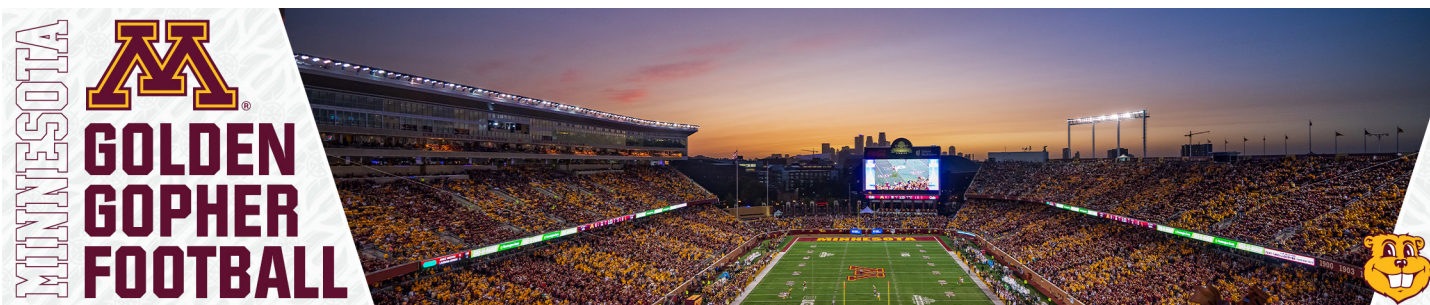




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2026 SCHEDULE

RANK	OPPONENT	TIME	TV	RESULT
SEPTEMBER				
3	RV/NR Eastern Illinois	7 pm	Peacock	W, 59-7
12	RV/RV Mississippi State	2:30 pm	CBS	L, 13-38
19	--/-- Akron	11 am	BTN	
26	--/-- at Washington*	10 pm	FOX	
OCTOBER				
3	--/-- Michigan*	TBD	TBD	
10	--/-- at Purdue*	TBD	TBD	
24	--/-- Iowa* (HC)	TBD	TBD	
1	--/-- at Indiana*	TBD	TBD	
NOVEMBER				
7	--/-- UCLA*	TBD	TBD	
14	--/-- at Penn State*	TBD	TBD	
21	--/-- Northwestern*	TBD	TBD	
27	--/-- at Wisconsin*	6:30 pm	NBC	

All times CT // * Big Ten game // HC - Homecoming game
All times Central // AP/Coaches Poll rankings as of day of game

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GOPHER STAT LEADERS

PASSING: Drake Lindsey - 50-72, 543 yds., 1 TD, 0 INT, 137.4 rtg
RUSHING: Darius Taylor - 20 att., 71 yds., 3 TD
RECEIVING: Javon Tracy - 12 rec., 149 yds., 0 TD
TACKLES: Maverick Baranowski - 15 (8 solo, 7 assisted)
TFL: TJ Bush Jr. & Riley Sunram - 2.0
SACKS: TJ Bush Jr. & Joey Gerlach - 1.0
INTERCEPTIONS: N/A

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MINNESOTA VS. AKRON



Minnesota

Record: 1-1, 0-0 B1G

Head Coach

P.J. Fleck

10th Year (14th overall)

at Minnesota: 67-45

vs. Akron: 0-0

Overall Record: 97-67

vs. Akron: 1-0



Akron

Record: 1-1, 0-0 MAC

Head Coach

Joe Moorhead

5th Year (11th overall)

at Akron: 14-36

vs. Minnesota: 0-0

Overall Record: 58-61

vs. Minnesota: 0-0

Date/Time: Sept. 19, 2026 / 11 a.m.

Site: Minneapolis

Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium

Surface: FieldTurf

Capacity: 50,805

Series Overall: First Meeting

Series vs. MAC: Minnesota Leads 34-4-1

Streak: Minnesota Won 3

First vs. MAC: Minnesota Tied Ohio, 35-35, in Minneapolis (9/27/1969)

Last vs. MAC: Minnesota Won 23-10 vs. Buffalo in Minneapolis (8/28/2025)

Television: BTN

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Mike Grimm (PXP)

Darrell Thompson (Analyst)

Justin Gaard (Reporter)

Tanner Hoops (Host)

Dan Rowbotham (Engineer)

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

1 Minnesota (1-1) closes out its non-conference schedule Saturday as it hosts Akron (1-1) at Huntington Bank Stadium. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m. on Big Ten Network and the Gopher Radio Network. It'll be the first ever matchup between the Golden Gophers and Zips.

2 Coupled with last week's first ever meeting with Mississippi State, this season mark the first time since 2023 (Eastern Michigan and North Carolina) that the Gophers take on two new FBS opponents in the same season. Prior to that, it had not happened since 2006 (Kent State and Temple). While Minnesota has never faced Akron, P.J. Fleck is 1-0 all-time against the Zips thanks to a 41-0 win in 2016 while he was the head coach at Western Michigan. The Golden Gophers are 34-4-1 all-time against teams currently in the Mid-American Conference, including a 9-1 record at Huntington Bank Stadium. Minnesota has won three straight, and 13 of its past 14, against MAC schools.

3 After an elite redshirt freshman season, junior quarterback **Drake Lindsey** has continued his stellar play in 2026. Through two games, he's 50-of-72 for 543 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions for a rating of 137.4. Lindsey ranks third in the Big Ten with 25.0 completions per game and is fifth in passing yards. Last Saturday against Mississippi State, he set a career high in pass attempts and matched his personal best in completions as he was 31-for-48 for 279 yards. Lindsey also had 31 completions last year vs. Rutgers; that number is tied for fifth most in program history. He joins Mike Hohensee, Tim Schade and Adam Weber as the only Gophers to have multiple games in their career with 30 or more completions. After throwing for 264 yards in the season opener, Lindsey is the first Gopher to throw for 250+ yards in consecutive games since Tanner Morgan on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 2022. Last year, he was 246-of-389 (63.2 percent) for 2,382 yards with 18 touchdowns and six interceptions, good for an efficiency rating of 126.9. He also had a team-high four rushing scores in 2025. Lindsey's numbers put him second all-time among Gopher freshmen for passing yards and passing touchdowns, while his eight wins were the most ever by a Gopher freshman QB. More on Lindsey can be found on Pages 4-5 of the notes.

4 Fifth-year linebacker **Maverick Baranowski**, who is on the Butkus Award Watch List, is looking to do something at Minnesota that hasn't been done in nearly 20 years: lead the Gophers in tackles in back-to-back seasons. The last Gopher to do so was Lee Campbell in 2008 and 2009. Through two games in 2026, Baranowski leads Minnesota with 15 tackles, including 1.0 for loss. He had a team-high 103 tackles to lead Minnesota last season, becoming the first Gopher to record more than 100 tackles in a season since Blake Cashman had 104 in 2018. Baranowski added 9.0 tackles for loss (second on the roster), 3.0 sacks, a pass breakup and a forced fumble in 2025 to earn consensus Honorable Mention All-Big Ten honors. He led the team in tackles in four games last season and picked up right where he left off with a team-high six tackles in the 2026 season opener versus Eastern Illinois. He was then second on the roster last week with nine stops against Mississippi State. Baranowski, who was named Preseason Second Team All-Big Ten by Athlon, Phil Steele and Pick Six Previews, has recorded at least six tackles in each of the last 13 games. More on Baranowski can be found on Page 10 of the notes.

5 The 2025 campaign is the 10th for **P.J. Fleck** at Minnesota. He is the tied for the fourth-longest tenured coach in program history, is the second-longest active tenured coach in the Big Ten and the 11th-longest tenured head coach overall in the FBS. Fleck's Minnesota record stands at 67-45, putting him fourth in program history in overall wins. He's also fourth in Big Ten wins (39) and fifth in games coached (112). Fleck's overall win percentage of .598 is third best among Minnesota coaches with more than 40 games under their helm behind only Henry L. Williams (.786, 1900-21) and Bernie Bierman (.716, 1932-41, '45-50). In his 14th season overall as a college head coach, Fleck is 97-67 (.591). He is three wins away from becoming the 18th active head coach to reach 100 wins at the FBS level.



Drake Lindsey threw for 264 yards against Eastern Illinois and then 279 against Mississippi State. He is just the second Gopher in program history to throw for 260+ yards in each of the first two games of a season, joining Tim Schade in 1993.

MOST PASSES WITHOUT AN INT

One of Drake Lindsey's strongest attributes is not putting the ball in harm's way. With records dating to 1977, he owns two of the five longest streaks of pass attempts without an interception at Minnesota.

Player	Dates	Attempts
Drake Lindsey	11/1/25-present	225
Max Brosmer	9/28/24-11/23/24	206
Mitch Leidner	11/15/14-9/19/15	157
Adam Weber	9/27/08-10/25/08	121
Drake Lindsey	9/13/25-10/11/25	112

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location: Minneapolis, Minn.
Population: 429,954
Founded: 1851
Joined Big Ten: 1896 (charter member)
First Year of Big Ten Football: 1896
Enrollment: 56,666
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Band: University of Minnesota Marching Band
President: Dr. Rebecca Cunningham
Director of Athletics: Mark Coyle
Faculty Reps: Dr. Frances Homans, Dr. Donald Dengel
Ticket Office Phone: 612-624-8080
Website: GopherSports.com

TEAM INFORMATION

Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: 4-3
Letterwinners returning: 48 (21 O, 24 D, 3 ST)
Letterwinners lost: 32 (16 O, 15 D, 1 ST)
Starters Returning: 13 (6 O, 5 D, 2 ST)
Starters Lost: 12 (5 O, 6 D, 1 ST)

COACHES

P.J. Fleck (F)	Head Coach
Greg Harbaugh Jr. (PB)	OC / Quarterbacks
Danny Collins (F)	DC / Safeties
Nick Monroe (F)	Co-DC / Cornerbacks
Brian Callahan (F)	Rn Game Coord. / O-Line
Eric Koehler (PB)	Tight Ends
Mariano Sori-Marin (F)	Linebackers
C.J. Robbins (F)	Defensive Line
Isaac Fruechte (F)	Wide Receivers
Mohamed Ibrahim (F)	Running Backs
Steve Stanard (PB)	Rush Ends
Daniel Da Prato (F)	Special Teams Coordinator
Matt Limegrover (PB)	Assistant Offensive Line
Keegan O'Hara (PB)	Assistant Quarterbacks
Nick Faus (F)	Assistant Wide Receivers
Travis Moore (F)	Assistant Defensive Line
Christian Pawola (PB)	Assistant Defensive Backs
Bryan Nardo (PB)	Senior Defensive Assistant
Mike Shula (F)	Offensive Assistant
Caleb Richardson (PB)	Offensive Line Assistant
Micah Strahan (F)	Special Teams Assistant
Brian Sheehan (PB)	Offensive Quality Control
Kody Schutzman (PB)	Defensive Quality Control
Brandon Bostick (F)	Offensive Analyst
Karter Johnson (F)	Offensive Analyst
Mike Scott (F)	Defensive Analyst

Game Day Locations: (F) - Field, (PB) - Press Box

SUPPORT STAFF

Dan Nichol	Director of Athletic Performance
Troy Thompson	Assoc. Director of Athletic Performance
Quinton Miller	Asst. Director of Athletic Performance
Cody Stout	Asst. Director of Athletic Performance
Shane Aylward	Asst. Director of Athletic Performance
Mike Sytniak	Head Athletic Trainer
Joe Wisniewski	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Katie Chen	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Jaime Ayuso Jr.	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Madison Spence	Football Team Dietitian
Brady Gagnon	Director of Equipment Operations

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1882
All-Time Record: 750-554-44 (.573)
All-Time Big Ten Record: 383-422-28 (.477)
Huntington Bank Stadium Record: 73-44 (.624)
Big Ten Championships (Last): 18 (1967)
All-Time Bowl Record: 13-12
National Championships: 7
Consensus All-America Selections: 36
First Team All-Big Ten Selections: 190

FACING AKRON

► Minnesota and Akron are meeting for the first time ever Saturday. The Golden Gophers have played 93 different teams currently in the FBS, and they are 67-24-2 when playing those teams for the first time.

► Minnesota has six Ohio natives on its roster, tied with Georgia and Texas for the sixth most populous state for Gophers. Only Minnesota (22), Florida (8), Pennsylvania (8), Illinois (7) and Wisconsin (7) have more Gophers that call those states home.

► The six Gophers from Ohio are seniors DL **Sid Kaba** (Columbus; KIPP Columbus HS) and LB **Andrew Marshall** (Carroll; Bloom-Carroll HS), junior OL **Jaden Ball** (Carroll; Bloom-Carroll HS), sophomores DL **Jay'Quan Stubbs** (Cleveland; Cleveland Heights HS) and RB **Grant Washington** (Avon; St. Ignatius HS), and freshman OL **Lucas Tielsch** (Copley; Copley HS).

► Tielsch's hometown is the closest of the six to Akron, about 10 miles west. Meanwhile, both Stubbs (40 miles north) and Washington (55 miles northwest) are less than an hour's drive away.

SCHOOL	MINNESOTA (YR.)	AKRON (YR.)
Minnesota	Numerous Players	RB Marquese Williams (RS Jr.)
FIU	DL Xion Chapman (Sr.)	LB Dwight Nunoo (RS Sr.)
Lackawanna*	DL Xion Chapman (Sr.)	OL Alex Fox (RS Sr.)
	LB Andrew Marshall (Sr.)	OL Jason Hoskins (Jr.)
Marshall	RB A.J. Turner (5th)	WR Marcel Williams (RS So.)
Merrimack	DB Elisha West (Jr.)	OL Brandon Smith (RS Jr.)
Michigan State	DB Aydan West (So.)	TE Wyatt Hook (RS So.)
	DB Elisha West (Jr.)	
Cardinal Gibbons (FL)	QB Michael Merdinger (Jr.)	DE Brandon Tobias II (RS So.)
Cleveland Hts. (OH)	DL Jay'Quan Stubbs (So.)	CB Henry Perrymond (Fr.)
South Fayette (PA)	DL Anthony Charles (Fr.)	WR Dominic Monz (RS So.)

*Marshall did not overlap with Fox

► Akron has no Minnesotans on its roster, though red-shirt junior running back Marquese Williams did spend the 2023 season on the Gophers' roster. He did not appear in any games.

► Fifth-year wide receiver **Javon Tracy** is the only Gopher to have faced Akron, doing so while at Miami (OH) in 2023. He did not record any stats in the Redhawks' 19-0 win over the Zips.

► Minnesota offensive line coach and run game coordinator **Brian Callahan** spent six seasons as an Akron assistant coach from 2004-09. He spent the first year as o-line coach before adding the title of "run game coordinator" for the final five seasons.

► Callahan's tenure overlapped with Akron head coach Joe Moorhead, who was the Zips' wide receivers coach from 2004-05 and offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2006-08, as well as wide receiver coach J.D. Brookhart, who was the Zips' head coach from 2004-09. Akron tight ends coach Reno Ferri was also a member of the staff as he held numerous roles, including GA, director of operations, wide receivers coach and running backs coach.

► Callahan also was a member of the Pitt coaching staff in 1997 when he was a GA and Brookhart was the Panthers' tight ends coach.

► Gophers co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach **Nick Monroe** and rush ends coach **Steve Stanard** were also members of the staff at Syracuse with Ferri from 2016-21. Monroe coached the secondary and later the safeties during that time, while Stanard was the defensive ends coach from 2017-19. Ferri was tight ends coach from 2016-21, plus he oversaw the inside receivers from 2018-20.

► Akron defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Tim Tibesar is a native of St. Paul, Minn., and graduate of St. Agnes School, where he is in the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

► The Zips enter Saturday's game with a 1-1 record on the season. They opened with a 38-16 loss at Wake Forest before bouncing back with a 45-10 home win over Robert Morris last weekend.

► Cibaстан Broughton is 44-of-53 on the season for 338 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions, good for an efficiency rating of 161.49. He is also the team's top rusher with 153 yards on 27 carries.

► Sean Patrick and Jordan Gant are not far behind Broughton, tallying 100 and 96 rushing yards, respectively. Gant is second to Broughton on the team in rush attempts with 20, and he's got one of two rushing scores on the season for the Zips, along with backup QB Brayden Roggow.

► Broughton and Roggow have spread the ball round in the passing game as 14 different players have a reception this season. Marcel Williams has a team-high eight receptions and is second with 69 receiving yards. Patrick leads the squad with 76 receiving yards on six receptions, while Elijah Alexander has found the end zone three times already to go with seven receptions and 61 yards.

► Donelius Johnson is Akron's top tackler with 15 stops on the season. Omari Abor and Vann Kavals lead the way with 2.0 tackles for loss each, while Abor has the Zips' lone sack of the season and has forced two fumbles.

► Akron has not recorded any interceptions this season. Catrell White has a team-high two pass breakups, while six other players have one PBU on the year.

► Matthew Schramm has made both of his field goal attempts, connecting from both 28 and 38 yards. Two other Akron kickers have combined for seven touchbacks on 12 kickoffs.

► Joseph Castle has averaged 41.83 yards on six punts this season with a long of 52 yards. He's put one inside the 20-yard line and had one fair catch.

► Sean Patrick has returned three punts for 29 yards, an average of 9.67 yards per return. Meanwhile, Brandon Hills has brought back two kicks for 88 yards with a long of 58.

LAST TIME VS. THE MAC

► *With assistance from the AP:* **Drake Lindsey** passed for 290 yards and two touchdowns in his debut and **Darius Taylor** rushed for 141 yards on 30 carries to help Minnesota wear down Buffalo 23-10 in the 2025 season opener.

► Jameson Geers had four catches for 38 yards and a score and **Jalen Smith** scored on a wide-open 60-yard reception in the fourth quarter to give the Gophers a two-score cushion with less than 11 minutes to play.

► Following Smith's touchdown, the Bulls went 3-and-out and never got the ball back as Gophers ended the game with a 16-play, 58-yard drive that drained the final 9:45 off the clock.

► In his first game as defensive coordinator, **Danny Collins** had his group flying all over the field, as the Gophers stifled Bulls Al-Jay Henderson, a 1,000-yard rusher in 2024, holding him to 25 yards on 11 attempts. Ta'Quan Roberson went 12 for 20 for 107 yards with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Victor Snow.

► Brady Denaburg made all three of his field goal tries and two extra points in his first game for the Gophers after transferring from Syracuse.

RECAPING MISS. STATE

► *With assistance from the AP:* Kamario Taylor passed for 227 yards and three first-half touchdowns to lead Mississippi State in a 38-13 win over Minnesota in the first-ever football game between the two schools.

► Fluff Bothwell rushed for 113 yards and two scores on 18 carries and Anthony Evans III had seven receptions for 121 yards and a touchdown as the Bulldogs averaged 7 yards per play.

► Taylor completed 16 of 22 passes and ran 13 times for 86 yards.

► **Drake Lindsey** had 279 yards on 31-for-48 passing for the Gophers, who converted 4 of 13 third downs and had 12 penalties accepted for 115 yards, the most in 10 seasons under coach **P.J. Fleck**.

BIG TEN STANDINGS

	B1G	Pct.	Strk	Overall	Pct.	Strk
1. #12/11 USC	0-0	---	W1	3-0	1.000	W3
#4/4 Indiana	0-0	---	W10	2-0	1.000	W18
#18/20 Iowa	0-0	---	W2	2-0	1.000	W5
Maryland	0-0	---	L8	2-0	1.000	W2
#19/19 Michigan	0-0	---	L1	2-0	1.000	W2
Michigan State	0-0	---	W1	2-0	1.000	W3
NR/RV Nebraska	0-0	---	L2	2-0	1.000	W2
#14/15 Penn State	0-0	---	W3	2-0	1.000	W6
RV/RV UCLA	0-0	---	L5	2-0	1.000	W2
RV/24 Washington	0-0	---	L1	2-0	1.000	W3
Northwestern	0-0	---	L1	1-0	1.000	W2
12. Illinois	0-0	---	W1	1-1	.500	L1
Minnesota	0-0	---	W1	1-1	.500	L1
#6/6 Ohio State	0-0	---	W9	1-1	.500	L1
#21/18 Oregon	0-0	---	W6	1-1	.500	L1
Purdue	0-0	---	L18	1-1	.500	L1
Wisconsin	0-0	---	L1	1-1	.500	W1
18. Rutgers	0-0	---	L2	0-2	.000	L4

BIG TEN WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

9/18 Portland State at #21/18 Oregon, 9:30 p.m. (BTN)

9/19 Akron at Minnesota, 11 a.m. (BTN)

Kent State at #6/6 Ohio State, 11 a.m. (FOX)

Buffalo at #14/15 Penn State, 11 a.m. (BTN)

Eastern Michigan at Wisconsin, 11:30 a.m. (Peacock)

Southern Illinois at Illinois, 1 p.m. (Peacock)

#12/11 USC at Rutgers, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

UTEP at #19/19 Michigan, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)

Western Kentucky at #4/4 Indiana 3 p.m. (Peacock)

Northern Iowa at #18/20 Iowa, 3 p.m. (FS1)

Eastern Washington at RV/24 Washington, 6:15 p.m. (BTN)

North Dakota at NR/RV Nebraska, 6:15 p.m. (BTN)

Michigan State at #3/3 Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

Colorado at Northwestern, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

RV/RV Virginia Tech at Maryland, 6:30 p.m. (FS1)

Purdue at RV/RV UCLA, 10 p.m. (BTN)

AP/Coaches Poll rankings as of day of game; all times CT

► The Bulldogs scored touchdowns on their first four possessions. The Gophers finally got a stop early in the third quarter and even scored while doing it, when a punt pinned the Bulldogs deep and linebacker **Joey Gerlach** broke through with a blitz off the edge that took down Taylor in the end zone and forced a fumble that **Aydan West** recovered to cut the deficit to 28-13.

MILESTONE WATCH

► Sitting at 2,975 career passing yards, Drake Lindsey is 25 yards away from becoming the 16th player in Gophers history to reach 3,000. Should he get there Saturday, Lindsey would have done it in 19 games, tied for the sixth fewest at Minnesota.

► Lindsey has thrown for 250+ yards in each of the first two games. Another such performance Saturday would mark just the fourth time in program history a Gopher has passed for that many yards in three straight games. Mitch Leidner (10/17-11/14/2015) and Mike Hohensee (9/11-10/2/1982) hold the record with four straight games, while Hohensee also did it in three straight from 11/7-11/21/1981.

► Lindsey's next 250-yard game will be the sixth of his career, tying three others for sixth in program history.

► With 300 career completions, Lindsey is 11 away from tying Rickey Foggie for 10th in Gophers history.

► Sitting at 13 career 100-yard rushing games, **Darius Taylor** needs one more performance to tie Marion Barber III for sixth in Gopher history.

► With 103 career receptions, Taylor needs four catches to tie KJ Maye (107) for 18th in Gopher history. Eight receptions will get Taylor into the top-15 at Minnesota.

► In addition, Taylor needs 14 receiving yards to tie Chris Darkins (737) for third among Gopher running backs in their careers.

► With 32.5 career tackles for loss, **Anthony Smith** needs 0.5 more to tie Steve Neils (33.0) for seventh in program history.

► Smith's 19.5 career sacks put him 2.0 away from matching Willie VanDeSteege (21.5) for fifth in program annals.

► More record book information is located on Page 15.

IN THE POLLS

► Neither Minnesota nor Akron appeared in the latest AP Poll or AFCA Coaches Poll.

► Last week, the Gophers earned four points in the AP Poll and nine in the Coaches Poll to rank 38th in each.

► Minnesota received votes in the Preseason AP Poll, but did not appear in the Preseason AFCA Coaches Poll. The Gophers' 5 points in the AP Poll put them 38th. It's the first season since 2023, and 13th time overall, that the Gophers appeared in the AP Preseason Poll, according to CollegePollArchive.com. Five of those 13 seasons have come under **P.J. Fleck**.

► The Gophers are looking to start and finish the year in the AP Poll for the third time in program history.

► Seven Gopher opponents are in the latest polls.

► Defending national champion Indiana is ranked fourth in both polls, while Penn State is 14th in the AP and 15th in the Coaches. Iowa ranks No. 18 for the AP and No. 20 for the Coaches, while Michigan sits 19th in both.

► Washington is 24th in the Coaches Poll and receiving votes from the AP, while Mississippi State and UCLA are both receiving votes in each of the two polls.

► Minnesota went 1-2 against ranked teams last year, defeating then-No. 25 Nebraska, 24-6, on Oct. 17, while losing at No. 1 Ohio State, 42-3, on Oct. 4, and at then-No. 7 Oregon, 42-13 on Nov. 14.

► The win over Nebraska was the seventh AP Top-25 win under **P.J. Fleck**, a program record that broke a tie with Bernie Bierman and Murray Warmath for most in Gophers history.

LOOKING AT THE '26 SLATE

► Minnesota's 2025 opponents combined to go 79-75 in 2025. The .513 opponent win percentage ranks fifth lowest among the 18 Big Ten teams.

► Six of the Gophers' 2026 opponents reached the postseason a year ago, including national champion Indiana. The six combined postseason opponents ties for third fewest in the conference.

► In addition, the non-conference has already seen Minnesota face Eastern Illinois for the first time since 2014 as the Gophers defeated the Panthers in the season opener, 59-7.

► The Golden Gophers have two new opponents on the slate as they matched up with Mississippi State on Sept. 12 (a 38-13 loss) and now face Akron Saturday. It marks the first time since 2023 (Eastern Michigan and North Carolina) that the Gophers take on two new FBS opponents in the same season. Prior to that, it had not happened since 2006 (Kent State and Temple).

STAT COMPARISON

	MINNESOTA	FBS RANKS	B1G RANKS	AKRON	FBS RANKS	MAC RANKS
Scoring Offense/Defense Per Game	36.0/22.5	49/78	8/13	30.5/24.0	72/85	3/4
Total Offense/Defense Per Game	393.5/294.5	78/51	12/11	414.0/376.5	67/101	2/6
Yards Per Play For/Against	5.87/5.31	77/82	13/13	5.87/6.44	77/123	4/8
Rush Offense/Defense Per Game	80.0/151.5	134/102	18/15	195.0/108.5	45/61	1/3
Rush Yards Per Attempt For/Against	3.02/4.09	127/94	17/15	5.20/4.17	41/97	2/8
Pass Offense/Defense Per Game	313.5/143.0	23/29	5/7	219.0/268.0	81/121	3/9
Pass Yards Per Attempt For/Against	7.7/7.7	75/100	12/15	6.6/8.2	107/117	6/10
Passer Rating For/Against	139.47/168.17	82/131	13/18	170.59/154.19	32/121	2/10
Passes Intercepted/Had Intercepted	0/0	116/1	17/1	0/0	116/1	10/1
Turnover Margin (Takeaways/Giveaways)	0 (1/1)	70 (109/21)	12 (14/6)	0 (2/2)	70 (75/47)	5 (6/5)
1st Downs For/Against Per Game	21.0/16.0	66/47	8/8	24.0/16.0	38/47	1/1
TFL For/Allowed Per Game	8.00/5.50	14/85	2/13	3.5/8.0	111/133	8/12
Sacks For/Allowed Per Game	1.00/1.00	106/34	15/5	0.50/2.50	127/104	13/11
3rd Down Offense/Defense	50.0/39.1	33/85	6/13	45.8/40.7	52/98	3/9
4th Down Offense/Defense	75.0/1.000	31/113	3/14	33.3/1.000	99/113	10/12
Red Zone Score Pct. Offense/Defense	87.5/80.0	69/54	10/6	100.0/83.3	1/68	1/6
Red Zone TD Pct. Offense/Defense	62.50/80.0	82/112	11/14	75.00/16.67	43/9	7/1
Kick Return Average For/Against	20.67/15.50	58/51	10/7	44.00/17.67	6/71	2/8
Punt Return Average For/Against	32.83/0.00	5/9	2/2	9.67/22.00	56/131	5/12
Field Goal Pct. (FGM-FGA)	100.0 (3-3)	1 (32/56)	1 (6/9)	100.0 (2-2)	1 (57/82)	1 (6/6)
Punting Average/Net Punting Avg.	37.57/37.57	131/99	17/14	41.83/34.50	94/122	9/12
Time of Possession	33:03	30	4	32:55	33	2
Fewest Penalties/Yards Per Game	7.00/62.50	74/91	11/12	6.50/51.50	61/55	5/5

ALL-TIME VS. CURRENT MAC

All-Time:	34-4-1
vs. Ball State:	2-0-0
vs. Bowling Green:	3-2-0
vs. Buffalo:	3-0-0
vs. Central Michigan:	2-0-0
vs. Eastern Michigan	1-0-0
vs. Kent State:	2-0-0
vs. Miami (OH):	5-0-0
vs. Ohio:	9-1-1
vs. Toledo:	3-1-0
vs. Western Michigan:	4-0-0
Home:	29-3-1
Away:	3-1-0
Neutral:	2-0-0

Year	Date	Opponent	AP Ranks	W/L	Score	Venue
1969	9/27	Ohio	--	T	35-35	Home
1970	9/26	Ohio	--	W	49-7	Home
1975	9/20	Western Mich.	--	W	38-0	Home
1975	10/4	Ohio	--	W	21-0	Home
1976	9/25	Western Mich.	--	W	21-10	Home
1977	9/10	Western Mich.	--	W	10-7	Home
1978	9/16	Toledo	--	W	38-12	Home
1979	9/8	Ohio	--	W	24-10	Home
1980	9/13	Ohio	--	W	38-14	Home
1981	9/12	Ohio	--	W	19-17	Home
1982	9/11	Ohio	--	W	57-3	Home
1986	9/13	Bowling Green	--	W	31-7	Home
1987	9/26	Central Mich.	--	W	30-10	Home
1988	9/17	Miami (OH)	--	W	35-3	Home
1995	9/16	Ball State	--	W	31-7	Home
1996	9/14	Ball State	--	W	26-23	Home
1999	9/4	Ohio	--	W	33-7	Home
2000	9/9	Ohio	--	L	17-23	Home
2001	8/30	Toledo	--	L	7-38	Away
2002	9/14	Toledo	--	W	31-21	Home
2002	9/21	Buffalo	--	W	41-17	Home
2003	9/13	Ohio	--	W	42-20	Away
2004	9/4	Toledo	22--	W	63-21	Home
2006	8/31	Kent State	--	W	44-0	Away
2007	9/1	Bowling Green	--	L	31-32 (ot)	Home
2007	9/8	Miami (OH)	--	W	41-35 (3ot)	Home
2008	9/6	Bowling Green	--	W	42-17	Away
2011	9/17	Miami (OH)	--	W	29-23	Home
2012	9/15	Western Mich.	--	W	28-23	Home
2015	9/19	Kent State	--	W	10-7	Home
2015	9/26	Ohio	--	W	27-24	Home
2015	12/28	Central Mich.	--	W	21-14	Neutral*
2017	8/31	Buffalo	--	W	17-7	Home
2018	9/15	Miami (OH)	--	W	26-3	Home
2021	9/11	Miami (OH)	--	W	31-26	Home
2021	9/25	Bowling Green	--	L	10-14	Home
2023	9/9	Eastern Michigan	--	W	25-6	Home
2023	12/26	Bowling Green	--	W	30-24	Neutral*
2025	8/28	Buffalo	--	W	23-10	Home

*2015 Quick Lane Bowl | ~ 2023 Quick Lane Bowl

BEST NON-CON RECORDS

Since P.J. Fleck arrived in Minnesota in 2017, the Gophers have gone 28-5 against non-conference opponents, including bowl games, which is the seventh-best win percentage in the FBS in that span.

Team	W-L	Win Pct.
Georgia	41-2	.954
Maryland	26-3	.897
Penn State	32-4	.889
Alabama	38-6	.864
Ole Miss	35-6	.854
Kentucky	34-6	.850
Minnesota	28-5	.875

► Within the Big Ten, Minnesota meets Washington as conference foes for the first time on Sept. 26. It will be the first meeting overall in the series since 1977 and the Gophers' first trip to Husky Stadium since 1976. The 10 p.m. kickoff will mark the latest start time in P.J. Fleck's tenure as Minnesota head coach.

► Going to Indiana on Oct. 31 will mark the first time the two teams play since 2021. In addition, it'll be the third straight season that the Gophers take on the defending national champions, also doing so in 2024 (Michigan) and last year (Ohio State). It's the first time in program history that Minnesota faces the defending national champion in three straight seasons.

► UCLA visits Huntington Bank Stadium on Nov. 7, marking just the second time the Bruins have come to Minneapolis after doing so in 1977.

► Minnesota goes to Penn State on Nov. 14, the first time playing there since a "White Out" in 2022.

That season was also the last time the Gophers hosted Northwestern, which returns to Minneapolis on Nov. 21.

► Longstanding rivalries also continue as the Gophers take on Wisconsin for the 119th straight season (every year since 1907) and Iowa for the 96th season in a row (every year since 1931).

HOME SWEET HOME

► Minnesota saw its home winning streak end at eight games Saturday with a 38-13 loss to Mississippi State. It was the team's longest such streak since winning nine straight from Nov. 9, 1946 to Oct. 16, 1948.

► Before it was snapped, the streak was tied for the ninth longest active home win streak in the country and was fourth longest in the Big Ten.

► As a result, Minnesota has now won eight of its last nine and 10 of its last 12 at home.

HOME SWEET HOME

A comparison between Minnesota and its opposition during the eight-game win streak at Huntington Bank Stadium.

Minnesota	Stat	Opponent
8	Wins	0
33.8	Points/Game	12.3
34	Total TDs Scored	11
20.3783	1st Downs/Game	13.9
362.6	Total Offense/Game	261.8
5.7	Yards/Play	4.6
130.1	Rushing Yards/Game	97.9
4.1	Yards Per Rush	3.1
17	Rushing TDs	5
232.5	Pass Yards/Game	163.9
12/3	Pass TD:INT	6/8
1	Fumbles Lost	5
4	Turnovers	13
48	Points Off Turnovers	3
29	Sacks	10
47.1	3rd Down Pct.	30.1

► Minnesota finished the 2025 season with a 7-0 record at Huntington Bank Stadium. It was the team's first undefeated season at home since going 6-0 in 1967. It was also the fourth undefeated home season in the modern era (since 1946) and 26th undefeated season at home all-time.

► It was the first time Minnesota had gone 7-0 at home since 1931 (7-0), while the seven home wins tied for sixth-most in a single season.

► The only season in history that saw Minnesota go undefeated at home with more wins was in 1904 (11-0).

► Though the Gophers lost to Mississippi State, they still have won five straight Big Ten games at home. That's tied for the eighth-longest conference home win streak in program history and is the best since winning five in a row over the 2003-04 seasons.

GOPHERS VS. MAC FACTS

GOPHERS' STREAKS

• Current Streak:	Won 3
• Home Streak:	Won 2
• Away Streak:	Won 3
• Neutral Streak:	Won 2
• All-Time Win Streak:	16 (9/26/1970-9/4/1999)
• Home Win Streak:	16 (9/26/1970-9/4/1999)
• Away Win Streak:	3 (9/13/2003-present)
• Neutral Win Streak:	2 (12/28/2015-present)
• All-Time Losing Streak:	2 (9/9/2000-8/30/2001)
• Home Losing Streak:	1 (3x, MR: 9/25/2001)
• Away Losing Streak:	1 (8/30/2001)
• Neutral Losing Streak:	N/A

LAST WINS

• Minnesota Home Win:	8/28/2025 vs. Buffalo, 23-10
• Minnesota Road Win:	9/6/2008 at Bowling Green, 42-17
• Minnesota Neutral Win:	12/26/2023 vs. Bowling Green, 30-24
• MAC Home Win:	8/30/2001, Toledo, 38-7
• MAC Road Win:	9/25/2021, Bowling Green, 14-10
• MAC Neutral Win:	N/A

THIS AND THAT

- Most Gophers Points - Win: 63 (63-21 vs. Toledo, 9/4/2004)
- Fewest Gophers Points - Win: 10 (2x, MR: 10-7 vs. Kent St., 9/19/2015)
- Most Gophers Points - Loss: 31 (31-32 ot vs. B.G., 9/1/2007)
- Fewest Gophers Points - Loss: 7 (7-38 at Toledo, 8/30/2001)
- Most Gophers Points - Home: 63 (63-21 vs. Toledo, 9/4/2004)
- Fewest Gophers Points - Home: 10 (3x, MR: 10-14 vs. B.G., 9/25/2021)
- Most Gophers Points - Road: 44 (44-0 at Kent St., 8/31/2006)
- Fewest Gophers Points - Road: 7 (7-38 at Toledo, 8/30/2001)
- Most Gophers Points - Neutral: 30 (30-24 vs. B.G., 12/26/2023)
- Fewest Gophers Points - Neutral: 21 (21-14 vs. CMU, 12/28/2015)
- Most MAC Points - Win: 38 (38-7, Toledo, 8/30/2001)
- Fewest MAC Points - Win: 14 (14-10, Bowling Green, 9/25/2021)
- Most MAC Points - Loss: 35 (35-41 3ot, Miami (OH), 9/8/2007)
- Fewest MAC Points - Loss: 0 (3x, MR: 0-44, Kent St., 8/31/2006)
- Most MAC Points - Home: 38 (38-7, Toledo, 8/30/2001)
- Fewest MAC Points - Home: 0 (0-44, Kent St., 8/31/2006)
- Most MAC Points - in MPLS: 35 (35-41 3ot, Miami (OH), 9/8/2007)
- Fewest MAC Points - in MPLS: 0 (2x, MR: 0-38, WMU, 9/20/1975)
- Most MAC Points - Neutral: 24 (24-30, Bowling Green, 12/26/2023)
- Fewest MAC Points - Neutral: 14 (14-21, CMU, 12/28/2015)
- Largest Gopher Home Win Margin: 54 (57-3 vs. Ohio, 9/11/1982)
- Largest Gopher Road Win Margin: 44 (44-0 at Kent St., 8/31/2006)
- Largest Gopher Neutral Win Margin: 7 (21-14 vs. CMU, 12/28/2015)
- Largest MAC Home Win Margin: 31 (38-7, Toledo, 8/30/2001)
- Largest MAC Road Win Margin: 6 (23-17, Ohio, 9/9/2000)
- Largest MAC Neutral Win Margin: N/A
- Times Gophers Shut Out: 0
- Times MAC Shut Out: 0 (3x, MR: 0-44, Kent St., 8/31/2006)
- Overtime Games: 2 (MR: MN 41, Miami (OH) 35, 3ot, 9/8/2007)
- Tie Games: 1 (35-35 vs. Ohio, 9/27/1969)

LINDSEY LEADING AS QB1

► As noted on Pate 1, Drake Lindsey had a strong first season as the Gophers' signal-caller in 2025.

► In Gopher single-season history, Lindsey finished second in lowest interception percentage (.0154), third in TD-to-INT ratio (3.00), fourth in completions and completion percentage, fifth in passing attempts, eighth in passing touchdowns and touchdowns responsible for, and 14th in passing yards.

► He was the first Gopher quarterback to win his first two career starts since Zack Annexstad in 2018, and Lindsey joined Tanner Morgan as the only Gopher QBs since 2016 to throw a touchdown pass in each of his first four starts. In fact, with records dating to 1977, only Adam Weber in 2007 had a longer streak when he had a touchdown pass in his first eight starts.

