SKI-U-MAH MAROON & GOLD

2019 SCHEDULE

DATE/OPPONENT	TIME	TV	RESULT
AUGUST (1-0)			
29 South Dakota St.	8:00 p.m.	FS1	W, 28-21
SEPTEMBER (3-0)			
7 at Fresno State	9:30 p.m.	CBSSN	W, 38-35 2OT
14 Georgia Southern	2:30 p.m.	BTN	W, 35-32
28 at Purdue *	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2	W, 38-31
OCTOBER (4-0)			
5 Illinois * $	2:30 p.m.	BTN	W, 40-17
12 Nebraska *	6:30 p.m.	FS1	W, 34-7
19 at Rutgers *	2:30 p.m.	BTN	W, 42-7
26 Maryland *	2:30 p.m.	ESPN	W, 52-10
NOVEMBER (2-2)			
9 No. 5 Penn State *	11:00 a.m.	ABC	W, 31-26
16 at No. 23 Iowa *	3:00 p.m.	FOX	L, 23-19
23 at Northwestern *	11:00 a.m.	ABC	W, 38-22
30 No. 13 Wisconsin *	2:30 p.m.	ABC	L, 38-17
JANUARY			
1 No. 9 Auburn	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	

* Big Ten game $ Homecoming All times Central

MINNESOTA COACHES

P.J. Fleck (SL)	Head Coach
Kirk Ciarrocca (PB)	Offensive Coord. / Quarterbacks
Joseph Rossi (PB)	Defensive Coord. / Linebackers
Rob Wenger (SL)	Special Teams Coordinator
Kenni Burns (SL)	Asst. Head Coach / Running Backs
Rod Chance (SL)	Cornerbacks
Brian Callahan (SL)	Offensive Line / Run Game Coord.
Joe Harasymiak (SL)	Defensive Backs / Safeties
Clay Patterson (PB)	Tight Ends
Matt Simon (SL)	Wide Receivers / Pass Game Coord

Gameday Locations: SL - Sideline; PB - Press Box

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MINNESOTA VS. AUBURN

No. 16 Minnesota
10-2 Overall, 7-2 B1G
HC P.J. Fleck
HC Record (NCAA): 52-37
HC at Minnesota: 22-15
Streak: Lost 1
Offense: 34.3 ppg
Defense: 22.4 ppg

No. 9 Auburn
9-3 Overall, 5-3 SEC
HC Gus Malzahn
HC Record (NCAA): 71-33
HC at Auburn: 62-30
Streak: Won 2
Offense: 34.0 ppg
Defense: 18.58 ppg

Date:	Jan. 1, 2020
Time:	12:00 p.m. CT
Site:	Tampa, Fla.
Stadium:	Raymond James
Surface:	Natural Grass
Capacity:	65,890
Series:	First Meeting
Vs. SEC:	8-8-1
Last SEC:	Lost 33-17 to Missouri in 2015 Citrus Bowl
Last Win:	Won 20-16 vs. Alabama in 2004 Music City Bowl

Television: ESPN
Jason Benetti (Play by Play)
Rod Gilmore (Analyst)
Quint Kessenich (Reporter)
Radio: KFAN
Mike Grimm (Play by Play)
Darrell Thompson (Analyst)
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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1 No. 16 Minnesota will play in its 21st bowl game when it faces No. 9 Auburn in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1, 2020, in Tampa, Fla. The game will mark the first-ever meeting between the two schools and will also mark Minnesota's first-ever appearance in the Florida-based Outback Bowl. The Outback Bowl will be the second straight bowl game for the Gophers under head coach P.J. Fleck, as Minnesota played in the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit last season and beat Georgia Tech 34-10. The 24-point win was Minnesota's largest bowl margin of victory in school history.

2 This season has been historic for Minnesota under Big Ten Coach of the Year P.J. Fleck. The Gophers won 10 games in the regular season for the first time since 1905 and won seven Big Ten games for the first time in school history. Minnesota won four Big Ten games by at least 20 points for the first time since 1934 and beat No. 5 Penn State at home. The Penn State win was Minnesota's first win against a Top 5 five team since it beat No. 2 Penn State on the road in 1999. It was Minnesota's first home win against a Top 5 team since it beat No. 1 Michigan 16-0 in 1977.

3 The Gophers are ranked No. 16 in the AP Poll and were ranked as high as No. 7 this year, which was the team's highest ranking since it was No. 5 on Nov. 19, 1962. Minnesota is ranked. No. 18 in the College Football Playoffs and was ranked as high as No. 8, which was its highest CFP ranking in school history. The Outback Bowl will be Minnesota's first bowl game between two ranked teams since the 1961 Rose Bowl against Washington. Minnesota was ranked No. 1 in the AP Poll, while Washington was No. 6. The last time the Gophers ended a season ranked in the AP Poll was 2003, when they went 10-3 (beat Oregon in the Sun Bowl) and were ranked No. 20 in the final AP Poll.

4 Thirteen Minnesota seniors will play in their final game for the Maroon and Gold in the Outback Back. They are: Thomas Barber, Shannon Brooks, Carter Coughlin, Winston DeLattiboudere, Tai'yon Devers, Jacob Herbers, Tyler Johnson, Kamal Martin, Alex Melvin, Sam Renner, Rodney Smith, Michael Tarbutt and Chris Williamson. The senior class has won 30 games. The modern day record for most wins by a senior class is 32, set in 2005. The school record is 46 and was set by the 1905 class.

5 Minnesota has never played a game in Tampa and has played only three games previously in Florida (2000 MicronPC.com Bowl in Ft. Lauderdale, 2007 at Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton and 2015 Citrus Bowl in Orlando), but head coach P.J. Fleck is familiar with Tampa and Raymod James Stadium. Fleck coached the wide receivers for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2012 prior to being named the head coach at Western Michigan. Tampa Bay's receivers thrived under Fleck, as Vincent Jackson (72 catches, 1,384 yards, 8 TDs) made the Pro Bowl, and Mike Williams (63 catches, 996 yards and 9 TDs) and Tiquan Underwood (28 catches, 425 yards and 2 TDs) had some of the best years of their careers.

LEADING GOPHERS

Offense

Total offense	Tanner Morgan (2,916)
Passing completions	Tanner Morgan (191)
Passing attempts	Tanner Morgan (289)
Passing yards	Tanner Morgan (2,975)
Passing touchdowns	Tanner Morgan (28)
Rushing attempts	Rodney Smith (212)
Rushing yards	Rodney Smith (1,094)
Rushing touchdowns	Rodney Smith (8)
Receptions	Tyler Johnson (74)
Receiving yards	Rashod Bateman (1,170)
Receiving touchdowns	Bateman / Johnson (11)

Defense

Tackles	Antoine Winfield Jr. (83)
Solo tackles	Antoine Winfield Jr. (58)
Assisted tackles	Jordan Howden (28)
Tackles-for-loss	Carter Coughlin (9.5)
Sacks	Carter Coughlin (4.5)
Interceptions	Antoine Winfield Jr. (7)
Pass breakups	Coney Durr / Ben St-Juste (9)
Forced fumbles	Coughlin / Martin / Winfield (2)
Fumbles recovered	Four players (1)

MINNESOTA FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS
Location: Minneapolis, Minn.
Population: 413,651
Founded: 1851
Joined Big Ten: 1896 (charter member)
First Year of Big Ten Football: 1896
Enrollment: 47,568
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Marching Band: University of Minnesota Marching Band
President: Joan T.A. Gabel
Director of Athletics: Mark Coyle
Faculty Representatives: Frances Homans, Perry Leo
Ticket Office Phone: 612-624-8080
Website: GopherSports.com

TEAM INFORMATION
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: 4-3
Letterwinners returning:
53 (26 offense, 26 defense, 1 specialist)
Letterwinners lost:
20 (9 offense, 8 defense, 3 specialists)
Starters Returning:
17 (9 offense, 7 defense, 1 specialst)
Starters Lost:
8 (2 offense, 4 defense, 2 specialists)

TEAM HISTORY
First Year of Football: 1882
All-Time Record: 705-524-44
Big Ten Championships (Last): 18 (1967)
All-Time Bowl Record: 8-12
National Championships: 7
Consensus All-America Selections: 35
First Team All-Big Ten Selections: 181

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The Minnesota Athletic Communications Office e-mails its weekly football release on Mondays. The release is also available at GopherSports.com in a PDF format. If you are interested in receiving the weekly release via e-mail, please contact Assistant Athletic Director Paul Rovnak.

ROW THE BOAT

The OAR = The ENERGY! The symbol of strength and purpose. The amount one brings to their life Academically, Athletically, Socially and Spiritually! The only tool that can move the boat forward!

The BOAT = The SACRIFICE! What are you willing to give up for something that you've never had? The more you serve and give, the bigger your boat gets. The bigger your boat gets, the more people you can actually influence. Influence is about the messengers, not just the message.

The COMPASS = The DIRECTION! This is set by the leader of the boat! Whomever you surround yourself with is who and what you will become. Where is the bow of your boat pointed? Your boat will go where you have directed your energy towards!

The **"NEVER GIVE UP"** mantra known as ROW THE BOAT came to life from tragedy, sorrow and heartbreak. This mantra can apply to all walks of life and can be used in every aspect of your life. Everyone, not just athletes and athletic teams can share, use and live the ROW THE BOAT lifestyle in their personal and professional lives. By applying ROW THE BOAT, one can have the proper perspective to overcome adversity and humble success by living a lifestyle dedicated to serving and giving.

FUTURE: When rowing a boat, as in life, you aren't able to see what is coming your way. Your back is actually facing the future, unable to see what's coming next. Facing the opposite direction can be a very scary and uncomfortable position to be in. However, as in life, worrying about the future only prohibits you from being your absolute best in the present. You aren't able to control the future, but you can control how you react and prepare for it with every stroke you take.

PRESENT: You are rowing in the present, which is the ONLY thing you can actually control while rowing a boat. You determine whether you take your oar out of the water or keep rowing. You control whether you ROW fast or slow, confident or hesitant, efficient or rushed and whether you ROW for yourself or others! If you stop rowing, you will not go anywhere. As a team, you control whether all of you want to ROW together with purpose, or ROW because you have to. If you ROW on just one side of the boat, you will go in circles. ROW in unison with everyone else in the boat, no matter the circumstance (chaotic storms or calm seas), you will come out on the other end better and more experienced for never quitting. Getting everyone in the boat to ROW, no matter what circumstances life throws you, can be very difficult; however… keep ROWING!

PAST: When rowing the boat, the only thing you can actually learn from, but can't change, is the horizon you are looking at. With every passing stroke you learn, but can never go back! You aren't able to change the past, only learn from it and take with you the lessons to make you better today. You must embrace and learn from your past to create your future! Changing your best daily will take you places you thought were impossible!

ABOUT THE TIGERS

The Auburn University Tigers will compete in their 44th bowl and seek their 15th 10-win season at the Outback Bowl.

Auburn finished the 2019 regular season ranked No. 9 in the AP Poll and No. 12 in the CFP rankings. At 9-3, the Tigers only losses on the year came against highly ranked foes: Florida, LSU and Georgia. Auburn finished the regular season with a shootout, 48-45, victory against Alabama in the Iron Bowl.

Auburn played five teams ranked in the AP top-15 this season and has played 41 games against ranked teams in head coach Gus Malzahn's 92 games as the Tigers' head coach (44.5 percent of total games, most of any Auburn coach). Of those, 24 have been against Top-10 opponents. Auburn is 19-22 in games against ranked opponents under Malzahn, including 8-16 against Top-10 teams.

Derrick Brown leads a strong Auburn defense. He was named the Defensive Player of the Year on The Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference football team this week. Brown has been named a finalist for the Outland Trophy, the Bronko Nagurski Award, the Bednarik Award, the Wuerffel Trophy, the Senior CLASS Award and the Pop Warner college player of the year, and a semifinalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy, the Maxwell Award and the Jason Witten Man of the Year Award.

Bo Nix has put together a strong freshman campaign at quarterback for the Tigers. He holds Auburn freshman records for completions (200), yards (2,366) and touchdowns (15). He has added 301 yards on the ground with seven touchdowns.

Seth Williams has been by far and away the leading Auburn receiver. He has 801 yards and eight touchdowns. JaTarvios Whitlow leads the ground attack with 739 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Tigers defense is a force with 90 total tackles for loss this season. Brown and Marlon Davidson each have 12.5 while K.J. Britt has added 9.0. Jeremiah Dinson leads the team with 79 total tackles. Auburn has forced 15 fumbles and are No. 3 in the country with 13 fumble recoveries. Prior to the Alabama game, Auburn was one of six FBS teams that hadn't allowed more than 24 points in a game this season.

Christian Tutt will put the Gophers top punt return defense in the country to the test. He ranks third in the NCAA with 14.7 yards per punt return.

Malzahn is in his seventh season leading Auburn. He was named the 2013 National Coach of the Year by 11 different outlets in his first year leading the program.

AUBURN SCHEDULE

Date		Opponent	Result
Aug.	31	vs. Oregon	W, 27-21
Sept.	**7**	**Tulane**	**W, 24-6**
Sept.	**14**	**Kent State**	**W, 55-16**
Sept.	21	at Texas A&M	W, 28-20
Sept.	**28**	**Mississippi State**	**W, 56-23**
Oct.	5	at Florida	L, 24-13
Oct.	19	at Arkansas	W, 51-10
Oct.	26	at LSU	L, 23-20
Nov.	**2**	**Ole Miss**	**W, 20-14**
Nov.	**16**	**Georgia**	**L, 21-14**
Nov	**23**	**Samford**	**W, 52-0**
Nov.	**30**	**Alabama**	**W, 48-45**

P.J. FLECK

HEAD COACH // THIRD SEASON

P.J. Fleck was named head football coach at Minnesota on January 6, 2017. Fleck, 38, is the 30th head coach in the program's history. He has a career record of 52-37 and is 22-15 at Minnesota.

In 2019, Fleck led Minnesota to historic heights as the Gophers won 10 games in the regular season for the first time since 1905. Minnesota won seven Big Ten games for the first time in school history and Fleck was voted the Hayes-Schembechler Big Ten Coach of the Year and was named the AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year. He is also a finalist for nearly every National Coach of the Year award.

Minnesota won four Big Ten games by at least 20 points for the first time since 1934 and beat No. 5 Penn State at home. The Penn State win was Minnesota's first win against a Top 5 five team since it beat No. 2 Penn State on the road in 1999. It was Minnesota's first home win against a Top 5 team since it beat No. 1 Michigan 16-0 in 1977.

The Gophers ascended to No. 7 in the AP Poll, which was the team's highest ranking since it was No. 5 on Nov. 19, 1962. Minnesota was also ranked No. 8 in the College Football Playoffs, which is its highest CFP ranking in school history.

In 2018, Fleck led Minnesota to wins against Wisconsin, Purdue, Indiana, Fresno State, Miami (Ohio) and New Mexico State. The Gophers beat Georgia Tech 34-10 in the Quick Lane Bowl and the 24-point margin of victory was the largest bowl win in school history.

Under Fleck, a young Minnesota team beat rival Wisconsin for the first time since 2003 and for the first time on the road since 1994 to reclaim Paul Bunyan's Axe. The Gophers also downed Purdue's potent offense, as they held the Boilers to a season low in points (10) and yards (233). Minnesota also beat Fresno State, which finished the season ranked No. 18, to give the Bulldogs one of their two defeats on the season. The win against Fresno State also marked the first time that Minnesota beat a team ranked in the final AP poll since 1999.

The Gophers had 112 players on the roster and 58 (51.7%) were freshmen, which was the most in the nation in 2018. The Gophers had 78 underclassmen (69.6%), which ranked tenth in college football.

In 2017, Fleck led a young and inexperienced Gopher squad, as 49 of Minnesota's 110 players (44.5%) were freshmen and 76 (69%) were underclassmen. Fleck guided Minnesota to a 5-7 record and those five wins were the most by a first-year Gopher head coach new to the program since the legendary Murray Warmath won seven games in 1954.

Fleck won his Gopher debut against Buffalo, which made him the school's first head coach to win his debut since John Gutekunst in 1986 (before Fleck, Minnesota's six most recent head coaches all lost their first game). Minnesota then posted a dominating 48-14 win at Oregon State, which made Fleck the first Gopher coach to win a true road opener since 1954 when Warmath and the Gophers won 46-7 at Pittsburgh.

Minnesota's 34-point win at Oregon State was the Gophers' tenth largest margin of victory in a road game since 1920 and largest since 2006. The 48 points were the most the Gophers scored on the road since they beat Northwestern 49-21 in 1980.

Minnesota posted three 30-point wins in 2017, as it beat Oregon State by 34, Nebraska by 33 and Middle Tennessee by 31. The last time Minnesota won three games by 30 points in the same season was 2005 when it started the year with three straight with three straight 30-point wins.

The Gophers beat Nebraska 54-21 in Fleck's first season. The 54 points were the most that the Gophers scored in a Big Ten game since they beat Indiana 63-26 in 2006. The 54 points were the 14th most scored by Minnesota since 1946 and the fifth most against a Big Ten opponent in the same timeframe.

Off the field, Fleck and his team can often be found at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and annually give back to the community by hosting a diaper drive, canned food drive, school supplies drive and turkey drive. In the classroom, Minnesota has posted program record GPAs under Fleck.

Fleck came to Minnesota after spending four years as the head coach at Western Michigan, where he was 30-22 overall and 21-11 in the Mid-American Conference. While leading the Broncos, Fleck authored one of the most memorable turnarounds in college football history. The Broncos were 1-11 in his first year in 2013, but ended the 2016 season with a No. 12 ranking, a 13-1 record, a conference championship and a berth in the Cotton Bowl.

The Broncos were 12-0 in the 2016 regular season and posted wins against Big Ten opponents Northwestern and Illinois. Fleck then led his team to a 29-23 win against Ohio in the Mid-American Conference championship game before ending the season with a narrow bowl game defeat to Wisconsin. Fleck was named MAC Coach of the Year in 2016 (2014 as well) after leading the Broncos to their first MAC Championship since 1988.

Prior to his time at Western Michigan, Fleck served as the wide receivers coach for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2012 and coached the receivers at Rutgers from 2010-11. He coached receivers and was the recruiting coordinator at Northern Illinois in 2009 and tutored the receivers for the Huskies from 2007-08. Fleck's coaching career began at Ohio State as a graduate assistant in 2006.

Fleck played receiver at Northern Illinois from 1999-2003 and helped lead the Huskies to a No. 10 ranking, a 10-2 record and wins against Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State in his final season.

Fleck played the 2004-05 seasons with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers. He signed with the 49ers as a free agent in 2004 and spent most of his time on the practice squad before seeing action against New England late in the season. He spent the 2005 season on the injured reserve roster and in 2006 he stopped playing professionally and started his coaching career.

Fleck and his wife, Heather, have four children, Gavin, Carter, Paisley (P.J.) and Harper.

FLECK AT A GLANCE

Born: November 29, 1980

Hometown: Sugar Grove, Ill.

High School: Kaneland High School, 1999

Alma Mater: Northern Illinois, 2004 (elementary education)

Coaching Experience:

2017-	Minnesota, Head Coach
2013-17	Western Michigan, Head Coach
2012	Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Wide Receivers
2010-11	Rutgers, Wide Receivers Coach
2009	Northern Illinois, Recruiting Coord, WRs
2007-08	Northern Illinois, Wide Receivers
2006	Ohio State, Graduate Assistant

NFL Draft Picks Who Played For Fleck
Minnesota (head coach)
2019 - Blake Cashman, LB, Round 5, Pick 157, Jets
Western Michigan (head coach)
2018 - Chukwuma Okorafor, OT, Round 3, Pick 92, Steelers
2018 - Darius Phillips, DB, Round 5, Pick 170, Bengals
2017 - Corey Davis, WR, Round 1, Pick 5, Titans
2017 - Taylor Moton, OT, Round 2, Pick 64, Panthers
2017 - Keion Adams, LB, Round 7, Pick 248, Steelers
2016 - Willie Beavers, OT, Round 4, Pick 121, Vikings
2016 - Daniel Braverman, WR, Round 7, Pick 230, Bears
Rutgers (wide receivers coach)
2012 - Mohamed Sanu, WR, Round 3, Pick 83, Bengals
Playing Experience: Northern Illinois (wide receiver), 1999-2003; San Francisco 49ers (wide receiver), 2004-05

GOPHERS' RECORD

	2019	Fleck
Overall	10-2	22-15
Big Ten	7-2	12-15
Non-conference	3-0	10-0
Home	6-2	15-7
Away	4-1	6-9
Neutral	0-0	1-0
Current overall streak	Lost 1	Lost 1
Current home streak	Lost 1	Lost 1
Current road streak	Won 1	Won 1
Current bowl streak	Won 1	Won 1
Last win	11/23/19 (38-22 at Northwestern)	Same
Last loss	11/30/19 (38-17 vs Wisconsin)	Same
Day game	7-2	13-12
Night game	3-0	9-3
TV game	10-2	22-15
ABC	2-1	2-2
FS1	2-0	6-3
Big Ten Network	3-0	8-7
FOX	0-1	0-2
ESPN	1-0	2-0
ESPN2	1-0	3-1
CBS Sports Network	1-0	1-0
August	1-0	3-0
September	3-0	7-2
October	4-0	6-6
November	2-2	5-7
December	0-0	1-0
vs. FBS Top-25 teams	1-2	1-6
vs. FBS non-ranked teams	8-0	20-9
vs. FCS	1-0	1-0
On artificial turf	8-2	20-14
On natural grass	2-0	2-1
Indoors	0-0	1-0
Outdoors	10-2	21-15
Scoring first	8-1	19-2
Opponent scores first	2-1	3-13
Leading after 1st quarter	8-1	18-2
Behind after 1st quarter	1-1	1-12
Tied after 1st quarter	1-0	3-2
Leading at halftime	10-0	21-1
Behind at halftime	0-2	0-14
Tied at halftime	0-0	1-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	8-0	20-1
Behind after 3rd quarter	2-2	2-13
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0	0-1
Overtime	1-0	1-0
Scoring 0-14 points	0-0	0-7
Scoring 15-28 points	1-2	5-6
Scoring 29+ points	9-0	17-2
Allowing 0-14 points	3-0	11-0
Allowing 15-28 points	4-1	7-3
Allowing 29+ points	3-1	4-12
With 100-yd rusher	5-0	13-2
Allow 100-yard rusher	1-0	2-8
With 300-yd passer	2-1	3-1
Allow 300-yard passer	1-0	1-2
Outgain opponent	8-1	18-1
Total offense 300+ yards	10-2	21-9
Allow 300+ yards total offense	3-1	6-14
Total offense 400+ yards	7-0	13-2
Allow 400+ yards total offense	2-1	2-10
No turnovers	4-0	7-1
Less than three turnovers	9-2	18-10
Three or more turnovers	1-0	3-5
No takeaways	2-1	3-5
Three or more takeaways	2-0	6-3
Commit fewer turnovers	5-0	12-5
Equal turnovers	2-0	5-1
Commit more turnovers	3-2	5-9
Control time of possession	8-2	18-9
Opponent controls time of possession	2-0	4-6
Games decided by 1-8 points	5-1	8-4
Games decided by 9-19 points	1-0	2-4
Games decided by 20 points or more	4-1	12-7
Win Coin Toss	5-0	10-4
Lose Coin Toss	5-2	12-11

RECORD WATCH

Career Rushing Yards
Rank   Player, Yards, (Games Played)
1.   Darrell Thompson, 4,654 (45)
2.   Rodney Smith, 4,053 (51)
12.   Shannon Brooks 2,290 (38)
31.   Mohamed Ibrahim, 1,624 (20)

Career Rushing Attempts
Rank   Player, Attempts
1.   Darrell Thompson, 936
2.   Thomas Hamner, 882
3.   Rodney Smith, 863

Career Rushing Touchdowns
Rank   Player, Touchdowns
1.   Darrell Thompson, 40
2.   Marion Barber III, 35
5.   Laurence Maroney, 32
6.   Rodney Smith, 29
10   Two players, 21
T12.   Shannon Brooks, 20

Career Receiving Yards
Rank   Player, Yards, (Games Played)
1.   Eric Decker, 3,119 (45)
2.   Tyler Johnson, 3,101 (48)
3.   Ron Johnson, 2,989 (46)
7.   Jared Ellerson, 2054 (46)
8.   Rashod Bateman 1,874 (25)

Career Receptions
Rank   Player, Receptions
1.   Eric Decker, 227
2.   Tyler Johnson, 201

Season Receiving Touchdowns
Rank   Player, Touchdowns
1.   Tyler Johnson, 12 (2018)
2.   Tyler Johnson, 11 (2019)
**   Rashod Bateman, 11 (2019)**

Career Receiving Touchdowns
Rank   Player, Touchdowns
1.   Tyler Johnson, 31
         Ron Johnson, 31

Season Receiving Yards
Rank   Player, Yards (Season)
1.   Rashod Bateman, 1,170 (2019)
2.   Tyler Johnson, 1,169 (2018)
3.   Ron Johnson, 1,125 (2000)
4.   Tyler Johnson, 1,114 (2019)

Season Passing TDs
Rank   Player, TDs (Year)
1.   Tanner Morgan, 28 (2019)

Season Passing Yards
Rank   Player, Yards (Year)
1.   Tanner Morgan, 2,975 (2019)

Career Passing Yards
Rank   Player
1.   Adam Weber, 10,917
8.   Mike Hohensee, 4,792
9.   Tanner Morgan, 4,376

Career Passing TDs
Rank   Player
1.   Adam Weber, 72
2.   Bryan Cupito, 55
         Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 55
4.   Cory Sauter, 40
5.   Tanner Morgan, 37

Career Sacks
Rank   Player, Sacks
1.   Karon Riley, 29.0
2.   Lamanzer Williams, 23.5
3.   Carter Coughlin, 22.5

Career Tackles For Loss
Player, TFLs
1.   Willie VanDeSteeg, 43.5
2.   John Schlecht, 42.5
3.   Karon Riley, 42.0
4.   Carter Coughlin, 40.0

Season Interceptions
Rank   Player, INTs
T1.   Antoine Winfield J., 7 (2019)
         Jeff Wright, 7, (1970)

PUTTING UP POINTS, BALANCED OFFENSE

▶ Minnesota, which is 14-4 in its last 18 games, has scored 412 points (third most in a season since 1946) and averages 34.3 points per game (third most in a season since 1946). Minnesota has scored 55 touchdowns this year, which is also the third most in a season since 1946).

▶ Minnesota has thrown a school-record 28 TDs this year after tossing 20 in 2018. This is the first time since 2006 (22) and 2007 (25) that Minnesota has consecutive seasons with 20 passing TDs. Minnesota rushed for 23 TDs and threw for 20 TDs last year. This year, Minnesota has rushed for 24 TDs and thrown for 28. This is the first time that Minnesota has consecutive 20 rushing and 20 passing TD seasons since 2005 (34 rush, 20 pass) and 2006 (25 rush, 22 pass) and is only the second time ever since 1955.

▶ Minnesota scored at least 28 points in its first nine games this season, which is something it had never done prior to this year. In 1904 - when the Gophers were competing against high school teams - Minnesota scored 28 or more points in its first eight games (107, 77, 75, 65, 47, 35, 32 and 146). Minnesota scored 16 points in its ninth game, which was a 16-12 win against Nebraska.

▶ Minnesota scored 31 points or more in eight straight games this year (games two through nine). Minnesota last scored 31 or more points in eight straight games in 1904, as it started the season scoring 107, 77, 75, 65, 47, 35, 32 and 146 points. The streak ended when Minnesota beat Nebraska 16-12.

RANKED WIN, 20 SOMETHING

▶ Minnesota was ranked No. 13 in the AP Poll when it beat No. 5 Penn State, 31-26, on Nov. 6. It was the first game in Minneapolis that featured two Top 15 teams since the No. 5 Gophers beat No. 1 Michigan State 13-0 in 1961. The Penn State win this year was Minnesota's first win against a Top 5 five team since it beat No. 2 Penn State on the road in 1999. It was Minnesota's first home win against a Top 5 team since it beat No. 1 Michigan 16-0 in 1977.

▶ Minnesota is ranked No. 16 in the AP Poll, while Auburn is ranked No. 9, which means the Outback Bowl meeting will be the Gophers' third game this year that features two Top 16 teams (games vs. Penn State and Wisconsin were the others). This will be the first season ever that Minnesota will play three games ranked as a Top 16 team against another Top 16 team.

▶ Minnesota has won four Big Ten games this year by at least 20 points for the first time since 1934. That year, Minnesota won all five of its Big Ten games by at least 20 points as it was named Big Ten Champions and National Champions.

HISTORIC START

▶ Minnesota started the season 9-0 and had an 11-game winning streak at one point dating back to last season. The last time Minnesota started a season 9-0 was 1904 when it was named National Champions. The last time Minnesota won 11 straight games was when it won 18 straight from 1939-42. Coach P.J. Fleck's win percentage of 59.45% ranks fourth in school history for anyone who coached more than 30 games and is the best since Bernie Bierman, who last coached at Minnesota in 1950.

MINNESOTA'S MORGAN

▶ Minnesota entered 2018 as the only team in the nation with all freshmen quarterbacks and had only one scholarship quarterback in Tanner Morgan. They now have four. Zack Annexstad was put on scholarship last winter and Jacob Clark and Cole Kramer both joined the program in January 2019. Annexstad and Morgan combined to pass for 2,678 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2018 and were poised to battle for the starting quarterback role before Annexstad went down with a foot injury early on in camp and is out indefinitely.

▶ Tanner Morgan is 14-4 as a starter and his winning percentage of 77.7% is the highest for any Gopher quarterback with 10 or more starts since 1975. This year, he has completed 191-of-289 passes (66.1%) for 2,975 yards (single season record) and 28 touchdowns (single season record). He has also rushed for a score and caught a two-point conversion from Tyler Johnson against South Dakota State.

▶ Tanner Morgan, who is a semifinalist for The Manning Award and was a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, has thrown a touchdown in all 12 games this season (first player in school history to do so). He has thrown a touchdown pass in 13 straight games, which is a school record. He has thrown three or more touchdowns in five games this season and was named All-Big Ten Second Team.

▶ Tanner Morgan has thrown for 4,376 yards (9th in school history) in 21 games. He has completed 280-of-441 passes for 37 touchdowns (all have come in 18 starts), which ranks fifth in school history. Morgan's career completion percentage of 63.4% currently places him first in school history ahead of Mark Carlson (57.2% from 1976-79). Morgan's career pass efficiency rating of 169.1 also currently ranks first in school history, well ahead of Bryan Cupito who had a pass efficiency rating of 138.34 from 2003-06

▶ Tanner Morgan has played two of the best games in Big Ten history this year, as he completed 21-of-22 passes (95.45%) for 396 yards and four touchdowns at Purdue and 18-of-20 passes (90%) for 339 yards and three touchdowns against Penn State. Florida State's Jameis Winston is the only other quarterback to have two games with 90% completion percentage, doing so during his Heisman Trophy-winning campaign in 2013. Morgan's 95.45 completion percentage at Purdue is the best ever in Big Ten history for any quarterback who attempted 15 or more passes. His 396 yards tied him for the seventh most in school history and they were the most passing yards by a Gopher since Adam Weber threw for 416 yards against Michigan State in 2009. Morgan's 396 yards were the second most ever by a Gopher on the road behind Cory Sauter (404 yards at Michigan State in 1995).

MEMORABLE DRIVE

▶ Minnesota was attempting a 33-yard field goal with about six minutes remaining against Georgia Southern to go up 11 points. The field goal was blocked and returned 77 yards for a touchdown. A little more than two minutes later, Georgia Southern returned a fumble 44 yards for another score to take a 32-28 lead late in the game. Minnesota, which had zero timeouts, faced a 3rd-and-29 from its own 6-yard line. The Gophers would then march down the field and score the game-winning touchdown with 13 seconds left, showing resolve, resiliency and execution along the way. Minnesota last gave up a blocked field goal returned for a touchdown in a win at Nebraska in 2014. The last time Minnesota gave up a fumble return for a touchdown was in a loss at Northwestern in 2015.

ALL-BIG TEN

▶ Minnesota was well represented when the Big Ten recently announced its individual winners and all-conference teams. P.J. Fleck was voted Big Ten Coach of the Year by his peers, while Rashod Bateman was named Receiver of the Year and Antoine Winfield Jr., was named Defensive Back of the Year. This is the first time Minnesota has had a player named receiver of the year or defensive back of the year.

▶ On offense, Rashod Bateman and Tyler Johnson were both named All-Big Ten First Team. According to the Big Ten, this year is the first time in conference history that one school has occupied both receiver spots on the First Team ballots by the coaches and media. Quarterback Tanner Morgan and running back Rodney Smith were named Second Team, while offensive lineman Blaise Andries was named to the Third Team. Morgan is the first Minnesota quarterback to be on a Big Ten postseason team since the coaches voted Adam Weber All-Big Ten Second Team in 2008. On defense Winfield was named to the First Team and Carter Coughlin was named to the Second Team for the second straight year.

▶ During the season, Minnesota had eight players named a Big Ten Player of the Week, which tied a school record set by the Gophers last season.

COACHED UP

▶ Minnesota head coach P.J. Fleck was voted the Big Ten Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year by his peers after leading Minnesota to a 10 regular season wins for the first time since 1905 and seven Big Ten wins for the first time ever. He was also named a finalist for the George Munger Collegiate Coach of the Year Award and the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year award. Fleck was also named the AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year. Offensive Coordinator Kirk Ciarrocca was named a semifinalist for the Broyles Award, which is given to the top assistant coach in college football. Cornerbacks coach Rod Chance was named to the 35 Under 35 program by the AFCA, which annually recognizes 35 top coaches in the country who are under 35.

