



2006 FOOTBALL - Game 6 - vs. Miami

Oct. 8, 2006 - 7 p.m. (CDT) - ESPN

Oxford, Ohio - Yager Stadium (24,286)

Huskie Facts

2006 Record	3-2
2006 MAC Record	2-1
Head Coach	Joe Novak
Alma Mater/Year	Miami (OH) 1967
Record at NIU/Year	57-62/11th
Career Record/Year	Same
Location	DeKalb, Illinois
Enrollment.....	25,208
Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors	Cardinal and Black
Stadium	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Capacity	28,000
Surface	Field Turf
President.....	John Peters
Associate VP/Athletic Director	Jim Phillips
Ticket Information.....	815-752-6800
Website	www.niuhuskies.com

2006 NIU Schedule & Results

Sat. 9/2	at #1 Ohio State (ABC)	L, 12-35
Sat. 9/9	OHIO* (Comcast SN)	L, 23-35
Sat. 9/16	BUFFALO* (Comcast SN)	W, 31-13
Sat. 9/23	INDIANA ST. (Comcast SN)	W, 48-14
Sat. 9/30	at Ball State* (Comcast)	W, 40-28
Sun. 10/8	at Miami (OH)* (ESPN)	7 pm
Sat. 10/14	at W. Michigan* (ESPN+)	1 pm
Sat. 10/21	TEMPLE^ (Comcast SN)	2 pm
Sat. 10/28	at Iowa	TBA
Tues. 11/7	TOLEDO* (ESPN2)	6:30 pm
Fri. 11/17	C. MICHIGAN* (ESPNU)	7 pm
Fri. 11/24	at E. Michigan* (Comcast SN)	10 am
Thu., 11/30	MAC Championship (ESPN)	6:30 pm

*MAC Game; ^Homecoming; All Times Central.

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ROAD TRIPI: Northern Illinois' three-game road trip continues with a special Sunday night contest at Miami which will be televised nationally by ESPN. The three-game road trip comes after a three-game homestand. After opening the season with back-to-back losses to No. 1 Ohio State and MAC East foe Ohio, Northern Illinois has won three straight games, over Buffalo, Indiana State and Ball State.

NIU AND NOVAK VERSUS THE MAC: All-time, in 20 total seasons as a member of the league, Northern Illinois owns a record of 78-75-2 (.510) in Mid-American Conference play. Since beginning its second stint in the conference in 1997, NIU and head coach Joe Novak are 43-30 (.589) versus the MAC and the Huskies have claimed at least a share of the Mid-American Conference West Division in four of the last five seasons (2001-2002-2004-2005).

ROAD RECORD: Under Joe Novak, Northern Illinois is 22-36 in road contests over the last 11 years, with 15 of those 22 victories since the beginning of the 2002 season. A year ago, the Huskies compiled a 3-3 road record with wins in their last three road contests of the year - over Kent State (Oct. 22), Central Michigan (Nov. 5) and Toledo (Nov. 16). NIU is 1-1 on the road so far in 2006 after defeating Ball State last week in Muncie and losing to No. 1 Ohio State in the season opener.

MAC ROAD WARRIORS: Northern Illinois plays its second straight Mid-American Conference road game Saturday and is looking to extend a streak of four straight years when it has finished its road league schedule with a .500 or above record. NIU won three of four MAC road contests a year ago and was a perfect 4-0 in both 2002 and 2004. The Huskies went 2-2 in the MAC away from Huskie Stadium in 2003. Since re-joining the conference in 1997, Northern Illinois is 20-16 in MAC road games, but the Huskies are 14-3 (.824) on the road in the MAC over the last four seasons.

LAST WEEK: Tailback Garrett Wolfe exploded for a school-record 353 yards on 31 carries - averaging 11.4 yards per tote - with touchdown runs of 51, 48 and 53 yards, as well as a season-long 75-yard run, to lift NIU to a 40-28 win over Ball State in Muncie. After the Cardinals jumped out to a 14-7 lead early in the second period on a five-yard touchdown pass, Northern Illinois scored 33 straight points to build a 40-14 lead before BSU added a pair of late scores to provide the final margin. The Huskies limited Ball State to 385 total yards, including just 113 on the ground, while earning a season-high 610.

SERIES SUMMARY: Northern Illinois and Miami have met just 11 times since 1970, and have played only four times since NIU re-joined the MAC in 1997. Miami holds a 7-4 lead in the overall series and has won four of the six games played in Oxford. Northern Illinois has won the last two meetings with a 38-27 victory in DeKalb last season and a 48-41 win in Oxford in 2002. Prior to that, the RedHawks won five straight over NIU between 1984 and 1998.

THE LAST TIME....: A year ago in DeKalb, Northern Illinois jumped out to a 28-7 halftime lead and withstood a Miami comeback attempt to claim a 38-27 victory. Garrett Wolfe scored a pair of touchdowns and gained 197 yards while QB Phil Horvath completed a phenomenal 19-of-22 passes for 296 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to standout wide receiver Sam Hurd. The RedHawks were held to just 133 passing yards and 168 on the ground.

WINNING WAYS: Northern Illinois is looking to post its seventh straight winning season in 2006 as the Huskies are currently enjoying their longest string of success since entering the



On The Air

TELEVISION

The Northern Illinois-Miami game will be televised nationally by ESPN beginning at 7 p.m. (Central). Mark Jones will handle play-by-play duties, David Norrie is the color analyst and Stacey Dales provides sideline coverage.

RADIO

The Huskie Sports Network will broadcast the game with the pregame show beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Central). Bill Baker returns for his 27th season as the "voice" of the Huskies while analyst Mark Lindo is in his 22nd season on the broadcast team. Casey Kahler joins the crew this season as the adidas sideline reporter.

The Huskies can be heard in Chicago on WSCR 670 AM The Score and across northern Illinois on the six-station Huskie Sports Network, which includes WLBK-AM 1360 (DeKalb), WSEY-FM 95.7 (Rockford/Freeport/Oregon/Sterling/Dixon), WRMN-AM 1410 (Elgin) and WRHL-AM 1060 (Rochelle).

On the internet, several stations offer streaming audio, including The Score (www.670thescore.com), WRMN (www.wrmn1410.com) and WRHL (www.wrhl.net).

INSIDE HUSKIE SPORTS

Each week, Head Coach Joe Novak and host Brad Hoey review the previous week's highlights and preview the upcoming contest on "Inside Huskie Sports." The 30-minute show airs each Thursday on Comcast SportsNet at 4:30 p.m. with a replay Fridays at 4:30 p.m.

Join Novak and Hoey for the weekly taping of "Inside Huskie Sports" at Fatty's Pub and Grille located at 1312 West Lincoln Highway in DeKalb. The show tapes Mondays at 6:30 p.m. with audience participation and prizes.

NIU LIVE

Join Northern Illinois Athletic Director Jim Phillips, WSCR Sports Director Andy Garcia and members of the Huskie coaching staff (including football coach Joe Novak) weekly on "NIU Live." A 30-minute program highlighting the best in Northern Illinois Athletics, NIU Live airs Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on 670 The Score, a powerful 50,000-watt station which can be heard throughout the Midwest.

COACHES' CORNER

Every Thursday from 12:15-1 p.m., get the latest on the Huskies from NIU Head Coach Joe Novak and host Bill Baker in the "Coaches Corner". The Coaches Corner will originate from The Junction Eating Place prior to road games and from the Holmes Student Center in advance of home contests. The show airs on WLBK 1360 AM in DeKalb.

Huskie Head Coach Joe Novak

Northern Illinois Head Coach Joe Novak is in his 11th season at the helm of the Huskie program, having led NIU to six straight winning seasons and four of the last five MAC West Division crowns. The Ohio native owns a career head coaching record of 57-62 (.479). He led NIU to the school's first bowl appearance in 20 seasons in 2004 with a trip to the Silicon Valley Bowl, where the Huskies defeated Troy. In 2003, he was named the AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year after leading Northern Illinois to a 10-2 overall record with wins over Maryland and Alabama. He was the Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year in 2002.

Novak came to NIU after 12 seasons as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Indiana, during which time the Hoosiers made six bowl appearances. He was the defensive coordinator at Northern Illinois from 1980-83 after coaching stints at Illinois (1977-79) and at his alma mater, Miami (Ohio), from 1974-76. Novak played defensive end for Coach Bo Schembechler at Miami in 1965 and '66. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Miami in 1967 and '68, respectively.



major college ranks in 1969. Head Coach Joe Novak has taken the program from a team that lost 23 straight games from 1996 to 1998 to one that has claimed at least a share of the Mid-American Conference West Division in four of the last five seasons (2001-2002-2004-2005) and won the 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl. NIU won 10 games in 2003 on the heels of an eight-win campaign in 2002, then went on to win nine contests in 2004. The Huskies have claimed four wins over BCS programs since 2001.

MIAMI GRAD: Ohio native Joe Novak takes on his alma mater for the fifth time as the Huskies' head man. Novak, who graduated from Miami in 1967 and earned his master's degree from the school in 1968, is 2-2 versus MU as Northern Illinois' head coach. Novak played on a pair of MAC championship teams at Miami in 1965 and 1966 under legendary coach Bo Schembechler and served as a graduate assistant on Schembechler's staff the next season. Novak also began his full-time collegiate coaching career on the Miami staff from 1974-76 under Dick Crum as that team claimed a pair of MAC titles.

FAMILIAR FACE: The Miami staff features one familiar face in former NIU running backs coach DeAndre Smith, who tutored the Huskie runningbacks, including current Northern Illinois RB coach Thomas Hammock, from 2001-2004. Smith's pupils during his time at NIU also included current San Diego Charger Michael Turner and, in 2004, Garrett Wolfe.

WOLFE, FREE ON THE WEB: Northern Illinois Athletics has launched a pair of websites with extensive information on 2006 all-everything candidate Garrett Wolfe and on Outland and Lombardi candidate Doug Free. The sites are located at www.watchwolfe.com and www.seedougfree.com and include video highlights, complete stats, notes and quotes on the players and links to newspaper articles about them.

RECORD-SETTING: Huskie tailback Garrett Wolfe put on one of the most prolific performances in NCAA history last week at Ball State as he gained a school-record 353 yards on 31 carries with three touchdowns. Wolfe's yardage total ranks as the 13th-highest in NCAA Division I-A history and is the most yards gained in a single game since Robbie Mixon of Central Michigan gained 377 yards versus Eastern Michigan on Nov. 2, 2002. Wolfe also broke the NIU record for single game all-purpose yards with 356 while averaging an insane 11.4 yards per rush. His touchdowns came on runs of 51, 48 and 53 yards and he added a 75-yard run to the Ball State 11-yard line. Amazingly, Wolfe had touchdown runs of 70 and 45 yards called back during the game due to holding penalties.

NUMBER ONE: Garrett Wolfe now ranks first in the nation in rushing yards per game (236.2), all-purpose average (268.0 yards per game) and scoring (14.4 points per game). His rushing average ranks 75 yards per game ahead of Rutgers' Ray Rice (161.2 ypg), his all-purpose average is 72.25 yards better than Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson and he is scoring 1.2 points per game more than a quartet of players on the scoring chart. Wolfe owns the No. 1 (353 vs. Ball State), No. 2 (263 vs. Buffalo), No. 10 (198 yards vs. Indiana State) and No. 11 (196 yards vs. Ohio) top rushing games in the NCAA this year. His 356 all-purpose yards last week are the top total in the NCAA this season while his 285 all-purpose yards versus No. 1 Ohio State (171 rushing and 114 receiving) ranks as the No. 3 total in the NCAA this season and his 240 all-purpose yards in the Indiana State game is No. 10 on the list.



BEST EVER: Northern Illinois' Garrett Wolfe has gained more yards (1,181) in the first five games of a season than any player in NCAA Division I-A history. Wolfe became the ninth player to record more than 1,000 yards in the first five games of the season, joining the group that includes Ed Marinaro (Cornell, 1971, 1,026 yards), Ricky Bell (USC, 1976, 1,008), Marcus Allen (USC, 1981, 1,136), Ernest Anderson (Oklahoma State, 1982, 1,042), Barry Sanders (Oklahoma State, 1988, 1,002), Byron Hanspard (Texas Tech, 1996, 1,112), Ricky Williams (Texas, 1998, 1,086) and Troy Davis (Iowa State, 1995, 1,001 and 1996, 1,047) who accomplished the feat twice. Of those players, Wolfe's 2006 total of 1,181 yards is the highest.

PROJECTING: If Wolfe can maintain these rushing numbers (236.2 yards per game) through NIU's 12-game schedule, he would finish the regular season with 2,834 rushing yards, smashing the NCAA Division I-A record set by Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders in 1988, when he gained 2,628 yards. However, Wolfe can break Sanders' mark "simply" by averaging 206.7 rushing yards per game and compiling 1,448 yards in Northern's seven remaining games. Wolfe's current rushing average also threatens Sanders' per-game mark of 238.9 yards.

IN JEOPARDY: The Huskie single season rushing record of 1,976 by LeShon Johnson in 1993, as well as the MAC single season rushing mark of 1,915 by Northern's Michael Turner (2002) are also in jeopardy. Wolfe needs 525 yards to break Turner's NIU career rushing record of 4,941 yards. By passing the 1,000-yard mark at Ball State, Wolfe became the first back in Northern Illinois history to record three straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

IN JEOPARDY 2: For his career, the 5-7, 177-pound Chicago native gains 176.7 yards per game, a mark which would break the NCAA career record for rushing yards per game of 174.6, set by Cornell's Ed Marinaro from 1969-71. NIU's LeShon Johnson, who averaged 150.6 yards per game from 1992-93, is fourth on the NCAA career rushing average list and owns the school record.

ABOVE AVERAGE: Versus Ball State, Wolfe recorded his TENTH STRAIGHT 100-yard rushing game, AND he gained more than 170 yards on the ground for the EIGHTH straight game. That 170+ streak dates back to the Toledo contest on Nov. 16, 2005 and includes contests versus 2005 bowl teams Toledo (177 yards) and Akron (270 yards) as well as Ohio State (171). In his last eight games, Wolfe is averaging 238.1 yards per game rushing with 24 touchdowns.