CAREER STATS VS. MAC

PLAYER	GP/GS	C-A	INT	TD	YDS	RTG
Lindsey	1/1	19-35	1	2	290	137.03
Merdinger~	1/0	0-1	0	0	0	0.0

PLAYER	GP/GS	RUSH	YDS	TD	AVG	LG
Taylor	3/2	98	542	2	5.5	22
Turner^	3/1	15	140	0	9.3	67
Lindsey	1/1	3	-16	0	-5.3	2

PLAYER	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	AVG	LG
Tracy%	20/10	65	1,019	6	15.7	72
Smith, J.	1/1	2	76	1	38.0	60
Taylor	3/2	8	60	0	7.5	12
Jennings+	1/0	2	28	0	14.0	17
Turner^	3/1	1	8	0	8.0	8
Thompson@	1/0	1	7	0	7.0	7

PLAYER	GP/GS	TKL	TFL (SACK)	INT	PBU	FF/FR
Marshall#	8/6	50	2.5-7 (1.0-4)	0	0	0/0
Baranowski	2/2	17	2.5-6 (1.0-3)	0	0	0/0
Brown	2/2	10	1.0-5	0	0	0/0
Bush~	2/2	7	2.0-3	0	0	0/0
Smith, A.	3/1	4	2.5-11 (0.5-4)	0	1	1/0
Gousby	2/1	3	0	0	0	0/0
Gerlach	3/0	2	0	0	0	0/0
Howard	1/1	2	0	0	0	0/0
Nestor=	2/1	2	0	0	1	0/0
Carrier	1/0	1	0	0	0	1/0
Karmo	1/0	1	0	0	0	0/0
Kingsbury	1/0	1	0	0	0	0/1

PLAYER	GP/GS	FG-FGA	LG	XP-XPA	KO (TB)
Sunderland<	1/0	-	-	-	8 (5)

PLAYER	GP/GS	KR	LG	PR	LG	PUNT	AVG
Weston	1/0	-	-	-	-	3-130	43.3

Players listed are those that recorded stats beyond participation

~ Stats recorded while playing at Liberty

^ Includes stats recorded while playing at Marshall

% Includes stats recorded while playing at Miami (OH)

+ Stats recorded while playing at Cincinnati

@ Stats recorded while playing at Auburn

Stats recorded while playing at Eastern Michigan

= Includes stats recorded while playing at Iowa

< Stats recorded while playing at Michigan

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	Punts	Kickoffs	Total
Donielle Hayes	0	1	1
Naiim Parrish	0	1	1

PENALTIES DRAWN/FORCED*

Player	Pos.	PI	FM	H	IG	BB	PF	Total
Anthony Smith	DL	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Javon Tracy	WR	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Kerry Brown	DB	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Naquan Crowder	DL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Quayd Hendryx	WR	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Theorin Randle	DL	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mo Saine	DL	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TJ Thomas	RB	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

*Includes declined penalties; PI - Pass Interference; FM - Face-mack; H - Holding; IG - Intentional Grounding; BB - Block in the Back; PF - Personal Foul (includes hands to the face, targeting, chop block, roughing the passer, unnecessary roughness and unsportsmanlike conduct)

► Among the 16 FBS freshmen with at least 200 pass attempts last year, Lindsey had the best interception percentage (1.5), and was second in fewest interceptions thrown (6), fifth in attempts and passing touchdowns, seventh in completions, seventh in touchdown percentage (4.6), ninth in passing yards, and 10th in completion percentage and efficiency rating.

► In his career, Lindsey's TD-to-INT ratio of 3.33 and interception percentage of .0129 both rank first in program history, while his completion percentage of .644 ranks second and his .600 win percentage (9-6) as a starting QB ranks third in program annals.

► In addition, he's fifth in career efficiency rating (129.60) at Minnesota, seventh in passing yards per game (165.3), and ninth in both 300-yard (1) and 250-yard (5) passing games.

► In the 2025 Rate Bowl, Lindsey completed 18-of-28 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns in a 20-17 overtime win against New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl. Lindsey's two touchdown passes tied for the fourth most in Gopher bowl history, and his completion percentage of .643 tied for fifth best.

► According to OptaStats, Lindsey's game-winning touchdown pass to **Jalen Smith** was the second freshman to freshman TD pass in overtime of a bowl/playoff game in FBS history. The other was Tua Tagovailoa to DeVonta Smith to win the 2018 national championship for Alabama.

► Last season at Northwestern, Lindsey was 20-of-30 for 264 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. It was the first four-TD passing game for a Gopher since Max Brosmer in 2024 versus Maryland, and it tied for the most passing touchdowns under head coach P.J. Fleck.

► Lindsey also joined Adam Weber as the only Gopher freshmen since 1995 to throw four or more touchdown passes in a single game.

► Against Nebraska on Oct. 17, Lindsey threw for 153 yards and a touchdown on 16-of-20 passing. He also tallied his second career rushing score. Completing 80 percent of his passes, Lindsey became just the eighth quarterback since 1995 to have that high of a completion percentage against the Huskers (min. 20 pass attempts).

► In a come from behind win over Purdue on Oct. 11, Lindsey completed 21-of-45 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. He also had a career-high four rushes for a personal-best 49 plays of total offense. His 45 pass attempts were a career high and tied with Brosmer's 45 attempts at Rutgers in 2024 as the most during the Fleck era.

► In Minnesota's comeback win over Rutgers on Sept. 27 Lindsey had one of the top performances turned in by a Gopher quarterback. He was 31-of-41 for 324 yards and three touchdowns, all career-highs, with no interceptions.

► For his efforts Lindsey was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week. He was the first Gopher to earn the honor on offense since 2023 and the fifth Minnesota QB to win the award since it was introduced in 2012.

BEST PASSER RATING BY A GOPHER (MIN. 30 COMP.)

Player	Opp. (Year)	C-A	TD	INT	Yds	Rtg
Drake Lindsey	Rutgers (2025)	31-41	3	0	324	166.14
Adam Weber	NIU (2010)	31-46	2	1	373	145.50
Tim Schade	Michigan (1994)	30-50	3	2	394	137.99
Adam Weber	FAU (2007)	31-47	4	4	335	136.89
Mike Hohensee	Ohio St. (1981)	37-67	5	1	444	132.53
Marquel Fleetwood	Pitt (1992)	35-56	2	1	346	122.61
Adam Weber	Northwestern (2008)	31-51	1	1	327	117.19
Mike Hohensee	Indiana (1982)	34-50	1	3	307	114.18
Tim Schade	Penn St. (1993)	34-66	2	4	478	110.23

► Lindsey's performance was the ninth game in Gopher history with 30+ completions, and his efficiency rating was more than 20 points better than any other Gopher QB.

► In the third quarter alone against Rutgers, Lindsey was 15-of-19 for 120 yards and a touchdown. The 15 completions were four more than any Gopher QB has had in any quarter since at least 2016, while the 19 attempts tied for the most in any quarter in that same span.

► Lindsey's 31 completions tied for fifth-most in a single game and were the most since Adam Weber completed 31 versus Northern Illinois in 2010. In addition, Lindsey's 324 passing yards were the most since Tanner Morgan threw for 368 yards at Iowa in 2019.

► Lindsey made his first career start in the 2025 season opener and completed 19-of-35 passes for 290 yards with two touchdowns and one interception against Buffalo.

► With records dating to 1977, the passing yardage total was the fourth highest by a Gopher in his first career start, while the attempts total ranked third and the completions tied for third. The passing total and touchdown pass total were also both fourth best in any season opener since 1979, while the completions and attempts both tied for fifth in such games.

► He followed that against Northwestern State by going 8-of-9 for 139 yards and a touchdown and added a rushing score before being removed midway through the second quarter with the game out of hand.

► A native of Fayetteville, Ark., Lindsey played in three games as a true freshman in 2024, completing 4-of-5 passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. His most extensive action came in a win over Rhode Island where he was 3-of-4 for 35 yards and an 8-yard TD strike, while in the 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl he completed a 15-yard pass.

► A three-star prospect coming out of Fayetteville High School, Lindsey was named the state's Gatorade Player of the Year and the 7A Offensive Player of the Year.

► Lindsey helped lead his team to a 13-0 record and a state championship in which he was named MVP. On the year, Lindsey threw for 3,941 yards while completing 69 percent of his passes (264-for-383) as he tossed 54 touchdowns against just three interceptions for a TD:INT ratio of 18-to-1.

DYNAMIC DARIUS

► A two-time honorable mention All-Big Ten honoree, senior running back **Darius Taylor** has established himself as one of the top running backs in the Big Ten.

► Entering this year, he was placed on the watch list for the Maxwell Award and was a Second Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by The Athletic and Athlon.

► In the season opener against Eastern Illinois, Taylor ran the ball 14 times for 56 yards and a career-high three rushing scores, while catching three passes for 31 yards.

► Taylor's three receptions pushed him to 102 for his career, making him the 19th player in program history to get to 100. The only other running back to reach that number at Minnesota is Chuck Rios, who had 132 from 1990-94.

► Taylor got to 100 career receptions in just 29 games. That tied Aaron Osterman for the fifth fewest games needed to reach the milestone in program history.

FEWEST GAMES TO 100 CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Years	Games	Career Total
1. Ryan Thelwell	1994-96	22	136
2. Rashod Bateman	2018-20	24	147
3. Eric Decker	2006-09	26	227
4. Ron Johnson	1998-01	27	198
5. Darius Taylor	2023-	29	102
Aaron Osterman	1990-94	29	111

► Against Mississippi State, however, Taylor was limited by injury as he ran for 15 yards on six carries and caught one pass for five yards.

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE STREAKS

Player	Stat	Games
Maverick Baranowski	6+ Tackles	13
Maverick Baranowski	9+ Tackles	1
Kerry Brown	10+ Tackles	1
TJ Bush Jr.	0.5+ TFL	2
TJ Bush Jr.	7+ Tackles	1
Luke Drzewiecki	Made Field Goal	11&
Luke Drzewiecki	2+ Made Field Goals	2
Ryan Estrada	2+ Receptions	1
Joey Gerlach	2.0+ TFL	1
Joey Gerlach	1.0+ Sacks	1
Joey Gerlach	Forced Fumble	1
Kaden Helms	2+ Receptions	1
Quayd Hendryx	50+ Kick Return Yards	1
Quayd Hendryx	50+ All-Purpose Yards	1
Daniel Jackson	Made Field Goal	1
Noah Jennings	Reception	5#
Noah Jennings	3+ Receptions	2
Noah Jennings	55+ Receiving Yards	2
Noah Jennings	7+ Receptions	1
Noah Jennings	85+ Receiving Yards	1
Noah Jennings	85+ All-Purpose Yards	1
Julian Johnson	Reception	1
Sid Kaba	0.5+ TFL	1
Matt Kingsbury	5+ Tackles	1
Drake Lindsey	20+ Pass Attempts	13
Drake Lindsey	15+ Pass Completions	13
Drake Lindsey	16+ Pass Completions	10
Drake Lindsey	24+ Pass Attempts	8
Drake Lindsey	18+ Pass Completions	7
Drake Lindsey	0 Interceptions Thrown	7
Drake Lindsey	260+ Passing Yards	2
Drake Lindsey	30+ Completions	1
Drake Lindsey	45+ Pass Attempts	1
Karter Menz	1.0+ TFL	1
Michael Merdinger	12+ Pass Completions	1~
Michael Merdinger	21+ Pass Attempts	1~
Michael Merdinger	210+ Passing Yards	1~
Michael Merdinger	2+ TDs Responsible For	1~
Michael Merdinger	Passing TD	1~
Michael Merdinger	Rushing TD	1~
Hayden Moore	Reception	2
Naiim Parrish	Blocked Kick	1
George Rohl	Reception	1
Max Shikenjanski	Rushing TD	1
Anthony Smith	0.5+ TFL	3
Anthony Smith	1.0+ TFL	1
Jalen Smith	Reception	7
Jalen Smith	3+ Receptions	3
Jalen Smith	5+ Receptions	1
Jalen Smith	50+ Receiving Yards	1
Jalen Smith	50+ All-Purpose Yards	1
Mekhai Smith	7+ Tackles	1
Mekhai Smith	0.5+ TFL	1
Riley Sunram	2.0+ TFL	1
Darius Taylor	Reception	6
TJ Thomas	Reception	3@
TJ Thomas	2+ Receptions	2
TJ Thomas	40+ Rushing Yards	2
TJ Thomas	4+ Receptions	1
Javon Tracy	Reception	10
Javon Tracy	2+ Receptions	5
Javon Tracy	5+ Receptions	2
Javon Tracy	50+ Receiving Yards	2
Javon Tracy	50+ All-Purpose Yards	2
Javon Tracy	7+ Receptions	1
A.J. Turner	Reception	1
Pierce Walsh	2+ Receptions	2
Aydan West	6+ Tackles	1
Aydan West	Fumbles Recovered	1
Aydan West	Defensive TD	1

Streaks are based on individual participation // & includes games at New Mexico; # includes games at Cincinnati; ~ includes games at Liberty; \$ includes games at Tulsa; @ includes games at Elon

► Unfortunately for Taylor, the injury bug has followed him off and on through his career. He played in 6 of 13 games as a true freshman before a relatively healthy 2024 campaign that saw him only miss the season opener. Last year, he missed three full games and parts of two others.

► In his career, Taylor ranks fourth in program history in games of 200+ all-purpose yards (4), fifth in rushing yards per game (84.2), seventh in 100-yard rushing games (13), ninth in 200-yard games (1), 10th in career rushing yards (2,526) and 19th in receptions (103).

► Taylor has led Minnesota in rushing yards in each of his first three seasons. He's looking to join Thomas Hamner (1996-99) and Darrell Thompson (1986-89) as the only Gophers in program history to lead the team in rushing four times.

► With 103 career receptions for 723 yards, Taylor is second in program history for receptions by a running back and fourth for receiving yards at the position. He is 14 receiving yards away from tying Chris Darkins (737) for third place.

► Like he's done with rushing yards, Taylor has led Minnesota in all-purpose yards in each of his first three seasons on campus. No player in Gophers history has done it four times.

► Despite missing nearly five full games last season, Taylor led the team in rushing attempts (143), rushing yards (670) and rushing yards per game (67.0). His four rushing scores tied for most on the team.

► After getting injured in the first quarter against Northwestern State on Sept. 6, he missed the next two contests but returned on Oct. 4 at Ohio State. He started the next two games, as well, but only played the first series at Iowa and did not play at all versus Michigan State. He returned at Oregon and played the rest of the season.

► In the passing game last season, Taylor caught 34 passes for 245 yards to rank third on the team in receptions. In addition, he led the team in yards after catch (256) and YAC per game (25.6), and was second in targets per game (4.90), receptions per game (3.4) and YAC per reception (7.5).

► Pro Football Focus gave Taylor a receiving grade of 75.9 last season, fourth best among all Big Ten running backs and 23rd nationally at the position.

► In the 2025 season opener, Taylor rushed for 141 yards on 30 attempts and caught four passes for 36 yards against Buffalo. It was the highest rushing total in a season opener since 2021 for Minnesota, while his 30 carries were second most in such games since 1979.

► The following week against Northwestern State, Taylor left in the first quarter due to injury after rushing for 20 yards on three carries and catching a nine-yard pass.

► Upon returning from injury against Purdue, Taylor logged a career-high 67 receiving yards on six receptions, including a reception of 40 yards that was the longest for a Gopher running back since Shannon Brooks had a 40-yarder versus Illinois in 2015. In addition, the 67 receiving yards were the most by a Gopher running back since Duane Bennett had 71 yards against Penn State in 2010.

► Against Nebraska, Taylor rushed for 148 yards (most by a Gopher on the year) on 24 carries and a one-yard touchdown. He had a 71-yard run in the second quarter, the second-longest of his career and the longest for Minnesota since his own 80-yarder in 2024 vs. Nevada. It was also the fourth longest of the Fleck era. He added a team-best four receptions for 16 yards.

► Taylor's 148 yards against Nebraska pushed his career rushing total to 2,138, making him the 18th player in Gophers history to reach the 2,000-yard mark. He got there in 23 games, tied with running backs coach **Mohamed Ibrahim** for the third fewest since 1955.

FEWEST GAMES TO 2000 CAREER RUSH YARDS*

Player	Years	Games	Attempts
1. Darrell Thompson	1986-89	18	354
2. Laurence Maroney	2003-05	21	294
3. Darius Taylor	2023-	23	402
Mohamed Ibrahim	2018-22	23	360
5. Marion Barber III	2001-04	26	342
Marion Barber	1977-80	26	422

*Since 1955

► Versus Wisconsin, Taylor carried the ball 19 times for 100 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown run in the second quarter that was the longest rushing touchdown for Minnesota since Taylor had a 51-yarder versus Maryland in October of 2024.

► In the Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, Taylor ran 24 times for 116 yards and a touchdown, while adding four catches for 23 yards.

► In his bowl career, Taylor has rushed 79 times for 437 yards, the most in Minnesota bowl history in both categories. In addition, his 488 all-purpose yards in bowl games are also the most in Minnesota bowl history.

► As a sophomore in 2024, Taylor played in 12 of 13 games, missing only the season opener. He rushed 205 times for 986 yards and a career-high 10 touchdowns, and he caught 54 passes for 350 yards and two scores. His 1,336 all-purpose yards led the Gophers and ranked 26th in Gopher single-season history.

► The Detroit native also emerged as threat in the receiving game as his 54 receptions set a school record for the position and nearly quintupled his reception total from 2023 (11), while his receiving yardage of 350 almost quadrupled his total (92) from 2023.

► Taylor was fifth in the Big Ten in rushing yards per game (82.2) and all-purpose yards per game (111.33), seventh in total touchdowns (12), ninth in rushing touchdowns and 10th in total rushing yards.

► Taylor finished the season third among Power 4 running backs and fourth nationally at the position with his 4.5 receptions per game last season. His 54 receptions led Big Ten running backs and were third nationally, while Taylor's 350 receiving yards were third among Big Ten running backs and 13th in the country.

► He led Minnesota with 330 yards after catch and 27.5 YAC per game. Taylor was also second on the Gophers in receptions, and third in receiving yards, receiving yards per game (30.3), targets (67) and targets per game (5.58).

► Taylor added to his repertoire in the 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl as he ran for 113 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries and caught four passes for 17 yards. He also threw a 10-yard touchdown pass, the first non-QB touchdown pass for Minnesota since 2015.

► At Michigan in 2024, Taylor had a career-high 10 catches for 52 yards. The 10 catches tied a Minnesota running back record set by Chuck Rios vs. San Diego State in 1994.

► Against Iowa in 2024, Taylor pushed his career rushing total over the 1,000-yard mark. He got there in just nine career games, making him the second-fastest Gopher (by games) to get there since 1955. Only Darrell Thompson did it faster, getting there in seven games in 1986.

RB REINFORCEMENTS

► Behind Taylor in the backfield is a running back room loaded with talent, including three players that saw limited action a year ago.

► **A.J. Turner** returns in 2026 after being limited to three games in 2025 due to an injury suffered at Cal. He had rushed 16 times for 64 yards and a touchdown in three games prior to the injury.

► After sitting out the season opener, Turner played for the first time since his injury at Cal with two rushes for four yards and one catch for five yards versus Mississippi State.

2026 HONORS & AWARDS

Mohamed Ibrahim, Running Backs Coach

- 247's "30 Under 30" list

Maverick Baranowski, LB

- Watch Lists: Butkus Award, Shriners Children's 1000
- 1st Team All-Big Ten (SIS)
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (Athlon, Phil Steele, Pick Six Previews)
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic)

Ashton Beers, OL

- **PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

- Watch Lists: Rimington Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000

Kerry Brown, DB

- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

TJ Bush Jr., DL

- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

Zack Harden, DB

- **PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

Greg Johnson, OL

- **PFF National Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

- **PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

- Watch Lists: Outland Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000

- 1st Team All-American (Phil Steele)

- 2nd Team All-American (AP, CBS Sports, ESPN)

- 3rd Team All-American (Pick Six Previews)

- 1st Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon, Pick Six Previews)

- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (PFN)

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)

- No. 66 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List

Matt Kingsbury, LB

- **PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

Drake Lindsey, QB

- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

John Nestor, DB

- Watch Lists: Lott Trophy, Shriners Children's 1000

- 3rd Team All-American (PFN)

- 1st Team All-Big Ten (PFN, SIS)

- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (Athlon, Phil Steele)

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)

- No. 92 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List

Nathan Roy, OL

- **PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)**

- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (SIS)

- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon)

- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

Anthony Smith, DL

- Watch Lists: AFCA Good Works Team, Bednarik Award, Lombardi Award, Nagurski Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000, Walter Camp Player of the Year, Wuerffel Trophy

- Big Ten Preseason Honors

- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (Cleveland.com)

- 1st Team All-American (Phil Steele)

- 2nd Team All-American (AP, Athlon, CBS Sports, ESPN, On3, Pick Six Previews, Walter Camp)

- 1st Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon, Phil Steele, Pick Six Previews, USA Today)

- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (SIS)

- No. 28 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List

- No. 40 on Bruce Feldman's "Freaks List"

Jalen Smith, WR

- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

Alan Soukup, LS

- Watch Lists: Mannelly Award

- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

Darius Taylor, RB

- Watch Lists: Maxwell Award, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000

- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon)

- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (Pick Six Previews)

- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)

TJ Thomas, RB

- 3rd Team All-Big Ten - PR (Phil Steele)

Javon Tracy, WR

- **Jet Award Return Specialist of the Week (9/8)**

- **Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (9/7)**

- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

A.J. Turner, RB

- Watch Lists: Comeback Player of the Year

Tom Weston, P

- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

Bold italic indicates in-season honor

► A fifth-year senior, Turner spent the previous three seasons (2022-24) at Marshall where he played in 22 games and rushed 127 times for 984 yards and six touchdowns and also caught 13 passes for 94 yards and three touchdowns. In 2024, Turner rushed 104 times for 864 yards and six touchdowns, while also catching eight passes for 68 yards and two scores to earn All-SBC Second Team honors. His 8.3 rush yards per carry was the best for any FBS player with at least 70 carries on the year, thanks in part to two touchdown runs of more than 80 yards. In addition, he had four 100-yard rushing games.

► **Xavier Ford** is now a sophomore after playing in two games in 2025 and rushing 10 times for 35 yards. This season, he's third on the team in both rushing attempts (5) and rushing yards (22). He also scored the first touchdown of his career in the season opener against Eastern Illinois.

► In his college debut last season as a true freshman, **Grant Washington** led Minnesota with 20 carries for 126 yards vs. Northwestern State. He was the first Gopher to run for over 100 yards in their first game since position coach **Mohamed Ibrahim** ran for 101 yards on nine carries versus New Mexico State in 2018. On the year, Washington was third on the team in rushing yards (132) and fourth in attempts (21). He has not yet played in 2026.

► Joining the returning trio is a pair of transfers in **TJ Thomas** and **Jaron Thomas**.

► TJ Thomas, a junior, spent 2024-25 at Elon where he played in 17 games (16 starts) and rushed 180 times for 972 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also caught 28 passes for 232 yards and a score, and returned 28 kickoffs for 686 yards and two punts for 36 yards.

► He leads the team with an average of 5.1 yards per rush and second in both rushing attempts (10) and rushing yards (51). He's also caught six passes for 63 yards, ranking fourth on the team in receptions and receiving yards.

► Jaron Thomas, a sophomore, was at Purdue in 2025. He played in one game, rushing two times for 15 yards and catching one pass against Indiana. He had a five-yard run in the season opener.

► From the high school ranks, a pair of freshmen will battle to break through for playing time.

► **Niko Castillo** attended Schuylkill Haven High School in Schuylkill Haven, Pa. In his career, he recorded 2,756 all-purpose yards (including 1,743 rushing yards and 603 receiving yards), 40 touchdowns. He was a three-star prospect by 247 and ESPN.

► In the season opener, he gained two yards on three carries.

► A native of Haverford, Pa., **Zeke Bates** graduated from Malvern Prep. A consensus three-star prospect and No. 48 running in the class by ESPN, he averaged 15.3 yards per rush and tallied 909 yards and 13 touchdowns as senior. He did not play in the season opener.

► Bates has not played yet this season.

MOST 100/200-YARD RUSHERS

► Since 2021, Minnesota has had nine different running backs combine for 38 100-yard rushing games: **Darius Taylor** (13), Mohamed Ibrahim (10), Ky Thomas (5), Bucky Irving (3), Trey Potts (3), Fame Ijeboi (1), Jordan Nubin (1), **Grant Washington** (1) and Bryce Williams (1).

► Within the Big Ten, Minnesota's nine different players to rush for 100 yards are tied with Michigan State, Oregon and UCLA for the most in the conference since 2021, while the 38 100-yard performances are second only to Michigan (44) in that span.

► Ibrahim (2), Taylor (1) and Nubin (1) have also combined for four 200-yard games since 2021.

► No other Big Ten school has had more than two 200-yard games since 2021 and Michigan (2) and Rutgers (2) are the only other B1G school to have multiple players rush for 200+ yards.

TRACY, SMITH LEAD WR ROOM

► Minnesota returns three of its top four pass catchers from a year ago, including receivers **Javon Tracy** and **Jalen Smith**.

► Two games into the season, Tracy leads the Gophers in targets (17), targets per game (8.5), receptions (12), receptions per game (6.), receiving yards (149), receiving yards per game (74.5), yards after catch (81) and YAC per game (40.5)

► Tracy has also returned five punts for 171 yards and two touchdowns, tied for the most in the nation. His average of 34.2 yards per return are also second in the conference and fifth nationally.

► His 160.0 all-purpose yards per game rank eighth nationally and second in the Big Ten.

► The season-opening win against Eastern Illinois featured an incredible performance by Tracy. Entering the game with zero career punt returns, he became the first Gopher ever to score two punt return touchdowns in a game. In fact, the only other Gophers with two punt return touchdowns in one season are Jermaine Mays (2002) and Douglas Roalstad (1968).

► Tracy also set a school record with 167 punt return yards on four returns. As a result, he was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week, the first Gopher to win the honor since Dragan Kesich in 2024 and the first Minnesota returner to do so since Demetrius Douglas in 2018.

► Tracy brought back his first career return 87 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter against EIU. He then added a 69-yard return score in the third. He became just the fifth player in Big Ten history to have two punt return touchdowns in a game along with Wisconsin's Earl Girard vs. Iowa in 1947, Ohio State's Garcia Lane vs. Purdue in 1983, Iowa's Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. Western Michigan in 2013 and Penn State's Daequan Hardy vs. UMass in 2023.

► In addition, Tracy caught five passes for 98 yards, his most as a Gopher, to tally a career-high 265 all-purpose yards. The all-purpose yardage total ranked 12th in program history and was the highest total since current Gopher running backs coach **Mohamed Ibrahim** gained 270 AP yards vs. Iowa in 2022.

► Tracy was the top target in the passing game in the Gophers' season opener, recording team highs in targets (7), receptions (5), receiving yards (98) and yards after catch (60). He added a 55-yard catch in the contest.

► Tracy recorded 95 of his receiving yards in the second quarter against EIU. Since 2016, that total tied for fifth in any quarter by a Gopher and was the highest total since Daniel Jackson had 97 yards in the second quarter versus Michigan State in 2023.

► With 98 receiving yards and 95 punt return yards in the opening half, Tracy tallied 193 all-purpose yards in the first 30 minutes. That was the highest AP yardage total for a Gopher wide receiver in any half in at least the last 10 seasons and was third highest by any Gopher in one half.

► Tracy led the team a year ago with six touchdown catches and was second on the roster with 37 receptions, 454 receiving yards, 34.9 receiving yards per game and 62 targets. He was also third with 4.77 targets and 2.8 receptions per game.

► At Northwestern, Tracy caught four passes for 87 yards and a career-high three touchdowns. He became the first Gopher with three touchdown receptions in a game since Rashod Bateman had three at Northwestern on Nov. 23, 2019.

► Prior to coming to Minnesota, Tracy played three seasons at Miami (OH), appearing in 29 career games and making 79 catches for 1,166 yards and nine scores. In 2024, he played in 13 games and had 57 receptions for 818 yards and seven touchdowns to earn First Team All-MAC recognition.

PFF GRADES

A list of Minnesota's top-graded players, according to Pro Football Focus (Min. 20 overall snaps unless noted):

Overall Offensive Grade

• Greg Johnson, OL	89.3
• Nathan Roy, OL	79.4
• Tony Nelson, OL	77.2

Rushing Grade (Min. 2 carries)

• Darius Taylor, RB	70.6
• Xavier Ford, RB	68.4
• TJ Thomas, RB	67.3

Receiving Grade (Min. 4 targets)

• Darius Taylor, RB	86.2
• Hayden Moore, WR	71.1
• Noah Jennings, WR	68.0

OL Offensive Grade

• Greg Johnson	89.3
• Nathan Roy	79.4
• Tony Nelson	77.2

Overall Run Blocking Grade (Min. 10 run block snaps)

• Greg Johnson, OL	95.7
• Quayd Hendryx, WR	89.3
• Tony Nelson, OL	79.2

OL Run Blocking Grade (Min. 10 run block snaps)

• Greg Johnson	95.7
• Tony Nelson	79.2
• Nathan Roy	70.3

Overall Pass Blocking Grade (Min. 10 pass block snaps)

• Nathan Roy, OL	87.8
• Ashton Beers, OL	86.3
• Jaden Ball, OL	84.6

OL Pass Blocking Grade (Min. 10 pass block snaps)

• Nathan Roy	87.8
• Ashton Beers	86.3
• Jaden Ball	84.6

Overall Defensive Grade

• Maverick Baranowski, LB	80.7
• Anthony Smith, DL	73.0
• John Nestor, DB	71.2

Tackling Grade

• TJ Bush Jr., DL	82.5
• Naiim Parrish, DB	77.0
• Anthony Smith, DL	75.6

Rush Defense Grade (Min. 10 rush defense snaps)

• Maverick Baranowski, LB	82.4
• Zack Harden, DB	78.0
• Anthony Smith, DL	78.0

Pass Rush Grade (min. 5 pass rush snaps)

• Maverick Baranowski, LB	75.9
• Karter Menz, DL	72.8
• Jaylin Hicks, DL	71.8

Pass Coverage Grade (min. 5 coverage snaps)

• Matt Kingsbury, LB	73.7
• Mason Carrier, LB	71.5
• John Nestor, DB	69.3

A WIN WOULD...

- Have Minnesota 2-1 or better to start a season under **P.J. Fleck** for the sixth year in a row and ninth time overall in 10 seasons under Fleck
- See Fleck improve to 29-5 in non-conference games as the Gophers' head coach
- Make Minnesota 68-24-2 when playing an FBS team for the first time
- Put the Gophers at 35-4-1 all-time against teams currently in the MAC
- Mark a fourth straight win against MAC schools and a 14th win in Minnesota's past 15 contests against the conference
- Push Fleck's career record to 2-0 all-time against Akron
- Enhance Fleck's record to 68-45 at Minnesota and 98-67 overall as a college head coach

► Minnesota has also seen big-play ability from Smith, who entered 2026 as a Third Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by Phil Steele.

► Smith caught all three passes thrown his way in the season opener, recording 26 receiving yards. Against Mississippi State, he saw a career-high 11 targets and finished with five catches for 51 yards.

► On the year, Smith is third on the team in targets (14), targets per game (7.0), receptions (8), receptions per game (4.0), receiving yards (77) and receiving yards per game (38.5).

► Last season, Smith finished with 419 receiving yards (fourth-most by a Gopher freshman) and four touchdowns on 28 catches with an average of 15.0 yards per reception as a redshirt freshman.

► Among all players with at least 10 receptions, he led the team in yards per reception and yards per target (7.6). He was also second in TD receptions, yards after catch (200) and YAC per game (15.4), and ranked third in receiving yards, receiving yards per game (32.2) and targets (55).

► He had two receptions of 60+ yards last year, tied for the most in the Big Ten and tied for 16th in the country.

► Smith ended the season with arguably his top performance in the 2025 Rate Bowl win over New Mexico. He led the team with a career-high six receptions for 64 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning catch in OT. The two TD receptions tied a Gopher bowl record and marked the first multi-touchdown game of his career.

► Against Rutgers on Sept. 27, Smith finished with four catches for a career-high 103 yards and a touchdown. His 78-yard reception in the second quarter was the longest since an 86-yard pass from Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois in 2018. It was also Minnesota's longest pass play in Huntington Bank Stadium history and the second longest overall at the facility.

► Smith made his first career start and led the team with 76 yards on two receptions against Buffalo in the season opener, including a 60-yard scoring strike that was his first career touchdown.

ROUNDING OUT THE RECEIVERS

► Minnesota's receiver room has been revamped in 2026 with eight newcomers joining top wideouts **Jalen Smith** and **Javon Tracy**, plus returners **Bradley Martino** and **Donielle Hayes**, neither of whom caught a pass a year ago, though Martino did have a six-yard catch in the season opener.

► Three transfers are looking to make an immediate impact with **Noah Jennings**, **Zion Steptoe** and **Perry Thompson** joining the receiving corps.

► Minnesota is the third stop for Jennings after he spent 2025 at Cincinnati and 2023-24 at Charleston Southern. He's caught 95 passes for 1,208 yards and four touchdowns in his career.

► He is second on Minnesota in targets (15), targets per game (7.5), receptions (10), receptions per game (5.0), receiving yards (145) and receiving yards per game (72.5). He is also third in yards per target (9.7).

► Against Mississippi State, Jennings posted seven catches for 88 yards on 11 targets, including Minnesota's game-long 34-yard gain. Both his catch and target totals were one off his career highs. It was highest catch and yardage total since recording seven catches for 97 yards against Furman in 2024 while he was at Charleston Southern.

► Against the Bulldogs, Jennings went over 100 career catches, with his current total at 105. He recorded 23 previously at Cincinnati and 72 at Charleston Southern.

► Like Jennings, Steptoe is also on his third school after playing the last two seasons at Tulsa following two years at Purdue. He had 36 catches for 475 yards with the Golden Hurricane, while at Purdue he played receiver as a freshman (redshirted, played in one game) before moving to defensive back as a sophomore where he made 11 tackles with a forced fumble.

► Steptoe had a six-yard catch in the season opener.

► Thompson spent two seasons at Auburn before moving north to Minneapolis. Ranked as a five-star prospect by 247Sports out of high school, Thompson played in 22 games (started five) and made 22 catches for 280 yards and one touchdown with the Tigers. He has not played yet in 2026.

► True freshman **Quayd Hendryx** has also found a role. He caught a 13-yard pass in the season opener and returned two kicks for 51 yards against Mississippi State.

► Hendryx attended Winslow Township High School in Atco, N.J. In his senior season, he caught 43 passes for 880 yards and 14 touchdowns. A consensus three-star prospect, was ranked by 247Composite as the No. 108 wide receiver in the recruiting class. Hendryx was a state champion in track and field in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100 relay.

O-LINE CORE BACK IN 2026

► Minnesota returned three of five starters along the offensive line from last season, while the unit as a whole features 156 games played and 76 starts.

► Minnesota has used the same starting lineup through the first two games of the season with **Ashton Beers**, **Greg Johnson** and **Nathan Roy** returning at center, left guard and left tackle, respectively, while **Tony Nelson** has started at right guard and **Daniel Shipp** is a first-time starter at right tackle.

► The offensive line did not allow a sack in the opener, its first such game with no sacks allowed since 2024 against Maryland. In the process, Beers, Johnson and Roy were all named to Pro Football Focus' Big Ten Team of the Week.

► According to PFF, neither Johnson or Beers have been credited with allowing a pressure this season.

► Johnson currently owns an offensive grade of 90.2 this season from Pro Football Focus, ranking second overall in the nation among offensive linemen and first among all guards.

► Johnson's run-blocking grade of 95.7 is 6.3 points higher than any other offensive lineman in the country and 14.8 points higher than any B1G lineman.

► Beers is tied for 11th nationally among centers, and third at the position within the Big Ten, with his overall PFF grade of 75.9. Only two centers in the country have higher grades in both run blocking and pass blocking than Beers' marks of 70.2 and 84.0, respectively.

► Roy owns the 16th best PFF grade among FBS tackles at 79.4, while the number ranks fifth in the Big Ten. His pass blocking grade of 87.8 is seventh best nationally and second in the Big Ten at his position.

► Beers, Johnson and Roy each started all 13 games for the Gophers in 2025. Beers made all 13 starts at center, while Johnson saw 11 starts at left guard, and one each at left and right tackle, and Roy started 12 games at left tackle and one at right tackle.

► Johnson's overall offensive grade of 75.1 from PFF last season rated as the best among any lineman -- and second for any offensive position -- on the 2026 Minnesota roster entering the season. In addition, his run-blocking grade of 73.4 in 2025 was also best among the current o-linemen. For his efforts a year ago, Johnson was named Honorable Mention All-Big Ten by the conference media.

► The hype train has continued this season for Johnson as he was been named to the Outland Trophy Watch List and was a Preseason First Team All-American and First-Team All-Big Ten honoree by Phil Steele.

► Beers, who is on the Preseason Watch List for the Rimington Trophy, was one of the best pass-blocking centers in all of the FBS last season according to PFF, grading out at 86.1. That mark was tied for eighth in the country and ranked second in the Big Ten.

THE POLLS

AP Poll Top 25 (Sept. 13)

Rnk	Team (1st)	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Texas (56)	2-0	1678	4
2.	Georgia (3)	2-0	1551	2
3.	Notre Dame (1)	2-0	1531	3
4.	Indiana (3)*	2-0	1466	5
5.	Miami (FL) (4)	2-0	1452	7
6.	Ohio State	1-1	1407	1
7.	LSU (1)	2-0	1334	8
8.	Ole Miss	2-0	1216	9
9.	Texas A&M	2-0	1165	10
10.	Alabama	2-0	1068	12
11.	BYU	2-0	966	15
12.	USC	3-0	944	14
13.	Texas Tech	2-0	910	13
14.	Penn State*	2-0	692	16
15.	Tennessee	2-0	676	18
16.	SMU	2-0	636	17
17.	Utah	2-0	558	20
18.	Iowa*	2-0	391	21
19.	Michigan*	2-0	382	RV
20.	Missouri	2-0	344	23
21.	Oregon	1-1	324	6
22.	Houston	2-0	292	22
23.	Louisville	1-1	244	24
24.	Oklahoma	1-1	222	11
25.	Virginia	2-0	182	25

Others receiving votes: Washington 172*, Florida 83, Boise State 57, Oklahoma State 36, Western Michigan 35, Tulsa 18, Mississippi State 17*, South Carolina 15, Virginia Tech 11, UCLA 9*, James Madison 6, Arizona 5, North Dakota State 3, Pittsburgh 1, Kansas State 1.

* - 2026 Opponent

US LBM Coaches Poll Top 25 (Sept. 13)

Rnk	Team (1st)	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Texas (42)	2-0	1804	3
2.	Georgia (15)	2-0	1732	2
3.	Notre Dame (4)	2-0	1639	4
4.	Indiana (10)*	2-0	1611	5
5.	Miami (FL) (2)	2-0	1549	7
6.	Ohio State	1-1	1480	1
7.	LSU (1)	2-0	1405	8
8.	Texas A&M	2-0	1311	9
9.	Ole Miss	2-0	1228	11
10.	Alabama	2-0	1206	12
11.	USC	3-0	1023	14
12.	Texas Tech	2-0	977	13
13.	BYU	2-0	975	15
14.	Tennessee	2-0	679	18
15.	Penn State*	2-0	676	16
16.	SMU	2-0	605	17
17.	Utah	2-0	590	20
18.	Oregon	1-1	564	6
19.	Michigan*	2-0	426	24
20.	Iowa*	2-0	423	21
21.	Oklahoma	1-1	395	10
22.	Missouri	2-0	340	23
23.	Houston	2-0	290	22
24.	Washington*	2-0	268	19
25.	Virginia	2-0	249	25

Others receiving votes: Florida 183, Louisville 160, Boise State 44, Kansas State 24, South Carolina 23, Mississippi State 20*, Vanderbilt 19, Duke 19, Nebraska 18, Pittsburgh 16, Oklahoma State 16, Auburn 15, Western Michigan 10, Virginia Tech 9, UCLA 8*, Tulsa 7, North Dakota State 5, New Mexico 4, Clemson 3, Wake Forest 1, Arizona 1.

* - 2026 Opponent

► Beers was credited with just seven pressures and no sacks allowed on 441 pass-blocking snaps. Of all FBS centers with at least that many pass-blocking snaps, his seven pressures allowed tied for the second fewest.

► Roy was named a Freshman All-American last season by The Athletic. He allowed only three sacks and 12 pressures on 440 pass-blocking snaps.

► Entering 2026, he was named a Third Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by both The Athletic and Athlon.

► Nelson started each of the final two games of the 2025 season at right guard for Minnesota, highlighted by a pass-blocking grade of 85.6 against Wisconsin.

► He's got a grade of 76.2 overall this season from PFF, plus 79.2 in run blocking and 74.7 in pass blocking.

OFFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

► In addition to the previously mentioned newcomers at running back and wide receiver, Minnesota also welcomed in TE **Kaden Helms**, QB **Michael Merdinger** and OL **Bennett Warren**.

► Helms spent four seasons (2022-25) at Oklahoma where he had eight catches for 58 yards and two touchdowns in 21 games. He has two catches for 13 yards this season.

► Merdinger played one season each at Liberty (2025) and North Carolina (2024). With the Flames, he played in five games (two starts) and completed 12-of-21 passes for 350 yards and one touchdown while rushing 19 times for 28 yards and a score. With the Tar Heels, Merdinger played in one game, completing 9-of-12 passes for 86 yards.

► Merdinger has not played this season.

► Warren, who played 36 snaps in the season opener according to PFF, played two seasons (2024-25) at Tennessee. A year ago he played in all 13 games, seeing action as a reserve on the offensive line at tackle and on special teams.

► Coming out of high school, Warren was a consensus four-star prospect and ranked as the No. 73 recruit and No. 6 tackle prospect in the nation according to ESPN.

► Warren has played in both games this season, seeing 58 snaps total according to PFF.

THE BALL IS THE PROGRAM

► Minnesota has one giveaway this season, a lost fumble in the season opener. Turning the ball over was not something that happened much in 2025.

► Last season, the Gophers only committed nine turnovers, tied for fifth fewest in the country and the second fewest in the Big Ten. Only two of those turnovers were fumbles lost, the second fewest in the nation.

► Minnesota had seven games in 2025 with no turnovers, tied for the second most such games among Power 4 schools and tied for fourth most overall.

► From Nov. 1 through the end of the 2025 season, the Gophers committed just one turnover, the only Power 4 team in the country that could make that claim.

► Minnesota had 16 takeaways against nine turnovers in 2025. According to ESPN, Minnesota has gone seven straight years without a negative turnover differential, the longest active streak among Power 4 programs. In the playoff era, only three others have had longer streaks.

► Highlighting the importance of taking care of the ball, since P.J. Fleck took over in 2017 only Oklahoma has more wins in one-possession games than the Gophers, according to Big Ten Network's Dave Revsine. Minnesota is 27-17 in such games over that span.

BOOSTING THE SACK NUMBERS

► Minnesota has two sacks through two games, but they're poised to build off of last season's success.

► One big reason is the addition of transfer **TJ Bush Jr.** He currently has 14.0 career sacks, which ranks 12th among active FBS players. Meanwhile, **Anthony Smith** has 19.5, which ranks second.

► As noted on Page 10, Bush Jr. is in the top 20 among active FBS players in career tackles for loss (29.0), sacks, TFL yards (124) and sack yards (90).

► Minnesota was one of the best teams in the country at getting after the quarterback last season, posting 39 sacks in 13 games. The rate of 3.00 sacks per game was highest in the Big Ten and tied for sixth in the country. The total of 39 sacks tied for the third most in the Minnesota record book (dating to 1984) and was the highest since a program-record 45 sacks in 1999.

► The Golden Gophers had three games last year with 7+ sacks, tying six other teams for the most in a season in the FBS since 2005.

► In addition, Minnesota averaged 7.08 tackles for loss last season, ranking 11th nationally and second in the B1G. With 92 TFLs on the season, the 2025 total ranked third in program history.

► In the Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, the Golden Gophers finished with 8.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks. The TFL total tied for fourth most in a bowl game in team history, while the sacks tied for third.

► The defense was relentless in the team's 24-6 win over No. 25 Nebraska on Oct. 17, recording 9.0 sacks, the most in Gopher records dating to 1977. That also tied for the most by an FBS program last season.

► **Karter Menz** and **Smith** each tallied 2.5 sacks against the Huskers, tying each other for the most by a Gopher player in the **P.J. Fleck** era and the most by a Gopher at Huntington Bank Stadium. With **Jaxon Howard** adding 2.0 sacks, it marked the first time since at least 1995 that Minnesota had three players record 2.0 sacks or more in one game.

► Against Michigan State on Nov. 1, Minnesota logged 7.0 sacks, tied for fourth-most in school history and tied for second-most in the Fleck era. Six of those sacks came in the first half, the team's most in any half since at least 2019.

► The team also finished with 12.0 TFLs against the Spartans, which stands as the most in the Fleck era and tied for sixth all-time (records date to 1977). Eight of the tackles for loss came in the first half, the team's most in any half since at least 2019.

► Against Rutgers on Sept. 27, Minnesota's defense posted 7.0 sacks and 11.0 tackles for loss. The TFL number was the most in the Fleck era at the time prior to the Michigan State game.

AGENT ZERO

► **Anthony Smith**, a fifth-year senior who is on watch lists for the Nagurski Trophy and Lombardi Award and is a First Team Preseason All-American by Phil Steele, burst onto the scene last year with team highs in tackles for loss (17.5) and sacks (12.5), plus 38 tackles and three PBUs, earning First Team All-Big Ten honors as a result.

► A primary focus of offensive game plans in 2026, Smith has three tackles with 1.5 TFLs in two games so far this year.

► With 32.5 career TFLs and 19.5 sacks, Smith needs 11.0 TFLs and 9.5 sacks to tie program records in each category.

► Among active FBS players, Smith is first in career TFL yards (191), second in sacks and sack yards (153), fifth in tackles for loss and 10th in sacks per game (0.45).

► He was one of four players in the country last year, and the only one returning this year, to reach those sack and TFL totals. Two of the others were Miami's Akheem Mesidor and Texas Tech's David Bailey, both of whom were first-round picks in the 2026 NFL Draft.

ACTIVE FBS CAREER LEADERS

Player	Stat	Value	Rank
Maverick Baranowski	Tackles	236	12th
Maverick Baranowski	Tackles/Game	5.90	33rd
TJ Bush Jr.	Tackles for Loss	29.0	12th
TJ Bush Jr.	Sacks	14.0	12th
TJ Bush Jr.	TFL Yards	124	13th
TJ Bush Jr.	Sack Yards	90	19th
TJ Bush Jr.	TFL/Game	0.71	27th
TJ Bush Jr.	Sacks/Game	0.34	34th
Luke Drzewiecki	Field Goal Attempts	67	9th
Luke Drzewiecki	Field Goals Made	53	9th
Luke Drzewiecki	Points Scored	280	11th
Luke Drzewiecki	Extra Point Percentage	.984	15th
Luke Drzewiecki	Extra Point Attempts	123	17th
Luke Drzewiecki	Extra Points Made	121	17th
Luke Drzewiecki	Points/Game	6.1	24th
Luke Drzewiecki	FG Percentage	.791	35th
Luke Drzewiecki	FG Made/Game	1.15	38th
Luke Drzewiecki	FG Att./Game	1.46	40th
Luke Drzewiecki	Games Played	46	47th
Matt Kingsbury	Defensive TDs	1	25th
Drake Lindsey	Completions/Game	16.67	23rd
Drake Lindsey	Passes/Game	25.89	25th
Karter Menz	Sacks/Game	0.33	45th
John Nestor	INT Return TDs	1	18th
John Nestor	Interceptions	6	21st
John Nestor	Defensive TDs	1	25th
John Nestor	Interception Yards	113	23rd
John Nestor	Interceptions/Game	0.18	32nd
Anthony Smith	TFL Yards	191	1st
Anthony Smith	Sacks	19.5	2nd
Anthony Smith	Sack Yards	153	2nd
Anthony Smith	Tackles for Loss	32.5	5th
Anthony Smith	Sacks/Game	0.45	10th
Anthony Smith	TFL/Game	0.76	19th
Anthony Smith	Forced Fumbles	3	36th
Darius Taylor	AP Plays	609	2nd
Darius Taylor	AP Plays/Game	20.30	2nd
Darius Taylor	Rushes/Game	16.87	2nd
Darius Taylor	AP Yards/Game	108.30	6th
Darius Taylor	Total Rushes	506	7th
Darius Taylor	AP Yards	3,249	8th
Darius Taylor	Rush Yards	2,526	9th
Darius Taylor	Yards/Rush	5.0	18th
Darius Taylor	TDs Scored	24	19th
Darius Taylor	Rush TDs	22	20th
Javon Tracy	Punt Return TDs	2	2nd
Javon Tracy	TD Receptions	15	9th
Javon Tracy	Non-Offensive TDs	2	10th
Javon Tracy	Receptions	128	12th
Javon Tracy	Receptions/Game	2.91	15th
Javon Tracy	Receiving Yards	1,769	16th
Javon Tracy	Yards/Catch	13.8	17th
Aydan West	Defensive TDs	1	25th
Tom Weston	Punts/Game	4.73	7th

ON THIS DATE

Minnesota is 7-3 all-time when playing on Sept. 19.

• 2015	W	10-7	vs. Kent State
• 2009	L	21-35	vs. #8 California
• 1998	W	41-14	vs. Memphis
• 1992	L	20-21	vs. #11 Colorado
• 1987	W	32-23	vs. California
• 1981	W	16-13	vs. Purdue
• 1970	L	12-34	at Missouri
• 1903	W	36-0	vs. St. Paul Central HS
• 1903	W	21-6	vs. MPLS Central HS
• 1896	W	34-0	at South HS

► Smith's 17.5 TFLs ranked second in the Big Ten, fifth in the country and sixth all-time in Gopher history. His 121 TFL yards led the conference and were third in the FBS. Smith's 12.5 sacks led the Big Ten, tied for third in the country and were fourth in Gopher history.

► In the 2025 Rate Bowl, Smith posted six tackles with a career-high 4.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, and a career-best two pass breakups in Minnesota's win over New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl. No FBS player had posted that stat line in any game since 2018.

► Smith had six games last season with at least 1.5 TFLs and five games with 1.5 sacks or more.

► Dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl after the 2024 regular season through the Rutgers game last season, Smith had a sack in five straight games. That tied for the third longest sack streak in program history and was one off the school record of six straight games with a sack.

► He's led the team in TFLs and sacks in each of the last two seasons. The last player to lead in TFLs in three straight seasons was Carter Coughlin from 2017-19, while no player has led the Gophers in sacks for three seasons in a row (records date to 1982).

► Smith checked in at No. 40 on Bruce Feldman's Freaks List. "The former standout high school basketball player, who also excelled in track as a shot putter and discus thrower, Smith is his teammates' pick for the biggest Freak in the program," Feldman wrote. "He ran 21 mph and vertical jumped 34 inches. The testing number Smith is most proud of is his shuttle time, which he clocked in the high 4.1s, crediting his basketball background. He's also fond of other sports like soccer, tennis and ping-pong."

BARANOWSKI BACK

► As noted on Page 1, linebacker **Maverick Baranowski**, is a key figure on the Minnesota defense.

► This season, he ranks second among Big Ten linebackers in PFF's pass rush grade (75.1), sixth in overall grade (80.5), seventh for rush defense (82.5) and 11th in tackling (73.0).

► Among B1G linebackers last season, Baranowski's PFF grades ranked seventh for overall defense and pass coverage, and 14th in rush defense (76.3).

► In the 2025 Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, Baranowski recorded a career-high 17 tackles and tied his career high with 1.0 sacks. His tackle total was one shy of Tyrone Carter's program bowl game record of 18 set in the 1999 Sun Bowl versus Oregon and was the most by a Gopher since linebackers coach **Mariano Sori-Marin** had 18 at Nebraska in 2020.

NESTOR HAS A NOSE FOR THE BALL

► A season after tying for the Big Ten lead in interceptions, **John Nestor** entered 2026 as a member of the Lott Trophy Watch List and a Third Team Preseason All-American by Pro Football Network. Athlon and Phil Steele both dubbed him a Second Team All-Big Ten honoree.

► He has three tackles in two games this season.

► Despite missing two games last season, Nestor led the team with six interceptions, a number that tied for second nationally and tied for the most in the Big Ten. The total also tied for the third most in a season in Gopher history -- one off the record of 7 set by Jeff Wright in 1970 and matched by Antoine Winfield Jr., in 2019 -- and was the most ever by a Minnesota junior.

► Nestor's 113 interception return yards also led the Big Ten and were 11th nationally. The figure ranked seventh in the team record book and was the highest since Jimmy Wyrick returned two picks for 115 yards in 1999.

► Nestor also had a team-best six pass breakups last season, which tied for 18th in the conference. It all added up to a team-high 12 passes defended total. His 1.09 passes defended per game were the most in the Big Ten and tied for 15th in the FBS.

► In addition, Nestor was fifth on the team with 50 tackles and had 6.0 tackles for loss to go with his six interceptions and six PBUs. Nestor was the first FBS player since 2022 to post the stat line for a season and the first Power 4 player to do so since 2017.

► In the regular season finale against Wisconsin, Nestor had one of the best individual defensive performances the sport has seen in some time. He recorded a career-high nine tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss in a 17-7 win that helped Minnesota win Paul Bunyan's Axe for the fourth time in the last five years. He also had two interceptions (76 return yards) tied for fourth highest in school history) and recovered one fumble.

► According to Stathead, no FBS player since at least 2005 has had a game like Nestor's with at least nine tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

► Both of Nestor's interceptions against the Badgers came in the third quarter, making him the first Gopher with multiple picks in a quarter since Tyler Nubin versus Rutgers in 2022.

► For his efforts against the Badgers, Nestor was named both the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and the Bednarik Award Player of the Week.

► Nestor also had two interceptions earlier in the year against Northwestern State, joining him with Winfield Jr. (2019) as the only Gophers since at least 2000 to have multiple games in a season with two interceptions.

WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?

► Defensive back **Kerry Brown** has put together two elite seasons in the Maroon and Gold. As a result, entering 2026 he was named Fourth Team Preseason All-Big Ten by Phil Steele.

► He had two tackles in the season-opening win and followed with a team-high 10 tackles against Mississippi State, his second career game with double-digit stops.

► Last season, Brown had 56 tackles with 4.0 TFLs, while his two interceptions and four pass breakups both rank second on the team. For his efforts, he was named a consensus Honorable Mention All-Big Ten honoree.

► Among regulars on the Gophers defense a year ago, Brown had the best rush defense grade (81.4) from PFF, a number which ranked eighth among B1G safeties. He was also second on the Gophers in tackling grade (70.5) and fourth in overall defensive grade (69.9).

► Playing in 12 of 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2024, he was third on the team in tackles (63) and tied for third in interceptions (2). He also has 3.0 TFLs and four pass breakups. For his efforts, he was touted as a Second Team All-American by Sports Info Solutions and was a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

► Brown was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week following his standout performance against Nevada in 2024. He recorded two interceptions -- the first two of his career -- and added four tackles as Minnesota shut out the Wolf Pack, 27-0.

DEFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

► Minnesota welcomed in nine transfers on the defensive side of the ball, including four along the line and four in the secondary.

► The Golden Gophers are the third program for edge rusher **TJ Bush Jr.**, who played one season at Cal (2025) and two at Liberty (2023-24). With the Bears last season, Bush started all 13 games and made 40 tackles. He led the team with 5.5 sacks and was second with 11.5 tackles for loss while also breaking up one pass.

► In two seasons with the Flames, Bush tallied 16.5 TFLs and 7.5 sacks with nine pass breakups. He was named to the 2023 FWAA Freshman All-American team and Conference USA All-Freshman Team.

GOPHER UNIFORM TRACKER

Since **P.J. Fleck's** first season in 2017, Minnesota has worn the following uniform combinations:

Helmet	Jersey	Pants	Record
Gold	Gold	Gold	3-0
Gold	Gold	Maroon	0-0
Gold	White	White	1-0
Gold	White	Gold	6-1
Gold	White	Maroon	5-4
Gold	Anthracite	Anthracite	3-1
Gold	Maroon	Maroon	5-4
Gold	Maroon	Gold	3-1
Maroon	Maroon	Maroon	13-8
Maroon	Maroon	Gold	6-1~
Maroon	Maroon	White	0-1
Maroon	Gold	Maroon	3-2!
Maroon	Black	Black	1-1
Maroon	White	White	0-6
Maroon	White	Gold	1-2
Maroon	White	Maroon	6-4
White	White	White	4-5
White	White	Maroon	0-2
White	White	Anthracite	0-1
White	Maroon	Gold	1-0
White	Maroon	White	2-1
White	Black	Black	2-0
Black	Black	Black	2-0

Worn in 2026: ~ vs. Eastern Illinois; ! vs. Mississippi State

ALL-TIME IN OVERTIME

Minnesota is 8-10 all-time in overtime games, including a 3-3 mark under **P.J. Fleck**. The Gophers are 4-9 in a single overtime, 2-1 in double overtime and 2-0 when going to a third.

Date	W/L	Score	#OT	Venue	Opponent
12/26/25	W	20-17	1	Neutral	New Mexico
11/1/25	W	23-20	1	Home	Michigan State
9/23/23	L	34-37	1	Away	Northwestern
12/19/20	L	17-20	1	Away	Wisconsin
10/30/20	L	44-45	1	Away	Maryland
9/7/19	W	38-35	2	Away	Fresno State
10/1/16	L	26-29	1	Away	Penn State
9/12/15	W	23-20	1	Away	Colorado St.
8/30/12	W	30-27	3	Away	UNLV
9/5/09	W	23-20	1	Away	Syracuse
10/13/07	L	48-49	2	Away	Northwestern
9/8/07	W	41-35	3	Home	Miami (OH)
9/1/07	L	31-32	1	Home	Bowling Green
12/29/06	L	41-44	1	Neutral	Texas Tech
10/7/06	L	27-28	1	Home	Penn State
9/24/05	W	42-35	2	Home	Purdue
9/29/01	L	28-35	1	Home	Purdue
10/9/99	L	17-20	1	Home	Wisconsin

► Bush is third on the team with 11 tackles this season and is tied for the team lead in both tackles for loss (2.0) and sacks (1.0). His tackling grade from PFF of 82.5 is best on the team and among all Big Ten edge rushers, and ranks fourth nationally at the position.

► Minnesota is also the third stop for **Naquan Crowder**, who was at Marshall last season and California (PA) from 2023-24. For the Thundering Herd, Crowder played in 11 games (two starts) and made 26 tackles with 1.0 sacks, 3.0 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.

► He boasted the highest 2025 rush defense grade on the 2026 Gopher roster at 82.8. That number tied for third in the Sun Belt a year ago. In addition, his tackling grade of 72.7 ranks third among current Gophers.

► Crowder got the start at defensive tackle in the season opener and has three tackles in two games.

► **Xion Chapman** comes to the Gophers via Florida International (2025) and Lackawanna College (2023-24). Last year with the Panthers, Chapman played in 12 games (four starts) and had 15 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, one forced fumble and one pass breakup. Chapman's PFF pass rush grade of 79.3 ranked third in Conference USA last season among interior defensive linemen and was the best of any member of the current Gophers roster.

► Chapman had a QB hurry in the season opener.

► Like his fellow transfer linemen, Minnesota is the third home for **Sid Kaba**, who was teammates at Marshall last season with Crowder and also spent two years at Western Michigan before that. He played in nine games and made 18 tackles with 3.0 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks for Marshall in 2025. His tackling grade of 74.2 last season ranks second among 2026 Golden Gophers, while his 79.9 grade on rush defense is third best.

► Kaba had two tackles, including 0.5 for loss, in the team's season-opening win.

► In the secondary, **Mekhai Smith** spent the last two seasons (2024-25) at Lehigh where he had 96 tackles, four interceptions, seven pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 26 games (13 starts). Last season, he played in 13 games (12 starts) and made 56 tackles with 0.5 tackles for loss, four interceptions, seven pass breakups, one forced fumble and recovered fumble.

► He earned a defensive grade of 89.8 from PFF, which ranked 27th overall and seventh among safeties in the FCS last season. That grade, plus his tackling grade (77.3) and pass coverage grade (89.0) served as the highest marks in 2025 among all 2026 Gophers.

► Smith is fourth on the team with 10 tackles and has 0.5 TFLs.

► Defensive back **Aydan West** is the younger brother of fellow DB **Elisha West**, both of whom transferred in this offseason from Michigan State. Their cousin is, Jordan Addison, who played college football at Pittsburgh -- where he won the Biletnikoff Award -- and USC and is currently a receiver for the Minnesota Vikings.

► Aydan played in all 12 games (four starts) last season for the Spartans and made 19 tackles with 1.0 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks and one pass breakup.

► Aydan has started both games and has seven tackles, plus a fumble recovered for a touchdown against Mississippi State.

► Sartell, Minn., native **Parker Knutson** makes the jump from Division II to FBS as he joins the Gophers from Southwest Minnesota State. He was with the Mustangs for three seasons, playing in 25 games (22 starts) and making 86 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, 13 interceptions, 32 pass breakups, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick.

► With eight interceptions in 11 games last season, Knutson's 0.73 interceptions per game were the most in all of D-II, while his 1.27 passes defended per game were 15th best at the level.

► Knutson played in both games but has not recorded any stats.

PUNTER FROM DOWN UNDER

► Senior **Tom Weston**, a native of Perth, Australia, is back for his second year with the Gophers are taking over the punting duties last season. He came to the Gophers after two years at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

► Entering this season as a Preseason Fourth Team All-Big Ten honoree by Athlon, Weston has punted six times and averaged 38.3 yards per punt.

► Among all Gophers with at least 50 career punts, Weston's average of 42.2 yards ranks fourth.

► Weston averaged 42.6 yards on 65 punts last year with 15 covering 50-yards, including a season-long of 59 yards. He put 23 punts inside the 20-yard line, forced 18 fair catches and had only four punts go for a touchback. For his efforts, Weston was named Third Team All-Big Ten by the league's media.

► His average of 42.58 yards per punt ranked fifth in the Big Ten and was the ninth-best average in program history for one season. In addition, Weston's yardage total of 2,768 yards was 10th most in program single-season annals.

► Weston's 15 50-yard punts were the most by a Gopher punter since Ryan Santoso had 16 in 2017.

► At Ohio State last year, Weston punted seven times for an average of 50.9 yards per punt, with a long of 58, four punts of 50+ yards, and two downed inside the 20. His average of 50.9 ranked as the 10th best for a single game at Minnesota since at least 1977 (minimum of three punts). Prior to the game, the last Gopher to even have three 50-yard punts was Mark Crawford at Penn State in 2022.

► After not seeing game action as a true freshman in 2023 at Ouachita Baptist, Weston punted 51 times and averaged 44.2 yards per kick in 2024. He had 11 punts of 50 yards or more, including a career long of 76 yards, placed 23 punts inside the 20-yard line and had 21 punts fair caught.

KICKER COMPETITION

► Minnesota boasts three kickers on its 2026 roster, including the return of sophomore **Daniel Jackson**, as well as transfers **Luke Drzewiecki** from New Mexico and **Beckham Sunderland** from Michigan.

THIRD DOWN TRACKER

Minnesota														Opponents													
Yds	EIU	MSST	AKR	WASH	MICH	PUR	IOWA	IND	UCLA	PSU	NU	UW	Total	Yds	EIU	MSST	AKR	WASH	MICH	PUR	IOWA	IND	UCLA	PSU	NU	UW	Total
1-3	5-6	3-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8-11	1-3	0-1	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-6
4-6	2-5	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3-6	4-6	3-5	2-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-10	
7-9	2-3	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-4	7-9	0-2	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	
10-14	1-1	0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-5	10-14	0-2	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	
15+	0-0	0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	15+	0-3	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-3	
Total	10-15	4-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14-28	Total	3-13	6-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9-23
Yds to Go	71	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	Yds to Go	125	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
Avg. to Go	4.7	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	Avg. to Go	9.6	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0

GOPHERS IN THE NFL

There were 24 former Gophers on an NFL roster or practice squad, as of Sept. 8.

Player	At Minn.	Pos.	NFL Team
Rashod Bateman	2018-20	WR	Baltimore
Kyler Baugh (PS)	2022-23	DT	Pittsburgh
Max Brosmer (PS)	2024	QB	Minnesota
Blake Cashman	2015-18	LB	Minnesota
Deven Eastern (PS)	2021-25	NT	Seattle
Aireontae Erserly	2020-24	OT	Houston
Daniel Faalele	2018-21	OL	Jacksonville
Jameson Geers (R/I)	2021-25	TE	Arizona
Jack Gibbens	2021	LB	Arizona
Jordan Howden	2018-22	DB	New Orleans
Nick Kallerup	2019-24	TE	Seattle
Ko Kieft	2017-21	TE	Tampa Bay
Cody Lindenberg	2020-24	LB	Las Vegas
Boye Mafe	2018-21	DE	Cincinnati
Eric Murray	2012-15	S	Jacksonville
Tyler Nubin	2019-23	S	N.Y. Giants
Esezi Otomewo (PS)	2018-21	DT	Pittsburgh
John Michael Schmitz	2018-22	C	N.Y. Giants
Terrell Smith (PS)	2018-22	DB	Washington
Brevyn Spann-Ford	2018-23	TE	Dallas
Benjamin St-Juste	2019-20	CB	Green Bay
Danny Strigow	2020-24	DE	Jacksonville
Justin Walley	2021-24	CB	Indianapolis
Antoine Winfield, Jr.	2016-19	S	Tampa Bay

(R/I) - Reserve/Injured // (PS) Practice Squad

WHAT RETURNS IN 2026

Stat.....	Ret. Total.....	2025 Total	Pct.
Rush Attempts	233	376	62.0%
Rush Yards.....	777	1,342	57.9%
Rush TDs.....	10	15	66.7%
Pass Completions.....	251	251	100.0%
Pass Attempts	399	399	100.0%
Pass Yards	2,469	2,469	100.0%
Pass TDs	19	19	100.0%
Receptions.....	102	251	40.6%
Receiving Yards	1,140	2,469	46.2%
Receiving TDs	10	19	52.6%
Touchdowns Scored.....	22	37	59.5%
Points Scored	134	299	44.8%
Total Offense Yards.....	3,239	3,811	85.0%
All-Purpose Yards.....	2,071	4,669	44.4%
OL Starts	41	65	63.1%
Tackles	436	802	54.4%
Tackles for Loss	61.5	92.0	66.8%
Sacks.....	29.5	39.0	75.6%
Interceptions	8	9	88.9%
Pass Breakups	21	31	67.7%
Forced Fumbles.....	4	7	57.1%
Fumble Recoveries.....	7	7	100.0%
Punt Returns.....	0	20	0.0%
Punt Return Yards.....	0	120	0.0%
Kick Returns	1	25	0.04%
Kick Return Yards.....	13	570	0.02%
Field Goals Made	0	14	0.0%
Punts	65	65	100.0%
Kickoffs.....	3	61	0.05%

► After playing four seasons in four years at New Mexico, Drzewiecki was made eligible based on a Louisiana court ruling after spending time in the Baltimore Ravens' rookie minicamp in April.

► After sitting out the season opener, he made his Minnesota debut against Mississippi State and made both field goal attempts from 44 and 41 yards. It was his 20th career game with multiple made field goals. Drzewiecki also made his lone PAT attempt.

► A three-time Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week, Drzewiecki was 18-of-19 on field goals a year ago for the Lobos under the tutelage of current Gophers special teams coordinator **Daniel Da Prato**. Drzewiecki's percentage of 94.7 percent tied for the nation's lead.

► Drzewiecki finished as New Mexico's all-time leader in scoring by a kicker (275) and career extra points made (120). He was also second in points scored and field goals made (51) and placed fourth in field goal accuracy (.797, 51-of-64).

► The Gophers saw Drzewiecki's ability first-hand in the 2025 Rate Bowl when he went 3-of-3 on field goals in Minnesota's 20-17 overtime win.

► Jackson handled place-kicking duties in the season opener, converting all seven of his extra point attempts and making a 31-yard field goal, the first of his career.

► Jackson appeared in one game last year, making two extra points and kicking off three times against Northwestern State. Coming out of Alexandria (Minn.) High School, Jackson rated as a three-star prospect and the No. 29 kicker in the nation by ESPN.

► Sunderland has handled kickoff duties this season, recording 11 touchbacks on 13 kickoffs. He added an extra point in the fourth quarter of the season opener.

► Sunderland came to Minnesota after playing at both Michigan and Texas State. He was with the Wolverines in 2025 where he recorded 44 touchbacks on 71 kickoffs. At Texas State in 2024, where he played under Gophers special teams coach **Daniel Da Prato**, he had six touchbacks on eight kickoffs with one PAT made.

► Sunderland is a former soccer goalkeeper who signed with FC Cincinnati of Major League Soccer (MLS) after graduating high school in 2020 and was on their first-team roster but did not see game action. He was with Cincinnati from 2020-22.

AMONG LEAST PENALIZED

► Historically, Minnesota has been one of the least penalized teams in the country under **P.J. Fleck**.

► In the season opener, Minnesota only had two penalties for a total of 10 yards. However, the game against Mississippi State saw the Gophers commit 12 penalties for 115 yards, both of which were the most ever for the Gophers under Fleck.

► In Fleck's previous nine seasons as head coach, the Gophers led the country in fewest penalties per game three times, including two of the last four years, and the team has never finished lower than 18th.

► Under Fleck, Minnesota has ended the season averaging fewer than 4.0 penalties per game five times.

► In addition, the Gophers have placed 10th or better in penalty yards per game in seven of Fleck's seasons, including five finishes in the top five and leading the country in 2017. They finished second in 2023 and third in 2022.

► Seven times Minnesota has ended a Fleck season averaging fewer than 40 penalty yards per game.

► Last season, Minnesota continued that strong tradition as it ranked fifth in the country by committing 31.23 penalty yards per game, while the average of 3.77 penalties per game ranked sixth in the FBS.

RECAPING 2025

► The Golden Gophers are coming off an 8-5 season in 2025, marking the fourth time in the last five seasons that they've finished the regular season with that record or better. Minnesota was also 8-5 in 2024 and posted 9-4 marks in 2021 and 2022.

► The last time Minnesota posted four eight-win seasons in a five-year span was 1900-05 when it did it six years in a row.

► It was the team's fifth eight-win season all-time under **P.J. Fleck**, joining him with Henry L. Williams (6) as the only Gopher coaches to reach that number.

► The Gophers also finished with a 5-4 record in Big Ten play. The team has posted a winning record in the conference in four of the past five seasons.

► Minnesota closed out the season with a 20-17, overtime win against New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl, improving to 7-0 under Fleck in bowl games.

PROMOTIONS/ADDITIONS TO COACHING STAFF

► **P.J. Fleck** made changes and additions to his coaching staff in the offseason.

► **C.J. Robbins**, who served as Minnesota's rush ends Coach in 2025, was named defensive line coach, while **Daniel Da Prato** joins the program as special teams Coordinator and **Steve Stanard** is the rush ends coach.

► Fleck also announced Minnesota alums **Isaac Fruechte** as the wide receivers coach and **Mohamed Ibrahim** as the running backs coach.

► Robbins was named defensive line coach after one season serving as the Rush Ends Coach at Minnesota. Robbins coached **Karter Menz** (6.5 sacks) and **Jaxon Howard** (4.0 sacks) and worked with **Anthony Smith** (12.5 sacks) in 2025. That trio combined for 23 of Minnesota's 39 sacks and added a combined 32 tackles for loss.

► Robbins joined the Minnesota football program in February 2025 after a brief stint leading the defensive line at Central Michigan. He also spent the 2023-24 seasons at Kent state. In 2022, he coached the outside linebackers at the University of South Dakota.

► Robbins was a graduate assistant at Minnesota during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. He graduated from Northwestern in 2015 after being a three-year starter and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with Miami (Ohio) in 2019.

► Da Prato comes to Minnesota from New Mexico where he served as the associate head coach and special teams coordinator in 2025.

► Prior to New Mexico, he was at Texas State from 2023-24 and was the associate head coach and special teams coordinator. Da Prato was at USF from 2020-22. He was the special teams coordinator all three seasons and served as the interim head coach at the end of his tenure. He spent the 2019 season at Arkansas where he started as special teams quality control before being elevated to special teams coordinator near the end of the season.

► Da Prato was also at Colorado from 2016-18 and was the director of quality control / offense, and he was the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach from 2013-15 at Montana State. Da Prato spent six seasons at Sacramento State from 2007-12. He was the wide receivers coach all six seasons and was the special teams coordinator the final three.

► Da Prato started his college coaching career at his alma mater, ULM, where he was from 2004-06. He was a graduate assistant for offense for two seasons before being named director of operations and recruiting coordinator.

► Stanard has nearly 40 years of coaching experience on his resume and has also served as a head coach and defensive coordinator. He spent the previous six seasons coaching linebackers at Kansas State.

► Prior to Kansas State, Stanard coached defensive ends at Syracuse from 2017-19. Stanard served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Wyoming from 2014-16, and prior to that he was at North Dakota State in 2012-13 as linebackers coach.

► Stanard's experience as a defensive coordinator includes running defenses at six schools. In addition to his three years running the Wyoming defense, he spent three seasons as the DC/linebackers coach at Tulane (2009-11), five years in the same role at Colorado State (2003-07), three years as the DC at New Mexico State (2000-02), one season as the DC at South Dakota (1996) and five years as the DC at Nebraska Wesleyan (1991-95).

► Fruechte returns to his alma mater after coaching stints at North Dakota, Winona State, Northern State, Northern Iowa and Wisconsin-La Crosse.

► He was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Dakota for the 2024-25 seasons. Prior to North Dakota, Fruechte spent two seasons at Winona State as the offensive coordinator. He was elevated to associate head coach and quarterbacks coach in March 2023 after guiding the Warriors to the NCAA Division II playoffs.

► Fruechte was the offensive coordinator at Northern State from December 2019 through the 2021 season. He managed all offensive personnel and coached both the quarterbacks and wide receivers. He led the wide receivers at Northern Iowa in 2019 and was on the coaching staff that led the Panthers to the quarterfinal round of the FCS playoffs. He also oversaw the punt and kickoff return units for Northern Iowa that season.

► Before Northern Iowa, Fruechte was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2018. He was hired in March 2018 and coached wide receivers before transitioning in the fall to lead the offense and quarterbacks.

► Fruechte played receiver at Minnesota from 2012-2014, recording 50 receptions for 702 receiving yards and three touchdowns. From 2015-17, he played two seasons for the Minnesota Vikings. In 2016, he also had a six-game stint as a wide receiver for the Detroit Lions before returning to the Vikings.

► Ibrahim spent the 2025 season coaching running backs at Kent State after working with the Minnesota program in 2024. Ibrahim spent part of the 2024 NFL preseason with the Minnesota Vikings after being with the Detroit Lions for the 2023 season.

► Ibrahim played at Minnesota from 2017-22. He competed in 41 career games and set school records as he became one of the most productive backs in Big Ten history. In 2022, he set school single-season records for rushing attempts (320), rushing yards (1,665), rushing touchdowns (20), total touchdowns (20), total points (120) and 100-yard rushing games (10). He also set a school record by averaging 153.7 rushing yards per game in 2020.

► Ibrahim is Minnesota's career record holder for rushing yards (4,668), rushing and total touchdowns (53), 100-yard rushing games (24) and 200-yard rushing games (5).

YEARLY SPANS

► As noted on Page 1, the Gophers are in their 10th season under **P.J. Fleck**. Entering the 2026 campaign, Fleck was 66-44 overall and 39-40 in the Big Ten. He had the most Big Ten wins, the second most overall wins and the third-best overall winning percentage (.596) of any Minnesota coach through his first nine seasons. Below is a look at how his yearly spans compare in Gopher history.

► **Last 9 Years (2017-25; 66-44 overall, 39-40 B1G, 7 bowl trips, 7 bowl wins):** The 66 wins are tied for 11th in program history for a nine-year span, and are the third most since 1910. The only better stretches since 1910 were from 2016-24 and 2014-22 when they won 67 games each time ... the 39 B1G wins are tied for third most in a nine-year span in program history and tied for the most since winning 40 from 1961-69 ... **the seven bowl wins are tied for the most in a nine-year span in team history (done two other times) ... the seven bowl trips are also tied for the most, done 12 other times.**

► **Last 8 Years (2018-25; 61-37 overall, 37-33 B1G, 7 bowl trips, 7 bowl wins):** The 61 wins are tied for seventh most overall in an eight-year span, and are the most since also winning 61 games from 1902-09 ... the .622 overall win percentage is best in an eight-year span since 1967 ... **the 37 B1G wins are tied for the most in an eight-year span in program history along with 37 wins from 1960-67 ... the .529 B1G win percentage is the team's best in an eight-year span since 1974 ... the seven bowl wins are the most in an eight-year span in team history ... the seven bowl trips in eight years are tied for the most in team history, done three other times.**

► **Last 7 Years (2019-25; 54-31 overall, 34-27 B1G, 6 bowl trips, 6 bowl wins):** The 54 wins are tied for seventh most in a seven-year span in program history and tied for the most since winning 55 from 1902-08 (also won 54 games from 2013-19) ... the .635 overall win percentage is the team's best over seven years since 1946 ... **the 34 B1G wins are the most in a seven-year span in program history (next closest is 32 wins from 2018-24) ... the .557 B1G win percentage is the best in a 7-year span since 1973 ... the six bowl wins in seven years are tied for the most in program history (also done from 2018-24) while the six bowl trips are tied for the most (done seven other times).**

► **Last 6 Years (2020-25; 43-29 overall, 27-25 B1G, 5 bowl trips, 5 bowl wins):** The 27 Big Ten wins are tied for the third most in a six-year span at Minnesota ... **the five bowl wins and bowl trips in six years are tied for the most in program history.**

► **Last 5 Years (2021-25; 40-25 overall, 24-21 B1G, 5 bowl trips, 5 bowl wins):** The 40 overall wins are the sixth most in program history in a five-year span and are the most since winning 43 games from 1903-07 ... **the 24 Big Ten wins are tied for the most in a five-year span at Minnesota in program history (other two instances also came under Fleck, doing so from 2018-22 and 2019-23) ... the five bowl wins in five years are the most in school history. The five bowl trips in five years are tied for the most, done two other times.**

► **Last 4 Years (2022-25; 31-21 overall, 18-18 B1G, 4 bowl trips, 4 bowl wins):** The 31 wins are tied for the 10th most in a 4-year span in program history ... the 18 B1G wins are tied for the seventh most in a 4-year span in program history (most is 21 from 2019-22) ... the .500 win percentage in conference games is tied for fourth best since 1970 ... **it's the second time Minnesota has won four bowl games in four years (also from 2021-24). The four bowl trips are tied for the most in a four-year span (done five other times).**

► **Last 3 Years (2023-25; 22-17 overall, 13-14 B1G, 3 bowl trips, 3 bowl wins):** Minnesota has made a bowl game three straight years for the ninth time in program history ... it's the fourth time in program history Minnesota has three bowl games in three years (also from 2022-24, 2021-23 and 2002-04).

► **Last 2 Years (2024-25; 16-10 overall, 10-8 B1G, 2 bowl trips, 2 bowl wins):** Minnesota's 16 wins are tied for the 10th most in back-to-back years in team history ... it's the 10th time in program history Minnesota totalled 10 or more B1G wins in a two-year span; it's tied for the second highest total since 1968 ... Minnesota has won back-to-back bowl games for the eighth time in program history and appeared in back-to-back bowls for the 12th time.

GOPHER GRADUATES

► Minnesota's 2026 roster features nine student-athletes who have already graduated: **Maverick Baranowski, TJ Bush, Brady Denaburg, Joey Gerlach, Aidan Gousby, Kaden Helms, Rhyland Kelly, Tony Nelson, and Beckham Sunderland.**

EASTERN TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT

► Former Minnesota defensive lineman Deven Eastern was selected in the seventh round of the 2026 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks. He was the 242nd overall pick.

► Eastern became the 20th Gopher drafted who played for head coach **P.J. Fleck** and he was the 284th Gopher drafted all-time. He was the fourth Gopher to be drafted by the Seahawks and first since Boye Mafe in 2022.

► Minnesota has now had at least one draft pick in the last eight drafts (2019-26). The last time that happened was 2001-08.

SCORIGAMI

► Scorigami is a concept developed by Jon Bois at SB Nation that tracks unique scores in NFL history.

► In Minnesota's 1,348 all-time games, there have been 572 unique scores.

► The most common overall score for Minnesota is 6-0, which has happened 25 times, though none have taken place since 1963. The next most common is 13-7, which has occurred 18 times, most recently in 1985.