SCRIPT FLIPPED

▶ Last year, Minnesota lost to Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska and Northwestern and were outscored 174-86 (minus 88). This year, Minnesota beat those four teams and outscored them 164-56 (plus 108).

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

▶ Minnesota's games against Penn State (ABC), Iowa (FOX), Northwestern (ABC) and Wisconsin (ABC) were on network TV. This is the first season ever that Minnesota has played four games on network TV.

▶ ESPN College GameDay visited campus on Nov. 30 prior to Minnesota's game against Wisconsin. This was the show's first-ever visit to Minnesota and it drew a season high 2,280,000 viewers.

GOPHER GREATS

▶ Rodney Smith and Tyler Johnson eclipsed career milestones this year. Smith passed 4,000 career rushing yards and now ranks second in school history with 4,053 rushing yards. Smith ranks first in school history in career all-purpose yards with 5,364 (broke Darrell Thompson's record of 5,109). Johnson passed 3,000 career receiving yards and is second in school history with 3,101 yards. Johnson needs 18 yards in the Outback Bowl to tie Eric Decker's school record of 3,119 yards.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

▶ Minnesota has 85 players on its roster with a 3.0 GPA or higher and two of them - Blaise Andries and Sam Renner - were named to the 2019 Academic All-America Division I Football Team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Andries and Renner were both slotted on the Second Team. Renner was also named to the Second Team last year, but this is the first honor for Andries. Minnesota now has five Academic All-America team members in the last two years, as Payton Jordahl and Gary Moore were also recognized last year. Prior to this, Minnesota last had five players recognized from 2004-15. Renner is Minnesota's first repeat Academic All-America team member since Greg Eslinger in 2004-05. He has already graduated with a degree in Applied Economics and is now working on his Master's of Accountancy. Andries is majoring in Mathematics and is an aspiring actuary.

MEMBERS ONLY

▶ Minnesota is one of two schools to have two 1,000-yard receivers (Tyler Johnson and Rashod Bateman) and one 1,000-yard rusher (Rodney Smith). The other school is LSU (WRs Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson and RB Clyde Edwards-Helaire). Prior to this season, Minnesota had a 1,000-yard receiver in a season just five times and never had two. Johnson is the first player in school history to record two 1,000-yard seasons, as his 1,169 yards last year set a single-season record. That record was broken by Bateman (1,170) this year and is in danger of being surpassed by Johnson (1,114) as well.

TERRIFIC TRIO

▶ Tyler Johnson, Rashod Bateman and Chris Autman-Bell form one of the best trios in the nation. They have combined for 158 catches, 2,648 yards and 27 touchdowns. Those numbers stack up well against their peers. LSU's top three have 198 catches for 3,250 yards and 42 TDs. Alabama is at 174 catches for 2,878 yards and 29 TDs. Clemson comes in at 134 catches for 2,204 yards and 25 TDs, while Ohio State is at 128 catches for 1,875 yards and 27 TDs.

DYNAMIC DUO

▶ Tyler Johnson and Rashod Bateman are the most prolific receiving duo in school history. This year, they have combined for 131 catches, 2,284 yards and 22 touchdowns. Their emergence harkens memories of another dominant Gopher duo in Laurence Maroney and Marion Barber III. In 12 games in 2004, that duo combined to run for 2,617 yards and 23 touchdowns.

NORTHSIDE PRIDE

▶ Minneapolis North product Tyler Johnson was named All-Big Ten First-Team in 2018 and 2019 (joins Eric Decker as only other U receiver to be named First-Team twice), put the Big Ten on notice last year when he made 78 catches (second most in a season) for 1,169 yards (single-season school record since broken by Rashod Bateman) and 12 touchdowns (single-season school record). He had six 100-yard games, which tied for first in school history in a season and became the first Gopher ever with four straight 100-yard games in Big Ten play. Johnson has six 100-yard games this year and a school-record 15 in his career.

▶ Tyler Johnson is one of three receivers in the nation and the only one from a Power Five conference to record consecutive seasons of 1,000 receiving yards. Johnson has 1,114 yards this year after having 1,169 in 2018. The other two receivers are Liberty's Antonio Gandy-Golden and SMU's James Proche.

▶ Tyler Jonson is one of the best ever to wear the Maroon and Gold. Johnson ranks second in career receiving yards with 3,101. Eric Decker is the school record holder with 3,119 career yards. Johnson needs 18 more yards to tie Decker's school record. Johnson ranks second in school history with 201 catches (Decker first with 227). Johnson is tied for first in school history with 31 receiving touchdowns with Ron Johnson (no relation).

▶ Tyler Johnson has caught a pass in 35 straight games, which is second in school history to Ron Johnson (46 straight games). Tyler Johnson has played in 48 games (missed final two games of 2017 with an injury) and has a school-record 15 100-yard career games on his resume.

▶ Tyler Johnson has 11 touchdowns this year (one shy of his single-season school record of 12 set in 2018) and has caught a touchdown in nine of 12 games this season. He has also caught a touchdown in six straight games, which is one shy of Ron Johnson's record of a touchdown reception in seven straight games from Oct. 30, 1999 - Sept. 9, 2000.

▶ Tyler Johnson caught three touchdowns against Georgia Southern and is the only Gopher ever to have three receiving touchdowns in three different games in a career (2019 Georgia Southern, 2018 Miami, 2017 Michigan State).

BATEMAN DELIVERS

▶ Rashod Bateman was named the Big Ten's receiver of the year, All-Big Ten First Team and was also one of 12 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award. He has 57 catches for 1,170 yards (single season school record) and 11 touchdowns. He ended 2018 with 51 catches for 704 yards (13.80 ave per catch in 2018 and 20.05 ave in 2019).

▶ Rashod Bateman has caught at least one pass in all 25 games he has played. He caught seven passes for 203 yards against Penn State and six passes for 177 yards at Purdue. He has five 100-yard games this year and six in his career. In 24 career games, he has 108 catches (15th in school history) for 1,874 yards (eighth in school history) and 17 touchdowns (sixth in school history).

▶ Rashod Bateman crossed 1,000 career receiving yards at Purdue (his 17th game) to become the second fastest Gopher to do so. The fastest was Ryan Thelwell (15 games). Notables: Ernie Wheelwright, 20 games; Eric Decker, 21; Tyler Johnson, 26.

▶ Rashod Bateman set freshman school records in 2018 in catches (51), yards (704) and his 6 TDs ranked second. This year, he has 57 catches for 1,170 yards (single season school record) and 11 TDs (sophomore record). He is still chasing Eric Decker's sophomore record of 67 receptions.

▶ Rashod Bateman had 203 receiving yards against Penn State, which was the second most in a game in school history (most in a Big Ten game) behind

Ryan Thelwell (228 yards against Ball State in 1996). Bateman's last two home games (203 yards against Penn State and 147 yards against Wisconsin) rank first and second as the most receiving yards by a Gopher at TCF Bank Stadium.

AUTMAN-BELL, DOUGLAS

▶ Chris Autman-Bell made 28 catches (fourth all-time for a Minnesota freshman) for 449 yards (third all-time for a Minnesota freshman) and led the team with a 16.03 yards per catch average in 2018. He has 27 catches for 364 yards and five touchdowns this year. His first touchdown (first of career too) was at Fresno State. It came on 4th-and-13 and was a 20-yard touchdown from Tanner Morgan. It also came with 46 seconds left in the game and forced overtime.

▶ Demetrius Douglas caught nine passes for 87 yards and one touchdown in 2018. He returned 24 kickoffs for 594 yards and seven punts for 113 yards. The legacy Gopher (son of Omar Douglas) finished third on the team with 794 all-purpose yards. He has 14 catches for 157 yards this year, but two came on the fourth-quarter, game-winning drive versus Georgia Southern when Minnesota had 3rd-and-30 with no timeouts on its own five yard line.

BACKS GOTTA EAT

▶ Between seven backs - Rodney Smith, Shannon Brooks, Mohamed Ibrahim, Treyson Potts, Bryce Williams, Cam Wiley and Preston Jelen - Minnesota has 1,717 carries on its roster for 8,577 yards and 70 touchdowns. Those numbers do not include Seth Green's 374 yards and 13 TDs as a wildcat QB.

▶ RTB stood for Run The Ball against Illinois, Nebraska and Maryland, as the Gophers rushed for 975 yards and 10 touchdowns in those games. Minnesota has played 77 games at TCF Bank Stadium and those three games rank fourth (332 yards vs. Illinois), fifth (322 yards vs. Nebraska) and sixth (321 yards vs. Maryland) for the school in stadium history.

▶ Rodney Smith played in two games in 2018, but then missed the season with an injury before being granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. This year, he leads Minnesota with 212 carries, 1,094 yards and eight touchdowns. He set a career high with 211 yards against Illinois this year. Smith has 16 career 100-yard rushing games, which is third in program history. His streak of five straight 100-yard games (tied for third longest in school history) ended against Penn State.

▶ Rodney Smith totaled 237 all-purpose yards against Illinois this year and now has three games in his career with at least 237 all-purpose yards (279 against Nebraska in 2017 and 257 against Rutgers in 2016). He is one of four players (joining Tutu Atwell, Tellis Redmon and Chris Darkins) in school history to have three games with at least 237 all-purpose yards, but is the only player to do so against three Big Ten teams. Smith's 5,364 all-purpose yards is a school record.

▶ Shannon Brooks returned from a February 2018 injury to play against Indiana on Oct. 26, 2018. It was his first game since Oct. 28, 2017, at Iowa. He rushed 22 times for 154 yards and 1 TD against Indiana, but missed the rest of the season when he was injured in the fourth quarter. He returned from that injury on Sept. 28, 2019, at Purdue and has rushed 73 times for 408 yards and 2 TDs this year. He has 20 career rushing TDs and Minnesota is 14-2 when he scores.

▶ Mohamed Ibrahim scored in the first two games, but then did not record a carry in the next three games as he battled a lingering injury. He returned against Nebraska and rushed for three touchdowns and also scored at Rutgers. Ibrahim has 15 career touchdowns in 20 games. He has rushed 94 times this year for 464 yards and six touchdowns.

GREEN LINE

▶ Seth Green scored Minnesota's first touchdown of the season and has five rushing scores this year. After transitioning from quarterback to tight end in spring 2017 and tight end to wide receiver the following fall, Green has found his niche as a Wildcat QB. In 2018, he rushed 76 times for 282 yards (only one negative rush) and eight touchdowns. This year, Minnesota has also scored three rushing touchdowns with Green in the backfield off direct snaps to Rodney Smith. Green has completed 4-of-5 career passes for 36 yards and two touchdowns and also threw for a successful 2-point conversion. He has two catches for 37 yards.

PIECE OF THE PIE

▶ Gopher tight ends have graded out as elite blockers, but they have also been more active in the passing game. Jake Paulson has four catches for 51 yards this year, while Brevyn Spann-Ford has three for 26 yards. (1st career catch was TD vs. Illinois).

MINNESOTA MOVERS

▶ Minnesota returned four offensive line starters from the Quick Lane Bowl in Blaise Andries (6-6, 325), Curtis Dunlap Jr. (6-5, 345), Daniel Faalele (6-9, 400) and Conner Olson (6-5, 305). The lone loss was Jared Weyler who is putting his double major in Accounting and Entrepreneurial Management to good use.

▶ Sam Schlueter (6-6, 325) starts at left tackle, which means the U's starting linemen are 6-5 or taller and combine to weigh 1,700 pounds (340 pound average).

▶ Curtis Dunlap missed the Iowa game and that shuffled the line. Minnesota lined up with Schlueter, Andries, John Michael Schmitz (Fleck calls him the team's sixth starter), Olson and Faalele. Dunlap returned at Northwestern, but Schmitz still sees action at center.

FINDING A WAY

▶ The Gophers won four straight one-possession games to start the season becoming the first team since Penn State in 1985 and just the fifth in FBS history, to do so. Penn State won six straight to start the season in 1985, which is the most in FBS history. Texas and Clemson each won four straight in 1958 and Notre Dame won five straight in 1939. The Gophers had previously won only four or more one possession games in a season six times in the modern era, (2016, 1981, 1977, 1968, 1964 and 1961) but had never won more than three in a row prior to this season. With the 31-26 victory against Penn State, the Gophers have now won five one possession games in the same season for just the second time in program history (1961).

LINE IN THE SAND

▶ Joe Rossi took over as Gopher defensive coordinator after Minnesota's 55-31 loss at Illinois in 2018. Since then the Gophers are 12-3. In six of those games (2018: Purdue, Georgia Tech, 2019 Illinois, Nebraska, Rutgers, Maryland) the Gophers have allowed 10 or less offensive points. Minnesota did now allow an offensive touchdown against Illinois. It was the first time the Gophers have held a Big Ten opponent

without an offensive touchdown since Nov. 10, 2012 at Illinois. The Gophers did not give up a touchdown against Nebraska until the fourth quarter. That touchdown stopped a stretch of 111:27 without allowing an offensive touchdown. Minnesota went into the fourth quarter without allowing a touchdown against Rutgers and Maryland as well.

▶ The Gophers have not allowed more than 300 total yards in eight games this year. They are only allowing 312.8 yards per game which is ranked No. 15 in the NCAA. That mark would be the lowest allowed in a single Minnesota season since 1980 when the Gophers also gave up 312.8 yards per game. The Gophers allowed only 41 points in the four straight Big Ten games (17 Illinois, 7 Nebraska, 7 Rutgers, 10 Maryland). However, only 27 of those points were allowed by the defense, as Illinois scored two defensive touchdowns. It was the best defensive stretch for the Gophers in the Big Ten since only allowing 22 points in four games in 1967 (7 Illinois, 0 Michigan State, 15 Michigan, 0 Iowa).

▶ The Gophers held Fresno State to 57 yards rushing, Illinois to 91 rushing yards and Maryland to 79 yards rushing. They allowed only 75 passing yards against Georgia Southern, 48 to Rutgers and 95 to Northwestern. They have allowed only one 100-yard rusher and two 300-yard passers this season.

MINNESOTA MADE

▶ Thomas Barber, Carter Coughlin and Kamal Martin are in their final season. Barber and Coughlin are legacy Gophers, while Martin is from Burnsville, Minn.

▶ Carter Coughlin has made 154 career tackles in 47 games and 40 of them (25.9%) have been a tackle for loss and 22.5 of them (14.6%) have been a sack. Coughlin ranks fourth in tackles for loss with 40 (Willie VanDeSteeg is first with 43.5) and third in sacks with 22.5 (Karon Riley is first with 29.0). Coughlin has 42 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks this season. He was named All-Big Ten Second Team.

▶ Thomas Barber has 65 tackles this season and 273 in his career. Barber is on pace to finish just shy of the Gophers top-10 for most tackles in a career (Glenn Howard is No. 10 in school history with 308 career tackles). Barber has also recovered six career fumbles. One more will rank him tied for second in school history, while Stephen Thompson holds the school record (recovered eight career fumbles from 1967-70).

▶ Kamal Martin has played in only eight games this year, but is second on the team with 66 tackles (8.25 average per game). He made two interceptions against Purdue and led the team in tackles against Illinois, Nebraska and tied for the lead against Rutgers. He forced two fumbles against Illinois and set a career high with 15 tackles against Nebraska. He was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Nebraska. He now has 176 tackles in 45 career games and has 13 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks. He has four career interceptions and has forced four fumbles and recovered three.

PASS RUSH

▶ Twelve different players have at least assisted on a sack and 20 have a tackle for loss this year. The Gophers have recorded 20 sacks in Big Ten play, including four against Nebraska and 26 this season. In 2018, the Gophers recorded 23 sacks but Carter

Coughlin accounted for 9.5 (41.3%). They notched 71 tackles for loss but Coughlin and now NFL linebacker Blake Cashman accounted for 30 (42.2%).

▶ Sam Renner was one of 10 finalists for the Burlsworth Trophy, given to the nation's best player who started his career as a walk-on. Renner has earned more playing time each season and has been a consistent contributor as a starter this year. He is second on the team in both tackles for loss (7.0) and sacks (4.5).

▶ Joe Rossi has a new wrinkle on third down this year, as he has four defensive ends – Carter Coughlin, Esezi Otomewo, Boye Mafe and Tai'yon Devers – all come in together to rush the passer.

LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

▶ Three of the team's top five tacklers come out of the secondary in Antoine Winfield Jr. (82), Jordan Howden (55) and Chris Williamson (50). The Gophers are second in the Big Ten with 14 interceptions and they have returned three for a touchdown. It's the most interceptions in a single season for the Gophers since they recorded 15 in 2008. Last season, Minnesota had 11 interceptions in 13 games. Minnesota is only allowing 184.9 passing yards per game which ranks No. 11 in the NCAA.

▶ Antoine Winfield Jr., who was named one of five finalists for the Bronko Nagurski Award, leads the team with 82 tackles (58 solo). He also leads the team with seven interceptions (including a pick-six) and has two forced fumbles and three sacks this season. His seven interceptions tied a school record for most in a single season (Jeff Wright had seven in the 1970 season). He is fourth in the NCAA for interceptions this season.

▶ Antoine Winfield Jr., is a fourth-year sophomore who was plagued by early season injuries the past two years. He was granted a waiver request for a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA and has two years (2020, 2021) of eligibility remaining. After a breakout freshman year in 2016, which included an interception returned for a touchdown, he made 20 tackles in 2017, blocked a field goal and broke up two passes before missing the final eight games with an injury. Early in 2018, Winfield found himself going viral in back-to-back weeks with a highlight reel punt return for a touchdown against New Mexico State and a game-clinching interception against Fresno State. He would suffer an injury in the fourth game of the season and would miss the rest of the year.

▶ Antoine Winfield Jr. may never be allowed in Fresno, Calif. for the rest of his life. In back-to-back seasons Winfield called game with an interception to take away a Bulldog touchdown. In 2018 it came in the back of the end zone at TCF Bank Stadium with an acrobatic catch in the fourth quarter to prevent a game tying touchdown. This year it came in double overtime as Winfield broke off a route and jumped in front of a Bulldog receiver in the end zone to seal the victory.

▶ Chris Williamson is the lone senior in the secondary. He shook off some injuries and totaled 34 tackles in 11 games last year. However, 23 of those tackles – along with one sack, one interception, one forced fumble and four pass breakups – came in the final five games. In 2019, he has a pick-six, three pass breakups, 50 tackles, 2.5 sacks and four tackles for loss.

▶ Jordan Howden was a true freshman walk-on in 2018 (now on scholarship) and played in all 13 games. He recorded 45 tackles, broke up three passes and made one interception. His 55 tackles are fourth on the team this year and his six pass breakups are third. Howden sealed the Gophers win against No. 5 Penn State with a late game interception in the end zone.

▶ Coney Durr has quietly been shutting down half the field for the Gophers and is tied for the team lead (Benjamin St-Juste) with nine pass breakups. He is a big reason why the Gophers have only allowed 184.9 passing yards per game this season. His first interception of the season went 72 yards to the house against Maryland.

▶ Benjamin St-Juste is a graduate transfer from Michigan who has two seasons of eligibility left (2020, 2021). He made his first start against Illinois and made five tackles and two pass breakups. He notched a career high seven tackles at Iowa and has started the last nine games. His nine pass breakups are tied with Coney Durr for the team lead.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

▶ The Gophers had a fresh look on special teams in 2019 after the graduation of Payton Jordahl and Emmit Carpenter. Brady Weeks was the No. 1-ranked long snapper in the nation and enrolled in January. The Gophers also signed kicker Michael Lantz. Their first ever field goal attempt was in double overtime from 37 yards at Fresno State. Lantz, who is one of 11 true freshman starting kickers in the nation, is third on the team with 64 points (7 FGs, 43 PATs). Redshirt freshman Brock Walker started against Penn State and also kicked against Iowa. Grant Ryerse is Minnesota's kickoff specialist.

▶ In 2018, Jacob Herbers punted only 51 times (fewest for the Gophers since they punted 38 times in 2005) and averaged 41.24 yards (13th most in school history). He has punted even less in 2019 with just 38 punts. He did not attempt a punt in the final 101:48 of the 2018 season (final Minnesota punt of the season came at Wisconsin with 11:48 remaining in the second quarter). His puntless streak ended during Minnesota's first possession of 2019 when he punted with 11:36 left in the first quarter. Herbers pinned Purdue at the one and two yard lines and was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week. Eighteen of his 38 punts this season have landed opposing teams inside the 20-yard line. Herbers is also a big reason why the Gophers have the top ranked punt return defense in the country with negative three yards allowed.

▶ Casey O'Brien was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after Minnesota's win at Rutgers. O'Brien, who is a four-time cancer survivor, saw the first action of his career at Rutgers, as he held on Minnesota's final three point-after attempts. He also held three times against Maryland. O'Brien gave the keynote address at the Big Ten Football Kickoff Luncheon in July. He spoke about being thankful and about how football helped him while he was battling cancer. O'Brien, who received the Disney Spirit Award, has inspired countless fans this year.

SQUEAKY CLEAN

▶ Minnesota has been one of the least penalized teams in the country under P.J. Fleck. In three seasons under Fleck, the Gophers have been penalized just 141 times. The Gophers have been penalized only

44 times this season which ranks No. 6 in the NCAA and first in the Big Ten. In 2018, the Gophers finished second in the country and in 2017 they finished first for fewest penalties. Under Fleck, the Gophers have taken fewer penalties than their opponents in 27 of 37 games. However, Minnesota is 7-3 when it takes more or the same amount of penalties as its opponent under Fleck.

KEEP AWAY

▶ The Gophers rank No. 6 in the country (3rd in B1G) with a time of possession of 33:55. Minnesota has 15 scoring drives this season that have taken at least 10 plays and have chewed up more than five minutes on the clock. Last season, the Gophers had 18 scoring drives of more than 10 plays, but just 14 of those drives used more than five minutes. Minnesota's 42:53 time of possession against Maryland was the best for the team in at least 20 seasons and is the most for any Big Ten West team this year.

NEW FACES

▶ Minnesota welcomed 14 student-athletes in January and has 31 true freshmen on the roster this year. The Gophers also have two coaches who joined the staff prior to the 2019 season coaching in the Outback Bowl in Rod Chance and Joe Harasymiak.

50 WINS

▶ Minnesota's win vs. Maryland was Coach Fleck's 50th victory, making him the second youngest active FBS coach to reach that milestone.

SENIORS, GRADUATES

▶ The Gophers have 11 seniors and four grad transfers (Micah Dew-Treadway, Alex Melvin, Benjamin St-Juste, Michael Tarbutt). Minnesota has only three seniors on offense: Shannon Brooks, Tyler Johnson and Rodney Smith. On defense, the Gophers have seven: Thomas Barber, Carter Coughlin, Winston DeLattiboudere, Tai'yon Devers, Kamal Martin, Sam Renner and Chris Williamson. Minnesota's one other senior is punter Jacob Herbers.

▶ Minnesota has 12 players who have already graduated in Thomas Barber, Winston DeLattiboudere, Micah Dew-Treadway (Notre Dame), Seth Green, Jacob Herbers, Alex Melvin (SMU), Samuel Pickerign, Sam Renner, Rodney Smith, Benjamin St-Juste (Michigan), Michael Tarbutt (Connecticut) and Bryce Witham.

EXTRA POINTS

▶ In middle school, Rodney Smith played the tuba. He claims his teacher thought he was so good that he wouldn't let him play anything else. Smith, who is the son of a high school head football coach, plays football with type 1 diabetes.

▶ Tyler Johnson played hockey when he was 7 and baseball until 7th grade. He would go on to lead Minneapolis North to a state title in basketball and a runner-up finish in football.

▶ Thomas Barber's first love is hockey. He still skates in the offseason to stay in shape.

▶ Tanner Morgan knew his destiny, as four men in his family are bald.

▶ Blaise Andries is an aspiring actuary (compiles and analyzes statistics) and does math paradoxes for fun, while Demetrius Douglas is an amateur photographer.

ALPHA ROSTER

##	STUDENT ATHLETE	POSITION
89	Nnamdi Adim-Madumere	WR
92	Mayan Ahanotu	DL
35	Danny Anderson	LB
3	MJ Anderson	DL
77	Blaise Andries	OL
81	Brock Annexstad	WR
5	Zack Annexstad	QB
29	Josh Aune	LB
7	Chris Autman-Bell	WR
41	Thomas Barber	LB
56	Ty Barron	LB
13	Rashod Bateman	WR
63	Austin Beier	OL
66	Nathan Boe	OL
11	Jornell Brooks II	WR
4	Shannon Brooks	RB
7	Solomon Brown	DB
22	Mike Brown-Stephens	WR
27	Jimmy Buck	WR
99	DeAngelo Carter	DL
44	Rashad Cheney Jr.	DL
15	Jacob Clark	QB
75	Tyler Cooper	OL
45	Carter Coughlin	LB
46	Winston DeLattiboudere	DL
12	Tai'yon Devers	DL
18	Micah Dew-Treadway	DL
79	Jason Dickson	OL
82	Demetrius Douglas	WR
51	Curtis Dunlap Jr.	OL
16	Coney Durr	DB
78	Daniel Faalele	OL
30	Caden Fey	DB
98	Tom Foley	P
18	Clay Geary	WR
48	Anders Gelecinskyj	K
12	Erik Gibson	WR
13	James Gordon IV	LB
17	Seth Green	WR
50	JJ Guedet	OL
28	Matt Guggemos	DB
5	Trenton Guthrie	LB
33	D'Vion Harris	DL
26	Justus Harris	DB
47	Jacob Herbers	P
91	Noah Hickcox	DL
2	Phillip Howard	DB
23	Jordan Howden	DB
24	Mohamed Ibrahim	RB
25	Preston Jelen	RB
6	Tyler Johnson	WR
87	Nick Kallerup	TE
57	Jack Kern	DL
42	Ko Kieft	TE
14	Cole Kramer	QB
38	Michael Lantz	K
59	Derik LeCaptain	LB
34	Boye Mafe	DL
21	Kamal Martin	LB
36	Bishop McDonald	DB
48	Ben McNaboe	LB
46	Alex Melvin	P
2	Tanner Morgan	QB
94	Abi N-Okonji	DL
93	Connor Novak-Goar	DL
27	Tyler Nubin	DB
14	Casey O'Brien	H
14	Braelen Oliver	LB
64	Conner Olson	OL
9	Esezi Otomewo	DL
80	Jake Paulson	TE
19	Samuel Pickerign	QB
23	Treyson Potts	RB
90	Sam Renner	DL

NUMERICAL ROSTER

##	FIRST NAME, LAST NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	YR-EX	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
1	Rodney Smith	RB	5-11	210	R-Sr.	Jonesboro, Ga. / Mundy's Mill
1	Calvin Swenson	DB	6-1	215	R-Jr.	Kaukauna, Wis. / Kaukauna
2	Phillip Howard	DB	5-11	195	R-Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper
2	Tanner Morgan	QB	6-2	215	R-So.	Union, Ky. / Ryle
3	MJ Anderson	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College HS
3	Cam Wiley	RB	6-2	205	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Desert Pines
4	Shannon Brooks	RB	6-0	215	R-Sr.	Austell, Ga. / Pickens
4	Terell Smith	DB	6-1	200	So.	Snellville, Ga. / South Gwinnett
5	Zack Annexstad	QB	6-3	220	So.	Norseland, Minn. / IMG Academy
5	Trenton Guthrie	LB	6-3	220	R-So.	Northville, Mich. / Northville
6	Tyler Johnson	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / North
6	Chris Williamson	DB	6-0	205	R-Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Gainesville Florida
7	Chris Autman-Bell	WR	6-1	215	R-So.	Kankakee, Ill. / Bishop McNamara
7	Solomon Brown	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Largo, Fla. / Largo High School
8	Thomas Rush	LB	6-3	235	So.	Marysville, Ohio / Marysville
9	Esezi Otomewo	DL	6-6	275	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Ben Davis
11	Jornell Brooks II	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Mansfield, Ohio / Mansfield Senior
11	Antoine Winfield Jr.	DB	5-10	205	R-So.	The Woodlands, Texas / The Woodlands
12	Tai'yon Devers	DL	6-4	245	Sr.	Pompano Beach, Fla. / Blanche Ely
12	Erik Gibson	WR	6-3	215	R-Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King
13	Rashod Bateman	WR	6-2	210	So.	Tifton, Ga. / Tift County
13	James Gordon IV	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City High
14	Cole Kramer	QB	6-1	195	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
14	Casey O'Brien	H	6-1	175	R-So.	Saint Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
14	Braelen Oliver	LB	6-0	235	R-Fr.	Douglasville, Ga. / Douglas County
15	Jacob Clark	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Rockwall, Texas / Rockwall
16	Coney Durr	DB	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Dutchtown
16	Johnny Santaga	QB	6-1	205	R-So.	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame De La Baie
17	Seth Green	WR	6-4	240	R-Jr.	Woodbury, Minn. / Allen
18	Micah Dew-Treadway	DL	6-4	315	Gr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. / Notre Dame
18	Clay Geary	WR	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville South
19	Samuel Pickerign	QB	6-4	225	R-So.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Minnehaha Academy
19	Keonte Schad	DL	6-3	295	Jr.	Madison, Wis. / Ellsworth CC
20	Donald Willis	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Garfield Heights, Ohio / Garfield Heights
20	Larry Wright	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview
21	Kamal Martin	LB	6-3	245	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. / Burnsville
21	Bryce Williams	RB	6-0	205	So.	Sarasota, Fla. / Cardinal Mooney
22	Mike Brown-Stephens	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
22	Benny Sapp III	DB	6-1	205	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Eden Prairie
23	Jordan Howden	DB	5-11	200	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Desert Pines
23	Treyson Potts	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Williamsport, Pa. / Williamsport
24	Mohamed Ibrahim	RB	5-10	210	R-So.	Baltimore, Md. / Our Lady of Good Counsel
25	Preston Jelen	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake
25	Benjamin St-Juste	DB	6-3	200	Gr.	Rosemere, Quebec / Michigan
26	Justus Harris	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	Roswell, Ga. / Roswell
26	True Thompson	WR	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Iowa Western CC
27	Jimmy Buck	WR	6-3	205	Fr.	Orono, Minn. / Orono
27	Tyler Nubin	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Saint Charles, Ill. / St. Charles North
28	Matt Guggemos	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Benilde St. Margaret's
28	Jason Williamson	RB	6-2	210	Fr.	Owatonna, Minn. / Owatonna
29	Josh Aune	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Highland Park
30	Caden Fey	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
31	Kiondre Thomas	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Fort Smith, Ark. / Northside
33	D'Vion Harris	DL	6-2	225	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Lutheran North
33	Grant Ryerse	K / P	6-2	215	R-So.	Woodbury, Minn. / East Ridge
34	Boye Mafe	DL	6-4	260	R-So.	Golden Valley, Minn. / Hopkins
34	Brock Walker	K	5-10	200	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Washington
35	Danny Anderson	LB	6-0	230	R-So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
36	Bishop McDonald	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Oakdale, Minn. / Minnesota Duluth
37	Brady Weeks	LS	6-0	215	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo. / Fort Zumwalt West
38	Michael Lantz	K	5-11	180	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ga. / Starrs Mill
39	Michael Vojvodich	LS	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Annandale, Va / Woodson
40	Alex Strazzanti	DB	6-2	220	R-So.	Chaska, Minn. / Chaska
41	Thomas Barber	LB	6-0	240	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
42	Ko Kieft	TE	6-4	255	R-Jr.	Sioux Center, Iowa / Sioux Center
42	Austin Winfield	DB	5-7	180	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas / The Woodlands
43	Bailey Schoenfelder	LB	6-3	240	R-Jr.	Huron, S.D. / Huron
44	Rashad Cheney Jr.	DL	6-2	295	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Cedar Grove
45	Carter Coughlin	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
46	Winston DeLattiboudere	DL	6-3	260	R-Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / Howard
46	Alex Melvin	P	6-4	200	Gr.	Burnet, Texas / SMU
47	Jacob Herbers	P	6-2	215	R-Sr.	Battle Creek, Mich. / Lakeview
48	Anders Gelecinskyj	K	6-2	200	R-Jr.	Bloomington, Minn. / Minnesota State
48	Ben McNaboe	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Rogers, Minn. / Rogers

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96	Logan Richter	DL
75	Malcolm Robinson	DL
65	Axel Ruschmeyer	OL
8	Thomas Rush	LB
33	Grant Ryerse	K
16	Johnny Santaga	QB
22	Benny Sapp III	DB
74	Kyle Sassack	OL
19	Keonte Schad	DL
70	Sam Schlueter	OL
60	John Michael Schmitz	OL
43	Bailey Schoenfelder	LB
56	Cody Smith	OL
1	Rodney Smith	RB
4	Terell Smith	DB
55	Mariano Sori-Marin	LB
88	Brevyn Spann-Ford	TE
25	Benjamin St-Juste	DB
40	Alex Strazzanti	DB
1	Calvin Swenson	DB
97	Michael Tarbutt	K
52	Jamaal Teague	DL
31	Kiondre Thomas	DB
26	True Thompson	WR
84	Peter Udoibok	WR
39	Michael Vojvodich	LS
34	Brock Walker	K
37	Brady Weeks	LS
3	Cam Wiley	RB
21	Bryce Williams	RB
6	Chris Williamson	DB
28	Jason Williamson	RB
20	Donald Willis	LB
11	Antoine Winfield Jr.	DB
42	Austin Winfield	DB
85	Bryce Witham	TE
86	Clayton Witherspoon	TE
20	Larry Wright	WR

