

ILLINOIS

FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

NEBRASKA (3-2, 2-0) 28, ILLINOIS (2-2, 0-1) 6

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017

Champaign, Illinois // Memorial Stadium

Attendance: 43,058

ILLINOIS SCOREBOARD

Sept. 2	Ball State	W, 24-21
Sept. 9	Western Kentucky	W, 20-7
Sept. 15	at South Florida	L, 23-47
Sept. 29	Nebraska	L, 6-28
Oct. 7	at Iowa	11 am (BTN)
Oct. 14	Rutgers	TBD
Oct. 21	at Minnesota	2:30/3 pm (TV TBD)
Oct. 28	Wisconsin (Homecoming)	11 am (TV TBD)
Nov. 4	at Purdue	TBD
Nov. 11	Indiana	TBD
Nov. 18	at Ohio State	TBD
Nov. 25	Northwestern	TBD
Dec. 2	Big Ten Championship Game	TBD

All times Central ... rankings AP/Coaches poll on week of game

TEAM NOTES

- Illinois started eight true freshmen (DB **Nate Hobbs**, S **Bennett Williams**, DE **Bobby Roundtree**, DT **Jamal Woods**, RB **Mike Epstein**, WR **Ricky Smalling**, OL **Alex Palczewski**, OL **Larry Boyd**).
- Illinois' eight true freshmen starters are the second-most in a game in program history. The record of 10 was set at South Florida in Illinois' last game.
- Illinois' most cumulative true freshmen starts in a season: 34 (1977), 33 (2006), 28 (2017)
- Illinois' 11 true freshmen starters used this season is a program record. The previous high for a season was nine in 1980.
- Illinois' 11 true freshmen starters are the most in the nation this season.
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the offensive line (T **Larry Boyd**, G **Alex Palczewski**) for the third straight game (only three times in program history).
- Illinois started two true freshmen on the defensive line (DT **Jamal Woods**, DE **Bobby Roundtree**) for the third straight game (only three times in program history).
- Illinois has used 19 first-time starters in 2017, tied with UAB for the second-most in the nation behind Baylor (21).
- Nebraska lost a fumble for the first time this season during the third quarter after DB **Patrick Nelson** forced a fumble that DB **Stanley Green** recovered.
- Nebraska had a season-high four fumbles. It tied Illinois' season-high for forced fumbles (4, Western Kentucky)
- Illinois captains: OL **Nick Allegretti**, K **Chase McLaughlin**, LB **Tré Watson**

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Freshman DT **Jamal Woods**, senior DE **James Crawford**, junior TE **Henry McGrew** started for the first time this season. It was McGrew's and Woods' first career starts.
- Junior WR **Mike Dudek** has at least two catches in all 17 games he has played. He had two catches for a team-high 37 yards.
- Senior WR **Malik Turner** has caught a pass in 24 straight games, which is among the top 20 longest active streaks in the nation.
- Sophomore WR **Trenard Davis** completed a pass, the first of his career. He spent time as a quarterback last season.
- Freshman WR **Carmoni Green** played for the first time this season and had a catch for 18 yards.
- Sophomore TE **Bobby Walker** had his first career reception.
- Senior DE **James Crawford** returned from suspension and had five tackles, 2.0 TFLs, 1.0 sack, a forced fumble and a QB hurry.
- Sophomore DB **Patrick Nelson** had his second career forced fumble, and second this season, in the third quarter. He led Illinois with 10 tackles, his season high.
- Sophomore DB **Stanley Green** had his second career fumble recovery, and first this season, in the third quarter.
- Sophomore DB **Cameron Watkins** had his first career forced fumble on a punt in the fourth quarter.
- Freshman DB **Bennett Williams** was ejected for targeting in the first quarter.
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