► Minnesota's most common victory is 13-7, which it has done 13 times.

► Below are the Scorigami results for Minnesota football last season:

► **Minnesota 59, Eastern Illinois 7.** Scorigami achieved! First such score in 1,347 games in program history.

► **Mississippi State 38, Minnesota 13.** No Scorigami; second such score and second Gopher loss (Wisconsin in 2012).

MILESTONE GAMES

300+ Passing Yards**Drake Lindsey (1)**

Date	Opponent	Result	C-A	TD-INT	Yds
9/27/25	vs. Rutgers	W, 31-28	31-41	3-0	324

100+ Rushing Yards**Darius Taylor (13)**

Date	Opponent	Result	Att.	TD	Yds
12/26/25	vs. New Mexico	W, 20-17 (ot)	24	1	116
11/29/25	vs. Wisconsin	W, 17-7	19	1	100
10/17/25	vs. Nebraska	W, 24-6	24	1	148
8/28/25	vs. Buffalo	W, 23-10	30	0	141
1/3/25	vs. Virginia Tech	W, 24-10	20	1	113
11/29/24	at Wisconsin	W, 24-7	32	0	143
11/2/24	at Illinois	W, 25-17	22	1	131
10/5/24	vs. USC	W, 24-17	25	0	144
9/14/24	vs. Nevada	W, 27-0	11	2	124
12/26/23	vs. Bowling Green	W, 30-24	35	1	208
9/23/23	at Northwestern	L, 34-37 (ot)	31	2	198
9/16/23	at North Carolina	L, 13-31	22	1	138
9/9/23	vs. Eastern Michigan	W, 25-6	33	1	193

A.J. Turner (4; all recorded at Marshall)

Date	Opponent	Result	Att.	TD	Yds
10/17/24	vs. Georgia State	W, 35-20	15	3	177
9/28/24	vs. Western Michigan	W, 27-20	9	0	124
9/7/24	at Virginia Tech	L, 14-31	6	0	103
8/31/24	vs. Stony Brook	W, 45-3	8	1	119

T.J. Thomas (3; all recorded at Elon)

Date	Opponent	Result	Att.	TD	Yds
10/19/24	at Albany	W, 30-14	19	1	138
9/14/24	vs. Western Carolina	L, 17-24	14	1	101
9/7/24	at N.C. Central	W, 41-19	11	1	152

Grant Washington (1)

Date	Opponent	Result	Att.	TD	Yds
9/6/25	vs. Northwestern State	W, 66-0	20	0	126

100+ Receiving Yards**Javon Tracy (3; all recorded at Miami (OH))**

Date	Opponent	Result	Rec.	TD	Yds
10/26/24	vs. Central Michigan	W, 46-7	5	1	118
10/5/24	at Toledo	L, 20-30	10	1	119
11/15/23	vs. Buffalo	W, 23-10	5	0	123

Noah Jennings (1; recorded at Charleston Southern)

Date	Opponent	Result	Rec.	TD	Yds
11/11/23	at Robert Morris	L, 12-14	8	1	204

Jalen Smith (1)

Date	Opponent	Result	Rec.	TD	Yds
9/27/25	vs. Rutgers	W, 31-28	4	1	103

10+ Receptions**Javon Tracy (1; recorded at Miami (OH))**

Date	Opponent	Result	Rec.	TD	Yds
10/5/24	at Toledo	L, 20-30	10	1	119

Darius Taylor (1)

Date	Opponent	Result	Rec.	TD	Yds
9/28/24	at Michigan	L, 24-27	10	0	52

10+ Tackles**Maverick Baranowski (6)**

Date	Opponent	Result	Sk	TFL	Tkls
12/26/25	vs. New Mexico	W, 20-17 (ot)	1.0	1.0	17
10/11/25	vs. Purdue	W, 27-20	0.0	0.0	10
8/28/25	vs. Buffalo	W, 23-10	0.0	1.5	10
9/21/24	vs. Iowa	L, 14-31	0.0	1.0	10
8/29/24	vs. North Carolina	L, 17-19	0.0	1.0	10
9/16/23	at North Carolina	L, 13-31	0.0	0.0	10

Andrew Marshall (4; ^ recorded at Eastern Michigan, *recorded at Lackawanna College)

Date	Opponent	Result	Sk	TFL	Tkls
10/18/25	at Miami (OH)^	L, 30-44	0.0	0.0	11
10/11/25	vs. Northern Illinois^	W, 16-10	0.0	0.0	10
11/9/24	vs. Georgia Military College*	L, 33-35	0.0	1.0	14
9/21/24	vs. Georgia Military College*	L, 35-40	0.0	1.0	11

Kerry Brown (2)

Date	Opponent	Result	Sk	TFL	Tkls
9/12/26	vs. Mississippi State	L, 13-38	0.0	0.0	10
9/21/24	vs. Iowa	L, 14-31	0.0	0.5	11

TJ Bush, Jr. (1; recorded at Liberty)

Date	Opponent	Result	Sk	TFL	Tkls
10/23/24	at Kennesaw State	L, 24-27	0.5	1.0	11

Naquan Crowder (1; recorded at California (PA))

Date	Opponent	Result	Sk	TFL	Tkls
11/30/24	vs. Ashland	W, 34-33	0.0	2.0	10

career highs in bold italic

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL
CAREER RECORDS

Coaching Wins

1. Henry L. Williams, 1900-21	136
2. Bernie Bierman, 1932-41, '45-50	93
3. Murray Warmath, 1954-71	87
4. P.J. Fleck, 2017-	67

Passing Yards

1. Adam Weber, 2007-10	10,917
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10. Tim Schade, 1993-94	3,986
11. Tony Dungy, 1973-76	3,515
12. Billy Cockerham, 1996-99	3,483
13. Scott Schaffner, 1987-91	3,472
14. Mark Carlson, 1976-79	3,128
15. Craig Curry, 1969-71	3,060
... Drake Lindsey, 2024	2,975

Passing Yards/Game (Min. 15 Games)

1. Adam Weber, 2007-10	218.3
2. Mike Hohensee, 1981-82	217.8
3. Bryan Cupito, 2003-06	196.0
4. Tanner Morgan, 2018-22	185.4
5. Tim Schade, 1993-94	181.2
6. Cory Sauter, 1994-97	175.2
7. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	165.3

Completions

1. Adam Weber, 2007-10	909
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8. Mike Hohensee, 1981-82	392
9. Tim Schade, 1993-94	322
10. Rickey Foggie, 1984-87	311
... Drake Lindsey, 2024	300

Completion Percentage (Min. 300 att.)

1. Max Brosmer, 2024	(268 c.-403 a.) .665
2. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	(300-466) .644

Pass Efficiency Rating (Min. 300 att.)

1. Tanner Morgan, 2018-22	151.05
2. Bryan Cupito, 2003-06	138.34
3. Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2000-03	138.13
4. Max Brosmer, 2024	137.21
5. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	129.60

TD-to-INT Ratio

(Min. 15 TD passes)

1. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	(20 TD, 6 INT) 3.33
2. Max Brosmer, 2024	(18, 6) 3.00

Interception Percentage (Min. 300 att.)

1. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	(6-466) .0129
2. Max Brosmer, 2024	(6 INT-403 att.) .0148

300-Yard Passing Games

1. Cory Sauter, 1994-97	7
2. Adam Weber, 2007-10	6
3. Mike Hohensee, 1981-82	5
4. Tanner Morgan, 2018-22	4
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2000-03	4
Bryan Cupito, 2003-06	4
Tim Schade, 1993-94	4
8. Mitch Leidner, 2013-16	2
9. Done 8x, MR: Drake Lindsey, 2024-	1

250-Yard Passing Games

1. Adam Weber, 2007-10	14
2. Tanner Morgan, 2018-22	12
3. Cory Sauter, 1994-97	11
Mike Hohensee, 1981-82	11
5. Bryan Cupito, 2003-06	10
6. Mitch Leidner, 2013-16	6
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2000-03	6
Tim Schade, 1993-94	6
9. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	5

Starting QB Win Pct. (since 1959; min. 15 starts)

1. Tanner Morgan, 2018-22	(33 W-14 L-0 T) 70.2
2. Sandy Stephens, 1959-61	(16-9-0) 64.0
3. Drake Lindsey, 2024-	(9-6-0) 60.0
Billy Cockerham, 1996-99	(12-8-0) 60.0

Rushing Yards

1. Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22	4,668
2. Darrell Thompson, 1986-89	4,654
3. Rodney Smith, 2015-19	4,122
4. Laurence Maroney, 2003-05	3,933
5. Thomas Hamner, 1996-99	3,810
6. Marion Barber III, 2001-04	3,276
7. Chris Darkins, 1992-95	3,235
8. Marion Barber, 1977-80	3,094
9. David Cobb, 2011-14	2,893
10. Darius Taylor, 2023-	2,526

Rushing Yards Per Game (Min. 200 att.)

1. Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22	113.9
2. Laurence Maroney, 2003-05	109.3
3. Darrell Thompson, 1986-89	105.8
4. Marion Barber III, 2001-04	86.2
5. Darius Taylor, 2023-	84.2

100-Yard Rushing Games

1. Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22	24
2. Darrell Thompson, 1986-89	23
3. Laurence Maroney, 2003-05	21
4. Rodney Smith, 2015-19	16
5. Thomas Hamner, 1996-99	15
6. Marion Barber III, 2001-04	14
7. Darius Taylor, 2023-	13
David Cobb, 2001-04	13
Tellis Redmon, 1999-01	13

Running Back Receptions

1. Chuck Rios, 1990-94	132
2. Darius Taylor, 2023-	103

Running Back Receiving Yards

1. Chuck Rios, 1990-94	1,146
2. Duane Bennett, 2007-11	806
3. Chris Darkins, 1993-96	737
4. Darius Taylor, 2023-	723

Receptions (Min. 100 receptions)

1. Eric Decker, 2006-09	227
2. Tyler Johnson, 2016-19	213
3. Daniel Jackson, 2020-24	208
4. Ron Johnson, 1998-01	198
5. Tutu Atwell, 1994-97	171
6. Ernie Wheelwright, 2004-07	159
7. Rashod Bateman, 2018-20	147
8. Ryan Thelwell, 1994-96	136
9. Luke Levenson, 1996-99	132
Chuck Rios, 1990-94	132
11. Chris Autman-Bell, 2018-23	131
12. Drew Wolitarsky, 2013-16	130
Omar Douglas, 1990-93	130
14. Da'Jon McKnight, 2008-11	119
15. Jared Ellerson, 2002-05	111
Aaron Osterman, 1990-94	111
17. Matt Spaeth, 2003-06	109
18. KJ Maye, 2012-15	107
19. Darius Taylor, 2023-	103

Games with 200+ All-Purpose Yards

1. Tutu Atwell, 1994-97	6
2. Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22	5
Chris Darkins, 1992-95	5
4. Darius Taylor, 2023-	4
David Cobb, 2011-14	4
Laurence Maroney, 2003-05	4
Tellis Redmon, 1999-01	4
Darrell Thompson, 1986-89	4

Tackles for Loss

1. Willie VanDeSteege, 2005-08	43.5
2. John Schlecht, 1998-2000	42.5
3. Karon Riley, 1999-2000	42.0
4. Carter Coughlin, 2016-19	40.0
5. Darrell Reid, 2001-04	38.0
6. Ben Mezera, 1997-2000	34.5
7. Steve Neils, 1971-73	33.0
8. Anthony Smith, 2022-	32.5

Quarterback Sacks

1. Karon Riley, 1999-2000	29.0
2. Lamanzer Williams, 1994-97	23.5
3. Carter Coughlin, 2016-19	22.5
4. Ben Mezera, 1997-2000	22.0
5. Willie VanDeSteege, 2005-08	21.5
6. Anthony Smith, 2022-	19.5

Punting Average (Min. 50 punts)

1. Peter Mortell, 2012-15 (203-8927)	44.0
2. Adam Kelly, 1983-85 (136-5883)	43.3
3. Blake Hauden, 2006-09 (62-2639)	42.6
4. Tom Weston, 2025- (71-2998)	42.2



HEAD COACH // TENTH SEASON

P.J. Fleck was named head football coach at Minnesota on January 6, 2017. Fleck, 45, is the 30th head coach in the program's history. He has a career record of 97-67 and is 67-45 at Minnesota.

In nine years, Fleck has established himself as one of the most successful coaches ever to lead the Minnesota program.

Fleck is the fifth-longest tenured coach in program history and the second-longest active tenured coach in the Big Ten. Fleck's record stands at 66-44, putting him fourth in program history in overall wins. He's also fourth at Minnesota in Big Ten wins (39) and fifth in games coached (110). Fleck's overall win percentage of .600 is third best among Minnesota coaches with more than 40 games under their helm behind only Henry L. Williams (.786, 1900-21) and Bernie Bierman (.716, 1932-41, '45-50). In his 13th season overall as a college head coach, Fleck is 96-66 (.592).

Fleck and Williams are the only two Gopher coaches to record nine or more wins in a season three times, as Minnesota posted 11 wins in 2019 and nine in 2021 and 2022 under Fleck (Williams posted at least nine wins in six straight seasons from 1900-1905). Minnesota has won eight games in a season five times under Fleck (2019, 2021, 2022, 2024 and 2025), which is tied for the most with Williams in program history under one coach. Minnesota has had four 8-win seasons in the last five years, which happened for the first time since 1901-05.

The 11 wins in 2019 were the most for a Minnesota team since 1904 when that year's team went 13-0 under Williams. Fleck is 7-0 in bowl games, and his seven bowl wins are the most in school history by a coach. His seven bowl wins represent 50% of Minnesota's overall 14 bowl wins as a program.

Fleck guided the Gophers to a 6-3 Big Ten record in 2021 and a 7-2 mark in 2019, making him the first Minnesota coach since Murray Warmath (1960, 1961 and 1967; six wins each) to win at least six conference games more than once.

At Minnesota, Fleck has coached eight All-Americans (Antoine Winfield Jr., Rashod Bateman, John Michael Schmitz, Tyler Nubin, Aireontae Ersery, Koi Perich and Mohamed Ibrahim twice), 10 Academic All-Americans (Blaise Andries three times, Sam Renner twice, Ashton Beers, John Michael Schmitz, Jack Gibbens, Payton Jordahl and Gary Moore) and 488 Academic All-Big Ten performers.

He was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2019, guided Minnesota to two top-10 wins (Penn State and Auburn) in the same season since 1956 and led Minnesota to its first New Year's Day bowl win (2020 Outback Bowl against Auburn) since 1962.

Fleck has had 19 players selected in the NFL Draft while at Minnesota and Minnesota is one of only nine schools in the nation that can claim the distinction of having a first or second round draft pick in each of the last six years (2020-2025).

In 2025, Fleck led Minnesota to an 8-5 overall record and a 5-4 mark in Big Ten play. The Gophers ended the regular season with a border battle win against Wisconsin to retain Paul Bunyan's Axe and then defeated New Mexico in overtime in the Rate Bowl.

Minnesota finished the regular season 7-0 at Huntington Bank Stadium, which included a Top-25 win against No. 25 Nebraska. It was the team's first undefeated season at home since going 6-0 in 1967, the fourth undefeated home season in the modern era (since 1946) and 26th undefeated season at home all-time. It was the first time Minnesota had gone 7-0 at home since 1931 (7-0), while the seven home wins tied for sixth-most in a single season. The only season in history that saw Minnesota go undefeated at home with more wins was in 1904 (11-0).

In addition to New Mexico, Minnesota also beat Michigan State in overtime, making the 2025 season the first time ever that the Gophers have won two overtime games in one season.

Minnesota was led on offense by redshirt-freshman Drake Lindsey, who won eight games and set a program record for wins by a freshman quarterback. Lindsey was stellar in his first year leading the Maroon and Gold. He completed 249-of-386 passes for 2,382 yards and 18 touchdowns against

only six interceptions. In program single-season history, his TD-to-INT ratio (3.00) tied for third, completions total (249) and completion percentage (.632) ranked fourth, attempts total (386) ranked fifth, passing touchdown total (18) tied for eighth, and passing yardage total (2,382) ranked 14th.

Darius Taylor rushed 143 times for 688 yards and four touchdowns and four different players caught all 18 of Lindsey's touchdown passes. Javon Tracy led the way with six and was followed by Le'Meke Brockington, Jameson Geers and Jalen Smith, who each had four. Brockington (484), Tracy (454) and Smith (419) all recorded more than 400 receiving yards, which last happened in 2018 when Tyler Johnson (1,169), Rashod Bateman (704) and Chris Autman-Bell (449) all eclipsed 400 receiving yards.

On defense, linebackers Maverick Baranowski and Devon Williams led the way in tackles, with 103 and 89 respectively. Baranowski became the first Gopher to record more than 100 tackles in a season since Blake Cashman had 104 in 2018. On the line, Anthony Smith recorded 38 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss and a Big Ten-best 12.5 sacks to become the first Gopher to lead the conference in sacks since Karon Riley had 13.0 in 2000. In the secondary, John Nestor had 50 tackles, six interceptions, six pass breakups and one fumble recovery. His six interceptions tied for the third-most in program history. Kerry Brown added 56 tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions.

In 2024, Minnesota went 8-5 overall, 5-4 in the Big Ten and defeated Virginia Tech in the Duke's Mayo Bowl. The Gophers reclaimed Paul Bunyan's Axe with a road win at Wisconsin and posted ranked wins at home against No. 11 USC and on the road at No. 24 Illinois. Minnesota also won at UCLA to earn a victory at the historic Rose Bowl Stadium.

Quarterback Max Brosmer left his mark during his one season in the Maroon and Gold. The signal-caller threw for 2,828 yards and 18 touchdowns and completed a school record 268 passes. With Brosmer at the helm, Minnesota had three players catch more than 40 passes in a season for the first since 1956 (far back as specific records exist) as Daniel Jackson (75), Darius Taylor (54) and a single-season program record for a running back) and Elijah Spencer (52) all eclipsed the 50-catch mark.

Offensive lineman Aireontae Ersery was named an All-American and was the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. He helped anchor a line that allowed Minnesota to average 26.5 points per game, 115.6 rushing yards per game and 222.15 passing yards per game. The balanced Gopher offense rushed for 18 touchdowns and threw for 20.

Minnesota fielded a staunch defense, which was ended the season ranked in the top 15 in the nation in the following categories: Passes Defended/Game, Total Yards Allowed, Passes Defended, Interceptions/Game, Total Defense, Pass Breakups, Touchdowns Allowed, Opp. Pass Efficiency Rating, Interceptions Recorded, First Downs Allowed/Game, Scoring Defense, Passing TDs Allowed, Passing Yards Allowed, Pass Yards Allowed/Attempt and Yards Per Play Allowed.

Defensive back Koi Perich was recognized as an All-American and was named All-Big Ten First Team (first Gopher freshman to be named All-Big Ten First Team since running back Darrell Thompson in 1986) after leading the Big Ten with five interceptions and making 46 tackles. Since 1976, Perich was the only freshman in all of FBS to have recorded more than 100 punt return yards, 100 kick return yards and five interceptions in a season. He was just one of 23 players overall since 1976 to hit his current total of punt return yards, kick return yards and interceptions in one season.

Perich was named a finalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award, while fellow defensive back Kerry Brown was named a semifinalist (Minnesota was the only school to have two players named a semifinalist).

The 2023 season saw Minnesota beat rival Iowa on the road to reclaim Floyd of Rosedale and win its fifth straight bowl game under Fleck (beat Bowling Green in the Quick Lane Bowl). Defensive back Tyler Nubin was named an All-American as he set a school record for most career interceptions with 13 and Dragan Kesich was recognized as the Big Ten Kicker of the Year.

Minnesota set a program record as nine Gophers were named Big Ten Player of the Week (previous record of eight was set in 2018 and tied in 2019) and then-true freshman Darius Taylor established himself as one of the best running backs in the nation. Taylor rushed 138 times for 799 yards and five touchdowns in six games of action. He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week three times and set a school record for most yards by a true freshman when he ran for 208 yards in the Quick Lane Bowl victory.

The 2022 season saw Minnesota post nine wins as the Gophers went 9-4 overall, which included a bowl win against Syracuse and a road win at rival Wisconsin. Minnesota, which went 5-2 at home, 3-2 on the road and 1-0 in neutral site games, was paced by a stout, family-room defense and a bruising offense that featured two All-Americans.

Minnesota ended the season ranked No. 4 in the nation in scoring defense (13.85), No. 5 in third-down conversion defense (.279) and No. 9 in the nation in total defense (295.1 yards per game).

The 13.85 points allowed per game were the fewest that Minnesota has permitted since 1967 when it allowed 10.6 points per game during the 10-game season. Minnesota posted two shutouts during the season (38-0 against New Mexico State and 31-0 against Rutgers), which it had not done since 2006 and the Gophers were the only team in the nation to shutout two FBS teams in 2022 (Alabama, Georgia and Kansas State each had two shutouts, but one each came against an FCS foe).

First-Team All-American center John Michael Schmitz and Second-Team All-American running back Mohamed Ibrahim led the Gopher offense, which ranked No. 17 in the nation with 207.3 rushing yards per game. With Schmitz anchoring an offensive line that featured four new starters, Ibrahim set single season records in rushing attempts (320), rushing yards (1,665), rushing touchdowns (20), total touchdowns (20), total points (120) and 100-yard rushing games (10).

The 2022 season also saw three Gophers named either a semifinalist, finalist or winner of a national award. Ibrahim was named Comeback Player of the Year and was also a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award. Schmitz was a finalist for the Rimington Trophy and was also a semifinalist for the Outland Trophy and the Rotary Lombardi Award. Quarterback Tanner Morgan was a finalist for the Wuertell Trophy and was a semifinalist for the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award.

On the field in 2021, Fleck led Minnesota to a 9-4 record and a 6-3 Big Ten mark. The Gophers beat Wisconsin for the first time at home since 2003 to reclaim Paul Bunyan's Axe and picked up a postseason win against West Virginia in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl.

Minnesota's dominant defense and offensive depth were the stories of the season, as the Gophers won their final three games of the year for the first time since 1973.

The Gophers ended the season with the nation's No. 3 total defense (278.8 yards per game) and the nation's No. 6 scoring defense (17.3 points per game). Minnesota also ended the year ranked fourth in first downs defense (202), eighth in rushing defense (97.5) and eighth in passing yards allowed (181.2). Minnesota held eight opponents to 14 points or less and recorded its first shutout (30-0 road win at Colorado) since 2006 (62-0 against Temple) and its first road shutout of a Power 5 opponent since 1977 (21-0 at Illinois).

On offense, the Gophers boasted the most experienced offensive line in the nation and were a force rushing the ball, despite losing All-American Ibrahim in the first game of the season and playing much of the season without five scholarship running backs. Still, the Gophers were the only team in the nation to have five different running backs all record at least one 100-yard rushing game. In total, Minnesota rushed for 2,575 yards and 27 touchdowns and passed for 2,106 yards and 12 scores.

In 2021, Fleck also became a Wall Street Journal best-selling author when his Row The Boat book, which was co-authored with Jon Gordon, peaked at No. 2 on the list in June.

In 2020, Fleck guided the Gophers to a 3-4 record as Minnesota played

FLECK AT A GLANCE

Born: November 29, 1980 (age: 44)

Hometown: Sugar Grove, Ill.

High School: Kaneland High School, 1999

Alma Mater: Northern Illinois, 2004 (elementary education)

Playing Experience: Northern Illinois (wide receiver), 1999-2003, San Francisco 49ers (wide receiver), 2004-05

Coaching History:

2017- Minnesota, Head Coach
2013-16 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

Coaching Honors:

2019 Big Ten Coach of the Year, AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, George Munger Award Finalist, Dodd Trophy Finalist, Eddie Robinson Award Finalist, Bear Bryant Award Finalist, AFCA National Coach of the Year Finalist

2016 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, Eddie Robinson Award finalist, George Munger Award finalist
2014 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year

Bowl Games: 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl, 2023 Quick Lane, 2022 Pinstripe, 2021 Guaranteed Rate, 2020 Outback, 2018 Quick Lane, 2017 Cotton, 2015 Bahamas, 2014 Famous Idaho Potato

NFL Draft Picks Who Played For Fleck

Minnesota (head coach)
2026 - Deven Eastern, DL, Round 7, Pick 242, Seattle
2025 - Aireontae Ersery, OL, Round 2, Pick 48, Houston
2025 - Justin Walley, CB, Round 3, Pick 80, Indianapolis
2025 - Cody Lindenberg, LB, Round 7, Pick 222, Las Vegas
2024 - Tyler Nubin, DB, Round 2, Pick 47, New York Giants
2023 - John Michael Schmitz, OL, Round 2, Pick 57, New York Giants
2023 - Jordan Howden, DB, Round 5, Pick 146, New Orleans
2023 - Terrell Smith, DB, Round 5, Pick 165, Chicago
2022 - Boye Mafe, DL, Round 2, Pick 40, Seattle
2022 - Daniel Faalele, OL, Round 4, Pick 110, Baltimore
2022 - Ezezi Otomewo, DL, Round 5, Pick 165, Minnesota
2022 - Ko Kieft, TE, Round 6, Pick 218, Tampa Bay

Western Michigan (head coach)

2018 - Chukwuma Okorofor, OT, Round 3, Pick 92, Pittsburgh
2018 - Darius Phillips, DB, Round 5, Pick 170, Cincinnati
2017 - Corey Davis, WR, Round 1, Pick 5, Tennessee
2017 - Taylor Moton, OT, Round 2, Pick 64, Carolina
2017 - Keion Adams, LB, Round 7, Pick 248, Pittsburgh
2016 - Willie Beavers, OT, Round 4, Pick 121, Minnesota
2016 - Daniel Braverman, WR, Round 7, Pick 230, Chicago

Rutgers (wide receivers coach)

2012 - Mohamed Sanu, WR, Round 3, Pick 83, Cincinnati

an all-Big Ten schedule in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic. The Gophers posted road wins at Nebraska and Illinois and beat Purdue at home. They suffered overtime setbacks at Maryland and at Wisconsin. The season was highlighted by Big Ten Running Back of the Year Ibrahim, who set school records in season rushing yards per game (153.7) and touchdowns in consecutive games (8). He tied school records in most rushing touchdowns in a game (4), most rushing touchdowns in a first half (4), most rushing touchdowns in one half (4) and consecutive 200-yard rushing games (2).

Ibrahim, who was named Third-Team All-America, rushed 201 times for 1,076 yards and 15 touchdowns (most ever for a junior at Minnesota) in the abbreviated and unusual season. He led the Big Ten in the following categories: rushing attempts (201), rushing yards (1,076), rushing yards per game (153.7), rushing touchdowns (15), scoring (90), points per game (12.9) and all-purpose yards per game (168.4).

In 2019, Fleck led Minnesota to historic heights as the Gophers won 11 games for the first time since 1904. Minnesota also won seven Big Ten games for the first time in school history, beat two top-10 teams, won a Jan. 1 bowl game and ended the season ranked No. 10.

Fleck was voted Big Ten Coach of the Year by his fellow conference head coaches and was named AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year. He was also named a finalist for the George Munger Award, Dodd Trophy, Eddie Robinson Award, Bear Bryant Award and AFCA National Coach of the Year.

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 and No. 9 Auburn in the Outback Bowl. That was the first time that Minnesota beat two top 10 teams in the same season since 1956. It was also the first time that Minnesota won a Jan. 1 bowl game since 1962.

The Penn State win was Minnesota's first win against a top-five team since it beat No. 2 Penn State on the road in 1999. It was Minnesota's first home win against a top-five team since it beat No. 1 Michigan 16-0 in 1977. The Outback Bowl victory against Auburn was Minnesota's best-ranked non-conference win in school history.

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. The Gophers ended the year ranked No. 10, which was their best ranking to end a season since 1962.

Minnesota averaged 34.1 points per game, which was the third most in school history, while the defense allowed only 306.6 yards per game.

On offense, Minnesota was led by quarterback Tanner Morgan (All-Big Ten Second Team), running back Rodney Smith (All-Big Ten Second Team) and receivers Tyler Johnson (All-Big Ten First Team) and Rashod Bateman (All-Big Ten First Team). Johnson and Bateman became the first teammates ever to both be named All-Big Ten First Team wide receivers.

Morgan set a slew of single-season school records, including passing yards, passing touchdowns and consecutive games with a touchdown. Smith rushed for more than 1,000 yards and became Minnesota's career leader in all-purpose yards. Johnson set single-season school records in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns and left Dinkytown as the school's career record holder in receiving yards and touchdowns. Bateman was named Big Ten Receiver of the Year and was one of 12 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award as he set program records for a sophomore in receiving yards and touchdowns.

Minnesota's defense was anchored by Antoine Winfield Jr. (All-Big Ten First Team) and Carter Coughlin (All-Big Ten Second Team). Winfield was named the program's seventh Unanimous All-American and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award, which is presented to the best

defensive player in the nation. He led Minnesota in tackles and tied a school modern-era record with seven interceptions. Coughlin ended his career as one of the best to ever wear the Maroon and Gold, and he ranks third all-time in sacks and fourth in tackles for loss.

In 2018, Fleck led Minnesota to a 7-6 record and regular-season 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.

Minnesota also made history when it won the final game of the regular season (Wisconsin) and its bowl game (Georgia Tech), as that was the first time ever that the Gophers won the final game of the season and a bowl game.

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 claim Paul Bunyan's Axe. The Gophers also ended 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.

Fleck played two freshmen quarterbacks (Zack Annexstad, Tanner Morgan) and both threw for more than 1,200 yards and seven touchdowns. Minnesota's two leading rushers were both freshmen and three of Minnesota top-four receivers were freshmen. On defense, freshman Terrell Smith led Minnesota with eight pass breakups.

In 2017, Fleck led a young and inexperienced Gopher squad, as 49 of Minnesota's 110 players (44.5%) were freshmen or redshirt 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' 11th 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 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 were the fifth most against a Big Ten opponent in the same timeframe.

Off the field, Fleck and his team can often be found supporting the M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital and the program also hosts an annual diaper drive during training camp and an annual turkey drive during the week of Thanksgiving. Minnesota has also hosted a canned food drive and school supplies drive under Fleck. 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 2014 and 2016 and in 2016 he the Broncos to their first MAC Championship since 1988.

Earning FBS Region 3 Coach of the Year from the American Football Coaches Association, Fleck was also named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award and the George Munger Award after Western Michigan became the first team in MAC history to win each of its eight league games by 14 or more points.

Fleck turned Western Michigan into a pipeline for the NFL as well, as seven of his players were taken in NFL Drafts.

Fleck coached receiver Corey Davis and offensive lineman Taylor Moton while at Western Michigan. Davis, who was the first Consensus All-American in Western Michigan history, caught 91 passes for 1,427 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2016. He ended his career with 5,212 yards in four seasons, which made him the Football Bowl Subdivision all-time career receiving record holder. Davis, who was selected fifth overall in the 2017 NFL Draft, joined Randy Moss as the only Mid-American Conference receiver to be drafted in the first round. Moton signed one of the NFL's most lucrative contracts (four-year, \$72 million) for an offensive lineman in July 2021.

Off the field, Western Michigan had a program-record seven student-athletes named to the 2016 MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete team and the Bronco team posted a 3.14 program GPA in Fleck's last semester at the school.

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. He ranks in the top five in Northern Illinois history in career receptions (179) and receiving yards (2,162). Fleck holds the school record for punt returns (87) and ranks second in punt return yards (716). He earned First Team All-Mid-American Conference in 2003 and was named Academic All-MAC and Second Team CoSIDA Academic All-American. He graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

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.

GOPHERS RECORD...

	2026	Under Fleck	Pct.
Overall	1-1	67-45	.598
Big Ten	0-0	39-40	.494
Non-conference	1-1	28-5	.848
Home	1-1	41-20	.672
Away	0-0	19-25	.432
Neutral	0-0	7-0	1.000
As AP Top-25 Team	0-0	5-3	.625
Against AP Top 25	0-0	7-18	.280
Against Non-Ranked FBS Teams	0-0	55-26	.679
Against FCS	1-0	5-0	1.000
Day Game	0-1	47-30	.610
Night Game	1-0	20-15	.571
Scoring First	1-0	49-12	.803
Opponent Scores First	0-1	18-33	.353
Leading After 1st Quarter	1-0	40-9	.816
Trailing After 1st Quarter	0-1	11-33	.250
Tied After 1st Quarter	0-0	16-3	.842
Leading at Halftime	1-0	56-10	.848
Trailing at Halftime	0-1	9-33	.214
Tied at Halftime	0-0	2-2	.500
Leading After 3rd Quarter	1-0	58-5	.921
Trailing After 3rd Quarter	0-1	7-36	.163
Tied After 3rd Quarter	0-0	2-4	.333
Overtime	0-0	3-3	.500
Scoring 0-14 Points	0-1	2-23	.080
Scoring 15-28 Points	0-0	26-15	.634
Scoring 29+ Points	1-0	39-7	.848
Allowing 0-14 Points	1-0	38-3	.927
Allowing 15-28 Points	0-0	24-14	.632
Allowing 29+ Points	0-1	5-28	.152
Games Decided by 1-8 Points	0-0	27-17	.614
Games Decided by 9-19 Points	0-0	13-12	.520
Games Decided by 20+ Points	1-1	27-16	.628
More Rushing Yards	1-0	55-12	.821
Fewer Rushing Yards	0-1	12-33	.267
With 100-Yard Rusher	0-0	45-14	.763
Allow 100-Yard Rusher	0-1	8-23	.258
More Passing Yards	1-1	39-20	.661
Fewer Passing Yards	0-0	28-25	.528
With 300-Yard Passer	0-0	6-1	.857
Allow 300-Yard Passer	0-0	5-8	.385
More Total Offense	1-0	50-7	.877
Less Total Offense	0-1	17-38	.309
Total Offense 300+ Yards	1-0	55-21	.724
Allow 300+ Yards Total Offense	0-1	21-37	.362
Total Offense 400+ Yards	1-0	30-6	.833
Allow 400+ Yards Total Offense	0-1	8-25	.242
No Turnovers	0-1	29-9	.763
Less Than Three Turnovers	1-1	58-36	.617
Three or More Turnovers	0-0	4-8	.333
No Takeaways	1-0	10-15	.400
Three or More Takeaways	0-0	17-5	.773
Commit Fewer Turnovers	0-1	40-12	.769
Commit More Turnovers	1-0	13-24	.351
Equal Turnovers	0-0	15-9	.625
Win Time of Possession	1-0	55-22	.714
Lose Time of Possession	0-1	12-23	.343
ABC	0-0	3-4	.429
BTN	0-0	28-14	.667
CBS	0-1	1-3	.250
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0	1.000
FOX	0-0	3-7	.300
FS1	0-0	11-5	.688
ESPN	0-0	8-3	.727
ESPN2	0-0	7-3	.700
ESPNU	0-0	1-1	.500
NBC	0-0	1-5	.167
Pac-12 Network	0-0	1-0	1.000
Peacock	1-0	2-0	1.000
August	0-0	5-1	.833
September	1-1	20-10	.667
October	0-0	18-14	.563
November	0-0	16-19	.457
December	0-0	6-1	.857
January	0-0	2-0	1.000
Artificial Turf	1-1	56-40	.583
Grass	0-0	11-5	.688
Outdoors	1-1	63-45	.583
Indoors	0-0	4-0	1.000

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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!

HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

Minnesota is 73-44 all-time at Huntington Bank Stadium, including a 41-20 record under head coach P.J. Fleck. There have been 24 sellouts in HBS history, including eight under Fleck.

Year	Att.	Gm.	Avg.	Home Record
2009	355,635	7	50,805	4-3
2010	346,593	7	49,513	1-6
2011	333,996	7	47,714	3-4
2012	326,456	7	46,637	4-3
2013	334,581	7	47,797	5-2
2014	335,056	7	47,865	6-1
2015	366,484	7	52,355	3-4
2016	306,697	7	43,814	6-1
2017	310,506	7	44,358	4-3
2018	265,407	7	37,915	5-2
2019	323,330	7	46,190	6-1
2020*	1,953	3	651	1-2
2021	322,978	7	46,140	4-3
2022	315,130	7	45,019	5-2
2023	339,169	7	48,543	4-3
2024	332,268	7	47,467	4-3
2025	325,635	7	46,519	7-0
2026	89,096	2	44,548	1-1
Totals	5,328,017	117	45,539	73-44

* Only family members were able to attend games due to Covid-19

LARGEST GOPHER CROWDS AT HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

Rank	Date	Opponent	Crowd	W/L
1.	9/3/15*	TCU	54,147	L
2.	10/17/15	Nebraska	54,062	L
3.	9/26/15	Ohio	53,917	W
4.	11/30/19	Wisconsin	53,756	L
5.	8/31/23*	Nebraska	53,629	W
6.	11/23/13	Wisconsin	53,090	L
7.	11/28/15	Wisconsin	52,850	L
8.	9/19/15	Kent State	52,823	W
9.	10/7/23	Michigan	52,179	L
10.	9/21/24	Iowa	52,048	L

* Season Opener

KICKOFF TEMPERATURES AT HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

Warmest Games	Degrees	W/L
UNLV (8/29/13 at 6 p.m.)*	92	W
Miami (OH) (9/15/18 at 2:30 p.m.)	91	W
New Mexico State (9/10/11 at 2:30 p.m.)*	88	L
Eastern Illinois (9/3/26 at 7 p.m.)*	86	W
New Mexico State (9/1/22 at 8 p.m.)*	83	W
TCU (9/3/15 at 8 p.m.)*	82	L
Air Force (9/12/09 at 6 p.m.)*	80	W
Nebraska (8/31/23 at 7 p.m.)*	79	W
New Mexico State (8/30/18 at 6:00 p.m.)*	77	W
Iowa (9/21/24 at 6:30 p.m.)	76	L
Louisiana (9/30/23 at 11 a.m.)	76	W
Colorado (9/17/22 at 2:30 p.m.)	76	W
Ohio (9/26/15 at 2:30 p.m.)	76	W

Cooldest (all games at or below freezing listed)

Game	Degrees	W/L
Ohio State (11/15/14 at 11 a.m.)	15	L
Iowa (11/19/22 at 3 p.m.)	17	L
Wisconsin (11/23/13 at 2:30 p.m.)	18	L
Purdue (11/10/18 at 2:30 p.m.)	21	W
Illinois (11/21/15 at 11 a.m.)	22	W
Wisconsin (11/29/25 at 2:30 p.m.)	23	W
Northwestern (11/17/18 at 11 a.m.)	23	L
Iowa (11/27/10 at 2:30 p.m.)	23	W
Michigan State (11/24/12 at 2:30 p.m.)	25	L
Michigan (10/24/20 at 6:30 p.m.)*	30	L
Northwestern (11/19/16 at 2:30 p.m.)	30	W
Northwestern (11/12/22 at 2:30 p.m.)	30	W
Wisconsin (11/25/23 at 2:30 p.m.)	31	L
Purdue (10/10/09 at 11 a.m.)	31	W
Wisconsin (11/28/15 at 2:30 p.m.)	32	L

* Season Opener



HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

STADIUM SEATING

50,805	Capacity of stadium
25,000	Approximate number of seats with permanent chairbacks
37	Private Suites
57	Loge Boxes
1,250	Outdoor Club seats
250	Indoor Club seats
20,000	Square-foot Club Room for game day and non-game day usage

STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

1,300,000	Total number of on-site work hours to complete stadium
24,000	Cubic yards of cast-in-place concrete, enough to make a five-foot-wide sidewalk from Minneapolis to Rochester, MN (74 miles)
8,800	Tons of structural steel, 97% of which is from recycled steel
4,019,760	LED lights make up the video boards at the stadium. The main video scoreboard is the third-largest in college sports.
740,000	Units of brick
2,020,000	Feet of cable for telecom, broadcast, sound, fire alarm and security systems (382 miles)
2,210,000	Feet of electrical wire/cable for power (418 miles)
900,000	Square feet of finished space
7,500	Light fixtures
350	LCD televisions
38	Miles of Aquatherm Blue Pipe filled with Glycol-based heat to keep the field from freezing
21	Gopher football sellouts to date, including five under P.J. Fleck
12	Elevators and two escalators

STADIUM FACTS

Playing Surface	FieldTurf
Architect	Populous (formerly HOK Sport)
General Contractor	Mortenson (in partnership with Thor)
Construction Cost	\$288.5 million

OTHER STADIUM NOTES

- When completed, Huntington Bank Stadium became the first new football stadium in the Big Ten since 1960 and the first in NCAA FBS since 2006 (additional NCAA FBS stadiums have since been built).
- The Gophers locker room is a state-of-the-art 60 x 25-yard area, shaped like a football with 120 custom-built lockers and 10 LCD televisions.
- The Gophers have a private recruiting room that can accommodate 150 people.
- The main high-definition video display in the stadium is one of the largest in college sports at approximately 48 feet high by 108 feet wide. It boasts Daktronics HD-16 technology and was the first of its kind in the Big Ten Conference.
- The University achieved LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Huntington Bank Stadium, making it the first LEED certified college football stadium in America. The certification is achieved by accumulating credits for various environmentally and sustainable efforts in design and construction.
- In addition to Minnesota college football games, Huntington Bank Stadium has hosted Gopher hockey games, Monday Night Football (Minnesota vs. Chicago), NHL Stadium Series (Minnesota vs. Chicago), an international soccer match (Manchester City vs. Olympiacos), the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games, the MLB All-Star concert, U2, Rolling Stones, Beyonce, One Direction, Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line. The Minnesota Vikings (2014-15) and Minnesota United (2017-18) also played seasons at Huntington Bank Stadium while their new stadiums were being built.

