-50), Cincinnati, 12/31
	.571 (24-42), Northwestern, 1/15	
Three-Point Field Goals Made	10, four teams; last, Wisconsin, 1/25	1, Northwestern, 2/23
Three-Point Field Goals Attempted	24, Wake Forest, 12/1	10, Purdue, 1/8
	24, Wisconsin 1/25	
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	.526 (10-19), Delaware State, 11/19	.059 (1-17), Northwestern, 2/23
Free Throws Made	21, Iowa, 2/19	3, Northwestern, 2/23
Free Throws Attempted	32, Arkansas, 12/4	6, Northwestern, 2/23
Free Throw Percentage	1.000 (13-13), Michigan State, 2/1	.417 (5-12), Wisconsin, 1/25
Rebounds	43, Gonzaga, 11/27	12, Delaware State, 11/19
	43, Northwestern State, 12/30	
Assists	18, four teams; last, Penn State, 2/16	6, Cincinnati, 12/31
Turnovers	25, Florida A&M, 11/21	8, Ohio State, 3/6
Blocks	8, Arkansas, 12/4	0, three teams; last, Michigan, 2/8
Steals	12, Oakland, 11/24	0, Ohio State, 1/5
Fouls	25, Florida A&M, 11/21	8, Gonzaga, 11/27
	25, Iowa, 1/20	

ILLINOIS & OPPONENT PLAYER SUPERLATIVES

	ILLINOIS	OPPONENT
Points	27, Brown vs. Purdue, 3/3	30, Michael Jefferson, Longwood, 12/27
Field Goals	10, Powell vs. Penn State, 2/16	11, Adam Morrison, Gonzaga, 11/27
		11, Michael Jefferson, Longwood, 12/27
Field Goal Attempts	18, Head vs. Iowa, 1/20	22, Michael Jefferson, Longwood, 12/27
Field Goal Percentage (min. 7 att.)	1.000 (10-10), Powell vs. Penn State, 2/16	.857 (6-7), Courtney Sims, Michigan, 2/8
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, Brown vs. Purdue, 3/3	5, Michael Jefferson, Longwood, 12/27
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	13, Head vs. Iowa, 1/20	8, Michael Jefferson, Longwood, 12/27
Three-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 5 att.)	.800 (8-10), Brown vs. Purdue, 3/3	.800 (4-5), Bruce Davis, Delaware St., 11/19
	.800 (4-5), Brown vs. Delaware St., 11/19	.800 (4-5), Ivan Harris, Ohio State, 1/5
	.800 (4-5), Brown vs. Valparaiso, 12/19	
	.800 (4-5), Williams vs. Minnesota, 1/29	
	.800 (4-5), Williams vs. Michigan State, 2/1	
Free Throws Made	12, Head vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	11, Linas Kleiza, Missouri, 12/22
Free Throws Attempted	13, Head vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	13, Linas Kleiza, Missouri, 12/22
Free Throw Percentage (min. 8 att.)	.823 (12-13), Head vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	.846 (11-13), Linas Kleiza, Missouri, 12/22
Rebounds	14, Augustine vs. Iowa, 1/20	11, Adam Morrison, Gonzaga, 11/27
		11, Jason Maxiell, Cincinnati, 12/31
		11, Greg Brunner, Iowa, 1/20
Assists	13, Brown vs. Longwood, 12/27	7, Darrin Shine, Delaware St., 11/19
Blocks	4, Augustine vs. Oakland, 11/24	6, Steven Hill, Arkansas, 12/4
	4, Augustine vs. Indiana, 2/6	
Steals	6, Head vs. Iowa, 1/20	5, Courtney Scott, Oakland, 11/24

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4 Luther Head

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	26 vs. Northwestern, 1/15 26 vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	29 vs. Indiana (3/12/04)
FG	9 vs. Northwestern, 1/15	9 vs. Indiana (3/12/04) 9 vs. Northwestern (1/15/05)
FG Att.	18 vs. Iowa, 1/20	18 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)
3-Pt.	6 vs. Oakland, 11/24	6 vs. Oakland, (11/24/04)
3-Pt. Att.	13 vs. Iowa, 1/20	13 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)
FT	12 vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	12 vs. Wisconsin (2/12/05)
FT Att.	13 vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	13 vs. Wisconsin (2/12/05)
Rebounds	8 vs. Cincinnati, 12/31 8 vs. Wisconsin, 2/12	10 vs. Iowa (2/25/04)
Assists	9, three times, last vs. Valparaiso, 12/19	9, four times, last vs. Valparaiso (12/19/04)
Blocks	2 vs. Purdue, 1/8	2 vs. Purdue, (1/8/04)
Steals	6 vs. Iowa, 1/20	6 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)
Minutes	42 vs. Iowa, 1/20	42 vs. Illinois State (1/3/04) 42 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)