Players By Country (3)

United States	110
Canada	2
Australia	1

Players By State (21)

Minnesota	40
Georgia	12
Illinois	9
Florida	7
Michigan	5
Ohio	6
Wisconsin	6
Texas	5
Missouri	3
California	1
Maryland	2
Nevada	2
Kentucky	2
South Dakota	2
Arkansas	1
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Louisanna	1
Oregon	1
Pennsalvania	1
Virginia	1

Players from Florida (7)
Solomon Brown, Tai'yon Devers, James Gordon, Bryce Williams, Benny Sapp, Curtis Dunlap, Mayan Ahanotu

##	FIRST NAME, LAST NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	YR-EX	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
50	JJ Guedet	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	Washington, Ill. / Washington Community
51	Curtis Dunlap Jr.	OL	6-5	345	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / IMG Academy
52	Jamaal Teague	DL	6-3	310	So.	South Holland, Ill. / Marist
55	Mariano Sori-Marin	LB	6-3	245	So.	Mokena, Ill. / Providence Catholic
56	Ty Barron	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Minnetonka, Minn. / Minnetonka
56	Cody Smith	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Eagan, Minn. / Eagan
57	Jack Kern	DL	6-2	305	R-Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis. / Eau Claire Memorial
59	Derik LeCaptain	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Gardner, Wis. / Southern Door
60	John Michael Schmitz	OL	6-4	315	R-So.	Flossmoor, Ill. / Homewood-Flossmoor
63	Austin Beier	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Toledo, Ohio / St. John's
64	Conner Olson	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Monticello, Minn. / Monticello
65	Axel Ruschmeyer	OL	6-4	305	R-So.	Hutchinson, Minn. / Holy Family Catholic
66	Nathan Boe	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North
70	Sam Schlueter	OL	6-6	325	R-Jr.	Victoria, Minn. / Mayer Lutheran
74	Kyle Sassack	OL	6-7	315	R-So.	Pontiac, Mich. / Notre Dame Prep
75	Tyler Cooper	OL	6-5	310	Fr.	Saint Croix Falls, Wis. / Saint Croix Falls
75	Malcolm Robinson	DL	6-3	305	R-So.	Massillon, Ohio / Washington
77	Blaise Andries	OL	6-6	325	R-So.	Marshall, Minn. / Marshall
78	Daniel Faalele	OL	6-9	400	So.	Melbourne, Australia / IMG Academy
79	Jason Dickson	OL	6-6	320	R-Jr.	Corona, Calif. / Vallejo / Diablo Valley CC
80	Jake Paulson	TE	6-5	270	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. / Christian Academy
81	Brock Annexstad	WR	6-2	200	R-So.	Norseland, Minn. / IMG Academy
82	Demetrius Douglas	WR	6-0	195	R-So.	Portland, Ore. / Jesuit
84	Peter Udoibok	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
85	Bryce Witham	TE	6-4	265	R-Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / West Catholic
86	Clayton Witherspoon	TE	6-4	255	R-So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
87	Nick Kallerup	TE	6-5	260	Fr.	Wayzata, Minn. / Wayzata
88	Brevyn Spann-Ford	TE	6-7	270	R-Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn. / St. Cloud Technical
89	Nnamdi Adim-Madumere	WR	6-4	235	Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Southwest
90	Sam Renner	DL	6-4	275	R-Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove
91	Noah Hickcox	DL	6-4	295	R-So.	Rockford, Ill. / Boylan Central Catholic
92	Mayan Ahanotu	DL	6-4	275	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Berkeley Prep
93	Connor Novak-Goar	DL	6-2	290	R-Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Iowa Western CC
94	Abi N-Okonji	DL	6-3	270	R-Fr.	Snellville, Ga. / South Gwinnett
96	Logan Richter	DL	6-4	330	Fr.	Perham, Minn. / Perham High School
97	Michael Tarbutt	K	6-0	190	Gr.	Grimsby, Ont. / UCONN
98	Tom Foley	P	6-5	201	Fr.	Peoria, Ill. / Peoria Notre Dame
99	DeAngelo Carter	DL	6-2	310	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga. / Lee County

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Players

Nnamdi Adim-Madumere	NOM-dee uh-dim mad-uh-meer
Mayan Ananotu	MY-in uh-HON-uh-too
Blaise Andries	BLAYZ AN-dreez
Brock Annestad	ANN-ick-sted
Zack Annexstad	ANN-ick-sted
Josh Aune	AHN-ee
Chris Autman-Bell	OTT-man bell
Rashod Bateman	bate-min
Austin Beier	BY-er
Carter Coughlin	COFF-lin
Rashad Cheney	CHAY-nee
Winston DeLattiboudere	day-LOT-uh-bah-deer
Tai-yon Devers	TAY-on DEV-ers
Coney Durr	KOH-nee derr
Daniel Faalele	fah-ah-LAY-lay
Clay Geary	GEER-ee
Anders Gelecinskyj	ON-ders GEL-uh-sin-skee
JJ Guedet	guh-DAY
Matt Guggemos	GOOG-uh-mohs
D'Vion Harris	DEE-vee-on
Justus Harris	justice
Noah Hickcox	hick-cox
Jordan Howden	HOW-din
Mohamed Ibrahim	I-bruh-hem
Preston Jelen	JELL-in
Nick Kallerup	KAL-er-up
Ko Kieft	KOE KEEFT
Derik LeCaptain	leh-KAP-tin
Boye Mafe	BOY-ay MAH-fay
Kamal Martin	kuh-MALL
Ben McNaboe	mac-NUH-boe
Abi N-Okonji	abby uh-KONE-jee

Connor Novak-Goar	NO-vack gore
Tyler Nubin	NEW-bin
Braelen Oliver	BRAY-lin
Esezi Otomewo	uh-SAY-zee o-TOE-may-wuh
Samuel Pickerign	PICK-er-in
Treyson Potts	TRAY-sin
Axel Ruschmeyer	AX-el RUSH-my-er
Grant Ryerse	RY-er-see
Jon Santaga	san-TOG-uh
Kyle Sassack	SASS-SICK
Keonte Schad	KEE-on-tay SHADD
Sam Schlueter	SHLOO-ter
Bailey Schoenfelder	SHOW-en-feld-er
Terell Smith	tuh-RELL
Mariano Sori-Marin	MAR-ee-on-oh SORE-ee MARE-in
Benjamin St-Juste	SAINT JOOST
Alex Strazzanti	struh-ZONT-ee
Michael Tarbutt	TAR-BUTT
Kiondre Thomas	kee-AHN-dray
Peter Udoibok	U-doy-bock
Michael Vojvodich	VAH-vuh-DITCH
Antoine Winfield Jr.	AN-twon
Bryce Witham	WITH-um

COACHES

Kirk Ciarrocca	shuh-ROCK-uh
Joe Harasymiak	hare-uh-SIM-ee-ack
Joe Rossi	ROSS-ee
Rob Wenger	wen-ger
Mike Sypniak (trainer)	SIPP-nee-ack

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SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

QUARTERBACKS

#2 Tanner Morgan
Points scored: 1, two times
Touchdowns: 1, two times
Rush attempts: 11, Northwestern, Nov 17, 2018
Rush yards: 35, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018 (4 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, two times
Long rush: 17, vs Georgia Southern, Sep. 14, 2019
Pass attempts: 37, Wisconsin, Nov. 30, 2019
Pass completions: 25, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Pass yards: 396, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
Pass TDs: 4, two times
Had intercepted: 2, Northwestern, Nov 17, 2018
Long pass: 86, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018
Total offense attempts: 43, two times
Total ofense yards: 368, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019 (-28r/396p)
All-purpose yards: 35, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Tackles: 1, two times

#5 Zack Annexstad
Rush attempts: 5, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Rush yards: 5, Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018 (3 carries)
Long rush: 12, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Pass attempts: 33, two times
Pass completions: 17, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Pass yards: 220, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Pass TDs: 3 [t-7th], Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Had intercepted: 3 [t-3rd], Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Long pass: 52, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Total offense attempts: 38, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018 (5 R / 33 P)
Total ofense yards: 220 (pass), New Mexico State, 8/30/18
All-purpose yards: 5, Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018
Tackles: 1, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018 (1-0)

#14 Cole Kramer
Pass attempts: 2, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019
Had intercepted: 1, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019
Total offense attempts: 2, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019 (0R, 2P)

#15 Jacob Clark
Pass attempts: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Pass completions: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Pass yards: 39, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Long pass: 39, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Total offense attempts: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (1 pass)
Total ofense yards: 39, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (39 pass)

RUNNING BACKS

#1 Rodney Smith
Points scored: 18, Purdue, Nov 05, 2016
Touchdowns: 3, Purdue, Nov 05, 2016
Rush attempts: 30, two times
Rush yards: 211: Illinois, Oct. 10, 2016
Rush TDs: 3, Purdue, Nov 05, 2016
Long rush: 70, at Maryland, Oct 15, 2016
Receptions: 4, 4 times
Receiving yards: 58, Ohio, Sep 26, 2015 (4 receptions)
Long reception: 27,2 times
Total offense attempts: 30, at Oregon State, Sep 09, 2017 (30 rush,0 pass); Kent State, Sep 19, 2015 (30 rush,0 pass)
Total ofense yards: 211, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019 (211 rush)
Kick returns: 4, at Northwestern, Nov 18, 2017
Kick return yards: 135, Nebraska, Nov 11, 2017 (3 returns)
Long kick return: 100, Nebraska, Nov 11, 2017
Tackles: 1, three times

#3 Cam Wiley
Rush attempts: 11, Georgia Southern, Sep 14, 2019
Rush yards: 32, Georgia Southern, Sep 14, 2019 (11 carries)
Long rush: 7, Georgia Southern, Sep 14, 2019
Receptions: 1, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019
Total ofense yards: 32, Georgia Southern, Sep 14, 2019 (32r)
All-purpose yards: 56, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019
Kick returns: 3, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019
Kick return yards: 56, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019 (3 returns)
Long kick return: 30, at Iowa, Nov 16, 2019

#4 Shannon Brooks
Points scored: 18, two times
Touchdowns: 3, two times
Rush attempts: 22, three times
Rush yards: 176, at Purdue, Oct 10, 2015 (17 carries)
Rush TDs: 3, two times
Long rush: 75, Illinois, Nov 21, 2015
Pass attempts: 1, at Iowa, Nov 14, 2015
Pass completions: 1, at Iowa, Nov 14, 2015
Pass yards: 42, at Iowa, Nov 14, 2015
Pass TDs: 1, at Iowa, Nov 14, 2015
Long pass: 42, at Iowa, Nov 14, 2015
Receptions: 4, two times
Receiving yards: 53, Wisconsin, Nov 28, 2015 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, two times
Long reception: 40, Michigan, Oct 31, 2015
Total offense attempts: 22, three times (22 rush,0 pass)
Total ofense yards: 176, at Purdue, Oct 10, 2015 (176 rush)
All-purpose yards: 184, Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017
Kick returns: 6 [t-1st], Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017
Kick return yards: 121, Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017
Long kick return: 35, Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017

#21 Bryce Williams
Points scored: 12, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018
Touchdowns: 2, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018
Rush attempts: 33, Miami, Sep 15, 2018
Rush yards: 141, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (33 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018
Long rush: 30, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018
Receptions: 1, 4 times
Receiving yards: 35, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (1 receptions)
Long reception: 35, Miami, Sep 15, 2018
Total offense attempts: 33, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (33 rush)
Total ofense yards: 141, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (141 rush,0 pass)
All-purpose yards: 176, Miami, Sep 15, 2018

#23 Treyson Potts
Points scored: 6, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Touchdowns: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Rush attempts: 4, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Rush yards: 42, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (4 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Long rush: 24, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Total offense attempts: 4, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (4 rush)
Total ofense yards: 42, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (42 rush)
All-purpose yards: 42, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019

#24 Mohamed Ibrahim
Points scored: 18, vs Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Touchdowns: 3, vs Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Rush attempts: 31, vs Georgia Tech, Dec 26, 2018
Rush yards: 224, vs Georgia Tech, Dec 26, 2018 (31 carries)
Rush TDs: 3, vs Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Long rush: 74 [3rd], New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Receptions: 2, three times
Receiving yards: 25, Northwestern, Nov 17, 2018
Long reception: 15, two times
Total offense attempts: 31, vs Ga. Tech, Dec 26, 2018 (31 rush)
Total ofense yards: 224, vs Ga. Tech, Dec 26, 2018 (224 rush)
All-purpose yards: 224, vs Georgia Tech, Dec 26, 2018
Kick returns: 1, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Kick return yards: 19, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018 (1 returns)
Long kick return: 19, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018

#25 Preston Jelen
Rush attempts: 3, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Rush yards: 22, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (3 carries)
Long rush: 13, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Total offense attempts: 3, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (3 rush)
Total ofense yards: 22, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (22 rush)
All-purpose yards: 22, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019

WIDE RECEIVERS

#6 Tyler Johnson
Points scored: 18, three times
Touchdowns: 3, three times
Pass attempts: 1, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018
Receptions: 11 [t-2nd], at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Receiving yards: 184, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018 (11 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 3, three times
Long reception: 73, vs. Geoia Southern, Sep 14, 2019
All-purpose yards: 184, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018

#7 Chris Autman-Bell
Points scored: 6, three times
Touchdowns: 1, three times
Receptions: 4, three times
Receiving yards: 97, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, three times
Long reception: 70, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
All-purpose yards: 97, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019

#13 Rashod Bateman
Points scored: 18, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Touchdowns: 3, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Receptions: 7, 6 times
Receiving yards: 203, Penn State, Nov 9, 2019 (7 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 3, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Long reception: 86, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018
All-purpose yards: 203 , Penn State, Nov 09, 2019

#17 Seth Green
Points scored: 12, three times
Touchdowns: 2, three times
Rush attempts: 11, Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018
Rush yards: 46, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018 (9 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, three times
Long rush: 13, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018
Pass attempts: 2, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Pass completions: 1, three times
Pass yards: 16, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Pass TDs: 1, two times
Had intercepted: 1, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Long pass: 25, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Receptions: 1, three times
Receiving yards: 31, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018 (1 receptions)
Long reception: 31, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Total offense attempts: 11, Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018 (11 rush)
Total ofense yards: 48, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018 (46 rush,2 pass)
All-purpose yards: 48, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018

#18 Clay Geary
Receptions: 1, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Receiving yards: 7, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Long reception: 7, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
All-purpose yards: 7, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Tackles: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019

#81 Brock Annexstad
Kick returns: 1, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019

#82 Demetrius Douglas
Points scored: 6, two times
Touchdowns: 1, two times
Rush attempts: 1, two times
Rush yards: 2, Middle Tennessee, Sep 16, 2017 (1 carries)
Long rush: 2, Middle Tennessee, Sep 16, 2017
Receptions: 6, Buffalo, Aug 31, 2017
Receiving yards: 60, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Receiving TDs: 1, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Long reception: 29, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Total offense attempts: 1, at Oregon State, Sep 09, 2017 (1 rush,0 pass); Middle Tennessee, Sep 16, 2017 (1 rush,0 pass)
Total ofense yards: 2, Middle Tennessee, Sep 16, 2017 (2 rush)
All-purpose yards: 164, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Punt returns: 2, two times
Punt return yards: 69, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018 (1 return)
Long punt return: 69, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018
Kick returns: 4, at Maryland, Sep 22, 2018
Kick return yards: 126, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018 (3 returns)
Long kick return: 87 [9th], at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018

TIGHT ENDS

#42 Ko Kieft
Points scored: 2, Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018
Receptions: 1, 4 times
Receiving yards: 19, at Maryland, Sep 22, 2018 (1 receptions)
Long reception: 19, at Maryland, Sep 22, 2018
All-purpose yards: 19, at Maryland, Sep 22, 2018

#80 Jake Paulson
Points scored: 6, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018
Touchdowns: 1, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018
Receptions: 2, two times
Receiving yards: 24, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019 (1 reception)
Receiving TDs: 1, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018
Long reception: 24, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
All-purpose yards: 24, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
Tackles: 1, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (1-0)

#85 Bryce Witham
Receptions: 2, at Ohio State, Oct 13, 2018
Receiving yards: 62, at Ohio State, Oct 13, 2018 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 41, at Ohio State, Oct 13, 2018
All-purpose yards: 62, at Ohio State, Oct 13, 2018

#88 Brevyn Spann-Ford
Points scored: 6, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Touchdowns: 1, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Receptions: 1, three times
Receiving yards: 13, at Rutgers, Oct 12, 2019

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Receiving TDs: 1, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Long reception: 13, at Rutgers, Oct 12, 2019
All-purpose yards: 13, at Rutgers, Oct 12, 2019

DEFENSIVE LINE

#9 Esezi Otomewo
Tackles: 5, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019
Sacks: 1, three times
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019
Fumbles forced: 1, at Wisconsin, Nov 24, 2018
Fumbles recovered: 1, Miami, Sep 15, 2018

#12 Tai'yon Devers
Tackles: 2, three times
Sacks: 2.0 [t-1st], Oregon State, Sept 1, 2016 (2-0)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, Oregon State, Sept 1, 2016 (2-0)
Fumbles forced: 2 [t-1st], Oregon State, Sept 1, 2016

#18 Micah Dew-Treadway
Tackles: 3, Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Sacks: 0.5, Illinois, Oct. 5, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, two times
Pass breakups: 1, Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019

#19 Keonte Schad
Tackles: 5, Georgia Southern, Sep. 14, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, two times

#34 Boye Mafe
Tackles: 6, vs Georgia Tech, Dec 26, 2018 (4-2)
Sacks: 1.0, two times
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Georgia Southern, Sep. 14, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018

#45 Carter Coughlin
All-purpose yards: 10, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Punt return yards: 10, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Long punt return: 10, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Tackles: two times
Sacks: 2.0, 4 times
Tackles for loss: 3.0, two times
Fumbles forced: 1, four times
Fumbles recovered: 1, Wisconsin, Nov. 30, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, two times

#46 Winston DeLattiboudere
Tackles: 5, Georgia Tech, Dec 26, 2018 (3-2)
Sacks: 1.0, 5 times
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 9 times
Fumbles forced: 1 [t-5th], at Northwestern, Nov 18, 2017; Illinois, Oct 20, 2017; Illinois, Oct 21, 2017
Fumbles recovered: 1, two times
Pass breakups: 2 [t-10th], Maryland, Sep 30, 2017

#52 Jamaal Teague
Tackles: 5, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Sacks: 1.0, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018 (1-0)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, three times

#90 Sam Renner
All-purpose yards: 34, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Punt returns: 1, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Punt return yards: 34, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Tackles: 6, two times
Sacks: 1.0, three times
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018
Pass breakups: 2, vs Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Blocked kicks: 1, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018

#91 Noah Hickcox
Tackles: 1, three times

#92 Mayan Ahanotu
Tackles: 1, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019

#99 DeAngelo Carter
Tackles: 1, Maryland, Oct. 26, 2019

LINEBACKERS

#8 Thomas Rush
Tackles: 3, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018 (3-0)
Sacks: 1.0, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018 (1-0)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018 (1-0)
Pass breakups: 1, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019

#13 James Gordon
Tackles: 1, vs. Penn State, Nov. 9, 2019

#14 Braelen Oliver
Tackles: 4, two times
Sacks: 1.0, three times
Tackles for loss: 1.0, three times
Fumbles recovered: 1, Georgia Southern, Sep 14, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019

#20 Donald Willis
Tackles: 1, at Fresno State, Sep 07, 2019 (1-0)

#21 Kamal Martin
All-purpose yards: 15, vs Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Interceptions: 2, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
Long interception return: 12, at Purdue, Sep 28, 2019
Tackles: 15, Nebraska, Oct. 12, 2019
Sacks: 1.0, three times
Tackles for loss: 1.5, two times
Fumbles forced: 2, Illinois, Oct. 5, 2019
Fumbles recovered: 1, three times
Pass breakups: 1, 4 times

#41 Thomas Barber
All-purpose yards: 16, Rutgers, Oct 22, 2016
Kick returns: 1, Rutgers, Oct 22, 2016; at Illinois, Oct 29, 2016
Kick return yards: 16, Rutgers, Oct 22, 2016 (1 returns)
Long kick return: 16, Rutgers, Oct 22, 2016
Interceptions: 1, two times
Tackles: 16, Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017 (9-7)
Sacks: 1.5, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018 (1-1)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, two times
Fumbles forced: 1 [t-5th], 4 times
Fumbles recovered: 1 [t-3rd], at Purdue, Oct 07, 2017; Michigan State, Oct 14, 2017; at Maryland, Oct 15, 2016
Pass breakups: 2 [t-9th], Nebraska, Nov 11, 2017

#43 Bailey Schoenfelder
Tackles: 3, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019

#55 Mariano Sori-Marin
Tackles: 8, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019 (2-6)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, Wisconsin, Nov. 30, 2019

DEFENSIVE BACKS

#1 Calvin Swenson
Tackles: 2, two times

#2 Phillip Howard
Tackles: 2, Illilnois, Oct. 5, 2019
Tackles for loss: 0.5, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, Nebraska, Oct 12, 2019
Interceptions: 1, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019

#4 Terell Smith
Interceptions: 1 [t-6th], Fresno State, Sept 8, 2018
Tackles: 8, two times
Tackles for loss: 1.0, two times
Pass breakups: 3 [t-3rd], New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018

#6 Chris Williamson
Points: 6, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
TDs: 1, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
All-purpose yards: 43, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
Interceptions: 1, two times
Long INT return: 43, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
Tackles: 8, three times
Sacks: 1.0, three times
Tackles for loss: 1.5, two times
Fumbles forced: 1, at Illinois, Nov 03, 2018
Pass breakups: 2, at Fresno State, Sep 07, 2019

#7 Solomon Brown
Tackles: 1, Maryland, Oct. 26, 2019

#11 Antoine Winfield
Points: 6, three times
TDs: 1, three times
All-purpose yards: 82, at Maryland, Oct 15, 2016
Punt returns: 2, New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Punt return yards: 79 [1st], New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Long punt return: 76 [1st], New Mexico State, Aug 30, 2018
Interceptions: 2, two times
Long interception return: 82 [2nd], at Maryland, Oct 15, 2016
Tackles: 11, two times
Sacks: 1.0, three times

Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Penn State, Oct 01, 2016 (1-0)
Fumbles forced: 1, two times
Fumbles recovered: 1, three times
Pass breakups: 2 [t-9th], Buffalo, Aug 31, 2017
Blocked kicks: 1 [t-1st], Buffalo, Aug 31, 2017

#16 Coney Durr
Points scored: 6, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Touchdowns: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
All-purpose yards: 72, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Interceptions: 1, three times
Long interception return: 72, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Tackles: 8, vs. Penn State, Nov. 9, 2019
Sacks: .5, Purdue, Nov 10, 2018 (0-1)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, Northwestern, Nov 17, 2018
Pass breakups: 3, at Ohio State, Oct 13, 2018

#22 Benny Sapp
Tackles: 2, two times

#23 Jordan Howden
Interceptions: 1, two times
Tackles: 12, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
Tackles for loss: 0.5, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Pass breakups: 3, Indiana, Oct 26, 2018

#25 Benjamin St-Juste
Tackles: 7, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019 (1-0)
Pass breakups: 2, three times

#26 Justus Harris
Punt returns: 1, Indiana, Oct 26, 2018
Tackles: 5, at Iowa, Oct 28, 2017 (3-2)
Tackles for loss: .5, at Iowa, Oct 28, 2017 (0-0)
Blocked kicks: 1 [t-1st], Indiana, Oct 26, 2018
Fumblers forced: 1, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019

#27 Tyler Nubin
Tackles: 2, at Northwestern, Nov 23, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, two times

#31 Kiondre Thomas
Interceptions: 1, at Fresno State, Sep 07, 2019
Tackles: 8, South Dakota State, Aug. 29, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, two times
Fumbles recovered: 1, two times
Pass breakups: 2, two times

#40 Alex Strazzanti
Tackles: 3, at Rutgers, Oct 12, 2019

SPECIAL TEAMS

#16 Johnny Santaga
Tackles: 1, three times

#34 Brock Walker
Points scored: 7, two times
Kick PATs: 4, Penn State, Nov 9, 2019
Points by kicking: 7, two times
Field goals made: 2, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Field goal attempts: 3, at Iowa, Nov. 16, 2019
Longest field goal: 26, Penn State, Nov 9, 2019

#38 Michael Lantz
Points scored: 10, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Kick PATs: 6, at Rutgers, Oct. 19, 2019
Points by kicking: 10, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Field goals made: 2, Illinois, Oct 05, 2019
Field goal attempts: 2, (two times)
Longest field goal: 38, Wisconsin, Nov. 30, 2019

#47 Jacob Herbers
Pass attempts: 1, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018
Total offense attempts: 1, Iowa, Oct 06, 2018 (0 rush,1 pass)
Punt attempts: 6, at Nebraska, Oct 20, 2018; Fresno State, Sep 08, 2018; Miami, Sep 15, 2018
Punt yards: 256, Miami, Sep 15, 2018 (6 punts)
Longest punt: 58, two times

#97 Michael Tarbutt
Points scored: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Kick PATs: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019
Points by kicking: 1, Maryland, Oct 26, 2019

MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL GAME – LAST TIME

250+ yards rushing:	258, Laurence Maroney vs Wisconsin, 10/15/05
200+ yards rushing:	211, Rodney Smith vs Illinois, 10/5/19
150+ yards rushing:	211, Rodney Smith vs Illinois, 10/5/19
100+ yards rushing:	103, Rodney Smith vs Maryland, 10/26/19
QB with 100+ yards rushing:	183, Demry Croft vs Nebraska, 11/11/17
QB with 100 rushing/200 passing:	110 rush/211 pass, MarQueis Gray vs New Mexico State, 9/10/11
2 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Rodney Smith (211) and Shannon Brooks (111) vs Illinois, 10/5/19
3 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Garry White (129), Duane Gregory (128) and Marion Barber (118) vs Northwestern, 10/4/80
Player with consecutive 100-yd games:	115; 211; 139; 111; 103, Rodney Smith at Purdue, 9/29/19, vs Illinois, 10/5/19, vs Nebraska, 10/12/10, at Rutgers, 10/10/19 and vs Maryland, 10/26/19
Player with three straight 100-yd games:	115; 211; 139; 111; 103, Rodney Smith at Purdue, 9/29/19, vs Illinois, 10/5/19, vs Nebraska, 10/12/10, at Rutgers, 10/10/19 and vs Maryland, 10/26/19
Player with four straight 100-yd games:	115; 211; 139; 111; 103, Rodney Smith at Purdue, 9/29/19, vs Illinois, 10/5/19, vs Nebraska, 10/12/10, at Rutgers, 10/10/19 and vs Maryland, 10/26/19
Player with five straight 100-yd games:	115; 211; 139; 111; 103, Rodney Smith at Purdue, 9/29/19, vs Illinois, 10/5/19, vs Nebraska, 10/12/10, at Rutgers, 10/10/19 and vs Maryland, 10/26/19
50+ yard rush play:	64, Rodney Smith, vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Four or more TDs rushing:	4, Mitch Leidner vs San Jose State, 9/21/13
Three or more TDs rushing:	3, Mohamed Ibrahim vs Nebraska, 10/12/19
Two players with 3 or more rushing TDs	3, Demry Croft, Kobe McCrary vs Nebraska, 11/11/17
25+ rushing attempts:	31, Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Georgia Tech, 12/26/18
30+ rushing attempts:	31, Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Georgia Tech, 12/26/18
40+ rushing attempts:	43, Laurence Maroney vs Wisconsin, 10/15/05
200+ yards receiving:	203, Rashod Bateman vs Penn State, 11/9/19
150+ yards receiving:	170, Tyler Johnson at Iowa, 11/16/19
100+ yards receivng:	147, Rashod Bateman vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
Consecutive games 100+ yards rcvg:	3, Tyler Johnson (104 vs Penn State, 11/9/19, 170 at Iowa, 11/16/19, 125 at Northwestern, 11/23/19)
Three straight 100+ yards receiving:	3, Tyler Johnson (104 vs Penn State, 11/9/19, 170 at Iowa, 11/16/19, 125 at Northwestern, 11/23/19)
Four straight 100+ yards receiving:	4, Tyler Johnson (107 vs Iowa, 10/6/18, 119 at Ohio State, 10/13/18, 184 at Nebraska, 10/20/18 and 102 vs Indiana, 10/26/18)
2 players (any position) with 100+ yards rcvg:	WR Rashod Bateman (203) and WR Tyler Johnson (104) vs Penn State, 11/9/19
2 receivers with 100+ yards rcvg:	Rashod Bateman (203) and Tyler Johnson (104) vs Penn State, 11/9/19
10 or more receptions:	10, Tyler Johnson vs Georgia Southern, 9/14/19
Five or more TDs receiving:	5, Omar Douglas vs Purdue, 10/9/93
Four or more TDs receiving:	4, Logan Payne vs Temple, 9/16/06
Three or more TDs receiving:	3, Rashod Bateman at Northwestern, 11/23/19
Two or more TDs receiving:	3, Rashod Bateman at Northwestern, 11/23/19
100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver	Rodney Smith (111 rush) and Tyler Johnson (130 rec), at Rutgers, 10/19/19
Two 100-yard rushers and 100-yard receiver	Rodney Smith (153 rush), Mohamed Ibrahim (101 rush), and Tyler Johnson (100 rec), vs New Mexico State, 8/30/18
100-yard rusher and two 100-yard receivers	Shannon Brooks (154 rush), Rashod Bateman (108 rec) and Tyler Johnson (102 rec), vs Indiana, 10/26/18
450+ yards passing:	478, Tim Schade vs Penn State, 9/4/93
400+ yards passing:	416, Adam Weber vs Michigan State, 10/31/09
350+ yards passing:	368, Tanner Morgan at Iowa, 11/16/19
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Consecutive 300-yard passing gms:	2, Tanner Morgan in 2019 vs Penn State (339) at Iowa (368)
Consecutive 250-yard passing gms:	2, Tanner Morgan in 2019 vs Penn State (339) at Iowa (368)
50+ yard pass play:	51, Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
Six or more TDs passing:	6, Scott Eckers vs Purdue, 10/9/93
Five or more TDs passing:	5, Adam Weber vs Michigan State, 10/31/09
Four or more TDs passing:	4, Tanner Morgan at Northwestern, 11/23/19
Three or more TDs passing:	4, Tanner Morgan at Northwestern, 11/23/19
30+ passing attempts:	37, Tanner Morgan vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
40+ passing attempts:	40, Mitch Leidner at Penn State, 10/1/16
50+ passing attempts:	51, Adam Weber vs Northwestern, 11/1/08
20+ completions:	20, Tanner Morgan vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
25+ completions:	25, Tanner Morgan at Iowa, 11/16/19
30+ completions:	31, Adam Weber vs Northern Illinois, 9/25/10
500+ yds. total offense:	536, Tim Schade vs Penn State, 9/4/93 (school record)
400+ yds. total offense:	411, Adam Weber vs Michigan State, 10/31/09
300+ all-purpose yards:	333, Laurence Maroney vs Purdue, 9/24/05
200+ all-purpose yards:	237, Rodney Smith vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Five or more field goals:	5, Dan Nystrom vs Arkansas, 12/30/02
Four or more field goals:	4, Emmit Carpenter at Penn State, 10/1/16
Three or more field goals:	3, Emmit Carpenter at Wisconsin, 11/24/18
Two or more 50+ field goals:	2, Emmit Carpenter vs Fresno State, 9/8/18 (53, 50)
Three or more 40+ field goals:	3, Emmit Carpenter vs Indiana State 9/10/16 (42, 44, 45)

15 plus tackles:	15, Kamal Martin vs Nebraska, 10/12/19
20 plus tackles:	20, Blake Cashman vs Northwestern, 11/17/18
Three or more interceptions:	3, Jeff Wright vs Michigan St., 11/14/70
Two or more interceptions:	2, Antoine Winfield Jr. vs Penn State, 11/9/19
Two or more forced fumbles:	2, Kamal Martin vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Blocked punt:	Justus Harris vs Indiana, 10/26/18
Blocked punt return for TD:	Logan Hutton vs Eastern Illinois, 8/28/14
Blocked field goal:	Antoine Winfield Jr. vs Buffalo, 8/31/17
Blocked FG return for TD:	Martez Shabazz vs UNLV (51 yards), 8/29/13
Blocked PAT:	Andrew Stelter at Northwestern, 11/18/17
PAT Return for Defensive PAT:	Mario Reese at Wisconsin, 10/14/06
Int. return for TD:	Coney Durr (72 yards) vs Maryland, 10/26/19
Punt return for TD:	Demetrius Douglas (69) at Nebraska, 11/24/18
Kickoff return for TD:	Rodney Smith (94 yards) vs Rutgers, 10/22/16
PR return TD/KR return TD same season:	Marcus Jones, 2013 (KR vs UNLV, PR at NMSU)
Fumble return for TD:	Blake Cashman (40 yards) vs Purdue, 11/10/18
Safety:	Thomas Barber tackle in the end zone vs Miami University, 9/15/18
Made 2-pt. conversion:	Tyler Johnson pass to Tanner Morgan out of a reverse, vs South Dakota State, 8/29/19
Missed 2-pt. conversion:	Jacob Herbers rush failed, vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Missed PAT:	Michael Lantz, vs South Dakota State, 8/29/19
Defensive extra point:	Mario Reese, INT return, at Wisconsin, 10/14/06