ALPHA ROSTER

##	NAME	POSITION
88	Josiah Anyansi	DL
47	Enoch Atewogbola	DL
48	Aaden Aytch	DL
58	Jaden Ball	OL
6	Maverick Baranowski	LB
26	Zeke Bates	RB
78	Ashton Beers	OL
97	Jeremiah Benson	DL
85	Rico Blassingame	WR
14	Kerry Brown	DB
3	TJ Bush, Jr.	DL
46	Mason Carrier	LB
56	Brett Carroll	OL
28	Niko Castillo	RB
90	Xion Chapman	DL
41	Anthony Charles	DL
35	Nate Cleveland	LB
70	Naquan Crowder	DL
81	Josiah Dozier	WR
12	Luke Drzewiecki	K
16	Hudson Dunn	LB
20	Ryan Estrada	RB
9	Xavier Ford	RB
8	Mike Gerald	DB
19	Joey Gerlach	LB
7	Aidan Gousby	DB
23	Lamont Hamilton	DB
75	Mark Handy	OL
95	Colin Hansen	DL
4	Zack Harden	DB
18	Donielle Hayes	WR
87	Kaden Helms	TE
89	Quayd Hendryx	WR
55	Jaylin Hicks	DL
33	Rhett Hlavacka	DL
25	Justin Hopkins	DB
1	Jaxon Howard	DL
36	Daniel Jackson	K
13	Noah Jennings	WR
65	Greg Johnson	OL
91	Howie Johnson	DL
82	Julian Johnson	TE
92	Sid Kaba	DL
2	Emmanuel Karmo	LB
18	Rhyland Kelly	DB
49	Matt Kingsbury	LB
98	Adam Kissayi	DL
20	Parker Knutson	DB
31	Jordan Lampkins	DB
15	Owen Lansu	QB
60	Kaveon Lee	OL
5	Drake Lindsey	QB
32	Angel Luciano	LB
53	Jakob Lutz	LS
45	Sam Macy	DL
15	Samuel Madu	DB
29	Andrew Marshall	LB
7	Bradley Martino	WR
69	Gavin Meier	OL
11	Karter Menz	DL
12	Michael Merdinger	QB
9	Garrison Monroe	DB
84	Hayden Moore	WR
59	Tony Nelson	OL
17	John Nestor	DB
16	Brady Palmer	QB
21	Naiim Parrish	DB
24	Chance Payne	DB
83	Sam Peters	TE
13	Zahir Rainer	DB
99	Theorin Randle	DL
28	Trason Richardson	DB
37	Zachary Robbins	P
44	George Rohl	TE

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yrs/at Minn.	Elig.	Hometown / Previous School(s)
0	Anthony Smith	DL	6'6	280	5 / 5	5th	Shippensburg, Pa. / Shippensburg
1	Jaxon Howard	DL	6'4	260	4 / 3	Sr.	Crystal, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper / LSU
1	Darius Taylor	RB	6'0	215	4 / 4	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Walled Lake Western
2	Emmanuel Karmo	LB	6'2	235	2 / 2	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper
2	A.J. Turner	RB	6'0	200	5 / 2	5th	Hampton, Va. / Life Christian Academy / Marshall
3	TJ Bush Jr.	DL	6'3	265	4 / 1	Sr.	Woodbridge, Va. / Freedom / Liberty / California
3	Perry Thompson	WR	6'3	220	3 / 1	Jr.	Foley, Ala. / Foley / Auburn
4	Zack Harden	DB	6'1	210	2 / 2	So.	Covington, Ga. / Newton
4	Roman Voss	TE	6'4	235	1 / 1	Fr.	Lakefield, Minn. / Jackson County Central
5	Drake Lindsey	QB	6'5	230	3 / 3	Jr.	Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville
5	Aydan West	DB	6'0	195	2 / 1	So.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard / Michigan State
6	Maverick Baranowski	LB	6'2	230	5 / 5	5th	Ponce Inlet, Fla. / Spruce Creek
6	Max Shikenjanski	QB	6'2	185	4 / 4	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn. / Stillwater
7	Aidan Gousby	DB	6'0	190	5 / 5	5th	Lehigh Acres, Fla. / Lehigh Senior
7	Bradley Martino	WR	6'3	190	2 / 2	So.	Naples, Fla. / First Baptist Academy
8	Mike Gerald	DB	6'0	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Morton Ranch
8	Jalen Smith	WR	6'1	210	3 / 3	Jr.	Mankato, Minn. / Mankato West
9	Xavier Ford	RB	5'10	210	2 / 2	So.	Leesville, La. / Leesville
9	Garrison Monroe	DB	6'0	205	4 / 4	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee
11	Karter Menz	DL	6'5	240	4 / 4	Sr.	Horace, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne
11	Javon Tracy	WR	6'0	205	5 / 2	5th	Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central / Miami (OH)
12	Luke Drzewiecki	K	6'0	186	5 / 1	5th	Shelby Township, Mich. / Utica Eisenhower / New Mexico
12	Michael Merdinger	QB	6'1	205	3 / 1	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons / North Carolina / Liberty
13	Noah Jennings	WR	6'0	190	4 / 1	Sr.	Columbia, S.C. / Westwood / Charleston Southern / Cincinnati
13	Zahir Rainer	DB	5'9	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal
14	Kerry Brown	DB	5'10	190	4 / 4	Sr.	Naples, Fla. / Naples
14	Dylan Wittke	QB	6'1	215	4 / 3	Sr.	Buford, Ga. / Buford / Virginia Tech
15	Owen Lansu	QB	6'1	195	1 / 1	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill. / Downers Grove North
15	Samuel Madu	DB	6'1	180	3 / 3	Jr.	Bronx, N.Y. / Archbishop Stepinac
16	Hudson Dunn	LB	6'0	220	1 / 1	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty
16	Brady Palmer	QB	6'2	210	1 / 1	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
17	John Nestor	DB	6'1	210	4 / 2	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Marist / Iowa
18	Donielle Hayes	WR	6'0	190	4 / 4	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. / Pine Forest
18	Rhyland Kelly	DB	6'1	200	5 / 5	5th	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / Clearwater Academy International
19	Joey Gerlach	LB	6'3	225	5 / 5	5th	Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury
19	Pierce Walsh	TE	6'4	250	4 / 4	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill. / Benet Academy
20	Ryan Estrada	RB	5'10	190	1 / 1	Fr.	El Paso, Texas / El Dorado
20	Parker Knutson	DB	6'0	190	4 / 1	Sr.	Sartell, Minn. / Sartell / Southwest Minnesota State
21	Naiim Parrish	DB	5'11	180	2 / 2	So.	Freehold, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
21	Grant Washington	RB	5'10	205	2 / 2	So.	Avon, Ohio / St. Ignatius
22	Mekhai Smith	DB	6'2	215	3 / 1	Jr.	Lower Merion, Pa. / Lower Merion / Lehigh
22	Jaron Thomas	RB	6'0	225	2 / 1	So.	Elkhart, Ind. / Concord / Purdue
23	Lamont Hamilton	DB	5'10	170	1 / 1	Fr.	Racine, Wis. / St. Catherine's
23	TJ Thomas	RB	5'8	190	3 / 1	Jr.	Thomasville, Ga. / Brookwood / Elon
24	Chance Payne	DB	5'10	185	1 / 1	Fr.	Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson
24	Braiden Stevens	WR	5'8	170	1 / 1	Fr.	Platte City, Mo. / Platte County
25	Justin Hopkins	DB	5'11	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
25	Zion Steptoe	WR	5'11	190	5 / 1	5th	Little Elm, Texas / Memorial / Purdue / Tulsa
26	Zeke Bates	RB	6'0	220	1 / 1	Fr.	Haverford, Pa. / Malvern Prep
26	Elisha West	DB	5'10	195	3 / 1	Jr.	Germantown, Md. / Quince Orchard / Merrimack / Michigan State
27	Simon Seidl	DB	5'10	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Hugo, Minn. / Hill-Murray
28	Niko Castillo	RB	6'1	235	1 / 1	Fr.	Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Schuylkill Haven Area
28	Trason Richardson	DB	6'0	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Almeta Crawford
29	Andrew Marshall	LB	6'2	235	4 / 1	Sr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Ohio / Lackawanna / Eastern Michigan
31	Jordan Lampkins	DB	6'0	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Germantown, Md. / Bolingbrook
32	Angel Luciano	LB	6'1	210	1 / 1	Fr.	Steelton, Pa. / Steelton-Highspire
33	Rhett Hlavacka	DL	6'5	260	2 / 2	So.	Fond du Lac, Wis. / Fond du Lac
35	Nate Cleveland	LB	6'2	225	2 / 2	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Hoffman Estates
36	Daniel Jackson	K	5'10	175	2 / 2	So.	Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria
36	Tavian White	DB	5'11	180	1 / 1	Fr.	Waukegan, Iowa / Waukegan
37	Zachary Robbins	P	6'3	220	2 / 1	So.	Santaquin, Utah / Payson / Utah State
41	Anthony Charles	DL	6'5	210	1 / 1	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / South Fayette
42	Tom Weston	P	6'3	220	4 / 2	Sr.	Perth, Australia / CBC Fremantle / Ouachita Baptist
44	George Rohl	TE	6'6	245	1 / 1	Fr.	Ellsworth, Wis. / Ellsworth
44	Ethan Stendel	LB	6'3	240	2 / 2	So.	Caledonia, Minn. / Caledonia
45	Sam Macy	DL	6'5	250	3 / 3	Jr.	Chanhassen, Minn. / Chanhassen
46	Mason Carrier	LB	6'3	235	3 / 3	Jr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes
47	Enoch Atewogbola	DL	6'4	255	2 / 2	So.	Avon, Ind. / Avon
48	Aaden Aytch	DL	6'3	240	1 / 1	Fr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson
49	Matt Kingsbury	LB	6'3	235	4 / 4	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / St. Rita
50	Nathan Roy	OL	6'5	305	3 / 3	Jr.	Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago
51	Daniel Shipp	OL	6'5	295	2 / 2	So.	Eastvale, Calif. / Centennial
52	Alan Soukup	LS	6'1	210	3 / 3	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Pinnacle
53	Jakob Lutz	LS	6'0	205	2 / 2	So.	Peachtree City, Ga. / McIntosh

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50	Nathan Roy	OL
94	Mo Saine	DL
66	Beckett Schreiber	OL
27	Simon Seidl	DB
6	Max Shikenjanski	QB
51	Daniel Shipp	OL
88	Jacob Simpson	TE
0	Anthony Smith	DL
8	Jalen Smith	WR
22	Mekhai Smith	DB
52	Alan Soukup	LS
77	Nick Spence	OL
44	Ethan Stendel	LB
25	Zion Steptoe	WR
24	Braiden Stevens	WR
56	Jay'Quan Stubbs	DL
92	Beckham Sunderland	K
93	Riley Sunram	DL
96	Abu Tarawallie	DL
1	Darius Taylor	RB
57	Aaron Thomas	OL
22	Jaron Thomas	RB
23	TJ Thomas	RB
3	Perry Thompson	WR
71	Lucas Tielsch	OL
11	Javon Tracy	WR
79	Andrew Trout	OL
2	A.J. Turner	RB
4	Roman Voss	TE
19	Pierce Walsh	TE
68	Bennett Warren	OL
21	Grant Washington	RB
86	Gabe Weaver	TE
5	Aydan West	DB
26	Elisha West	DB
42	Tom Weston	P
36	Tavian White	DB
55	Jerome Williams	OL
14	Dylan Wittke	QB

Players By Country (3 countries)

United States	111
Canada	1
Australia	1

Players By State (30 states)

Minnesota	22
Florida	8
Pennsylvania	8
Illinois	7
Wisconsin	7
Georgia	6
Ohio	6
Texas	6
Arizona	4
Indiana	4
Maryland	3
Michigan	3
Virginia	3
Alabama	2
California	2
Iowa	2
Missouri	2
New Jersey	2
New York	2
North Dakota	2
Arkansas	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	1
Nebraska	1
New Mexico	1
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	1
Utah	1
Washington	1

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yrs/at Minn.	Elig.	Hometown / Previous School(s)
55	Jaylin Hicks	DL	6'3	270	3 / 3	Jr.	Harlem, N.Y. / Iona Preparatory
55	Jerome Williams	OL	6'4	325	4 / 4	Sr.	Osseo, Minn. / Osseo
56	Brett Carroll	OL	6'5	320	3 / 3	Jr.	Olathe, Kan. / Olathe East
56	Jay'Quan Stubbs	DL	6'4	285	2 / 2	So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights
57	Aaron Thomas	OL	6'6	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Mountain Pointe
58	Jaden Ball	OL	6'5	310	3 / 2	Jr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Purdue
59	Tony Nelson	OL	6'6	325	5 / 5	5th	Tracy, Minn. / Tracy-Milroy-Balaton
60	Kaveon Lee	OL	6'5	320	2 / 2	So.	Chicago, Ill. / Central
65	Greg Johnson	OL	6'6	325	4 / 4	Sr.	Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake
66	Beckett Schreiber	OL	6'5	295	1 / 1	Fr.	Madison, Wis. / Madison Memorial
68	Bennett Warren	OL	6'7	300	3 / 1	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Christian Academy / Tennessee
69	Gavin Meier	OL	6'5	305	1 / 1	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. / Janesville Parker
70	Naquan Crowder	DL	6'2	330	4 / 1	Sr.	Aliquippa, Pa. / Aliquippa / California (PA) / Marshall
71	Lucas Tielsch	OL	6'7	320	1 / 1	Fr.	Copley, Ohio / Copley
75	Mark Handy	OL	6'7	320	2 / 2	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. / La Cueva
77	Nick Spence	OL	6'6	300	2 / 2	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Liberty
78	Ashton Beers	OL	6'6	320	5 / 5	5th	Slinger, Wis. / Slinger
79	Andrew Trout	OL	6'7	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori
81	Josiah Dozier	WR	6'1	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Moody, Ala. / Moody
82	Julian Johnson	TE	6'6	260	3 / 3	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. / Waubonsie Valley
83	Sam Peters	TE	6'4	250	4 / 4	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove
84	Hayden Moore	WR	6'1	205	1 / 1	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla. / Newberry
85	Rico Blassingame	WR	6'1	185	1 / 1	Fr.	Auburn, Wash. / Tolleson Union
86	Gabe Weaver	TE	6'5	240	1 / 1	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / MICDS
87	Kaden Helms	TE	6'5	240	5 / 1	5th	Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue West / Oklahoma
88	Josiah Anyansi	DL	6'3	260	1 / 1	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Murrieta Valley
88	Jacob Simpson	TE	6'4	245	3 / 3	Jr.	Johnston, Iowa / Johnston
89	Quayd Hendryx	WR	5'11	180	1 / 1	Fr.	Burlington Township, N.J. / Winslow Township
90	Xion Chapman	DL	6'3	305	4 / 1	Sr.	Allentown, Pa. / Dieruff / Lackawanna / FIU
91	Howie Johnson	DL	6'3	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Forest Lake, Minn. / Forest Lake
92	Sid Kaba	DL	6'2	305	4 / 1	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / KIPP Columbus / Western Michigan / Marshall
92	Beckham Sunderland	K	6'2	215	3 / 1	Sr.	Newport, Ky. / Sycamore (Ohio) / Texas State / Michigan
93	Riley Sunram	DL	6'5	305	3 / 3	Jr.	Kindred, N.D. / Kindred
94	Mo Saine	DL	6'4	275	3 / 3	Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
95	Colin Hansen	DL	6'7	265	2 / 2	So.	Byron, Minn. / Byron
96	Abu Tarawallie	DL	6'3	290	2 / 2	So.	New Hope, Minn. / Heritage Christian Academy
97	Jeremiah Benson	DL	6'3	280	1 / 1	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / West Bloomfield
98	Adam Kissayi	DL	6'8	255	3 / 3	Jr.	Palm Bay, Fla. / Heritage / Clemson
99	Theorin Randle	DL	6'2	300	4 / 4	Sr.	Houston, Texas / Shadow Creek

On June 23, 2026, the Division I Cabinet unanimously approved a sweeping overhaul of eligibility rules for student-athletes, permitting Division I student-athletes up to five years of eligibility if they enroll in college no later than the academic year after their 19th birthday. Athletes that were on a roster in 2025-26 were reviewed under the old rules or new eligibility model to determine which model is most beneficial to them. Those athletes could have been eligible for a waiver if submitted by July 31, 2026. The new rule streamlined a significant portion of the Division I rule book by eliminating season-of-competition limits, sport-specific eligibility and redshirt rules, and eligibility extension waivers. As a result, and based on recommendation from the College Sports Communicators, the following class year designations for the 2026-27 academic year are being used: Fr., So., Jr., Sr., 5th.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**Players**

Josiah Anyansi	eye-ON-see
Enoch Atewogbola	EE-nock uh-TOE-gwuh-luh
Aaden Aytch	AY-den H (like the letter H)
Maverick Baranowski	BARE-eh-now-skee
Rico Blassingame	BLASS-ing-game
Xion Chapman	ZYE-in
Naquan Crowder	NAY-kwan
Josiah Dozier	DOZE-er
Luke Drzewiecki	driz-WICK-ee
Xavier Ford	ex-ZAVE-er
Mike Gerald	JARE-old
Joey Gerlach	GER-lock
Aidan Gousby	GOOZ-bee
Donielle Hayes	DON-yell
Quayd Hendryx	KWAYD
Rhett Hlavacka	luh-VAH-kuh
Sid Kaba	COBB-uh
Rhyland Kelly	RYE-land
Adam Kissayi	kuh-SY
Parker Knutson	kuh-NOOT-son
Owen Lansu	LAN-soo
Kaveon Lee	KAY-vee-on
Jakob Lutz	LUTTS
Samuel Madu	muh-DOO
Gavin Meier	MY-er
Karter Menz	menz
Michael Merdinger	MER-din-JUR
John Nestor	NEST-er

Naiim Parrish	NY-eem
Zahir Rainer	ZY-er RAY-ner
Theorin Randle	THARE-in
George Rohl	ROLE
Simon Seidl	SY-dle
Max Shikenjanski	SHICK-in-JAN-skee
Mekhai Smith	muh-KYE
Alan Soukup	SOOK-up
Ethan Stendel	stendle
Zion Steptoe	ZYE-in
Beckham Sunderland	BECK-ham SUN-der-land
Riley Sunram	SUN-RAM
Abu Tarawallie	uh-BOO TARE-uh-WALL-ee
Jaron Thomas	juh-RON
Lucas Tielsch	TILSH
Javon Tracy	juh-VON
Aydan West	AY-den
Elisha West	ee-LYE-shuh
Tavian White	TAY-vee-in
Dylan Wittke	WIT-kee

COACHES

Daniel Da Prato	duh PROTTO
Isaac Fruechte	FRICK-tee
Greg Harbaugh, Jr.	HAR-bo
Mohamed Ibrahim	I-bruh-him
Eric Koehler	KAY-ler
Mariano Sori-Marin	MAR-ee-on-oh SORE-ee MARE-in
Steve Stanard	stuh-NARD
Mike Sypniak (trainer)	SIP-nee-ack

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yrs/at Minn.	Acad. Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)
5	Drake Lindsey	QB	6'5	230	3 / 3	Jr.	Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville
6	Max Shikenjanski	QB	6'2	185	4 / 4	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn. / Stillwater
12	Michael Merdinger	QB	6'1	205	3 / 1	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons / North Carolina / Liberty
14	Dylan Wittke	QB	6'1	215	4 / 3	Sr.	Buford, Ga. / Buford / Virginia Tech
15	Owen Lansu	QB	6'1	195	1 / 1	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill. / Downers Grove North
16	Brady Palmer	QB	6'2	210	1 / 1	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
1	Darius Taylor	RB	6'0	215	4 / 4	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Walled Lake Western
2	A.J. Turner	RB	6'0	200	5 / 2	5th	Hampton, Va. / Life Christian Academy / Marshall
9	Xavier Ford	RB	5'10	210	2 / 2	So.	Leesville, La. / Leesville
20	Ryan Estrada	RB	5'10	190	1 / 1	Fr.	El Paso, Texas / El Dorado
21	Grant Washington	RB	5'10	205	2 / 2	So.	Avon, Ohio / St. Ignatus
22	Jaron Thomas	RB	6'0	225	2 / 1	So.	Elkhart, Ind. / Concord / Purdue
23	TJ Thomas	RB	5'8	190	3 / 1	Jr.	Thomasville, Ga. / Brookwood / Elon
26	Zeke Bates	RB	6'0	220	1 / 1	Fr.	Haverford, Pa. / Malvern Prep
28	Niko Castillo	RB	6'1	235	1 / 1	Fr.	Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Schuylkill Haven Area
3	Perry Thompson	WR	6'3	220	3 / 1	Jr.	Foley, Ala. / Foley / Auburn
7	Bradley Martino	WR	6'3	190	2 / 2	So.	Naples, Fla. / First Baptist Academy
8	Jalen Smith	WR	6'1	210	3 / 3	Jr.	Mankato, Minn. / Mankato West
11	Javon Tracy	WR	6'0	205	5 / 2	5th	Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central / Miami (OH)
13	Noah Jennings	WR	6'0	190	4 / 1	Sr.	Columbia, S.C. / Westwood / Charleston Southern / Cincinnati
18	Donielle Hayes	WR	6'0	190	4 / 4	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. / Pine Forest
24	Braiden Stevens	WR	5'8	170	1 / 1	Fr.	Platte City, Mo. / Platte County
25	Zion Steptoe	WR	5'11	190	5 / 1	5th	Little Elm, Texas / Memorial / Purdue / Tulsa
81	Josiah Dozier	WR	6'1	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Moody, Ala. / Moody
84	Hayden Moore	WR	6'1	205	1 / 1	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla. / Newberry
85	Rico Blassingame	WR	6'1	185	1 / 1	Fr.	Auburn, Wash. / Tolleson Union
89	Quayd Hendryx	WR	5'11	180	1 / 1	Fr.	Burlington Township, N.J. / Winslow Township
4	Roman Voss	TE	6'4	235	1 / 1	Fr.	Lakefield, Minn. / Jackson County Central
19	Pierce Walsh	TE	6'4	250	4 / 4	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill. / Benet Academy
44	George Rohl	TE	6'6	245	1 / 1	Fr.	Ellsworth, Wis. / Ellsworth
82	Julian Johnson	TE	6'6	260	3 / 3	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. / Waubonsie Valley
83	Sam Peters	TE	6'4	250	4 / 4	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove
86	Gabe Weaver	TE	6'5	240	1 / 1	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / MICDS
87	Kaden Helms	TE	6'5	240	5 / 1	5th	Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue West / Oklahoma
88	Jacob Simpson	TE	6'4	245	3 / 3	Jr.	Johnston, Iowa / Johnston
50	Nathan Roy	OL	6'5	305	3 / 3	Jr.	Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago
51	Daniel Shipp	OL	6'5	295	2 / 2	So.	Eastvale, Calif. / Centennial
55	Jerome Williams	OL	6'4	325	4 / 4	Sr.	Osseo, Minn. / Osseo
56	Brett Carroll	OL	6'5	320	3 / 3	Jr.	Olathe, Kan. / Olathe East
57	Aaron Thomas	OL	6'6	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Mountain Pointe
58	Jaden Ball	OL	6'5	310	3 / 2	Jr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Purdue
59	Tony Nelson	OL	6'6	325	5 / 5	5th	Tracy, Minn. / Tracy-Milroy-Balaton
60	Kaveon Lee	OL	6'5	320	2 / 2	So.	Chicago, Ill. / Central
65	Greg Johnson	OL	6'6	325	4 / 4	Sr.	Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake
66	Beckett Schreiber	OL	6'5	295	1 / 1	Fr.	Madison, Wis. / Madison Memorial
68	Bennett Warren	OL	6'7	300	3 / 1	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Christian Academy / Tennessee
69	Gavin Meier	OL	6'5	305	1 / 1	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. / Janesville Parker
71	Lucas Tielsch	OL	6'7	320	1 / 1	Fr.	Copley, Ohio / Copley
75	Mark Handy	OL	6'7	320	2 / 2	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. / La Cueva
77	Nick Spence	OL	6'6	300	2 / 2	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Liberty
78	Ashton Beers	OL	6'6	320	5 / 5	5th	Slinger, Wis. / Slinger
79	Andrew Trout	OL	6'7	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori
12	Luke Drzewiecki	K	6'0	186	5 / 1	5th	Shelby Township, Mich. / Utica Eisenhower / New Mexico
36	Daniel Jackson	K	5'10	175	2 / 2	So.	Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria
92	Beckham Sunderland	K	6'2	215	3 / 1	Sr.	Newport, Ky. / Sycamore (Ohio) / Texas State / Michigan
37	Zachary Robbins	P	6'3	220	2 / 1	So.	Santaquin, Utah / Payson / Utah State
42	Tom Weston	P	6'3	220	4 / 2	Sr.	Perth, Australia / CBC Fremantle / Ouachita Baptist
52	Alan Soukup	LS	6'1	210	3 / 3	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Pinnacle
53	Jakob Lutz	LS	6'0	205	2 / 2	So.	Peachtree City, Ga. / McIntosh

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yrs/at Minn.	Acad. Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)
0	Anthony Smith	DL	6'6	280	5 / 5	5th	Shippensburg, Pa. / Shippensburg
1	Jaxon Howard	DL	6'4	260	4 / 3	Sr.	Crystal, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper / LSU
3	TJ Bush Jr.	DL	6'3	265	4 / 1	Sr.	Woodbridge, Va. / Freedom / Liberty / California
11	Karter Menz	DL	6'5	240	4 / 4	Sr.	Horace, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne
33	Rhett Hlavacka	DL	6'5	260	2 / 2	So.	Fond du Lac, Wis. / Fond du Lac
41	Anthony Charles	DL	6'5	210	1 / 1	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / South Fayette
45	Sam Macy	DL	6'5	250	3 / 3	Jr.	Chanhassen, Minn. / Chanhassen
47	Enoch Atewogbola	DL	6'4	255	2 / 2	So.	Avon, Ind. / Avon
48	Aaden Aytch	DL	6'3	240	1 / 1	Fr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson
55	Jaylin Hicks	DL	6'3	270	3 / 3	Jr.	Harlem, N.Y. / Iona Preparatory
56	Jay'Quan Stubbs	DL	6'4	285	2 / 2	So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights
70	Naquan Crowder	DL	6'2	330	4 / 1	Sr.	Aliquippa, Pa. / Aliquippa / California (PA) / Marshall
88	Josiah Anyansi	DL	6'3	260	1 / 1	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Murrieta Valley
90	Xion Chapman	DL	6'3	305	4 / 1	Sr.	Allentown, Pa. / Dieruff / Lackawanna / FIU
91	Howie Johnson	DL	6'3	300	1 / 1	Fr.	Forest Lake, Minn. / Forest Lake
92	Sid Kaba	DL	6'2	305	4 / 1	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / KIPP Columbus / Western Michigan / Marshall
93	Riley Sunram	DL	6'5	305	3 / 3	Jr.	Kindred, N.D. / Kindred
94	Mo Saine	DL	6'4	275	3 / 3	Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
95	Colin Hansen	DL	6'7	265	2 / 2	So.	Byron, Minn. / Byron
96	Abu Tarawallie	DL	6'3	290	2 / 2	So.	New Hope, Minn. / Heritage Christian Academy
97	Jeremiah Benson	DL	6'3	280	1 / 1	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / West Bloomfield
98	Adam Kissayi	DL	6'8	255	3 / 3	Jr.	Palm Bay, Fla. / Heritage / Clemson
99	Theorin Randle	DL	6'2	300	4 / 4	Sr.	Houston, Texas / Shadow Creek
2	Emmanuel Karmo	LB	6'2	235	2 / 2	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper
6	Maverick Baranowski	LB	6'2	230	5 / 5	5th	Ponce Inlet, Fla. / Spruce Creek
16	Hudson Dunn	LB	6'0	220	1 / 1	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty
19	Joey Gerlach	LB	6'3	225	5 / 5	5th	Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury
29	Andrew Marshall	LB	6'2	235	4 / 1	Sr.	Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Ohio / Lackawanna / Eastern Michigan
32	Angel Luciano	LB	6'1	210	1 / 1	Fr.	Steelton, Pa. / Steelton-Highspire
35	Nate Cleveland	LB	6'2	225	2 / 2	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Hoffman Estates
44	Ethan Stendel	LB	6'3	240	2 / 2	So.	Caledonia, Minn. / Caledonia
46	Mason Carrier	LB	6'3	235	3 / 3	Jr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes
49	Matt Kingsbury	LB	6'3	235	4 / 4	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / St. Rita
4	Zack Harden	DB	6'1	210	2 / 2	So.	Covington, Ga. / Newton
5	Aydan West	DB	6'0	195	2 / 1	So.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard / Michigan State
7	Aidan Gousby	DB	6'0	190	5 / 5	5th	Lehigh Acres, Fla. / Lehigh Senior
8	Mike Gerald	DB	6'0	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Houston, Texas / Morton Ranch
9	Garrison Monroe	DB	6'0	205	4 / 4	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee
13	Zahir Rainer	DB	5'9	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal
14	Kerry Brown	DB	5'10	190	4 / 4	Sr.	Naples, Fla. / Naples
15	Samuel Madu	DB	6'1	180	3 / 3	Jr.	Bronx, N.Y. / Archbishop Stepinac
17	John Nestor	DB	6'1	210	4 / 2	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Marist / Iowa
18	Rhyland Kelly	DB	6'1	200	5 / 5	5th	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / Clearwater Academy International
20	Parker Knutson	DB	6'0	190	4 / 1	Sr.	Sartell, Minn. / Sartell / Southwest Minnesota State
21	Naiim Parrish	DB	5'11	180	2 / 2	So.	Freehold, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
22	Mekhai Smith	DB	6'2	215	3 / 1	Jr.	Lower Merion, Pa. / Lower Merion / Lehigh
23	Lamont Hamilton	DB	5'10	170	1 / 1	Fr.	Racine, Wis. / St. Catherine's
24	Chance Payne	DB	5'10	185	1 / 1	Fr.	Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson
25	Justin Hopkins	DB	5'11	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
26	Elisha West	DB	5'10	195	3 / 1	Jr.	Germantown, Md. / Quince Orchard / Merrimack / Michigan State
27	Simon Seidl	DB	5'10	190	3 / 3	Jr.	Hugo, Minn. / Hill-Murray
28	Trason Richardson	DB	6'0	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Almeta Crawford
31	Jordan Lampkins	DB	6'0	190	1 / 1	Fr.	Germantown, Md. / Bolingbrook
36	Tavian White	DB	5'11	180	1 / 1	Fr.	Waukee, Iowa / Waukee

2026 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BREAKDOWN BY YEAR (113)

First Year	31
Second Year	22
Third Year	25
Fourth Year	23
Fifth Year	12

BREAKDOWN BY PREVIOUS SCHOOL (113)

High School	85
Transfer Portal	28

BREAKDOWN BY HOME STATE/COUNTRY (113)

Minnesota	22
Florida/Pennsylvania	8
Illinois/Wisconsin	7
Georgia/Ohio/Texas	6
Arizona/Indiana	4
Maryland/Michigan/Virginia	3
Alabama/California/Iowa/Missouri/	2
New Jersey/New York/North Dakota	
Arkansas/Australia/Canada/Kansas/Kentucky/	1
Louisiana/Nebraska/New Mexico/South Carolina/	
Tennessee/Utah/Washington	

STARTERS RETURNING (13)

Offense (6)

Ashton Beers	OL
Greg Johnson	OL
Nathan Roy	OL
Drake Lindsey	QB
Darius Taylor	RB
Jalen Smith	WR

Defense (5)

Kerry Brown	DB
John Nestor	DB
Jaxon Howard	DL
Anthony Smith	DL
Maverick Baranowski	LB

Specialists (2)

Alan Soukup	LS
Tom Weston	P

STARTERS LOST (12)

Offense (5)

Frank Bierman	TE
Jameson Geers	TE
Le'Meke Brockington	WR
Marcellus Marshall	OL
Dylan Ray	OL

Defense (6)

Za'Quan Bryan	DB
Darius Green	DB
Koi Perich	DB
Deven Eastern	DL
Jalen Logan-Redding	DL
Devon Williams	LB

Specialists (1)

Brady Denaburg	K
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LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (48)

Offense (21)

Jaden Ball	OL
Ashton Beers	OL
Brett Carroll	OL
Greg Johnson	OL
Tony Nelson	OL
Nathan Roy	OL
Jerome Williams	OL

Drake Lindsey
Max Shikenjanski
Dylan Wittke
Xavier Ford
Darius Taylor
A.J. Turner
Grant Washington
Julian Johnson
Sam Peters
Jacob Simpson
Pierce Walsh
Donielle Hayes
Jalen Smith
Javon Tracy

Defense (24)

Kerry Brown
Mike Gerald
Aidan Gousby
Zack Harden
Rhyland Kelly
Samuel Madu
Garrison Monroe
John Nestor
Naiim Parrish
Zahir Rainer
Simon Seidl
Jaylin Hicks
Jaxon Howard
Adam Kissayi
Karter Menz
Anthony Smith
Riley Sunram
Maverick Baranowski
Mason Carrier
Nate Cleveland
Joey Gerlach
Emmanuel Karmo
Matt Kingsbury
Ethan Stendel

Specialists (3)

Daniel Jackson
Alan Soukup
Tom Weston

LETTERWINNERS LOST (32)

Offense (16)

Marcellus Marshall
Aluma Nkele
Dylan Ray
Kahlee Tafai
Reese Tripp
Cam Davis
Fame Ijeboi
Drew Biber
Frank Bierman
Jack DiSano
Jameson Geers
Le'Meke Brockington
Malachi Coleman
Kenric Lanier II
Logan Loya
Quentin Redding

Defense (15)

Jaylen Bowden
Harrison Brun
Za'Quan Bryan
Darius Green
Jai'onte McMillan
Koi Perich
Evan Redding

QB Nate Becker
QB Deven Eastern
QB Lucas Finnessy
RB Rushawn Lawrence
RB Jalen Logan-Redding
RB Derik LeCaptain
RB Jeff Roberson
TE Devon Williams

Specialists (1)

TE Brady Denaburg K

TRANSFER NEWCOMERS (20)

Offense (8)	Year	School	Pos.
Bennett Warren	Jr.	Tennessee	OL
Michael Merdinger	Jr.	Liberty	QB
Jaron Thomas	So.	Purdue	RB
TJ Thomas	Jr.	Elon	RB
Kaden Helms	5th	Oklahoma	TE
Noah Jennings	Sr.	Cincinnati	WR
Zion Steptoe	5th	Tulsa	WR
Perry Thompson	Jr.	Auburn	WR

Defense (9)

Parker Knutson	Sr.	SW Minnesota St.	DB
Mekhai Smith	Jr.	Lehigh	DB
Aydan West	So.	Michigan State	DB
Elisha West	Jr.	Michigan State	DB
TJ Bush, Jr.	Sr.	Cal	DL
Xion Chapman	Sr.	FIU	DL
Naquan Crowder	Sr.	Marshall	DL
Sid Kaba	Sr.	Marshall	DL
Andrew Marshall	Sr.	Eastern Michigan	LB

Specialists (3)

Luke Drzewiecki	5th	New Mexico	K
Beckham Sunderland	Sr.	Michigan	K
Zachary Robbins	So.	Utah State	P

FRESHMAN NEWCOMERS (31)

Offense (18)	Hometown	Pos.
Gavin Meier*	Janesville, Wis.	OL
Beckett Schreiber	Madison, Wis.	OL
Aaron Thomas*	Phoenix, Ariz.	OL
Lucas Tielsch*	Copley, Ohio	OL
Andrew Trout*	Cold Spring, Minn.	OL
Owen Lansu*	Downers Grove, Ill.	QB
Brady Palmer*	San Diego, Calif.	QB
Zeke Bates*	Haverford, Pa.	RB
Niko Castillo	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	RB
Ryan Estrada	El Paso, Texas	RB
George Rohl	Ellsworth, Texas	TE
Roman Voss	Lakefield, Minn.	TE
Gabe Weaver	St. Louis, Mo.	TE
Rico Blassingame*	Auburn, Wash.	WR
Josiah Dozier	Moody, Ala.	WR
Quayd Hendryx	Burlington Township, N.J.	WR
Hayden Moore*	Gainesville, Fla.	WR
Braiden Stevens	Platte City, Mo.	WR

Defense (13)

Lamont Hamilton	Racine, Wis.	DB
Justin Hopkins*	Nashville, Tenn.	DB
Jordan Lampkins*	Germantown, Md.	DB
Chance Payne*	Jefferson, Ga.	DB
Trason Richardson*	Houston, Texas	DB
Tavian White	Waukee, Iowa	DB
Josiah Anyansi*	Atlanta, Ga.	DL
Aaden Ayth	Lafayette, Ind.	DL
Jeremiah Benson*	Detroit, Mich.	DL
Anthony Charles*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	DL
Howie Johnson	Forest Lake, Minn.	DL
Hudson Dunn*	Peoria, Ariz.	LB
Angel Luciano	Steelton, Pa.	LB

*Early enrollee

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

QUARTERBACKS

#5 Drake Lindsey

2026 Season

TDs responsible for: 1 (pass), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass completions: 31, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass attempts: 48, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass yards: 279, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long pass: 55, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Times sacked: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Rush attempts: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Rush yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense plays: 50 (48 p, 2 r), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Total offense yards: 272 (264 p, 6 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

TDs responsible for: 4 (pass) at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Pass completions: 31, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass attempts: 48, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass yards: 324, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 Pass TDs: 4, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Long pass: 78, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 Interceptions thrown: 3, at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Times sacked: 4, at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Rush attempts: 5, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 Rush yards: 6, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
 Rush TDs: 2, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 Long rush: 6, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
 Total offense plays: 50 (48 pass, 2 rush), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Total offense yards: 317 (324 p, -7 r), vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

#6 Max Shikenjanski

2026 Season

TDs responsible for: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass completions: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass attempts: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass yards: 50, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long pass: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
 Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense plays: 4 (3 pass, 1 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense yards: 52 (50 p, 2 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

TDs responsible for: 2 (1 pass, 1 rush) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass completions: 4, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass attempts: 5, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass yards: 80, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass TDs: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Long pass: 52, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Rush attempts: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
 Rush TDs: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 8, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Total offense plays: 7 (5 pass, 2 rush), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Total offense yards: 80 (80 p), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#12 Michael Merdinger