5 Deron Williams

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	23 vs. Longwood, 12/27	31 vs. Wisconsin (2/18/04) 31 vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)
FG	8 vs. Iowa, 2/19	10 vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)
FG Att.	16 vs. Ohio State, 1/5/05 16 vs. Iowa, 2/19	18 vs. North Carolina (12/2/03) 18 vs. Wisconsin (2/18/04)
3-Pt.	5 vs. Gonzaga, 11/27	6 vs. Cincinnati (3/21/04)
3-Pt. Att.	9 vs. Gonzaga, 11/27	11 vs. Purdue (3/3/04)
FT	8 vs. Missouri, 12/22	8 vs. Wisconsin (2/18/04) 8 vs. Missouri (12/22/04)
FT Att.	10 vs. Missouri, 12/22	10 vs. Missouri (12/22/04)
Rebounds	7 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19	9 vs. Western Illinois (11/22/03)
Assists	12 vs. Penn State, 1/12	12 vs. Penn State (1/12/05)
Blocks	2 vs. Ohio State, 1/5	2 vs. Ohio State (1/5/05)
Steals	4 vs. Penn State, 1/12	4, five times, last vs. Penn State (1/12/05)
Minutes	40 vs. Michigan, 2/8 40 vs. Iowa, 2/19	45 vs. Purdue (3/3/04)

11 Dee Brown

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	27 vs. Purdue, 3/3	27 vs. Purdue, (3/3/05)
FG	9 vs. Purdue, 3/3	10 vs. Eastern Illinois (12/10/02)
FG Att.	12, three times last vs. Purdue, 3/3	18 vs. Northwestern (1/14/04)
3-Pt.	8 vs. Purdue, 3/3	8 vs. Purdue, (3/3/05)
3-Pt. Att.	10 vs. Purdue, 3/3	12 vs. Northwestern (1/14/04)
FT	5 vs. Iowa, 1/20 5 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	7 vs. Michigan (3/13/04)
FT Att.	8 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	8, four times, last vs. Ohio State (3/6/05)
Rebounds	6 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1	7, four times last vs. Purdue (3/3/04)
Assists	13 vs. Longwood, 12/27	13 vs. Longwood (12/27/04)
Blocks	1 vs. Oregon, 12/11	1, four times, last vs. Oregon (12/11/04)
Steals	4, three times, last vs. Michigan, 2/8	5 vs. Michigan State (2/18/03) 5 vs. Northwestern (2/22/03)
Minutes	38 vs. Michigan, 2/8 38 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	43 vs. Purdue (3/3/04)

33 Rich McBride

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	9 vs. Delaware State, 11/19 9 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1	22 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
FG	3, four times, last vs. Longwood, 12/27	7 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
FG Att.	7 vs. Penn State, 1/12	13 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
3-Pt.	3 vs. Delaware State, 11/19 3 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1	6 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
3-Pt. Att.	7 vs. Penn State, 1/12	10 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
FT	2 vs. Georgetown, 12/9	2, five times, last vs. Georgetown (12/9/04)
FT Att.	2 vs. Georgetown, 12/9 2 vs. Ohio State, 1/5	3 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
Rebounds	6 vs. Chicago State, 12/6	6 vs. Chicago State (12/6/04)
Assists	4 vs. Purdue, 3/3	5 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)
Blocks	1 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19 1 vs. Penn State, 1/12	1 vs. Valparaiso (12/19/04) 1 vs. Penn State (1/12/05)
Steals	2 vs. Purdue, 1/8	3 vs. Missouri (12/23/03)
Minutes	24 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1	33 vs. Purdue (1/10/04)