MINNESOTA TEAM – LAST TIME

100+ points:	146 vs Grinnell (W, 146-0), 10/22/1904
80+ points:	81 vs Butler (W, 81-0), 11/13/26
60+ points:	63 vs Indiana (W, 63-26), 11/4/06
50+ points:	52 vs Maryland (52-10), 10/26/19
40+ points:	52 vs Maryland (52-10), 10/26/19
30+ points:	38 at Northwestern (W 38-22), 11/23/19
0 points:	vs Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
0 points on the road:	vs Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
0 points at home:	vs Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
0 points in first half:	vs Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
0 points in second half:	at Ohio State, (L, 14-30), 10/13/18
No TDs in first half:	at Iowa (L, 23-19), 11/16/19
No offensive TDs in first half:	at Iowa (L, 23-19), 11/16/19
No offensive TDs in second half:	at Ohio State, (L, 14-30), 10/13/18
No offensive TDs in game:	vs Wisconsin (0-31), 11/25/17
Shut out an opponent:	vs Temple (W, 62-0), 9/16/06
Shut out an opponent on the road:	at Kent State (W 44-0), 8/31/06
Shut out an opponent at home:	vs Temple (W, 62-0), 9/16/06
TDs on offense, defense, special teams:	at New Mexico State, 9/7/13 (W, 44-21)
30+ first downs:	30 vs Maryland, 10/26/19
<10 first downs:	8, vs Wisconsin (0-31), 11/25/17
400+ rushing yards:	409 vs Nebraska (W, 54-21), 11/11/17
300+ rushing yards:	321 vs Maryland (52-10), 10/26/19
200+ rushing yards:	212 at Northwestern (W 38-22), 11/23/19
<100 net rushing yards:	76 vs Wisconsin (L 38-17), 11/30/19
7+ rushing touchdowns:	7 vs Toledo, 9/4/04 (W, 63-21)
6+ rushing touchdowns:	6 vs Nebraska, 11/11/17 (W, 54-21)
5+ rushing touchdowns:	6 vs Nebraska, 11/11/17 (W, 54-21)
4+ rushing touchdowns:	4 vs Maryland, 10/26/19 (W, 52-10)
4+ rushing touchdowns (no QB):	4 vs Nebraska, 10/12/19 (W 34-7)
5+ rushing touchdowns on road:	5 at Oregon State, 9/9/17, (W, 48-14)
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<100 net passing yards:	40, vs Wisconsin (0-31), 11/25/17
700+ total net yards:	704 vs Toledo, 9/4/04
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500+ total net yards:	522 vs New Mexico State (W, 48-10), 8/30/18
400+ total net yards:	431 at Iowa (L, 23-19), 10/16/19
<200 total net yards:	133, vs Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
<100 total net yards:	164, at Michigan, 11/4/17
100+ yards in penalties:	157 vs Michigan State, 10/31/09
Forced 4 or more turnovers:	4 at Wisconsin, 11/24/18
Forced 3 or more fumbles:	4 (recovered 1) at Wisconsin, 11/24/18
3+ fumble recoveries:	3 at Oregon State, 9/9/17
3+ interceptions:	3 vs Penn State, 11/9/19
Committed 5 or more turnovers:	5 at Northwestern, 11/18/17
Attempted an onside kick:	vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
Recovered an onside kick:	at Illinois, 11/3/18
Played an overtime game:	at Fresno State (W, 38-35 in 2OT) 9/7/19
Played a double overtime game:	at Fresno State (W, 38-35 in 2OT) 9/7/19
Won an overtime game:	at Fresno State (W, 38-35 in 2OT) 9/7/19
Lost an overtime game:	at Penn State (L, 29-26 in OT) 10/1/16
Won vs. Top 25 Team	vs. No. 5 (AP) Penn State, 11/9/19 (31-26)
Won vs. Top 25 Team On Road	at No. 21 (AP) Nebraska, 11/22/14 (W, 28-24)
Attempted a fake field goal:	vs Michigan, 11/3/12 (did not convert)
Attempted a fake punt:	vs Iowa, 10/6/18 (Jacob Herbers incomplete pass intended for Chris Autman-Bell)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME - LAST TIME

300+ yards rushing:	301, Anthony Davis, at Wisconsin, 11/23/02
250+ yards rushing:	266, Le'Veon Bell, vs Michigan State, 11/24/12
200+ yards rushing:	213, Reggie Corbin, at Illinois, 11/3/18
150+ yards rushing:	213, Reggie Corbin, at Illinois, 11/3/18
100+ yards rushing:	124, Journey Brown, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
2 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Reggie Corbin (213) and AJ Bush (127), at Illinois, 11/3/18
3 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Devine Ozigbo (152), Adrian Martinez (125), and Maurice Washington (109), at Nebraska, 10/20/18
Three or more TDs rushing:	3, LeShun Daniels, at Iowa, 11/14/15
50+ yard rush play:	Reggie Corbin (72 & 77) and Dre Brown (72), at Illinois, 11/3/18
25+ rushing attempts:	29, Isaiah Bower, vs Northwestern, 11/17/18
30+ rushing attempts:	31, Justin Jackson, at Northwestern, 11/18/17
40+ rushing attempts:	45, Anthony Davis, at Wisconsin, 11/23/02
400+ yards passing:	439, David Fales, vs San Jose State, 9/21/13
300+ yards passing:	340, Sean Clifford, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
50+ yard pass play:	70, Jack Coan to Garrett Groshek, vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
30+ pass attempts:	43, Sean Clifford, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
40+ pass attempts:	43, Sean Clifford, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
50+ pass attempts:	58, Matt Romero, vs New Mexico State, 8/30/18
20+ completions:	23, Sean Clifford, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
25+ completions:	29, Peyton Ramsey vs Indiana, 10/26/18
30+ completions:	33, Dwayne Haskins, at Ohio State, 10/13/18
4+ TD passes:	4, Nate Stanley, vs Iowa, 10/6/18
150+ yards receiving:	187, KJ Hill, at Ohio State, 10/13/18
100+ yards receiving:	114, Quintez Cephus, vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
10+ receptions:	11, Malik Turner, vs Illinois, 11/21/15
3+ TD receptions:	3, Robert Tonyan, vs Indiana State, 9/10/16
Four+ field goals:	4, Dan Conroy, vs Michigan State, 11/24/12
Blocked a punt:	Chase Pennycuff, vs Middle Tennessee, 9/6/14
Blocked a field goal:	Reynard Ellis, vs Georgia Southern, 9/14/19
Blocked field goal returned for TD:	Monquavion Brinson (77 yards), vs Georgia Southern, 9/14/19
Missed PAT:	Drew Luckenbaugh, vs Northwestern, 11/17/18 (wide)
Blocked PAT:	Simon Connette, vs San Jose State, 9/21/13
Made 2-pt. conversion:	Josh Hokit rush, at Fresno State, 9/7/19
Missed 2-pt. conversion:	Colten Rastetter failed pass a Iowa, 10/16/19
Punt return for TD:	Nick Dugas (68 yds.), at UL-Lafayette, 9/7/02
Blocked punt ret. for TD:	Zach Domicone (rec. in end zone), vs Ohio State, 10/30/10
Kickoff return for TD:	JaKeem Grant, 99 yards, vs Texas Tech, 12/28/12
Int. return for TD:	Dele Harding, 40 yards, vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Two Int. returns for TD:	Marcus Williams (52, 40 yards), vs North Dakota State, 9/24/11
Fumble return for TD:	Milo Eifler, 7 yards, vs Illinois, 10/5/19
Fumble recovered for TD:	Richard Willock (rec. in end zone), vs Iowa, 11/23/96
Safety:	Tanner Morgan intentional ground in the end zone, at Northwestern, 11/23/19

OPPONENT TEAM - LAST TIME

400+ yards rushing:	430, at Illinois, 11/3/18
300+ yards rushing:	430, at Illinois, 11/3/18
200+ yards rushing:	206, vs. Georgia Tech, 12/26/18
< 50 yards rushing:	38, vs New Mexico State, 8/30/18
< 100 yards rushing:	79, vs Maryland, 10/26/19
400+ yards passing:	412, at Ohio State, 10/13/18
300+ yards passing:	340, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
<100 yards passing:	95, at Northwestern, 11/23/19
600+ total net yards:	646, at Illinois, 11/3/18
500+ total net yards:	518, vs Penn State, 11/9/19
400+ total net yards:	453, vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
300+ total net yards:	453, vs Wisconsin, 11/30/19
< 200 total net yards:	189, at Rutgers, 10/19/19
30+ first downs:	30, at Wisconsin, 10/9/10
<10 first downs:	10, vs Miami University, 9/15/18
60+ points:	63, at Oklahoma, (W, 63-0), 9/20/86
50+ points:	55, at Illinois, (W, 55-31), 11/3/18
40+ points:	55, at Illinois, (W, 55-31), 11/3/18
30+ points:	38, vs Wisconsin (W 38-17), 11/30/19
Offensive, defensive, speacial teams TD	vs Georgia Southern, 9/14/19
0 points:	vs Temple, (L, 0-62), 9/16/06
0 points in first half:	at Rutgers (L 7-42), 10/19/19
0 points in second half:	vs Miami University, (L, 3-26), 9/15/18
No offensive TDs in first half:	vs Maryland (L 10-52), 10/26/19
No offensive TDs in second half:	vs Illinois (L 17-40), 10/5/19
No offensive TDs entire game:	vs Illinois (L 17-40), 10/5/19
No offensive TDs in entire B1G game:	vs Illinois (L 40-17), 10/5/19
Safety:	Minnesota snap into end zone, vs Oregon State, 9/1/16
100+ yards in penalties:	118 (10 penalties), at Maryland, 9/22/18
No penalties	at Purdue, 10/10/15
No third downs converted:	0-for-12, vs Purdue, (L, 10-41), 11/10/18
Attempted a fake punt	vs Nebraska, 10/12/19 (did not convert)
Attempted an onside kick:	at Purdue, 9/28/19 (recovered)

2019 MINNESOTA SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Plays-Yds	Time of Possession	Qtr.	Time Remaining	Scoring Play
South Dakota State	18-91	10:05	2	9:52	Seth Green 1-yard run (Lantz kick)
South Dakota State	6-75	2:34	2	0:49	Tanner Morgan 42-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz missed kick)
South Dakota State	---	---	3	13:42	Chris Williamson 43-yard interception return (Lantz kick)
South Dakota State	5-34	2:33	4	5:39	Mohamed Ibrahim 1-yard run (Johnson pass to Morgan for 2-point conversion)
at Fresno State	11-75	6:13	1	8:47	Tanner Morgan 15-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Fresno State	10-65	5:22	2	4:38	Rodney Smith 1-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Fresno State	15-78	8:04	4	11:18	Mohamed Ibrahim 1-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Fresno State	11-59	5:03	4	00:46	Tanner Morgan 20-yard pass to Chris Autman-Bell (Lantz kick)
at Fresno State	3-25	---	OT	---	Tanner Morgan 4-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Fresno State	4-6	---	2OT	---	Michael Lantz 37-yard field goal
Georgia Southern	2-75	0:48	1	11:38	Tanner Morgan 73-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
Georgia Southern	11-75	5:43	1	0:14	Tanner Morgan 7-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
Georgia Southern	5-24	2:46	2	7:07	Seth Green 4-yard run (Lantz kick)
Georgia Southern	8-49	3:54	4	14:43	Bryce Williams 2-yard run (Lantz kick)
Georgia Southern	13-75	3:34	4	0:13	Tanner Morgan 2-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
at Purdue	9-75	5:25	1	9:35	Rodney Smith 2-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Purdue	2-75	0:59	1	3:34	Tanner Morgan 70-yard pass to Chris Autman-Bell (Lantz kick)
at Purdue	4-90	1:45	2	5:10	Tanner Morgan 45-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Purdue	9-62	1:43	2	0:14	Tanner Morgan 3-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
at Purdue	7-60	3:47	3	8:49	Michael Lantz 32-yard field goal
at Purdue	1-47	0:09	3	6:18	Tanner Morgan 47-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
Illinois	4-3	1:27	1	0:52	Michael Lantz 28-yard field goal
Illinois	4-85	2:02	2	11:23	Tanner Morgan 12-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
Illinois	6-75	3:08	2	1:32	Shannon Brooks 21-yard run (Herbers rush attempt failed)
Illinois	4-75	2:07	3	12:53	Tanner Morgan 10-yard pass to Chris Autman-Bell (Lantz kick)
Illinois	6-65	2:59	3	7:52	Tanner Morgan 12-yard pass to Brevyn Spann-Ford (Lantz kick)
Illinois	8-75	4:39	4	12:48	Rodney Smith 8-yard run (Lantz kick)
Illinois	9-32	4:50	4	0:51	Michael Lantz 27-yard field goal
Nebraska	5-71	2:43	1	7:31	Tanner Morgan 15-yard pass to Chris Autman-Bell (Lantz kick)
Nebraska	6-80	3:16	2	10:15	Mohamed Ibrahim 15-yard run (Lantz kick)
Nebraska	5-63	2:19	3	12:41	Mohamed Ibrahim 5-yard run (Lantz kick)
Nebraska	9-45	5:16	3	3:16	Rodney Smith 1-yard run (Lantz kick)
Nebraska	2-46	0:18	3	1:41	Mohamed Ibrahim 1-yard run (Lantz missed kick)
at Rutgers	9-57	4:27	1	1:31	Rodney Smith 3-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Rutgers	12-77	4:48	2	4:40	Tanner Morgan 13-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Rutgers	10-72	5:29	3	9:23	Rodney Smith 16-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Rutgers	11-71	5:29	4	11:25	Mohamed Ibrahim 6-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Rutgers	---	---	4	11:15	Antoine Winfield Jr 33-yard interception return (Lantz kick)
at Rutgers	1-66	0:10	4	9:03	Tanner Morgan 56-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
Maryland	4-20	1:20	1	13:01	Tanner Morgan 9-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
Maryland	13-84	7:29	1	2:38	Seth Green 10-yard run (Lantz kick)
Maryland	9-81	4:14	2	12:29	Tanner Morgan 16-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
Maryland	---	---	2	3:41	Coney Durr 72-yard interception return (Lantz kick)
Maryland	10-49	4:41	3	10:19	Michael Lantz 32-yard field goal
Maryland	12-63	7:41	3	1:37	Rodney Smith 1-yard run (Lantz kick)
Maryland	11-74	6:58	4	8:24	Seth Green 1-yard run (Walker kick)
Maryland	6-84	3:41	4	3:07	Treyson Potts 2-yard run (Tarbutt kick)
Penn State	5-95	2:18	1	12:06	Tanner Morgan 66-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Walker kick)
Penn State	10-87	6:22	1	4:29	Tanner Morgan 21-yard pass to Chris Autman-Bell (Walker kick)
Penn State	3-61	1:30	2	7:18	Tanner Morgan 38-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Walker kick)
Penn State	6-51	2:42	2	3:36	Brock Walker 26-yard field goal
Penn State	8-75	4:54	4	14:11	Seth Green 1-yard run (Walker kick)
at Iowa	12-87	5:25	2	9:47	Brock Walker 24-yard field goal
at Iowa	5-44	0:39	2	0:00	Brock Walker 20-yard field goal
at Iowa	6-66	3:25	3	11:35	Tanner Morgan 28-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Walker kick)
at Iowa	9-75	3:46	4	3:27	Rodney Smith 1-yard run (Walker missed kick)
at Northwestern	10-56	5:36	1	8:04	Tanner Morgan 19-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Northwestern	5-45	1:46	1	5:04	Shannon Brooks 9-yard run (Lantz kick)
at Northwestern	8-73	4:43	2	12:03	Tanner Morgan 10-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Northwestern	11-73	4:57	3	10:03	Tanner Morgan 7-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
at Northwestern	10-62	4:54	4	13:20	Tanner Morgan 17-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)
at Northwestern	10-60	5:39	4	6:14	Michael Lantz 37-yard field goal
Wisconsin	2-51	0:15	1	12:30	Tanner Morgan 51-yard pass to Rashod Bateman (Lantz kick)
Wisconsin	7-61	3:01	3	6:51	Michael Lantz 38-yard field goal
Wisconsin	10-75	2:50	4	5:51	Tanner Morgan 12-yard pass to Tyler Johnson (Lantz kick)

2019 OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Plays-Yds	Time of Possession	Qtr.	Time Remaining	Scoring Play
South Dakota State	6-66	2:40	2	3:23	J'Bore Gibbs 1-yard run (Vinatieri kick)
South Dakota State	10-92	4:38	3	9:04	Mikey Daniel 1-yard run (Vinatieri kick)
South Dakota State	7-57	3:31	3	3:26	J'Bore Gibbs 13-yard pass to Zach Heins (Vinatieri kick)
at Fresno State	8-32	4:36	2	10:07	Cesar Silva made 48-yard field goal
at Fresno State	6-75	2:36	2	2:02	Jorge Reyna 25-yard pass to Ronnie Rivers (Silva kick)
at Fresno State	13-68	5:12	3	9:48	Cesar Silva 30-yard field goal
at Fresno State	5-62	2:10	3	4:27	Jorge Reyna 14-yard pass to Jared Rice (Josh Hokit rush successful)
at Fresno State	6-38	3:14	4	---	Jorge Reyna 2-yard run (Silva kick)
at Fresno State	6-25	---	OT	---	Jorge Reyna 5-yard pass to Ronnie Rivers (Silva kick)
Georgia Southern	1-21	0:07	1	12:29	Logan Wright 21-yard run (Bass kick)
Georgia Southern	10-67	5:40	1	5:57	Tyler Bass 25-yard field goal
Georgia Southern	7-47	3:41	2	3:26	Tyler Bass 45-yard field goal
Georgia Southern	5-34	1:49	2	0:27	Justin Tomlin 12-yard run (Bass kick)
Georgia Southern	---	---	4	6:05	Monquavion Brinson 77-yard blocked field goal return (Tomlin pass failed)
Georgia Southern	---	---	4	3:47	Rashad Byrd 44-yard fumble return (Tomlin pass failed)
at Purdue	7-36	2:06	1	4:33	J.D. Dellinger made 21-yard field goal
at Purdue	11-71	3:40	2	14:49	Jack Plummer 7-yard pass to Zander Horvath (Dellinger kick)
at Purdue	6-75	2:24	3	12:36	King Doerue 8-yard run (Dellinger kick)
at Purdue	15-99	6:00	4	6:01	King Doerue 2-yard run (Dellinger kick)
at Purdue	8-53	2:02	4	3:59	Jack Plunmer 13-yard pass to King Doerue (Dellinger kick)
Illinois	---	---	1	6:58	Dele Harding 40-yard interception return (McCourt kick)
Illinois	9-47	1:10	2	0:13	James McCourt 46-yard field goal
Illinois	---	---	3	2:27	Milo Eifler 7-yard fumble return (McCourt kick)
Nebraska	14-80	4:09	4	12:32	Dedrick Mills 2-yard run (McCallum kick)
at Rutgers	7-75	3:10	4	5:53	Kay'Ron Adams 5-yard run (Davidovicz kick)
Maryland	8-41	1:04	2	0:10	Joseph Petrino 31-yard field goal
Maryland	4-75	1:36	4	6:48	Tyler DeSue 59-yard pass to Tayon Fleet-Davis (Petrino kick)
Penn State	4-69	1:15	1	10:51	Journey Brown 45-yard run (Pinegar kick)
Penn State	7-64	2:17	1	2:12	Jake Pinegar 33-yard field goal
Penn State	13-71	3:36	2	0:00	Jake Pinegar 21-yard field goal
Penn State	9-50	3:38	3	4:05	Sean Clifford 10-yard pass to Nick Bowers (Clifford pass failed)
Penn State	8-63	2:28	4	3:49	Journey Brown 6-yard run (Pinegar kick)
at Iowa	8-75	3:34	1	11:26	Nate Stanley 21-yard pass to Nico Ragaini (Rastetter pass failed)
at Iowa	9-68	5:27	1	0:18	Tyler Goodson 10-yard run (Duncan kick)
at Iowa	6-69	3:20	2	6:20	Nate Stanley 5-yard pass to Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Duncan kick)
at Iowa	10-29	4:09	4	7:13	Keith Duncan 27-yard field goal
at Northwestern	---	---	2	9:32	Tanner Morgan intentional grounding in end zone resulted in a safety
at Northwestern	6-36		2	2:52	Andrew Marty 9-yard pass to pass to Jace James (Kuhbander kick)
at Northwestern	15-64	6:26	3	3:27	Andrew Marty 2-yard run (Kuhbander kick)
at Northwestern	8-77	4:08	4	2:01	Andrew Marty 1-yard run (Marty pass failed)
Wisconsin	8-19	3:21	2	8:56	Zach Hintze 26-yard field goal
Wisconsin	7-82	3:38	2	2:49	Jack Coan 28-yard pass to Jonathan Taylor (Hintze kick)
Wisconsin	4-91	1:52	3	9:52	Jack Coan 47-yard pass to Quintez Cephus (Hintze kick)
Wisconsin	2-39	0:59	3	5:52	Kendric Pryor 26-yard run (Hintze kick)
Wisconsin	6-96	3:10	4	11:05	Jonathan Taylor 11-yard run (Hintze kick)
Wisconsin	4-18	2:07	4	8:41	Jonathan Taylor 1-yard run (Hintze kick)

CAREER STARTS / GAMES PLAYED / GAME CAPTAINS

OFFENSE

#1 Rodney Smith	RB	44 / 51
#64 Conner Olson	OL	37 / 37
#6 Tyler Johnson	WR	36 / 48
#70 Sam Schlueter	OL	26 / 35
#13 Rashod Bateman	WR	25 / 25
#77 Blaise Andries	OL	25 / 25
#7 Chris Autman-Bell	WR	19 / 24
#78 Daniel Faalele	OL	19 / 21
#2 Tanner Morgan	QB	18 / 21
#51 Curtis Dunlap Jr.	OL	12 / 15
#80 Jake Paulson	TE	11 / 22
#24 Mohamed Ibrahim	RB	9 / 20
#4 Shannon Brooks	RB	8 / 38
#82 Demetrius Douglas	WR	8 / 28
#42 Ko Kieft	TE	7 / 36
#5 Zack Annexstad	QB	7 / 8
#85 Bryce Witham	TE	2 / 32
#60 John Michael Schmitz	OL	2 / 25
#21 Bryce Williams	RB	2 / 15
#17 Seth Green	WR	1 / 24
#88 Brevyn Spann-Ford	TE	1 / 15
#18 Clay Geary	WR	0 / 18
#81 Brock Annexstad	WR	0 / 6
#65 Axel Ruschmeyer	OL	0 / 4
#86 Clayton Witherspoon	TE	0 / 3
#14 Cole Kramer	QB	0 / 3
#3 Cam Wiley	RB	0 / 3
#74 Kyle Sassack	OL	0 / 2
#23 Treyson Potts	RB	0 / 2
#66 Nathan Boe	OL	0 / 2
#79 Jason Dickson	OL	0 / 2
#50 JJ Guedet	OL	0 / 1
#25 Preston Jelen	RB	0 / 1
#15 Jacob Clark	QB	0 / 1
#63 Austin Beier	OL	0 / 1

DEFENSE

#45 Carter Coughlin	RE	36 / 48
#41 Thomas Barber	LB	36 / 48
#46 Winston DeLattiboudere	DL	34 / 49
#11 Antoine Winfield Jr.	DB	29 / 32
#21 Kamal Martin	LB	27 / 45
#16 Coney Durr	DB	22 / 34
#31 Kiondre Thomas	DB	16 / 31
#23 Jordan Howden	DB	16 / 25
#90 Sam Renner	DL	15 / 36
#6 Chris Williamson	DB	13 / 23
#18 Micah Dew-Treadway	DL	12 / 12
#4 Terell Smith	DB	9 / 20
#2 Phillip Howard	DB	8 / 30
#25 Benjamin St-Juste	DB	8 / 12
#55 Mariano Sori-Marin	LB	6 / 24
#12 Tai'yon Devers	DL	2 / 42
#26 Justus Harris	DB	2 / 28
#8 Thomas Rush	LB	1 / 25
#34 Boye Mafe	DL	1 / 22
#1 Calvin Swenson	DB	0 / 33
#9 Esezi Otomewo	DL	0 / 25
#22 Benny Sapp III	DB	0 / 23
#43 Bailey Schoenfelder	LB	0 / 21
#91 Noah Hickcox	DL	0 / 19
#52 Jamaal Teague	DL	0 / 18
#14 Braelen Oliver	LB	0 / 14
#29 Josh Aune	DB	0 / 12
#19 Keonte Schad	DL	0 / 12
#27 Tyler Nubin	DB	0 / 11
#40 Alex Strazzanti	DB	0 / 9
#35 Danny Anderson	LB	0 / 8
#92 Mayan Ahanotu	DL	0 / 5
#20 Donald Willis	LB	0 / 4
#13 James Gordon	LB	0 / 4
#59 Derik LeCaptain	LB	0 / 3
#3 MJ Anderson	DL	0 / 1
#75 Malcolm Robinson	DL	0 / 1
#7 Solomon Brown	DB	0 / 1
#48 Ben McNaboe	DL	0 / 1
#56 Ty Barron	LB	0 / 1
#57 Jack Kern	DL	0 / 1
#96 Logan Richter	DL	0 / 1
#99 DeAngelo Carter	DL	0 / 1
#93 Connor Novak-Goar	DL	0 / 1

SPECIAL TEAMS

#47 Jacob Herbers	H // P	49 / 49 // 25 / 25
#33 Grant Ryerse	Kickoff	12 / 12
#37 Brady Weeks	LS	12 / 12
#38 Michael Lantz	K	10 / 10
#30 Johnny Santaga	QB	0 / 10 (kickoff team)
#34 Brock Walker	K	0 / 4
#14 Casey O'Brien	H	0 / 2
#97 Michael Tarbutt	K	0 / 2

GAME CAPTAINS

Minnesota does not have season captains, but instead has captains for each game. The individuals listed below particiapted in the coin toss. Minnesota's captains wear a block "C" near their left shoulder.

South Dakota State: Thomas Barber, Rodney Smith
at Fresno State: Thomas Barber, Carter Coughlin
Georgia Southern: Tanner Morgan, Seth Green
at Purdue: Thomas Barber, Carter Coughlin
Illinois: Seth Green
Nebraska: Zack Annexstad, Casey O'Brien
at Rutgers: Zack Annexstad, Casey O'Brien
Maryland: Zack Annexstad, Casey O'Brien
Penn State: Zack Annexstad, Casey O'Brien
at Iowa: Zack Annexstad, Casey O'Brien
at Northwestern: Zack Annexstad
Wisconsin: Zack Annexstad

A WIN WOULD…

Make Minnesota 1-0 all-time against Auburn and 9-8-1 all-time against teams from the SEC.

Make Minnesota 9-12 all-time in bowl games.

Be Minnesota's fourth straight bowl win, which would be a school record and it would tie the second-longest streak in Big Ten history.

Would made Minnesota 11-2 and would guarantee that the Gophers finish the season ranked in the AP Top 25 for the first time since 2003 and would also most likely guarantee that Minnesota would end the season with it's highest ranking since 1962 when it finished 10th (Minnesota was No. 20 in 2003 and No. 18 in 1999, only two seasons ended the year ranked in AP Top 25 since 1962).

Mark the first time in school history that Minnesota would win 10 games in the regular season and a bowl game.

Be Minnesota's highest ranked win (Auburn is No. 9 in AP Poll) in a non-Big Ten game in school history (current best non-conference win was 25-19 against No. 10 USC in 1955).

Be the 31st win for the senior class,

Make Minnesota 2-0 in bowl games under head coach P.J. Fleck.

Make Minnesota 15-4 in it's last 19 games.

Be the 706th win in school history.

2019 MINNESOTA STARTING LINEUP OFFENSE

Opponent	WR	WR	WR / TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE / WR	QB	RB
South Dakota State	Johnson	Bateman	Witham (TE)	Schlueter	Andreis	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Kieft	Morgan	R. Smith
at Fresno State	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andreis	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Paulson	Morgan	R. Smith
Georgia Southern	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Paulson	Morgan	R. Smith
at Purdue	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Paulson	Morgan	R. Smith
Illinois	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Paulson	Morgan	R. Smith
Nebraska	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Olson	Schmitz	Dunlap	Andries	Douglas (WR)	Morgan	R. Smith
at Rutgers	Johnson	Bateman	Witham (TE)	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Spann-Ford	Morgan	R. Smith
Maryland	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Kieft	Morgan	R. Smith
Penn State	Johnson	Bateman	Schlueter (TE)	Andries	Olson	Schmitz	Dunlap	Faalele	Kieft	Morgan	R. Smith
at Iowa	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Schmitz	Olson	Faalele	Kieft	Morgan	R. Smith
at Northwestern	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Paulson	Morgan	R. Smith
Wisconsin	Johnson	Bateman	Autman-Bell	Schlueter	Andries	Olson	Dunlap	Faalele	Douglas (WR)	Morgan	R. Smith

2019 MINNESOTA STARTING LINEUP DEFENSE

Opponent	RE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB / DB	DB	DB	DB	DB
South Dakota State	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Rush	Barber	Sori-Marin (LB)	Thomas	Winfield	Howden	Durr
at Fresno State	Devers	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	Thomas	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Georgia Southern	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Sori-Marin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	Thomas	Winfield	Harris	Durr
at Purdue	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	Thomas	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Illinois	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Nebraska	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
at Rutgers	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Maryland	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Sori-Marin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Penn State	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Sori-Marin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
at Iowa	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Sori-Marin (LB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
at Northwestern	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Williamson (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr
Wisconsin	Coughlin	Renner	Dew-Treadway	DeLattiboudere	Martin	Barber	Sori-Marin (DB)	St-Juste	Winfield	Howden	Durr

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Player	Date	Award	Notes
Antoine Winfield Jr.	Sept. 9	Defensive	Made four solo tackles, recorded one sack and made a walk-off interception in double overtime to beat Fresno State on the road
Tyler Johnson	Sept. 16	Offensive	Caught 10 passes for 140 yards and three touchdowns in win against Georgia Southern.
Tanner Morgan	Sept. 30	Offensive	Completed 21-of-22 passes (95.45%) for 396 yards and four touchdowns in win at Purdue
Jacob Herbers	Sept. 30	Special	Averaged 41.3 yards on four punts at Purdue and had punts downed at the 1 and 2-yard line
Kamal Martin	Oct. 14	Defensive	Made a career high 15 tackles in win against Nebraska
Casey O'Brien	Oct. 21	Special	Four-time cancer survivor made his collegiate debut when he held three times on PATs at Rutgers
Tanner Morgan	Nov. 11	Offensive	Competed 18-of-20 passes (90%) for 339 yards and three touchdowns in win against Penn State
Antoine Winfield Jr.	Nov. 11	Defensive	Totaled 11 tackles (9 solo) and made two interceptions in win against Penn State

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Player / Coach	Award	Position
P.J. Fleck	George Munger Award, Eddie Robinson Award, Bear Bryant Award, Dodd Trophy, AFCA National Coach of the Year	Finalist
P.J. Fleck	AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year	Winner
Kirk Ciarrocca	Broyles Award	Semifinalist
Antoine Winfield Jr.	Walter Camp Foundation, Football Writers Association of America, AFCA FBS Coaches' All-America Team	First-Team All American
Antoine Winfield Jr.	Bronko Nagurski	Finalist
Antoine Winfield Jr.	Walter Camp Player of the Year	Player to Watch (1 of 20)
Tanner Morgan	Davey O'Brien Award, The Manning Award	Semifinalist
Rashod Bateman	Biletnikoff Award	Semifinalist
Sam Renner	Burlsworth Trophy	Semifinalist
Casey O'Brien	Disney Spirit Award	Winner

POSTSEASON GAMES

Players	Game
Carter Coughlin, Kamal Martin	Senior Bowl
Tyler Johnson, Rodney Smith, Chris Williamson	East-West Shrine Bowl

GOPHERS IN THE POLLS

Date	AP	Coaches	College Football Playoff
Oct. 6	NR	25	NA
Oct. 13	20	20	NA
Oct. 20	17	16	NA
Oct. 27	13	13	NA
Nov. 3	13	13	17
Nov. 10	7	7	8
Nov. 17	11	11	10
Nov. 24	9	9	8
Dec. 2	15	15	18
Dec. 8	16	16	18

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Team Statistics	MINN	OPP
SCORING	412	269
Points Per Game	34.3	22.4
Points Off Turnovers	67	61
FIRST DOWNS	271	216
Rushing	123	89
Passing	131	110
Penalty	17	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	2108	1535
Yards gained rushing	2388	1822
Yards lost rushing	280	287
Rushing Attempts	515	404
Average Per Rush	4.1	3.8
Average Per Game	175.7	127.9
TDs Rushing	24	17
PASSING YARDAGE	3014	2219
Comp-Att-Int	192-293-7	183-330-14
Average Per Pass	10.3	6.7
Average Per Catch	15.7	12.1
Average Per Game	251.2	184.9
TDs Passing	28	13
TOTAL OFFENSE	5122	3754
Total Plays	808	734
Average Per Play	6.3	5.1
Average Per Game	426.8	312.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	18-344	39-829
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-36	4--3
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-240	7-127
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.1	21.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.6	-0.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE	17.1	18.1
FUMBLES-LOST	16-7	17-4
PENALTIES-Yards	51-461	64-534
Average Per Game	38.4	44.5
PUNTS-Yards	38-1444	56-2303
Average Per Punt	38.0	41.1
Net punt average	37.0	39.1
KICKOFFS-Yards	74-4562	53-3231
Average Per Kick	61.6	61.0
Net kick average	40.0	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:56	26:04
3RD-DOWN Conversions	74/147	59/154
3rd-Down Pct	50%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/17	9/16
4th-Down Pct	65%	56%
SACKS BY-Yards	26-193	30-185
MISC YARDS	0	82
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	55	34
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-14	11-14
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	1-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	(50-55) 91%	(30-33) 91%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(40-55) 73%	(22-33) 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(50-53) 94%	(28-28) 100%
ATTENDANCE	323330	209612
Games/Avg Per Game	7/46190	5/41922
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Minnesota	101	105	85	111	10	412
Opponents	43	69	66	84	7	269