Career

TDs responsible for: 2 (1 pass, 1 rush), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Pass completions: 12, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Pass attempts: 21, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Pass yards: 212, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Pass TDs: 1, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Long pass: 59, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Interceptions thrown: 1, vs. UConn, 12/28/24^A
 Rush attempts: 8, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Rush yards: 18, vs. James Madison, 9/20/25^A (4 carries)
 Rush TDs: 1, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Long rush: 20, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Total offense plays: 29 (21 p, 8 r), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A
 Total offense yards: 225 (212 p, 13 r), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^A

^A recorded while playing at North Carolina

^A recorded while playing at Liberty

#14 Dylan Wittke

Career

Pass completions: 1 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass attempts: 3 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Pass yards: 7 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Long pass: 7 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Interceptions thrown: 1 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Total offense plays: 3 (3 pass) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Total offense yards: 7 (7 p) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#16 Brady Palmer

2026 Season/Career

Pass completions: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass attempts: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Pass yards: 34, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long pass: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 8 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense plays: 8 (6 p, 2 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense yards: 42 (34 p, 8 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

RUNNING BACKS

#1 Darius Taylor

2026 Season

Total TDs: 3 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 14 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 56 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (14 carries)
 Rush TDs: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 receptions)
 Receptions: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 receptions)
 Long reception: 19, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 87 (56 rush, 31 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Total offense yards: 56 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Total TDs: 3, 2x, MR: (3 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 35, vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
 Rush yards: 208, vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23 (35 carries)
 Rush TDs: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 80, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24
 Targets: 14, at Michigan, 9/28/24 (10 receptions)
 Receptions: 10, at Michigan, 9/28/24
 Receiving yards: 67, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25 (6 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, MR: at UCLA, 10/12/24
 Long reception: 40, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25
 Pass completions: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 Pass attempts: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 Pass yards: 10, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 Pass TDs: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 Long pass: 10, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 All-purpose yards: 219 (208 rush, 11 rec), vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
 Total offense yards: 208 (208 rush), vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23

#2 A.J. Turner

2026 Season

Rush attempts: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Rush yards: 4, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Targets: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving yards: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 9 (5 rec, 4 rush), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Total offense yards: 4 (rush), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career (all recorded while playing at Marshall)

Total TDs: 4 (3 rush, 1 rec), vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Rush attempts: 15, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Rush yards: 177, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24 (15 carries)
 Rush TDs: 3, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Long rush: 88, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Targets: 1, 13x, MR: at James Madison, 11/30/24 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, 13x, MR: at James Madison, 11/30/24
 Receiving yards: 30, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Long reception: 30, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24
 Kick returns: 3, at South Alabama, 11/18/23
 Kick return yards: 32, at South Alabama, 11/18/23 (3 returns)
 Long kick return: 20, at South Alabama, 11/18/23
 All-purpose yards: 207 (177 rush, 30 rec), vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24

#9 Xavier Ford

2026 Season

Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 15, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 carries)
 Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)
 All-purpose yards: 15 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush attempts: 8, at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Rush yards: 25, at Iowa, 10/25/25 (8 carries)
 Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long rush: 8, at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)
 All-purpose yards: 25 (rush), at Iowa, 10/25/25

#20 Ryan Estrada

2026 Season/Career

Rush attempts: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 carries)
 Long rush: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 12, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick returns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick return yards: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long kick return: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 33 (12 rec, 11 kr, 10 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#21 Grant Washington

Career

Rush attempts: 20, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Rush yards: 126, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25 (20 carries)
 Long rush: 16, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 All-purpose yards: 126 (rush), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#22 Jaron Thomas

2026 Season

Rush attempts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
 Long rush: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 5 (5 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career (all recorded while playing at Purdue)

Rush attempts: 2, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
 Rush yards: 15, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 8, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
 Targets: 1, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
 Receiving yards: -3, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (1 reception)
 Long reception: -3, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
 All-purpose yards: 12 (15 rush, -3 rec), vs. Indiana, 11/28/25

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

#23 TJ Thomas**2026 Season**

Rush attempts: 7, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 52, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (7 carries)
 Long rush: 20, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
 Receptions: 4, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving yards: 40, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
 Long reception: 18, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 75 (52 rush, 23 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career (all recorded while playing at Elon)

Total TDs: 2 (2 rush), MR: vs. Villanova, 10/11/25
 Rush attempts: 19, at Albany, 10/19/24
 Rush yards: 163, at N.C. Central, 9/7/24 (11 carries)
 Rush TDs: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Villanova, 10/11/25
 Long rush: 74, at N.C. Central, 9/7/24
 Targets: 7, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
 Receptions: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24
 Receiving yards: 57, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24 (5 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Richmond, 9/28/24
 Long reception: 33, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24
 Kick returns: 4, at Maine, 10/25/25
 Kick return yards: 123, at Maine, 10/25/25 (4 returns)
 Long kick return: 52, at Maine, 10/25/25
 Punt returns: 2, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25
 Punt return yards: 36, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25 (2 returns)
 Long punt return: 19, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25
 All-purpose yards: 207 (163 rush, 40 kr, 4 rec), at N.C. Central, 9/7/24

#28 Niko Castillo**2026 Season/Career**

Rush attempts: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 carries)
 Long rush: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 2 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

WIDE RECEIVERS

#3 Perry Thompson**Career (all recorded while playing at Auburn)**

Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
 Targets: 7, 3x, MR: at Vanderbilt, 11/8/25 (4 receptions)
 Receptions: 4, 2x, MR: at Vanderbilt, 11/8/25
 Receiving yards: 82, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24 (2 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
 Long reception: 70, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
 All-purpose yards: 82 (rec), vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24

#7 Bradley Martino**2026 Season/Career**

Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 6 (6 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#8 Jalen Smith**2026 Season**

Targets: 11, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
 Receptions: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving yards: 51, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
 Long reception: 20, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 51 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Total TDs: 2 (2 rec), vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Targets: 11, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
 Receptions: 6, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Receiving yards: 103, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 (4 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Long reception: 78, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 All-purpose yards: 103 (rec), vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

#11 Javon Tracy**2026 Season**

Total TDs: 2 (2 pr) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 10, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (7 receptions)
 Receptions: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving Yards: 98, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (5 receptions)
 Long reception: 55, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt returns: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt return yards: 167, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
 Punt return TDs: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long punt return: 87, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 265 (167 pr, 98 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Total TDs: 3 (3 rec) at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Targets: 12, at Toledo, 10/5/24 (10 receptions)*
 Receptions: 10, at Toledo, 10/5/24*
 Receiving Yards: 123, vs. Buffalo, 11/15/23 (5 receptions)*
 Receiving TDs: 3, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Long reception: 72, at Bowling Green, 11/29/24*
 Rush attempts: 1, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Rush yards: 15, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25 (1 carry)
 Long rush: 15, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Pass completions: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
 Pass attempts: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
 Pass yards: 30, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
 Pass TDs: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
 Long pass: 30, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
 Punt returns: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt return yards: 167, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
 Punt return TDs: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long punt return: 87, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 265 (167 pr, 98 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 * recorded while playing at Miami (OH)

#13 Noah Jennings**2026 season**

Targets: 11, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (7 receptions)
 Receptions: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving yards: 88, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (7 receptions)
 Long reception: 34, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 88 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career (all recorded while playing at Charleston Southern)

Total TDs: 2 (2 rec), at Furman, 9/7/24
 Targets: 12, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23 (8 receptions)
 Receptions: 8, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23
 Receiving yards: 204, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23 (8 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, at Furman, 9/7/24
 Long reception: 58, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23
 Rush attempts: 1, 3x, MR: vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24
 Rush yards: 29, vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24 (1 carry)
 Long rush: 29, vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24
 Punt returns: 3, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24
 Punt return yards: 83, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24 (3 returns)
 Long punt return: 47, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24
 All-purpose yards: 204 (rec), at Robert Morris, 11/11/23

#18 Donielle Hayes**Career**

Targets: 2, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 Receiving Yards: 22, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 13, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
 All-purpose yards: 22 (rec), vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25

#24 Braiden Stevens**2026 Season/Career**

Punt returns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt return yards: 26, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
 Long punt return: 26, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 26 (pr), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#25 Zion Steptoe**2026 Season**

Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 6 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Targets: 9, vs. Tulane, 9/27/25* (3 receptions)
 Receptions: 5, 2x, MR: at Army, 11/22/25*
 Receiving yards: 88, vs. Northwestern State, 8/29/24* (5 receptions)
 Long reception: 42, vs. UAB, 11/29/25*
 Rush attempts: 3, vs. Temple, 10/25/25*
 Rush yards: 32, at East Carolina, 10/16/25* (1 carry)
 Long rush: 32, at East Carolina, 10/16/25*
 All-purpose yards: 89 (57 rec, 32 rush), at East Carolina, 10/16/25
 Tackles: 5, vs. Indiana, 11/25/23^
 Fumbles forced: 1, at Northwestern, 11/18/23^
 Fumbles recovered: 1, at Arkansas State, 9/7/24*
 * recorded while playing at Tulsa
 ^ recorded while playing at Purdue

#84 Hayden Moore**2026 Season/Career**

Targets: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 42, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 42 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#89 Quayd Hendryx**2026 Season/Career**

Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 receptions)
 Long reception: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick returns: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Kick return yards: 51, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 returns)
 Long kick return: 36, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 51 (kr), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

TIGHT ENDS

#19 Pierce Walsh**2026 Season**

Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 3, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving Yards: 28, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 28 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Targets: 3, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving Yards: 28, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick returns: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Kick return yards: 13, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 (1 return)
 Long kick return: 13, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 All-purpose yards: 28 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#44 George Rohl**2026 Season/Career**

Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 All-purpose yards: 6 (6 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#82 Julian Johnson**2026 Season**

Targets: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving Yards: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 1 (rec), 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Targets: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 (1 reception)
 Receptions: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Receiving Yards: 5, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 (1 reception)
 Long reception: 5, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 All-purpose yards: 5 (rec), vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

#87 Kaden Helms**2026 Season**

Targets: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
 Receptions: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving Yards: 13, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 All-purpose yards: 13 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), 2x, MR: vs. Kent State, 10/4/25*
 Targets: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 reception)
 Receptions: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Receiving yards: 16, vs. LSU, 11/29/25 (1 reception)*
 Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Kent State, 10/4/25*
 Long reception: 16, vs. LSU, 11/29/25*
 All-purpose yards: 16 (rec), vs. LSU, 11/29/25*
 *recorded while playing at Oklahoma

#88 Jacob Simpson**2026 Season**

Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)

Career

Targets: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)

DEFENSIVE LINE

#0 Anthony Smith**2026 Season**

Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 6, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Sacks: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Fumbles forced: 1, 3x, MR: at Rutgers, 11/9/24
 Kicks blocked: 1, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24

#1 Jaxon Howard**2026 Season**

Tackles: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 4, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
 Sacks: 2.0, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25

#3 TJ Bush Jr.**2026 Season**

Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 11, at Kennesaw State, 10/23/24^
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, 3x, MR: at Louisville, 11/8/25*
 Sacks: 2.0, at New Mexico State, 9/7/24^
 Pass breakups: 2, 2x, MR: vs. UTEP, 9/14/24^
 *recorded while playing at Cal
 ^ recorded while playing at Liberty

#11 Karter Menz**2026 Season**

Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
 Sacks: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Fumbles recovered: 1, at Oregon, 11/14/25

#45 Sam Macy**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#48 Aaden Aytch**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#55 Jaylin Hicks**2026 Season**

Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#70 Naquan Crowder**2026 Season**

Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 10, vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, 2x, MR: vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/23/24^
 Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: at Coastal Carolina, 10/30/25*
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Georgia Southern, 11/29/25*
 Blocked kicks: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
 *recorded while playing at Marshall
 ^ recorded while playing at California (PA)

#90 Xion Chapman**Career**

Tackles: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24^
 Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24^
 Sacks: 1.0, 4x, MR: vs. UTSA, 12/26/25*
 Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Liberty, 11/15/25*
 Fumbles forced: 1, at Western Kentucky, 10/14/25*
 Blocked kicks: 1, vs. Jacksonville State, 11/22/25*
 *recorded while playing at Florida International
 ^ recorded while playing at Lackawanna College

#92 Sid Kaba**2026 Season**

Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career (all recorded while playing at Marshall)

Tackles: 4, vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9/13/25
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9/13/25
 Sacks: 0.5, at Georgia State, 11/15/25

#93 Riley Sunram**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

#98 Adam Kissayi**2026 Season**

Tackles: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#99 Theorin Randle**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 3, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

LINEBACKERS

#2 Emmanuel Karmo**2026 Season**

Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 3, 3x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, at California, 9/13/25
 Sacks: 1.0, at California, 9/13/25
 Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25

#6 Maverick Baranowski**2026 Season**

Tackles: 9, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 17, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.5, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Sacks: 1.0, 4x, MR: vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Pass breakups: 1, 5x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Fumbles recovered: 1, at Illinois, 11/2/24

#19 Joey Gerlach**2026 Season**

Tackles: 4, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Forced fumbles: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 5, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Forced fumbles: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

#29 Andrew Marshall**Career (all recorded while playing at Lackawanna College)**

Tackles: 14, vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24
 Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs. Sussex County CC, 10/19/24
 Sacks: 2.5, vs. Louisburg College, 9/7/24
 Interceptions: 1, at Hocking College, 10/26/24
 Long INT return: 0, at Hocking College, 10/26/24
 Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24

#35 Nate Cleveland**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

#44 Ethan Stendel**Career**

Tackles: 1, at Oregon, 11/14/25

#46 Mason Carrier**2026 Season**

Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Tackles: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Oregon, 11/14/25
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25

#49 Matt Kingsbury**2026 Season**

Tackles: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (fumble return), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles: 8, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Sacks: 1.0, 2x, MR: at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Fumbles recovered: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Long fumble return: 25, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Fumble return TD: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

DEFENSIVE BACKS

#4 Zack Harden**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

#5 Aydan West**2026 Season**

Total TDs: 1 (fumble recovery), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles: 6, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (fumble recovery), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles: 8, vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, 2x, MR: vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
 Sacks: 0.5, vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
 Pass breakups: 1, vs. UCLA, 10/11/25*
 Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Fumble return TD: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 *recorded while playing at Michigan State

#7 Aidan Gousby**2026 Season**

Tackles: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 7, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
 Interceptions: 1, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
 Long INT return: 0, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
 Pass breakups: 1, vs. USC, 10/5/24
 Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Nebraska, 8/31/23

#8 Mike Gerald**Career**

Tackles: 4, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

#9 Garrison Monroe**2026 Season**

Tackles: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#14 Kerry Brown**2026 Season**

Tackles: 10, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 11, vs. Iowa, 9/21/24
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, 6x, MR: vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 Interceptions: 2, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24
 Long INT return: 28, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
 Pass breakups: 2, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

#17 John Nestor**2026 Season**

Tackles: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Total TDs: 1 (1 INT return), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Tackles: 9, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Interceptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Interception return TD: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
 Long INT Return: 68, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
 Pass breakups: 1, 6x, MR: vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 Fumbles recovered: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25

#18 Rhyland Kelly**Career**

Tackles: 2, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24

#20 Parker Knutson**Career (all recorded while playing at SW Minnesota State)**

Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 10/5/24
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 10/5/24
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 11/8/25
 Interceptions: 2, 2x, MR: at Jamestown, 9/13/25
 Long INT return: 36, vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 9/21/24
 Pass breakups: 4, vs. Wayne State, 10/12/24
 Fumbles recovered: 1, at Sioux Falls, 11/16/24
 Punt returns: 1, 4x, MR: at Winona State, 11/15/25
 Punt return yards: 9, at Winona State, 11/15/25 (1 return)
 Long punt return: 9, at Winona State, 11/15/25

#21 Naiim Parrish**2026 Season/Career**

Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Blocked kicks: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

#22 Mekhai Smith**2026 Season**

Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Tackles: 7, 5x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Interceptions: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Penn, 9/27/25*
 Long INT return: 13, at Bucknell, 9/20/25*
 Pass breakups: 1, 3x, MR: at Colgate, 11/15/25*
 Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Georgetown, 11/1/25*
 Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Georgetown, 11/1/25*
 *recorded while playing at Lehigh

#27 Simon Seidl**Career**

Tackles: 1, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25

SPECIAL TEAMS

#12 Luke Drzewiecki - K**2026 Season**

Points scored: 7 (2 FG/1 PAT), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Field goals made: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Field goals attempted: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Long field goal made: 44, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Long field goal attempted: 44, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Kick PATs made: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career (all recorded while playing at New Mexico)

Points scored: 11 (2 FG, 5 PAT) vs. Utah State, 11/24/23
 Field goals made: 3, 3x, MR: vs. Minnesota, 12/26/25
 Field goals attempted: 3, 5x, MR: vs. Minnesota, 12/26/25
 Long field goal made: 47, at Nevada, 10/28/23
 Long field goal attempted: 53, at Utah State, 11/5/22
 Kick PATs made: 8, vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/9/23
 Kickoffs: 9, vs. Air Force, 10/12/24
 Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Air Force, 10/12/24
 Tackles: 1, vs. Wyoming, 11/2/24

#36 Daniel Jackson - K**2026 Season**

Points scored: 10 (1 FG, 7 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Field goals made: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Field goals attempted: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long field goal made: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long field goal attempted: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick PATs made: 7, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Points scored: 10 (1 FG, 7 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Field goals made: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Field goals attempted: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long field goal made: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long field goal attempted: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick PATs made: 7, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoffs: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

#37 Zachary Robbins - P**2026 Season**

Punts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt yards: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long punt: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punts inside 20: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Punts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punt yards: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Long punt: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punts inside 20: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoffs: 8, 2x, MR: vs. McNeese State, 9/20/25*
 Kickoff Touchbacks: 6, vs. Air Force, 9/13/25*
 Tackles: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Nevada, 11/8/25*
 *recorded while playing at Utah State

#42 Tom Weston - P**2026 Season**

Punts: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Punt yards: 193, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Long punt: 45, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
 Punts inside 20: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

Career

Punts: 9, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
 Punt yards: 425, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
 Long punt: 76, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
 Punts of 50+ yards: 4, at Ohio State, 10/4/25
 Punts inside 20: 5, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
 *recorded while playing at Ouachita Baptist

#52 Alan Soukup - LS**Career**

Tackles: 1, 2x, MR: at Iowa, 10/25/25
 Fumbles recovered: 1, at Northwestern, 11/22/25

#92 Beckham Sunderland - K**2026 Season**

Points scored: 1 (1 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoffs: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

Career

Points scored: 1, 2x, MR: (1 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kick PATs made: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoffs: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
 Punts: 1, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
 Punt yards: 35, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
 Long punt: 35, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
 Tackles: 1, vs. Purdue, 11/1/25*
 *recorded while playing at Michigan

MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

Rushes	14	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Rush Yards	56	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Rushes	3	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long Rush	27	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long TD Rush	27	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Pass Att.	48	Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Pass Comp.	31	Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Pass Yards	279	Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Passes	1	Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long Pass	55	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long TD Pass	1	Pierce Walsh from Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Total Offense	270	Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Targets	11	Noah Jennings vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	11	Jalen Smith vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Receptions	7	Noah Jennings vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	7	Javon Tracy vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Rec. Yards	98	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Rec.	1	Pierce Walsh vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
FG Made	2	Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
FG Attempts	2	Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Long FG	44	Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Punts	5	Tom Weston vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Long Punt	45	Tom Weston vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
PR Yards	167	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long PR	87	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
KR Yards	51	Quayd Hendryx vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Long KR	36	Quayd Hendryx vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
AP Yards	265	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Tackles	10	Kerry Brown vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
TFLs	2.0	Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	2.0	Riley Sunram vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Sacks	1.0	Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	1.0	TJ Bush Jr. vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
INTs	N/A	
PBUs	2	Matt Kingsbury vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Forced Fum.	1	Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Nate Cleveland vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Fumble Rec.	1	Aydan West vs. Mississippi State (9/12)

MINNESOTA TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

Points	59	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	13	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Total Plays	71	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	63	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Total Offense	495	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	292	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Yards/Play	7.0	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	4.6	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
First Downs	24	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	18	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Rushes	38	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	15	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Rush Yards	147	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	13	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Yards/Rush	3.9	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0.9	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Rushes	5	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)

Pass Att.	48	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	33	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Pass Comp.	31	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	26	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards Passing	348	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	279	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Yards/Pass	10.5	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	5.8	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Yards/Comp.	13.4	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	9.0	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Passes	1	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
TFL Recorded	9	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	7	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Sacks Recorded	1	2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
INT Made	0	2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
PBUs	2	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
FF	1	2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
FR	1	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	0	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TO Forced	1	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	0	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TOP	36:21	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	29:45	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Penalties	12	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	2	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Penalty Yards	115	vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
	10	vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

Rushes	18	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
Rush Yards	113	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Rushes	2	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
Long Rush	30	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
Long TD Rush	5	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
Pass Att.	22	Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Pass Comp.	16	Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Pass Yards	227	Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Passes	3	Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Long Pass	39	Anthony Evans III from Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Long TD Pass	20	Sanfrisco Magee from Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Total Offense	313	Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12)
Targets	9	Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)
Receptions	7	Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)
Rec. Yards	121	Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Rec.	1	Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Sanfrisco Magee, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Zion Ragins, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Tyren Buggs, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
FG Made	1	Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12)
FG Attempts	2	Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12)
Long FG	52	Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12)
Punts	10	Cade Cox, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long Punt	62	Ethan Pulliam, Mississippi State (9/12)
PR Yards	N/A	
Long PR	N/A	
KR Yards	31	Jacarre Fleming-Page, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Long KR	17	Jacarre Fleming-Page, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
AP Yards	127	Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)

Tackles	7	Tyler Lockhart, Mississippi State (9/12)
TFLs	2.5	Lonnie Burt, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Sacks	1.0	Jaray Bledsoe, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1.0	Tyler Lockhart, Mississippi State (9/12)
INTs	N/A	
PBUs	1	Jett Jefferson, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Kelly Jones, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Isaac Smith, Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Bruce Mitchell, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Forced Fum.	1	Mafielo Tupou, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Fumble Rec.	1	Nick Vecchiarelli, Eastern Illinois (9/3)

OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

Points	38	Mississippi State (9/12)
	7	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Total Plays	68	Mississippi State (9/12)
	43	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Total Offense	479	Mississippi State (9/12)
	110	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards/Play	7.0	Mississippi State (9/12)
	2.6	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
First Downs	28	Mississippi State (9/12)
	4	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Rushes	46	Mississippi State (9/12)
	28	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Rush Yards	252	Mississippi State (9/12)
	51	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards/Rush	5.5	Mississippi State (9/12)
	1.8	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Rushes	2	Mississippi State (9/12)
	0	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Pass Att.	22	Mississippi State (9/12)
	15	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Pass Comp.	16	Mississippi State (9/12)
	9	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards Passing	227	Mississippi State (9/12)
	59	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards/Pass	10.3	Mississippi State (9/12)
	3.9	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Yards/Comp.	14.2	Mississippi State (9/12)
	6.6	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Passes	3	Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TFL Recorded	7	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	4	Mississippi State (9/12)
Sacks Recorded	2	Mississippi State (9/12)
	0	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
INT Made	0	2x, MR: Mississippi State (9/12)
PBUs	3	Mississippi State (9/12)
	1	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
FF	1	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	Mississippi State (9/12)
FR	1	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	Mississippi State (9/12)
TO Forced	1	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
	0	Mississippi State (9/12)
TOP	30:15	Mississippi State (9/12)
	23:39	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Penalties	6	2x, MR: Mississippi State (9/12)
Penalty Yards	60	Mississippi State (9/12)
	35	Eastern Illinois (9/3)

MINNESOTA LONGEST PLAYS

Completion:	55 yards	Drake Lindsey to Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Pass:	1 yard	Drake Lindsey to Pierce Walsh vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Rush:	27 yards	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
TD Rush:	27 yards	Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Field Goal:	44 yards	Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Punt:	45 yards	Tom Weston vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Kick Return:	36 yards	Quayd Hendryx vs. Mississippi State (9/12)
Punt Return:	87 yards	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3)
INT Return:	N/A	
Fumble Return:	0 yards	Aydan West vs. Mississippi State (9/12)

OPPONENT LONGEST PLAYS

Completion:	39 yards	Kamario Taylor to Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Pass:	30 yards	Kamario Taylor to Sanfrisco Magee, Mississippi State (9/12)
Rush:	30 yards	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
TD Rush:	5 yards	Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12)
Field Goal:	52 yards	Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12)
Punt:	62 yards	Ethan Pulliam, Mississippi State (9/12)
Kick Return:	17 yards	Jacarre Fleming-Page, Eastern Illinois (9/3)
Punt Return:	N/A	
INT Return:	N/A	
Fumble Return:	0 yards	Nick Vecchiarelli, Eastern Illinois (9/3)

MINNESOTA LONGEST RUSHES

Yards	Qtr.	Player	Opponent
27*	2	Darius Taylor	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
20	3	TJ Thomas	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
12	1	TJ Thomas	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
10	4	Ryan Estrada	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
10	4	Xavier Ford	Eastern Illinois (9/3)

MINNESOTA LONGEST PASS COMPLETIONS

Yards	Qtr.	Players	Opponent
55	2	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
34	3	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
33	4	Hayden Moore from Max Shikenjanski	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
28	1	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
27	3	Pierce Walsh from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
22	2	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
20	2	Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
19	1	Darius Taylor from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
18	3	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
18	3	TJ Thomas from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
17	2	Pierce Walsh from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
17	2	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
17	2	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
15	3	Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
14	2	T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
13	3	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
13	4	Quayd Hendryx from Brady Palmer	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
11	3	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
11	1	T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
11	4	Ryan Estrada from Max Shikenjanski	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
11	2	Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
10	3	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
10	3	T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)
10	3	Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey	Mississippi State (9/12)

* Touchdown scored on play

MINNESOTA LONGEST RETURNS

Yards	Qtr.	Player (Play Type)	Opponent
87*	1	Javon Tracy (Punt Return)	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
69*	3	Javon Tracy (Punt Return)	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
36	1	Quayd Hendryx (Kick Return)	Mississippi State (9/12)
24	4	Braiden Stevens (Kick Return)	Eastern Illinois (9/3)
15	1	Quayd Hendryx (Kick Return)	Mississippi State (9/12)
11	2	Ryan Estrada (Kick Return)	Eastern Illinois (9/3)

* Touchdown scored on play

OPENING DRIVES - OFFENSE

Game	1st Half			2nd Half		
	Plays-Yds	TOP	Result	Plays-Yds	TOP	Result
EIU	6-16	3:09	Punt	5-72	2:57	Fumble
MSST	16-58	10:11	Made FG	9-36	3:33	Punt
AKRON						
WASH						
MICH						
PUR						
IOWA						
IND						
UCLA						
PSU						
NU						
WIS						

OPENING DRIVES - DEFENSE

Game	1st Half			2nd Half		
	Plays-Yds	TOP	Result	Plays-Yds	TOP	Result
EIU	3-2	1:36	Punt	3-2	1:30	Punt
MSST	5-75	1:48	TD Pass	2-(-4)	0:26	Fumble
AKRON						
WASH						
MICH						
PUR						
IOWA						
IND						
UCLA						
PSU						
NU						
WIS						

MINNESOTA SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Opponent	Plays-Yds	TOP	Qtr.	Time Remaining	Scoring Play
Eastern Illinois	9-51	5:46	1	4:29	Darius Taylor 1-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	-	-	1	2:14	Javon Tracy 87-yard punt return (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	3-66	1:11	2	14:20	Darius Taylor 27-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	9-73	5:41	2	3:15	Darius Taylor 3-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	10-53	1:37	2	0:06	Pierce Walsh 1-yard pass from Drake Lindsey (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	-	-	3	13:26	Javon Tracy 69-yard punt return (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	7-45	3:49	3	3:17	Daniel Jackson 31-yard field goal
Eastern Illinois	7-52	3:44	4	12:29	Max Shikenjanski 2-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good)
Eastern Illinois	9-34	3:46	4	0:25	Xavier Ford 1-yard rush (Beckham Sunderland kick good)
Mississippi State	16-58	10:11	1	2:58	Luke Drzewiecki 44-yard field goal
Mississippi State	11-52	4:32	2	0:00	Luke Drzewiecki 41-yard field goal
Mississippi State	-	-	3	11:01	Ayden West fumble recovery in end zone (Luke Drzewiecki kick good)

MINNESOTA SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

Yards	TD Drives	FG Drives	Plays	TD Drives	FG Drives	Time	TD Drives	FG Drives	Most Yards on Scoring Drive: 73 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
0-9	0	0	1	0	0	0:00-0:59	0	0	Most Yards on TD Drive: 73 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
10-19	0	0	2	0	0	1:00-1:59	2	0	Fewest Yards on Scoring Drive: 34 vs. Eastern Illinois (4Q, 9/3)
20-29	0	0	3	1	0	2:00-2:59	0	0	Fewest Yards on TD Drive: 34 vs. Eastern Illinois (4Q, 9/3)
30-39	1	0	4	0	0	3:00-3:59	2	1	Most Plays on Scoring Drive: 16 vs. Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
40-49	0	1	5	0	0	4:00-4:59	0	1	Most Plays on TD Drive: 10 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
50-59	3	2	6	0	0	5:00-5:59	2	0	Fewest Plays on Scoring Drive: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
60-69	1	0	7	1	1	6:00-6:59	0	0	Fewest Plays on TD Drive: 3 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
70-79	1	0	8	0	1	7:00-7:59	0	0	Most Time on Scoring Drive: 10:11 vs. Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
80-89	0	0	9	3	0	8:00-8:59	0	0	Most Time on TD Drive: 5:46 vs. Eastern Illinois (1Q, 9/3)
90-99	0	0	10	1	0	9:00-9:59	0	0	Shortest Time on Scoring Drive: 1:11 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
			11	0	1	10:00-10:59	0	1	Shortest Time on TD Drive: 1:11 vs. Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

Opponent	Plays-Yds	TOP	Qtr.	Time Remaining	Scoring Play
Eastern Illinois	11-75	5:20	2	9:00	Tyren Buggs 8-yard pass from Cole LaCrue (Drew Schiller kick good)
Mississippi State	5-75	1:48	1	13:12	Zion Ragins 22-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good)
Mississippi State	9-75	2:36	1	0:22	Fluff Bothwell 5-yard run (Kyle Ferrie kick good)
Mississippi State	7-72	2:38	2	11:27	Sanfrisco Magee 30-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good)
Mississippi State	12-76	5:03	2	4:32	Anthony Evans III 15-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good)
Mississippi State	6-41	1:08	3	9:53	Kyle Ferrie 52-yard field goal
Mississippi State	10-96	4:58	4	12:32	Fluff Bothwell 3-yard run (Kyle Ferrie kick good)

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

Yards	TD Drives	FG Drives	Plays	TD Drives	FG Drives	Time	TD Drives	FG Drives	Most Yards on Scoring Drive: 96, Mississippi State (4Q, 9/12)
0-9	0	0	1	0	0	0:00-0:59	0	1	Most Yards on TD Drive: 96, Mississippi State (4Q, 9/12)
10-19	0	0	2	0	0				Fewest Yards on Scoring Drive: 41, Mississippi State (3Q, 9/12)
20-29	0	0	3	0	0	1:00-1:59	1	0	Fewest Yards on TD Drive: 72, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
30-39	0	0	4	0	0				Most Plays on Scoring Drive: 12, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
40-49	0	1	5	1	0	2:00-2:59	2	0	Most Plays on TD Drive: 12, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
50-59	0	0	6	0	1				Fewest Plays on Scoring Drive: 5, Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
60-69	0	0	7	1	0	3:00-3:59	0	0	Fewest Plays on TD Drive: 5, Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
70-79	6	0	8	0	0				Most Time on Scoring Drive: 5:20, Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
80-89	0	0	9	1	0	4:00-4:59	1	0	Most Time on TD Drive: 5:20, Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
90-99	1	0	10	1	0				Shortest Time on Scoring Drive: 1:08, Mississippi State (3Q, 9/12)
			11	2	0	5:00-5:59	3	0	Shortest Time on TD Drive: 1:48, Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
			12	1	0				

CAREER GAMES PLAYED / STARTS

OFFENSE

No.	Player	Pos.	Cons.	Starts	Starts	GP
#65	Greg Johnson	OL	28	30	39	
#1	Darius Taylor	RB	6	27	30	
#11	Javon Tracy ¹	WR	0	24	45	
#78	Ashton Beers	OL	16	24	41	
#13	Noah Jennings ²	WR	2	22	37	
#25	Zion Steptoe ³	WR	0	17	37	
#23	TJ Thomas ⁴	RB	1	17	19	
#5	Drake Lindsey	QB	15	15	18	
#50	Nathan Roy	OL	15	15	17	
#8	Jalen Smith	WR	3	11	16	
#2	A.J. Turner ⁵	RB	0	9	26	
#3	Perry Thompson ⁶	WR	0	5	22	
#59	Tony Nelson	OL	4	5	21	
#19	Pierce Walsh	TE	2	4	15	
#12	Michael Merdinger ⁷	QB	0	2	6	
#51	Daniel Shipp	OL	2	2	2	
#88	Jacob Simpson	TE	0	1	15	
#82	Julian Johnson	TE	0	1	5	
#87	Kaden Helms ⁸	TE	-	0	23	
#68	Bennett Warren ⁹	OL	-	0	20	
#18	Danielle Hayes	WR	-	0	9	
#58	Jaden Ball ¹⁰	OL	-	0	6	
#9	Xavier Ford	RB	-	0	4	
#6	Max Shikenjanski	QB	-	0	3	
#56	Brett Carroll	OL	-	0	2	
#89	Quayd Hendryx	WR	-	0	2	
#84	Hayden Moore	WR	-	0	2	
#83	Sam Peters	TE	-	0	2	
#44	George Rohl	TE	-	0	2	
#24	Braiden Stevens	WR	-	0	2	
#22	Jaron Thomas ¹¹	RB	-	0	2	
#4	Roman Voss	TE	-	0	2	
#21	Grant Washington	RB	-	0	2	
#55	Jerome Williams	OL	-	0	2	
#14	Dylan Wittke	QB	-	0	2	
#28	Niko Castillo	RB	-	0	1	
#81	Josiah Dozier	WR	-	0	1	
#20	Ryan Estrada	RB	-	0	1	
#75	Mark Handy	OL	-	0	1	
#60	Kaveon Lee	OL	-	0	1	
#7	Bradley Martino	WR	-	0	1	
#69	Gavin Meier	OL	-	0	1	
#16	Brady Palmer	QB	-	0	1	
#77	Nick Spence	OL	-	0	1	
#71	Lucas Tielsch	OL	-	0	1	
#79	Andrew Trout	OL	-	0	1	

¹ Includes 30 games with 18 starts at Miami (OH)² Includes 13 games with 3 starts at Cincinnati and 22 games with 17 starts Charleston Southern³ Includes 22 games with 15 starts at Tulsa and 13 games with 2 starts at Purdue⁴ Includes 17 games with 16 starts at Elon⁵ Includes 22 games with 8 starts at Marshall⁶ Includes 22 games with 5 starts at Auburn⁷ Includes 5 games with 2 starts at Liberty and 1 game with 0 starts at North Carolina⁸ Includes 21 games with 0 starts at Oklahoma⁹ Includes 18 games with 0 starts at Tennessee¹⁰ Includes 2 games with 0 starts at Purdue¹¹ Includes 1 game with 0 starts at Purdue

DEFENSE

No.	Player	Pos.	Cons.	Starts	Starts	GP
#3	TJ Bush Jr. ¹²	DL	41	41	41	
#6	Maverick Baranowski	LB	21	35	40	
#14	Kerry Brown	DB	21	25	32	
#20	Parker Knutson ¹³	DB	0	22	27	
#0	Anthony Smith	DL	16	18	43	
#29	Andrew Marshall ¹⁴	LB	0	16	23	
#7	Aidan Gousby	DB	4	15	33	
#70	Naquan Crowder ¹⁵	DL	0	15	27	
#17	John Nestor ¹⁶	DB	4	13	33	
#22	Mekahi Smith ¹⁷	DB	0	13	28	
#1	Jaxon Howard ¹⁸	DL	0	10	30	
#90	Xion Chapman ¹⁹	DL	0	8	22	
#5	Aydan West ²⁰	DB	5	6	14	
#49	Matt Kingsbury	LB	2	4	30	
#11	Karter Menz	DL	1	4	20	
#19	Joey Gerlach	LB	0	2	37	
#4	Zack Harden	DB	2	2	13	
#2	Emmanuel Karmo	LB	0	1	15	
#55	Jaylin Hicks	DL	1	1	10	
#99	Theorin Randle	DL	0	1	5	
#18	Rhyland Kelly	DB	-	0	34	
#9	Garrison Monroe	DB	-	0	18	
#46	Mason Carrier	LB	-	0	16	
#44	Ethan Stendel	LB	-	0	13	
#35	Nate Cleveland	LB	-	0	10	
#92	Sid Kaba ²¹	DL	-	0	10	
#98	Adam Kissayi	DL	-	0	10	
#8	Mike Gerald	DB	-	0	9	
#27	Simon Seidl	DB	-	0	9	
#93	Riley Sunram	DL	-	0	9	
#21	Naim Parrish	DB	-	0	7	

#15 Samuel Madu DB - 0 4

#13 Zahir Rainer DB - 0 3

#26 Elisha West²² DB - 0 3

#48 Aaden Aytch DL - 0 1

#16 Hudson Dunn LB - 0 1

#23 Lamont Hamilton DB - 0 1

#33 Rhett Hlavacka DL - 0 1

#25 Justin Hopkins DB - 0 1

#31 Jordan Lampkins DB - 0 1

#45 Sam Macy DL - 0 1

#28 Trason Richardson DB - 0 1

#94 Mo Saine DL - 0 1

#56 Jay'Quan Stubbs DL - 0 1

#36 Tavian White DB - 0 1

¹² Includes 13 games with 13 starts at Cal and 26 games with 26 starts at Liberty¹³ Includes 25 games with 22 starts at Southwest Minnesota State¹⁴ Includes 12 games with 6 starts at Eastern Michigan, 10 games with 10 starts at Lackawanna and 1 game with 0 starts at Ohio¹⁵ Includes 11 games with 2 starts at Marshall and 14 games with 12 starts at California (PA)¹⁶ Includes 20 games with 0 starts at Iowa¹⁷ Includes 26 games with 13 starts at Lehigh¹⁸ Includes 5 games with 0 starts at LSU¹⁹ Includes 12 games with 4 starts at FIU and 9 games with 4 starts at Lackawanna²⁰ Includes 12 games with 4 starts at Michigan State²¹ Includes 9 games with 0 starts at Marshall²² Includes 2 games with 0 starts at Michigan State and 1 game with 0 starts at Merrimack

SPECIAL TEAMS

No.	Player	Pos.	Cons.	Starts	Starts	GP
#12	Luke Drzewiecki ²³	K	-	-	46	
#52	Alan Soukup	LS	-	-	28	
#42	Tom Weston ²⁴	P	-	-	27	
#92	Beckham Sunderland ²⁵	K	-	-	17	
#37	Zachary Robbins ²⁶	P	-	-	11	
#36	Daniel Jackson	K	-	-	2	
#53	Jakob Lutz	LS	-	-	1	

²³ Includes 45 games played at New Mexico²⁴ Includes 12 games played at Ouachita Baptist²⁵ Includes 13 games played at Michigan and 2 games played at Texas State²⁶ Includes 10 games played at Utah State

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Opponent	QB	RB	WR	WR	TE	TE/RB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Eastern Illinois	Lindsey	Taylor	J. Smith	Jennings	Walsh	J. Johnson (TE)	Roy	G. Johnson	Beers	Nelson	Shipp
Mississippi State	Lindsey	Taylor	J. Smith	Jennings	Walsh	TJ Thomas (RB)	Roy	G. Johnson	Beers	Nelson	Shipp
Akron											
at Washington											
Michigan											
at Purdue											
Iowa											
at Indiana											
UCLA											
at Penn State											
Northwestern											
at Wisconsin											