40 James Augustine

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	21 vs. Ohio State, 1/5	21 vs. Memphis (12/13/03) 21 vs. Ohio State (1/5/05)
FG	8 vs. Longwood, 12/27 8 vs. Ohio State, 1/5	9 vs. Penn State (1/25/03)
FG Att.	11 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	14 vs. Penn State (1/25/03)
3-Pt.	0	1, five times, last vs. Michigan (3/1/03)
3-Pt. Att.	0	2 vs. Michigan (3/1/03)
FT	6 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21 6 vs. N'western St., 12/30	6, five times, last vs. N'western St. (12/30/04)
FT Att.	8, three times, last vs. Iowa, 1/20	11 vs. Missouri (12/23/03)
Rebounds	14 vs. Iowa, 1/20	14 vs. Northwestern (1/14/04) 14 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)
Assists	3 vs. Purdue, 1/8	4 vs. Ark-Pine Bluff (11/27/02) 4 vs. Michigan (3/13/04)
Blocks	4 vs. Oakland, 11/24 4 vs. Indiana, 2/6	5 vs. Oakland (1/4/03) 5 vs. Arkansas (12/6/03)
Steals	4 vs. Michigan State, 2/1	4 vs. UMES (12/11/03) 4 vs. Michigan St. (2/1/05)
Minutes	39 vs. Iowa, 2/19	39 vs. Iowa (2/19/05)

41 Warren Carter

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	8, three times, last vs. Chicago State, 12/6	9 vs. Western Illinois (11/22/03)
FG	4 vs. Oakland, 11/24 4 vs. Chicago State, 12/6	4, three times, last vs. Chicago State (12/6/04)
FG Att.	8 vs. Gonzaga, 11/27 8 vs. Chicago State, 12/6	8 vs. Gonzaga (11/27/04) 8 vs. Chicago State (12/6/04)
3-Pt.	1 vs. Northwestern, 2/23	1 vs. Northwestern, (2/23/05)
3-Pt. Att.	1, four times, last vs. Northwestern, 2/23	1, four times, last vs. Northwestern, (2/23/05)
FT	4 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	4 vs. Florida A&M (11/21/04)
FT Att.	7 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	7 vs. Florida A&M (11/21/04)
Rebounds	6 vs. Northwestern, 2/23 6 vs. Purdue, 3/3	6 vs. Northwestern, (2/23/05) 6 vs. Purdue, (3/3/05)
Assists	1, three times last vs. Purdue, 3/3	2 vs. Western Illinois (11/22/03)

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Blocks	2 vs. Chicago State, 12/6 2 vs. Penn State, 2/16	2 vs. Chicago State (12/6/04)
Steals	2 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	2 vs. Florida A&M (11/21/04)
Minutes	19 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19 19 vs. Purdue, 3/3	19 vs. Valparaiso (12/19/04) 19 Purdue, (3/3/05)

42 Brian Randle

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points		10 vs. Ohio State (1/7/04)
FG	4, three times, last vs. Penn State (1/21/04)	
FG Att.		10 vs. UIC (12/30/03)
3-Pt.	1, three times, last vs. UIC (12/30/03)	
3-Pt. Att.	2 vs. N. Carolina (12/2/03) & 2 vs. UIC (12/30/03)	
FT	4 vs. Western Ill. (11/22/03) & 4 vs. Ohio State (1/7/04)	
FT Att.		6 vs. Western Ill. (11/22/03)
Rebounds		11 vs. UIC (12/30/03)
Assists	3 vs. Mercer (11/26/03) & 3 vs. UIC (12/30/03)	
Blocks	3 vs. Penn State (1/21/04) & 3 vs. Minnesota (2/8/04)	
Steals	3 vs. Western Ill. (11/22/03) & 3 vs. Memphis (12/13/03)	
Minutes		29 vs. UIC (12/30/03)

43 Roger Powell

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	21 vs. Minnesota, 1/29 21 vs. Penn State, 2/16	24 vs. Wisconsin (1/24/04)
FG	10 vs. Penn State, 2/16	10 Penn State, (2/16/05)
FG Att.	15 vs. Iowa, 1/20	15 vs. Iowa (1/20/05)
3-Pt.	2 vs. Wake Forest, 12/1 2 vs. Minnesota, 1/29	2, eight times, last vs. Minnesota, (1/29/05)
3-Pt. Att.	4 vs. Purdue, 1/8	5 vs. Lehigh (11/24/02)
FT	6 vs. Arkansas, 12/4 6 vs. Iowa, 2/19	9 vs. Wisconsin (1/24/04)
FT Att.	10 vs. Arkansas, 12/4	10 vs. Wisconsin (1/24/04)
Rebounds	11 vs. Arkansas, 12/4 11 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	11 vs. Arkansas (12/4/04) 11 vs. Ohio State (3/6/05)
Assists	2, four times, last vs. Northwestern, 2/23	3, three times, last vs. Iowa (1/17/04)
Blocks	2 vs. Oregon, 12/11 2 vs. Missouri, 12/22	2, four times, last vs. Missouri (12/22/04)
Steals	3 vs. Longwood, 12/27 3 vs. Northwestern, 1/15	4 vs. Missouri (12/21/02)
Minutes	34, three times last vs. Ohio State, 3/6	40 vs. Iowa (1/17/04)