IN THE ZONE: After scoring three rushing touchdowns last week and compiling seven TDs on the ground in the last two games, Wolfe climbed to the top of the national scoring list AND broke the Northern Illinois records for career touchdowns and career rushing touchdowns. Wolfe, who has scored at least one touchdown in a nation-leading 10 straight games, has 50 total TDs and 45 rushing scores over the last three seasons. He broke the NIU touchdown records set by Michael Turner (2000-2003) last week and his totals now rank third (career touchdowns) and tied for fourth (rushing TDs) in MAC history.

PER CARRY: Not only are Wolfe's season and career per game averages potentially record-breaking, but after averaging 11.4 yards per carry versus Ball State last week, his per carry average in 2006 is up to 9.3 yards per carry, while he is gaining more than SEVEN yards per carry every time he rushed the football.

ACTIVE LEADER: Garrett Wolfe is the active career leader in a multitude of NCAA Division I-A categories including rushing yards (4,417), rushing TDs (45), yards per game (176.7) and yards per carry (7.07), touchdowns (50), points per game (12.0), all-purpose yards (5,146) and all-purpose yards per game (205.8). In fact, he ranks 67.3 yards ahead of the No. 2 man on the all-purpose average list, Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma (138.5)

ONLY SIX: Only SIX of 119 Division I-A teams are currently out-rushing Northern Illinois' Garrett Wolfe, who is averaging 236.2 yards per game on the ground. With 353 yards in the Ball State game alone, Wolfe equalled or surpassed the season total of 11 NCAA Division I-A teams, including Ball State (353), Arizona (342), Virginia (310) and Colorado State (282).

QUICK WORK: Huskie tailback Garrett Wolfe made good use of his time on the field before taking a seat on the bench for most of the second half versus Indiana State. Wolfe gained 198 rushing yards on 22 carries, four of them for touchdowns, and caught a team-leading four passes for 42 yards to lead NIU to a 48-14 rout of Indiana State. Wolfe, who went to the bench after the first series of the second half and NIU owning a 41-0 lead, scored his four TDs in the space of 12 minutes in the first and second quarters. He passed the 100-yard mark in rushing in the first quarter for the second straight game.

Media Information

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Every Tuesday beginning August 29th (except Nov. 7), Northern Illinois Head Coach Joe Novak and Huskie players will meet the media in the Board Room of the Barsema Alumni Center beginning at Noon (Central). Head Coach Novak and three to four Huskie players will be available each week.

The Barsema Alumni Center is located on the corner of Annie Glidden Road and Stadium Drive. Free parking is available (please obtain pass inside the Alumni Center). To request specific players, the teleconference phone number or for directions, please contact Donna Turner (815-753-9513; donnaturner@niu.edu) or David Brauer (815-753-3706; dbrauer@niu.edu).

TELECONFERENCES

On Mondays, Huskie Head Coach Joe Novak will participate in the MAC Football Coaches Teleconference, which runs from 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Central). Novak is scheduled to be on the call from 8:45-8:55 a.m. To get the media call-in number or the number to hear a replay of the call, please contact the MAC or NIU Media Relations Office.

The Northern Illinois Weekly Press Conference will be available via telephone this year. Callers may hear the press conference and ask questions of Novak and the Huskie players. To get the phone number and access code for the NIU press conference, contact the Northern Illinois Media Relations Office.

PHONE INTERVIEWS

To set up phone interviews with Northern Illinois players, reporters are asked to contact NIU Assistant Media Relations Director David Brauer at 815-753-3706. Interviews may be conducted Monday through Wednesday, although players are often difficult to reach Monday as it is their off day.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

In general, NIU practices are closed to the media. Exceptions may be made in special cases - contact Donna Turner, NIU Associate Athletic Director, in advance to request special access. Photographers (still and video) are permitted to shoot the first 30 minutes of practice. Coach Novak, assistant coaches and Huskie players are available to the media following practice on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact a member of the Media Relations staff if you plan to attend practice.

WWW.NIUHUSKIES.COM

Daily releases, quotes from the NIU weekly press conference, the weekly game release, statistics and depth chart will be posted on the internet at www.niuhuskies.com. The complete weekly release will be posted Monday while the press conference quotes will be on-line Tuesday afternoon.



NO PADDING: Head Coach Joe Novak on Garrett Wolfe's stats: "Our whole focus is on winning the football game...Maybe I'm too old-fashioned, but I've got too much respect for this game and for the Heisman Trophy to have any guy get it because he's padding his stats. You can't ever say that about what Garrett has, because his stats haven't been padded and they won't be. This youngster has what he has when the game is important. ... He's had big games against everybody."

EIGHT STRAIGHT: Northern Illinois has now had a 1,000-yard running back in each of the last eight seasons. Garrett Wolfe became the Huskies the latest in the line of 1,000-yard rushers for Northern Illinois as the Huskies have had a player surpass the century mark in each of the last seven seasons. Entering the year, NIU was tied with Minnesota for the second-longest string of 1,000-yard seasons in the nation as the two schools ranked behind only Texas (10 straight 1,000-yard seasons). With 1,656 rushing yards in 2004, 1,580 in just nine games a year ago and having surpassed the 1,000-yard mark already this season, Wolfe followed Michael Turner (2002 and 2003), Thomas Hammock (2000 and 2001) and William Andrews (1999) in the century club.

DIALING LONG DISTANCE: The Huskies have tallied 19 plays of 25 yards or longer this season with 11 of those courtesy of Garrett Wolfe. NIU's senior tailback has eight runs of longer than 46 yards, including a season-long 75-yarder versus Ball State and has caught a pair of long passes, including a 65-yard catch-and-run in the Ohio State game. Versus Ball State, the Huskies tallied three long pass plays as Phil Horvath hit Britt Davis for completions of 41 and 33 yards and completed a 26-yard pass play to tight end Brandon Davis.

HOT HAND OF HORVATH: NIU quarterback Phil Horvath has looked like the 2005 model over Northern Illinois' last two games as the senior has completed 30-of-39 passes for 343 yards versus Indiana State and Ball State. Horvath's completion percentage in those games is 77 percent and he has two TD passes without an interception during that time. His passing efficiency rating over the last two games is a stellar 167.7.

PEREZ AND 41s: Receiver Marcus Perez has recorded a trio of 41-yard plays this season as the sophomore added a team season-long 41-yard punt return versus Indiana State to his 41-yard kickoff return versus Ohio and a 41-yard pass reception in that same game. Perez, who leads NIU in catches (17) and yards (251) this season, has also recorded three touchdown catches, including a spectacular grab in the corner of the endzone at Ball State. His 10.2-yard punt return average ranks fourth in the MAC while his team-leading 20.6-yard kickoff return average is sixth.

MISSING: Northern Illinois has lost a trio of players for the season, including senior starters Alvah Hansbro (CB) and Jake Nordin (TE), and junior back-up running back Montell Clanton. Hansbro suffered a torn right biceps tendon in the Ohio game while Nordin will undergo surgery after fracturing his left leg versus Ball State. Clanton was injured versus Buffalo

By the Numbers

- 1 Garrett Wolfe's current rank on the 2006 NCAA rushing, all-purpose yardage and scoring charts lists.
- 8 Straight seasons with a 1,000-yard rusher for Northern Illinois.
- 9.3 Wolfe's average yards per carry in 2006.
- 12 NIU games scheduled for television broadcast in 2006.
- 14 NIU freshmen who have made their collegiate football debuts this year.
- 22 Tackles credited to NIU linebacker Tim McCarthy by Huskie defensive coaches Saturday at Ball State, a team season high
- 41 Yardage of longest pass play, longest kickoff return and longest punt return for NIU's Marcus Perez.
- 66 Number of Huskie players to see action versus Indiana State.
- 77 Completion percentage of NIU's Phil Horvath over the last two games.
- 112 Division I-A teams who average FEWER rushing yards per game than Garrett Wolfe's 236.2.
- 188.0 Garrett Wolfe's average rushing yards in three games versus Big 10 opponents in 2005 and 2006.
- 2,628 Record-setting single season rushing total of Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders in 1988.

ABOUT.....MIAMI

RedHawks' Facts

2006 Record.....	0-5
2006 MAC Record	0-1
Head Coach.....	Shane Montgomery
Alma Mater/Year	N.C. State 1990
Record at Miami/Years	7-9/2nd
Career Record/Years.....	Same
Location	Oxford, Ohio
Enrollment.....	16,300
Conference	Mid-American
Colors	Red and White
Athletic Director.....	Brad Bates
Stadium	Yager Stadium
Capacity.....	24,286
Surface	Field Turf
Football SID.....	Vince Frieden
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2006 Schedule & Results

8/31	NORTHWESTERN	L, 3-21
9/9	at Purdue	L, 31-38 (ot)
9/16	KENT STATE*	L, 14-16
9/23	at Syracuse	L, 14-34
9/30	at Cincinnati	L, 10-24
10/8	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	8 pm
10/14	at Buffalo*	1 pm
10/21	at Akron*	6 pm
10/28	BALL STATE*	2 pm
11/4	at Western Michigan*	3:30 pm
11/15	at Bowling Green State*	7:30 pm
11/24	OHIO*	Noon

*MAC Game; All Times Eastern.

The Series

Overall	Miami leads 7-4
In Oxford.....	Miami leads 4-2
Under Joe Novak.....	Series Tied 2-2
First Meeting.....	Oct. 3, 1970; MU 48, NIU 0
Last Meeting	Oct. 5, 2005; NIU 38, MU 27

Honors & Awards

GARRETT WOLFE, TB

MAC West Offensive Player of the Week
 Sept. 2 - Ohio State
 Sept. 16 - Buffalo
 Sept. 30 - Ball State
 Walter Camp National Player of the Week
 Sept. 30 - Ball State
 Cingular All-American Player of the Week
 (Nominee) Sept. 30 - Ball State

CHRIS NENDICK, K

MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week
 Sept. 23 - Indiana State

TIM MCCARTHY, LB

MAC West Defensive Player of the Week
 Sept. 30 - Ball State



and underwent knee surgery. Alvah Hansbro, who had started 14 consecutive games for the Huskies, finished his NIU career with 133 tackles, 84 solo, in 38 games. Nordin is a four-year starter who caught 54 passes for 547 yards and had 14 catches in 2006.

SPECIAL GUEST: NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott told the Huskie football team to enjoy "the best time of their lives" when addressing the team after practice during a day-long visit to DeKalb on Thursday, Sept. 14. Lott, an eight-time All-Pro defensive back with four Super Bowl rings earned as a member of the San Francisco 49ers, told that Huskies that he was "honored" to be with them and to treasure above all the relationships built on the football field.

NO WORK: Northern Illinois punter Andy Dittbenner had the quietest day of his career Saturday at Ball State as NIU did not punt in the game. It was the first time in 80 games – since Oct. 2, 1999, a 45-21 NIU win over Buffalo at Buffalo – that Northern Illinois was not forced to punt in a game. Ironically, that was the fifth game of the 1999 season.

GOOD DAY: Huskie kicker Chris Nendick extended his consecutive games scoring streak to 29 games, or every game he has played in his Huskies' career, with 10 points Saturday at Ball State. Nendick kicked a pair of field goals for the second consecutive game and has three two-FG games this season. The junior from Naperville has moved up to sixth on the NIU all-time scoring chart with 216 total points.

BOOMING: Nendick has been not only accurate, but long. The Huskie kicker has recorded touchbacks on 17 of his 32 kickoffs this season, playing a key role in NIU's field position battles. During the Huskies' September homestand, Nendick kicked 15 of his 20 kickoffs well into or through the end zone and he added two more touchbacks and kicked four more to the goal line, at Ball State.

108 STRAIGHT: Huskie kicker Chris Nendick's streak of 108 consecutive PATs came to a halt at Ball State, just four shy of the Mid-American Conference record. Nendick, who was vying to surpass the MAC career mark of 112, set by Miami's John Scott from 1995-98, missed his third extra point try of the game early in the third quarter. Nendick did make two-of-three critical field goals with blasts of 24 and 37 yards. Nendick is now eight-of-11 on field goals this season and has made 33 career threes to rank tied for fourth all-time at NIU.

PLAYING TIME: After jumping out to a 38-0 halftime lead versus Indiana State on Sept. 23, NIU Head Coach Joe Novak was able to get a slew of Northern Illinois' young players into the game in the second half. In all, 66 different players saw action for the Huskies, including 18 who played in their first game of the season. Six offensive linemen saw their first action of the season while running backs Justin Anderson, Cas Prime and Matt Schiffler all got their first carries of the season, with Anderson taking advantage of the opportunity to score his first career TD on a 15-yard run in the third quarter.

34 SCORES AT 0:34: NIU senior defensive end Ken West (#34) scored the first defensive touchdown by a Northern Illinois player in 21 games just 34 seconds into the Indiana State game when he scooped up an errant lateral pass by Indiana State QB Reilly Murphy on the game's first play from scrimmage and ran 11 yards to paydirt. The last score by the Huskie defense came on Oct. 9, 2004 on a 68-yard interception return by Ray Smith versus UCF. West's score was the first fumble return touchdown by the Huskies since Sept. 4, 2004, when Jason Hawkins scored on an 85-yard return at Maryland.

TWELVE ON TV: After the announcement that the Northern Illinois-Western Michigan game has been picked up for broadcast as the MAC Game of the Week on Oct. 14, all 12 of the Huskies' 2006 regular season contests are now expected to be televised. The TV home of the Iowa game on Oct. 28 will not be announced by the Big Ten until mid-October. The Huskies' opener at Ohio State was televised to nearly half (47%) of the country by ABC Sports while ESPN's family of networks will televise three games – the Sunday, Oct. 8 contest at Miami (OH) on ESPN, the game versus Toledo on Tuesday, Nov. 7 on ESPN2 and the Central Michigan contest Friday, Nov. 17 on ESPN. Comcast SportsNet will air four games from DeKalb, including all three September home contests and road games at Ball State and Eastern Michigan. NIU appeared on TV nine times in 2005 and 10 times in 2004.

TV TALLY: In 40 seasons of televised games, Northern Illinois is 46-44-1 all-time on television, including a 24-14 mark since the start of the 2001 season. NIU went 5-4 in its nine television appearances last year and posted an impressive 8-2 mark on TV in 2004. The Huskies appeared on ABC once and on ESPN or ESPN2 four times last season after three ESPN network appearances the previous year.

