

Branden COMIA | INF | Illinois

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

B/T

YEAR

5-10

190

R/R

JR

School: Illinois (Big 10) Born: April 27, 2000 (22 y/o) Hometown: Orland Park, IL High School: Carl Sandburg (IL)



AWARDS & HONORS

All-Big Ten Second Team (2022) All-Big Ten Third Team (2021)

CAREER NOTES

ILLINOIS: Selected to the All-Big Ten Second Team in 2022... Four-year starter with the Illini, has appeared in 156 games... Named a top-20 shortstop in the country by *D1Baseball*... Named the 20th-best draft prospect in the Big 10 by *D1Baseball*... 24th-best by *Perfect Game*... Started all 53 games for the Illini in 2022... Tied career-high with five RBI, four hits on May 19, 2022 at Penn State... Named to the 2021 All-Big Ten Third Team after starting all 44 games for the Illini at shortstop... Set career-high with a 37-game on-base streak from May 18, 2019 to April 10, 2021, the longest by an Illini since 2004 before Cam McDonald broke the program record in 2022 (58 consecutive games)... 2021 Preseason All-Big Ten selection by *Perfect Game*... Named the 2021 Best Defensive Infielder in the Big 10 by *Baseball America*... Only underclassmen shortstop in the nation during the 2020 season to hit over .400 with an OPS above 1.200... Named the sixth-best incoming freshman in the Big Ten by *D1Baseball*.



Comia's 37 game on-base streak is the second-longest by an Illini player since 2004.

MAHONING VALLEY (MLB DRAFT): Appeared in 24 games for the Scrappers in the inaugural MLB Draft League season... Made only pitching appearance of college career with the Scrappers, tossed 1,1 innings.

NORTHWOODS LEAGUE: Spent two years with the Rockford Rivets, appeared in 52 games from 2019-20... Tied career-high with five RBI on July 11, 2020 at Wausau... Appeared in 30 games with the Rivets in 2019... Set career-high with five RBI on July 10, 2019 at Madison... Drew a walk in seven straight games from June 21-June 26, 2019.

PREP: Named the ninth-best prospect in Illinois, second-best shortstop in the state by *Perfect Game.*.. Three-time *Perfect Game* Preseason All-American selection from 2016-19... First player to commit to Illinois in their 2016 recruiting class.

CAREER STATISTICS

YR.	TEAM	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	K	AVG	OPS
2019	Illinois	46	184	22	47	5	2	4	22	0	14	48	.255	.692
2019	Rockford	30	105	10	21	3	0	1	14	4	18	36	.200	.596
2020	Illinois	13	47	8	20	3	2	2	10	1	6	12	.426	1.228
2020	Rockford	22	80	17	16	4	0	1	13	3	17	30	.200	.631
2021	Illinois	44	155	34	50	10	0	3	28	3	27	34	.323	.902
2021	Mahoning Valle	ey 24	81	15	22	3	1	0	13	-	14	22	.272	.725
2022	Illinois	53	220	54	71	19	2	7	50	4	28	63	.323	.941
CARE	ER TOTALS	232	872	160	247	47	7	18	150	15	124	245	.283	.808
NCAA	TOTALS	156	606	118	188	37	6	16	110	8	75	157	.310	.880
MLBI	DRAFT TOTALS	24	81	15	22	3	1	0	13	-	14	22	.272	.725
NWL TOTALS 5		52	185	27	37	7	0	2	27	7	35	66	.200	.611



Throughout his time at Illinois, Comia has consistently been one of the best prospects in the Big Ten, as he's been named to the top prospects list in each of the last two years.