45 Nick Smith

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	9 vs. Longwood, 12/27	22 vs. Ohio State (1/7/04)
FG	4, three times, last vs. Northwestern, 1/15	7 vs. Northwestern (2/28/04)
FG Att.	7 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19 7 vs. Longwood, 12/27	10 vs. Minnesota (2/8/04) 10 vs. Northwestern (2/28/04)
3-Pt.	1, four times last vs. Purdue, 3/3	2 vs. Purdue (3/3/04)
3-Pt. Att.	1, eight times, last vs. Purdue, 3/3	3 vs. Purdue (3/3/04) 3 vs. Mercer (11/26/03)
FT	2, six times, last vs. Iowa, 2/19	10 vs. Iowa (1/17/04)
FT Att.	2, 10 times, last vs. Purdue, 3/3	10 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/29/01) 10 vs. Iowa (1/17/04)
Rebounds	6 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21	9 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/29/01) 9 vs. Ohio State (1/7/04)
Assists	3 vs. Delaware State, 11/19	5 vs. Temple (11/29/03)

Blocks	2, four times, last vs. Oregon, 12/11	5 vs. Minnesota (3/9/03)
Steals	2 vs. Penn State, 1/12	2, four times, last vs. Penn State (1/12/05)
Minutes	18 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19	30 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/29/01)

50 Jack Ingram

	<u>Season High</u>	<u>Career High</u>
Points	8, six times, last vs. Ohio State, 3/6	9 vs. Murray State (3/19/04)
FG	4 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	4 vs. Mercer (11/26/03) 4 vs. Ohio State (3/6/05)
FG Att.	8 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	9 vs. Mercer (11/26/03)
3-Pt.	2 vs. Wisconsin, 1/25	2 vs. Wisconsin (1/25/05)
3-Pt. Att.	2, three times last vs. Penn State, 2/16	2, three times last vs. Penn State, (2/16/05)
FT	2, seven times, last vs. Minnesota, 1/29	2, eight times, last vs. Minnesota, (1/29/05)
FT Att.	3 vs. Longwood, 12/27	3 vs. Longwood (12/27/04)
Rebounds	6 vs. Valparaiso, 12/19 6 vs. Wisconsin, 1/25	8 vs. Mercer (11/26/03) 8 vs. UMES (12/11/03)
Assists	2, four times, last vs. Michigan St., 2/1	2, six times, last vs. Michigan St., (2/1/05)
Blocks	3 vs. N'western St., 12/30	3 vs. N'western State (1/30/04)
Steals	3 vs. Ohio State, 3/6	3 vs. Ohio State, (3/6/05)
Minutes	22 vs. Missouri, 12/22	22 vs. Missouri (12/22/04)

55 Shaun Pruitt

	<u>Season High/Career High</u>
Points	7 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21
FG	2 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21 2 vs. Minnesota, 1/29
FG Att.	4 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21
3-Pt.	0
3-Pt. Att.	0
FT	4 vs. Oakland, 11/24
FT Att.	6 vs. Oakland, 11/24
Rebounds	5 vs. Florida A&M, 11/21
Assists	0
Blocks	1 vs. Chicago State, 12/6
Steals	1, three times, last vs. Gonzaga, 11/27
Minutes	8, three times last vs. Penn State, 2/16

ILLINOIS BASKETBALL BY THE NUMBERS

UI vs. Ranked Opponents

The Illini have played 15 games against opponents ranked by the Associated Press under Bruce Weber, winning 10 times. Following is a complete list of the Illini vs. ranked opponents (AP) since 2003-04 under Weber:

