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BASEBALL

Kansas (0-0) vs. Illinois (0-0)
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SCHEDULE & RESULTS (ALL TIMES CT)

February (0-0)			
Fri. 18	Kansas	Corpus Christi, Texas	7 p.m.
Sat. 19	Kansas	Corpus Christi, Texas	2 p.m.
Sun. 20	Kansas	Corpus Christi, Texas	11 a.m.
Fri. 25	Middle Tennessee	Conway, S.C.	10 a.m.
Sat. 26	at Coastal Carolina	Conway, S.C.	2 p.m.
Sun. 27	at UNC-Wilmington	Wilmington, N.C.	11 a.m.
March (0-0)			
Fri. 4	Notre Dame	Minneapolis, Minn.	3 p.m.
Sat. 5	West Virginia	Minneapolis, Minn.	3 p.m.
Sun. 6	Kansas	Minneapolis, Minn.	2 p.m.
Tue. 8	Eastern Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	11 a.m.
Fri. 11	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY.	3 p.m.
Sat. 12	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY.	1 p.m.
Sun. 13	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY.	1 p.m.
Tue. 15	Butler	Champaign, Ill.	4 p.m.
Fri. 18	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 19	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	2 p.m.
Sun. 20	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	1 p.m.
Tue. 22	Bradley	Champaign, Ill.	4 p.m.
Fri. 25	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	3 p.m.
Sat. 26	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	12 p.m.
Sun. 27	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	12 p.m.
Tue. 29	Missouri	St. Louis, Mo.	TBA
April (0-0)			
Fri. 1	Purdue	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 2	Purdue	Champaign, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sun. 3	Purdue	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Tue. 5	at Illinois State	Normal, Ill.	5 p.m.
Fri. 8	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	3 p.m.
Sat. 9	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	3 p.m.
Sun. 10	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.
Tue. 12	Illinois State	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Fri. 15	Northwestern	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 16	Northwestern	Champaign, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sun. 17	Northwestern	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Tue. 19	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.	5 p.m.
Fri. 22	Maryland	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 23	Maryland	Champaign, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sun. 24	Maryland	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Wed. 27	at Bradley	Peoria, Ill.	6 p.m.
Fri. 29	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	6 p.m.
Sat. 30	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	1 p.m.
May (0-0)			
Sun. 1	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	12 p.m.
Tue. 3	Indiana State	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Fri. 6	Miami (OH)	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 7	Miami (OH)	Champaign, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sun. 8	Miami (OH)	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Fri. 13	Nebraska	Champaign, Ill.	6 p.m.
Sat. 14	Nebraska	Champaign, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sun. 15	Nebraska	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Fri. 19	at Penn State	University Park, Pa.	5 p.m.
Sat. 20	at Penn State	University Park, Pa.	5 p.m.
Sun. 21	at Penn State	University Park, Pa.	12 p.m.

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

Date	Time	Illinois	Kansas	Media
Fri. Feb 18	7 p.m.	LHP Cole Kirschsieper	RHP Cole Larsen	B1G+ // WDWS 1400-AM
Sat. Feb 19	2 p.m.	RHP Jack Wenninger	RHP Ryan Vanderhei	B1G+ // WDWS 1400-AM
Sun. Feb 20	11 a.m.	LHP Payton Hutchings	LHP Sam Brady	B1G+ // WDWS 1400-AM