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	NB	CB	CB	S	S
Eastern Illinois	A. Smith	Randle	Crowder	Bush Jr.	Baranowski	Kingsbury	Gousby	Nestor	A. West	Brown	Harden
Mississippi State	Menz	A. Smith	Hicks	Bush Jr.	Baranowski	Kingsbury	Gousby	Nestor	A. West	Brown	Harden
Akron											
at Washington											
Michigan											
at Purdue											
Iowa											
at Indiana											
UCLA											
at Penn State											
Northwestern											
at Wisconsin											

MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL - LAST TIME

100+ yards rushing:	116, Darius Taylor vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
150+ yards rushing:	208, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
200+ yards rushing:	208, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
250+ yards rushing:	263, Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa, 11/19/22
100+ yards rushing in one qtr:	120 (2nd), Darius Taylor at Northwestern, 9/23/23
100+ yards rushing in one half:	124 (2nd), Grant Washington vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25
150+ yards rushing in one half:	175 (2nd), Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa, 11/19/22
100+ yards rushing in first career game:	126, Grant Washington vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25
QB with 100+ yards rushing:	183, Demry Croft vs. Nebraska, 11/11/17
QB with 100 rushing/200 passing:	110 r/211 p, MarQueis Gray vs. New Mexico St., 9/10/11
2 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Ky Thomas (144), Mar'Keise Irving (129) vs. West Virginia, 12/28/21
3 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Garry White (129), Duane Gregory (128) and Marion Barber (118) vs. Northwestern, 10/4/80
Consecutive 100-yd rush games:	2 games, Darius Taylor, 100 vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25, 116 vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
25+ rushing attempts:	30, Darius Taylor vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25
30+ rushing attempts:	30, Darius Taylor vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25
35+ rushing attempts:	35, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
40+ rushing attempts:	40, Jordan Nubin vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23
45+ rushing attempts:	46, Laurence Maroney vs. Purdue, 9/24/05
50+ rushing attempts:	57, Kent Kitzmann, at Illinois, 11/17/20*
Three+ TDs rushing:	3, Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Four+ TDs rushing:	4, Mohamed Ibrahim, at Illinois, 11/7/20*
Four+ TDs rushing in one half:	4, Mohamed Ibrahim, at Maryland, 10/30/20 (1st half)*
Two players with 3+ rushing TDs	3, Demry Croft, Kobe McCrary vs. Nebraska, 11/11/17
Rushing TD in consecutive games:	4 games, Darius Taylor (11/22/25-9/3/26)
50+ yard rush play:	71, Darius Taylor vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
60+ yard rush play:	71, Darius Taylor vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
70+ yard rush play:	71, Darius Taylor vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
80+ yard rush play:	80, Darius Taylor vs. Nevada, 9/14/24
90+ yard rush play:	93, Laurence Maroney vs. Wisconsin, 10/15/05
300+ yards passing:	324, Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
350+ yards passing:	368, Tanner Morgan at Iowa, 11/16/19
400+ yards passing:	416, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09
450+ yards passing:	478, Tim Schade vs. Penn State, 9/4/93*
Consecutive 300-yard passing gms:	2 games, Tanner Morgan, 339 vs. Penn State, 11/9/19, 368 at Iowa, 11/16/19
Consecutive games with passing TD:	5 games, Drake Lindsey (11/14/25-9/3/26)
Consecutive games with 2+ Passing TDs:	2 games, Max Brosmer (10/12/24-10/26/24)
Consecutive games with 3+ Passing TDs:	2 games, Athan Kaliakmanis (11/4/23-11/11/23)
Three+ TDs passing:	4, Drake Lindsey at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Four+ TDs passing:	4, Drake Lindsey at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Five+ TDs passing:	5, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09
Six+ TDs passing:	6, Scott Eckers vs. Purdue, 10/9/93*
TD Pass by a non-QB:	Darius Taylor (RB) 10 yard pass to Elijah Spencer (WR) vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
30+ passing attempts:	48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
35+ passing attempts:	48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
40+ passing attempts:	48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
45+ passing attempts:	48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
50+ passing attempts:	51, Adam Weber vs. Northwestern, 11/1/08
55+ passing attempts:	66, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93
60+ passing attempts:	66, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93
20+ completions:	31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
25+ completions:	31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
30+ completions:	31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
35+ completions:	35, Marquel Fleetwood vs. Pitt, 9/26/92
100+ yards receiving:	103, Jalen Smith vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
150+ yards receiving:	154, Rashod Bateman, at Illinois, 11/7/20
200+ yards receiving:	204, Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn, 1/1/20
100+ yards receiving in one half:	102 (1st), Daniel Jackson vs. Maryland, 10/26/24

Consecutive games 100+ yards rcvg:	2 games, Daniel Jackson (101 at Iowa, 10/21/23 and 120 vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23)
Three straight 100+ yards rcvg games:	3 games, 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 rcvg games:	4 games, 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 with 100+ yards rcvg:	WR Rashod Bateman (203) and WR Tyler Johnson (104) vs. Penn State, 11/9/19
10+ receptions:	10, Daniel Jackson at UCLA, 10/12/24
Two+ TDs receiving:	2, Jalen Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Three+ TDs receiving:	3, Javon Tracy at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Four+ TDs receiving:	4, Logan Payne vs. Temple, 9/16/06
Five+ TDs receiving:	5, Omar Douglas vs. Purdue, 10/9/93*
Two players with 2+ receiving TDs:	2, Daniel Jackson and 2, Elijah Spencer vs. Maryland, 10/26/24
Rec. TDs in consecutive games:	2 games, Javon Tracy (11/14/25-11/22/25)
50+ yard pass play:	55, Drake Lindsey to Javon Tracy, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
60+ yard pass play:	78, Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
70+ yard pass play:	78, Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
80+ yard pass play:	86, Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois, 11/3/18
90+ yard pass play:	96, Asad Abdul Khaliq to Jared Ellerson at Northwestern, 10/4/03*
Two 50+ yard catches in one game:	51 and 54, Michael Brown-Stephens at Purdue, 10/2/21
Two 60+ yard catches in one game:	61 and 86, Rashod Bateman at Illinois, 11/3/18
100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver:	Jordan Nubin (204 rush) and Daniel Jackson (120 rec) vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23
200-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver:	Jordan Nubin (204 rush) and Daniel Jackson (120 rec) vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23
2 100-yard rushers & 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 & 2 100-yard receivers:	Shannon Brooks (154 rush), Rashod Bateman (108 rec) and Tyler Johnson (102 rec), vs. Indiana, 10/26/18
300+ yds. total offense:	317, Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
400+ yds. total offense:	411, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09
500+ yds. total offense:	536, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93*
200+ all-purpose yards:	265, Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
300+ all-purpose yards:	333, Laurence Maroney vs. Purdue, 9/24/05
3+ TDs scored:	3, Darius Taylor (3 rush) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
3+ made field goals:	3, Brady Denaburg vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25
Four+ made field goals:	4, Dragan Kesich at Illinois, 11/2/24
Five+ made field goals:	5, Dan Nystrom vs. Arkansas, 12/30/02*
Made a 50-yard field goal:	51, Dragan Kesich at Rutgers, 11/9/24
Two or more 40+ yard field goals:	2, Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (44, 41)
Three or more 40+ yard field goals:	3, Emmit Carpenter vs. Indiana State 9/10/16 (42, 44, 45)
Made a walk-off field goal:	47 yards, Dragan Kesich vs. Nebraska, 8/31/23
Recorded a punt of 60+ yards:	60, Mark Crawford at Purdue, 10/2/21
Two 60+ yard punts:	2, Mark Crawford at Purdue, 10/2/21 (60, 60)
Three or more 50+ yard punts:	4, Tom Weston at Ohio State, 10/4/25 (53, 52, 58, 58)
15+ tackles:	17, Maverick Baranowski vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
20+ tackles:	20, Blake Cashman vs. Northwestern, 11/17/18
25+ tackles:	26, Pete Najarian vs. Purdue, 9/22/84
30+ tackles:	32, Bill Light vs. Iowa, 10/31/70*
2.0+ sacks:	2.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
2.5+ sacks:	2.5, Karter Menz and Anthony Smith vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
3.0+ sacks:	3.0, Willie VanDeSteege at Illinois, 10/11/08
4.0+ sacks:	4.0, Willie VanDeSteege vs. Michigan State, 11/11/06*
2.0+ tackles for loss:	2.0, Joey Gerlach and Riley Sunram vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
2.5+ tackles for loss:	4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
3.0+ tackles for loss:	4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
4.0+ tackles for loss:	4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
5.0+ tackles for loss:	6.0, Sean Hoffman vs. Northwestern, 10/2/99*

Two+ interceptions:	2, John Nestor vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Three interceptions:	3, Keith Edwards vs. Indiana, 11/4/78*
Interceptions in consecutive games:	2 games, John Nestor (11/29/25-12/26/25)
Interception by a defensive lineman:	Chris Collins at North Carolina, 9/16/23
Interception by a linebacker:	Cody Lindenberg at UCLA, 10/12/24
Interception return for TD:	Koi Perich (27 yards) vs. Purdue, 10/11/25
Fumble return for TD:	Matt Kingsbury (25 yards) vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25
Fumble recovered for TD:	Aydan West vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Two or more forced fumbles:	2, Kamal Martin vs. Illinois, 10/5/19
Two or more fumbles recovered:	2, Matt Kingsbury vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25
TD on first play of game:	John Nestor 29-yard pick-6 vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25
Blocked punt:	Derik LeCaptain vs. Penn State, 11/23/24
Blocked punt return for TD:	Logan Hutton vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/28/14
Blocked field goal:	Naiim Parrish vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Blocked FG return for TD:	Martez Shabazz (51 yards) vs. UNLV, 8/29/13
Blocked PAT:	Jack Henderson vs. Penn State, 11/23/24
PAT Return for Defensive PAT:	Ethan Robinson (88 yards), vs. Penn State, 11/23/24
Punt return for TD:	Javon Tracy (87, 69 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26*
2 Punt return for TD:	Javon Tracy (87, 69 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26*
Kickoff return for TD:	Rodney Smith (100 yards) vs. Nebraska, 11/11/19
PR TD/KR TD same season:	Marcus Jones, 2013 (KR vs. UNLV, PR at New Mexico State)
Safety:	Eli Mau blocked punt through back of end zone vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/9/23
Safety (on defense):	Esezi Otomewo sack, intentional grounding penalty vs. Nebraska, 10/16/21
Made 2-pt. conversion:	Brock Annexstad fake PAT rush, vs. West Virginia, 12/28/21
Missed 2-pt. conversion:	Max Brosmer pass to Nick Kallerup failed at Illinois, 11/2/24
Missed PAT:	Dragan Kesich at Rutgers, 11/9/24

* indicates a school record | **Bold took place in 2026**

MINNESOTA TEAM - LAST TIME

Scored 100+ points:	146 vs. Grinnell (W, 146-0), 10/22/1904*
Scored 80+ points:	81 vs. Butler (W, 81-0), 11/13/1926
Scored 70+ points:	81 vs. Butler (W, 81-0), 11/13/1926
Scored 60+ points:	66 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Scored 50+ points:	59 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Scored 40+ points:	59 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Scored 30+ points:	59 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Won by 60+ points:	66 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Won by 50+ points:	52 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Won by 40+ points:	52 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Won by 30+ points:	52 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
Scored 50+ points in a half:	59 (1st) vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Scored 35+ points in a quarter:	35 (1st) vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Scored 0 points:	vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
Scored 0 points on the road:	at Northwestern (L, 0-39), 11/18/17
Scored 0 points at home:	vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
Scored 0 points in 1st half:	at UCLA (W, 21-17), 10/12/24
Scored 0 points in 2nd half:	vs. Iowa (L, 14-31), 9/21/24
No offensive TDs in 1st half:	vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26
No offensive TDs in 2nd half:	vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26
No offensive TDs in game:	vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26
No offensive TDs in win:	at Iowa (W, 12-10), 10/21/23
No TDs in win:	at Iowa (W, 12-10), 10/21/23
Shut out an opponent:	vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Shut out opponent on the road:	at Colorado (W, 30-0), 9/18/21
Shut out opponent at home:	vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
Back-to-back shutouts:	vs. Rhode Island (W, 48-0), 9/7/24; vs. Nevada (W, 27-0), 9/14/24
Touchdowns on O, D and ST:	at New Mexico State (W, 44-21), 9/7/13
30+ first downs:	32 at Michigan State (W, 34-7), 9/24/22
<10 first downs:	8, vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17
200+ rushing yards:	258 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25

250+ rushing yards:	258 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25
300+ rushing yards:	312 vs. Iowa (L, 10-13), 11/19/22
350+ rushing yards:	409 vs. Nebraska (W, 54-21), 11/11/17
400+ rushing yards:	409 vs. Nebraska (W, 54-21), 11/11/17
500+ rushing yards:	530 at Iowa (W, 10-61), 11/19/83
<100 net rushing yards:	24 at Iowa (L, 3-41), 10/25/25
4+ rushing touchdowns:	5 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
4+ rushing touchdowns on road:	4 at Colorado (W, 30-0), 9/18/21
5+ rushing touchdowns:	5 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
6+ rushing touchdowns:	7 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
7+ rushing touchdowns:	7 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
<100 net passing yards:	90 vs. Wisconsin (W, 17-7), 11/29/25
300+ passing yards:	348 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
350+ passing yards:	372 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
400+ passing yards:	416 vs. Michigan State (W, 42-34), 10/31/09
10+ players with a catch:	12 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
400+ total net yards:	495 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
450+ total net yards:	495 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
500+ total net yards:	508 at Michigan State (W, 34-7), 9/24/22
550+ total net yards:	679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
600+ total net yards:	679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
650+ total net yards:	679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22
700+ total net yards:	704 vs. Toledo (W, 63-21), 9/4/04
<100 total net yards:	96 vs. Michigan State (L, 10-26), 11/24/12
<200 total net yards:	133 at Iowa (L, 3-41), 10/25/25
No sacks allowed:	vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26
5+ sacks recorded:	7.0 vs. Michigan State (W, 23-20 OT), 11/1/25
10+ TFL recorded:	12.0 vs. Michigan State (W, 23-20 OT), 11/1/25
Forced 4+ turnovers:	4 vs. Purdue (W, 27-20), 10/11/25
Forced 3+ fumbles:	4 (1 FR), at Wisconsin (W, 37-15), 11/24/18
3+ fumble recoveries:	3 at Oregon State (W, 48-14), 9/9/17
Two Defensive TDs in same game:	2 vs. Northwestern State (66-0), 9/6/2025
Recorded 3+ interceptions:	3 vs. Purdue (W, 27-20), 10/11/25
Consecutive games with 3+ INTs:	3 vs. Rhode Island (W, 48-0), 9/7/24; 3 vs. Nevada (W, 27-0), 9/14/24
Multiple Pick-6's same season:	2025: John Nestor (29 yards) vs. Northwestern State (9/26), Koi Perich (27) vs. Purdue (10/11)
Committed 5+ turnovers:	5 at Northwestern (L, 0-39), 11/18/17
Two blocked kicks same game:	Jack Henderson (blocked PAT), Derik LeCaptain (blocked punt), vs. Penn State, 11/23/24
Attempted an onside kick:	at Rutgers (L, 19-26), 11/9/24 (did not recover)
Recovered own onside kick:	vs. Iowa, 10/29/10 (Jordan Wettstein kick, Kim Royston recovery)
Recovered opp. onside kick:	vs. Bowling Green (W, 30-24), 12/26/23 (Corey Crooms Jr. recovery)
Attempted a fake field goal:	vs. Michigan, 11/3/12 (did not convert)
Attempted a fake punt:	at Illinois, 11/2/24 (Mark Crawford rush failed)
No punts:	vs. Eastern Michigan (W, 25-6), 9/9/23
No penalties committed:	vs. Iowa (L, 10-13), 11/19/22
100+ yards in penalties:	115 vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26
Scoring drive of 90+ yards:	98 (TD, 14 plays) vs. Nebraska (W, 24-6), 10/17/25
Scoring drive of 99 yards:	19 plays vs. Rutgers (W, 31-0), 10/29/22
Played an overtime game:	vs. New Mexico (W, 20-17 in OT), 12/26/25
Played a double overtime game:	at Fresno State (W, 38-35 in 2OT), 9/7/19
Won an overtime game:	vs. New Mexico (W, 20-17 in OT), 12/26/25
Lost an overtime game:	at Northwestern (L, 34-37 in OT), 9/23/23
Beat AP No. 1 Team	vs. No. 1 Michigan (W, 16-0), 10/22/77
Beat AP Top 5 Team	vs. No. 5 Penn State (W, 31-26), 11/9/19
Beat AP Top 10 Team	vs. No. 9 Auburn (W, 31-24), 1/1/20
Beat AP Top 15 Team	vs. No. 11 USC (W, 24-17), 10/5/24
Beat AP Top 20 Team	vs. No. 11 USC (W, 24-17), 10/5/24
Beat AP Top 25 Team	vs. No. 25 Nebraska (W, 24-6), 10/17/25
Beat AP Top 25 Team (Road):	at No. 24 Illinois (W, 25-17), 11/2/24
Beat AP Top 25 Team (Neutral):	vs. No. 9 Auburn (W, 31-24), 1/1/20

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL - LAST TIME

100+ yards rushing:	113, Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
150+ yards rushing:	161, Antwan Raymond, Rutgers, 9/27/25
200+ yards rushing:	206, Kaleb Johnson, Iowa, 9/21/24
250+ yards rushing:	266, Le'Veon Bell, Michigan State, 11/24/12
300+ yards rushing:	301, Anthony Davis, Wisconsin, 11/23/02
2 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Devin Mockobee (153) and Tyrone Tracy Jr. (122), Purdue, 11/11/23
3 players with 100+ yards rushing:	Devine Ozigbo (152), Adrian Martinez (125), and Maurice Washington (109), Nebraska, 10/20/18
Three or more TDs rushing:	3, LeShun Daniels, Iowa, 11/14/15
50+ yard rush play:	85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25
60+ yard rush play:	85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25
70+ yard rush play:	85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25
80+ yard rush play:	85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25
25+ rushing attempts:	26, Antwan Raymond, Rutgers, 9/27/25
30+ rushing attempts:	30, Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, 8/29/24
40+ rushing attempts:	41, Chase Brown, Illinois, 10/15/22
300+ yards passing:	305, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25
400+ yards passing:	414, Drake Maye, North Carolina, 9/16/23
50+ yard pass play:	67, Hunter Simmons to Vinny Anthony II, Wisconsin, 11/29/25
60+ yard pass play:	67, Hunter Simmons to Vinny Anthony II, Wisconsin, 11/29/25
70+ yard pass play:	71, Alessio Milivojevic to Rodney Bullard Jr., Michigan State, 11/1/25
80+ yard pass play:	80, Ben Bryant to Bryce Kirtz, Northwestern, 9/23/23
30+ pass attempts:	30, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25
35+ pass attempts:	40, Ryan Browne, Purdue, 10/11/25
40+ pass attempts:	40, Ryan Browne, Purdue, 10/11/25
45+ pass attempts:	49, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23
50+ pass attempts:	51, Garrett Shrader, Syracuse, 12/29/22
20+ completions:	25, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25
25+ completions:	25, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25
30+ completions:	33, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23
3+ TD passes:	3, Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
4+ TD passes:	4, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23
100+ yards receiving:	121, Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
150+ yards receiving:	183, Carnell Tate, Ohio State, 10/4/25
200+ yards receiving:	215, Bryce Kirtz, Northwestern, 9/23/23
10+ receptions:	11, Griffin Wilde, Northwestern, 11/22/25
3+ TD receptions:	3, Robert Tonyan, Indiana State, 9/10/16
3+ field goals:	3, Luke Drzewiecki, New Mexico, 12/26/25
4+ field goals:	4, Noah Burnette, North Carolina, 8/29/24
Recorded a safety:	Jordan Walker sack in end zone, Rutgers, 11/9/24
Blocked a punt:	Kechaun Bennett, Michigan, 9/28/24
Blocked a field goal:	Simeon Barrow, Michigan State, 10/28/23
Blocked field goal returned for TD:	Monquavion Brinson (77 yards), Georgia Southern, 9/14/19
Missed PAT:	Keith Duncan, Iowa, 11/13/20 (wide)
Missed FG facing Dramatic Gopher:	Kyle Ferrie (20 yards), Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Blocked a Minnesota PAT:	Simon Connette, San Jose State, 9/21/13
Made 2-pt. conversion:	Henry Helms pass to Robby Preckel, Northwestern, 11/22/25
Missed 2-pt. conversion:	MJ Morris pass failed, Maryland, 10/26/24
Punt return for TD:	Kaden Wetjen (50 yds.), Iowa, 10/25/25
Blocked punt return for TD:	Zach Domicone (rec. in end zone), Ohio State, 10/30/10
Kickoff return for TD:	Damon Bankston, 100 yards, New Mexico, 12/26/25
Interception return for TD:	Zach Lutmer (34 yards) Iowa, 10/25/25
Two Interception returns for TD:	Marcus Williams (52, 40 yards), North Dakota State, 9/24/11
Fumble return for TD:	Haskell Garrett (32 yards), Ohio State, 9/2/21
Fumble recovered for TD:	Richard Willock (rec. in end zone), Iowa, 11/23/96

OPPONENT TEAM - LAST TIME

Scored 60+ points:	63, Oklahoma, 9/20/86
Scored 50+ points:	52, Michigan, 10/7/23
Scored 40+ points:	42, Oregon, 11/14/25
Scored 30+ points:	38, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Touchdowns on O, D and ST:	Iowa, 10/25/25
0 points:	Northwestern State, 9/6/25
0 points in first half:	Michigan State, 11/1/25
0 points in second half:	Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
No offensive TDs in first half:	New Mexico, 12/26/25
No offensive TDs in second half:	Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
No offensive TDs entire game:	New Mexico, 12/26/25
No offensive TDs entire B1G game:	Nebraska, 10/17/25
250+ yards rushing:	252, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
300+ yards rushing:	353, Purdue, 11/11/23
400+ yards rushing:	430, Illinois, 11/3/18
< 50 yards rushing:	36, Nebraska, 10/17/25
< 100 yards rushing:	51, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
300+ yards passing:	305, Northwestern, 11/22/25
400+ yards passing:	400, Northwestern, 9/23/23
<100 yards passing:	59, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
400+ total net yards:	479, Mississippi State, 9/12/26
500+ total net yards:	525, Northwestern, 11/22/25
600+ total net yards:	604, Purdue, 11/11/23
< 50 total net yards:	42, Northwestern State, 9/6/25
< 100 total net yards:	42, Northwestern State, 9/6/25
< 200 total net yards:	110, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
30+ first downs:	30, Wisconsin, 10/9/10
<10 first downs:	4, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Multiple INT returns for TD:	2, Michigan, 10/7/23
10+ penalties:	10, Northwestern, 11/22/25
100+ penalty yards:	120 (12 penalties), Illinois, 11/7/20
No penalties:	Iowa, 11/19/22
No third downs converted:	0-for-12, Purdue, 11/10/18
Attempted a fake punt	Penn State, 11/23/24 (converted)

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INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Rushing Yards

1.	263	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa	11/19/22
2.	224	Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois	11/7/20
	224	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Georgia Tech	12/26/18
4.	211	Rodney Smith vs. Illinois	10/5/19
5.	208	Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green	12/26/23

Rushing Attempts

1.	41	Mohamed Ibrahim at Maryland	10/30/20
2.	40	Jordan Nubin vs. Michigan State	10/28/23
3.	39	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa	11/19/22
4.	36	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Northwestern	11/12/22
	36	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Rutgers	10/29/22

Rushing Touchdowns

1.	4	Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois	11/7/20
	4	Mohamed Ibrahim at Maryland	10/30/20
3.	3	Done 12x, MR: Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26

Passing Yards

1.	396	Tanner Morgan at Purdue	9/28/19
2.	368	Tanner Morgan at Iowa	11/16/19
3.	339	Tanner Morgan vs. Penn State	11/9/19
4.	324	Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
5.	320	Max Brosmer vs. Maryland	10/26/24

Pass Completions

1.	31	Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State	9/12/26
	31	Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
3.	27	Max Brosmer at Rutgers	11/9/24
	27	Max Brosmer at Michigan	9/28/24
5.	26	Drake Lindsey vs. Michigan State	11/1/25
	26	Max Brosmer vs. Maryland	10/26/24
	26	Max Brosmer at UCLA	10/12/24

Pass Attempts

1.	48	Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State	9/12/26
2.	45	Drake Lindsey vs. Purdue	10/11/25
	45	Max Brosmer at Rutgers	11/9/24
4.	44	Athan Kaliakmanis vs. Nebraska	8/31/23
5.	42	Athan Kaliakmanis at Purdue	11/11/23

Passing Touchdowns

1.	4	Drake Lindsey at Northwestern	11/22/25
	4	Max Brosmer vs. Maryland	10/26/24
	4	Tanner Morgan at Northwestern	11/23/19
	4	Tanner Morgan at Purdue	9/28/19
5.	3	Done 12x, MR: Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers	9/27/25

Receptions

1.	12	Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn	1/1/20
2.	11	Chris Autman-Bell vs. Nebraska	10/16/21
	11	Tyler Johnson at Nebraska	10/20/18
4.	10	Daniel Jackson at UCLA	10/12/24
	10	Darius Taylor at Michigan	9/28/24
	10	Rashod Bateman at Illinois	11/7/20
	10	Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern	9/14/19

Receiving Yards

1.	204	Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn	1/1/20
2.	203	Rashod Bateman vs. Penn State	11/9/19
3.	184	Tyler Johnson at Nebraska	10/20/18
4.	177	Rashod Bateman at Purdue	9/28/19
5.	175	Rashod Bateman at Illinois	11/3/18

Receiving Touchdowns

1.	3	Javon Tracy at Northwestern	11/22/25
	3	Rashod Bateman at Northwestern	11/23/19
	3	Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern	9/14/19
	3	Tyler Johnson vs. Miami (OH)	9/15/18
	3	Tyler Johnson vs. Michigan State	10/14/17

Total Offense

1.	368	Tanner Morgan at Purdue	9/28/19
2.	345	Tanner Morgan at Iowa	11/16/19
3.	339	Tanner Morgan vs. Penn State	11/9/19
4.	333	Athan Kaliakmanis at Wisconsin	11/26/22
5.	320	Max Brosmer vs. Maryland	10/26/24

All-Purpose Yards

1.	282	Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois	11/7/20
2.	279	Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
3.	270	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa	11/19/22
4.	265	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26
5.	242	Koi Perich at Northwestern	11/22/25

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Tackles

1.	20	Blake Cashman vs. Northwestern	11/17/18
2.	18	Mariano Sori-Marin at Nebraska	12/12/20
3.	17	Maverick Baranowski vs. New Mexico	12/26/25
4.	16	Thomas Barber vs. Michigan State	10/14/17
5.	15	Mariano Sori-Marin at Penn State	10/22/22
	15	Kamal Martin vs. Nebraska	10/12/19
	15	Thomas Barber at Northwestern	11/18/17
	15	Jonathan Celestin vs. Maryland	9/30/17

Tackles for Loss

1.	4.0	Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico	12/26/25
	4.0	Blake Cashman vs. New Mexico St.	8/30/18
3.	3.0	Carter Coughlin vs. Penn State	11/9/19
	3.0	Carter Coughlin at Ohio State	10/13/18
5.	2.5	Done 7x, MR: Maverick Baranowski at Northwestern	11/22/25

Sacks

1.	2.5	Karter Menz and Anthony Smith vs. Nebraska	10/17/25
3.	2.0	Done 14x, MR: Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico	12/26/25

Interceptions

1.	2	John Nestor vs. Wisconsin	11/29/25
	2	John Nestor vs. Northwestern St.	9/6/25
	2	Koi Perich at UCLA	10/12/24
	2	Kerry Brown vs. Nevada	9/14/24
	2	Tyler Nubin vs. Nebraska	8/31/23
	2	Tyler Nubin vs. Rutgers	10/29/22
	2	Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. Penn State	11/9/19
	2	Antoine Winfield, Jr., at Rutgers	10/19/19
	2	Kamal Martin at Purdue	9/28/19

Pass Breakups

1.	4	Justin Walley vs. USC	10/5/24
2.	3	Done 6x MR: Cody Lindenberg at Illinois	11/2/24

INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL TEAMS

Field Goals Made

1.	4	Dragan Kesich at Illinois	11/2/24
	4	Dragan Kesich at Iowa	10/21/23
3.	3	Done 8x, MR: Brady Denaburg vs. Buffalo	8/28/25

Kick Return Yards

1.	230	Koi Perich at Northwestern	11/22/25
2.	151	Quentin Redding at Illinois	10/15/22
3.	135	Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
4.	126	Demetrius Douglas at Nebraska	10/20/18
5.	121	Shannon Brooks vs. Michigan State	10/14/17

Punt Return Yards

1.	167	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26
2.	82	Koi Perich at Michigan	9/28/24
3.	79	Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. New Mexico St.	8/30/18
4.	69	Demetrius Douglas at Wisconsin	11/24/18
5.	35	Quentin Redding vs. Bowling Green	12/26/23

LONGEST PLAYS

Rush

1.	80	Darius Taylor vs. Nevada^	9/14/24
2.	74	Mohamed Ibrahim vs. New Mexico St.	8/30/18
3.	73	Demry Croft vs. Nebraska^	11/11/17
4.	71	Darius Taylor vs. Nebraska	10/17/25
5.	64	Rodney Smith vs. Illinois	10/5/19
	64	Demry Croft vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
	64	Demry Croft at Oregon State^	9/9/17

Pass Play

1.	86	Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois^	11/3/18
2.	78	Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
3.	73	Tanner Morgan to Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn^	1/1/20
	73	Tanner Morgan to Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern^	9/14/19
5.	70	Tanner Morgan to Chris Autman-Bell at Purdue^	9/28/19

Field Goal

1.	54	Dragan Kesich at Ohio State	11/18/23
	54	Dragan Kesich vs. Michigan	10/7/23
3.	53	Dragan Kesich vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
	53	Emmit Carpenter vs. Fresno State	9/8/18
5.	52	Dragan Kesich vs. Nevada	9/14/24

Punt

1.	68	Ryan Santoso vs. Michigan State	10/14/17
2.	64	Ryan Santoso vs. Middle Tennessee	9/16/17
3.	61	Ryan Santoso vs. Illinois	10/21/17
4.	60	Mark Crawford at Purdue	10/2/21
	60	Mark Crawford at Purdue	10/2/21

Punt Return

1.	87	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois^	9/3/26
2.	76	Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. New Mexico St.^	8/30/18
3.	69	Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois^	9/3/26
	69	Demetrius Douglas at Wisconsin^	11/24/18
5.	60	Koi Perich at Michigan	9/28/24

Kick Return

1.	100	Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska^	11/11/17
2.	93	Koi Perich at Northwestern	11/22/25
3.	92	Quentin Redding at Illinois	10/15/22
4.	87	Demetrius Douglas at Nebraska	10/20/18
5.	72	Quentin Redding vs. Syracuse	12/29/22

Interception Return

1.	72	Coney Durr vs. Maryland^	10/26/19
2.	70	Justin Walley vs. North Carolina	8/29/24
	70	Coleman Bryson vs. Syracuse^	12/29/22
4.	68	John Nestor vs. Wisconsin	11/29/25
5.	67	Jacob Huff vs. Middle Tennessee^	9/16/17

Fumble Return

1.	40	Blake Cashman vs. Purdue^	11/10/18
2.	25	Matt Kingsbury vs. Northwestern St.^	9/6/25
	25	Justin Walley at Northwestern^	10/30/21
3.	6	Kyler Baugh at Northwestern	9/23/23
4.	5	Justin Walley at Michigan State	9/24/22

^ Resulted in a Touchdown

TEAM OFFENSE**Points**

1.	66	vs. Northwestern State	9/6/25
2.	62	vs. Western Illinois	9/10/22
3.	59	vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26
4.	54	vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
5.	52	vs. Maryland	10/26/19

Total Offense

1.	679	vs. Western Illinois (307 R/372 P)	9/10/22
2.	541	at Illinois (325/216)	11/7/20
3.	522	vs. New Mexico State (295/227)	8/30/18
4.	514	vs. Nebraska (409/105)	11/11/17
5.	508	at Michigan State (240/268)	9/24/22

Rushing Yards

1.	409	vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
2.	334	vs. Colorado	9/17/22
3.	332	vs. Illinois	10/5/19
4.	326	vs. Maryland	10/23/21
5.	325	at Illinois	11/7/20

Rushing Attempts

1.	58	vs. Northwestern	11/12/22
	58	at Oregon State	9/9/17
3.	57	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
4.	56	vs. Eastern Michigan	9/9/23
	56	vs. Maryland	10/23/21

Yards Per Rush

1.	9.09	vs. Nebraska (409/45)	11/11/17
2.	6.91	at Illinois (325/47)	11/7/20
3.	6.57	vs. Nebraska (322/49)	10/12/19
4.	6.46	vs. Purdue (265/41)	11/10/18
5.	6.42	vs. Colorado (334/52)	9/17/22

Rushing Touchdowns

1.	7	vs. Western Illinois	9/10/22
2.	6	vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
3.	5	Done 7x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26

Passing Yards

1.	396	at Purdue	9/28/19
2.	372	vs. Western Illinois	9/10/22
3.	368	at Iowa	11/16/19
4.	349	at Nebraska	10/20/18
5.	348	vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26

Pass Completions

1.	31	vs. Mississippi State	9/12/26
	31	vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
3.	27	at Rutgers	11/9/24
	27	at Michigan	9/28/24
	27	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24

Pass Attempts

1.	48	vs. Mississippi State	9/12/26
2.	45	vs. Purdue	10/11/25
	45	at Rutgers	11/9/24
4.	44	vs. Nebraska	8/31/23
5.	42	at Purdue	11/11/23

Passing Touchdowns

1.	4	at Northwestern	11/22/25
	4	vs. Maryland	10/26/24
	4	at Northwestern	11/23/19
	4	at Purdue	9/28/19
5.	3	Done 14x, MR: vs. Rutgers	9/27/25

First Downs

1.	35	vs. Western Illinois	9/10/22
2.	32	at Michigan State	9/24/22
3.	31	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
4.	30	at Illinois	11/7/20
	30	vs. Maryland	10/26/19

TEAM DEFENSE**Fewest Points Allowed**

1.	0	vs. Northwestern State	9/6/25
	0	vs. Nevada	9/14/24
	0	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
	0	vs. Rutgers	10/29/22
	0	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
	0	at Colorado	9/18/21

Fewest Total Yards Allowed

1.	42	vs. Northwestern State!	9/6/25
2.	63	at Colorado	9/18/21
3.	91	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
4.	110	vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26
5.	127	at Iowa	10/21/23

Fewest Rush Yards Allowed

1.	-19	at Colorado	9/18/21
2.	11	at Iowa	10/21/23
3.	18	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
4.	19	vs. Northwestern State	9/6/25
5.	22	vs. Bowling Green	9/25/21

Fewest Pass Yards Allowed

1.	23	vs. Northwestern State	9/6/25
2.	48	at Rutgers	10/19/19
3.	53	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
4.	56	at Michigan	11/4/17
5.	59	vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26

Fewest Pass Completions Allowed

1.	4	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
2.	5	vs. Georgia Southern	9/14/19
	5	vs. Georgia Tech	12/26/18
4.	6	at Illinois	11/7/20
5.	7	vs. Illinois	11/6/21

Most Tackles for Loss Recorded

1.	12	vs. Michigan State	11/1/25
2.	11	vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
3.	10	vs. Nebraska	10/17/25
	10	vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
5.	9	Done 5x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26

Most Sacks Recorded

1.	9	vs. Nebraska!	10/17/25
2.	7	vs. Michigan State	11/1/25
	7	vs. Rutgers	9/27/25
4.	6	vs. Nebraska	11/11/17
5.	5	vs. Virginia Tech	1/3/25
	5	vs. Illinois	11/4/23
	5	vs. West Virginia	12/28/21

Most Interceptions Recorded

1.	3	vs. Purdue	10/11/25
	3	at UCLA	10/12/24
	3	vs. Nevada	9/14/24
	3	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
	3	vs. Nebraska	8/31/23
	3	vs. Penn State	11/9/19
	3	at Rutgers	10/19/19
	3	at Wisconsin	11/24/18

Most Pass Breakups Recorded

1.	10	at Wisconsin	11/29/24
2.	9	vs. Maryland	10/26/24
	9	vs. Colorado	9/17/22
	9	vs. New Mexico State	8/30/18
5.	8	vs. USC	10/5/24
	8	at Purdue	10/2/21
	8	at Purdue	9/28/19
	8	vs. Buffalo	8/31/17

Most Fumbles Forced

1.	4	at Wisconsin	11/24/18
2.	3	vs. Illinois	11/4/23
	3	vs. Illinois	10/21/17
	3	at Oregon State	9/9/17
5.	2	Done 11x, MR: vs. Northwestern St.	9/6/25

Most Fumbles Recovered

1.	3	at Oregon State	9/9/17
2.	2	Done 10x, MR: vs. Northwestern St.	9/6/25

Most Turnovers Forced

1.	4	vs. Purdue	10/11/25
	4	vs. Northwestern State	9/6/25
	4	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
	4	vs. Nebraska	8/31/23
	4	at Wisconsin	11/24/18
	4	at Purdue	10/7/17

Fewest First Downs Allowed

1.	2	vs. Northwestern State!	9/6/25
2.	4	vs. Eastern Illinois	9/3/26
3.	6	vs. Rhode Island	9/7/24
	6	vs. New Mexico State	9/1/22
	6	at Colorado	9/18/21

! School record

RESULTS: OVERALL 1-1 | BIG TEN 0-0 | NON-CON 1-1 | HOME 1-1 | AWAY 0-0

Date	Rank	Opponent	Result	Site	TV	Attendance	Top Passer	Top Rusher (Yds.)	Top Receiver (Rec./Yds.)	Top Tackler
9/3	RV/--	Eastern Illinois	W, 59-7	Minneapolis	Peacock	41,048	Lindsey (19-24-0-264, 1 TD)	Taylor (14-56, 3 TD)	Tracy (5-98)	Baranowski (6)
9/12	RV/RV	Mississippi State	L, 13-38	Minneapolis	CBS	48,048	Lindsey (31-48-0-279)	Taylor (6-15)	Jennings (7-88) & Tracy (7-51)/Jennings (7-88)	Brown (10)
9/19	--/--	Akron		Minneapolis	BTN					
9/26	--/--	at Washington		Seattle, Wash.	FOX					
10/3	--/--	Michigan		Minneapolis						
10/10	--/--	at Purdue		West Lafayette, Ind.						
10/24	--/--	Iowa		Minneapolis						
10/31	--/--	at Indiana		Bloomington, Ind.						
11/7	--/--	UCLA		Minneapolis						
11/14	--/--	at Penn State		University Park, Pa.						
11/21	--/--	Northwestern		Minneapolis						
11/27	--/--	at Wisconsin		Madison, Wis.	NBC					



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Overall Team Statistics
 All games

Team Statistics

	MINN	OPP
Scoring	72	45
Points per game	36.0	22.5
Points Off Turnovers	0	0
First Downs	42	32
Rushing	12	16
Passing	25	11
Penalty	5	5
Rushing Yardage	160	303
Yards gained rushing	197	339
Yards lost rushing	37	36
Rushing attempts	53	74
Average per rush	3.0	4.1
Average per game	80.0	151.5
TDs Rushing	5	2
Passing Yardage	627	286
Comp-Att-Int	57-81-0	25-37-0
Average per pass	7.7	7.7
Average per catch	11.0	11.4
Average per game	313.5	143.0
TDs Passing	1	4
Total offense	787	589
Total plays	134	111
Average per play	5.9	5.3
Average per game	393.5	294.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	3-62	2-31
Punt returns: #-Yards	6-197	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kick return average	20.7	15.5
Punt return average	32.8	0.0
Int return average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	14-125	12-95
Average per game	62.5	47.5
Punts-Yards	7-263	11-507
Average per punt	37.6	46.1
Net punt average	37.6	28.2
Kickoffs-Yards	13-839	9-568
Average per kick	64.5	63.1
Net kick average	41.0	39.6
Time of possession / game	33:03	26:57
3rd-down conversion	14/28	9/23
3rd-down pct	50%	39%
4th-down conversion	3/4	1/1
4th-down pct	75%	100%
Sacks by-Yards	2-8	2-12
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	9	6
Field goals - attempts	3-3	1-2
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(7-8) 88%	(4-5) 80%
Red-zone touchdowns	(5-8) 63%	(4-5) 80%
PAT-attempts	(9-9) 100%	(6-6) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	89096	0
Games / Avg per game	2/44548	0/0
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Minnesota	17	24	17	14	0	72
Opponents	14	21	3	7	0	45