12/3/03	vs. #10 North Carolina	L, 81-88
12/23/03	vs. #11 Missouri	W, 71-70
1/10/04	#24 Purdue	L, 54-58
1/24/04	at #21 Wisconsin	L, 56-76
2/18/04	#12 Wisconsin	W, 65-57
3/14/04	vs. #10 Wisconsin	L, 53-70
3/21/04	vs. #11 Cincinnati	W, 92-68
3/26/04	vs. #6 Duke	L, 62-72
11/27/04	vs. #24 Gonzaga	W, 89-72
12/1/04	#1 Wake Forest	W, 91-73
12/31/04	#22 Cincinnati	W, 67-45
1/20/05	#23 Iowa	W, 73-68-ot
1/25/05	at #18 Wisconsin	W, 75-65
2/1/05	at #12 Michigan St.	W, 81-68
2/12/05	#20 Wisconsin	W, 70-59

Illini at "The Hall"

Illinois at the Assembly Hall

All-Time:	448-118 (.792)
1963-69	49-13 (.790)
1970-79	69-42 (.622)
1980-89	134-23 (.854)
1990-99	114-34 (.770)
2000-present	78-3 (.963)

Longest Winning Streak: 31 games
(1/15/84 - 1/4/86)

Current Winning Streak: 21 games
(1/17/04 - present)

Current Winning Streak vs. Non-Conference Opponents: 38 (11/20/98 - present)

Illini on Television

3/11	Big Ten Tournament - ESPN
3/12 *	BTT - CBS
3/13 *	BTT - CBS

* = if *Illinois advances*

Illini TV and Radio in Chicago

3/11	BTT - ESPN/WSCR-AM
3/12 *	BTT - WBBM-2/WSCR-AM
3/13 *	BTT - WBBM-2/WSCR-A

* = if *Illinois advances*

Bruce Weber Teleconference -Press Conference Schedule

Contact the Illinois SID office for phone number information

Date	Event	Time
3/14	Media Luncheon/Teleconf.	11:30 a.m.

By the Numbers

- 1 – Illinois' current ranking in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches Polls.
- 3 – Seasons in which Illinois has been ranked No. 1 in the national polls, including 1952, 1989 and 2004-05
- 4 – Times Illinois has won back-to-back Big Ten titles, including 2001 and 2002, and 2004 and 2005.
- 3 – States represented on the Illinois roster (Florida, Illinois and Texas).
- 3 – Players on the roster from the state of Texas (Warren Carter, Jack Ingram and Deron Williams).
- 5 – Consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances for the Illini (2000-04).
- 10 – Players on the roster from the state of Illinois (Marcus Arnold, James Augustine, Calvin Brock, Dee Brown, Luther Head, Rich McBride, Fred Nkemdi, Roger Powell, Shaun Pruitt and Brian Randle).
- 11 – Illinois' final ranking in the 2004 Associated Press Poll.
- 14 – Consecutive weeks Illinois has been ranked No. 1 in the polls this season.
- 17 – Big Ten Championships won by Illinois.
- 24 – 20-win seasons for Illinois, including eight of the last nine seasons.
- 24 – All-time NCAA Tournament appearances by Illinois.
- 25 – Wins in 2002-03.
- 26 – Wins in 2001-02.
- 26 – Wins in 2003-04.
- 27 – Wins by the Illini in 2000-01.
- 29 – Wins so far in 2004-05, the second-most in school history.
- 31 – School record for wins, set by the 1989 team.
- 133 – Wins by the Illini in the last five seasons.
- 258 – Consecutive games Illinois has made a three-point field goal (since 11/28/97).

Streakin' Illini

Current Streaks by the Illini

All Games: 1 L
At the Assembly Hall: 21 W
On the Road: 1 L
Neutral Sites: 6 W
vs. Ranked Opponents: 7 W
Non-Conference Home Games: 38 W
(last loss vs. George Washington, 11/17/98)
Big Ten Play: 1 L
Big Ten Home Games: 14 W
Big Ten Road Games: 1 L
Since Opponent Scored 100 Pts:
372 games (12/22/93)
Consecutive Games with 3-pt. FG:
258 games (11/28/97)

Did you Know ...

... Dee Brown is the eighth Illinois Mr. Basketball to attend the University of Illinois.

... Since 1980 Illinois has signed 12 McDonald's All-Americans and one is currently on the Illini roster. Dee Brown made the All-America team in 2002. Illinois ranks 11th all-time in number of McDonald's All-Americans to attend the school.