Where the Huskies Rank

TEAM

Category	Avg.	NCAA/MAC
Rushing Offense	273.60	4/1
Passing Offense	193.40	69/6
Total Offense	467.00	7/1
Scoring Offense	30.80	29/1
Rushing Defense	126.20	62/3
Pass Eff. Defense	159.07	115/12
Total Defense	399.00	103/9
Scoring Defense	25.00	T80/4
Net Punting	30.50	109/10
Punt Returns	9.33	49/6
Kickoff Returns	18.50	85/9
Turnover Margin	+.80	21/2
Pass Defense	272.80	115/11
Passing Efficiency	128.95	56/4
Sacks	1.80	T67/6
Tackles for Loss	4.00	111/12
Sacks Allowed	2.20	T71/5

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing		
Garrett Wolfe	236.20	1/1

All-Purpose Runners

Garrett Wolfe	268.00	1/1
Marcus Perez	95.40	95/9

Scoring

Garrett Wolfe	14.40	1/1
Chris Nendick	8.00	34/3

Field Goals

Chris Nendick	1.60	7/1
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Kickoff Returns

Marcus Perez	20.57	65/6
Britt Davis	19.33	83/8

Punt Returns

Marcus Perez	10.25	35/4
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Punting

Andy Dittbenner	36.89	80/9
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Passing Efficiency

Phil Horvath	134.30	46/4
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Total Offense

Garrett Wolfe	236.20	33/3
Phil Horvath	180.40	66/6

Tackles

Tim McCarthy	11.50	5/2
Keenan Blalark	8.60	41/9



Statistical Comparison

Northern Ill.	Category	Miami
30.8	Points/G	14.4
19 (14-5)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	8 (2-6)
105	First Downs	91
467.0	Total Offense/G	305.0
273.6	Rush Yards/G	73.2
193.4	Pass Yards/G	231.8
3	Turnovers Lost	8
29:33	Time of Possession/G	33:47
41%	3rd Down Conversions	30%
30.5	Net Punting Avg.	36.3
31-54.8	Penalties-Yards/G	34-53.40
25.0	Points Allowed	26.6
18 (6-12)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	15 (9-6)
105	First Downs Allowed	81
399.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	337.4
126.2	Rush Yards/G Allowed	182.2
272.8	Pass Yards/G Allowed	155.2
51%	Third Down Conv. % Allowed	46%
7	Turnovers Gained	8

On the Charts

Where current Huskies rank on some of the school's career charts.

RUSHING YARDS

1. 4,941 Michael Turner (2000-03)
2. **4,417 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)**

SCORING

1. 370 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. **300 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)**
3. 288 Michael Turner (2000-03)
4. 253 John Ivanic (1987-90)
5. 234 Stacey Robinson (1988-90)
6. **216 Chris Nendick (2004-present)**

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

1. 6,038 Michael Turner (2000-03)
2. **5,146 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)**

TOUCHDOWNS

1. **50 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)**
2. 48 Michael Turner (2000-03)

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. **45 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)**
2. 43 Michael Turner (2000-03)

FIELD GOALS

1. 73 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 46 John Ivanic (1987-90)
3. 41 Vince Scott (1980-83)
2. **33 Chris Nendick (2004-present)**

HUSKIE BACKS RATINGS BATTLE: With the Huskies playing a rare Sunday night game, a pair of NIU running backs will be featured on national television Sunday night. On ESPN, of course, Northern Illinois senior Garrett Wolfe will lead his team versus Miami (Ohio) beginning at 7 p.m. (Central) while over on NBC, former Huskie tailback Michael Turner, the man Wolfe is chasing for the school's all-time rushing lead, and his San Diego Chargers meet the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers, of course, are led by RedHawks alum Ben Roethlisberger.

STILL SEARCHING: Despite all of its recent success, including a thrilling 2003 campaign that saw the Huskies burst into the national spotlight with a season-opening overtime win over No. 15 Maryland and go on to claim its biggest road victory ever with a 19-16 win over No. 21 Alabama, one goal that has eluded Northern Illinois is a MAC Championship. Last season ended with the Huskies just 10 seconds shy of that goal as Akron scored on a 36-yard pass play with 10 seconds remaining to hand NIU a heart-breaking 31-30 loss in the MAC Championship game in Detroit.

FREE-DOM INATION: Offensive tackle Doug Free continues to dominate his opponents from his left tackle spot on the Huskie line and is a strong candidate for All-America honors. Free graded out to a phenomenal 95 percent versus Ohio with 62 "plus" plays, seven knockdown blocks and another three "flat back" blocks to put his opponent on his back en route to the highest grade by an NIU offensive lineman this year. Free earned grades of 94 percent for both the Buffalo and Indiana State games. His totals of 43 knockdown blocks and nine flat back blocks on the year lead all Huskie offensive linemen.

FREE HITS FORTY: Senior Doug Free has been a constant on the Northern Illinois offensive line for each of NIU's last 41 games. The Wisconsin native began his starting streak in the opening game of the 2003 season and has been a fixture in the NIU starting line-up ever since. He has made 39 starts at left tackle; at the end of the 2004 season, Free started a pair of games at tight end. Nicknamed "Doug Freak" for his 29-inch vertical jump, 5-second 40 time and 565-pound squat lift, Free is listed as one of the top offensive tackles in the nation by a multitude of preseason publications and as a potential early round draft choice by Mel Kiper. After arriving in DeKalb as a 6-5, 260-pound true freshman, Free is now a 6-7, 315-pound force for the Huskies.

AGAINST THE BEST: Wolfe's 285 all-purpose yards versus No. 1 Ohio State - he gained 171 rushing on 26 carries and collected 114 receiving yards on five catches to surpass the 100-yard mark in both categories in the same game for the first time - was the highest total ever recorded by an NIU back versus a Top 10 opponent. In the game, Wolfe averaged 9.2 yards every time he touched the ball and recorded his career-long 65-yard reception. He gained 155 yards in the first half, with runs of 15 and 22 yards and catches of 31 and 65 yards.

IN A STATE: Northern Illinois faces a team from the "Buckeye State" for the third time this year and will meet four "Ohio" teams in all this season. NIU has played 116 games all-time versus current Division I-A teams from that Midwestern state. That total includes 106 games against Mid-American Conference teams Akron, Bowling Green, Kent State, Miami, Ohio and Toledo, plus contests versus Cincinnati (1-1), Dayton (0-2) and Xavier (3-2). After taking on Ohio State in the season opener and Ohio the following Saturday in the NIU home opener, the Huskies travel to Miami this week and play host to Toledo on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

BIG TEN DEFENSES CRY WOLFE: Ohio State is the third straight Big Ten defense which Garrett Wolfe has shredded in the past two seasons. The Chicago senior has averaged 188 rushing yards per game versus three Big Ten opponents, with single game rushing totals of 245 yards (vs. Northwestern, 9/10/05), 171 yards (vs. Ohio State) and 148 yards (vs. Michigan, 9/3/05). Including the receiving totals, Wolfe has totalled 725 all-purpose yards in those three games (241.7 average) with 12 catches for 161 yards in all.

MAC MEDIA TABS NIU AS PRESEASON FAVORITE: Northern Illinois was picked to win the MAC Championship game on 37 of 50 ballots turned in by members of the MAC News Media Association (MNMA). The Huskies were selected to win the West Division title by 39 of 50 voters, accumulating 286 points to 244 for Toledo, the second place choice in the West. The Rockets earned 10 first-place votes while Western Michigan collected the other first place vote in the West and had 172 total points. .

WATCH LISTS: Wolfe and Free have received most of the preseason accolades for the Huskies and so far, their names appear on several of the "Watch Lists" for some of the nation's most prestigious awards. Wolfe is one of just 35 players on the Walter Camp Player of the Year list and has also been tabbed as a player to watch by the Maxwell Award and was named to the Doak Walker Award list, which goes to the nation's top running back. Free has received recognition on both the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy listings.



Huskies to Watch

1 Garrett Wolfe, TB

5-7, 177, Sr., Chicago, Ill. (Holy Cross)

Doak Walker, Maxwell Award, Walter Camp Award Watch Lists

www.watchwolfe.com

- Broke own school record with 353 yards at Ball State (9-30) and set new NIU career touchdowns standard with 50.
- Owns NCAA record for yards through first five games of season with 1,181 and is one of only nine players to reach 1,000 yards by fifth game of season.
- Leads NCAA Division I-A in rushing (236.2 yards/gm), all-purpose yards (268.0/gm), and scoring (14.4 points/gm).
- Averaging more rushing yards per game than all but six Division I-A teams and is 75 yards per game ahead of second place Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma.
- Owns top two NCAA rushing performances of 2006 (353 and 263 yards) and four of the best 11 totals this season.
- Collected third MAC West Offensive Player of the Week award this month (Sept. 2, 16, and 30) and 10th of career.
- Currently 2nd on NIU career rushing list with 4,417 yards and needs 525 yards to pass career leader Michael Turner.
- Rushed for 170+ yards and is averaging 238.1 yards over the last eight games, a stretch dating back to Nov. 16, 2005 at Toledo.
- Topped the 100-yard plateau in each of last 10 outings.
- Averaging 188 rushing yards/game against last three Big Ten opponents (171 at Ohio State on 9-2-06, 245 at Northwestern on 9-10-05, and 148 at Michigan on 9-3-05).
- Owns pair of 300-yard games, nine 200-yard games, and 19 career 100-yard rushing games with two 100-yard receiving games. Outing at OSU marked first time with 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in same game.
- 2006 Preseason All-American Accolades: *Playboy* (First-team), *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook* (First-team), *Street & Smith's* (Third-team), *Phil Steele's College Football Preview* (Fourth-team).
- Set NCAA I-A conference championship game rushing record with 270 yards against Akron (12-1-05).
- Elected by teammates as one of four 2006 captains.

Wolfe's Career Rushing Stats

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2004	11/6	256	1,656	6.5	18	84	150.5
2005	9/9	242	1,580	6.5	16	76	175.6
2006	5/5	127	1,181	9.3	11	75	236.2
Career	25/20	625	4,417	7.1	45	84	176.8

Wolfe's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2004	11/6	10	117	11.7	3	40	10.6
2005	9/9	20	222	11.1	1	59	24.7
2006	5/5	12	159	13.3	1	65	31.8
Career	25/20	42	498	11.9	5	65	19.9

Wolfe's Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (19)

2004 (7)	Yds.	Att.	TD	Lg
Opp./Date				
vs. Bowling Green St. (9-24)	202	31	3	42
vs. Akron (10-2)	110	11	2	49
at Central Florida (10-9)	142	29	1	16
vs. Central Michigan (10-16)	226	37	4	27
at Western Michigan (10-23)	185	20	1	78
at Ball State (10-30)	280	36	3	84
at Eastern Michigan (11-20)	325	43	2	70

2005 (7)	Yds.	Att.	TD	Lg
Opp./Date				
at Michigan (9-3)	148	17	1	76
at Northwestern (9-10)	245	34	3	41
vs. Miami (10-5)	197	31	2	26
vs. Eastern Michigan (10-15)	153	21	1	47
at Toledo (11-16)	177	29	2	64
vs. Western Michigan (11-23)	277	36	5	61
vs. Akron (12-1)	270	42	2	62

2006 (5)	Yds.	Att.	TD	Lg
Opp./Date				
at Ohio State (9-2)	171	26	0	51
Ohio (9-9)	196	24	2	46
Buffalo (9-16)	263	24	2	68
Indiana State (9-23)	198	22	4	49
Ball State (9-30)	*353	31	3	75

bold denotes school record; *denotes NCAA season high

Wolfe's Career 100-Yard Receiving Games (2)

2005 (1)	Yds.	No.	TD	Lg
Opp./Date				
at Akron (9-24)	112	6	1	59

2006 (1)	Yds.	Att.	TD	Lg
Opp./Date				
at Ohio State (9-2)	114	5	1	65

Wolfe's Career Game Highs

Rushing

Attempts: 43, at Eastern Michigan, 11-20-04
 Yards: 353, at Ball State, 9-30-06
 TDs: 5, vs. Western Michigan, 11-23-05
 Long Gain: 84, at Ball State, 10-30-04

Receiving

Catches: 6, at Akron, 9-24-05
 Yards: 114, at Ohio State, 9-2-06
 TDs: 1, five times, last at Ohio State, 9-2-06
 Long Gain: 65, at Ohio State, 9-2-06

What They Say About Wolfe

"Garrett Wolfe is No. 1 on my Heisman ballot, because he has been the best player in America so far this year. Some people will choose to ignore him because of the conference he plays in, but that doesn't hold water when a guy has already gained 285 yards against Ohio State. If he keeps this up, he deserves consideration for the Trophy, not just for a trip to New York." - **MARK MAY, ESPN**

"Garrett Wolfe is absolutely a Heisman candidate. Those who think he isn't haven't watched college football."

- **DENNIS DODD, CBS SportsLine.com**



Huskies to Watch

62 Doug Free, OT

6-7, 312, Sr., Manitowoc, Wis. (Lincoln)

Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award Watch Lists

www.seedougfree.com

- ▶ Ranks in NCAA top-five with 41 consecutive starts.
- ▶ Starter in all 41 games of collegiate career, 39 at left tackle. Made two starts at TE at end of 2004 season.
- ▶ Grading out at 93% in 2006 and owns 43 knockdown blocks and nine flat backs this season.
- ▶ Posted grade of 92% or higher and eight or more knockdown blocks in four of five games this season.
- ▶ Recorded five knockdown blocks and an 88% overall grade at Ohio State (9-2). Totaled 10 knockdowns, three flat backs and 95% grade against Ohio (9-9). Had 11 knockdowns, four flat backs, and 94% grade vs. Buffalo (9-16). Graded 94% with eight knockdowns vs. Indiana St. (9-23). Posted 92% grade with nine knockdowns at Ball St. (9-30).
- ▶ Elected by teammates as one of four 2006 team captains.
- ▶ Graded out to a 91 percent mark for the 2005 campaign and accumulated 13 "flat back" blocks and 49 knockdowns.
- ▶ Earned nickname "Doug Freak" from teammates for his athletic ability. Runs the 40 in 5.0 seconds and posted a 29-inch vertical jump and 565-pound power squat.