- Illinois is opening its 143rd season in program history.
- Illinois will play their first three games of the season against Kansas at Whataburger Field in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Illinois has 24 returners and 13 newcomers on the 2022 roster.
 - » Four newcomers are transfers: OF Tyler Thompson (Carson-Newman), RHP Johnny Czeslawski (North Iowa Area C.C.), RHP Tommy Green (Mercer), and RHP Jack Wenninger (Murray State)
- Illinois finished the season 22-22 and seventh in the Big Ten in 2021. Illinois has finished at or above .500 in 16-of-17 seasons under head coach Dan Hartleb.
- Illinois beat every Big Ten team at least once in 2021.
- Illinois threw a combined no-hitter on April 25, 2021 at Purdue.
- Illinois' Big Ten offensive rankings in 2021...
 - » 1st batting average (.276)
 - » 1st hits (411)
 - » 3rd scoring (6.6 runs/game)
 - » 3rd runs (290)
 - » 5th on-base percentage (.374)
 - » 5th slugging percentage (.429)
 - » 5th walks (197)
- Illinois has had the Big Ten regular season batting champion the last three full seasons: 2021 – DH/1B Justin Janas, 2019 – INF Grant Van Scoy, 2018 – INF Bren Spillane.
- Illinois averaged 6.59 runs/game in 2021, their most in a season since 2009 when they averaged 7.46 runs/game (403 R/54 G).
- Illinois finished last season with a .974 fielding percentage (3rd-best in the conference). The Illini have had at least a .970 fielding percentage in nine of the last 11 seasons.
- Illinois recorded four shutouts in 2021. The last time the Illini had at least four shutouts in a single season was in 2014 when they had five shutouts. The last time the Illini had four shutouts in conference play in a single season was 1989.
- Illinois had double-digit strikeouts in 16 games this season. They did so in three consecutive games from May 15-18 at Iowa/at Indiana for the first time since April 2-5, 2019 vs. Coastal Carolina/Maryland (3g).
- Illinois hit 43 home runs in their last 32 games after only four home runs in their first 12 games in 2021.
- Illinois scored at least six runs in 18 of their 22 wins. The Illini were 18-6 when scoring six runs or more in a game.
- Illinois was leading or tied over the course of the game in 16 of their 22 losses in 2021 (12 leading, four tied).
- Dan Hartleb won his 475th game as a head coach on May 22 against Penn State, passing Illini legend Itch Jones (474) to move into second on the program's all-time wins list. Hartleb (476) is 43 wins away from passing Lee Eilbracht (518) for first place on the all-time wins list.
- DH/1B Justin Janas won the Big Ten batting title with a .391 batting average. The next closest was Northwestern's Shawn Goosenberg (.358). Janas also led the conference in on-base percentage (.506) and the Illini in hits (54). He reached base safely in 40-of-42 appearances this season.
 - » On May 16 at Iowa, Janas (5-for-5, 2B, RBI, R) became first Illinois batter with five hits in a game since Jason Goldstein on May 10, 2015 vs. Rutgers (5-for-5, HR, 4 RBI, 3 R). He was the first to do it on the road since Ryan Hastings on April 7, 2008 at Indiana (5-for-6, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R).
- Brandon Comia snapped his career-long 37-game on-base streak that dated back to May 18, 2019 at Michigan State on April 10 at Indiana. It was the third longest on-base streak by an Illini hitter since 2004 (Ben Troike-57 games in 2017-18, Kyle Hudson-38 games in 2008).
 - » Final Big Ten rankings: 1st – SO/BB Ratio (5.27), T-1st – wins (1), 6th – SO/9 inn. (12.47)
- 1B Kellen Sarver was named Big Ten Player of the Week following his performance against Penn State May 21-23. He hit .500/.538/1.417 (6-for-12), with two doubles, three home runs, seven RBI and six runs scored in three games.
- RHP Riley Gowens was named Collegiate Baseball Newspaper National Player of the Week & Big Ten Pitcher of the Week following his seven hitless innings in his start at Purdue on April 25.
- Illinois had 18 student-athletes named to the Academic All-Big Ten in 2021.
- Illinois' new \$8-million, 26,000-square foot Susan and Clint Atkins Baseball Training Center is set to open in 2022.
- D1Baseball Big Ten top 2022 MLB Draft prospects: No. 5 LHP Cole Kirschsieper, No. 17 RHP Riley Gowens, No. 20 SS Brandon Comia, No. 27 1B Justin Janas.
- Baseball America Big Ten top 2022 MLB Draft prospects: No. 4 LHP Cole Kirschsieper.
- Perfect Game Preseason All-Big Ten team: 1B Justin Janas and C/OF Jacob Campbell.
- Perfect Game Big Ten top 2022 MLB Draft prospects: No. 4 LHP Cole Kirschsieper, No. 22 C Jacob Campbell, No. 24 INF Brandon Comia.

SERIES VS. KANSAS

- Record: 3-0 (N: 3-0)
- Last: W, 11-9 (3/19/08)
- Illinois has won all three games
- Illini won first meeting, 1-0 on 3/14/76



TEAM INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Location	Urbana-Champaign, Ill.
Nickname	Fighting Illini
Founded	1867
Enrollment	52,331
Colors	Orange and Blue
President	Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor	Robert J. Jones
Athletic Director	Josh Whitman
Ticket Office	1-866-ILLINI-1

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year	1879
All-Time Seasons	143rd season in 2022
Overall Record	2,675-1,738-39 through 2021
Big Ten Record	1,156-827-10 through 2021
Big Ten Championships / Last	30 / 2015
Years in NCAA Tournament / Last	12 / 2019
NCAA Tournament Record	17-23