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense int-yds	brup	qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds	ff	blkd kick	saf
11	Winfield, A	12	58	25	83	3.5-23	3.0-22	7-111	1	.	.	2	.	.
21	Martin, Kamal	8	36	30	66	2.5-10	1.0-8	2-14	1	.	.	2	.	.
41	Barber, Thomas	12	34	31	65	4.0-13	0.5-5	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
23	Howden, Jordan	12	38	17	55	0.5-1	.	1-0	6	1	.	.	.	.
6X	Williamson, C	12	32	18	50	4.0-22	2.5-20	1-43	3	1	.	.	.	.
45	Coughlin, C	12	26	18	44	9.5-39	4.5-28	.	4	2	1-0	2	.	.
55	Sori-Marin, M	12	17	23	40	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Renner, Sam	12	22	18	40	7.0-38	4.0-34	.	4	1	.	.	.	.
25	St-Juste, B	12	31	8	39	1.5-3	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.
16	Durr, Coney	12	15	12	27	1.0-3	.	1-72	9	.	.	.	.	.
46	DeLattiboudere	12	10	17	27	2.0-6	0.5-2	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
31	Thomas, Kiondre	12	15	7	22	1.0-4	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
9	Otomewo, Esezi	12	6	15	21	4.5-25	2.5-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Oliver, Braelen	12	14	7	21	3.5-29	3.0-28	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
19	Schad, Keonte	12	7	13	20	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Teague, Jamaal	12	4	12	16	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Mafe, Boye	12	7	6	13	2.5-11	2.0-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Dew-Treadway, M	12	3	9	12	2.5-7	0.5-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4X	Smith, Terell	8	7	2	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1X	Swenson, Calvin	12	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Devers, Tai'yon	12	2	5	7	2.0-13	2.0-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Harris, Justus	12	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
40	Strazzanti, A	9	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2X	Howard, Phillip	10	2	3	5	0.5-1	.	1-0	.	.	.	1	.	.
27	Nubin, Tyler	11	3	2	5	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
30	Santaga, Johnny	10	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Rush, Thomas	12	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
43	Schoenfelder, B	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Hickcox, Noah	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	Gordon, James	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7X	Brown, Solomon	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Carter, D	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1H	Geary, Clay	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Willis, Donald	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Sapp, Benny	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Ahanotu, Mayan	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Autman-Bell, C	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Johnson, Tyler	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Bateman, Rashod	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Morgan, Tanner	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	12	414	314	728	58-262	26-193	14-240	47	8	4-0	9	.	.
	Opponents	12	454	398	852	69-272	30-185	7-127	44	14	7-51	12	1	1

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Smith, Rodney	12	212	1133	39	1094	5.2	8	64	91.2
Ibrahim, M	10	94	465	1	464	4.9	6	36	46.4
Brooks, Shannon	9	73	413	5	408	5.6	2	28	45.3
Green, Seth	11	26	104	12	92	3.5	5	25	8.4
Potts, Treyson	2	7	51	0	51	7.3	1	24	25.5
Wiley, Cam	3	11	37	5	32	2.9	0	7	10.7
Williams, Bryce	2	17	30	6	24	1.4	1	14	12.0
Jelen, Preston	1	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	13	22.0
Johnson, Tyler	12	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
TEAM	10	13	0	19	-19	-1.5	0	0	-1.9
Morgan, Tanner	12	58	133	192	-59	-1.0	1	17	-4.9
Total	12	515	2388	280	2108	4.1	24	64	175.7
Opponents	12	404	1822	287	1535	3.8	17	45	127.9

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Morgan, Tanner	12	180.38	191-289-6	66.1	2975	28	73	247.9
Kramer, Cole	3	-100.00	0-2-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	10	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Clark, Jacob	1	427.60	1-1-0	100.0	39	0	39	39.0
Total	12	178.69	192-293-7	65.5	3014	28	73	251.2
Opponents	12	116.45	183-330-14	55.5	2219	13	70	184.9

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Johnson, Tyler	12	74	1114	15.1	11	73	92.8
Bateman, Rashod	12	57	1170	20.5	11	66	97.5
Autman-Bell, C	12	27	364	13.5	5	70	30.3
Douglas, D	12	14	157	11.2	0	29	13.1
Smith, Rodney	12	6	62	10.3	0	20	5.2
Paulson, Jake	9	4	51	12.8	0	24	5.7
Spann-Ford, B	11	3	26	8.7	1	13	2.4
Ibrahim, M	10	3	13	4.3	0	15	1.3
Van Dyne, Harry	2	1	39	39.0	0	39	19.5
Williams, Bryce	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Green, Seth	11	1	8	8.0	0	8	0.7
Wiley, Cam	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	192	3014	15.7	28	73	251.2
Opponents	12	183	2219	12.1	13	70	184.9

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Douglas, D	10	36	3.6	0	19
Total	10	36	3.6	0	19
Opponents	4	-3	-0.8	0	10

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Winfield, A	7	111	15.9	1	33
Martin, Kamal	2	14	7.0	0	12
Howard, Phillip	1	0	0.0	0	0
Williamson, C	1	43	43.0	1	43
Thomas, Kiondre	1	0	0.0	0	0
Durr, Coney	1	72	72.0	1	72
Howden, Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	240	17.1	3	72
Opponents	7	127	18.1	1	40

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Douglas, D	8	133	16.6	0	32
Smith, Rodney	6	135	22.5	0	36
Wiley, Cam	4	76	19.0	0	30
Total	18	344	19.1	0	36
Opponents	39	829	21.3	0	49

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	51	25.5	3	44

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT kick	PAT rush	PAT rcv	PAT pass	dxp	saf	pts
Bateman, Rashod	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Johnson, Tyler	11	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	66
Lantz, Michael	-	7-10	43-45	-	-	-	-	-	64
Smith, Rodney	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Ibrahim, M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Autman-Bell, C	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Green, Seth	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Walker, Brock	-	3-4	6-7	-	-	-	-	-	15
Brooks, Shannon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Morgan, Tanner	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
Winfield, A	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Williams, Bryce	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Potts, Treyson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Williamson, C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Durr, Coney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Spann-Ford, B	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tarbutt, M	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Herbers, Jacob	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	0
Total	55	10-14	50-53	0-1	1	1-1	-	-	412
Opponents	34	11-14	28-28	1-1	-	0-5	-	1	269

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Morgan, Tanner	12	347	-59	2975	2916	243.0
Smith, Rodney	12	212	1094	0	1094	91.2
Ibrahim, M	10	94	464	0	464	46.4
Brooks, Shannon	9	73	408	0	408	45.3
Green, Seth	11	26	92	0	92	8.4
Potts, Treyson	2	7	51	0	51	25.5
Clark, Jacob	1	1	0	39	39	39.0
Wiley, Cam	3	11	32	0	32	10.7
Williams, Bryce	2	17	24	0	24	12.0
Jelen, Preston	1	3	22	0	22	22.0
Johnson, Tyler	12	1	-1	0	-1	-0.1
TEAM	10	14	-19	0	-19	-1.9
Total	12	808	2108	3014	5122	426.8
Opponents	12	734	1535	2219	3754	312.8

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Lantz, Michael	7-10	70.0	0-0	2-2	5-7	0-0	0-1	38	1
Walker, Brock	3-4	75.0	0-0	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	26	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Herbers, Jacob	38	1444	38.0	51	2	14	18	2	0
Total	38	1444	38.0	51	2	14	18	2	0
Opponents	56	2303	41.1	69	4	26	20	11	0

FG Sequence	Minnesota	Opponents
South Dakota State	-	-
Fresno State	(37)	50,(48),(30)
Georgia Southern	36	(25),(45)
Purdue	51,(32)	(21)
Illinois	(28),(27)	43,(46)
Nebraska	-	-
Rutgers	33	47
Maryland	(32)	(31)
Penn State	(26)	(33),(21)
IOWA	50,(24),(20)	(27)
Northwestern	(37)	-
Wisconsin	(38)	(26)

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Ryerse, Grant	73	4502	61.7	31	4			
Tarbutt, M	1	60	60.0	0	0			
Total	74	4562	61.6	31	4	21.3	40.0	25
Opponents	53	3231	61.0	31	1	19.1	39.8	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Smith, Rodney	12	1094	62	0	135	0	1291	107.6
Bateman, Rasho	12	0	1170	0	0	0	1170	97.5
Johnson, Tyler	12	-1	1114	0	0	0	1113	92.8
Ibrahim, M	10	464	13	0	0	0	477	47.7
Brooks, Shanno	9	408	0	0	0	0	408	45.3
Autman-Bell, C	12	0	364	0	0	0	364	30.3
Douglas, D	12	0	157	36	133	0	326	27.2
Winfield, A	12	0	0	0	0	111	111	9.2
Wiley, Cam	3	32	0	0	76	0	108	36.0
Green, Seth	11	92	8	0	0	0	100	9.1
Durr, Coney	12	0	0	0	0	72	72	6.0
Potts, Treyson	2	51	0	0	0	0	51	25.5
Paulson, Jake	9	0	51	0	0	0	51	5.7
Williamson, C	12	0	0	0	0	43	43	3.6
Van Dyne, Harry	2	0	39	0	0	0	39	19.5
Williams, Bryce	2	24	10	0	0	0	34	17.0
Spann-Ford, B	11	0	26	0	0	0	26	2.4
Jelen, Preston	1	22	0	0	0	0	22	22.0
Martin, Kamal	8	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.8
TEAM	10	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-1.9
Morgan, Tanner	12	-59	0	0	0	0	-59	-4.9
Total	12	2108	3014	36	344	240	5742	478.5
Opponents	12	1535	2219	-3	829	127	4707	392.2

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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	42	132	2	15	13	176	1	42	13-18-1	176	1	42	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8	308
Sep 07	at Fresno State	52	146	3	14	16	234	2	34	16-23-0	234	2	34	3	75	0	36	1	0	0	0	380
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	48	93	2	17	19	289	3	73	19-31-1	289	3	73	1	11	0	11	1	19	0	19	382
Sep 28	at Purdue	34	92	1	17	21	396	4	70	21-22-0	396	4	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	488
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	52	332	2	64	9	155	3	59	9-17-1	155	3	59	1	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	487
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	49	322	4	35	8	128	1	45	8-13-0	128	1	45	1	32	0	32	1	4	0	4	450
Oct 19	at Rutgers	45	198	3	20	15	245	2	56	15-28-0	245	2	56	1	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	443
Oct 26	MARYLAND	54	321	4	24	13	177	2	39	13-22-1	177	2	39	2	33	0	29	1	-7	0	0	498
Nov 09	PENN STATE	40	121	1	22	18	339	3	66	18-20-0	339	3	66	2	13	0	10	2	-1	0	1	460
Nov 16	at IOWA	30	63	1	18	25	368	1	46	25-39-1	368	1	46	3	56	0	30	1	11	0	11	431
Nov 23	at Northwestern	39	212	1	25	15	211	4	26	15-23-1	211	4	26	2	48	0	27	2	2	0	0	423
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	30	76	0	36	20	296	2	51	20-37-1	296	2	51	2	38	0	20	0	0	0	0	372
Minnesota		515	2108	24	64	192	3014	28	73	192-293-7	3014	28	73	18	344	0	36	10	36	0	19	5122
		404	1535	17	45	183	2219	13	70	183-330-14	2219	13	70	39	829	0	49	4	-3	0	10	3754

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.1 • Avg/catch: 15.7 • Pass effic: 178.69 • KR avg: 19.1 • PR avg: 3.6 • All purpose avg/game: 478.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 426.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts				off	pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	28	26	54	2.0-10	1.0-7	0	1-0	1-43	0	6	0	2-3	0	1	0	15	28
Sep 07	at Fresno State	36	22	58	5.0-30	4.0-26	0	0-0	2-2	0	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	27	20	47	3.0-8	1.0-2	2	2-0	0-0	0	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35
Sep 28	at Purdue	51	14	65	6.0-28	2.0-18	0	0-0	2-14	0	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	34	22	56	5.0-19	3.0-17	2	0-0	1-13	0	6	0	4-4	0	0	0	3	40
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	39	40	79	5.0-33	4.0-29	1	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	4-5	0	0	0	0	34
Oct 19	at Rutgers	21	52	73	8.0-25	2.0-14	2	0-0	3-33	4	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	14	42
Oct 26	MARYLAND	32	14	46	3.0-19	2.0-18	0	0-0	2-102	0	1	0	7-7	0	0	0	14	52
Nov 09	PENN STATE	38	28	66	5.0-18	2.0-10	0	0-0	3-33	0	6	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	31
Nov 16	at IOWA	32	18	50	6.0-30	2.0-25	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	19
Nov 23	at Northwestern	46	24	70	6.0-33	3.0-27	1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	30	34	64	4.0-9	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Minnesota		414	314	728	58.0-262	26.0-193	9	4-0	14-240	8	47	0	50-53	0	1	0	67	412
		454	398	852	69.0-272	30.0-185	12	7-51	7-127	14	44	1	28-28	1	0	1	61	269

Date	Opponent	Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	5	170	34.0	41	0	0	3	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	316	63.2	2	0
Sep 07	at Fresno State	2	92	46.0	48	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	37	0	5	314	62.8	3	0
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3	138	46.0	51	0	1	1	1	1	0-1	0	1	6	374	62.3	3	1
Sep 28	at Purdue	4	165	41.2	47	0	0	2	0	2	1-2	32	0	7	446	63.7	4	0
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	4	165	41.2	45	0	0	1	0	1	2-2	28	0	8	502	62.8	4	1
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	5	174	34.8	50	0	0	3	1	3	0-0	0	0	6	385	64.2	4	0
Oct 19	at Rutgers	3	111	37.0	44	0	1	0	0	1	0-1	0	0	7	439	62.7	4	0
Oct 26	MARYLAND	1	29	29.0	29	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	32	0	9	569	63.2	3	0
Nov 09	PENN STATE	4	147	36.8	41	0	0	1	0	2	1-1	26	0	6	357	59.5	0	1
Nov 16	at IOWA	2	63	31.5	32	0	0	1	0	1	2-3	24	0	4	209	52.2	2	0
Nov 23	at Northwestern	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	37	0	8	462	57.8	1	1
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	4	148	37.0	43	0	0	0	0	4	1-1	38	0	3	189	63.0	1	0
Minnesota		38	1444	38.0	51	0	2	14	2	18	10-14	38	1	74	4562	61.6	31	4
		56	2303	41.1	69	0	4	26	11	20	11-14	48	0	53	3231	61.0	31	1

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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	34	174	2	25	13	193	1	39	13-26-1	193	1	39	3	70	0	47	0	0	0	0	367
Sep 07	at Fresno State	27	57	1	19	24	288	3	25	24-35-2	288	3	25	2	29	0	15	0	0	0	0	345
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	33	123	2	21	5	75	0	39	5-9-0	75	0	39	2	39	0	21	0	0	0	0	198
Sep 28	at Purdue	33	123	2	18	27	291	2	37	27-49-2	291	2	37	3	50	0	20	0	0	0	0	414
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	27	91	0	21	20	157	0	16	20-39-1	157	0	16	3	58	0	27	1	5	0	5	248
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	43	151	1	22	15	148	0	51	15-29-0	148	0	51	2	43	0	23	2	7	0	10	299
Oct 19	at Rutgers	40	141	1	40	9	48	0	12	9-19-3	48	0	12	3	73	0	37	0	0	0	0	189
Oct 26	MARYLAND	23	79	0	33	10	131	1	59	10-23-2	131	1	59	6	145	0	41	0	0	0	0	210
Nov 09	PENN STATE	29	178	2	45	23	340	1	49	23-44-3	340	1	49	5	98	0	27	1	-15	0	0	518
Nov 16	at IOWA	31	117	1	26	14	173	2	27	14-23-0	173	2	27	2	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	290
Nov 23	at Northwestern	49	128	2	14	8	95	1	40	8-12-0	95	1	40	6	124	0	26	0	0	0	0	223
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	35	173	3	26	15	280	2	70	15-22-0	280	2	70	2	75	0	49	0	0	0	0	453
Opponents		404	1535	17	45	183	2219	13	70	183-330-14	2219	13	70	39	829	0	49	4	-3	0	10	3754
		515	2108	24	64	192	3014	28	73	192-293-7	3014	28	73	18	344	0	36	10	36	0	19	5122

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 3.8 • Avg/catch: 12.1 • Pass effic: 116.45 • KR avg: 21.3 • PR avg: -0.8 • All purpose avg/game: 392.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 312.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	29	40	69	5.0-22	2.0-14	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Sep 07	at Fresno State	46	34	80	8.0-22	4.0-22	3	3-0	0-0	1	3	0	3-3	1	0	0	15	35
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	49	30	79	11.0-61	5.0-45	2	1-44	1-33	0	6	1	2-2	0	0	0	13	32
Sep 28	at Purdue	37	22	59	8.0-36	4.0-28	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	35	42	77	4.0-14	1.0-8	1	1-7	1-40	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	14	17
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	33	38	71	3.0-7	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Oct 19	at Rutgers	34	42	76	4.0-9	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	9	6	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Oct 26	MARYLAND	41	34	75	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-40	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	10
Nov 09	PENN STATE	37	38	75	6.0-22	1.0-10	2	1-0	0-0	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	6	26
Nov 16	at IOWA	44	24	68	7.0-31	6.0-30	1	0-0	1-0	2	7	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Nov 23	at Northwestern	43	14	57	4.0-13	2.0-8	1	0-0	1-0	2	6	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	22
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	26	40	66	8.0-27	5.0-20	1	1-0	1-14	0	9	0	5-5	0	0	0	10	38
Opponents		454	398	852	69.0-272	30.0-185	12	7-51	7-127	14	44	1	28-28	1	0	1	61	269
		414	314	728	58.0-262	26.0-193	9	4-0	14-240	8	47	0	50-53	0	1	0	67	412

Date	Opponent	Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 29	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	4	161	40.2	57	0	1	1	1	1	0-0	0	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
Sep 07	at Fresno State	3	132	44.0	50	0	0	1	2	1	2-3	48	0	6	345	57.5	2	0
Sep 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	4	169	42.2	54	0	0	3	1	0	2-2	45	0	7	453	64.7	6	0
Sep 28	at Purdue	5	226	45.2	69	0	0	4	1	2	1-1	21	0	5	325	65.0	5	0
Oct 05	ILLINOIS	7	302	43.1	53	0	0	2	1	5	1-2	46	0	4	247	61.8	2	0
Oct 12	NEBRASKA	6	231	38.5	52	0	1	1	1	3	0-0	0	0	2	125	62.5	1	0
Oct 19	at Rutgers	5	187	37.4	46	0	0	4	0	2	0-1	0	0	1	53	53.0	0	0
Oct 26	MARYLAND	7	279	39.9	50	0	0	4	1	3	1-1	31	0	3	175	58.3	1	0
Nov 09	PENN STATE	2	95	47.5	51	0	0	0	1	0	2-2	33	0	5	304	60.8	3	0
Nov 16	at IOWA	4	168	42.0	46	0	1	2	0	1	1-1	27	0	5	323	64.6	2	0
Nov 23	at Northwestern	6	254	42.3	66	0	1	2	2	1	0-0	0	0	4	167	41.8	0	1
Nov 30	WISCONSIN	3	99	33.0	34	0	0	2	0	1	1-1	26	0	7	454	64.9	5	0
Opponents		56	2303	41.1	69	0	4	26	11	20	11-14	48	0	53	3231	61.0	31	1
		38	1444	38.0	51	0	2	14	2	18	10-14	38	1	74	4562	61.6	31	4

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	24	Smith, Rodney vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Yards Rushing	211	Smith, Rodney vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
TD Rushes	3	Ibrahim, M vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Rush	64	Smith, Rodney vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Pass attempts	37	Morgan, Tanner vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass completions	25	Morgan, Tanner at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
Yards Passing	396	Morgan, Tanner at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
TD Passes	4	Morgan, Tanner at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	4	Morgan, Tanner at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Pass	73	Morgan, Tanner vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Receptions	10	Johnson, Tyler vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Yards Receiving	203	Bateman, Rashod vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Receptions	3	Johnson, Tyler vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	3	Bateman, Rashod at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Reception	73	Johnson, Tyler vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Field Goals	2	Lantz, Michael vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	2	Walker, Brock at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Field Goal	38	Lantz, Michael vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Punts	5	Herbers, Jacob vs South Dakota State (Aug 29, 2019)
	5	Herbers, Jacob vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
Punting Avg	46.0	Herbers, Jacob at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	46.0	Herbers, Jacob vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Long Punt	51	Herbers, Jacob vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	Herbers, Jacob vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Punt Return	19	Douglas, D vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	36	Smith, Rodney at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Tackles	15	Martin, Kamal vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
Sacks	1.0	Williamson, C at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	1.0	Winfield, A at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	1.0	Renner, Sam at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	1.0	Coughlin, C at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	1.0	Mafe, Boye vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	1.0	Renner, Sam at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	1.0	Devers, Tai'yon at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	1.0	Williamson, C vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	1.0	Oliver, Braelen vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	1.0	Renner, Sam vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
	1.0	Coughlin, C vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
	1.0	Winfield, A vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
	1.0	Otomewo, Esezi at Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019)
	1.0	Oliver, Braelen vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
	1.0	Coughlin, C vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
	1.0	Coughlin, C vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
	1.0	Otomewo, Esezi vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
	1.0	Oliver, Braelen at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
	1.0	Mafe, Boye at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
	1.0	Winfield, A at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
	1.0	Martin, Kamal at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
	1.0	Renner, Sam at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Coughlin, C vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Interceptions	2	Martin, Kamal at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	2	Winfield, A at Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019)
	2	Winfield, A vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	54	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Yards Rushing	332	vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Yards Per Rush	6.6	vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
TD Rushes	4	vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
	4	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Pass attempts	39	at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
Pass completions	25	at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
Yards Passing	396	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	18.0	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
TD Passes	4	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	4	at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Total Plays	79	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Total Offense	498	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Yards Per Play	8.7	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Points	52	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Sacks By	4	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	4	vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
First Downs	30	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Penalties	7	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	7	at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Penalty Yards	65	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Turnovers	3	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Interceptions By	3	at Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019)
	3	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Punts	5	vs South Dakota State (Aug 29, 2019)
	5	vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
Punting Avg	46.0	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	46.0	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Long Punt	51	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Punt Return	19	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	20	King Doerue, at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Yards Rushing	124	Brown, Journey, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Rushes	2	King Doerue, at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
	2	Brown, Journey, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
	2	Marty, Andrew, at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
	2	Taylor, J., vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Rush	45	Brown, Journey, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Pass attempts	43	Clifford, Sean, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Pass completions	24	REYNA, Jorge, at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Yards Passing	340	Clifford, Sean, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Passes	3	REYNA, Jorge, at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Long Pass	70	Coan, Jack, vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Receptions	8	David Bell, at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Yards Receiving	119	Hamler, KJ, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Receptions	2	RIVERS, Ronnie, at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Long Reception	70	Groshek, G., vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Field Goals	2	SILVA, Cesar, at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
	2	T. Bass, vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	2	Pinegar, Jake, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Long Field Goal	48	SILVA, Cesar, at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Punts	7	Hayes,Blake, vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Punting Avg	58.0	Kubiuk, Daniel, at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Punt	69	Brooks Cormier, at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Punts inside 20	5	Hayes,Blake, vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Long Punt Return	10	JD Spielman, vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	49	Guerendo, I., vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Tackles	15	Harding,Dele, vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Sacks	2.5	Epenesa,A.J., at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	R. Wade Jr, vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	3.0	R. Ellis, vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	3.0	Jennings, Deion, at Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019)
	3.0	Johnson, Jan, vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Interceptions	1	Josh Manchigiah, vs South Dakota State (Aug 29, 2019)
	1	K. Duncan Jr, vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	1	Harding,Dele, vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	1	Lewis, Marcus, vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
	1	Moss,Riley, at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
	1	Gallagher, B., at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
	1	Williams, C., vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	49	at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
Yards Rushing	178	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Yards Per Rush	6.1	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Rushes	3	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass attempts	49	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Pass completions	27	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Yards Passing	340	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	12.7	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
TD Passes	3	at Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019)
Total Plays	82	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Total Offense	518	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Yards Per Play	7.9	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Points	38	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Sacks By	6	at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
First Downs	28	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Penalties	10	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
Penalty Yards	80	vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Turnovers	3	at Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019)
	3	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Interceptions By	1	vs South Dakota State (Aug 29, 2019)
	1	vs Georgia Southern (Sep 14, 2019)
	1	vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	1	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
	1	at IOWA (Nov 16, 2019)
	1	at Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019)
	1	vs Wisconsin (Nov 30, 2019)
Punts	7	vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
	7	vs Maryland (Oct 26, 2019)
Punting Avg	47.5	vs Penn State (Nov 09, 2019)
Long Punt	69	at Purdue (Sep 28, 2019)
Punts inside 20	5	vs Illinois (Oct 05, 2019)
Long Punt Return	10	vs Nebraska (Oct 12, 2019)

25+ YARD PLAYS

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
73 *	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	Georgia Southern
72 *	Interception Return	Coney Durr	Maryland
70 *	Pass	Chris Autman-Bell from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
66 *	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Penn State
64	Run	Rodney Smith	Illinois
59	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Illinois
56 *	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Rutgers
51 *	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Wisconsin
47 *	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
46	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Iowa
45	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	Nebraska
45	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	Nebraska
45 *	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
43 *	Interception Return	Chris Williamson	South Dakota State
42	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
42 *	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	South Dakota State
39	Pass	Harry Van Dyne from Jacob Clark	Maryland
38	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Iowa
38 *	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	Penn State
36	Rush	Mohaned Ibrahim	Wisconsin
36	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Penn State
36	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Rutgers
36	Kick Return	Rodney Smith	at Fresno State
35	Rush	Rodney Smith	Nebraska
34	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Fresno State
33	Interception Return	Antoine Winfield Jr.	Penn State
33 *	Interception Return	Antoine Winfield Jr.	at Rutgers
33	Pass	Chris Autman-Bell from Tanner Morgan	Georgia Southern
32	Kick Return	Demetrius Douglas	Nebraska
31	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	South Dakota State
30	Kick Return	Cam Wiley	at Iowa
30	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Iowa
30	Interception Return	Antoine Winfield Jr.	Maryland
29	Pass	Demetrius Douglas from Tanner Morgan	at Iowa
29	Kick Return	Demetrius Douglas	Maryland
29	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
28 *	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Iowa
28	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Penn State
28	Rush	Shannon Brooks	Nebraska
27	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Wisconsin
27	Kick Return	Demetrius Douglas	at Northwestern
27	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Rutgers
27	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	at Purdue
26	Pass	Tyler Johnson from Tanner Morgan	at Northwestern
25	Pass	Demetrius Douglas from Tanner Morgan	Wisconsin
25	Rush	Seth Green	at Northwestern
25	Rush	Shannon Brooks	Nebraska
25	Run	Shannon Brooks	Illinois
25	Pass	Rashod Bateman from Tanner Morgan	Georgia Southern

* play resulted in a touchdown

Gophers 28, South Dakota State 21

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
South Dakota State vs Minnesota (Aug 29, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
South Dakota State	0	7	14	0	21
Minnesota	0	13	7	8	28

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
2nd	09:52	MINN - Green, Seth 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 18-91 10:05
	03:23	SDSU - J'Bore Gibbs 1 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick), 6-66 2:40
	00:49	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 42 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick failed), 6-75 2:34
3rd	13:42	MINN - Williamson, C 43 yd interception return (Lantz, Michael kick)
	09:04	SDSU - Mikey Daniel 1 yd run (Chase Vinatieri kick), 10-92 4:38
	03:26	SDSU - Zach Heins 13 yd pass from J'Bore Gibbs (Chase Vinatieri kick), 7-57 3:31
4th	05:39	MINN - Ibrahim, M 1 yd run (Morgan, Tanner pass from Johnson, Tyler), 5-34 2:33

	SDSU	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-174	42-132
PASSING YDS (NET)	193	176
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-13-1	18-13-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-367	60-308
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-70	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-43
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-40.2	5-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-32	3-40
Possession Time	27:48	32:12
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 9	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	1-7

RUSHING: South Dakota State-Pierre Strong 12-53; C.J. Wilson 7-47; Mikey Daniel 7-33; Cade Johnson 1-25; J'Bore Gibbs 7-16. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 21-92; Ibrahim, M 12-36; Morgan, Tanner 5-8; Green, Seth 1-1; TEAM 3-minus 5.

PASSING: South Dakota State-J'Bore Gibbs 13-26-1-193. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 13-18-1-176.

RECEIVING: South Dakota State-Cade Johnson 6-90; Pierre Strong 2-59; Jaxon Janke 2-20; Zach Heins 1-13; Adam Anderson 1-8; Blake Kunz 1-3. Minnesota-Bateman, Rashod 5-132; Johnson, Tyler 3-28; Autman-Bell, C 2-17; Ibrahim, M 2-minus 2; Douglas, D 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: South Dakota State-Josh Manchigiah 1-0. Minnesota-Williamson, C 1-43.

FUMBLES: South Dakota State-Cade Johnson 1-0; J'Bore Gibbs 1-1. Minnesota-None.

South Dakota State (0-1) vs. Minnesota (1-0)
Date: Aug 29, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 49112

Kickoff time: 8:05 • End of Game: 11:04 • Total elapsed time: 2:59
Officials: Referee: Mark Kluczynski; Umpire: Brad Hudak; Linesman: Daniel Richard;
Line judge: Jeff Meslow; Back judge: Mike Brown; Field judge: Raymond Daniel;
Side judge: Steve Hassel; Center judge: A. Sauer-Cook;
Temperature: 68 • Wind: NW 12mph • Weather: Clear and breezy

Gophers 38, Fresno State 35 (2OT)

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Minnesota vs Fresno State (Sep 07, 2019 at Fresno, CA)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	O1	O2	Total
Minnesota	7	7	0	14	10	7	3	38
Fresno State	0	10	11	7	7	7	0	35

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	08:47	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 15 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 11-75 6:13
2nd	10:07	FS - SILVA, Cesar 48 yd field goal, 8-32 4:36
	04:38	MINN - Smith, Rodney 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 10-65 5:22
	02:02	FS - RIVERS, Ronnie 25 yd pass from REYNA, Jorge (SILVA, Cesar kick), 6-75 2:36
3rd	09:48	FS - SILVA, Cesar 30 yd field goal, 13-68 5:12
	04:27	FS - RICE, Jared 14 yd pass from REYNA, Jorge (HOKIT, Josh rush), 5-62 2:10
4th	11:18	MINN - Ibrahim, M 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 15-78 8:04
	05:58	FS - REYNA, Jorge 2 yd run (SILVA, Cesar kick), 6-38 3:14
	00:46	MINN - Autman-Bell, C 20 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 11-59 5:03
OT	15:00	FS - RIVERS, Ronnie 5 yd pass from REYNA, Jorge (SILVA, Cesar kick), 6-25 0:00
	15:00	MINN - Morgan, Tanner 4 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 3-25 0:00
	15:00	MINN - Lantz, Michael 37 yd field goal, 4-6 0:00

	MINN	FS
FIRST DOWNS	24	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	52-146	27-57
PASSING YDS (NET)	234	288
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-16-0	35-24-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-380	62-345
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-75	2-29
Interception Returns-Yards	2-2	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-46.0	3-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	6-45
Possession Time	33:41	26:19
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 15	3 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-26	4-22

RUSHING: Minnesota-Ibrahim, M 17-88; Smith, Rodney 22-61; Morgan, Tanner 10-2; Johnson, Tyler 1-minus 1; Green, Seth 1-minus 2; TEAM 1-minus 2. Fresno State-RIVERS, Ronnie 15-76; HOKIT, Josh 1-0; REYNA, Jorge 11-minus 19.

PASSING: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 16-23-0-234. Fresno State-REYNA, Jorge 24-35-2-288.

RECEIVING: Minnesota-Bateman, Rashod 7-105; Johnson, Tyler 4-71; Autman-Bell, C 2-29; Paulson, Jake 2-19; Smith, Rodney 1-10. Fresno State-GRIM, Derrion 5-82; POPE, Zane 5-68; RIVERS, Ronnie 5-48; COLEMAN, Chris 3-33; RODRIGUEZ, Juan 2-11; GLASPIE, Jamal 1-14; RICE, Jared 1-14; HOKIT, Josh 1-10; SUTTON, Cam 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Minnesota-Winfield, A 1-2; Thomas, Kiondre 1-0. Fresno State-None.

FUMBLES: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 3-1; Ibrahim, M 1-1; Douglas, D 1-1. Fresno State-REYNA, Jorge 1-0.