Free's Career Blocking Stats

Year	G/GS	Knockdowns	Flatbacks
2003	12/12	39	1
2004	12/12	67	17
2005	12/12	49	13
2006	5/5	43	9
Career	41/41	198	40

What They Say About Free

"I have always been very high on Doug Free. He is a tremendous physical specimen, is very light on his feet for his size, and is an explosive run blocker. He has the chance to be a first or second rounder in the 2007 draft." - **Mel Kiper, Jr.**

"No question, Doug has the talent to play on Sundays. He can really run. You just don't see many offensive linemen that can run at that size like he can. What's impressive is he will sit back in pass protection and then we'll throw the ball down the field and he'll run downfield and block a safety. You just don't see kids who can do that. He's special." - **JOE NOVAK, NIU Head Coach**

"The rest of the college football world is finally starting to recognize how good the 6-7, 302-pound senior is. Free will be a 10-year NFL cog and an early first day draft pick next year thanks to his freakish combination of tight end speed and defensive tackle strength. It'll be his quickness and athleticism that gets him the big payday." - **CollegeFootballNews.com**

3 Phil Horvath, QB

6-3, 197, Sr., Naperville, Ill. (Central)

- ▶ Connected on 30-of-39 passes (77%) for 343 yards with two TDs and 167.7 efficiency rating over last two games.
- ▶ Completed 20-of-27 attempts for 252 yards and two touchdowns at Ball State (9-30).
- ▶ Connected on 10-of-12 attempts vs. Indiana State (9-23).
- ▶ Completed 12-of-19 for 156 yards and TD vs. Buffalo (9-16).
- ▶ Totaled 261 passing yards and one touchdown against Ohio (9-9).
- ▶ Led NCAA Division I-A in completion pct. (70.6) and ranked sixth in passing efficiency (159.5) last season.
- ▶ Set NIU game records for passing yards (486) and total offense (477) against Akron (9-24-05) and posted new standards for season completion percentage and consecutive completions (13) during the 2005 campaign.
- ▶ One of only five Huskies to top 2,000 passing yards in a season.
- ▶ Totaled 17 career starts (5 in 2006, 9 in '05, 3 in '04).

Horvath's Career Passing Stats

Year	G/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Lg	Y/Gm	Eff.
2004	7/3	72-123-7	58.5	954	6	45	136.3	128.4
2005	9/9	168-238-8	70.6	2,001	18	60	222.3	159.5
2006	5/5	76-125-2	60.8	945	5	65	189.0	134.3
Career	21/17	316-486-17	65.0	3,900	29	65	185.7	145.1

Horvath's Career 250-Yard Passing Games (6)

2004 (1)

Opp./Date	Yds.	Comp	Att	TD
at Iowa State (9-18)	285	20	33	3

2005 (3)

Opp./Date	Yds.	Comp	Att	TD
at Northwestern (9-10)	283	24	36	1
at Akron (9-24)	486	39	52	6
vs. Miami (10-5)	296	19	22	2

2006 (2)

Opp./Date	Yds.	Comp	Att	TD
vs. Ohio (9-9)	261	19	41	1
at Ball State (9-30)	252	20	27	2

Horvath's Career Game Highs

Passing

Attempts:	52, at Akron, 9-24-05
Completions:	39, at Akron, 9-24-05
Yards:	486, at Akron, 9-24-05
TDs:	6, at Akron, 9-24-05
Long Gain:	65, at Ohio State, 9-2-06



Huskies to Watch

5 Marcus Perez, WR

5-11, 170, So., Elkhart, Ind. (Central)

- ▶ Caught 16-yard touchdown pass in five-catch outing at Ball State (9-30).
- ▶ Set career highs with six receptions and 91 yards against Buffalo (9-16).
- ▶ Totaled four catches for 87 yards vs. Ohio (9-9).
- ▶ Averaging 20.6 yards on kickoff returns and 10.2 on punt returns this season.

Perez's Career Receiving Stats

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Y/Gm
2004	12/3	10	166	16.6	0	44	13.8
2006	5/3	17	251	14.8	3	41	50.2
Career	17/6	27	417	15.4	3	44	24.5

Perez's Career Game Highs

Receiving

Catches: 6, vs. Buffalo, 9-16-06
 Yards: 91, vs. Buffalo, 9-16-06
 TDs: 1, three times, last at Ball State, 9-30-06
 Long Gain: 44, vs. Southern Illinois, 9-11-04
 Long Kickoff Return: 41, vs. Ohio, 9-9-06
 Long Punt Return: 41, vs. Indiana State, 9-23-06

7 Britt Davis, WR

6-2, 195, So., Broadview, Ill. (Riverside-Brookfield)

- ▶ Coming off career-high performance with 115 yards on five catches and had career-long 41-yard reception at Ball State (9-30).
- ▶ Second on team in receptions and yards and has six kickoff returns for 116 yards (19.3 avg.).
- ▶ Caught five passes at top-ranked Ohio State (9-2) and matched that total the following week against Ohio (9-9).
- ▶ Set NIU freshman record with 42 catches in 2005.

Davis' Career Receiving Stats

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Y/Gm
2005	12/9	42	441	10.5	3	38	36.8
2006	5/5	16	191	11.9	0	41	38.2
Career	17/14	58	632	10.9	3	41	37.2

Davis' Career Game Highs

Receiving

Catches: 8, vs. Ball State, 10-29-05
 Yards: 115, at Ball State, 9-30-06
 TDs: 1, three times, last vs. Ball State, 10-29-05
 Long Gain: 41, at Ball State, 9-30-06

25 Chris Nendick, K

5-11, 180, Jr., Naperville, Ill. (Central)

- ▶ Named MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week after 12 points (2 FG and 6 PATs) vs. Indiana St. (9-23).
- ▶ Scored in a school-record 29 consecutive games.
- ▶ Posted MAC's second-longest consecutive active PAT streak (106) from 2004-06.
- ▶ Ranks 3rd in NIU kick-scoring and 6th in scoring history.

Nendick's Career Stats

Scoring

Year	GP	PAT	FG-A	Lg	Pts
2004	12	51-52	16-21	47	99
2005	12	50-50	9-13	52	77
2006	5	16-17	8-11	38	40
Career	28	117-119	33-45	52	216

FGs by Range

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2004	0-0	7-7	7-10	2-4	0-0
2005	0-0	4-4	2-4	2-4	1-1
2006	0-0	2-2	6-8	0-1	0-0
Career	0-0	13-13	15-22	4-9	1-1

Nendick's Career Game Highs

PATs: 8, at Western Michigan, 10-23-04
 FGs: 3, three times, last vs. Akron (MAC), 12-1-05
 Points: 12, twice, last vs. Indiana State (9-23-06)
 Long FG: 52, vs. Akron (MAC Championship), 12-1-05

33 Keenan Blalark, LB

5-10, 228, Sr., Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)

- ▶ Second on team with 43 tackles and has one TFL.
- ▶ Had eight tackles, including five solo, at Ball State (9-30).
- ▶ Racked up 14 stops with one TFL against Buffalo (9-16).
- ▶ Has 15 career starts, including the last nine consecutively.
- ▶ Third on team with 95 tackles in 2005.

Blalark's Career Defensive Stats

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF/FR	Int.
2004	7/0	7	3	10	1/2	1/2	0/0	0/0
2005	11/10	57	38	95	4/6	0/0	0/1	1/6
2006	5/5	18	25	43	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0
Career	23/15	82	66	138	6/9	1/2	0/1	1/6

Blalark's Career Game Highs

Tackles: 14, vs. Buffalo, 9-16-06
 Interceptions: 1, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-5-05



Huskies to Watch

34 Ken West, DE

6-1, 243, Sr., Calumet City, Ill. (Thornwood)

- Leads MAC with three fumble recoveries.
- Scored first touchdown of career on 11-yard fumble return against Indiana State (9-23).
- Racked up a sack, a forced fumble and a pass break up against Buffalo (9-16).
- Had forced fumble and fumble recovery vs. Ohio (9-9).
- Elected by teammates as one of four 2006 team captains.
- Twice tied NIU record with 3 sacks in a game.

West's Career Defensive Stats

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF/FR	Int.
2003	10/0	7	3	10	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0
2004	11/8	21	9	30	10/52	8/48	3/0	0/0
2005	11/11	31	24	55	4/16	3/13	0/1	0/0
2006	5/5	5	6	11	1/2	1/2	2/3	0/0
Career	37/24	64	42	106	16/72	12/63	5/4	0/0

West's Career Game Highs

Tackles: 7, three times, last vs. Ball State, 10-29-05
 TFLs: 3, twice, last at Central Florida, 10-9-04
 Sacks: 3, twice, last at Central Florida, 10-9-04

53 Tim McCarthy, LB

6-0, 235, So., Neenah, Wis. (Neenah)

- Reigning MAC West Defensive Player of the Week after 14-tackle performance at Ball State. Unofficially recorded 22 tackles (14 solo) according to coaches' film review.
- Leads team and ranks second in MAC with 46 tackles despite missing Sept. 23 game. Tied for team lead with two tackles for loss.
- Posted 12 tackles against Ohio (9-9) and followed with 11 stops vs. Buffalo (9-16).
- Had nine tackles, fumble recovery and pass break up at Ohio State (9-2).
- Ranked second on team with 101 tackles in 2005.
- Freshman All-America by *Football Writers Association of America* and Honorable Mention by *The Sporting News*.

McCarthy's Career Defensive Stats

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF/FR	Int.
2005	12/6	64	37	101	3/13	1/10	1/2	0/0
2006	4/4	22	24	46	2/5	0/0	0/1	0/0
Career	16/10	86	61	147	5/18	1/10	1/3	0/0

McCarthy's Career Game Highs

Tackles: 17, vs. Ball State, 10-29-05
 TFLs: 1, five times, last at Ball State, 9-30-06

35 Dustin Utschig, FS

5-10, 196, Sr., Winneconne, Wis. (Fox Valley Lutheran)

- Team leader with three pass break ups and ranks third with 35 total tackles.
- Had 7 tackles and 2 pass break ups vs. Buffalo (9-16).
- Recorded 10 tackles and forced fumble vs. Ohio (9-9).
- Started 16 consecutive games.
- Elected by teammates as one of four 2006 team captains.
- Led MAC with 121 tackles in 2005 and placed eighth with three interceptions.
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week after totaling 15 tackles and two interceptions at Toledo (11-16-05).
- Named Special Teams MVP after blocking punt at 2004 Silicon Valley Football Classic.

Utschig's Career Defensive Stats

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL	Sacks	FF/FR	Int.
2003	12/0	13	4	17	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0
2004	10/0	12	1	13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
2005	11/11	88	33	121	0/0	0/0	2/0	3/50
2006	5/5	15	20	35	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0
Career	38/16	128	57	185	0/0	0/0	4/1	3/50

Utschig's Career Game Highs

Tackles: 15, at Toledo, 11-16-05
 Interceptions: 2, at Toledo, 11-16-05



Game Summaries



GAME ONE #1 Ohio State 35 Northern Illinois 12

September 2 - ABC TV
Ohio Stadium (103,896)
Columbus, Ohio

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NIU	0	3	3	6	-	12
OSU	21	7	0	7	-	35

Garrett Wolfe put the nation on notice by amassing 285 all-purpose yards, recording 171 on the ground and 114 receiving, but NIU could not overcome an early 28-0 deficit at top-ranked Ohio State in the season opener at "The Horseshoe."

Three first quarter touchdown passes by Troy Smith, including a pair to Ted Ginn, Jr., put the Buckeyes up 21-0 early. Chris Nendick added field goals from 35 and 37 yards in the second and third quarters to get the Huskies on the board and Wolfe scored NIU's lone touchdown of the afternoon on a four-yard reception from Phil Horvath in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring for the Cardinal and Black.

For the first time in his career, Wolfe topped the century mark in rushing and receiving yards in the same game, posting the 15th 100-yard rushing effort and second 100-yard receiving effort as a Huskie. Also in the game, Wolfe moved into fourth-place on the career rushing yardage list, passing LeShon Johnson.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

OSU - Ginn, Jr. 5 pass from Smith (Pettrey kick), 8:24 (8-66, 3:53)
OSU - Ginn, Jr. 58 pass from Smith (Pettrey kick), 6:38 (1-58, 0:13)
OSU - Gonzalez 15 pass from Smith (Pettrey kick), 3:15 (3-20, 1:34)

2nd Quarter

OSU - C. Wells 8 run (Pettrey kick), 14:55 (5-43, 1:11)
NIU - Nendick 35 FG, 6:16 (9-48, 3:05)

3rd Quarter

NIU - Nendick 37 FG, 8:39 (10-60, 5:06)

4th Quarter

OSU - Pittman 1 run (Pettrey kick), 14:58 (6-38, 2:15)
NIU - Wolfe 4 pass from Horvath (run failed), 10:27 (10-71, 4:31)

GAME STATISTICS

Rushing

NIU: Wolfe 26-171, Clanton 2-12, Nicholson 1-(-8), Horvath 4-(-21).
OSU: Pittman 19-111, C. Wells 10-50, M. Wells 5-15, Smith 1-(-1), Zwick 1-(-2).

Passing

NIU: Horvath 15-26-1, 185, Nicholson 1-4-0, 7.
OSU: Smith 18-25-0, 297, Zwick 2-2-0, 18.

Receiving

NIU: Wolfe 5-114, Britt Davis 5-23, Nordin 3-37, Clanton 2-4, Carter 1-14.
OSU: Ginn, Jr. 4-123, Gonzalez 4-53, Robiskie 3-32, Small 3-19, Nicol 2-14, Hartline 1-32, M. Wells 1-30, Dukes 1-12, Pittman 1-0.

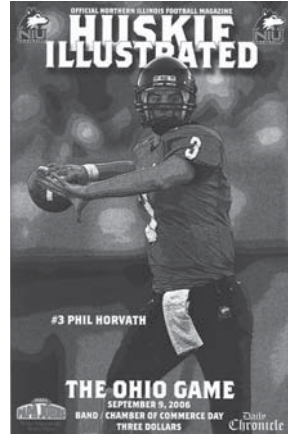
Tackle Leaders

NIU: Al. Hansbro 9, McCarthy 9, Ad. Hansbro 8, Pruitt 6, Utschig 6, Blalark 6.
OSU: Mitchell 10, Freeman 9, Russell 6, Gholston 5.

Weather: 61 degrees, partly cloudy.

Wind: NNW 5 mph.

Time of Game: 2:51



GAME TWO Ohio 35 Northern Illinois 23

September 9 - Comcast SportsNet
Huskie Stadium (19,341)
DeKalb, Ill.