... Illinois has the 11th best all-time winning percentage (.653) among Division I schools.

... Illinois has an all-time record of 1512-804. The 1512 wins rank 14th on the Division I list.

... Ten Illini players have been first-round draft selections, including Nick Anderson and Kendall Gill from the 1989 Final Four team and recent UI alumni Frank Williams to the New York Knicks in 2002 (now on the Chicago Bulls roster) and Brian Cook to the Los Angeles Lakers in 2003.

... Illinois ranks second in the Big Ten behind Indiana in total NCAA appearances with 24, including the last five in a row.

... Illinois has the highest all-time winning percentage among Big Ten schools, and ranks second behind Indiana in all-time victories. In all-time Big Ten play, the Illini are first in conference wins, and third in winning percentage behind Purdue and Indiana.

... The Orange Krush student group is more than just a Fighting Illini cheering section. The students raised over \$100,000 last year which went to the University of Illinois general scholarship fund, the Fighting Illini Scholarship Fund (to the Matthew Heldman Scholarship Fund) and a variety of charities. Over the last five years, Orange Krush has distributed more than \$600,000 to charities.

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1942: **Eastern Playoffs (at New Orleans)**
 Kentucky 46, Illinois 44
 Penn State 41, Illinois 34

1949: **Eastern Playoffs (at New York)**
 Illinois 71, Yale 67
 Kentucky 56, Illinois 47
Final Playoffs (at Seattle)
 Illinois 57, Oregon State 53
 (3rd place)

1951: **Warm-up Game (at Manhattan, Kan.)**
 Kansas State 91, Illinois 72
Eastern Playoffs (at New York)
 Illinois 79, Columbia 71
 Illinois 84, No. Carolina St. 70
 Kentucky 76, Illinois 74
Final Playoffs (at Minneapolis)
 Illinois 61, Oklahoma A&M 46
 (3rd place)

1952: **Mideast Regional (at Chicago)**
 Illinois 80, Dayton 61
 Illinois 74, Duquesne 68
Final Playoffs (at Seattle)
 St. John's 61, Illinois 59
 Illinois 67, Santa Clara 64
 (3rd place)

1963: **Mideast Regional (at East Lansing, Mich.)**
 Illinois 70, Bowling Green 67
 Loyola (Ill.) 79, Illinois 64

1981: **Western Region (#4 seed) (at Los Angeles)**
 #4 Illinois 67, #5 Wyoming 65
Western Regional (at Salt Lake City)
 #8 Kansas State 57, #4 Illinois 52

1983: **Western Region (#7 seed) (at Boise)**
 #10 Utah 52, #7 Illinois 49

1984: **Mideast Region (#2 seed) (at Milwaukee)**
 #2 Illinois 64, #7 Villanova 56
Mideast Regional (at Lexington, Ky.)
 #2 Illinois 72, #3 Maryland 70
 #1 Kentucky 54, #2 Illinois 51

1985: **East Region (#3 seed) (at Atlanta)**
 #3 Illinois 76, #14 Northeastern 57
 #3 Illinois 74, #6 Georgia 58
East Regional (at Providence, R.I.)
 #2 Georgia Tech 61, #3 Illinois 53

1986: **Southeast Region (#4 seed) (at Charlotte)**
 #4 Illinois 75, #13 Fairfield 51
 #5 Alabama 58, #4 Illinois 56

1987: **Southeast Region (#3 seed) (at Birmingham)**
 #14 Austin Peay 68, #3 Illinois 67

1988: **Southeast Region (#3 seed) (at Cincinnati)**
 #3 Illinois 81, #14 Texas-San Antonio 72
 #6 Villanova 66, #3 Illinois 61

1989: **Midwest Region (#1 seed) (at Indianapolis)**
 #1 Illinois 77, #16 McNeese State 71
 #1 Illinois 72, #9 Ball State 60
Midwest Regional (at Minneapolis)
 #1 Illinois 83, #4 Louisville 69
 #1 Illinois 89, #2 Syracuse 86
Final Four (at Seattle)
 #3 Michigan 83, #1 Illinois 81

1990: **Midwest Region (#5 seed) (at Austin)**
 #12 Dayton 88, #5 Illinois 86

1993: **West Region (#6 seed) (at Salt Lake City)**
 #6 Illinois 75, #11 Long Beach State 72
 #3 Vanderbilt 85, #6 Illinois 68