Minnesota (2-0) vs. Fresno State (0-2)
Date: Sep 07, 2019 • Site: Fresno, CA • Stadium: Bulldog Stadium
Attendance: 34790

Kickoff time: 7:38 PM • End of Game: 11:09 PM • Total elapsed time: 3:31
Officials: Referee: Reggie Smith; Umpire: M. Fitzgerald; Linesman: Rick Smith;
Line judge: Scott Reilly; Back judge: Joel Wetzel; Field judge: Randy Smith;
Side judge: Tim Murray; Center judge: Daniel Scanlan;
Temperature: 80 • Wind: 22 MPH S • Weather: Mostly Clear

GOPHERS 35, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 32

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Georgia Southern vs Minnesota (Sep 14, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Georgia Southern	10	10	0	12	**32**
Minnesota	14	7	0	14	**35**

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	12:25	GS - L. Wright 21 yd run (T. Bass kick), 1-21 0:07
	11:37	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 73 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 2-75 0:48
	05:57	GS - T. Bass 25 yd field goal, 10-67 5:40
	00:14	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 7 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 11-75 5:43
2nd	07:07	MINN - Green, Seth 4 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 5-24 2:46
	03:26	GS - T. Bass 45 yd field goal, 7-47 3:41
	00:27	GS - J. Tomlin 12 yd run (T. Bass kick), 5-34 1:49
4th	14:43	MINN - Williams, Bryce 2 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 8-49 3:54
	06:05	GS - M. Brinson 77 yd missed FG return (J. Tomlin pass failed)
	03:47	GS - R. Byrd 44 yd fumble recovery (J. Tomlin pass failed)
	00:13	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 2 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 13-75 3:34

	GS	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	12	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	33-123	48-93
PASSING YDS (NET)	75	289
Passes Att-Comp-Int	9-5-0	31-19-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	42-198	79-382
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-44	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-19
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-39	1-11
Interception Returns-Yards	1-33	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-42.2	3-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-64	4-45
Possession Time	22:05	37:55
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 9	7 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-45	1-2

RUSHING: Georgia Southern-J. Tomlin 14-57; L. Wright 6-35; J. King 7-35; M. LaRoche 5-3; TEAM 1-minus 7. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 11-57; Wiley, Cam 11-32; Williams, Bryce 14-23; Green, Seth 4-minus 2; Morgan, Tanner 8-minus 17.

PASSING: Georgia Southern-J. Tomlin 5-9-0-75. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 19-31-1-289.

RECEIVING: Georgia Southern-M. Michaud 2-27; K. Hood 1-39; L. Wright 1-8; C. Brown 1-1. Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 10-140; Bateman, Rashod 3-52; Douglas, D 3-40; Autman-Bell, C 2-47; Williams, Bryce 1-10.

INTERCEPTIONS: Georgia Southern-K. Duncan Jr 1-33. Minnesota-None.

FUMBLES: Georgia Southern-J. Tomlin 1-1; C. Brown 1-1; TEAM 1-0. Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 1-0; Morgan, Tanner 1-1.

Georgia Southern (1-2) vs. Minnesota (3-0)
Date: Sep 14, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 41021

Kickoff time: 2:45 • End of Game: 6:08 • Total elapsed time: 3:23
Officials: Referee: Jeff Servinski; Umpire: Tim Owens; Linesman: Michael Dolce;
Line judge: Mike Maisner; Back judge: D. Pender; Field judge: John Roggeman;
Side judge: Todd Ransom; Center judge: A.Sauer-Cook;
Temperature: 71 • Wind: SE 9 mph • Weather: Mostly Cloudy

GOPHERS 38, PURDUE 31

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Minnesota vs Purdue (Sep 28, 2019 at West Lafayette, Ind.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Minnesota	14	14	10	0	**38**
Purdue	3	7	7	14	**31**

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	09:35	MINN - Smith, Rodney 2 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 9-75 5:25
	04:33	PUR - J.D. Dellinger 21 yd field goal, 7-36 2:06
	03:34	MINN - Autman-Bell, C 70 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 2-75 0:59
2nd	14:49	PUR - Zander Horvath 7 yd pass from Jack Plummer (J.D. Dellinger kick), 11-71 3:40
	05:10	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 45 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 4-90 1:45
	00:14	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 3 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 9-62 1:43
3rd	12:36	PUR - King Doerue 8 yd run (J.D. Dellinger kick), 6-75 2:24
	08:49	MINN - Lantz, Michael 32 yd field goal, 7-60 3:47
	06:18	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 47 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 1-47 0:09
4th	06:01	PUR - King Doerue 2 yd run (J.D. Dellinger kick), 15-99 6:00
	03:59	PUR - King Doerue 13 yd pass from Jack Plummer (J.D. Dellinger kick), 8-53 2:02

	MINN	PUR
FIRST DOWNS	21	28
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-92	33-123
PASSING YDS (NET)	396	291
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-21-0	49-27-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	56-488	82-414
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	3-50
Interception Returns-Yards	2-14	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-41.2	5-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-37	3-29
Possession Time	29:01	30:59
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 8	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-18	4-28

RUSHING: Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 22-115; Brooks, Shannon 5-5; Green, Seth 1-2; TEAM 2-minus 2; Morgan, Tanner 4-minus 28. Purdue-King Doerue 20-94; Jack Plummer 8-29; Jackson Anthrop 1-3; Alfred Armour 2-3; Zander Horvath 1-1; Elijah Sindelar 1-minus 7.

PASSING: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 21-22-0-396. Purdue-Jack Plummer 23-41-2-245; Elijah Sindelar 4-8-0-46.

RECEIVING: Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 8-73; Bateman, Rashod 6-177; Autman-Bell, C 3-97; Douglas, D 2-5; Paulson, Jake 1-24; Smith, Rodney 1-20. Purdue-David Bell 8-114; Jackson Anthrop 7-66; King Doerue 4-32; Amad Anderson 2-30; Rondale Moore 2-18; TJ Sheffield 2-12; Milton Wright 1-12; Zander Horvath 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS: Minnesota-Martin, Kamal 2-14. Purdue-None.

FUMBLES: Minnesota-None. Purdue-None.

Minnesota (4-0,1-0) vs. Purdue (1-3,0-1)
Date: Sep 28, 2019 • Site: West Lafayette, Ind. • Stadium: Ross-Ade
Attendance: 50629

Kickoff time: 3:35 pm • End of Game: 6:53 • Total elapsed time: 3:18
Officials: Referee: John O'Neill; Umpire: Jeff Carr; Linesman: Kris Van Meter;
Line judge: Dan Gallagher; Back judge: Michael Elliott; Field judge: Matt Kukar;
Side judge: Kyle DeBuse; Center judge: Tom Riepenhoff;
Temperature: 80 F • Wind: 7 mph N • Weather: Partly Cloudy

GOPHERS 40, ILLINOIS 17   GOPHERS 34, NEBRASKA 7

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Illinois vs Minnesota (Oct 05, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Illinois	7	3	7	0	17
Minnesota	3	13	14	10	40

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	06:58	ILL - Harding,Dele 40 yd interception return (McCourt,James kick)
	00:52	MINN - Lantz, Michael 28 yd field goal, 4-3 1:27
2nd	11:23	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 12 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 4-85 2:02
	01:32	MINN - Brooks, Shannon 21 yd run (Herbers, Jacob rush failed), 6-75 3:08
	00:13	ILL - McCourt,James 46 yd field goal, 9-47 1:19
3rd	12:53	MINN - Autman-Bell, C 10 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 4-75 2:07
	07:52	MINN - Spann-Ford, B 12 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 6-65 2:59
	02:27	ILL - Eifler,Milo 7 yd fumble recovery (McCourt,James kick)
4th	12:48	MINN - Smith, Rodney 8 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 8-75 4:39
	00:51	MINN - Lantz, Michael 27 yd field goal, 9-32 4:50

	ILL	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	14	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	27-91	52-332
PASSING YDS (NET)	157	155
Passes Att-Comp-Int	39-20-1	17-9-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-248	69-487
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-7	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-5	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-58	1-22
Interception Returns-Yards	1-40	1-13
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-43.1	4-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-80	4-25
Possession Time	24:16	35:44
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 17	2 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	3-17

RUSHING: Illinois-Corbin,Reggie 14-68; Peters,Brandon 2-10; Bonner,RaVon 2-8; Brown,Dre 2-6; Robinson,Matt 7-minus 1. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 24-211; Brooks, Shannon 16-111; Green, Seth 5-16; Williams, Bryce 3-1; TEAM 1-minus 1; Morgan, Tanner 3-minus 6.

PASSING: Illinois-Robinson,Matt 15-29-0-125; Peters,Brandon 5-10-1-32. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 9-17-1-155.

RECEIVING: Illinois-Sidney,Trevon 5-50; Imatorbhebhe,J. 4-27; Navarro,Donny 3-33; Barker,Daniel 2-15; Williams,J. 2-10; Holmes,Jordan 1-10; Smalling,Ricky 1-6; Ford,Luke 1-6; Cumby,Kyron 1-0. Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 3-38; Bateman, Rashod 2-71; Autman-Bell, C 2-30; Spann-Ford, B 1-12; Smith, Rodney 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Illinois-Harding,Dele 1-40. Minnesota-Winfield, A 1-13.

FUMBLES: Illinois-Robinson,Matt 1-0; Williams,J. 1-0; Peters,Brandon 1-0. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 1-1.

Illinois (2-3,0-2) vs. Minnesota (5-0,2-0)
Date: Oct 05, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 39341

Kickoff time: 2:40 pm • End of Game: 6:00 • Total elapsed time: 3:30
Officials: Referee: Mark Kluczynski; Umpire: Brad Hudak; Linesman: Daniel Richard;
Line judge: Vincent Winters; Back judge: Mike Brown; Field judge: Raymond Daniel;
Side judge: Frank Steratore; Center judge: Greg Blum;
Temperature: 52 • Wind: SW @16 • Weather: Low Clouds

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Nebraska vs Minnesota (Oct 12, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Nebraska	0	0	0	7	7
Minnesota	7	7	20	0	34

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	07:31	MINN - Autman-Bell, C 15 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 5-71 2:43
2nd	10:15	MINN - Ibrahim, M 15 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 6-80 3:16
3rd	12:41	MINN - Ibrahim, M 5 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 5-63 2:19
	03:16	MINN - Smith, Rodney 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 9-45 5:16
	01:41	MINN - Ibrahim, M 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick failed), 2-46 0:18
4th	12:32	NEB - Dedrick Mills 2 yd run (Lane McCallum kick), 14-80 4:09

	NEB	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	16	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	43-151	49-322
PASSING YDS (NET)	148	128
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-15-0	13-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	72-299	62-450
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-7	1-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-43	1-32
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-38.5	5-34.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-33	4-42
Possession Time	27:13	32:47
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 16	8 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 4	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-29

RUSHING: Nebraska-Noah Vedral 15-49; Brody Belt 4-29; Dedrick Mills 9-28; W. Robinson 6-24; M. Washington 6-20; Austin Allen 1-2; Andrew Bunch 2-minus 1. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 18-139; Brooks, Shannon 13-99; Ibrahim, M 15-84; Morgan, Tanner 1-4; TEAM 2-minus 4.

PASSING: Nebraska-Noah Vedral 14-23-0-135; Andrew Bunch 1-6-0-13. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 8-13-0-128.

RECEIVING: Nebraska-Jack Stoll 4-18; JD Spielman 3-59; Kade Warner 3-38; W. Robinson 2-10; Dedrick Mills 1-13; Jaron Woodyard 1-5; M. Washington 1-5. Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 5-109; Autman-Bell, C 1-15; Paulson, Jake 1-8; Bateman, Rashod 1-minus 4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Nebraska-None. Minnesota-None.

FUMBLES: Nebraska-JD Spielman 2-0. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 1-0.

Nebraska (4-3,2-2) vs. Minnesota (6-0,3-0)
Date: Oct 12, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 43502

Kickoff time: 6:40 • End of Game: 9:44 • Total elapsed time: 3:04
Officials: Referee: Larry Smith; Umpire: Robert Colosimo; Linesman: Kole Knueppel;
Line judge: Jeff Szink; Back judge: Dennis Morris; Field judge: Timothy Maguire;
Side judge: Gaylon Williams; Center judge: Mike Stumberg;
Temperature: 37 • Wind: W@17 • Weather: Wintry Mix

GOPHERS 42, RUTGERS 7

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#20 Minnesota vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2019 at Piscataway, N.J.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Minnesota	7	7	7	21	42
Rutgers	0	0	0	7	7

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	01:31	MINN - Smith, Rodney 3 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 9-57 4:27
2nd	04:40	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 13 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 12-77 4:48
3rd	09:23	MINN - Smith, Rodney 16 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 10-72 5:29
4th	11:25	MINN - Ibrahim, M 6 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 11-71 5:29
	11:15	MINN - Winfield, A 33 yd interception return (Lantz, Michael kick)
	09:03	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 56 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 1-66 0:10
	05:53	RU - Adams, Kay'Ron 5 yd run (Davidovicz, J. kick), 7-75 3:10

	MINN	RU
FIRST DOWNS	25	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	45-198	40-141
PASSING YDS (NET)	245	48
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-15-0	19-9-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-443	59-189
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-16	3-73
Interception Returns-Yards	3-33	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-37.0	5-37.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	3-40	5-55
Possession Time	33:33	26:27
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	0-0

RUSHING: Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 19-111; Ibrahim, M 15-62; Brooks, Shannon 5-15; Potts, Treyson 3-9; Morgan, Tanner 3-1. Rutgers-Pacheco, Isiah 15-50; Barnwell, E. 1-40; Adams, Kay'Ron 6-30; Langan, Johnny 13-19; Young, Aaron 4-3; TEAM 1-minus 1.

PASSING: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 15-28-0-245. Rutgers-Langan, Johnny 9-19-3-48.

RECEIVING: Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 6-130; Bateman, Rashod 4-72; Smith, Rodney 2-24; Spann-Ford, B 1-13; Douglas, D 1-9; Autman-Bell, C 1-minus 3. Rutgers-Lewis, Eddie 3-18; Washington, I. 2-17; Taylor, Prince 1-12; Robinson, D. 1-7; Pacheco, Isiah 1-minus 2; Melton, Bo 1-minus 4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Minnesota-Winfield, A 2-33; Howard, Phillip 1-0. Rutgers-None.

FUMBLES: Minnesota-None. Rutgers-Langan, Johnny 2-0; Young, Aaron 1-0.

Minnesota (7-0,4-0) vs. Rutgers (1-6,0-5)
Date: Oct 19, 2019 • Site: Piscataway, N.J. • Stadium: SHI Stadium
Attendance: 26429

Kickoff time: 3:40 pm • End of Game: 6:50 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:10
Officials: Referee: Mike Cannon; Umpire: Ken Zelmanski; Linesman: Bruce Keeling;
Line judge: Jeff Meslow; Back judge: Robert Smith; Field judge: Grady Smith;
Side judge: Joel Clay; Center judge: Bryan Banks;
Temperature: 63 F • Wind: W 12mph • Weather: Sunny

GOPHERS 52, MARYLAND 10

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Maryland vs Minnesota (Oct 26, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Maryland	0	3	0	7	10
Minnesota	14	14	10	14	52

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	13:01	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 9 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 4-20 1:20
	02:38	MINN - Green, Seth 10 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 13-84 7:29
2nd	12:29	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 16 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 9-81 4:14
	03:41	MINN - Durr, Coney 72 yd interception return (Lantz, Michael kick)
	00:10	UMD - Petrino, Joseph 31 yd field goal, 8-41 1:04
3rd	10:19	MINN - Lantz, Michael 32 yd field goal, 10-49 4:41
	01:37	MINN - Smith, Rodney 1 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 12-63 7:41
4th	08:24	MINN - Green, Seth 1 yd run (Walker, Brock kick), 11-74 6:58
	06:48	UMD - Fleet-Davis, T. 59 yd pass from DeSue, Tyler (Petrino, Joseph kick), 4-75 1:36
	03:07	MINN - Potts, Treyson 2 yd run (Tarbutt, M kick), 6-84 3:41

	UMD	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	10	30
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	23-79	54-321
PASSING YDS (NET)	131	177
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-10-2	22-13-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	46-210	76-498
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1--7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-145	2-33
Interception Returns-Yards	1-40	2-102
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-39.9	1-29.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-36	2-15
Possession Time	17:07	42:53
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	7 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	7-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-18

RUSHING: Maryland-Leake, Javon 7-44; McFarland, A. 10-38; Fleet-Davis, T. 2-5; Pigrome, T. 3-3; DeSue, Tyler 1-minus 11. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 17-103; Brooks, Shannon 10-56; Potts, Treyson 4-42; Ibrahim, M 7-37; Green, Seth 6-34; Morgan, Tanner 5-30; Jelen, Preston 3-22; TEAM 2-minus 3.

PASSING: Maryland-DeSue, Tyler 4-12-0-88; Pigrome, T. 6-9-2-43; Jackson, Josh 0-2-0-0. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 12-21-1-138; Clark, Jacob 1-1-0-39.

RECEIVING: Maryland-Carriere, C. 3-31; Demus, Dontay 3-21; McFarland, A. 3-20; Fleet-Davis, T. 1-59. Minnesota-Autman-Bell, C 4-56; Johnson, Tyler 4-37; Bateman, Rashod 3-39; Van Dyne, Harry 1-39; Douglas, D 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Maryland-Lewis, Marcus 1-40. Minnesota-Durr, Coney 1-72; Winfield, A 1-30.

FUMBLES: Maryland-None. Minnesota-Douglas, D 1-0.

Maryland (3-5,1-4) vs. Minnesota (8-0,5-0)
Date: Oct 26, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 44715

Kickoff time: 2:35 pm • End of Game: 5:40 • Total elapsed time: 3:05
Officials: Referee: Jeff Servinski; Umpire: Tim Owens; Linesman: Michael Dolce;
Line judge: Mike Maisner; Back judge: Dominique Pende; Field judge: John Roggeman;
Side judge: Todd Ransom; Center judge: Jason Nickleby;
Temperature: 55 • Wind: SSW @17 • Weather: Sunny

GOPHERS 31, PENN STATE 26

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Penn State vs Minnesota (Nov 09, 2019 at Minneapolis, MN)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	10	3	6	7	26
Minnesota	14	10	0	7	31

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	12:06	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 66 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Walker, Brock kick), 5-95 2:18
	10:51	PSU - Brown, Journey 45 yd run (Pinegar, Jake kick), 4-69 1:15
	04:29	MINN - Autman-Bell, C 21 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Walker, Brock kick), 10-87 6:22
	02:12	PSU - Pinegar, Jake 33 yd field goal, 7-64 2:17
2nd	07:18	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 38 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Walker, Brock kick), 3-61 1:30
	03:36	MINN - Walker, Brock 26 yd field goal, 6-51 2:42
	00:00	PSU - Pinegar, Jake 21 yd field goal, 13-71 9:38
3rd	04:05	PSU - Bowers, Nick 10 yd pass from Clifford, Sean (Clifford, Sean pass failed), 9-50 3:38
4th	14:11	MINN - Green, Seth 1 yd run (Walker, Brock kick), 8-75 4:54
	03:49	PSU - Brown, Journey 6 yd run (Pinegar, Jake kick), 8-63 2:28

	PSU	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	25	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-178	40-121
PASSING YDS (NET)	340	339
Passes Att-Comp-Int	44-23-3	20-18-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-518	60-460
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1--15	2--1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-98	2-13
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-33
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-47.5	4-36.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-45	5-40
Possession Time	31:01	28:59
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	4 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-6	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	2-10

RUSHING: Penn State-Brown, Journey 14-124; Clifford, Sean 10-39; Ford, Devyn 3-9; Hamler, KJ 2-6. Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 18-51; Brooks, Shannon 6-33; Ibrahim, M 7-33; Green, Seth 3-6; Morgan, Tanner 4-0; TEAM 2-minus 2.

PASSING: Penn State-Clifford, Sean 23-43-3-340; TEAM 0-1-0-0. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 18-20-0-339.

RECEIVING: Penn State-Hamler, KJ 7-119; Freiermuth, Pat 7-101; Dotson, Jahan 3-70; Chisena, Dan 1-20; Brown, Journey 1-17; Bowers, Nick 1-10; George, Daniel 1-8; Slade, Ricky 1-0; Holmes, Des 1-minus 5. Minnesota-Bateman, Rashod 7-203; Johnson, Tyler 7-104; Autman-Bell, C 3-31; Spann-Ford, B 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Penn State-None. Minnesota-Winfield, A 2-33; Howden, Jordan 1-0.

FUMBLES: Penn State-Hamler, KJ 1-0. Minnesota-Brooks, Shannon 1-1; Johnson, Tyler 1-0.

Penn State (8-1,5-1) vs. Minnesota (9-0,6-0)
Date: Nov 09, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, MN • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 51883

Kickoff time: 11:08 AM • End of Game: 2:21 PM • Total elapsed time: 3:13
Officials: Referee: Mike Kluczynski; Umpire: Brad Hudak; Linesman: Daniel Richard;
Line judge: Vincent Winters; Back judge: Mike Brown; Field judge: Raymond Daniel;
Side judge: Stephen Hassel; Center judge: Greg Blum;
Temperature: 39 • Wind: WNW @6 • Weather: Mostly Cloudy

IOWA 23, GOPHERS 19

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#7 Minnesota vs #23 IOWA (Nov 16, 2019 at Iowa City, Iowa)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Minnesota	0	6	7	6	19
IOWA	13	7	0	3	23

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	11:26	IOWA - Ragaini,Nico 21 yd pass from Stanley,Nate (Rastetter,C. pass failed), 8-75 3:34
	00:18	IOWA - Goodson, Tyler 10 yd run (Duncan, Keith kick), 9-68 5:27
2nd	09:47	MINN - Walker, Brock 24 yd field goal, 12-87 5:25
	06:20	IOWA - Smith-Marsette 5 yd pass from Stanley,Nate (Duncan, Keith kick), 6-69 3:20
	00:00	MINN - Walker, Brock 20 yd field goal, 5-44 0:39
3rd	11:35	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 28 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Walker, Brock kick), 6-66 3:25
4th	07:13	IOWA - Duncan, Keith 27 yd field goal, 10-29 4:09
	03:27	MINN - Smith, Rodney 1 yd run (Walker, Brock kick failed), 9-75 3:46

	MINN	IOWA
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-63	31-117
PASSING YDS (NET)	368	173
Passes Att-Comp-Int	39-25-1	23-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-431	54-290
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-56	2-25
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-31.5	4-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-52	3-16
Possession Time	32:20	27:40
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-25	6-30

RUSHING: Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 14-46; Brooks, Shannon 4-23; Ibrahim, M 3-9; Green, Seth 2-8; Morgan, Tanner 7-minus 23. IOWA-Goodson, Tyler 13-94; Sargent,Mekhi 6-18; Tracy,Tyrone 1-11; Stanley,Nate 8-1; Smith-Marsette 1-minus 1; Team 2-minus 6.

PASSING: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 25-36-0-368; Kramer, Cole 0-2-1-0; TEAM 0-1-0-0. IOWA-Stanley,Nate 14-23-0-173.

RECEIVING: Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 9-170; Bateman, Rashod 6-98; Douglas, D 4-60; Autman-Bell, C 3-21; Ibrahim, M 1-15; Smith, Rodney 1-4; Wiley, Cam 1-0. IOWA-Tracy,Tyrone 6-77; Smith-Marsette 4-43; Ragaini,Nico 2-30; LaPorta, Sam 1-12; Wieting,Nate 1-11.

INTERCEPTIONS: Minnesota-None. IOWA-Moss,Riley 1-0.

FUMBLES: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 1-0. IOWA-None.

Minnesota (9-1,6-1) vs. IOWA (7-3,4-3)
Date: Nov 16, 2019 • Site: Iowa City, Iowa • Stadium: Kinnick Stadium
Attendance: 67518

Kickoff time: 3:05 pm • End of Game: 6:21 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:16
Officials: Referee: Jerry McGinn; Umpire: Mike Pilarski; Linesman: Mark Bennett;
Line judge: Ryan MacDonald; Back judge: Jeff Latkiewicz; Field judge: John Roggeman;
Side judge: John Hayes; Center judge: Gregory Nelson;
Temperature: 38 • Wind: SE 10mph • Weather: mostly sunny

GOPHERS 38, NORTHWESTERN 22

WISCONSIN 38, GOPHERS 17

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
#10 Minnesota vs Northwestern (Nov 23, 2019 at Evanston, Ill.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Minnesota	14	7	7	10	**38**
Northwestern	0	9	7	6	**22**

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	08:04	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 19 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 10-56 5:36
	05:04	MINN - Brooks, Shannon 9 yd run (Lantz, Michael kick), 5-45 1:46
2nd	12:03	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 10 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 8-73 4:43
	09:32	NU - Gaziano, Joe safety
	02:52	NU - James, Jace 9 yd pass from Marty, Andrew (Kuhbander, C kick), 14-69 6:40
3rd	10:03	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 7 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 11-73 4:57
	03:27	NU - Marty, Andrew 2 yd run (Kuhbander, C kick), 15-64 6:26
4th	13:20	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 17 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 10-62 4:54
	06:14	MINN - Lantz, Michael 37 yd field goal, 10-60 5:39
	02:01	NU - Marty, Andrew 1 yd run (Marty, Andrew pass failed), 8-77 4:08

	MINN	NU
FIRST DOWNS	23	14
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-212	49-128
PASSING YDS (NET)	211	95
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-15-1	12-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-423	61-223
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-48	6-124
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-42.0	6-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-46	5-36
Possession Time	31:18	28:42
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 11	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-27	2-8

RUSHING: Minnesota-Smith, Rodney 15-77; Ibrahim, M 13-76; Brooks, Shannon 7-44; Green, Seth 1-25; Morgan, Tanner 3-minus 10. Northwestern-Marty, Andrew 16-52; Hull, Evan 14-51; Anderson, Drake 11-34; Brown, Jesse 4-31; Johnson, Hunter 4-minus 40.

PASSING: Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 15-23-1-211. Northwestern-Marty, Andrew 8-10-0-95; Johnson, Hunter 0-2-0-0.

RECEIVING: Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 7-125; Bateman, Rashod 7-78; Autman-Bell, C 1-8. Northwestern-Lees, Riley 3-53; Washington, M 1-11; James, Jace 1-9; Anderson, Drake 1-8; Pugh, Trey 1-8; Chiaokhiao-Bowm 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Minnesota-None. Northwestern-Gallagher, B. 1-0.

FUMBLES: Minnesota-Douglas, D 2-0. Northwestern-Johnson, Hunter 1-0.

Minnesota (10-1,7-1) vs. Northwestern (2-9,0-8)
Date: Nov 23, 2019 • Site: Evanston, Ill. • Stadium: Ryan Field
Attendance: 30246

Kickoff time: 11:06 am • End of Game: 2:13 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:07
Officials: Referee: Ron Snodgrass; Umpire: James Shaw III; Linesman: Ric Hinkamper;
Line judge: Jeff Meslow; Back judge: Jake Kemp; Field judge: Jeffrey Noggle;
Side judge: Frank Sterator; Center judge: Eric Oliver;
Temperature: 35 • Wind: SW-8 • Weather: Partly Cloudy

Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook
Wisconsin vs Minnesota (Nov 30, 2019 at Minneapolis, Minn.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Wisconsin	0	10	14	14	**38**
Minnesota	7	0	3	7	**17**

Qtr	Time	Scoring play
1st	12:30	MINN - Bateman, Rashod 51 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 2-51 0:15
2nd	08:56	WIS - Hintze, Zach 26 yd field goal, 8-19 3:21
	02:49	WIS - Taylor, J. 28 yd pass from Coan, Jack (Hintze, Zach kick), 7-82 3:38
3rd	09:52	WIS - Cephus, Quintez 47 yd pass from Coan, Jack (Hintze, Zach kick), 4-91 1:52
	06:51	MINN - Lantz, Michael 38 yd field goal, 7-61 3:01
	05:52	WIS - Pryor, Kendric 26 yd run (Hintze, Zach kick), 2-39 0:59
4th	11:05	WIS - Taylor, J. 11 yd run (Hintze, Zach kick), 6-96 3:10
	08:41	WIS - Taylor, J. 1 yd run (Hintze, Zach kick), 4-18 2:07
	05:51	MINN - Johnson, Tyler 12 yd pass from Morgan, Tanner (Lantz, Michael kick), 10-75 2:50

	WIS	MINN
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-173	30-76
PASSING YDS (NET)	280	296
Passes Att-Comp-Int	22-15-0	37-20-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	57-453	67-372
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-75	2-38
Interception Returns-Yards	1-14	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-33.0	4-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-63	2-14
Possession Time	29:18	30:42
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 10	5 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-20	0-0

RUSHING: Wisconsin-Taylor, J. 18-76; Pryor, Kendric 2-32; Coan, Jack 3-20; Stokke, Mason 2-14; Shaw, Bradrick 3-10; Watson, Nakia 4-10; Groshek, G. 1-9; Chenal, John 1-3; Cruickshank, A. 1-minus 1. Minnesota-Ibrahim, M 5-39; Smith, Rodney 11-31; Brooks, Shannon 7-22; Green, Seth 2-4; Morgan, Tanner 5-minus 20.

PASSING: Wisconsin-Coan, Jack 15-22-0-280. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 20-37-1-296.

RECEIVING: Wisconsin-Cephus, Quintez 5-114; Stokke, Mason 3-30; Taylor, J. 2-39; Taylor, A.J. 2-10; Groshek, G. 1-70; Ferguson, Jake 1-20; Watson, Nakia 1-minus 3. Minnesota-Johnson, Tyler 8-89; Bateman, Rashod 6-147; Autman-Bell, C 3-16; Douglas, D 2-36; Green, Seth 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Wisconsin-Williams, C. 1-14. Minnesota-None.

FUMBLES: Wisconsin-Cruickshank, A. 1-1. Minnesota-Morgan, Tanner 1-1.