	1	2	3	4		T
OU	7	7	14	7	-	35
NIU	14	3	0	6	-	23

The Huskies took an early 17-7 advantage but were unable to withstand an Ohio rally in the MAC opener. Garrett Wolfe continued his ground assault by rushing for 196 yards to move into third place on the NIU career list and added two touchdowns in the contest.

Wolfe opening the scoring on a 21-yard first quarter scamper and added a 46-yard TD run late in the period. Chris Nendick's 36-yard field goal put the home team ahead 17-7 midway through the second stanza. From there Ohio running back Calvin McRae scored three touchdowns, two on the ground, and quarterback Austen Everson went on to total a career-high 322 passing yards and three touchdowns.

NIU trimmed the deficit to 28-23 in the fourth quarter when Phil Horvath completed a 14-yard scoring strike to Marcus Perez, but could draw no closer and the Bobcats added a late score to preserve the win.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 21 run (Nendick kick), 6:35 (6-73, 2:20)
OU - Norwood 63 pass from Everson (Lasher kick), 4:21 (4-80, 2:08)
NIU - Wolfe 46 run (Nendick kick), 3:07 (2-54, 0:58)

2nd Quarter

NIU - Nendick 36 FG, 8:50 (7-22, 2:10)
OU - Sylvan 16 pass from Everson (Lasher kick), 0:20 (10-69, 4:34)

3rd Quarter

OU - McRae 4 run (Lasher kick), 7:52 (12-85, 4:39)
OU - McRae 58 pass from Everson (Lasher kick), 3:32 (3-75, 1:19)

4th Quarter

NIU - Perez 14 pass from Horvath (pass failed), 13:30 (3-64, 0:45)
OU - McRae 24 run (Lasher kick), 2:31 (6-67, 2:47)

GAME STATISTICS

Rushing

OU: McRae 17-106, Everson 8-41, Abrams 4-15, Owens 3-9, Garrett 3-5, Morsillo 1-2.
NIU: Wolfe 24-196, Horvath 2-5.

Passing

OU: Everson 23-31-0, 322, Bower 2-3-0, 10.
NIU: Horvath 19-41-0, 261.

Receiving

OU: McRae 5-98, Sylvan 5-51, Norwood 4-87, Nwokocha 4-27, Mayle 2-35, Abrams 2-4, Price 1-15, Fitzgerald 1-8, Riley 1-7.
NIU: Britt Davis 5-53, Perez 4-87, Nordin 4-45, Brandon Davis 2-36, Simon 2-32, Carter 2-8.

Tackle Leaders

OU: Koenig 8, Ward 7, Wright 7, Munxy 6, Meyers 3, Russ 3, Mitchell 3.
NIU: McCarthy 12, Utschig 10, Ad. Hansbro 9, Reiter 9, Blalark 8, Hanson 8.

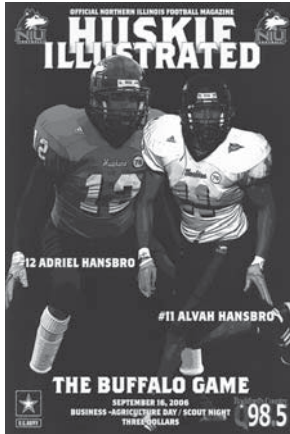
Weather: 72 degrees, partly cloudy.

Wind: NE 12-17 mph.

Time of Game: 2:55



Game Summaries



GAME THREE Northern Illinois 31 Buffalo 13

September 16 - Comcast SportsNet
Huskie Stadium (21,117)
DeKalb, Ill.

	1	2	3	4		T
UB	0	0	7	6	-	13
NIU	14	3	0	14	-	31

Northern Illinois raced to an early 17-0 lead behind two first-quarter touchdowns, a 49-yard run by Garrett Wolfe and a five-yard strike from Phil Horvath to Marcus Perez, en route to a 31-13 victory over Buffalo.

Wolfe rushed for 263 yards in the contest while Perez caught a career-high six passes for 91 yards. NIU scored on its first three possessions and the Huskies defense recorded four sacks in the game.

The Bulls pulled within 17-7 in the third quarter, but the Huskies answered with second-half touchdown runs from Wolfe, a 68-yarder, and Montell Clanton, a 58-yarder, to put the game out of reach.

NIU's offense racked up 500 yards on the night, including 344 on the ground. Quarterback Phil Horvath completed 12 passes for 156 yards with one TD as the Huskies earned their first win of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 49 run (Nendick kick), 11:48 (2-57, 0:54)
NIU - Perez 5 pass from Horvath (Nendick kick), 4:57 (10-69, 4:47)

2nd Quarter

NIU - Nendick 26 FG, 11:10 (10-71, 3:43)

3rd Quarter

UB - King 1 run (Packwood kick), 5:27 (15-91, 7:08)

4th Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 68 run (Nendick kick), 14:48 (1-68, 0:12)
NIU - Clanton 58 run (Nendick kick), 2:15 (3-70, 1:43)
UB - Breaux 28 pass from Willy (kick blocked), 0:42 (5-80, 1:25)

GAME STATISTICS

Rushing

UB: Starks 15-69, King 8-27, Willy 8-3, Roosevelt 1-0.
NIU: Wolfe 24-263, Clanton 10-93, Horvath 2-(-12).

Passing

UB: Willy 25-41-0, 250.
NIU: Horvath 12-19-1, 156.

Receiving

UB: Breaux 8-104, Upshaw 4-44, Rice 4-31, Roosevelt 3-28, Starks 2-11, King 2-10, Jackson 1-15, Hamlin 1-7.
NIU: Perez 6-91, Nordin 3-38, Brandon Davis 1-12, Simon 1-11, Carter 1-4.

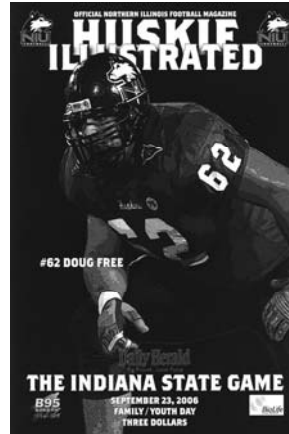
Tackle Leaders

UB: Guzman 10, Ervin 9, Byrom 9, Hawkins 5, Scott 5, Bublavi 5.
NIU: Blalark 14, McCarthy 11, Utschig 7, Hanson 7, Rice 6, Ad. Hansbro 5.

Weather: 77 degrees, clear.

Wind: SE 17 mph.

Time of Game: 2:34



GAME FOUR Northern Illinois 48 Indiana State 14

September 23 - Comcast SportsNet
Huskie Stadium (19,720)
DeKalb, Ill.

	1	2	3	4		T
ISU	0	0	0	14	-	14
NIU	28	10	10	0	-	48

Northern Illinois scored early and often against Indiana State beginning with a fumble return for a touchdown by Ken West on the game's first play from scrimmage. Garrett Wolfe went on to add four rushing touchdowns from there, staking the Huskies to 28-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and a 38-0 advantage at halftime.

Wolfe, who totaled 198 rushing yards, was pulled after the first series of the second half. Backups Cas Prime and Justin Anderson made the most of their playing time by combining for 126 more yards on the ground.

The Huskie defense limited the Sycamores to just 89 yards of offense and five first downs during the first half. NIU rolled up an impressive 420 total yards of offense, including 344 by rushing with an average of 6.0 per carry.

Kicker Chris Nendick racked up 12 points on the afternoon as NIU rolled to a 48-14 victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

NIU - West 11 fumble return (Nendick kick), 14:26
NIU - Wolfe 12 run (Nendick kick), 9:10 (6-65, 2:51)
NIU - Wolfe 17 run (Nendick kick), 3:35 (9-65, 3:30)
NIU - Wolfe 1 run (Nendick kick), 2:05 (3-36, 0:49)

2nd Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 6 run (Nendick kick), 13:47 (5-25, 1:50)
NIU - Nendick 32 FG, 1:58 (4-2, 2:20)

3rd Quarter

NIU - Nendick 38 FG, 11:50 (7-55, 2:58)
NIU - Anderson 15 run (Nendick kick), 1:27 (4-47, 1:37)

4th Quarter

ISU - Murphy 1 run (Hooper kick), 10:12 (15-80, 6:10)
ISU - Berman 20 pass from Schmidt (Hooper kick), 2:18 (8-81, 2:18)

GAME STATISTICS

Rushing

ISU: West 15-62, Gates 8-47, Berman 3-7, Schmidt 1-6, Logan 1-2.
NIU: Wolfe 22-198, Prime 13-73, Anderson 6-53, Nicholson 1-6, Britt Davis 2-2.

Passing

ISU: Murphy 12-23-0, 125, Schmidt 2-3-0, 35.
NIU: Horvath 10-12-0, 91, Nicholson 2-4-0, 15.

Receiving

ISU: Berman 4-44, Thomas 3-15, Jackson 2-47, West 2-34, Logan 2-13.
NIU: Wolfe 4-42, Nordin 3-35, Perez 2-17, Lewis 1-8, Simon 1-4, Britt Davis 1-0.

Tackle Leaders

ISU: Jackson 11, Shaw 9, Archie 9, Price 9, Roberts 7, Jones 6, Logan 6.
NIU: Blalark 7, Pruitt 7, Hanson 6, Rice 6, Ad. Hansbro 6.

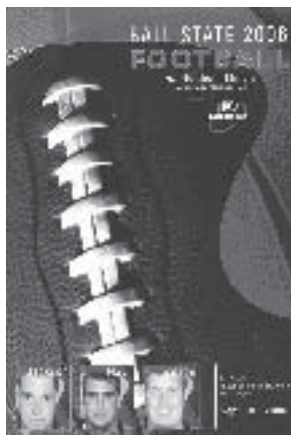
Weather: 63 degrees, cloudy.

Wind: S 6 mph.

Time of Game: 2:44



Game Summaries



GAME FIVE Northern Illinois 40 Ball State 28

September 30 - Comcast SportsNet
Scheumann Stadium (10,128)
Muncie, Ind.

	1	2	3	4		T
NIU	7	7	16	10	-	40
BSU	7	7	0	14	-	28

Garrett Wolfe had a record-breaking night and helped the Huskies break a 14-14 half-time tie en route to a 40-28 during a game that included a 53-minute weather delay.

Wolfe established a new NIU record with 353 rushing yards, eclipsing his own school mark of 325, while setting a new career touchdowns standard with his 50th. Also in the game, the tailback became the ninth player in NCAA history to reach the 1,000-yard by the fifth game of a season and set a new record with the most yards through five games (1,181).

The Huskies rolled up a season-best 610 yards of total offense, including 358 on the ground. Phil Horvath completed 20-of-27 passes with two touchdowns to lead an air attack that featured career high games by brothers Britt and Brandon Davis.

After trailing 14-7 early in the second quarter, NIU scored the next 33 points to take a commanding 40-14 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 51 run (Nendick kick), 9:33 (8-79, 3:24)
BSU - Hill 19 pass from Davis (Jackson kick), 5:51 (8-80, 3:42)

2nd Quarter

BSU - Steinhaus 5 pass from Davis (Jackson kick), 14:12 (12-40, 4:28)
NIU - Perez 16 pass from Horvath (Nendick kick), 7:45 (13-74, 6:27)

3rd Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 48 run (kick failed), 12:38 (4-65, 2:22)
NIU - Nendick 24 FG, 7:00 (5-79, 3:16)
NIU - Brandon Davis 11 pass from Horvath (Nendick kick), 2:25 (7-80, 2:43)

4th Quarter

NIU - Wolfe 53 run (Nendick kick), 14:17 (3-65, 1:15)
NIU - Nendick 37 FG, 8:39 (6-16, 4:10)
BSU - Moss 41 pass from Davis (Jackson kick), 5:27 (6-71, 3:12)
BSU - Hill 13 pass from Davis (Jackson kick), 3:47 (9-53, 1:40)

GAME STATISTICS

Rushing

NIU: Wolfe 31-353, Prime 2-5, Horvath 4-1, Britt Davis 2-0, Anderson 2-(-1).
BSU: Lewis 14-79, Bostic 5-17, Lynch 2-7, Salyer 1-0, Davis 4-(-25).

Passing

NIU: Horvath 20-27-0, 252.
BSU: Davis 27-38-0, 298, Lynch 2-2-0, 9.

Receiving

NIU: Britt Davis 5-115, Perez 5-56, Brandon Davis 4-61, Wolfe 3-3, Simon 1-7, Carter 1-6, Nordin 1-4.
BSU: Hill 9-112, Bostic 6-22, Johnson 5-47, Hill 3-23, Moss 2-70, Love 2-25, Steinhaus 2-8.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: McCarthy 14, Blalark 8, Utschig 7, Hanson 7, Pruitt 6, Krutsch 5.
BSU: Sieman 10, Haines 9, Keys 7, Brown 7, Booker 5, McClure 5.

Weather: 68 degrees, partly cloudy.

Wind: NW 12 mph.