2026-27 Minnesota Football Individual Statistics All games

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Darius Taylor	2	20	78	7	71	3.6	3	27	35.5
TJ Thomas	2	10	57	6	51	5.1	0	20	25.5
Xavier Ford	2	5	22	0	22	4.4	1	10	11.0
Ryan Estrada	1	3	11	1	10	3.3	0	10	10.0
Brady Palmer	1	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	8	8.0
Jaron Thomas	1	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
A.J. Turner	1	2	5	1	4	2.0	0	5	4.0
Max Shikenjanski	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	1	2	2.0
Niko Castillo	1	4	3	1	2	0.5	0	1	2.0
Drake Lindsey	2	4	6	12	-6	-1.5	0	4	-3.0
Team	2	1	0	9	-9	-9.0	0	0	-4.5
Total	2	53	197	37	160	3.0	5	27	80.0
Opponents	2	74	339	36	303	4.1	2	30	151.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Drake Lindsey	2	137.4	50-72-0	69.4	543	1	55	271.5
Brady Palmer	1	114.3	4-6-0	66.7	34	0	13	34.0
Max Shikenjanski	1	240.0	3-3-0	100.0	50	0	33	50.0
Total	2	139.5	57-81-0	70.4	627	1	55	313.5
Opponents	2	168.2	25-37-0	67.6	286	4	39	143.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Javon Tracy	2	12	149	12.4	0	55	74.5
Noah Jennings	2	10	145	14.5	0	34	72.5
Jalen Smith	2	8	77	9.6	0	20	38.5
TJ Thomas	2	6	63	10.5	0	18	31.5
Darius Taylor	2	4	36	9.0	0	19	18.0
Pierce Walsh	2	4	46	11.5	1	27	23.0
Hayden Moore	2	3	49	16.3	0	33	24.5
Kaden Helms	2	2	13	6.5	0	7	6.5
Ryan Estrada	1	2	12	6.0	0	11	12.0
Zion Steptoe	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
A.J. Turner	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Julian Johnson	2	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Bradley Martino	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
George Rohl	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Quayd Hendryx	2	1	13	13.0	0	13	6.5
Total	2	57	627	11.0	1	55	313.5
Opponents	2	25	286	11.4	4	39	143.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Javon Tracy	5	171	34.2	2	87
Braiden Stevens	1	26	26.0	0	26
Total	6	197	32.8	2	87
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Quayd Hendryx	2	51	25.5	0	36
Ryan Estrada	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	3	62	20.7	0	36
Opponents	2	31	15.5	0	17

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Aydan West	1	0	0.0	1	0
Total	1	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Individual Statistics
All games**

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Darius Taylor	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Javon Tracy	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Daniel Jackson	-	1-1	7-7	-	-	-	-	-	10
Luke Drzewiecki	-	2-2	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Max Shikenjanski	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pierce Walsh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Xavier Ford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Aydan West	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Beckham Sunderland	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	9	3-3	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	72
Opponents	6	1-2	6-6	0	0	0	0	0	45

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Luke Drzewiecki	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	44	0
Daniel Jackson	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0
Opponents	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	52	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Minnesota	Opponents
Eastern Ill.	(31)	
Mississippi St.	(44),(41)	(52),20

Numbers in parentheses indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Drake Lindsey	2	76	-6	543	537	268.5
Darius Taylor	2	20	71	0	71	35.5
Max Shikenjanski	1	4	2	50	52	52.0
TJ Thomas	2	10	51	0	51	25.5
Brady Palmer	1	8	8	34	42	42.0
Xavier Ford	2	5	22	0	22	11.0
Ryan Estrada	1	3	10	0	10	10.0
Jaron Thomas	1	1	5	0	5	5.0
A.J. Turner	1	2	4	0	4	4.0
Niko Castillo	1	4	2	0	2	2.0
Team	2	0	-9	0	-9	-4.5
Total	2	134	160	627	787	393.5
Opponents	2	111	303	286	589	294.5

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Tom Weston	6	230	38.3	45	0	3	2	0	0
Zachary Robbins	1	33	33.0	33	0	0	1	0	0
Total	7	263	37.6	45	0	3	3	0	0
Opponents	11	507	46.1	62	0	2	0	4	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Beckham Sunderland	13	839	64.5	11	0			
Total	13	839	64.5	11	0	2	41	24
Opponents	9	568	63.1	6	0	3	39.6	25



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Passing Game-by-Game
All games

#5 Drake Lindsey	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Eastern Ill.	19	24	0	79.2	264	1	55	0-0	185.3
Mississippi St.	31	48	0	64.6	279	0	34	2-12	113.4
Totals	50	72	0	69.4	543	1	55	2-12	137.4

#6 Max Shikenjanski	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Eastern Ill.	3	3	0	100.0	50	0	33	0-0	240.0
Totals	3	3	0	100.0	50	0	33	0-0	240.0

#16 Brady Palmer	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Eastern Ill.	4	6	0	66.7	34	0	13	0-0	114.3
Totals	4	6	0	66.7	34	0	13	0-0	114.3



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Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game
All games

Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	EIU	MS
Darius Taylor	20-71/3	14-56/3	6-15/0
TJ Thomas	10-51/0	7-52/0	3--1/0
Xavier Ford	5-22/1	3-15/1	2-7/0
Niko Castillo	4-2/0	4-2/0	DNP
Drake Lindsey	4--6/0	2-6/0	2--12/0
Ryan Estrada	3-10/0	3-10/0	DNP
Brady Palmer	2-8/0	2-8/0	DNP
A.J. Turner	2-4/0	DNP	2-4/0
Jaron Thomas	1-5/0	1-5/0	DNP
Max Shikenjanski	1-2/1	1-2/1	DNP

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	EIU	MS
Javon Tracy	12-149/0	5-98/0	7-51/0
Noah Jennings	10-145/0	3-57/0	7-88/0
Jalen Smith	8-77/0	3-26/0	5-51/0
TJ Thomas	6-63/0	2-23/0	4-40/0
Pierce Walsh	4-46/1	2-28/1	2-18/0
Darius Taylor	4-36/0	3-31/0	1-5/0
Hayden Moore	3-49/0	2-42/0	1-7/0
Kaden Helms	2-13/0	-	2-13/0
Ryan Estrada	2-12/0	2-12/0	DNP
Quayd Hendryx	1-13/0	1-13/0	-
Bradley Martino	1-6/0	1-6/0	-
Zion Steptoe	1-6/0	1-6/0	-
George Rohl	1-6/0	1-6/0	-
A.J. Turner	1-5/0	DNP	1-5/0
Julian Johnson	1-1/0	-	1-1/0



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Individual Statistics
All games

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Javon Tracy	2	0	149	171	0	0	320	160.0
Noah Jennings	2	0	145	0	0	0	145	72.5
TJ Thomas	2	51	63	0	0	0	114	57.0
Darius Taylor	2	71	36	0	0	0	107	53.5
Jalen Smith	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Quayd Hendryx	2	0	13	0	51	0	64	32.0
Hayden Moore	2	0	49	0	0	0	49	24.5
Pierce Walsh	2	0	46	0	0	0	46	23.0
Ryan Estrada	1	10	12	0	11	0	33	33.0
Braiden Stevens	2	0	0	26	0	0	26	13.0
Xavier Ford	2	22	0	0	0	0	22	11.0
Kaden Helms	2	0	13	0	0	0	13	6.5
A.J. Turner	1	4	5	0	0	0	9	9.0
Brady Palmer	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Zion Steptoe	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	3.0
Bradley Martino	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	3.0
George Rohl	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	3.0
Jaron Thomas	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Max Shikenjanski	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Niko Castillo	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Julian Johnson	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.5
Drake Lindsey	2	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-3.0
Team	2	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-4.5
Total	2	160	627	197	62	0	1046	523.0
Opponents	2	303	286	0	31	0	620	310.0



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Returns Game-by-Game
All games

Punt Returns

Player	No-Yds	EIU	MS
Javon Tracy	5-171	4-167	1-4
Braiden Stevens	1-26	1-26	-

Kick Returns

Player	No-Yds	EIU	MS
Quayd Hendryx	2-51	-	2-51
Ryan Estrada	1-11	1-11	DNP

Interceptions Returns

Player	No-Yds	EIU	MS
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Fumble Returns

Player	No-Yds	EIU	MS
Aydan West	1-0	-	1-0



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
6	Maverick Baranowski	2	8	7	15	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14	Kerry Brown	2	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	TJ Bush Jr.	2	5	6	11	2-6	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
22	Mekhai Smith	2	6	4	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Zack Harden	2	4	4	8	1.5-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
5	Aydan West	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
49	Matt Kingsbury	2	6	1	7	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
19	Joey Gerlach	2	3	3	6	1.5-6	1-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
11	Karter Menz	2	3	2	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Theorin Randle	2	1	4	5	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	John Nestor	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Anthony Smith	2	2	1	3	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Naiim Parrish	2	2	1	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
2	Emmanuel Karmo	2	1	2	3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Naquan Crowder	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Mason Carrier	2	.	3	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Aidan Gousby	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Adam Kissayi	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Riley Sunram	2	2	.	2	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Sid Kaba	1	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Sam Macy	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jaylin Hicks	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Jaxon Howard	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Garrison Monroe	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
35	Nate Cleveland	2	1	.	1	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
18	Donielle Hayes	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Aaden Aytch	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Xion Chapman	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	65	54	119	16-37	2-8	0-0	2	6	1-0	2	1	0



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Total Tackles Game-by-Game
All games

Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	EIU	MS
Maverick Baranowski	8-7	15	1-5	7-2
Kerry Brown	7-5	12	1-1	6-4
TJ Bush Jr.	5-6	11	2-2	3-4
Mekhai Smith	6-4	10	2-1	4-3
Zack Harden	4-4	8	2-2	2-2
Matt Kingsbury	6-1	7	2-0	4-1
Aydan West	5-2	7	1-0	4-2
Joey Gerlach	3-3	6	1-1	2-2
Karter Menz	3-2	5	2-1	1-1
Theorin Randle	1-4	5	0-2	1-2
Anthony Smith	2-1	3	0-1	2-0
John Nestor	2-1	3	1-0	1-1
Naiim Parrish	2-1	3	2-1	-
Emmanuel Karmo	1-2	3	1-2	-
Mason Carrier	0-3	3	0-2	0-1
Naquan Crowder	0-3	3	0-2	0-1
Riley Sunram	2-0	2	-	2-0
Aidan Gousby	1-1	2	-	1-1
Sid Kaba	1-1	2	1-1	DNP
Adam Kissayi	1-1	2	0-1	1-0
Garrison Monroe	1-0	1	-	1-0
Donielle Hayes	1-0	1	1-0	-
Nate Cleveland	1-0	1	1-0	-
Aaden Aytch	1-0	1	1-0	DNP
Jaylin Hicks	1-0	1	1-0	-
Jaxon Howard	0-1	1	-	0-1
Sam Macy	0-1	1	0-1	DNP

TURNOVERS BY GAME

Game	GIVEAWAYS			PTS. OFF TO	TAKEAWAYS			PTS. OFF TO
	FUM	INT	TOTAL		FUM	INT	TOTAL	
EIU	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MSST	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7
AKRON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WASH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MICH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PUR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IOWA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UCLA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PSU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	7



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Tackles For Loss Game-by-Game
All games

Player	UA-A	Total	EIU	MS
Riley Sunram	2-0	2.0	-	2.0-5
TJ Bush Jr.	1-2	2.0	1.5-4	0.5-2
Anthony Smith	1-1	1.5	0.5-1	1.0-2
Zack Harden	1-1	1.5	1.5-3	-
Joey Gerlach	1-1	1.5	-	1.5-6
Karter Menz	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-1
Naiim Parrish	1-0	1.0	1.0-2	-
Nate Cleveland	1-0	1.0	1.0-3	-
Maverick Baranowski	0-2	1.0	1.0-2	-
Mason Carrier	0-2	1.0	0.5-2	0.5-0
Theorin Randle	0-2	1.0	1.0-2	-
Emmanuel Karmo	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-
Mekhai Smith	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-1
Sid Kaba	0-1	0.5	0.5-0	DNP



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Sacks Game-by-Game
All games

Player	UA-A	Total	EIU	MS
TJ Bush Jr.	1-0	1	1-3	-
Joey Gerlach	1-0	1	-	1-5



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Games Played
All games

##	Player	GP-GS	EIU	MS
0	Anthony Smith	2/2	START	START
1	Darius Taylor	2/2	START	START
1	Jaxon Howard	2/0	XXX	XXX
2	A.J. Turner	1/0	...	XXX
2	Emmanuel Karmo	2/0	XXX	XXX
3	TJ Bush Jr.	2/2	START	START
3	Perry Thompson	0/0	...	...
4	Zack Harden	2/2	START	START
4	Roman Voss	2/0	XXX	XXX
5	Drake Lindsey	2/2	START	START
5	Aydan West	2/2	START	START
6	Maverick Baranowski	2/2	START	START
6	Max Shikenjanski	1/0	XXX	...
7	Aidan Gousby	2/2	START	START
7	Bradley Martino	2/0	XXX	XXX
8	Jalen Smith	2/2	START	START
8	Mike Gerald	2/0	XXX	XXX
9	Garrison Monroe	2/0	XXX	XXX
9	Xavier Ford	2/0	XXX	XXX
11	Javon Tracy	2/0	XXX	XXX
11	Karter Menz	2/1	XXX	START
12	Luke Drzewiecki	1/0	...	XXX
12	Michael Merdinger	0/0	...	...
13	Noah Jennings	2/2	START	START
13	Zahir Rainer	0/0	...	...
14	Kerry Brown	2/2	START	START
14	Dylan Wittke	0/0	...	...
15	Samuel Madu	1/0	XXX	...
15	Owen Lansu	0/0	...	...
16	Hudson Dunn	1/0	XXX	...
16	Brady Palmer	1/0	XXX	...
17	John Nestor	2/2	START	START
18	Rhyland Kelly	0/0	...	...
18	Donielle Hayes	2/0	XXX	XXX
19	Joey Gerlach	2/0	XXX	XXX
19	Pierce Walsh	2/2	START	START
20	Parker Knutson	2/0	XXX	XXX
20	Ryan Estrada	1/0	XXX	...
21	Naiim Parrish	2/0	XXX	XXX
21	Grant Washington	0/0	...	...
22	Mekhai Smith	2/0	XXX	XXX
22	Jaron Thomas	1/0	XXX	...
23	TJ Thomas	2/1	XXX	START
23	Lamont Hamilton	1/0	XXX	...
24	Braiden Stevens	2/0	XXX	XXX
24	Chance Payne	0/0	...	...
25	Zion Steptoe	2/0	XXX	XXX
25	Justin Hopkins	1/0	XXX	...
26	Elisha West	0/0	...	...
26	Zeke Bates	0/0	...	...
27	Simon Seidl	1/0	XXX	...
28	Niko Castillo	1/0	XXX	...
28	Trason Richardson	1/0	XXX	...
29	Andrew Marshall	0/0	...	...
31	Jordan Lampkins	1/0	XXX	...
32	Angel Luciano	0/0	...	...
33	Rhett Hlavacka	1/0	XXX	...
35	Nate Cleveland	2/0	XXX	XXX
36	Daniel Jackson	1/0	XXX	...
36	Tavian White	1/0	XXX	...



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Games Played
All games

##	Player	GP-GS	EIU	MS
37	Zachary Robbins	1/0	XXX	...
41	Anthony Charles	0/0	...	...
42	Tom Weston	2/0	XXX	XXX
44	Ethan Stendel	2/0	XXX	XXX
44	George Rohl	2/0	XXX	XXX
45	Sam Macy	1/0	XXX	...
46	Mason Carrier	2/0	XXX	XXX
47	Enoch Atewogbola	0/0	...	...
48	Aaden Aytch	1/0	XXX	...
49	Matt Kingsbury	2/2	START	START
50	Nathan Roy	2/2	START	START
51	Daniel Shipp	2/2	START	START
52	Alan Soukup	2/0	XXX	XXX
53	Jakob Lutz	1/0	XXX	...
55	Jerome Williams	1/0	XXX	...
55	Jaylin Hicks	2/1	XXX	START
56	Brett Carroll	0/0	...	...
56	Jay'Quan Stubbs	1/0	XXX	...
57	Aaron Thomas	0/0	...	...
58	Jaden Ball	2/0	XXX	XXX
59	Tony Nelson	2/2	START	START
60	Kaveon Lee	1/0	XXX	...
65	Greg Johnson	2/2	START	START
66	Beckett Schreiber	0/0	...	...
68	Bennett Warren	2/0	XXX	XXX
69	Gavin Meier	1/0	XXX	...
70	Naquan Crowder	2/1	START	XXX
71	Lucas Tielsch	1/0	XXX	...
75	Mark Handy	1/0	XXX	...
77	Nick Spence	1/0	XXX	...
78	Ashton Beers	2/2	START	START
79	Andrew Trout	1/0	XXX	...
81	Josiah Dozier	1/0	...	XXX
82	Julian Johnson	2/1	START	XXX
83	Sam Peters	1/0	XXX	...
84	Hayden Moore	2/0	XXX	XXX
85	Rico Blassingame	0/0	...	...
86	Gabe Weaver	0/0	...	...
87	Kaden Helms	2/0	XXX	XXX
88	Jacob Simpson	1/0	XXX	...
88	Josiah Anyansi	0/0	...	...
89	Quayd Hendryx	2/0	XXX	XXX
90	Xion Chapman	1/0	XXX	...
91	Howie Johnson	0/0	...	...
92	Sid Kaba	1/0	XXX	...
92	Beckham Sunderland	2/0	XXX	XXX
93	Riley Sunram	2/0	XXX	XXX
94	Mo Saine	1/0	XXX	...
95	Colin Hansen	0/0	...	...
96	Abu Tarawallie	0/0	...	...
97	Brady Denaburg	0/0	...	...
97	Jeremiah Benson	0/0	...	...
98	Adam Kissayi	2/0	XXX	XXX
99	Theorin Randle	2/1	START	XXX



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Team Game-by-Game
All games

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	38	147	5	27	26	348	1	55	26	33	0	348	1	55	1	11	0	11	5	193	2	87	495
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	15	13	0	5	31	279	0	34	31	48	0	279	0	34	2	51	0	36	1	4	0	10	292
Minnesota		53	160	5	27	57	627	1	55	57	81	0	627	1	55	3	62	0	36	6	197	2	87	787
Opponents		74	303	2	30	25	286	4	39	25	37	0	286	4	39	2	31	0	17	0	0	0	0	589

Minnesota Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	3.0	11.0	139.5	20.7	32.8	523.0	393.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts		off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	23	26	49	9.0-20	1-3	1	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	59
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	42	28	70	7.0-17	1-5	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
Minnesota		65	54	119	16.0-37	2-8	2	1-0	0-0	6	2	1	9-9	0	0	0	0	72
Opponents		84	46	130	11.0-28	2-12	1	1-0	0-0	2	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	2	70	35.0	37	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	31	0	10	644	64.4	8	0	
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	5	193	38.6	45	0	0	2	0	2	2-2	44	0	3	195	65.0	3	0	
Minnesota		7	263	37.6	45	0	0	3	0	3	3-3	44	0	13	839	64.5	11	0	
Opponents		11	507	46.1	62	0	0	2	4	0	1-2	52	1	9	568	63.1	6	0	



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Opponents Game-by-Game
All games

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot			
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	28	51	0	17	9	59	1	30	9-15-0				59	1	30	2	31	0	17	0	0	0	0	110
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	46	252	2	30	16	227	3	39	16-22-0				227	3	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	479
Opponents		74	303	2	30	25	286	4	39	25-37-0				286	4	39	2	31	0	17	0	0	0	0	589
Minnesota		53	160	5	27	57	627	1	55	57-81-0				627	1	55	3	62	0	36	6	197	2	87	787

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	4.1	11.4	168.2	15.5	0.0	310.0	294.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense				blkd	PAT attempts		off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	48	22	70	7.0-11	0-0	1	1-0	0-0	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	36	24	60	4.0-17	2-12	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Opponents		84	46	130	11.0-28	2-12	1	1-0	0-0	2	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
Minnesota		65	54	119	16.0-37	2-8	2	1-0	0-0	6	2	1	9-9	0	0	0	0	72

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	10	445	44.5	55	0	0	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	2	114	57.0	1	0	
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	1	62	62.0	62	0	0	0	1	0	1-2	52	1	7	454	64.9	5	0	
Opponents		11	507	46.1	62	0	0	2	4	0	1-2	52	1	9	568	63.1	6	0	
Minnesota		7	263	37.6	45	0	0	3	0	3	3-3	44	0	13	839	64.5	11	0	



2026-27 Minnesota Football
By Quarter Statistics
All games

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	W 59-7	10-15 66.7	2-4 50.0	5-5 100.0	0-1 0.0	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	L 13-38	4-13 30.8	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	3-6 50.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Minnesota			14-28 50.0	3-7 42.9	5-8 62.5	3-7 42.9	3-6 50.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			9-23 39.1	1-4 25.0	6-7 85.7	1-7 14.3	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	W 59-7	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	L 13-38	2-3 66.7	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Minnesota			3-4 75.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	W 59-7	36:21	08:55	08:33	06:46	12:07	00:00
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	L 13-38	29:45	10:25	07:30	09:45	02:05	00:00
Minnesota			Total 66:06	19:20	16:03	16:31	14:12	00:00
			Avg. 33:03	09:40	08:02	08:16	07:06	00:00
Opponents			Total 53:54	09:58	14:39	09:46	19:31	00:00
			Avg. 26:57	04:59	07:19	04:53	09:46	00:00



2026-27 Minnesota Football
Red-Zone Results
All games

Minnesota Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	W 59-7	6	6	38	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	L 13-38	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals 7 of 8 (87.5%)			8	7	41	5	4	1	2	2	1	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Minnesota Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
09/03/2026	Eastern Ill.	W 59-7	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Mississippi St.	L 13-38	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 4 of 5 (80.0%)			5	4	28	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0

NCAA Statistics

Minnesota - 2026-27 Football Ranking Summary thru games 09/12/2026

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (138 ranked)	33	6	0.500	Houston	0.714	Southern California	0.694
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (138 ranked)	85	13	0.391	Alabama	0.043	Penn St.	0.217
4th Down Conversion Pct (114 ranked)	31	3	0.750	22 teams tied	1.000	Michigan	1.000
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (113 ranked)	113	14	1.000	25 teams tied	0.000	6 teams tied	0.000
Blocked Kicks (12 ranked)	12	2	1	11 teams tied	2	Wisconsin	2
Blocked Kicks Allowed (134 ranked)	1	1	0	115 teams tied	0	17 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (5 ranked)				4 teams tied	2	Wisconsin	2
Blocked Punts Allowed (131 ranked)	1	1	0	130 teams tied	0	18 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (138 ranked)	33	6	0.704	Miami (FL)	0.891	Southern California	0.806
Defensive TDs (9 ranked)	9	1	1	8 teams tied	2	6 teams tied	1
Fewest Penalties (138 ranked)	70	11	14	Kansas St.	3	Indiana	7
Fewest Penalties Per Game (138 ranked)	74	11	7.00	Kansas St.	1.50	Indiana	3.50
Fewest Penalty Yards (138 ranked)	83	11	125	Kansas St.	35	Northwestern	61
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (138 ranked)	91	12	62.50	Kansas St.	17.50	Indiana	31.50
First Downs Defense (138 ranked)	46	8	32	Iowa LSU	16 16	Iowa	16
First Downs Offense (138 ranked)	74	8	42	Southern California	81	Southern California	81
Fumbles Lost (135 ranked)	46	11	1	45 teams tied	0	10 teams tied	0
Fumbles Recovered (50 ranked)	50	1	1	Notre Dame	5	12 teams tied	1
Kickoff Return Defense (138 ranked)	51	7	15.50	17 teams tied	0.00	Michigan Oregon	0.00 0.00
Kickoff Returns (127 ranked)	58	10	20.67	Georgia Tech	57.33	Michigan St.	47.00
Net Punting (138 ranked)	99	14	37.57	Alabama	52.67	Oregon	48.13
Passes Had Intercepted (137 ranked)	1	1	0	47 teams tied	0	9 teams tied	0
Passes Intercepted (63 ranked)				4 teams tied	5	Washington	5
Passing Offense (138 ranked)	23	5	313.5	SMU	442.0	Ohio St.	356.0
Passing Yards Allowed (138 ranked)	29	7	143.0	Kansas St.	47.5	Penn St.	105.0
Passing Yards per Completion (138 ranked)	97	14	11.00	Indiana	20.00	Indiana	20.00
Punt Return Defense (138 ranked)	9	2	0.00	New Mexico	-6.00	Ohio St.	-2.00
Punt Returns (138 ranked)	5	2	32.83	Massachusetts	70.50	Illinois	39.50
Red Zone Defense (89 ranked)	54	6	0.800	Maryland New Mexico	0.000 0.000	Maryland	0.000
Red Zone Offense (137 ranked)	69	10	0.875	46 teams tied	1.000	7 teams tied	1.000
Rushing Defense (138 ranked)	102	15	151.5	Houston	10.0	Maryland	38.5
Rushing Offense (138 ranked)	134	18	80.0	Army West Point	394.0	Nebraska	256.0
Sacks Allowed (136 ranked)	34	5	1.00	10 teams tied	0.00	Illinois Iowa	0.00 0.00
Scoring Defense (138 ranked)	78	13	22.5	Penn St. South Carolina	4.5 4.5	Penn St.	4.5
Scoring Offense (138 ranked)	49	8	36.0	Georgia	66.5	Indiana	53.5
Tackles for Loss Allowed (138 ranked)	85	13	5.50	Air Force BYU	1.00 1.00	Illinois	1.50
Team Passing Efficiency (138 ranked)	82	13	139.47	Indiana	287.38	Indiana	287.38
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (138 ranked)	131	18	168.17	Kansas St.	61.49	Penn St.	91.28
Team Sacks (127 ranked)	106	15	1.00	Virginia Tech	6.00	Maryland	5.00
Team Tackles for Loss (136 ranked)	14	2	8.0	Virginia Tech	16.0	Indiana	9.5
Time of Possession (138 ranked)	30	4	33:03	South Alabama	38:55	Michigan St.	37:19

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Total Defense (138 ranked)	51	11	294.5	LSU	142.5	Maryland	154.0
Total Offense (138 ranked)	78	12	393.5	Miami (FL)	702.5	Maryland	560.5
Turnover Margin (138 ranked)	70	12	0.00	New Mexico	4.00	Washington	3.00
Turnovers Gained (109 ranked)	109	14	1	Colorado St. New Mexico	8 8	Washington	6
Turnovers Lost (138 ranked)	21	6	1	20 teams tied	0	5 teams tied	0
Winning Percentage (126 ranked)	55	12	0.500	52 teams tied	1.000	11 teams tied	1.000

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (198 ranked)	Javon Tracy	8	2	160.00	Nate Sheppard, Duke	217.00	KJ Duff, Rutgers	166.50
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)					Chakai Scott, Sacramento St.	2		
Combined Kick Returns (194 ranked)	Javon Tracy Quayd Hendryx Braiden Stevens	5 93 174	1 16 24	171 51 26	Michael Scott, James Madison	298	Javon Tracy, Minnesota	171
Completion Percentage (123 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	36	7	0.694	Darian Mensah, Miami (FL)	0.911	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	0.807
Completions Per Game (149 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	10	3	25.00	Caden Veltkamp, Fla. Atlantic	30.50	Ryan Browne, Purdue	27.50
Field Goal Percentage (102 ranked)					43 players tied	1.000	Gavin Lahm, Wisconsin Gage Hurych, Oregon Jackson Kleather, Northwestern	1.000 1.000 1.000
Field Goals Per Game (92 ranked)					Jonah Delange, UAB	3.50	Jacobo Echeverria Lozano, Purdue	3.00
Forced Fumbles (12 ranked)	Nate Cleveland Joey Gerlach	12 12	2 2	0.50 0.50	10 players tied	1.00	Sammy Omosigbo, UCLA	1.00
Fumbles Recovered (5 ranked)	Aydan West	5	1	1	4 players tied	2	12 players tied	1
Interceptions Per Game (22 ranked)					Kingston Lopa, California	2.00	5 players tied	1.00
Kickoff Return TDs (1 ranked)					5 players tied	1		
Kickoff Returns (36 ranked)					Rahkeem Smith, Georgia Tech	57.3	Turbo Richard, Indiana	31.7
Passes Defended (64 ranked)	Matt Kingsbury	64	9	1.00	Josh Fussell, Northwestern Damon Walters, Northwestern	3.00 3.00	Josh Fussell, Northwestern Damon Walters, Northwestern	3.00 3.00
Passing Efficiency (123 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	75	12	137.4	Gunner Stockton, Georgia	284.5	Rocco Becht, Penn St.	227.5
Passing TDs (35 ranked)					Jayden Maiava, Southern California	10	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	10
Passing Yards (149 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	33	5	543	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	896	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	896
Passing Yards Per Game (149 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	26	6	271.5	Braden Atkinson, Oregon St.	394.5	Ryan Browne, Purdue	323.0
Passing Yards per Completion (123 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	90	14	10.86	Aidan Chiles, Northwestern	19.50	Aidan Chiles, Northwestern	19.50
Points Responsible For (146 ranked)	Darius Taylor	146	23	18	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	66	Jayden Maiava, Southern California	66
Points Responsible For Per Game (142 ranked)	Darius Taylor	142	25	9.0	Hauss Hejny, Colorado St.	30.0	Anthony Colandrea, Nebraska Josh Hoover, Indiana	24.0 24.0
Punt Return TDs (5 ranked)	Javon Tracy	1	1	2	4 players tied	2	Javon Tracy, Minnesota	2
Punt Returns (73 ranked)	Javon Tracy	5	2	34.2	Vernell Brown III, Florida	43.3	Evan James, Iowa	36.0
Punting (56 ranked)					Bailey Ettridge, Oregon	50.9	Bailey Ettridge, Oregon	50.9
Receiving TDs (23 ranked)					4 players tied	5	Charlie Becker, Indiana Collin Dixon, Illinois KJ Duff, Rutgers	5 5 5
Receiving Yards (149 ranked)	Javon Tracy Noah Jennings	69 77	14 16	149 145	Jesse Legree, Oregon St.	376	KJ Duff, Rutgers	333
Receiving Yards Per Game (199 ranked)	Javon Tracy Noah Jennings	63 70	14 16	74.5 72.5	Jesse Legree, Oregon St.	188.0	KJ Duff, Rutgers	166.5
Receptions Per Game (163 ranked)	Javon Tracy Noah Jennings Jalen Smith	34 66 116	10 14 22	6.00 5.00 4.00	Gavin Freeman, Baylor	11.00	Collin Dixon, Illinois KJ Duff, Rutgers	8.50 8.50
Rush Yards Per Carry (162 ranked)	Darius Taylor	137	21	3.55	Jadan Baugh, Florida	10.57	Kamari Moulton, Iowa	9.23
Rushing TDs (11 ranked)	Darius Taylor	11	3	3	Jaylin Carter, Memphis Wayne Knight, UCLA	6 6	Wayne Knight, UCLA	6
Rushing Yards (149 ranked)					Jaylin Carter, Memphis	375	Cam Edwards, Michigan St.	250
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)					Nate Sheppard, Duke	187.0	Cam Edwards, Michigan St.	125.0
Sacks (89 ranked)	TJ Bush Jr. Joey Gerlach	89 89	14 14	0.50 0.50	Princewill Umanmielen, LSU	2.50	Eli Coenen, Michigan St.	1.50
Scoring (158 ranked)	Darius Taylor Javon Tracy	57 158	14 29	9.0 6.0	Wayne Knight, UCLA Wayshawn Parker, Utah	18.0 18.0	Wayne Knight, UCLA	18.0
Solo Tackles (33 ranked)					Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern EJ Smith, Nevada	8.00 8.00	Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern	8.00
Tackles For Loss (61 ranked)					Xavier Lewis, North Carolina Princewill Umanmielen, LSU	3.25 3.25	Sammy Omosigbo, UCLA	2.00
Total Interceptions (21 ranked)					Kingston Lopa, California	4	4 players tied	2
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	39	10	268.5	Kevin Jennings, SMU	402.5	Ryan Browne, Purdue	320.0

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Total Points Scored (145 ranked)	Darius Taylor	61	13	18	Jaylin Carter, Memphis Wayne Knight, UCLA Wayshawn Parker, Utah	36 36 36	Wayne Knight, UCLA	36
Total Tackles (153 ranked)	Maverick Baranowski	86	13	7.5	Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern	14.0	Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern	14.0
Total Touchdowns (77 ranked)	Darius Taylor Javon Tracy	25 77	8 16	3 2	Jaylin Carter, Memphis Wayne Knight, UCLA Wayshawn Parker, Utah	6 6 6	Wayne Knight, UCLA	6
Yards per Pass Attempt (100 ranked)	Drake Lindsey	74	12	7.54	Kevin Jennings, SMU	14.75	Rocco Becht, Penn St.	11.98
Yards per Reception (199 ranked)	Noah Jennings	169	25	14.50	Griffin Wilde, Northwestern	34.67	Griffin Wilde, Northwestern	34.67



Scoring Summary report
Eastern Illinois vs Minnesota (Sep 03, 2026)
Eastern Illinois (1-1) vs Minnesota (1-0)

Date: Sep 03, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 41048

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Eastern Illinois	0	7	0	0	7
Minnesota	14	21	10	14	59

FULL GAME	EIU	MINN
Score	7	59
FIRST DOWNS	4	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	28-51	38-147
PASSING YDS (NET)	59	348
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	9-15-0	26-33-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	43-110	71-495
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	5-193
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-31	1-11
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-44.5	2-35.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-35	2-10
Possession Time	23:39	36:21
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 13	10 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	6-6

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Cole LaCrue	5	25	3	22	0	17	4.4
Charles Kellom	7	20	0	20	0	7	2.9
Jacarre Fleming-Page	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Tyren Buggs	6	8	6	2	0	4	0.3
Passing	C-A-I		Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Cole LaCrue	7-12-0		51	1	30	1	
Jeremiah Salem	2-3-0		8	0	10	0	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Charles Kellom	5	4	7	15	0	5	
Tyren Buggs	2	2	38	42	1	30	
Devin Whitlock	2	2	4	4	0	6	
Zeke Lewis	2	1	10	14	0	10	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Cade Cox	10	445	44.5	55	0	0	

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Jacarre Fleming-Page	2	31	0	17
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
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Lonnie Burt	4-2	6	0.0	2.5
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Christopher Sharp	3-2	5	0.0	0.0
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Josh Brown	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
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Micah Valenzuela	3-2	5	0.0	0.0
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Qtr Time Scoring Play

1st 04:29 MINN - #1 D.Taylor 1 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 9-51, 05:46

1st 02:14 MINN - #11 J.Tracy 87 yd punt return (#36 D.Jackson kick), 02:15

2nd 14:20 MINN - #1 D.Taylor 27 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 3-66, 01:11

2nd 09:00 EIU - #22 T.Buggs 8 yd pass from #7 C.LaCrue (#47 D.Schiller kick), 11-75, 05:20

2nd 03:15 MINN - #1 D.Taylor 3 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 9-73, 05:41

2nd 00:06 MINN - #19 P.Walsh 1 yd pass from #5 D.Lindsey (#36 D.Jackson kick), 10-53, 01:37

3rd 13:26 MINN - #11 J.Tracy 69 yd punt return (#36 D.Jackson kick), 01:30

3rd 03:17 MINN - #36 D.Jackson 31 yd FG, 7-45, 03:49

4th 12:29 MINN - #6 M.Shikenjanski 2 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 7-52, 03:44

4th 00:25 MINN - #9 X.Ford 1 yd rush (#92 B.Sunderland kick), 9-34, 03:46

MINNESOTA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Darius Taylor	14	63	7	56	3	27	4.0
TJ Thomas	7	54	2	52	0	20	7.4
Xavier Ford	3	15	0	15	1	10	5.0
Ryan Estrada	3	11	1	10	0	10	3.3
Passing	C-A-I		Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Drake Lindsey	19-24-0		264	1	55	0	
Max Shikenjanski	3-3-0		50	0	33	0	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Javon Tracy	7	5	98	60	0	55	
Noah Jennings	4	3	57	16	0	28	
Darius Taylor	3	3	31	23	0	19	
Jalen Smith	3	3	26	8	0	15	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Tom Weston	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Javon Tracy	4	167	2	87
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Braiden Stevens	1	26	0	26
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Ryan Estrada	1	11	0	11
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
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Maverick Baranowski	1-5	6	0.0	1.0
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TJ Bush Jr.	2-2	4	1.0	1.5
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Zack Harden	2-2	4	0.0	1.5
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Emmanuel Karmo	1-2	3	0.0	0.5
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Scoring Summary report
Mississippi St. vs Minnesota (Sep 12, 2026)
Mississippi St. (2-0) vs Minnesota (1-1)

Date: Sep 12, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 48048

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mississippi St.	14	14	3	7	38
Minnesota	3	3	7	0	13

FULL GAME	MSST	MINN
Score	38	13
FIRST DOWNS	28	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-252	15-13
PASSING YDS (NET)	227	279
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	16-22-0	31-48-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	68-479	63-292
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-51
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-62.0	5-38.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	12-115
Possession Time	30:15	29:45
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 10	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-2

MISSISSIPPI ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Fluff Bothwell	18	116	3	113	2	30	6.3
Kamario Taylor	13	94	8	86	0	26	6.6
Kolin Wilson	11	40	6	34	0	9	3.1
Xavier Gayten	3	13	0	13	0	11	4.3
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Kamario Taylor	16-22-0	227	3	39	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Anthony Evans III	9	7	121	47	1	39	
Sanfrisco Magee	4	4	42	22	1	30	
Zion Ragins	4	3	53	15	1	25	
Marquis Johnson	3	1	8	10	0	8	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Ethan Pulliam	1	62	62.0	62	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Tyler Lockhart	4-3	7	1.0	1.0
Jett Jefferson	3-3	6	0.0	0.0
Marcus Williams	6-0	6	0.0	0.0
Dre Riley	3-2	5	0.0	0.0

MINNESOTA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Darius Taylor	6	15	0	15	0	5	2.5
Xavier Ford	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
A.J. Turner	2	5	1	4	0	5	2.0
TJ Thomas	3	3	4	-1	0	3	-0.3
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Drake Lindsey	31-48-0	279	0	34	2		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Noah Jennings	11	7	88	20	0	34	
Javon Tracy	10	7	51	21	0	13	
Jalen Smith	11	5	51	19	0	20	
TJ Thomas	7	4	40	38	0	14	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Tom Weston	5	193	38.6	45	2	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Javon Tracy	1	4	0	10			

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Kerry Brown	6-4	10	0.0	0.0
Maverick Baranowski	7-2	9	0.0	0.0
Mekhai Smith	4-3	7	0.0	0.5
TJ Bush Jr.	3-4	7	0.0	0.5

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	13:12	MSST - #7 Z.Ragins 22 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 5-75, 01:48	7-0
1st	02:58	MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 44 yd FG, 16-58, 10:11	7-3
1st	00:22	MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 5 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 9-75, 02:36	14-3
2nd	11:27	MSST - #13 S.Magee 30 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-72, 02:38	21-3
2nd	04:32	MSST - #3 A.Evans III 15 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 12-76, 05:03	28-3
2nd	00:00	MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 41 yd FG, 11-52, 04:32	28-6
3rd	11:01	MINN - #5 A.West 0 yd fumble return (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 00:26	28-13
3rd	09:53	MSST - #80 K.Ferrie 52 yd FG, 6-41, 01:08	31-13
4th	12:32	MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 3 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 10-96, 04:58	38-13