

College Football Matchup for Saturday, September 26, 2026

illinois at OHIO STATE, 9:00 AM et.

SECTION 1: BETTING LINES & MOVEMENT

CURRENT LINE: TBD (line not yet posted on major books)
LINE MOVEMENT: TBD
TOTAL: TBD
Rotation#: -- (rotation not yet assigned)

SECTION 2: TEAM TRENDS (2023-2025 combined, since start of 2023)

illinois (--,)

HC: Bret Bielema

Yr 5

134-84(.615)

O/U:16-18-2

all

home

road

conf

hm fav

rd dog

str up (SU)

<<G>>26-15-0<<W>>

<<G>>

17-7-0<<W>>

<<R>>

7-8-0<<W>>

12-12-0

<<G>>

14-3-0<<W>>

<<R>>

4-7-0<<W>>

vs line (ATS)

21-19-1

<<R>>

10-13-1<<W>>

<<G>>

9-6-0<<W>>

12-11-1

<<R>>

7-9-1<<W>>

6-5-0

O/U record

20-21-0

<<R>>

10-14-0<<W>>

<<G>>

10-5-0<<W>>

13-11-0

8-9-0

<<G>>

7-4-0<<W>>

Avg PF-PA

28-25

31-21

24-31

25-28

35-19

21-33

OHIO STATE (--, Buckeyes)

HC: Ryan Day

Yr 7

82-12(.872)

O/U:11-23-1

all

home

road

conf

hm fav

rd dog

str up (SU)

<<G>>

39-7-0<<W>>

<<G>>

23-1-0<<W>>

<<G>>

13-3-0<<W>>

<<G>>

22-4-0<<W>>

<<G>>

23-1-0<<W>>

<<R>>

0-2-0<<W>>

vs line (ATS)

<<G>>

30-16-0<<W>>

<<G>>

18-6-0<<W>>

9-7-0

<<G>>

18-8-0<<W>>

<<G>>

18-6-0<<W>>

1-1-0

O/U record

<<R>>

18-28-0<<W>>

13-11-0

<<R>>

3-13-0<<W>>

<<R>>

8-18-0<<W>>

13-11-0

1-1-0

Avg PF-PA

34-11

41-8

29-13

32-12

41-8

24-27

SECTION 3: LAST 3 / LAST 5 / LAST 10 ATS + O/U MOMENTUM

illinois	L3 ATS:<<R>>	1-2-0<<W>>	L5: 2-2-1	L10:<<R>>	4-5-1<<W>>
OHIO STATE	L3 ATS:<<G>>	3-0-0<<W>>	L5:<<G>>	3-2-0<<W>>	L10:<<G>>
illinois	L3 O/U:<<G>>	30-0U<<W>>	L5:<<G>>	30-2U<<W>>	L10:<<R>>
OHIO STATE	L3 O/U:<<G>>	20-1U<<W>>	L5:<<R>>	20-3U<<W>>	L10:<<R>>

SECTION 4: ATS BY SPREAD RANGE (situational betting tendencies)

illinois as favorite:

Fav 1-6.5:2-4-0(33%) 7-13.5:3-2-1(60%) 14+:5-4-0(56%)

illinois as underdog:

Dog 1-6.5:7-6-0(54%) 7-13.5:3-1-0(75%) 14+:1-2-0(33%)

OHIO STATE as favorite:

Fav 1-6.5:5-4-0(56%) 7-13.5:5-1-0(83%) 14+:19-10-0(66%)

OHIO STATE as underdog:

Dog 1-6.5:1-1-0(50%) 7-13.5: -- 14+: --

SECTION 5: O/U BY TOTAL RANGE

illinois:

Total <45: 50-5U-0P 45-52:80-11U-0P 52+: 70-5U-0P

OHIO STATE:

Total <45: 50-5U-0P 45-52:30-16U-0P 52+:100-7U-0P

SECTION 6: SITUATIONAL TRENDS (key ATS angles, 2023-2025)

illinois:

After win: 13-10-0 After loss: 6-7-1 Opener: 2-2-0

Vs conf: 12-11-1 Vs non-conf: 9-8-0

OHIO STATE:

After win: 26-11-0 After loss: 2-3-0 Opener: 2-2-0

Vs conf: 18-8-0 Vs non-conf: 12-8-0

SECTION 7: TEAM STATISTICS (2025 per-game averages)

illinois

OHIO STATE

OFF

DEF

OFF

DEF

POINTS SCORED*

29.4

23.6

33.4

9.3

FD - TOTAL YARDS*

21-374

20-345

23-423

13-220

RUSHING ATT-YDS*

35-138

32-127

34-154

30-90

YARDS PER CARRY

3.9

3.9

4.5

3.0

PASSES COMP-ATT*

19-29

21-33

22-29

15-24

PASS COMPLETION PCT	.674	.636	.767	.608
PASS YPA - YPG*	8.2-236	6.6-218	9.2-268	5.3-130
TURNOVERS/GM	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6
PENALTIES-YARDS*	5-39	--	4-38	--

("*" = per-game averages. Season net T/O: illinois +5, OHIO STATE +3)