Wisconsin (10-2,7-2) vs. Minnesota (10-2,7-2)
Date: Nov 30, 2019 • Site: Minneapolis, Minn. • Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium
Attendance: 53756

Kickoff time: 2:41pm • End of Game: 5:54 • Total elapsed time: 3:13
Officials: Referee: John O'Neill; Umpire: Jeff Carr; Linesman: Kris Van Meter;
Line judge: Mike Maisner; Back judge: Michael Elliott; Field judge: Gary Powers;
Side judge: John Hayes; Center judge: T. Riepenhoff;
Temperature: 33 • Wind: ENE @14 • Weather: Wintry Mix

MINNESOTA'S BOWL RECORDS

RUSHING
MOST CARRIES
Minnesota
42 Tellis Redmon vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
37 Marion Barber III vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
31 Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Ga. Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
34 Amir Pinnix vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
29 Laurence Maroney vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
26 Laurence Maroney vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
Opponent
27 Kenny Flowers, Clemson (1985 Independence)
24 George Scott, Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)
22 Alexander Robinson, Iowa State (2009 Insight)
21 Austen Arnaud, Iowa State (2009 Insight)
21 Reuben Droughns, Oregon (1999 Sun)
19 Romello Ross, Central Mich. (2015 Quick Lane)
19 Shannon Woods, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
16 Jerome Smith, Syracuse (2013 Texas)
16 Jake Sharp, Kansas (2008 Insight)
16 Wali Lundy, Virginia (2005 Music City)
16 William Howard, Tennessee (1986 Liberty)

MOST YARDS GAINED
Minnesota
246 Tellis Redmon vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
224 Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Ga. Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
187 Marion Barber III vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
179 Amir Pinnix vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
136 Darrell Thompson vs. Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
131 Laurence Maroney vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
109 Laurence Maroney vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
105 Laurence Maroney vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
100 Thomas Tapeh vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
Opponent
157 Marcus Murphy, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
148 Kenny Flowers, Clemson (1985 Independence)
137 Alexander Robinson, Iowa State (2009 Insight)
114 Russell Hansbrough, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
109 Shannon Woods, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
100 Romello Ross, Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
Minnesota
3 Thomas Tapeh vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
2 Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Ga. Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
2 Jon Hoese vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
2 Tellis Redmon vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
2 Sandy Stephens vs. UCLA (1962 Rose)
Opponent
3 Shannon Woods, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
2 Terrel Hunt, Syracuse (2013 Texas)
2 Wali Lundy, Virginia (2005 Music City)
2 Joey Harrington, Oregon (1999 Sun)
2 George Scott, Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)

YARDS PER CARRY (5 CARRIES MINIMUM)
Minnesota:
8.7, Laurence Maroney vs. Oregon (15 carries) (2003 Sun)
Opponent:
13.6, Bob Schloredt, Washington (1961 Rose)

PASSING
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED
Minnesota
37 Billy Cockerham vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
34 Adam Weber vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
32 Adam Weber vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
32 Asad Abdul-Khaliq vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
31 Mitch Leidner vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
31 Bryan Cupito vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
Opponent
55 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
51 Luke Falk, Washington State (2016 Holiday)
45 Seth Doege, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)

43 Joey Harrington, Oregon (1999 Sun)
42 Kellen Clemens, Oregon (2003 Sun)
39 Philip Rivers, N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
36 Spencer Pennington, Alabama (2004 Music City)

MOST PASSES COMPLETED
Minnesota
24 Mitch Leidner vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
21 Mitch Leidner vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
19 Adam Weber vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
19 Bryan Cupito vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
19 Billy Cockerham vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
18 Adam Weber vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
18 Bryan Cupito vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
Opponent
36 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
32 Kellen Clemens, Oregon (2003 Sun)
31 Seth Doege, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
30 Luke Falk, Washington State (2016 Holiday)
25 Marques Hagans, Virginia (2005 Music City)
22 Jeff Francis, Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
22 Spencer Pennington, Alabama (2004 Music City)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES THROWN
Minnesota
4 Bryan Cupito vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
3 Bryan Cupito vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight Bowl)
3 Billy Cockerham vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
Opponent
4 Todd Reesing, Kansas (2008 Insight)
3 Jeff Francis, Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
3 Kellen Clemens, Oregon (2003 Sun)
2 Maty Mauk, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
2 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
2 Marques Hagans, Virginia (2005 Music City)
2 Philip Rivers, N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)

MOST PASSING YARDAGE
Minnesota
263 Bryan Cupito vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
263 Bryan Cupito vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
261 Adam Weber vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
258 Mitch Leidner vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
257 Billy Cockerham vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
Opponent
445 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
363 Kellen Clemens, Oregon (2003 Sun)
358 Marques Hagans, Virginia (2005 Music City)
313 Todd Reesing, Kansas (2008 Insight)
310 Philip Rivers, N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN
Minnesota
3 Sandy Stephens vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
2 Billy Cockerham vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
Opponent
2 Maty Mauk, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
2 Seth Doege, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
2 Austen Arnaud, Iowa State (2009 Insight)
2 Philip Rivers, N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)

BEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MIN 5 ATT.)
Minnesota: .800, Mitch Leidner (24-30) vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
.667, Mitch Leidner (21-31) vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
Opponent: .781, Marques Hagans (25-32), Virginia (2005 Music City)

RECEIVING
MOST RECEPTIONS
Minnesota
8 KJ Maye vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
8 Eric Decker vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
7 Maxx Williams vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
7 Da'Jon McKnight vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
7 Jack Simmons vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)

7 Ernie Wheelwright vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
7 Ron Johnson vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
Opponent
16 Samie Parker, Oregon (2003 Sun)
14 Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas (2008 Insight)
10 Kerry Meier, Kansas (2008 Insight)
11 Darrin Moore, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
11 Joel Filani, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)

MOST RECEIVING YARDAGE
Minnesota
149 Eric Decker vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
134 Jack Simmons vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
126 Luke Leverson vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
124 Da'Jon McKnight vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
120 Ernie Wheelwright vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
108 Derrick Engel vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
107 Aaron Hosack vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
Opponent
201 Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas (2008 Insight)
200 Samie Parker, Oregon (2003 Sun)
162 Joel Filani, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
157 Koren Robinson, N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
128 Tom Santi, Virginia (2005 Music City)
126 Chuck White, Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS
Minnesota
2 Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
2 Jared Ellerson vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
2 Ron Johnson vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
1 Seventeen tied
Opponent
3 Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas (2008 Insight)
2 Bud Sasser, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
2 Samie Parker, Oregon (2003 Sun)
2 Joey Clinkscales, Tennessee (1986 Liberty)

SCORING
MOST POINTS
Minnesota
18 Thomas Tapeh vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
12 Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
12 Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Ga. Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
12 Jon Hoese vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
12 Jared Ellerson vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
12 Tellis Redmon vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
12 Dan Nystrom vs. N.C. State (2000 Micron PC)
12 Ron Johnson vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
12 Sandy Stephens vs. UCLA (1962 Rose)
Opponent
18 Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas (2008 Insight)
18 Shannon Woods, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
12 Bud Sasser, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
12 Terrel Hunt, Syracuse (2013 Texas)
12 Wali Lundy, Virginia (2005 Music City)
12 Samie Parker, Oregon (2003 Sun)
12 Joey Harrington, Oregon (1999 Sun)
12 Joey Clinkscales, Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
12 George Scott, Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)

KICKING
MOST EXTRA POINTS
Minnesota
5 Joel Monroe vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight Bowl)
4 Emmit Carpenter vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
4 Jordan Wettstein vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
4 Joel Monroe vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
4 Rhys Lloyd vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
3 Joel Monroe vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
3 Dan Nystrom vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
3 Tom Loechler vs. UCLA (1962 Rose Bowl)
Opponent
6 Jason Branstetter, Kansas (2008 Insight)

5 Alex Trlica, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
4 Ryan Bustin, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
4 Connor Hughes, Virginia (2005 Music City)

MOST FIELD GOALS
Minnesota
5 Dan Nystrom vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
3 Dan Nystrom vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
Opponent
2 Erik Powell, Washington State (2016 Holiday)
2 Andrew Baggett, Missouri (2015 Citrus)
2 Ryan Bustin, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
2 Connor Hughes, Virginia (2005 Music City)
2 David Treadwell, Clemson (1985 Independence)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
Minnesota
45 Dan Nystrom vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
43 Emmit Carpenter vs. Wash. State (2016 Holiday)
42 Ryan Santoso vs. Central Michigan
   (2015 Quick Lane)
42 Rhys Lloyd vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
41 Chris Hawthorne vs. Syracuse (2013 Texas)
41 Jordan Wettstein vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
39 Joel Monroe vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
38 Ryan Santoso vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
Opponent
52 Alex Trlica, Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
47 Jared Siegel, Oregon (2003 Sun)
41 Erik Powell, Washington State (2016 Holiday)
39 Connor Hughes, Virginia (2005 Music City)
39 David Treadwell, Clemson (1985 Independence)

DEFENSE
MOST TACKLES
Minnesota
18 Tyrone Carter vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
15 Kim Royston vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
14 Cedric Thompson vs. Syracuse (2013 Texas)
14 Bruce Holmes vs. Clemson (1985 Independence)
12 Delvin Jones vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
11 Blake Cashman vs. Wash. State (2016 Holiday)
10 Brock Vereen vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
10 John Shevlin vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
10 Dominic Jones vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
10 Jon Leverenz vs. Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
10 Mark Dusbabek vs. Tennessee (1986 Liberty)
10 Larry Joyner vs. Clemson (1985 Independence)
Opponent
16 Peter Sirmon, Oregon (1999 Sun)
14 D.J. Johnson, Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
14 Mike Rivera, Kansas (2008 Insight)
14 Kai Parham, Virginia (2005 Music City)
14 Roman Harper, Alabama (2004 Music City)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS
Minnesota
2 Blake Cashman vs Wash. State (2016 Holiday)
2 De'Vondre Campbell vs. Central Michigan
   (2015 Quick Lane)
2 Ra'Shede Hageman vs. Syracuse (2013 Texas)
2 Lee Campbell vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
2 Cedric McKinley vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
2 John Shevlin vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
2 Darrell Reid vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
2 Mark Losli vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
Opponent
4 Charles Johnson, Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)
4 James Holt, Kansas (2008 Insight)
3 Shane Riggs, N.C. State (2000 Micronpc.com)
3 Garrett Sabol, Oregon (1999 Sun)
3 Saul Patu, Oregon (1999 Sun)

MOST SACKS
Minnesota
2 De'Vondre Campbell vs. Central Michigan
   (2015 Quick Lane)
2 Cedric McKinley vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
2 Mark Losli vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
Opponent
3 James Holt, Kansas (2008 Insight)
2 M Smith, Oregon (1999 Sun)
2 Dietrich Moore, Oregon (1999 Sun)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS
Minnesota
2 Michael Carter vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
2 Kyle Theret vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
2 Mike Lehan vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
Opponent
1 Fourteen tied

TEAM RECORDS
TOTAL OFFENSE
MOST YARDS GAINED
Minnesota
502 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
458 vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
461 vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
434 twice
Opponent
548 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
468 Virginia (2005 Music City)
453 Oregon (2003 Sun)
446 Kansas (2008 Insight)

FEWEST YARDS GAINED
Minnesota
253 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
268 vs. Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)
Opponent
107 UCLA (1962 Rose)
193 Washington (1961 Rose)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
Minnesota
5 vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight Bowl)
4 vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
4 vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
4 vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
4 vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
Opponent
6 Kansas (2008 Insight)
5 Texas Tech (2006 Insight Bowl)
5 N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)

FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS
Minnesota
1 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
1 vs. Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)
1 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
Opponent
0 UCLA (1962 Rose)

RUSHING
MOST RUSHES
Minnesota
72 vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
58 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
Opponent
48 Clemson (1985 Independence)
46 Syracuse (2013 Texas)
45 Missouri (2015 Citrus)

FEWEST RUSHES
Minnesota
32 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
Opponent
21 Alabama (2004 Music City)
23 Washington State (2016 Holiday)
24 Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
24 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)

24 N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
24 Oregon (2003 Sun)

MOST YARDS GAINED
Minnesota
300 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
276 vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
Opponent
337 Missouri (2015 Citrus)
216 Iowa State (2009 Insight)

FEWEST YARDS GAINED
Minnesota
80 vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
96 vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
Opponent
21 Alabama (2004 Music City)
39 Washington State (2016 Holiday)
55 UCLA (1962 Rose)

PASSING
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED
Minnesota
37 vs. Oregon (1999 Sun)
35 twice
Opponent
55 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
51 Washington State (2016 Holiday)
48 Oregon (1999 Sun)

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED
Minnesota
11 vs. UCLA (1962 Rose)
12 vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
Opponent
5 Washington (1961 Rose)
7 UCLA (1962 Rose)

MOST PASSES COMPLETED
Minnesota
24 vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
22 vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
20 vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
20 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
Opponent
36 Kansas (2008 Insight)
36 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)

FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED
Minnesota
5 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
5 vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
Opponent
2 Washington (1961 Rose)
4 UCLA (1962 Rose)

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED
Minnesota
3 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
Opponent
3 Arkansas (2002 Music City)

MOST YARDS PASSING
Minnesota
312 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
267 vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
Opponent
445 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
376 Oregon (2003 Sun)

FEWEST YARDS PASSING
Minnesota
51 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
75 vs. UCLA (1962 Rose)
75 vs. Alabama (2004 Music City)
Opponent
16 Washington (1961 Rose)

52 UCLA (1962 Rose)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
Minnesota
.800 vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
.667 vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
Opponent
.781 Virginia (2005 Music City)
.778 Kansas (2008 Insight)

LOWEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
Minnesota
.278 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
Opponent
.375 Clemson (1985 Independence)
.450 Arkansas (2002 Music City)

PUNTING
MOST PUNTS
Minnesota
9 vs. Maryland (1977 Hall of Fame)
7 vs. Washington State (2016 Holiday)
7 vs. Oregon (1999 Wells Fargo Sun)
Opponent
8 Washington State (2016 Holiday)
8 Oregon (1999 Sun)
8 Washington (1961 Rose)

FEWEST PUNTS
Minnesota
0 vs. vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
2 vs. Arkansas (2002 Music City)
Opponent
1 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)

KICKOFF RETURNS
MOST KICKOFF RETURNS
Minnesota
7 vs. Kansas (2008 Insight)
5 vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)
4 five tied
Opponent
8 Arkansas (2002 Music City)
7 N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)

FIRST DOWNS
MOST FIRST DOWNS
Minnesota
31 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
25 vs. Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
24 vs. Virginia (2005 Music City)
Opponent
29 Texas Tech (2006 Insight)
26 Kansas (2008 Insight)
25 Oregon (2003 Sun)

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS
Minnesota
14 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
Opponent
8 UCLA (1962 Rose)

PENALTIES
MOST PENALTIES AGAINST
Minnesota
14 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
Opponent
13 Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)

FEWEST PENALTIES AGAINST
Minnesota
1 vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
1 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
3 vs. Washington (1961 Rose)
Opponent
1 UCLA (1962 Rose)

MOST YARDS PENALIZED
Minnesota
107 vs. N.C. State (2000 MicronPC)
Opponent
135 vs. Texas Tech (2012 Meineke)

FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED
Minnesota
5 vs. Central Michigan (2015 Quick Lane)
9 vs. Iowa State (2009 Insight)
19 vs. Oregon (2003 Sun)
Opponent
5 UCLA (1962 Rose)

FUMBLES
MOST FUMBLES LOST
Minnesota
3 vs. Missouri (2015 Citrus)
Opponent
3 Clemson (1985 Independence)

FEWEST FUMBLES
Minnesota
0 six times, last vs. vs. Georgia Tech (2018 Quick Lane)
Opponent
0 seven times, last vs. Washington State (2016 Holiday)

CAREER BOWL RECORDS
RUSHING ATTEMPTS
70 Laurence Maroney, 2003-05
53 Marion Barber III, 2003-04
42 Tellis Redmon, 1999-2000
39 David Cobb, 2012-14
34 Amir Pinnix. 2006

RUSHING YARDS
345 Laurence Maroney, 2003-05
246 Tellis Redmon, 1999-2000
224 Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018
224 Marion Barber III, 2003-04
179 Amir Pinnix, 2006
172 David Cobb, 2012-14
148 Rodney Smith, 2015-16
140 Thomas Tapeh, 2002-03

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
4 Thomas Tapeh, 2002-03
2 Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018
2 Tellis Redmon, 1999-2000
2 Sandy Stephens, 1961-62
2 Jon Hoese, 2008

PASS ATTEMPTS
103 Mitch Leidner, 2013-16
71 Bryan Cupito, 2004-06
66 Adam Weber, 2008-09
54 Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2002-03

PASS COMPLETIONS
67 Mitch Leidner, 2013-16
42 Bryan Cupito, 2004-06
37 Adam Weber, 2008-09
29 Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2002-03

PASSING YARDS
815 Mitch Leidner, 2013-16
601 Bryan Cupito, 2004-06
437 Adam Weber, 2008-09
394 Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2002-03

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
7 Bryan Cupito, 2004-06
5 Mitch Leidner, 2013-16
3 Billy Cockerham, 1999

RECEPTIONS
12 Drew Wolitarsky, 2013-16
12 Maxx Williams, 2013-14
11 KJ Maye, 2012-15
11 Ernie Wheelwright, 2004-06
11 Jack Simmons, 2006-08
10 Eric Decker, 2006-08
9 Da'Jon McKnight, 2008-09
9 Tony Patterson, 2000-03
9 Ron Johnson, 1999-2000

RECEIVING YARDS
219 Drew Wolitarsky, 2013-16
190 Eric Decker, 2006-08
174 Maxx Williams, 2013-14
165 Jack Simmons, 2006-08
165 Ernie Wheelwright, 2004-06
157 Aaron Hosack, 2002-03
142 KJ Maye, 2012-15
140 Da'Jon McKnight, 2008-09

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS
2 Tyler Johnson, 2016-18
2 Maxx Williams, 2013-14
2 Ernie Wheelwright, 2004-06
2 Jared Ellerson, 2004-05
2 Ron Johnson, 1999-2000

INTERCEPTIONS
2 Briean Boddy-Calhoun, 2013-15
2 Michael Carter, 2009-12
2 Kyle Theret, 2007-10
2 Michael Lehan, 2000-02
2 Justin Isom, 2002-03

TACKLES
27 Cedric Thompson, 2012-14
22 Bruce Holmes, 1985-86
21 Antonio Johnson, 2012-14
20 Terrance Campbell, 2002-04
19 Eli Ward, 2000-03
18 Tyrone Carter, 1999
17 John Shevlin, 2004-06
16 Damien Wilson, 2013-14
15 Kim Royston, 2009

FIELD GOALS
8 Dan Nystrom, 1999-2003
3 Emmit Carpenter, 2015-18
3 Ryan Santoso, 2014-15
3 Joel Monroe, 2005-08

EXTRA POINTS
12 Joel Monroe, 2005-08
8 Dan Nystrom, 1999-2003

How Rashod Bateman represents Minnesota's rise under P.J. Fleck

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At a satellite camp with dozens of FBS coaches and hundreds of potential FBS prospects, Rashod Bateman lined up to run a 40-yard dash. Bateman had a spattering of interest when he got set, offers from a handful of Group of Five schools. But with programs like Minnesota, Texas A&M and Virginia Tech in attendance, Bateman had a chance to alter his future.

Bateman ran, and the clock flashed 4.4.

That's when Gophers head coach P.J. Fleck sidled over: "Remember what you said earlier?" Bateman did. Fleck liked what he saw, and those words represented the offer Bateman sought. Bateman told Fleck before the camp began that he'd commit if an offer came his way. His 40-time sealed that future partnership.

"At the time I didn't know much about Minnesota or know anybody in Minnesota," Bateman told 247Sports last week. "I just knew Coach Fleck and what he did at Western Michigan. I saw his pregame speeches and they really stuck out to me. … That's what young people want."

Three years later, Bateman is again running to impress Fleck. This time, it's as his star receiver. Bateman leads Minnesota with 533 receiving yards and a take-the-top-off-a-defense-fast 22.2 yards per catch, which ranks seventh nationally among qualified receivers. The sophomore is half of one the nation's most explosive one-two duos along with senior Tyler Johnson, who finished with 1,169 yards last season.

Johnson represents the upperclassmen base of No. 20 Minnesota's 6-0 start, the first Gopher team to start 6-0 since 2003. But it's Bateman, the No. 205 player in the 2018 Top247, who represents Minnesota's growing talent floor. Look at how Minnesota's rank in the 247Sports Team Talent Composite has climbed each year of Fleck's tenure:

2017: 63rd; 2018: 48th; 2019: 46th

That's an incremental but critical rise by the Gophers, the results of which are spattered across a depth chart that features nine underclassmen starters.

"Any championship team you look at, you can always connect the dots backward to recruiting," Fleck told 247Sports in 2017. "They must have had an incredible amount of recruiting success."

Bateman's recruitment and development is representative of that philosophy in real time.

Bateman finished his sophomore season as more of a basketball prospect than football recruit. His high school coach at Tift County (GA), Ashley Anders, described the 6-foot-2 receiver as "long and lanky." Bateman weighed 173 pounds as a high school senior and well under that entering his junior year. As Bateman's frame filled out, he started to perform at a high level. Bateman finished his junior season with 56 catches for 825 yards and five touchdowns.

The satellite camp represented Bateman's breakout moment in the eyes of Power Five schools; Bateman didn't have a 247Sports Composite ranking before he arrived at Mercer University for the event. It's worth noting Fleck's historically excelled with his evaluations. It's a big reason why Western Michigan went from 1-11 in his first year to 13-1 three seasons later. Bateman, who finished as a four-star prospect, is an example of a strong early evaluation. He's not the only one.

Of the 23 high school members of Minnesota's 37th-ranked 2018 class, 16 of them ranked higher in the 247Sports Composite at the end of the cycle than they did when they committed to the Gophers. Part of that is because Minnesota adds the large majority of its commitments prior to a players' senior year. But it's also a testament to Minnesota's early evaluations that their targets continue to rise into their senior seasons. An early entry into Bateman's recruitment wound up being critical.

Bateman proved so dominant as he grew into his frame that Tift County thrice called the same play for a touchdown to open its games in 2017: A deep ball to Bateman. Once, Anders walked over to his offensive coordinator after a couple of slow drives and made a request: "You know that play Rashod runs down the field and you throw a touchdown to him? Run that play." Three plays later, Bateman did exactly that.

The still skinny deep threat finished his senior season with 83 catches for 1,539 yards and 21 touchdowns in Georgia's highest classification. That highlight-worthy season attracted plenty of attention.

Ole Miss offered followed by Virginia Tech, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas A&M. Coaches rolled through Tift County hoping to speak with Bateman. Among them was Georgia head coach Kirby Smart, who happens to hold plenty of sway in the state. Smart wanted Bateman, and he made his pitch to get him to visit.

Bateman politely spurned the Bulldogs.

"Rashod had been committed to Minnesota for so long he declined to go," Anders said. "The rest is history."

Thinking back on his recruitment, Bateman remembers passing on Georgia and some of the other blueblood schools as "tough." But he had a plan. Minnesota offered early playing time and a pass-happy offense. Just as importantly, he wanted to stay loyal to the coaches who believed in him first.

"I sent a message about it's not about the team name or the hype of other schools," Bateman said. "It's about giving yourself the best opportunity for your life."

Bateman ran a straight go-route along the left sideline late in the first half against South Dakota State. The speedster blew past the Jackrabbits' corner and the closing safety wasn't going to catch him. One problem: Tanner Morgan's pass was a tick long. So Bateman stretched his left hand out to its limit: Touchdown.

"I just gave myself a chance and that's what happened," Bateman said with a laugh.

That catch was made with an unbridled joy. But Bateman entered the season with a heavy heart. His uncle, Anthony Bateman, died of a heart attack at age 52 on Aug. 3. Anthony had been a father figure for Bateman and served as an assistant coach at Tift County for 20-plus years. Rashod took the loss hard.

Sitting in the football facility when he heard the news, Bateman broke down in tears. Offensive line Brian Callahan saw Bateman first and quickly alerted wide receivers coach Matt Simon, who came downstairs to comfort his charge. Bateman remembers the message as: "This is part of life and things will be OK. But you're allowed to grieve." Bateman talked with Fleck soon after, and he echoed a similar message. Fleck made sure Bateman knew he had counseling available if it was needed and that letting his emotions show was a natural way to mourn. "We want our men to do that," Fleck said, per CBS Minnesota. "We don't want our men to hold it in."

Thinking back on that time, Bateman is thankful he had a coaching staff that not only allowed him to grieve but advocated for his mental health.

"It really means so much," Bateman said. "A lot of people think football is won in the weight room and on the field. At the same time, you win games inside your head. It's a mental game before a physical game. If you're not mentally right I don't think you'll perform at your best.

"When I was going through that (Coach Fleck) and the rest of the coaching staff being there for me and my teammates, having them by my side, is just what this culture is built upon."

To Bateman, that's the other reason as to why Minnesota is rolling in Year 3 of Fleck's tenure. Yes, Minnesota identifies talent early. Yes, the Gophers recruit those players hard and stay on them. And yes, the developmental culture is strong – Bateman's weight gains serving as an example. But to Bateman, none of those recruiting wins would be possible without a staff and head coach that's managed to continually connect with young athletes.

Thinking back to his recruitment, Bateman is confident he and other Southeastern-based players helped make Minnesota attractive to a different variety of recruits. It's why, he thinks, the Gophers 2019 class currently ranks 32nd nationally, which would be the program's best showing since 2008.31 Bateman doesn't anticipate the Gophers' rise will stop anytime soon.

"Looking at my freshman year and looking at my sophomore year, I feel like we took a big stride," Bateman said. "It's just going to continue to jump from here."

Why P.J. Fleck's latest turnaround changes narrative on him: 'He's not a quack, he may be a genius'

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As the fans poured onto the field at the University of Minnesota last weekend in the euphoric wake of the Gophers' upset of No. 4 Penn State, a generational scene unfolded. Thousands of maroon-and-gold-clad Minnesota fans melted onto the turf, drinking in a flurry of once-a-century feelings for University of Minnesota football.

Minnesota's upset improved the Gophers to 9-0 for the first time in 115 years, back when high school teams popped up on the schedule. Minnesota ranks No. 8 in the most recent College Football Playoff standings, rocketing a college football afterthought into the rarest of airs. Minnesota is having a football moment for the first time since Woodstock, forcing us to rethink everything.

"There's a euphoria and a pause in time that makes everything literally stop," Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck said by phone on Tuesday night, reflecting on the postgame scene. "There's nothing wrong in the world at that moment. It takes over your whole body."

On the College Football Playoff rankings show on Tuesday, the ESPN talking heads at one point mentioned that Minnesota can afford to lose a game and still reach the playoff. Ponder where that chestnut ranks in the lexicon of unexpected college football conversations. That's Minnesota, which hasn't won an outright Big Ten title since 1941, crashing a space reserved for blue-bloods like Alabama, Clemson or Ohio State.

Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck has made a career out of somehow taking alternate realities and turning them into current events. Minnesota is tied for the country's third-longest win streak (11), and the only surprising part about Fleck's unprecedented success is that anyone is still surprised.

The touchstone upset on Saturday afternoon represented what's become a hallmark of Fleck's seven seasons as a head coach – converts flooding to the vast spaces initially occupied by skeptics. Fleck has popped Minnesota football into a time capsule, harkening precedents from the days of Theodore Roosevelt's election, a country with only 45 states and the Wright Brothers taking flight. Along the way, he's flipped countless skeptics – including this reporter – into believers.

The victory by Minnesota on Saturday offered not just a historic victory for the program, but evidence of a pattern that can no longer be dismissed. Fleck has turned consecutive backwater football jobs – Western Michigan and Minnesota – into mainstream destinations.

If Fleck were selling real estate, this would be the equivalent of flipping Dakota property at Nantucket prices. If he were pitching stock, he'd have made BlackBerry sound like Apple.

"I stand at attention and respect," said Texas A&M basketball coach Buzz Williams, long a Fleck admirer. "I have always cheered for the guy everyone thinks is just a quack. He's not a quack, he may be a genius.

"If you study it enough, you might say, 'That's incredibly intuitive. That's lights years ahead of the way the industry is doing it.'"

Minnesota's victory offered an inflection point for divisiveness about Fleck, who has long led college coaching in dismissive comments. (One opposing staff member even burnt an oar, Fleck's program symbol, on the opposing sideline.) It takes a victory like Saturday's for an industry to realize that perhaps he's turning the unconventional into modern convention.

How Fleck wound up at Western Michigan

When Kathy Beauregard hired P.J. Fleck as the head coach at Western Michigan in December of 2012, it was greeted with a resounding befuddlement. He'd been Greg Schiano's receivers coach in Tampa Bay, and was basically only known in college circles by Rutgers recruiting junkies and die-hard Northern Illinois fans.

But Beauregard's savvy hire has proven to be this century's boldest and smartest. When she dug into the psyche of her program in the wake of the firing of Bill Cubit, she found a place that was emotionally disconnected. Two principles guided the hire. She wanted a coach she knew could connect with her son, who was then college-aged. She also called her old MAC colleague, Paul Krebs, the former athletic director at Bowling Green, and asked why he hired an unknown wide receiver coach from Notre Dame for the 2001 season. That, of course, was Urban Meyer. Krebs revealed that Urban Meyer had an uncommon ability to motivate and recruit players.

Western Michigan went 1-11 in Fleck's debut in 2013. Transfers poured out of the program and, most surprisingly, Fleck stayed defiantly himself. That's when he showed his knack for converting skeptics to believers, a theme that's woven through two historic rebuilds that have resulted in unlikely programs tasting the rarest of air.

Fleck debuted the "Row The Boat" philosophy that first season at Western Michigan and didn't deviate from it. Not when people complained that boats had nothing to do with Broncos, WMU's mascot. Not when the program looked stuck in a rut.

Fleck believed in "Row The Boat" so strongly because it was so personal. It's connected back to Fleck's son, Colt, who died soon after birth on Feb. 9, 2011. Fleck was at Rutgers as an assistant at the time, and decided then to live life for two, to attack with unbending energy and live for both he and Colt.

So he kept the slogan and kept on rowing at WMU, ducking from the derision and recruiting anyone who'd believe. That could be an under-recruited wide receiver named Corey Davis, who developed into the No. 5 pick in the NFL draft. Or it could be students on the WMU campus, as Fleck drove around and handed out Western Michigan T-shirts to all students wearing Notre Dame, Michigan or Michigan State gear.

"P.J. knows what he wants his program to look like," said Greg Schiano, who Fleck worked for at Rutgers and with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "The culture, the execution and alignment. Culture is king, and that's what drives his program."

Converting Fleck skeptics into believers

In February of 2015, I went to Kalamazoo for a National Signing Day story on Western Michigan. Somehow, Fleck had lured the MAC's top class in the wake of that 1-11 season and he was on the cusp of another historic haul. I'd spoken to him a few times before, the bursts of energy and jargon coming like assaults over the phone. He reminded me of an over-caffeinated basketball assistant.

When I showed up on a snowy winter night, the first thing that struck me about Fleck was his size. He'd starred at wide receiver in college and moonlighted two seasons on the fringes of the NFL. It was striking that this 5-foot-9 guy with a 31-inch waist had played professional football. He looked like a coxswain, sounded like a Peloton instructor and bobbed around like a steel coil of energy.

I spent the next day, from dawn to dusk, with Fleck and one of his assistant coaches – Vinson Reynolds, now at Syracuse – buzzing around metro Detroit. They ducked in and out of high schools, relaying stories of recruits rushing to Fleck to see his Happy Sock collection. The high school coaches believed, flattered by the attention and energy, appreciative of how Fleck's culture shaped the kids already there. By the end of the day, I was tired, cautiously impressed and more curious. "Here's the thing about me, you either really like me or hate me," Fleck said that day.

I stayed in the middle. But I've seen Fleck skeptics manifest themselves in different ways. Former Minnesota coach Jerry Kill, who Fleck worked under at Northern Illinois, chided Fleck for being "about himself" in an interview this summer. Coaches and players have mocked rowing the boat, with Akron going so far as to burn an oar on the sideline. The Zips proceeded to lose 41-0. What few critics mention is the more than $500,000 that Row The Boat-affiliated charities have raised for varying causes, including local children's hospitals and cancer research.

Those were extreme and insensitive moments, especially considering the oar is tied to Fleck's infant son's death. But general skepticism is relatable, as I was among the ranks until later in 2015 when I spent three days embedded with Western Michigan as they prepared to host Michigan State in the season opener.

Two moments turned my skepticism to belief. The first came on the practice field, as Fleck was bouncing around like a fifth-grader at recess. As Fleck's voice echoed from his aerobics instructor headset through Waldo Stadium, I asked an NFL scout on

the sideline what he thought. NFL scouts attend practice for a living. They can discuss the nuances of how coaches run practice with the authority of biblical scholars deconstructing the Old Testament.

Me: What do you think?

Scout: He reminds me of Urban Meyer in some aspects.

It was a little jarring to hear. And as I bumped into that scout in college press boxes and dive bars at the NFL Combine over the years, I've toasted his foresight. There are plenty of differences in Fleck and Meyer, but this struck the scout: "The total conviction to what he does. It starts with recruiting, and then the total belief in what he did."

That made sense. Recruiting always translates. So does connection. And what got me fully onboard came the next morning in a team meeting. The total belief was clearly reciprocated. I was sitting in the back row when Fleck bounded into the room and greeted the team with his trademark adrenaline shot of energy.

Fleck asked how they were doing. They chanted back "ELITE, COACH!" with such conviction I remember viscerally jostling in my chair. It felt like a religious revival meeting, and I bounced up like someone shocked the base of my spine. "Can't fake that," I thought. I called the scout this week to again compliment his projection. He chuckled at Fleck's impact three years later: "Kids at Western Michigan still say elite when you ask them how they're doing."

From there, it wasn't too hard to believe. If Fleck channeled his energy into recruiting – the most important aspect for any program – and connection, the ultimate motivator, it didn't really matter how unconventional it looked or sounded. And particularly, what anyone else said. After all, even talking about Western Michigan, which never won a bowl game before Fleck's arrival, was an ultimate compliment.

Soon enough, unconventional became convention. Dabo Swinney brought Clemson to the College Football Playoff title game after the 2015 season with a similar philosophical overlay – recruit hard, sell the program and leave the coordinating to the coordinators. It all looks and sounds different, but the same themes are unfolding at LSU, where Ed Orgeron has the Tigers No. 1 in the country through a blend of recruiting, motivation and vision. Football is changing, and part of the derision toward Fleck was because he was so far ahead of the curve.

"I think it's very much a trend, and Dabo is incredibly intentional about it," said a prominent Division I athletic director. "They manage the coaching staff, be a very effective public face and beat the hell out of recruiting."

Why Fleck's approach has worked

Minnesota basketball coach Richard Pitino greeted Fleck with similar skepticism when he arrived on campus. Pitino remembers leaving the building one night and running into Fleck, who immediately made Pitino know how he was doing: "ELITE!"

Pitino remembers thinking to himself as he got in his car: "Am I going to have to listen to this every time I see this guy? Not only is it annoying, but it's grammatically incorrect."

Pitino's roots in the Northeast trend him toward cynical. So you can imagine his reaction when Fleck moved in on the same street. But after a few nights smoking cigars and sipping wine at his backyard fire pit, Pitino warmed to Fleck. Richard and Jill Pitino have grown close to P.J. and Heather Fleck, and the Pitinos have gone through familiar phases of understanding the P.J. Fleck experience: Skepticism to acceptance to full embrace.

"You're not going to like him if you don't know him yourself," Pitino said by phone Tuesday. "But that's the way that he is all the time. He's relentlessly positive. He's a lot more real than you'd think he'd be."

Pitino said there are parts of Fleck's coaching mindset that overlap with his father, Hall of Famer Rick Pitino.

"They're both insanely confident in their plan," Richard Pitino said. "When you start to coach for a while, you realize there's a million different ways to do it. You have to believe in what you're doing. That's what I've taken most from P.J., he believes in it and knows how to sell it."

Long before Fleck became a reality TV star or popped up on the College Football Playoff rankings show, Buzz Williams reached out to Fleck. Williams is a former NAIA manager whose only silver spoons came atop dining hall trays. He reached out to Fleck in 2015, flew up to visit him and the two have remained close.

"I understand guys that only have one chance," Williams said. "And with their one chance, they're so convicted by the fact that this is the only way it will work. It's not a gimmick, it's literally who he is. It's how he lives his life.

"He didn't make it because … of his search-firm relationships. He took this bad job [at Western Michigan] that no one else wanted, and now they're playing in the Cotton Bowl."

Williams says he tracks coaches who he considers "pioneers," those not blessed with connections or a network that makes for a linear path through the business. Williams howled at the skeptics who said Fleck's success wouldn't translate from Western Michigan to Minnesota. And he's rolling his eyes at the folks pointing out the Big Ten West is down.

"Just say 'Much respect,'" Williams said. "That's the end. No more conversation needed."

This week, fans began lining up 90 minutes before Fleck's radio show. They related stories about rowing their own boat, from fighting cancer to enduring the death of a child. Fleck has emerged as a beacon of hope and inspiration in Minnesota, signs the conversation is indeed changing.

Still, No. 8 Minnesota is a three-point underdog at No. 20 Iowa on Saturday. Skeptics remains, but there's always room in the boat for converts.