Time of Game: 3:08



Statistics

OVERALL TEAM STATISTICS

All Games (as of Sept 30, 2006)

TEAM STATISTICS	NIU	OPP
SCORING.....	154	125
Points Per Game.....	30.8	25.0
FIRST DOWNS.....	105	105
Rushing.....	54	38
Passing.....	46	62
Penalty.....	5	5
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1368	631
Yards gained rushing.....	1498	738
Yards lost rushing.....	130	107
Rushing Attempts.....	188	169
Average Per Rush.....	7.3	3.7
Average Per Game.....	273.6	126.2
TDs Rushing.....	13	6
PASSING YARDAGE.....	967	1364
Att-Comp-Int.....	134-79-2	168-113-0
Average Per Pass.....	7.2	8.1
Average Per Catch.....	12.2	12.1
Average Per Game.....	193.4	272.8
TDs Passing.....	5	12
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	2335	1995
Total Plays.....	322	337
Average Per Play.....	7.3	5.9
Average Per Game.....	467.0	399.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	16-296	15-319
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	12-112	5-75
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	0-0	2-58
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.5	21.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	9.3	15.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	0.0	29.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	3-1	10-7
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	31-274	23-234
Average Per Game.....	54.8	46.8
PUNTS-YARDS.....	18-664	24-1013
Average Per Punt.....	36.9	42.2
Net punt average.....	30.5	35.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	29:33	30:27
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	26/64	35/68
3rd-Down Pct.....	41%	51%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	4/7	3/5
4th-Down Pct.....	57%	60%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	9-59	11-65
MISC YARDS.....	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	19	18
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	8-11	0-3
ON-SIDE KICKS.....	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES.....	18-23 78%	12-14 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS.....	10-23 43%	12-14 86%
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	16-17 94%	17-18 94%
ATTENDANCE.....	60178	114024
Games/Avg Per Game.....	3/20059	2/57012
Neutral Site Games.....	0/0	

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Northern Illinois...	63	26	29	36	154
Opponents.....	35	21	21	48	125

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

All Games (as of Sept 30, 2006)

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Wolfe, Garrett	5	127	1217	36	1181	9.3	11	75	236.2
Clanton, Montell	3	12	107	5	102	8.5	1	58	34.0
Prime, Cas	2	15	82	4	78	5.2	0	20	39.0
Anderson, Justin	5	8	55	3	52	6.5	1	16	10.4
Davis, Britt	5	4	5	3	2	0.5	0	3	0.4
Nicholson, Dan	2	2	6	8	-2	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Schiffler, Matt	1	5	7	9	-2	-0.4	0	4	-2.0
Horvath, Phil	5	15	19	62	-43	-2.9	0	8	-8.6
Total.....	5	188	1498	130	1368	7.3	13	75	273.6
Opponents.....	5	169	738	107	631	3.7	6	24	126.2

PASSING	GP	Effic	C-A-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Horvath, Phil	5	134.30	76-125-2	60.8	945	5	65	189.0
Nicholson, Dan	2	60.60	3-8-0	37.5	22	0	8	11.0
Davis, Britt	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	5	128.90	79-134-2	59.0	967	5	65	193.4
Opponents.....	5	159.03	113-168-0	67.3	1364	12	63	272.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Perez, Marcus	5	17	251	14.8	3	41	50.2
Davis, Britt	5	16	191	11.9	0	41	38.2
Nordin, Jake	5	14	159	11.4	0	25	31.8
Wolfe, Garrett	5	12	159	13.2	1	65	31.8
Davis, Brandon	5	7	109	15.6	1	26	21.8
Simon, Matt	5	5	54	10.8	0	17	10.8
Carter, Jarret	5	5	32	6.4	0	14	6.4
Clanton, Montell	3	2	4	2.0	0	4	1.3
Lewis, Marcus	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Total.....	5	79	967	12.2	5	65	193.4
Opponents.....	5	113	1364	12.1	12	63	272.8

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Perez, Marcus	8	82	10.2	0	41
Turner, Greg	4	30	7.5	0	19
Total.....	12	112	9.3	0	41
Opponents.....	5	75	15.0	0	22

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	2	58	29.0	0	49

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Perez, Marcus	7	144	20.6	0	41
Davis, Britt	6	116	19.3	0	30
Hansbro, Adriel	1	32	32.0	0	32
Davis, Brandon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Turner, Greg	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	16	296	18.5	0	41
Opponents.....	15	319	21.3	0	34

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Antonacci, Anthony	1	6	6.0	0	6
West, Ken	1	11	11.0	1	11
Total.....	2	17	8.5	1	11
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0



Statistics

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
Wolfe, Garrett	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
Nendick, Chris	0	8-11	16-17	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	40
Perez, Marcus	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Anderson, Justin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
West, Ken	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Clanton, Montell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Horvath, Phil	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	19	8-11	16-17	0-1	0	0-1	0	0	154
Opponents.....	18	0-3	17-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	125

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Wolfe, Garrett	5	127	1181	0	1181	236.2
Horvath, Phil	5	140	-43	945	902	180.4
Clanton, Montell	3	12	102	0	102	34.0
Prime, Cas	2	15	78	0	78	39.0
Anderson, Justin	5	8	52	0	52	10.4
Nicholson, Dan	2	10	-2	22	20	10.0
Davis, Britt	5	5	2	0	2	0.4
Schiffler, Matt	1	5	-2	0	-2	-2.0
Total.....	5	322	1368	967	2335	467.0
Opponents.....	5	337	631	1364	1995	399.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-A	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
Nendick, Chris	8-11	72.7	0-0	2-2	6-8	0-1	0-0	38	0

FG SEQUENCE	Northern Illinois	OPPONENTS
Ohio State	(35),(37)	51,44
Ohio	47, (36)	-
Buffalo	(26)	-
Indiana State	(32), (38), 34	43
Ball State	36, (24), (37)	-

Numbers in parentheses indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Dittbenner, Andy	18	664	36.9	49	2	4	6	0
Total.....	18	664	36.9	49	2	4	6	0
Opponents.....	24	1013	42.2	64	3	4	5	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net Yd	YdLn
Nendick, Chris	32	1992	62.2	15	0			
Total.....	32	1992	62.2	15	0	319	42.9	22
Opponents.....	23	1224	53.2	5	0	296	36.0	29

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Wolfe, Garrett	5	1181	159	0	0	0	1340	268.0
Perez, Marcus	5	0	251	82	144	0	477	95.4
Davis, Britt	5	2	191	0	116	0	309	61.8
Nordin, Jake	5	0	159	0	0	0	159	31.8
Davis, Brandon	5	0	109	0	0	0	109	21.8
Clanton, Montell	3	102	4	0	0	0	106	35.3
Prime, Cas	2	78	0	0	0	0	78	39.0
Simon, Matt	5	0	54	0	0	0	54	10.8
Anderson, Justin	5	52	0	0	0	0	52	10.4
Turner, Greg	5	0	0	30	4	0	34	6.8
Hansbro, Adriel	5	0	0	0	32	0	32	6.4
Carter, Jarret	5	0	32	0	0	0	32	6.4
Lewis, Marcus	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Nicholson, Dan	2	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-1.0
Schiffler, Matt	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
Horvath, Phil	5	-43	0	0	0	0	-43	-8.6
Total.....	5	1368	967	112	296	0	2743	548.6
Opponents.....	5	631	1364	75	319	58	2447	489.4

HUSKIE LONG PLAYS

25 yards or more

RUSH (10)

75	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ball State (3rd)
68	Garrett Wolfe vs. Buffalo (4th)
58	Montell Clanton vs. Buffalo (4th)
51	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ohio State (4th)
51	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ball State (1st)
49	Garrett Wolfe vs. Indiana State (3rd)
49	Garrett Wolfe vs. Buffalo (1st)
48	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ball State (3rd)
46	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ohio (1st)
33	Garrett Wolfe vs. Ohio (3rd)

PASS (7)

65	Garrett Wolfe (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ohio State (1st)
41	Britt Davis (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ball State (3rd)
41	Marcus Perez (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ohio (4th)
33	Britt Davis (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ball State (2nd)
31	Garrett Wolfe (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ohio State (1st)
26	Brandon Davis (from Phil Horvath) vs. Ball State (4th)
25	Jake Nordin (from Phil Horvath) vs. Buffalo (2nd)

RETURNS (2)

41	Marcus Perez (kickoff), Ohio (1st)
41	Marcus Perez (punt), Indiana State (1st)

OPPONENT LONG PLAYS

25 yards or more

PASS (8)

63	William Norwood (from Austen Everson), Ohio (1st)
58	Ted Ginn, Jr. (from Troy Smith), Ohio State (1st)
58	Kalvin McRae (from Austen Everson), Ohio (3rd)
41	Terry Moss (from Nate Davis), Ball State (4th)
32	Brian Hartline (from Troy Smith), Ohio State (1st)
30	Maurice Wells (from Troy Smith), Ohio State (1st)
29	Terry Moss (from Nate Davis), Ball State (1st)
28	Terrance Breau (from Drew Willy), Buffalo (4th)

RETURNS (2)

49	Larry Grant (interception), Ohio State (1st)
31	Jamario O'Neal (kickoff), Ohio State (2nd)



Statistics

OVERALL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

All games (as of Sept 30, 2006)

DEFENSIVE LEADERS		GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		QBH	-Fumbles-		Blkd	
			Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Rcv-Yds		FF	Kick	Saf	
53	McCarthy, Tim	4	22	24	46	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
33	Blalark, Keenan	5	18	25	43	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Utschig, Dustin	5	15	20	35	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0-0	1	0	0
12	Hansbro, Adriel	5	16	15	31	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Hanson, Cory	5	10	18	28	2-7	1-5	0-0	1	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
24	Pruitt, Bradley	5	10	14	24	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Reiter, Mark	5	7	13	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
2	Rice, Melvin	5	9	10	19	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
51	English, Larry	5	11	6	17	2-19	2-19	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	1	0	0
11	Hansbro, Alvah	2	9	6	15	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
34	West, Ken	5	5	6	11	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	3-11	2	0	0
69	Krutsch, Alex	5	2	8	10	1-10	1-10	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0
99	Rusch, Craig	2	2	5	7	2-12	2-12	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Benson, Brad	5	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Bryant, David	5	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Williamson, Spencer	5	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Ibarra, Saul	4	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Allen, Josh	4	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
56	Bice, Brandon	4	4	0	4	2-6	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Pittman, Eric	4	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Antonacci, Anthony	4	1	2	3	1-10	1-10	0-0	0	0	0	1-6	0	0	0
95	Oruche, Robert	4	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
42	Tranchitella, John	4	2	0	2	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Schroeder, Adam	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Fontana, Jeff	4	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
16	Biondi, Luke	4	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
57	Larsen, Zach	2	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
55	Kritikos, Mike	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Anderson, Justin	5	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Carter, Jarret	5	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
63	Holycross, Zach	3	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
72	Cooke, Kris	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
60	Brost, Jon	5	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....		5	165	205	370	20-79	9-59	0-0	13	0	0	7-17	4	1	0
Opponents.....		5	170	172	342	43-127	11-65	2-58	11	0	0	1-0	1	0	0



Participation

No.	Name	GP/GS	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
1	Wolfe, Garrett	5/5	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB						
2	Rice, Melvin	5/3	X	X	LCB	LCB	LCB						
3	Horvath, Phil	5/5	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB						
4	Bryant, David	5/1	X	X	X	SLB	X						
5	Perez, Marcus	5/3	X	X	WR	WR	WR						
7	Davis, Britt	5/5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR						
8	Reiter, Mark	5/3	SS	SS	X	X	X						
9	Allen, Josh	4/1	LB	X	X	X	-						
11	Hansbro, Alvah	2/2	LCB	LCB	-	-	-						
12	Hansbro, Adriel	5/5	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB						
13	Adonis, Evans	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
14	Carter, Jarret	5/4	WR	WR	WR	WR	X						
15	Morris, Ryan	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
16	Biondi, Luke	4/0	X	X	X	X	-						
17	Turner, Greg	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
18	Dittbenner, Andy	4/0	X	X	X	X	-						
19	Nicholson, Dan	2/0	X	-	-	X	-						
20	Clanton, Montell	3/0	X	X	X	-	-						
21	Anderson, Justin	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
22	Prime, Cas	2/0	-	-	-	X	X						
23	Ibarra, Saul	4/0	X	-	X	X	X						
24	Pruitt, Bradley	5/3	X	X	SS	SS	SS						
25	Nendick, Chris	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
26	Hanson, Cory	5/4	X	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB						
27	Williamson, Spencer	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
29	Schiffler, Matt	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
32	Fontana, Jeff	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
33	Blalark, Keenan	5/5	SLB	SLB	SLB	MLB	SLB						
34	West, Ken	5/5	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE						
35	Utschig, Dustin	5/5	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS						
40	Tsutsumi, William	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
41	Dungan, Grant	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
42	Tranchitella, John	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
43	Griffin, T.J.	1/0	X	-	-	-	-						
44	Kelly, Tom	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
48	O'Brien, Tommy	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
49	Benson, Brad	5/4	X	NG	NG	NG	NG						
50	Adamski, Eddie	5/5	C	C	C	C	C						
51	English, Larry	5/5	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE						
53	McCarthy, Tim	4/4	MLB	MLB	MLB	-	MLB						
55	Kritikos, Mike	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
56	Bice, Brandon	3/0	X	X	X	-	-						
57	Larsen, Zach	2/0	-	-	X	X	-						
59	Skatrud, Kevin	2/0	X	-	-	X	-						
60	Brost, Jon	5/5	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT						
61	Rogers, Matt	5/4	RG	RG	RG	RG	X						
62	Free, Doug	5/5	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT						
63	Holycross, Zach	4/0	X	-	X	X	X						
64	Wertz, Jake	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
65	Onyebuagu, Jason	5/1	X	X	X	X	RG						
66	Holmes, Tony	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
67	Ellison, Jon	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
69	Krutsch, Alex	5/5	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT						
70	Acevedo, Chris	5/5	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG						
72	Cooke, Kris	1/0	-	X	-	-	-						
73	Gill, Ethan	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
76	Barnett, Montell	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
77	Mayerbock, Tim	2/0	-	-	-	X	X						
78	Keller, Dan	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
82	Williams, Preston	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
83	Cunningham, Reed	1/0	-	-	-	X	-						
85	Simon, Matt	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
86	Nordin, Jake	5/5	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE						
87	Davis, Brandon	5/3	TE	TE	X	X	TE						
88	Beal, Brandon	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
89	Lewis, Marcus	4/0	X	-	X	X	X						
91	Koronkiewicz, David	3/0	-	-	X	X	X						
92	Schroeder, Adam	1/1	NG	-	-	X	-						
95	Oruche, Robert	5/0	X	X	X	X	X						
97	Antonacci, Anthony	4/0	-	X	X	X	X						
98	Pittman, Eric	4/0	-	X	X	X	X						
99	Rusch, Craig	2/0	-	-	-	X	X						

Team Game-by-Game Stats

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Individual Game-by-Game Stats

RUSHING

No-Yds	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
Anderson, Justin	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-53, TD	2-(-1)						
Clanton, Montell	2-9	0-0	0-0	10-93, TD	DNP						
Davis, Britt	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-0						
Horvath, Phil	1-(-8)	2-5	2-(-12)	3-(-16)	4-1						
Nicholson, Dan	4-(-21)	DNP	DNP	1-6	DNP						
Prime, Cas	DNP	DNP	DNP	13-73	2-5						
Wolfe, Garrett	26-171	24-196, 2TD	24-263, 2TD	22-198, 4TD	31-353, 3TD						