SECTION 8: 2025 SEASON SPREAD LOG

illinois (SU 9-4-0, ATS 8-4-1, 2025)						
date	opponent	pf-pa	cls	\$	o:ru-pa-tot	d:ru-pa-tot
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08-29	Western Illinois	52-3	-48°	<<G>>W<<W>>	209-231-440	27-134-16
09-06	@Duke	45-19	-2°	<<G>>W<<W>>	123-296-419	82-356-43
09-13	Western Michigan	38-0	-27°	<<G>>W<<W>>	162-196-358	113-91-20
09-20	@Indiana	10-63	+6°	<<R>>L<<W>>	2-159-161	312-267-57
09-27	USC	34-32	+6°	<<G>>W<<W>>	171-331-502	126-364-49
10-04	@Purdue	43-27	-7°	<<G>>W<<W>>	117-390-507	151-302-45
10-11	Ohio State	16-34	+14°	<<R>>L<<W>>	47-248-295	106-166-27
10-25	@Washington	25-42	+3	<<R>>L<<W>>	138-199-337	157-292-44
11-01	Rutgers	35-13	-13°	<<G>>W<<W>>	210-235-445	59-253-31
11-15	Maryland	24-6	-16	<<G>>W<<W>>	225-172-397	55-238-29
11-22	@Wisconsin	10-27	-8°	<<R>>L<<W>>	50-248-298	209-92-30
11-29	Northwestern	20-13	-7	P 120-164-284	91-163-254	
12-30	n-Tennessee	30-28	+3	<<G>>W<<W>>	221-196-417	157-121-27
OHIO STATE (SU 12-2-0, ATS 10-4-0, 2025)						
date	opponent	pf-pa	cls	\$	o:ru-pa-tot	d:ru-pa-tot
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08-30	Texas	14-7	-1°	<<G>>W<<W>>	77-126-203	166-170-33
09-06	Grambling State	70-0	-54°	<<G>>W<<W>>	274-377-651	94-72-16
09-13	Ohio	37-9	-28°	<<R>>L<<W>>	225-347-572	68-113-18
09-27	@Washington	24-6	-9°	<<G>>W<<W>>	149-208-357	61-173-23
10-04	Minnesota	42-3	-23°	<<G>>W<<W>>	133-341-474	68-94-16
10-11	@Illinois	34-16	-14°	<<G>>W<<W>>	106-166-272	47-248-29
10-18	@Wisconsin	34-0	-25	<<G>>W<<W>>	98-393-491	95-49-14
11-01	Penn State	38-14	-18°	<<G>>W<<W>>	164-316-480	55-145-20
11-08	@Purdue	34-10	-29°	<<R>>L<<W>>	170-303-473	92-94-18
11-15	UCLA	48-10	-33°	<<G>>W<<W>>	222-218-440	79-154-23
11-22	Rutgers	42-9	-28°	<<G>>W<<W>>	254-176-430	66-81-14
11-29	@Michigan	27-9	-9	<<G>>W<<W>>	186-233-419	100-63-16
12-06	n-Indiana	10-13	-4	<<R>>L<<W>>	58-264-322	118-222-34
12-31	n-Miami (FL)	14-24	-7°	<<R>>L<<W>>	45-287-332	153-138-29

SECTION 9: HEAD-TO-HEAD HISTORY (last 5 meetings)

H2H: OHIO STATE vs illinois -- last 1 meetings

year	site	score	line	ATS	total	O/U
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2025	road	illino	16-34	-14°	W	52	U
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Series (this sample): OHIO STATE 1-0-0. ATS(HOME): 1-0. O/U: 00-1U.

SECTION 10: LINE MOVEMENT & SHARP MONEY SIGNAL

Lines not yet posted on major books. No movement to track.

Sharp signal: N/A -- awaiting market.

SECTION 11: EDGE PLAY SIGNAL

NO PLAY SIGNAL -- data insufficient or angles conflict.

SECTION 12: MUSTI / MUSTIS ANALYSIS

MUSTI (Matchup · Unit · Situational · Trends · Injuries)

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Foundation layer. Rule-based signals drawn from:

- Team trends (SU/ATS/O/U, L3/L5/L10 momentum)
- Situational splits (after win/loss, opener, vs conf)
- Coach fingerprint (O/U tendency, HC record, year in system)
- Scheduling edge (rest days, travel, short week)
- Injury/lineup status (when known)

MUSTI SIGNAL: -- (pre-season, awaiting data)

Side: -- | Total: NEUTRAL

Score: -- Key drivers: --

MUSTIS (MUSTI + Sharp-Money Splits)

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Market confirmation layer. Adds sharp-money split data:

- Handle gap $\geq 15\%$ opposite public = sharp signal
- Public trap (high % bets, low % handle) = fade signal
- Line steam (3+ pt move against public) = strong confirm

heavy fav(>=14) ATS 4-3 (0.571) road dog ATS 6-5 (0.545)
signal: none

SCHEDULING & SPOT ANGLES (real 2023-25 schedule math)

off bye SU 6-1 ATS 5-2 (0.714) O/U 4-3 (0.571) avg rest 9.5d
rest edge ATS 4-3 (0.571) rest disadv ATS 3-4 (0.429)
conf home dog 2-3 SU / 2-3 ATS (0.4) low-tot(<=45) conf dog ATS 4-1 (0.8)
off blowout-win ATS 6-1 (0.857) letdown ATS 10-4 (0.714)
look-ahead ATS 7-5 (0.583) [APPROX: opp SU-winpct proxy]
conf road-dog>7 off 14+d rest 0-0 (NULL)