ILLINI INFORMATION

2021 Record	22-22
2021 Big Ten Record	22-22
Players Returning from 2021	24
Newcomers for 2022	13

RADIO

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ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Athletic	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Last School
2	Brody Harding	INF	L/R	So./Jr.	5-10	180	Moline, Ill.	Moline
3	Andrew Kim	OF	L/R	So./Jr.	6-1	185	Libertyville, Ill.	Libertyville
4	Cam McDonald	INF/OF	R/R	Jr./Sr.	6-5	210	Ladd, Ill.	Spring Valley Hall
6	Alex Vera	LHP	L/L	So./Jr.	6-0	175	Joliet, Ill.	Joliet Catholic
7	Jacob Campbell	C	R/R	Jr./Sr.	6-0	200	Janesville, Wis.	Janesville Craig
8	Tyler Thompson	OF	R/R	Sr.	6-1	200	Gallatin, Tenn.	Carson-Newman
9	Johnny Czeslawski	RHP	R/R	So./Sr.	6-5	215	Mount Prospect, Ill.	North Iowa Area CC
10	Tom Jurack	OF	R/R	Sr.	6-4	220	Hinsdale, Ill.	Hinsdale Central
12	Payton Hutchings	LHP	L/L	So.	6-0	190	Coal City, Ill.	Coal City
13	Cal Hejza	INF	R/R	So.	5-11	180	Oswego, Ill.	Oswego
14	Gavin Bennett	C/3B	L/R	Fr.	5-10	180	Libertyville, Ill.	Libertyville
15	Taylor Jackson	OF	R/R	Sr./Gr.	5-10	175	Chicago, Ill.	Kirkwood CC
16	Jared Comia	OF	L/L	Fr.	6-2	205	Saint John, Ind.	Hanover Central
17	Justin Janas	INF	L/R	So./Jr.	6-3	205	Homer Glen, Ill.	Marist
18	Kellen Sarver	1B/C	L/R	Jr./Sr.	6-2	200	Champaign, Ill.	Centennial
19	Ryan Kutt	RHP	R/R	Jr./Sr.	6-1	195	Orland Park, Ill.	Brother Rice
20	Joseph Glassey	RHP	R/R	So./Jr.	6-3	215	Lindenhurst, Ill.	Lakes
21	Danny Doligale	OF	L/R	So./Jr.	5-11	185	Chicago, Ill.	Brother Rice
22	Xavier Watson	INF	R/R	So./Jr.	6-0	190	Cudahy, Wis.	South Milwaukee
23	Branden Comia	INF	R/R	Jr./Sr.	5-10	190	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg
24	Zak Hartleb	INF	L/R	Jr./Sr.	6-0	190	Champaign, Ill.	John A. Logan CC
25	Crayton Burnett	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-0	175	St. Joseph, Ill.	St. Joseph Ogden
26	Tommy Green	RHP	S/R	Sr.	6-3	205	Virginia Beach, Va.	Mercer
27	Cole Kirschsieper	LHP	R/L	So./Jr.	5-11	170	Frankfort, Ill.	Lincoln-Way East
28	Izaak Siefken	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-0	185	Broomfield, Colo.	Holy Family
29	Jack Wenninger	RHP	R/R	So.	6-4	215	Cary, Ill.	Murray State
31	Ryan O'Hara	LHP	L/L	So./Jr.	6-2	195	Glenview, Ill.	Glenbrook South
32	Andrew Pogue	RHP	R/R	So./Jr.	6-4	185	Peoria, Ill.	Dunlap
33	Connor Milton	OF	R/R	So.	6-0	185	Champaign, Ill.	Champaign Central
34	Ryan Hampe	C	R/R	Jr./Sr.	6-0	200	Crown Point, Ind.	John A. Logan CC
35	Camden Janik	C	R/R	Fr.	5-10	195	Wauconda, Ill.	Wauconda
37	Calvin Shepherd	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-2	180	Indianapolis, Ind.	Lawrence North
38	Clayton Johnson	RHP	R/R	So.	6-8	230	Prophetstown, Ill.	Prophetstown
39	Jack Crowder	RHP	R/R	So.	6-4	225	Romeoville, Ill.	Plainfield East
40	Ben Plumley	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-2	200	Chicago, Ill.	Lane Tech College Prep
41	Gavin Schmitt	RHP	R/R	Fr.	6-3	185	Bolingbrook, Ill.	Plainfield East
42	Riley Gowens	RHP	R/R	So./Sr.	6-3	220	Libertyville, Ill.	Libertyville
43	Ryan Moerman	INF	R/R	Fr.	5-11	205	Lockport, Ill.	Lockport Township
45	Ty Rybarczyk	RHP	R/R	Jr./Sr.	5-9	172	Spring Valley, Ill.	Parkland College

