



Wolverines 27, Illini 17



# NOTHING SPECIAL

## Miscues, penalties an Illini bugaboo again



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Illinois coach Ron Zook tries to console Kyle Hudson after he muffed a punt at the Illini 13-yard line in the fourth quarter Saturday night, setting the stage for Michigan's winning score.

### EXTRA POINTS

#### STAR OF THE GAME LOSING STREAK

Illinois can't beat Michigan in Champaign. One win in 50-plus years — and none since 1983 — tells you all you need to know. The Illini won't get a chance to end the skid until 2009.

#### NUMBERS GAME

## 107 to 35

That's the difference in penalty yards assessed against the Illini and Wolverines. Most of the crowd, and some of the players, were crying foul against the officials.

#### WHAT IT MEANS

Illinois still needs a win to become bowl eligible, is out of the Big Ten race and probably won't see the Top 25 the rest of the season.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

A homecoming game against a Ball State team that is much better than you think. The Cardinals improved to 5-3 with a win Saturday against Western Michigan and will look for their own bowl-clinching victory.

#### WHAT'S INSIDE

A look around Saturday's game — from the pregame to the postgame action.

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QB's play big role on both sides.

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Notes, game story.



Illini can only blame themselves, writes Loren Tate.

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