TOTALS PROFILE

O/U 17-21 (0.447) avg line 49.5 avg combined 52.3 diff 2.8
as fav O/U 8-10 as dog O/U 9-11 trend: neutral

ADVANCED (per game / per play)

off 27.5 ppg / def 24.8 ppg (margin 2.7)
yds/play off 5.65 def 5.16 (margin 0.5)
turnover margin 3 total / 0.08 pg
rush YPC 4.07 pass YPA 7.88
EPA/success rate/3rd-down: NULL (requires play-by-play feed)

COACH

Bret Bielema (since 2021) at school 37-26 (.587) career 134-84 (.615)
O/U fingerprint: 17-21-0 (45% over, n=38) | night 4-8-0 | lean +2.8 pts [home 7-14-0 road 10-5-0 fav 8-10-0 dog 9-11-0]

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Team Records and Trends for Ohio State (HOME) =====

	all	home	road	conf
SU (W-L)	37-6-0	21-1-0	13-2-0	22-4-0
ATS	27-16-0	16-6-0	8-7-0	18-8-0
ATS %	0.628	0.727	0.533	0.692
O/U	16-27-0	11-11-0	3-12-0	--
O/U %	0.372	0.5	0.2	
PF/PA per gm	33.4 - 11.2 (margin 22.2)			

SITUATIONAL

after win ATS 25-11 (0.694) after loss ATS 1-3 (0.25)
early (wk1-4) 4-4 (0.5) late (wk10+) 14-9 (0.609)
streaks: SU 2L ATS 2L O/U 4U

BETTING ANGLES (real 2023-25 splits)

home fav ATS 21-1-0 SU / 16-6-0 ATS road dog ATS 0-1-0
heavy fav(>=14) ATS 17-10 (0.63) road dog ATS 0-1 (0.0)

signal: none

SCHEDULING & SPOT ANGLES (real 2023-25 schedule math)

off bye SU 8-2 ATS 6-4 (0.6) O/U 5-5 (0.5) avg rest 9.6d
rest edge ATS 2-2 (0.5) rest disadv ATS 7-4 (0.636)
conf home dog 0-0 SU / 0-0 ATS (NULL) low-tot(<=45) conf dog ATS 0-0 (NULL)
off blowout-win ATS 16-9 (0.64) letdown ATS 25-11 (0.694)
look-ahead ATS 11-4 (0.733) [APPROX: opp SU-winpct proxy]
conf road-dog>7 off 14+d rest 0-0 (NULL)

TOTALS PROFILE

O/U 16-27 (0.372) avg line 47.7 avg combined 44.6 diff -3.1
as fav O/U 15-27 as dog O/U 1-0 trend: UNDER team

ADVANCED (per game / per play)

off 33.4 ppg / def 11.2 ppg (margin 22.2)
yds/play off 6.42 def 4.05 (margin 2.37)
turnover margin 5 total / 0.12 pg
rush YPC 4.6 pass YPA 9.07
EPA/success rate/3rd-down: NULL (requires play-by-play feed)

COACH

Ryan Day (since 2019) at school 82-12 (.872) career 82-12 (.872)
O/U fingerprint: 16-27-0 (37% over, n=43) | night 6-9-0 | lean -3.1 pts [home 11-11-0 road 3-12-0 fav 15-27-0 dog 1-0-0]

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Conference Trend Context: Big Ten

14 teams, 544 games (2023-2025)
SU 311-233-0 (0.572) ATS 276-266-2 (0.509) O/U 272-270 (0.502)
home ATS 139-154 (0.474) road ATS 110-98 (0.529)
conf-game ATS 172-167 (0.507)
favorites 259-50 SU / 165-143 ATS dogs 51-183 SU / 110-123 ATS
avg total pts 47.7 avg margin 4.6

TREND EDGE SUMMARY

- Illinois road ATS: 9-6-0 (0.6)
- Ohio State home ATS: 16-6-0 (0.727)
- Illinois O/U: 17-21 (0.447) trend neutral
- Ohio State O/U: 16-27 (0.372) trend UNDER team
- TO margin/gm: Illinois 0.08 vs Ohio State 0.12

> Illinois HAS COVERED 10-4 ATS (71%, n=14) in a letdown spot (after big win) -- back
> Illinois HAS COVERED 7-5 ATS (58%, n=12) in a look-ahead spot -- back
> Ohio State HAS COVERED 11-4 ATS (73%, n=15) in a look-ahead spot -- back
> Ohio State HAS COVERED 25-11 ATS (69%, n=36) in a letdown spot (after big win) -- back
> Ohio State HAS COVERED 16-9 ATS (64%, n=25) off a 20+ blowout win -- back

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