Head Coach:

#24 Dan Hartleb (Southern Illinois '89) - 17th season

Assistant Coach:

#11 Adam Christ (Wisconsin-Milwaukee '03) - Seventh season

Assistant Coach:

#44 Mark Allen (St. Gregory's University '99) - Third season

Volunteer Assistant:

#30 Curt Courtwright (Missouri State '10) - Fourth season

Strength & Conditioning:

Justin Houng

Athletic Trainer:

Jim Halpin

Director of Operations:

Andy Wenstrand

Student Managers:

Diego Acosta, Michael Pasquale, Darahn Magnus

COACHING STAFF

24 DAN HARTLEB Head Coach // 17th season // Southern Illinois '89

- D1 Baseball Big Ten Coach of the Decade (2010s)
- 2015 Big Ten Coach of the Year and 2015 Mid-east Coach of the Year
- 2015 National Coach of the Year finalist
- Most NCAA Tournament appearances in program history (4) with four in the last ten years
- Hartleb has made as many NCAA tournaments in 16 seasons as head coach (4), as the previous 42 years combined
- 2019 was his 10th Big Ten Tournament appearance in 16 years as head coach
- No. 2 in career wins at Illinois: 1. Lee Eilbracht (1952-78) - 518... 2. Dan Hartleb (2006-21) - 476... 3. Itch Jones (1991-2005) - 474
- 31st overall season at Illinois: 1991-2000 Assistant, 2001-05 Associate Head Coach, 2006-pres. Head Coach

AT ILLINOIS WHILE ASSISTANT AND HEAD COACH (1991-PRESENT)

- 87 professional players
- 25 All-Americans
- 12 Freshman All-Americans
- 7 Big Ten Players of the Year and 5 Big Ten Pitchers of the Year
- 2 Big Ten Medal of Honor winners
- 47 first-team All-Big Ten selections (143 total All-Big Ten)
- 252 Academic All-Big Ten performers

11 ADAM CHRIST Assistant Coach // Seventh season // Wisconsin-Milwaukee '03

- Third base coach, hitting coach, and recruiting coordinator
- Coached the Big Ten regular season batting champion the last three full seasons; 2021 - DH/1B Justin Janas, 2019 - INF Grant Van Scoy, 2018 - INF Bren Spillane
- Coached 2018 Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Year Bren Spillane to become the highest drafted position player in Illinois history
- Spent seven seasons at Division II Minnesota State, including 2012-15 as Associate Head Coach
- NCAA finishes of seventh (2010), third (2013), second (2013) and third (2014) at Minnesota State, while making seven straight NCAA tournament appearances
- Played at Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2001-03), Iowa State (2000-01) and Des Moines Area CC (1998-2000)

44 MARK ALLEN Assistant Coach // Third season // St. Gregory's '99

- Pitching coach, makes all mound visits and pitching changes
- Joined Illinois after nine seasons in professional baseball
- Spent 2019 season as the San Francisco Giants' pitching coordinator, overseeing all of San Francisco's minor league teams and pitching development
- Spent eight seasons with the Cleveland Indians organization as a scout, cross checker, national pitching cross checker, and pitching coordinator
- Played at Vernon Junior College (1994-96), Texas-San Antonio (1996-97) and Phillips University (1997-98)

30 CURT COURTWRIGHT Volunteer Assistant Coach // Fourth season // Missouri State '10

- First base coach and outfield coach
- Native of Lincoln, Illinois, played college baseball at Missouri State
- Spent 2016-18 at Eastern Illinois under head coach Jason Anderson, a former Fighting Illini and MLB pitcher

DAN HARTLEB - HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	RECORD	BIG FINISH	NCAA FINISH
2006	29-29	5th	-
2007	31-27	5th	-
2008	31-25	4th	-
2009	34-20	4th	-
2010	26-26	9th	-
2011	30-27	1st	NCAA Regional (2-2)
2012	28-25	t-6th	-
2013	35-20	t-5th	NCAA Regional (1-2)
2014	32-21	3rd	-
2015	50-10-1	1st	NCAA Super Regional (3-2)
2016	28-23	t-8th	-
2017	23-28	10th	-
2018	33-20	4th	-
2019	36-21	t-3rd	NCAA Regional (0-2)
2020	8-5	-	-
2021	22-22	7th	-
Total	476-349-1	2 titles	4 NCAA appearances

BIG TEN STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Illinois	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Indiana	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Iowa	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Maryland	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Michigan	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Michigan State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Minnesota	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Nebraska	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Northwestern	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Ohio State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Penn State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Purdue	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Rutgers	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---