1994: **Midwest Region (#8 seed) (at Oklahoma City)**
 #9 Georgetown 84, #8 Illinois 77

1995: **East Region (#11 seed) (at Albany, N.Y.)**
 #6 Tulsa 68, #11 Illinois 62

1997: **Southeast Region (#6 seed) (at Charlotte)**
 #6 Illinois 90, #11 Southern Cal 77
 #14 Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, #6 Illinois 63

1998: **West Region (#5 seed) (at Sacramento)**
 #5 Illinois 64, #12 South Alabama 51
 #4 Maryland 67, #5 Illinois 61

2000: **East Region (#4 seed) (at Winston-Salem, N.C.)**
 #4 Illinois 68, #13 Penn 58
 #5 Florida 93, #4 Illinois 76

2001: **Midwest Region (#1 seed) (at Dayton, Ohio)**
 #1 Illinois 96, #16 Northwestern St. 54
 #1 Illinois 79, #9 Charlotte 61
Midwest Regional (at San Antonio)
 #1 Illinois 80, #4 Kansas 64
 #2 Arizona 87, #1 Illinois 81

2002: **Midwest Region (#4 seed) (at Chicago)**
 #4 Illinois 93, #13 San Diego St. 64
 #4 Illinois 72, #12 Creighton 60
Midwest Regional (at Madison, Wis)
 #1 Kansas 73, #4 Illinois 69

2003: **West Region (#4 seed) (at Indianapolis)**
 #4 Illinois 65, #13 Western Kentucky 60
 #5 Notre Dame 68, #4 Illinois 60

2004: **Atlanta Region (#5 seed) (at Columbus, Ohio)**
 #5 Illinois 72, #12 Murray State 53
 #5 Illinois 92, #4 Cincinnati 68
(at Atlanta)
 #1 Duke 72, #5 Illinois 62

Overall NCAA Record: 32-25 (.561)

Illinois' Record at NCAA Sites

	Record	Last Appearance
Albany	0-1	1995
Atlanta	2-1	2004
Austin	0-1	1990
Birmingham	0-1	1987
Boise	0-1	1983
Charlotte	2-2	1997
Chicago	4-0	2002
Cincinnati	1-1	1988
Cincinnati	2-0	2004
Dayton	2-0	2001
East Lansing	1-1	1963
Indianapolis	3-1	2003
Lexington	1-1	1984
Los Angeles	1-0	1981
Madison	0-1	2002
Manhattan, Kan.	0-1	1951
Milwaukee	1-0	1984
Minneapolis	3-0	1989
New Orleans	0-2	1942
New York	3-2	1951
Oklahoma City	0-1	1994
Providence	0-1	1985
Sacramento	1-1	1998
Salt Lake City	1-2	1993
San Antonio	1-1	2001
Seattle	2-2	1989
Winston-Salem	1-1	2000

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<p>1998</p> <p>Quarterfinals #2 ILL 66, #10 WIS 61</p> <p>Semifinals #3 PUR 68, #2 ILL 47</p>	<p>2002</p> <p>Quarterfinals #3 ILL 92, #6 MINN 76</p> <p>Semifinals #2 OSU 94, #3 ILL 88</p>
<p>1999</p> <p>First Round #11 ILL 67, #6 MINN 64</p> <p>Quarterfinals #11 ILL 82, #3 IND 66</p> <p>Semifinals #11 ILL 79, #2 OSU 77</p> <p>Championship #1 MSU 67, #11 ILL 50</p>	<p>2003</p> <p>Quarterfinals #2 ILL 94, #10 NU 65</p> <p>Semifinals #2 ILL 73, #6 IND 72</p> <p>Championship #2 ILL 72, #8 OSU 59</p>
<p>2000</p> <p>Quarterfinals #4 ILL 72, #5 IND 69</p> <p>Semifinals #4 ILL 94, #9 PSU 84</p> <p>Championship #2 MSU 76, #4 ILL 61</p>	<p>2004</p> <p>Quarterfinals #1 ILL 71, #8 IND 59</p> <p>Semifinals #1 ILL 74, #5 MICH 60</p> <p>Championship #2 WIS 70, #1 ILL 53</p>
<p>2001</p> <p>Quarterfinals #1 ILL 83, #8 PUR 66</p> <p>Semifinals #4 IND 58, #1 ILL 56</p>	<p>All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record: 13-6 (.684)</p>