P.J. Fleck takes full advantage of a chance to earn validation at Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS — One hour and 55 minutes after all of the delirium, P.J. Fleck sinks into a sofa chair inside his stadium office just outside the locker room and tries to process everything that just happened in this building.

Not just No. 17 Minnesota's scintillating 31-26 upset of No. 4 Penn State or the TCF Bank Stadium field storming that this victory commissioned. Not just the Golden Gophers' 9-0 start, their first in more than a century. Not just the opportunities that remain ahead of his program: the very real chance to win the Big Ten West in the coming weeks and make it to Indianapolis for next month's league title game.

No, the way the 38-year-old Fleck sees it, all of this — the "Row the Boat" mantra, the large contingent of Gophers alumni in the locker room after the game, the sweet contract extension he agreed to five days ago — is about matters much bigger than football.

"Well, that's what Row the Boat's all about, right? It's about everybody getting in the boat, making the boat bigger and rowing together — same direction, same speed, same efficiency," Fleck says amid a small gathering of friends and family. "Even if you don't like football, I think you'd really love our culture. And I think that's where this is starting to grow. People might not even be football fans, but with (my wife) Heather's work at Masonic Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House, I mean, we're gaining so many more fans of not only just University of Minnesota football, but the Row the Boat culture inside the University of Minnesota football, and I think that's what's really big about this.

"And then connecting it to former players and getting them to see that we're here for them. Our staff, Heather, myself, our coaches, I mean, we took the job for them. We have no ties to Minnesota. We took it to bring back one of the most historical football programs in the country back to them."

Comments like these will surely set off another round of doubters from those who tuned into Minnesota football for the first time all season this weekend and wondered what the heck is up with that hyperkinetic coach and all of those funky sayings. After this, though, after Fleck's visualization materialized and this metropolis was blanketed with excitement over a football program that has not won a Big Ten title in 52 years, this day may also lend validation to all those phrases and promises, and perhaps turn a few skeptics around along the way.

An hour earlier, Fleck had spent part of his postgame press conference essentially throwing his hands up in the air and asking why more folks don't try things his way. ("Just maybe — just maybe — our Row the Boat 'different' might be the way, and maybe we're just ahead of the game.") By the time he settles into his office and is asked if he hopes days and programs like this one inspire more coaches to think in the manner he does, he goes straight to the point.

"I hope so," he begins, "because I think if you don't do that with the way the game is changing, with the way the (name, image and likeness) is going to change college football, the way when all the legality gets in college football, I think if you don't have something that's just bigger than the game and the money, it's going to turn into professional football, which again, this is still collegiate athletics."

Which means that there were scenes like Saturday's, where a sea of students converged at midfield and followed Gophers players to the northwest corner of the end zone to claim the Governor's Victory Bell, this game's rivalry trophy.

Where a security microphone that had gotten its signals crossed and hummed from the madness on the field and into the press elevator the message: "It's the biggest party I've ever been at!"

And, yes, where the stadium roared louder than usual beforehand as the students started a "P.J." chant while their coach was introduced by the public-address announcer.

There were challenges to create this moment, to be sure. Fleck did not become the youngest head coach in the country and take Western Michigan to the Cotton Bowl out of thin air, and getting this town to understand that this would be a process was the hard part in the two-and-a-half years before this season.

But that is also why, away from the hubbub and back in Fleck's office, Zach Terrell and Michael Henry sit here in this intimate postgame gathering. Both played for Fleck during all four of his seasons in Kalamazoo. Both experienced plenty of ups and downs, personally and professionally. Both are thriving in the real world now and wanted to be here for the Gophers' moment in the sun.

"Heather and I have four children of our own, which are the most important children in our entire lives, but we've committed our entire life to raising other people's children," Fleck says, adding: "That's what the Row the Boat culture is all about. It's about connecting for life. It's a lifestyle. And if there's two guys who were tested in the Row the Boat culture in the infant stages, it was these two."

He says this while sitting beneath a large family portrait, across from a wall bearing other family mementos that tie his family's themes together with his program's. He wears a navy Timberwolves hoodie shirt that he received from Wolves coach Ryan Saunders, the same top he wore to his team meeting inside a hotel ballroom on the outskirts of the city the night before.

"Every time he comes home, he's got Timberwolves stuff on," Heather Fleck says. "He's like: 'Just supporting my man.'"

Saunders, a Minnesota alum, wore a maroon suit for Friday's win against the Warriors. When Fleck got to his phone after Saturday's victory, one of the first texts he received came from Saunders, who asked if he could show Fleck off courtside for Sunday's Wolves game against the Nuggets.

Fleck has other plans for Sunday, though. The former sixth-grade social studies teacher always takes time the day after a game to show his players a video lesson of historical events that resonate with that week's game.

Minnesota is 9-0 overall and 6-0 in the Big Ten heading into Iowa next week. The Gophers have not been 9-0 since 1904. What kind of archives could Fleck possibly summon for a history video from 115 years ago?

As it turns out, that is a dangerous question.

"Gosh, I mean, it might have to be like the Cornelius Vanderbilt days," he says. "It's gonna have to be Rockefeller. It's gonna have to be Carnegie, J.P. Morgan. I might have to talk about the banks. I might have to talk about the dirty water, the street sweepers, the men on white horses that developed our sanitation system in New York City."

Heather chimes in, laughing at the absurdity of her husband's memory: "Why'd you get him started?"

"Next question," Terrell says.

But he's still going.

"I know there's a lot of things that were leading up — the issues Europe was having," Fleck continues. "It doesn't take me long to get ready. Just give me an era, and I can go. But there's a lot of things we'll develop."

"You can tell him to stop," Heather adds. "We wanna get out of here at some point."

Finally, they are off on their way toward a little celebration at their house Saturday night, with Fleck's thoughts already drifting toward Sunday's speech.

His audience may be a little different going forward. All eyes in the Big Ten West, for a change, are North.

Rising Star Coach P.J. Fleck Proving He's More Than Antics with 8-0 Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS — P.J. Fleck is having an elite morning. Not just good. Not just great. "Elite," he says.

He's dressed elite, too. Not like the football coach at Minnesota, days away from the most important game of his career—drenched in a team hoodie or pullover. But more like a lawyer or a stockbroker.

His crisp long-sleeve white dress shirt with bright blue buttons snugly hugs his athletic frame. It's complemented by a red and blue striped tie that seems to glow under his office lighting. To cap off the look, he wears fashionable blue dress pants and a brown belt. A trendy watch that pulls the ensemble together.

It's fitting that Fleck is donning this outfit a day before his new seven-year, $33.25 million contract with the school is announced—and one day after Florida State fired head coach Willie Taggart, prompting a slew of rumors surrounding Fleck's future to flow freely.

Not that the contract will stop the rumors entirely. "That energy and his history of winning and putting programs in a positive light without off-field issues is very attractive," one prominent agent tells B/R, noting that there are a handful of programs that won't be scared off by Fleck's $10 million buyout.

But for now, Fleck is committed and isn't going anywhere.

"I mean what I say," he says of the speculation, knowing the news that awaits. "I expect to be here a very long time. When you don't have a right fit, the marriage doesn't last long. We just saw an example of that down south."

Few coaches have ascended college football as swiftly and boisterously as the 38-year-old Fleck has over the past five years. In 2013, his first year as a head coach, Western Michigan finished with a record of 1-11. In 2016, he and the Broncos were 13-1.

After being named the head coach at Minnesota that offseason, Fleck's program finished 5-7 in year one. Now, smack-dab in the middle of year three, the Golden Gophers are 8-0. On Saturday, Minnesota will take on also-unbeaten Penn State in one of the most momentous games the program has ever been a part of.

In all of its history, Minnesota has never had a coach like this. His voice booms with conviction no matter the topic. In one moment, he's explaining the challenge of moving the ball against Penn State's front seven. In the next, he's exploring his love of history and the concept of time.

He injects words like "elite" so naturally and frequently into the conversation, you start to question why you aren't doing the same. He doesn't just ooze optimism and confidence; it's exploding from him at all times.

"I'm not for everybody," he acknowledges. "And when you're a leader, you know you're not going to be for everybody. You have to be OK with not being for everybody when you're a leader. And if you are for everybody, you're not leading."

From a distance, it would be easy to believe it's an act. No coach dresses like this on an off day. The person we see in press conferences can't possibly be this way at all hours.

But those close to Fleck, many of whom have been around him since he began coaching, will attest to his authenticity. Like most, perhaps they had their doubts at first. But as the expectations and paychecks have grown, Fleck hasn't changed who he is.

"I thought there was no way he could be like this all the time," says Kirk Ciarrocca, Minnesota's offensive coordinator who first worked with Fleck at Rutgers in 2010. "But after we were around him for about a month, we realized that's who he was. And then I started asking him a lot of questions. What were your parents like? How did they bring you up?

"Cuz I'm curious … how do you end up like this?"

Every item in Fleck's office has meaning, although the painting of John F. Kennedy positioned on the wall over his right shoulder, nestled between the College GameDay and Cotton Bowl wall decor, is particularly noteworthy.

In the painting, Kennedy's arms are crossed. His head is facing downward toward the ground.

"That was after the Bay of Pigs invasion," Fleck says. "And it obviously didn't go well. As a leader, there are choices you have, and you make them every day. There are times when things go really well and others when they don't. But you can't stop. And every choice you make, you learn from it."

On the wall farthest from his desk, near the entryway, is his leadership wall. Kennedy's face can be found again. He is in one of murals, along with former presidents Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Barack Obama.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi and Rosa Parks are also featured, as are Oprah Winfrey and Steve Jobs and others. When he has recruits in his office, Fleck is often curious just how many people on the wall they can name.

Near the ceiling on one side of his office, "I AM DOING ELITE WORK, I WILL NOT COME DOWN" is written in all-caps—spanning from his desk to the entryway. On his desk, a piece of white-colored wood with the message "Positive Attracts Positive" faces toward his guest chairs.

Some of the messaging is direct. Some, implied, like the hand-drawn picture of a Great White Shark.

"A goldfish waits to be fed," Fleck says, explaining its meaning to him. "A shark goes and eats anything in the ocean at any moment. It's never full. It's always attacking."

Perhaps the most meaningful items to Fleck in the room, though, are tucked away on a shelf largely out of sight. Four action figures from his childhood stand side by side. The figurines, which include Superman and Captain America, are gifts from his mother. Each year, she sends him one for Christmas.

Life is much different than it used to be for Fleck, who grew up in Sugar Grove, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. But the gifts are a reminder of where he comes from.

"If you asked my mom and dad, I was involved in every activity known to man," he says. "Boy Scouts, pottery class, gymnastics, band, choir and every sport you can imagine. I loved everything. I wanted to do it all. And I think that's part of the energy I have right now."

But the items that unquestionably take up the most space inside his office are footballs. Fleck has a game ball from all 50 of his wins, each labeled with the opponent, score and other memorable tidbits. Depending on the visitor, the balls will be strategically placed in certain sight lines.

He points out the ball marked October 11, 2014. That one changed Fleck's life. In his second year at Western Michigan, the Broncos were down 21 points during the second quarter against Ball State. They came from behind to win 42-38 and went on to win their next five games.

"I don't want people to forget the way that this program made them feel," he says of the game balls. "I don't want them to forget how this program changed their life. And that takes the players doing that, not me. It takes the players living that type of lifestyle."

In the center of the room is his proudest ball from Minnesota to date, although a win on Saturday would alter the hierarchy.

After losing six of eight games in 2018, the Gophers closed the regular season at Wisconsin on November 24. Fleck's team won convincingly, 37-15, securing the Paul Bunyan's Axe rivalry trophy for the first time in 15 years.

In the process, Minnesota became bowl-eligible. It has not lost a game since

Tanner Morgan never thought he would wind up at the University of Minnesota. The Gophers' starting quarterback, who has accounted for 19 touchdowns and only four interceptions this season, was set on attending Western Michigan as a senior in high school. From the first day he met Fleck, he knew this was the coach he wanted to play for.

The morning Fleck called and told him he was leaving for Minnesota, Morgan flipped his commitment. He knew little about the program. In fact, he had never been to the state.

He knew it was cold. That was about it. But hours later, he committed to Fleck at his new school.

"I was just blown away with how real and passionate he is about life and football," Morgan says. "It was a no-brainer to me. There was no other coach I'd rather play for."

For Fleck, recruiting has always come naturally. The passion won't resonate with every 18-year-old like it did with Morgan, nor does he expect it to. But Fleck doesn't change who he is, whether it helps or hurts his chances of securing a commitment.

At Western Michigan, Ciarrocca, who served as Fleck's offensive coordinator, identified the unique quality early on. He anticipated that other programs and coaches would proclaim to recruits that Fleck is fake or over-the-top. To counter that, they devised a very simple strategy.

"They can't attack his energy, and they can't attack his messages," Ciarrocca says. "So they attack him. The number one thing we've learned is to get the people around him as much as possible, so they can make their own judgment."

Matt Simon didn't need multiple encounters to know what Fleck was about. In fact, the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator at Minnesota changed his career path not long after Fleck came into his life.

The two first met at Northern Illinois in 2007. Simon was a wide receiver, and Fleck joined the program to coach the wideouts. After spending time as a graduate assistant at Ohio State, this was Fleck's first job as an assistant.

"To be honest, that's why I got into coaching," Simon says. "It was him. At the time, I was a business major, and coaching wasn't even anything I thought I would ever do. But I watched him change us. I always said when I was done playing, I want to be able to do that for other people."

The significance of Saturday's game doesn't show on his face or in his body language. Having a lucrative new long-term contract in place can't hurt, but mostly: This is just the kind of week Fleck has been waiting for.

His style and personality were built for moments like this one. When the hype and optimism are delivered every day, Saturdays of this magnitude feel smaller.

"This is a huge game," he says. "Don't get me wrong. One of the biggest games of my career, of University of Minnesota's existence. But again, it's a game. It's 60 minutes. If we play our style of football, we have a chance. If we get away from our style football, we don't have a chance."

Leading up to the Penn State game, Fleck did not deny the obvious like other coaches might. Instead, he talked through his 8-0 record with his team. They embraced it together.

"You can't ignore those things with young people," he says. "You can't ignore it when you're on the way to success, because you'll always feel that it's not good enough. You've got to celebrate where you've come from to get to where you really want to be."

A win over Penn State would be the defining moment in Fleck's young coaching career. It would validate Minnesota's season in a way some have refused to do, citing the team's favorable schedule as its primary reason for being unbeaten.

That's at least one way to look at it. To Fleck, this is the new normal. Win or lose. The hope is that years from now, games of this stature will be regular occurrences. With the speculation over his future at the school in the rear view, at least for the time being, the next step is to bottle what has transpired over the past two months and carry it forward.

No matter what happens, it will look different. It will sound different. Not because Fleck wants it to be, but because it's who he is and how he leads. It might not be for you—it's certainly not for everyone. But given where it's brought him, there's no reason to change now.

How Tanner Morgan became the perfect QB for Minnesota's unlikely 8-0 start

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MINNEAPOLIS — The call came at the literal and proverbial last minute, on the eve of Tanner Morgan's high school graduation party, two days before he had planned to pack up the car and drive to Kalamazoo, Mich.

On the line that January morning was P.J. Fleck, the coach Morgan loved and trusted who had convinced him to go to Western Michigan to play quarterback. Fleck told him he was accepting an offer to become the head coach at Minnesota, a big step up from the MAC to the Big Ten for Fleck. And decidedly not Kalamazoo.

"I immediately called him and re-offered him," Fleck says. "I said, 'Do you want to come?' and he's like, 'I'm coming.' I said, 'Do you want to come to the school and visit first?' He's like, 'Nope.' "

Fleck tried once more to impress upon Morgan the seriousness of what he was saying. Did he want to talk to his parents first?

"Nope, they're on the line," Morgan replied. "You're on speaker."

Morgan's room was totally packed up. The car was pretty much ready. He was planning to leave right after his graduation party — which was decked out with Western Michigan flags and various decorations. His mother had ordered cookies from a local bakery that had a "W" on them … and just flipped them upside down so they looked like an "M" instead.

Six days later, Morgan was in Minneapolis as an early enrollee freshman quarterback for the Golden Gophers.

"The first time I was in Minnesota was when I enrolled," he says. "I didn't know anything about the state. But, I mean, it was definitely God working and putting me here for a reason. Extremely grateful that Coach gave me that opportunity."

Fleck never worried about the caliber of player he was recruiting to a MAC school translating to the Power 5. He'd built the highest-rated class in the MAC for four consecutive seasons and always felt like he was attracting and developing players who could play at the P5 level. So there wasn't a second of hesitation about asking Morgan to come up to the Twin Cities with him — same goes for any of the other members of the class of 2018 he re-offered. Seven previous Western Michigan commits in total enrolled early at Minnesota that year.

It's easy to wonder where Minnesota might have been had Morgan not believed in Fleck so much that he committed sight unseen and had he not been here when an injury vaulted him into the starting role. Probably not 8-0 for the first time since 1941 and No. 17 in the year's first College Football Playoff rankings. Probably not protecting a two-game lead in the Big Ten West. Probably not believing it can win Saturday's highly anticipated matchup against unbeaten No. 4 Penn State.

At 6-2, 215 and balding — he cracks jokes about his (lack of) hair often and his aesthetic that can be summed up as "middle-aged man" — Morgan is perhaps the most unlikely face of a most unlikely unbeaten Power 5 team. And to reach this point, it all started with that phone call.

"It's one of the greatest stories I tell people," Fleck says, "because it's a story of faith, belief and doing something that scares the heck out of you."

Morgan has always been hard on himself. Sometimes too hard, if you ask those around him.

But it's that self-evaluation and introspection that have been hallmarks of his development as a quarterback, dating all the way back to the camps he went to as a middle schooler.

"I want to be, but you can't be a perfectionist playing quarterback because not everything's going to be perfect," Morgan says. "Something that I've definitely had to understand to take the good and the bad from it … but I want to be the best I can every single day, no matter what happens. If I throw four picks or if I throw 87 touchdowns — obviously that's never going to happen — but it's always about having the mindset that I want to be the best I can be not for me, but for my teammates."

Morgan says his desire for perfection is something he's fought since high school and at Minnesota. He knows he has to be able to shake off a negative play in order to step up and make the next play. "It's definitely a skill you have to develop because it's extremely important," he says.

One of the mantras of the culture Fleck has built at Minnesota helps in this regard. Fleck and his staff define "failing" as "growing." So Morgan has failed a lot. And he'll continue to fail a lot.

Fleck set a goal when he got to Minnesota that he would have a quarterback who completed 70 percent or more of his passes. That's what he felt like he needed to win here.

"You set something so high you know they can't obtain it," Fleck says. "I remember people in my first year saying, like, 'Come on. Coach, we haven't had that in forever at Minnesota.' I said, 'Well, that's what it's going to take. If we don't have it, then we're not going to win the games we never have. And within one year, we completely flipped our quarterback room.

"You get what you demand. As long as you're there to teach them positively and there to catch them when they fall and then push them even more when they succeed to set the bar even higher … then you are going to continue to grow."

Morgan is not completing 70 percent of his passes this season, so technically he is failing and he is growing, with something to shoot for. He's at 65.3 percent, good for 28th among FBS quarterbacks. Morgan's career completion percentage of 62.2 percent currently puts him first in school history (minimum 300 attempts).

But even if it's not accuracy, there's always something in each practice or game that can be considered a failure. After making history against Purdue when he completed 21-of-22 passes for 396 yards and four touchdowns, the best completion percentage in Big Ten history for a quarterback with at least 15 attempts in a game, Morgan nitpicked his performance and said he walked into a couple of sacks.

"When you have an overachiever, nothing's ever good enough," Fleck says. "Whenever they reach a goal or a vision, they're on to the next one. They're never satisfied, which can be a crutch and a disease, or it can be something that elevates you to unique heights. What we do with him is, yes, he's an overachiever. He's got high expectations. But we also appreciate the moments.

"With overachievers, you've got to get them to appreciate the really, really special times and get them to celebrate and put an end mark to that achievement, where they celebrate it. Now they can move on. If all those achievements run together, that's what you fear."

So even if it's just for a few minutes on a Sunday afternoon before turning the page to the next week's opponent, Fleck and his staff make sure Morgan celebrates the good. And with a 12-2 record as a starter at Minnesota alongside a star-studded receiving corps, there's been a lot of good to celebrate.

Says running back Rodney Smith, "He's never satisfied."

Kirk Ciarrocca has been Fleck's offensive coordinator since 2013, and he's the one who finds his quarterbacks. Ciarrocca has a particularly good eye for what Fleck refers to as "the intangible part."

Ciarrocca and Fleck have to look deeper than a quarterback prospect's natural ability because, both at Western Michigan and now at Minnesota, they're usually not dealing with five-star recruits. They're looking for people that fit their culture and a skill set they can develop.

"He's a kid from Kentucky that had Louisville and had all these people, a lot of coaches, telling them he'd never play in the Power 5 because he wasn't the biggest guy," Fleck says. "I wasn't the biggest guy, either. So he and I clicked immediately when I met him. Kirk had told me I was going to love this kid because he's an overachiever. And I love overachievers."

Morgan says the college offers slowed midway through his career at Ryle High School as coaches realized he might not be growing too much more. "I wouldn't grow," he says. "Well, maybe half an inch." Bigger schools started to look elsewhere.

He didn't know much at all about Western Michigan when he received a direct message on Twitter from Ciarrocca. Morgan was grateful for the offer but knew very little about the program, from its mascot to its location. Once he began to build a

rapport with Fleck, everything started to come into focus. Although he'd promised his father he felt no pressure to commit on the spot, Morgan committed on the spot during his visit to Kalamazoo.

"It was bigger than football," Morgan says. "That's what I wanted."

And so he committed to Fleck, and Fleck remained committed to him, even after the jump to Minnesota. Morgan enrolled early in January 2017, redshirted that first year and entered a quarterback competition with true freshman walk-on Zack Annexstad last August that would stretch all the way through fall camp.

And Annexstad won the job.

"You could ask my wife, Heather, and she'd tell you, it was the hardest decision I've ever had to make as a head coach in terms of roster management," Fleck says. He says at the end of camp, Morgan and Annexstad were virtually tied, a slight 51-49 edge as Fleck would describe it, due to a few physical traits that Annexstad had that Morgan didn't. He and Ciarrocca had also graded both quarterbacks each day in camp and pulled all of that data, evaluating which quarterback won each day. Annexstad had the slight edge, so he got the nod. But Minnesota knew it would need Morgan, too.

Unlike some of his peers who come out on the wrong side of a quarterback competition, Morgan never considered leaving. Even when friends from home kept asking if he would.

"I didn't want to do that to my teammates first and foremost," he says. "We're in this age of quarterbacks where if you don't play, just leave and you'll find instant happiness (somewhere else). We live in an instant gratification world, but it's unrealistic. I don't mean to get on a soap box."

He says he understood he wasn't the right guy for the job at the time, and he's thankful that he'd grown in his faith by that point as well.

Morgan says he also learned how to prepare as if he were the starter as Annexstad took the reins during the first half of the 2018 season. Annexstad went 3-4 in seven stars, playing through a high ankle sprain until he suffered an internal midsection injury against Nebraska in October. Morgan stepped in and the Gophers went 4-2 down the stretch, including a blowout win at Wisconsin and a Quick Lane Bowl win over Georgia Tech.

Annexstad, now on scholarship, was expected to compete with Morgan again in fall camp to determine the 2019 starter. But he suffered a serious foot injury just three days into camp, meaning Morgan would be the guy.

"He responded (to not winning the starting job in 2018) exactly how I thought Tanner Morgan would respond," Fleck says. "Immediately, when I told him, it was complete disappointment. Not hatred towards me or hatred towards anybody else. Not blaming anybody else. Took 100 percent accountability, responsibility for it and came out the next day and practiced his tail off. That's why he's in a position he is now. If he would have gone into a tailspin, there's no way we'd beat Purdue last year. There's no way we beat Wisconsin at Wisconsin first time in 30 years. There's no way that we beat Indiana, and there's no way we win our bowl game.

"That's why we recruited him. And that's why you see us having success now, because it's not just him. That (attitude) is infectious to everybody on this football team."

It's also allowed him to become a relatively young leader on a team with just 12 seniors. He's gained the respect of his teammates through his work ethic and willingness to self-correct. Smith says the team knows when he's in the room; Morgan's voice carries that much weight.

Coaches enjoy him, too. As Ciarrocca put it recently, "You don't have to go into this six-paragraph explanation about what's wrong with the thing. You just show him and he agrees with you. And let's go."

That makes it fun for everyone. Morgan knows how tiny he looks behind a bulky offensive line that features a 6-9, 400-pound offensive tackle in Daniel Faalele. (Faalele gets recognized around campus, obviously, Morgan says, whereas "I look like a normal dude who is bald.") But it's emblematic of something larger: that Morgan doesn't mind ceding the spotlight to his teammates. He happily talks about getting the ball to his playmakers, from Smith and his complementary running backs to elite receivers Rashod Bateman and Tyler Johnson, who both seem destined to play on Sundays.

And it doesn't matter that other schools overlooked Morgan, or that it took injuries to open up this opportunity to shine. Even if he's not what you'd envision if you closed your eyes and imagined the quarterback of an 8-0 Big Ten contender in November.

"It's hard for people to get the typical, prototypical idea of a quarterback out of their minds — that he's 6-4 with an absolute cannon for an arm who can stand in the pocket and deliver the ball," Morgan says. "Really, offenses aren't like that anymore. Kyler Murray is 5-10, but he's one of the most electrifying players in college football history."

There's no resentment in Morgan's voice as he talks about the people and schools who passed on him simply because he stopped growing. He instead prefers to focus on what Fleck saw in him years ago.

It's why he told Fleck he would come with him to Minnesota without hesitation, and without seeing the campus or the city. As Fleck says, it's a story of a player's belief in his coach. And what's happened since is a story of a coach's faith in his player.

How P.J. Fleck rebuilt Minnesota football using batting doughnuts, 'The Dig' and the Nekton mentality

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It has been 78 years since Minnesota football last started a season this well.

At 8-0, the 17th-ranked Golden Gophers are off to their best start since that 1941 season, when they won a national title. They're 5-0 in the Big Ten for the first time since 1961, and hold a two-game lead in the West Division. If No. 1 LSU vs. No. 2 Alabama weren't also happening this Saturday, Minnesota's game against No. 4 Penn State (noon ET on ABC), would top the Week 11 marquee. It's still Minnesota's most anticipated home contest in decades.

Before the recent surge, Minnesota's national relevance had been limited to P.J. Fleck, its 38-year-old spark plug coach -- and owner of a new seven-year contract -- and the messaging that covers every corner of his program. Most college football fans know Fleck and "Row the Boat," the program's ubiquitous motto. There's probably less knowledge of "The Dig" (experiencing the grind of the first 18-20 months in Fleck's program) or Nekton mentality -- that players should model their way of thinking after those aquatic creatures that move independently of the currents.

Is it necessary? When a program that last won a league title in 1967 finally looks like a contender, should the focus be anywhere else but between the lines? On this point, Fleck and his players are emphatic: The football and the messaging don't diverge, even when there's finally reason to take notice of the former.

"Everything's connected," Fleck recently told ESPN. "How we live our life is going to be how we play. It sounds like a lot of slogans and all this other stuff. It's really not. It's very well connected, it's very organized, it's a very detailed culture, there's a standard, and that standard can't be compromised in any area of your life."

That brings us to the baseball bat in Fleck's office.

Fleck devotes most of his day to finding fresh motivational tools for the players.

"Whatever's new today is old within an hour," he said. "Like, old, old." But after Minnesota improved to 7-0, Fleck brought a symbol from his past to Minnesota's 36-player leadership council.

"He gave us the word: doughnuts," senior defensive end Carter Coughlin said.

Added quarterback Tanner Morgan: "Not Krispy Kreme or Dunkin' Donuts, but doughnuts you put on a bat."

Fleck introduced the bat at Western Michigan in 2016. Each time the Broncos won, he added a weighted doughnut with the opponent's name, and positives and negatives from the game. The bat ended up with 13 doughnuts, as Western Michigan reached the Cotton Bowl before falling to Wisconsin.

Here's his thinking: The bat represents the program. The on-deck circle, where weighted bats are swung, represents preparation for each game. Each added doughnut represents knowledge, but also pressure.

"We want them to understand that pressure's a good thing," Fleck said. "If you've having pressure, that means your life is significant, because people expect something from you."

Minnesota's bat, now carrying eight doughnuts, appears at every practice and team meeting. But when the Penn State game kicks off, Fleck wants his players to perform unburdened.

"To the average person, the bat is getting heavier and heavier, and getting harder to swing," Morgan said. "But to us, it's more pressure. We talk about how pressure is always earned. You put that pressure on yourself throughout the week, and before you go play, put that bat on the ground, take those doughnuts off and you're swinging that bat like it's a feather."

Coughlin isn't a yes-man. He's the type to question, research and personally verify everything before absorbing it.

"I have a tough time instantly believing stuff," he said.

When Fleck arrived in 2017, Coughlin questioned the coach's messages and methods. Minnesota was coming off of a 9-4 season -- its most wins since 2003 -- and a Holiday Bowl win. Coughlin had been a solid freshman contributor (25 tackles, two sacks) and, in his mind, an aspiring leader.

"He told me my leadership was terrible and the leadership on the team was terrible, and when I see what it's actually supposed to be, I'll look back," Coughlin said. "I thought he was full of it. Looking back where I'm at right now and where a lot of guys on the team are where right now, it's night and day different."

Although Minnesota had been winning before Fleck showed up, the team threatened to boycott the Holiday Bowl after the university suspended 10 players during a sexual assault investigation. Coach Tracy Claeys tweeted his support for the players, a factor in his eventual dismissal.

"Any time there's a boycott, that's complete separation," Fleck said. "You've got a team that, wins aside, is completely divided, somehow, some way. When you're walking into that, just like our first team meeting, not every player showed up."

Fleck knew "The Dig" would take time at Minnesota, just as it did at Western Michigan, which finished 1-11 in his first season. The Row the Boat approach targets four areas of development, only one of which is athletics. A complete commitment is required.

The roster changed in those months, but key older players stayed -- Coughlin, wide receiver Tyler Johnson, linebacker Thomas Barber, running back Rodney Smith -- and more of Fleck's recruits arrived.

"It's people that have really chosen to be part of this," said Gerrit Chernoff, the Minnesota program's general manager, "and then you start adding some special wins. It shows, 'OK, we are all-in, we see it working, we see it changing our lives.'"

The on-field results didn't surface until late last season. Minnesota chopped Wisconsin 37-15 in Madison, reclaiming Paul Bunyan's Axe for the first time in 15 years. A 24-point bowl win followed. When the Gophers assembled in January, Fleck saw "complete focus and commitment," a team finally ready for players to direct. Minnesota's leadership council meetings have become more discussion than lecture.

"It's easy to let coaches demand things," Coughlin said. "Right now, it's 100 percent on the players. If anything, it's the coaches saying, 'We need to tone this down.'"

As for the team on the field, Minnesota plays complementary football. The defense ranks ninth nationally against the pass (166.4 yards per game allowed), sixth in interceptions per pass attempt (4.8%) and 13th in yards allowed (283.8 YPG). Coordinator Joe Rossi, whom Fleck promoted midway through the 2018 season, has made upgrades.

The offense averages 35.8 points. Minnesota boasts two standout receivers in Johnson and Rashod Bateman, who are featured in a pass attack that ranks sixth nationally in yards per attempt (10.34), behind only Oklahoma, LSU, Alabama, Navy and Air Force. The Gophers also have a proven rusher in Smith and a starting offensive line that weighs a combined 1,700 pounds.

"P.J. is 38 years old, and everyone's expecting all this fast-paced offense," Chernoff said. "That's not what we are. We're a control-the-clock, throwback football team. We're very disciplined. We don't have many penalties. We understand situations."

Fleck, who as a young coach worked under Jim Tressel and Greg Schiano, says he believes more college football games are lost than won. Minnesota's on-field philosophy is hooked around a win probability: 78%. It's a team's likelihood of winning when holding edges in turnover margin, missed tackles vs. broken tackles, and explosive plays generated vs. explosive plays allowed.

During nonconference play, Minnesota drifted between 78% and its counterpart, the dreaded 22%. The Gophers had more turnovers than Fresno State when they played the Bulldogs, but still won in two overtimes -- one of four single-digit wins to begin the season.

"It wasn't a wake-up call, but it brought complete validity to that 78%," Fleck said, "because in those three games, we were flirting in that 22nd percentile. Our last five games, we've won the 78% battle."

The Gophers have defeated their past four Big Ten opponents by a combined score of 168-41. They've scored 28 points or more in their first eight games for the first time since 1904, when they opened with a 107-0 win over Twin Cities Central High School. Minnesota hasn't played a taxing schedule, but one could argue that fellow unbeatens Alabama, Clemson and Baylor haven't either. Penn State begins a revealing stretch for the Gophers, which includes No. 18 Iowa (road) and No. 13 Wisconsin (home).

"It's a really big game because of what's on the line," Fleck said. "We're doing things that haven't been done since World War II. When you've started to do things like that, people take notice."

Many will get their first glimpse of Minnesota on Saturday. They'll see an improved product on the field. They'll also see the cultural markings that follow Fleck and the Gophers everywhere -- by design.

"If there's stuff that doesn't add up, it wouldn't work," Coughlin said. "Everything needs to be interconnected, intertwined. Everything relates back to the 'Row the Boat' culture.

"We know exactly who we are, and who we need to be."