RECEIVING

No-Yds	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
Carter, Jarret	1-14	2-8	1-4	0-0	1-6						
Clanton, Montell	2-9	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP						
Davis, Brandon	0-0	2-36	1-12	0-0	4-61, TD						
Davis, Britt	5-23	5-53	0-0	1-0	5-115						
Nordin, Jake	3-37	4-45	3-38	3-35	1-4						
Perez, Marcus	0-0	4-87, TD	6-91, TD	2-17	5-56, TD						
Simon, Matt	0-0	2-32	1-11	1-4	1-7						
Wolfe, Garrett	5-114, TD	0-0	0-0	4-42	3-3						

PASSING

C-A, Yds	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
Horvath, Phil	15-26, 185	19-41, 261	12-19, 156	10-12, 91	20-27, 252						
	TD, INT	TD	TD, INT		2TD						
Nicholson, Dan	1-4, 7	DNP	DNP	2-4, 15	DNP						

PUNTING

No-Avg, In 20	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
Dittbenner, Andy	6-37.8, 0	5-34.6, 1	4-40.5, 3	3-34.0, 2	DNP						

DEFENSE

Solo-Asst-Total	OSU	OU	UB	ISU	BSU	MU	WMU	TU	UI	UT	CMU
Antonacci, Anthony	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-3, SK, FR	0-0-0						
Allen, Josh	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	DNP						
Benson, Brad	1-1-2	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-2-2						
Bice, Brandon	0-0-0	1-0-1, TFL	2-0-2, SK	0-0-0	DNP						
Blalark, Keenan	2-4-6	4-4-8	6-8-14, TFL	1-6-7	5-3-8						
Bryant, David	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-3-3, PBU	0-0-0						
Cooke, Kris	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP						
English, Larry	3-1-4	3-0-3	3-1-4, SK	2-2-4, SK, FF	0-2-2						
Fontana, Jeff	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	1-0-1						
Hansbro, Adriel	5-3-8, PBU	5-4-9	4-1-5	1-5-6, PBU	1-2-3						
Hansbro, Alvah	7-2-9, TFL	2-4-6, TFL	DNP	DNP	DNP						
Hanson, Cory	0-0-0	2-6-8, FR	3-4-7, SK	2-4-6, TFL, PBU	3-4-7						
Holycross, Zach	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0						
Ibarra, Saul	1-0-1	DNP	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-1-1						
Kritikos, Mike	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	DNP						
Krutsch, Alex	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0, BLK	0-2-2	1-4-5, SK						
Larsen, Zach	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1-2	DNP						
McCarthy, Tim	5-4-9, FR	7-5-12, TFL	4-7-11	DNP	6-8-14, TFL						
Oruche, Robert	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0						
Pittman, Eric	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-1-1						
Pruitt, Bradley	4-2-6, TFL	1-1-2	1-2-3, TFL	1-6-7	3-3-6						
Reiter, Mark	2-1-3, FR	4-5-9	0-0-0	0-5-5	1-2-3						
Rice, Melvin	0-2-2	1-1-2	5-1-6	2-4-6	1-2-3						
Rusch, Craig	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-4-5, SK	1-1-2, SK						
Schroeder, Adam	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
Tranchitella, John	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2, 2 TFL	0-0-0						
Utschig, Dustin	3-3-6	4-6-10, FF	3-4-7	0-5-5, PBU	5-2-7						
West, Ken	0-0-0	1-1-2	3-1-4, SK, FF	1-2-3, FR, TD	0-2-2, FR						
Williamson, Spencer	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-2-3	0-1-1						



2006 Superlatives

RUSHING

	NIU Individual	NIU	Opp. Individual	Opponent
Attempts:	31, Garrett Wolfe, at BSU (9-30)	52, vs. ISU (9-23)	19, Antonio Pittman, OSU (9-2)	38, Indiana State (9-23)
Yards:	*353, Garrett Wolfe, vs. BSU (9-30)	358, vs. BSU (9-30)	111, Antonio Pittman, OSU (9-2)	177, Ohio (9-9)
Touchdowns:	4, Garrett Wolfe, vs. ISU (9-23)	5, vs. ISU (9-23)	2, Calvin McRae, Ohio (9-9)	2, OSU (9-2) and Ohio (9-9)
Long Rush:	75, Garrett Wolfe, vs. BSU (9-30)		24, Calvin McRae, Ohio (9-9)	
Yards/Att.:	11.4, Garrett Wolfe vs. BSU (9-30)	9.6 vs. UB (9-16)		4.8, Ohio State (9-2)

PASSING

Attempts:	41, Phil Horvath, vs. Ohio (9-9)	41, vs. Ohio (9-9)	41, Drew Willy, UB (9-16)	41, UB (9-16)
Completions:	20, Phil Horvath, vs. BSU (9-30)	20, vs. BSU (9-30)	27, Nate Davis, BSU (9-30)	28, BSU (9-30)
Yards:	261, Phil Horvath, vs. Ohio (9-9)	261, vs. Ohio (9-9)	322, Austen Everson, Ohio (9-9)	332, Ohio (9-9)
Touchdowns:	2, Phil Horvath, vs. BSU (9-30)	2, vs. BSU (9-30)	4, Nate Davis, BSU (9-30)	4, BSU (9-30)
Long Pass:	65, Horvath to Wolfe, at OSU (9-2)		63, Everson to Norwood, Ohio (9-9)	
Yards/Attempt:		9.3, vs. BSU (9-30)		11.7, Ohio State (9-2)

RECEIVING

Receptions:	6, Marcus Perez, vs. UB (9-16)		9, Darius Hill, BSU (9-30)	
Yards:	115, Britt Davis, at BSU (9-30)		123, Ted Ginn, Jr., OSU (9-2)	
Touchdowns:	1, four times		2, twice	
Long Reception:	65, Garrett Wolfe, at OSU (9-2)		63, William Norwood, Ohio (9-9)	

FIELD GOALS

Made:	2, Chris Nendick, 3 times			
Attempts:	3, Chris Nendick, twice			2, Ohio State (9-2)
Long FG:	38, Chris Nendick, vs. ISU (9-23)			

PUNTING

Total:	6, Andy Dittbenner, at OSU (9-2)		7, twice (Buffalo, Indiana State)	
Average:	40.5, Andy Dittbenner, vs. UB (9-16)		47.2, Chris Miller, BSU (9-30)	
Long Punt:	49, Andy Dittbenner, twice		64, Chris Miller, BSU (9-30)	

RETURNS

Long Punt Ret:	41, Marcus Perez, vs. ISU (9-23)		22, Ted Ginn, Jr., OSU (9-2)	
Long Kick Ret:	41, Marcus Perez, vs. Ohio (9-9)		34, Carl Berman, ISU (9-23)	

DEFENSE

Tackles:	14, Keenan Blalark, vs. UB (9-16)		11, Bryan Jackson, ISU (9-23)	
	14, Tim McCarthy vs. BSU (9-30)			
Sacks:	1, many times	4, vs. UB, (9-16)	2, twice	4, Ohio State (9-2)
TFLs:	2, John Tranchitella vs. ISU (9-23)		3, twice	
Interceptions:			1, twice	

OFFENSE

Total Plays:		68, three times		73, UB (9-16)
Total Yards:		610, vs. BSU (9-30)		509, Ohio (9-9)
Yards/Play:		9.1, vs. UB (9-16)		7.7, Ohio State (9-2)
Points:		48, vs. ISU (9-23)		35, twice
First Downs:		25, vs. ISU (9-23)		24, Ohio (9-9)
Turnovers:		1, four times		2, three times

MISC.

Penalties:		9, vs. BSU (9-30)		8, Indiana State (9-23)
Penalty Yards:		70, vs. BSU (9-30)		90, Indiana State (9-23)

TEAM LOWS

	NIU	Opponent		NIU	Opponent
Rushes	26, vs. Ohio (9-9)	26, BSU (9-30)	Points	12, at OSU (9-2)	13, UB (9-16)
Rushing Yards	151, at OSU (9-2)	78, BSU (9-30)	First Downs	15, at OSU (9-2)	15, ISU (9-23)
Pass Attempts	16, vs. ISU (9-23)	26, ISU (9-23)	Penalties	3, vs. Ohio (9-9)	3, twice
Pass Comp.	12, twice (UB and ISU)	14, ISU (9-23)	Penalty Yards	34, vs. Ohio (9-9)	14, UB (9-16)
Passing Yards	106, vs. ISU (9-23)	160, ISU (9-23)	Plays	63, at OSU (9-2)	63, OSU (9-2)
Turnovers	0, twice (Ohio and ISU)	0, UB, (9-16)	Interceptions By	0, five times	0, three times
Total Offense	343, at OSU (9-2)	264, ISU (9-23)	Sacks By	0, twice	1, Ohio (9-9), BSU (9-30)



The Last Time

NIU Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown...

Michael Turner (93 yards) vs Wake Forest (8-29-02)

NIU Returned a Punt for a Touchdown...

Dan Sheldon (73 yards) vs Akron (10-2-04)

NIU Returned an Interception for a Touchdown...

Ray Smith (68 yards) at Central Florida (10-9-04)

NIU Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown...

Ken West (11 yards) vs. Indiana State (9-23-06)

NIU Scored a Safety...

Kursten Strothman (tackled QB in end zone) at Maryland (9-4-04)

NIU Blocked a Punt...

Dustin Utschig vs Troy at Silicon Valley Football Classic (12-30-04)

NIU Blocked a Punt for a Touchdown...

Ray Smith (block) / Devron Francis (recovered ball in end zone)
vs Tennessee Tech (9-6-03)

NIU Blocked a Field Goal...

Quince Holman at Northwestern (9-10-05)

NIU Blocked a PAT Kick...

Alex Krutsch vs. Buffalo (9-16-06)

NIU Converted a Fake FG for a Touchdown...

Jimmy Erwin (8-yard rush) vs Central Michigan (10-19-02)

NIU Missed a PAT Kick (not blocked)...

Chris Nendick at Ball State (9-30-06)

NIU Shut Out an Opponent...

vs Central Michigan, 49-0 (10-19-02)

NIU Successfully Converted a Two-Point Attempt...

Josh Haldi (run) at Bowling Green State (10-25-03)

An NIU Player Passed for 300 or More Yards...

Phil Horvath (486) at Akron (9-24-05) - **NIU RECORD**

An NIU Player Passed for 400 or More Yards...

Phil Horvath (486) at Akron (9-24-05) - **NIU RECORD**

An NIU Player Rushed for 100 or More Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (353) vs Ball State (9-30-06)

An NIU Player Rushed for 200 or More Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (353) vs Ball State (9-30-06) - **NIU RECORD**

An NIU Player Had a Rush 60 Yards or Longer...

Garrett Wolfe (75) vs Ball State (9-30-06)

Two NIU Players Rushed for 100 Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (110), Adrian Davis (104) vs Akron (10-2-04)

An NIU Player Had 100 or More Receiving Yards...

Britt Davis (115) at Ball State (9-30-06)

An NIU Player Had 10 or More Receptions...

Sam Hurd (12) at Central Michigan (11-5-05)

An NIU Player Had 200 or More Receiving Yards...

Sam Hurd (266) at Central Michigan (11-5-05)

An NIU Player Had 100 Rushing and 100 Receiving Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (171 rushing/114 receiving) at Ohio State (9-2-06)

An NIU Opponent Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown...

Terry Moss (94 yards) of Ball State (10-30-04)

An NIU Opponent Returned a Punt for a Touchdown...

Marquice Cole (81 yards) of Northwestern (9-10-05)

An NIU Opponent Returned an Interception for a Touchdown...

Travonti Johnson (18 yards) of Central Florida (10-9-04)

An NIU Opponent Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown...

Orlando Washington (25 yards) of Marshall (10-6-01)

An NIU Opponent Scored a Safety...

Eastern Michigan (NIU QB tackled in end zone) (10-15-05)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Punt...

Ellis Hobbs of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Punt for a Touchdown...

Ellis Hobbs (block) / LaMarcus Hicks (recovered ball in end zone) of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Field Goal...

Kiki Gonzalez vs Akron of MAC Championship (12-1-05)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a PAT Kick...

Jones Wright of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Missed a PAT Kick (not blocked)...

Jason Swiger of Akron (10-2-04)

An NIU Opponent Shut Out the Huskies...

Iowa 24, Northern Illinois 0 (9-18-99)

An NIU Opponent Passed for 300 or More Yards...

Austen Everson (322) of Ohio (9-9-06)

An NIU Opponent Passed for 400 or More Yards...

Luke Getsy (413) of Akron at MAC Championship (12-1-05)

An NIU Opponent Rushed for 100 or More Yards...

Kalvin McRae (106) of Ohio (9-9-06)

An NIU Opponent Rushed for 200 or More Yards...

Tyrell Sutton (214) of Northwestern (9-10-05)

An NIU Opponent Had a Rush 60 Yards or Longer...

Astin Martin (67) of Toledo (11-23-02)

Two or More NIU Opponents Rush for 100 Yards...

Steve Hookfin (222), Kareem Wilson (124) of Ohio (11-14-98)

An NIU Opponent Had 100 or More Receiving Yards...

Darius Hill (112) of Ball State (9-30-06)

An NIU Opponent Had 10 or More Receptions...

Justin Harper (11) of Central Michigan (11-5-05)

An NIU Opponent Had 200 or More Reception Yards...

Stacy Coleman (215) of Western Illinois (9-21-02)



NIU DEPTH CHART

As of October 1, 2006

Offense

WR	5	Marcus Perez	5-11, 170, So.
	89	Marcus Lewis	6-2, 195, Fr.
LT	62	Doug Free	6-7, 315, Sr.
	66	Tony Holmes	6-6, 293, Fr.-R
LG	70	Chris Acevedo	6-5, 304, Jr.
	59	Kevin Skatrud	6-6, 314, Fr.-R
C	50	Eddie Adamski	6-2, 265, Fr.-R
	65	Jason Onyebugu	6-2, 305, Fr.
RG <i>OR</i>	61	Matt Rogers	6-4, 280, Sr.
	65	Jason Onyebugu	6-2, 305, Fr.
RT	60	Jon Brost	6-6, 296, So.
	78	Dan Keller	6-4, 300, So.
TE <i>AND/OR</i>	87	Brandon Davis	6-4, 261, Jr.
	91	David Koronkiewicz	6-3, 253, So.
QB	3	Phil Horvath	6-3, 197, Sr.
	19	Dan Nicholson	6-2, 194, So.
TB	1	Garrett Wolfe	5-7, 177, Sr.
	21	Justin Anderson	5-11, 203, Fr.
	22	Cas Prime	6-1, 215, Jr.
Z	7	Britt Davis	6-2, 195, So.
	17	Greg Turner	6-0, 186, So.
SL	14	Jarret Carter	6-3, 210, Sr.
	85	Matt Simon	6-2, 199, So.

Defense

LE	34	Ken West	6-1, 243, Sr.
	95	Robert Oruche	6-4, 291, Jr.
NG	49	Brad Benson	6-1, 280, Sr.
	98	Eric Pittman	6-2, 265, Sr.
T	69	Alex Krutsch	6-2, 254, So.
	97	Anthony Antonacci	6-1, 250, Fr.-R
RE	51	Larry English	6-3, 250, So.
	99	Craig Rusch	6-4, 258, So.
SLB	33	Keenan Blalark	5-10, 228, Sr.
	4	David Bryant	5-10, 193, Fr.-R
MLB	53	Tim McCarthy	6-0, 235, So.
	57	Zach Larsen	6-0, 212, Fr.-R
WLB	26	Cory Hanson	6-1, 196, Fr.-R
	42	John Tranchitella	6-2, 200, Fr.
LCB	2	Melvin Rice	5-10, 185, So.
	39	Justin Stewart	6-1, 185, Fr.
SS	8	Mark Reiter	6-1, 191, Jr.
	27	Spencer Williamson	6-2, 195, Fr.-R
FS	35	Dustin Utschig	5-10, 196, Sr.
	32	Jeff Fontana	5-11, 184, Fr.-R
RCB	12	Adriel Hansbro	5-10, 181, Sr.
	39	Justin Stewart	6-1, 185, Fr.

Specialists

P	18	Andy Dittbenner	6-1, 192, So.
K	25	Chris Nendick	5-11, 180, Jr.
	16	Luke Biondi	5-11, 188, Sr.
LS	48	Tommy O'Brien	6-2, 235, Fr.
HO	3	Phil Horvath	6-3, 197, Sr.
PR <i>OR</i>	5	Marcus Perez	5-11, 170, So.
	17	Greg Turner	6-0, 186, So.
KOR <i>AND</i>	5	Marcus Perez	5-11, 170, So.
	7	Britt Davis	6-2, 195, So.





NIU ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Garrett Wolfe	TB	5-7	177	Sr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Holy Cross)
2	Melvin Rice	CB	5-10	185	So.	1L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
3	Phil Horvath	QB	6-3	197	Sr.	2L	Naperville, IL (Central)
4	Issac Bobo	TB	5-10	187	Jr.	1Sq	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
4	David Bryant	LB	5-10	193	Fr.-RS	1Sq	St. Louis, MO (Ladue Horton Watkins)
5	Marcus Perez	WR	5-11	170	So.	1L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
6	Vincent Matthew	CB	5-10	194	So.	2Sq	Miami, FL (Palmetto)
7	Britt Davis	WR	6-2	195	So.	1L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
8	Mark Reiter	SS	6-1	191	Jr.	2L	New Lenox, IL (Providence)
9	Josh Allen	LB	5-11	217	So.	1L	North Chicago, IL (North Chicago)
10	Billy Lowe	QB	6-3	214	Fr.	HS	Lakeland, FL (Lakeland)
12	Adriel Hansbro	CB	5-10	181	Sr.	3L	Madison, WI (Edgewood)
13	Evans Adonis	WR	6-0	165	So.	2Sq	Miami, FL (Southwest)
14	Jarret Carter	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	2L	Florissant, MO (Hazelwood Central)
15	Ryan Morris	QB	6-2	177	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Carol Stream, IL (West Chicago)
16	Luke Biondi	PK	5-11	188	Sr.	1Sq	Sioux Falls, SD (O'Gorman)
17	Greg Turner	WR	6-0	186	So.	1L	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
18	Andy Dittbenner	P	6-1	192	So.	1L	Bloomington, IL (Normal University)
19	Dan Nicholson	QB	6-2	194	So.	1L	Chicago, IL (Brother Rice)
20	Montell Clanton	TB	5-9	185	So.	1L	Rockford, IL (Guilford)
21	Justin Anderson	TB	5-11	203	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Steinmetz)
22	Dwight Morris	TB	5-8	179	Fr.-RS	HS	Palatine, IL (Palatine)
22	Cas Prime	TB	6-1	215	Jr.	1L	Janesville, WI (Parker)
23	Saul Ibarra	FS	5-11	205	Jr.	1L	Elmwood Park, IL (St. Patrick)
24	Bradley Pruitt	CB	6-1	180	So.	1L	Chicago, IL (Hyde Park)
25	Chris Nendick	PK	5-11	180	Jr.	2L	Naperville, IL (Central)
26	Cory Hanson	LB	6-1	196	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Minneapolis, MN (DeLaSalle)
27	Spencer Williamson	SS	6-2	195	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elkhart, IN (Central)
28	Ricky Crider	TB	5-9	185	Fr.	HS	Evansville, IN (Reitz)
29	Thomas Barrett	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (St. Patrick)
29	Matt Schiffler	TB	5-9	196	Fr.-RS	1Sq	LaGrange Park, IL (Nazareth Academy)
30	James Jefferies	CB	5-9	165	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Mount Carmel)
31	Tyler Knight	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge, IL (Maine South)
32	Jeff Fontana	FS	5-11	184	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Libertyville, IL (Libertyville)
33	Keenan Blalark	LB	5-10	228	Sr.	1L	Elgin, IL (Larkin)
34	Ken West	DE	6-1	243	Sr.	3L	Calumet City, IL (Thornwood)
35	Dustin Utschig	FS	5-10	196	Sr.	3L	Winneconne, WI (Fox Valley Lutheran)
37	Alex Kube	SS	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Cary, IL (Cary-Grove)
38	Mike Sobol	SS	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Pevely, MO (Herculaneum)
39	Justin Stewart	FS	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	O'Fallon, IL (Township)
40	William Tsutsumi	LB	6-1	176	Jr.	1Sq	Arlington Heights, IL (Prospect)
41	Grant Dungan	DE	6-4	202	So.	2Sq	Elmhurst, IL (York)
42	John Tranchitella	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Addison, IL (Driscoll)
43	T. J. Griffin	LB	6-0	232	So.	1L	Carol Stream, IL (Wheaton North)
44	Tom Kelly	TE	6-3	232	So.	2Sq	Elgin, IL (Larkin)
45	Nick Kamenjarin	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (New Prince)
45	Mike Lepper	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	HS	Oak Lawn, IL (Richards)
46	Dan Holzapfel	C	5-11	198	Jr.	3Sq	Coral Springs, FL (Christian Academy)
47	Jason Baez	P	5-9	181	Jr.	1Sq	Muskego, WI (Catholic Memorial)
47	Jason Cruikshank	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Elk Grove, IL (Elk Grove)
47	Kevin Smothers	LB	6-0	208	Fr.	HS	West Chicago, IL (Wheaton St. Francis)
48	Tommy O'Brien	C	6-2	235	Fr.	HS	Tehachapi, CA (Tehachapi)
49	Brad Benson	NT	6-1	280	Sr.	3L	Sycamore, IL (Sycamore)
50	Eddie Adamski	C	6-2	265	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Kildeer, IL (Carmel)
51	Larry English	DE	6-3	250	So.	1L	Aurora, IL (Marmion Academy)
52	Phil Brown	LB	5-11	225	So.	1L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
53	Tim McCarthy	LB	6-0	235	So.	1L	Neenah, WI (Neenah)
55	Adam Grimm	DE	6-2	234	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Mequon, WI (Homestead)
55	Mike Kritikos	LB	6-2	225	Fr.-RS	HS	Addison, IL (Addison Trail)
56	Brandon Bice	DE	6-3	236	Fr.-RS	1Sq	McCook, IL (Lyons Township)
57	Zach Larsen	LB	6-0	212	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Northfield, MN (Northfield)

Pronunciation Guide

Name	Pronunciation
Chris Acevedo	ahs-ah-VAY-doh
Eddie Adamski	uh-DAM-skee
Anthony Antonacci	AN-tah-NOTCH-ee
Luke Biondi	Beyond-EE
Keenan Blalark	BLAY-lark
Jon Brost	BROH-st
Tyler Clasey	CLAY-see
Adriel Hansbro	AY-dree-el
Alvah Hansbro	AL-vah
Dan Holzapfel	Holes-UH-fell
Saul Ibarra	EYE-berra
David Koronkiewicz	KORN-uh-KAY-vich
Alex Kube	KOO-bah
Tim Mayerbock	MAY-er-BOCK
Jake Nordin	Nor-DEEN
Jason Onyebuagu	On-YAY-boO-OGGA
Robert Oruche	OH-rew-shay
Cas Prime	Cass
Mark Reiter	RYE-ter
Craig Rusch	Rush
Adam Schroeder	SHROH-der
Kevin Skatrud	SCAT-rude
Panan Tense	PAY-nan TEN-say
William Tsutsumi	Toot-sue-mee
John Tranchitella	TRAN-cha-tell-ah
Dustin Utschig	UT-shick

Coaching Staff

Carnelius Cruz	Cruise
Denny Doornbos	DORN-bus
John Hauser	HOWS-er
Mike Sabock	SAY-Bock

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
58	Mike Krause	OG	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Germantown, WI (Germantown)
59	Kevin Skatrud	OT	6-6	314	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Brodhead, WI (Brodhead-Juda)
60	Jon Brost	OT	6-6	296	So.	1L	Maple Grove, MN (Maple Grove)
61	Matt Rogers	OG	6-4	280	Sr.	2L	Lockport, IL (Providence)
62	Doug Free	OT	6-7	315	Sr.	3L	Manitowoc, WI (Lincoln)
63	Zack Holycross	DT	6-5	284	Jr.	2L	Georgetown, IL (Ridge-Farm)
64	Jake Wertz	OT	6-4	289	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Prairie View, IL (Stevenson)
65	Jason Onyebugu	OL	6-2	305	Fr.	HS	Indianapolis, IN (Warren Central)
66	Tony Holmes	OT	6-6	293	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
67	Jon Ellison	C	6-5	285	So.	2Sq	Rockford, IL (East)
68	Panan Tense	OG	6-4	315	Fr.	HS	Hillside, IL (Fenwick)
69	Alex Krutsch	DT	6-2	254	So.	1L	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
70	Chris Acevedo	OG	6-5	304	Jr.	3Sq	Lyons, IL (Curie)
71	Rafael Grays	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	HS	Calumet City, IL (Thornwood)
72	Kris Cooke	NT	6-3	305	Fr.	HS	Homewood, IL (Homewood-Flossmoor)
73	Ethan Gill	C	6-4	272	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Sun Prairie, WI (Sun Prairie)
75	Quincy Harris	DT	6-1	260	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (De La Salle)
76	Martell Barnett	SS	5-8	188	Sr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Walther Lutheran)
76	Nico Holmes	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
77	Tim Mayerbock	OG	6-4	313	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (St. Patrick)
78	Dan Keller	OG	6-4	300	So.	2Sq	Racine, WI (St. Catherines)
79	Ade Ajose	WR	5-10	170	Fr.-RS	HS	Chicago, IL (Sullivan)
79	Josh McCormick	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Fond Du Lac, WI (Winnebago Luther)
80	Orlando Moore	WR	5-11	171	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
81	Ryan Gierke	WR	5-10	170	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elburn, IL (Maple Park)
82	Preston Williams	WR	5-11	171	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
83	Reed Cunningham	TE	6-4	256	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Cambria, WI (Pardeeville)
84	Tyler Clasey	WR	6-1	187	Fr.	HS	Champaign, IL (Centennial)
85	Matt Simon	WR	6-2	199	So.	1L	Farmington, MN (Farmington)
86	Jake Nordin	TE	6-3	262	Sr.	2L	Lake Lillian, MN (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City)
87	Brandon Davis	TE	6-4	261	Jr.	1L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
88	Brandon Beal	TE	6-3	227	So.	1L	Kirkwood, MO (Vianney)
89	Marcus Lewis	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Gurnee, IL (Warren)
90	Ed Jackson	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	HS	Belleville, IL (Cahokia)
91	David Koronkiewicz	TE	6-3	253	So.	2Sq	Goshen, IN (Goshen)
92	Adam Schroeder	NT	6-5	282	Jr.	2L	Loves Park, IL (Boylan)
93	Shaun Wild	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Brown Deer, WI (Brown Deer)
94	Vernon Sims	TE	6-5	252	Fr.	HS	Rockford, IL (Boylan)
95	Robert Oruche	DE	6-4	291	Jr.	2L	Bensenville, IL (Fenton)
96	Bryan Beckner	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	HS	Bourbonnais, IL (Bishop McNamara)
97	Anthony Antonacci	DE	6-1	250	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
98	Eric Pittman	DT	6-2	265	Sr.	3L	Milwaukee, WI (Vincent)
99	Craig Rusch	DT	6-4	258	So.	1L	Hilbert, WI (Hilbert)

as of 9/17/06

KEY: Fr.-RS---Freshman red-shirt Sq---Squad member L---Letterman HS---High School

Advance Tickets On Sale Now For NIU's Centennial Athletics Hall Of Fame Banquet October 20

Advance tickets to Northern Illinois University's gala Centennial Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Friday, Oct. 20 during NIU's 100th Homecoming are on sale now to the general public.

The Centennial Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet---presented by Resource Bank---will begin at 6 p.m. (CDT) in the Duke Ellington Ballroom of NIU's Leslie Holmes Student Center.

The banquet is open to the general public. Interested parties should contact the Northern Illinois Athletics Development Office in the Convocation Center by calling (815) 753-1923. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Oct. 9. NIU Athletics Hall of Famers should contact Selection Committee Chair and Sports Information Director-Emeritus Mike Korcek at (815) 753-9559.

Three former Northern Illinois student-athletes comprise the Hall of Fame induction "Class of 2006"---pitcher Laurie Miller (softball, 1982-85), sprinter Jarod Schroeder (swimming, 1991-95), and Hollis Thomas (football, 1993-95). In addition, all previous NIU individual and team Athletics Hall of Famers have been invited back for the 100th Homecoming weekend.

The centerpiece of the milestone 100th Homecoming weekend is Saturday's (October 21) 2:05 p.m. (CDT) football game matching host Northern Illinois and Temple University on Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium.