

# 2017 FOOTBALL

## 2017 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

### 2017 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Fri., Sept. 1	BOSTON COLLEGE (CBSSN)	L, 23-20
Sat., Sept. 9	EASTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN3)	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 16	at Nebraska (FS1)	W, 21-17
Sat., Sept. 30	at San Diego State (CBSSN)	L, 34-28
Sat., Oct. 7	KENT STATE* (Homecoming)	W, 24-3
Sat., Oct. 14	at Buffalo* (ESPN3)	W, 14-13
Sat., Oct. 21	at Bowling Green* (ESPN3)	1 p.m.
Thur., Oct. 26	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN)	6 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 2	at Toledo (ESPNU/CBSSN)*	5 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 9	BALL STATE (CBSSN)*	6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 15	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN/ESPN2/U)	6/7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 24	at Central Michigan* (CBSSN/ESPNU/3)	TBA
Sat., Dec. 2	MAC Championship (ABC/ESPN/2) Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.	TBA

\*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



TV

**ESPN3**

**Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 -1 PM CT**  
**Buffalo, N.Y.**

**Doyt Perry Stadium (24,000)**

**RADIO**

**WLBB**  
FM 98.9  
AM 1360

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**NIU HUSKIES**

(4-2, 2-0)

**Head Coach: Rod Carey (40-21, Fifth Season)**

**VS**



**BOWLING GREEN FALCONS**

(1-6, 1-2)

**Head Coach: Mike Jinks (5-19, Second Season)**

### HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years.....	40-21/5th
Career Record/Years.....	40-21/5th
Alma Mater/Year.....	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense.....	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
All-Time Record.....	575-485-51
2016 Record/MAC Record/Finish.....	5-7/5-3/3rd West
Last Bowl Game.....	2015 SDCCU Poinsettia Bowl
.....	Boise State 55, NIU 7
MAC Championship Appearances, Last.....	7, 2015
Last Championship Game.....	NIU 14, Bowling Green 34
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	50/31
Starters Returning.....	15 (5 offense, 8 defense, 2 specialist)
Starters Lost.....	12 (5 offense, 6 defense, 1 specialist)

### NIU FACTS

Location.....	DeKalb, Illinois
Founded.....	1895
Enrollment.....	19,015
Affiliation.....	NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision
Conference.....	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors.....	Cardinal and Black
Stadium.....	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	FieldTurf /23,595
Acting President.....	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director.....	Sean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year.....	Alabama '92
Ticket Information.....	815-753-PACK (7225)

### HUSKIE BITES

- NIU plays on the road for the fourth time in its last five games when the Huskies travel to Bowling Green for its last Saturday game of the year.
- The Huskies are 2-0 in the MAC following their 14-13 victory at Buffalo as NIU won a one-point game for the first time since Sept. 15, 2012, a 41-40 win at Army.
- NIU faces MAC East foe Bowling Green for the fifth straight year with three of the previous four meetings (2013, '14, '15) at Ford Field in the MAC Championship game. The Huskies won last year's game in DeKalb to improve its record in the series to 9-12.
- In addition to a 4-1 record versus teams from the Big Ten, Head Coach Rod Carey has coached NIU to a 28-6 record versus MAC foes in the regular season during his four years at the helm, for an .823 winning percentage. Carey ranks 23rd all-time in league victories, ahead of Bo Schembechler (Miami) and Don Nehlen (Bowling Green), among others.
- The Huskie defense ranks in the FBS Top 10 nationally in eight statistical categories, including total defense (7th), rushing defense (9th), passing efficiency defense (6th), sacks (6th), tackles for loss (2nd) and third down conversion percentage defense (4th).
- NIU's defense has given up just one touchdown in the last 10 quarters and has held its last three opponents to a 11.4% mark (5-of-44) on third down conversions.
- Sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith continues to lead the country in both tackles for loss (16.0) and quarterback sacks (8.5), with a great opportunity to break the NIU school single season records of 20 TFLs and 12 sacks.
- For the third consecutive season, NIU has had at least three different players start at quarterback as Marcus Childers made his first career start at Buffalo. Childers, sophomore Daniel Santacaterina (four starts) and junior Ryan Graham (one start) have all started games for NIU in 2017.



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## — WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE —

**MONDAY MAC COACHES' TELECONFERENCE**

- NIU Coach Rod Carey will be available on the MAC Coaches' Call every Monday from 8:46-8:54 a.m. (CT).
- Replay available Monday on MAC-sports.com.
- For schedule and media call-in number, contact NIU or the Mid-American Conference.

**NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE**

- NIU will host a weekly press conference with Rod Carey and several Huskie players on Tuesdays in 2017.
- Remaining dates are October 17, 24, 31; November 7, 13 (Mon.)
- The press conference will begin at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- Telephone access is available. Contact NIU for the number.
- Quotes and video from the press conference will be uploaded to NIUHuskies.com.

**NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY**

- In general, Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews through Wednesday of game week.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange in-person or phone interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for phone requests.
- Contact Joe Summins (players) or Donna Turner (coaches) to arrange interviews.

**PRACTICE COVERAGE**

- For Saturday games, NIU practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, held at Huskie Stadium and/or the Ches-sick Practice Center, are open to the media.
- Practices will be held in the evenings in 2017.
- The schedule will change when weeknight games begin.
- Media are asked to remain in the end zone and to inform NIU Athletics Communications in advance if you plan to attend.
- Video shooting times may be limited.

**INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS**

- To be added to the NIU AthComm e-mail distribution list (media only), contact Donna Turner.
- Contact Joe Summins to request photos and/or video.
- Information on all MAC teams, including releases, depth charts and photos, are available online at CollegePressBox.com.
- Media can contact NIU or the MAC Office to obtain login information.

**SERIES HISTORY:** Bowling Green owns a 12-9 advantage over NIU in the all-time series. The two schools have played in each of the last four seasons, with each team winning two games. NIU won the last meeting between, scoring a 45-20 win over Bowling Green (Nov. 1) last season at Huskie Stadium. The Huskies are 2-7 in games played at Bowling Green, however, NIU posted a 45-14 win over the Falcons in their last trip to Doyt Perry Stadium. Nov. 8, 2011.

**CHAMPIONSHIP RELATIONSHIP:** Before last season's contest in DeKalb, the previous three meetings between the two schools occurred in Detroit in the league's championship game. Bowling Green won the 2013 MAC Championship game, 47-27, while NIU won the rematch, 51-17, in the 2014 title game. The Falcons won the 2015 conference championship game, 34-14, at Ford Field.

**WHEN LAST WE MET:** Senior tailback Joel Bouagnon scored five rushing touchdowns as NIU defeated Bowling Green, 45-20, on Senior Night at Huskie Stadium. Bouagnon's five TDs came as he rushed for 134 yards on 26 carries. The Huskies outgained the Falcons 479 yards to 314, rushing for 286 yards. Safety Mycial Allen tallied a team-high eight tackles and made an interception.

**HUSKIES IN THE MAC:** With its 14-13 win at Buffalo NIU improved to 143-97-2 all-time in MAC play and to 107-52 (.673) in league action since 1997, when NIU rejoined the league. Since 2010, NIU is 51-7 and has recorded three undefeated campaigns and two one-loss seasons in league play, winning six-straight division championships during that stretch. The Huskies are in their 32nd season as a member of the Mid-American Conference in 2017-18, including an initial stint in the league from 1975-85.

**NIU VS. MAC EAST:** NIU has won 22 of its last 23 regular season games over MAC East Division opponents and 27 of 29 since the 2008 season with its win over the Bulls. NIU's last regular season loss to a MAC East foe was on Nov. 24, 2015 when the Huskies fell to Ohio, 26-21, in Huskie Stadium. The Huskies are 7-0 versus Buffalo, 6-0 against Kent State, 4-0 versus Akron, Miami and Bowling Green, and have one win over Ohio in the regular season during that time. NIU defeated former league members Temple in 2010 and UMass in 2012 and 2013. Miami defeated NIU in the 2010 MAC title game and Bowling Green won the 2013 and 2015 MAC Championship games over NIU.

**ONE-POINT WIN:** NIU's one-point win over Buffalo, the Huskies' 11th straight in the series, was the first such victory for the Huskies since a 41-40 at Army on Sept. 25, 2012. It is also the second one-point win in the series. NIU scored a 31-30 victory over the Bulls at Buffalo on Oct. 22, 2011.

**SACK ATTACK:** Linebacker Bobby Jones IV recorded a career-high two sacks in NIU's four-sack effort against Buffalo. NIU is the first defense this season to record four sacks against the Bulls. In addition to Jones, Sutton Smith and Ben LeRoy recorded a sack-and-a-half and a half sack, respectively.

**HOLD THEM UNDER 100:** NIU's defense held Buffalo to 39 yards rushing, including just one net yard in the second half. It is the first time the Huskies have held an opponent to less than 50 yards rushing since Oct. 20, 2012 when NIU held Akron to 42 yards on the ground. It's the third time this season [Eastern Illinois (60) and Nebraska (85)], the Huskies have held an opponent under 100 yards rushing.

**HUSKIE HARDWARE:** At least one NIU player has garnered Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week honors in each of the last four games. Linebacker Bobby Jones IV is the latest to join the list after he earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors at Buffalo. Defensive end Sutton Smith earned the same honor following his performance against Kent State. Linebacker Jawuan Johnson also earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week accolades following his play at Nebraska. Wide receiver Christian Blake and punter Matt Ference garnered MAC West Offensive and Specialist of the Week awards following their performances in NIU's contest at San Diego State.

**THREE FOR THREE:** Marcus Childers became the third quarterback to start a game for NIU this season when he took the first snap at Buffalo. It is the third-straight year the Huskies have started at least three different starting quarterbacks in the same season. In 2015 Drew Hare, Ryan Graham and Tommy Fiedler each started a game for the Huskies, while Hare, Graham, Anthony Maddie and Daniel Santacaterina each started at least one game for NIU in 2016. Graham (1), Santacaterina (4) and Childers (1) have the starts this year.

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## NIU HEAD COACH ROD CAREY

Now in his fifth season leading the NIU football program, Head Coach Rod Carey has seen the Huskies achieve at the highest levels both athletically and academically, while ensuring that NIU's long-standing winning tradition continues.

Carey's 40-21 record as NIU's head coach and .656 winning percentage rank the Midwest native among the best to ever lead the Huskie program as he stands at fourth on NIU's all-time lists both in wins and winning percentage and is fifth in games coached.

Carey also is climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his win percentage puts him in the Top 15 in the league all-time. With a 28-6 record (.823) in MAC games, Carey is 23rd all-time in league victories, surpassing Bo Schembechler (Miami) and Don Nehlen (Bowling Green), among others.

The Huskies' victory at Nebraska this year gives the former Big Ten center (Indiana '93) a 4-1 record at NIU versus teams from that league with the only loss a seven-point decision at No. 1 Ohio State in 2015.

Under Carey, NIU has claimed three MAC West titles and won the 2014 MAC Championship. Overall, the Huskies have played in the league title game five times, with three wins, since Carey arrived in DeKalb as NIU's offensive coordinator in 2011. He also was a part of five of NIU's MAC-record eight consecutive bowl appearances between 2008-15.

NIU posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2013 behind quarterback Jordan Lynch, who Carey helped develop into the first Heisman Trophy finalist in NIU and MAC history. The Huskies spent 12 weeks in the Top 25 rankings and went on to the MAC Championship game. Carey was named the MAC Coach of the Year, and was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year Award.

Lynch is one of six NIU players to achieve All-America recognition under Carey, while five Huskies have been drafted, including wide receiver Kenny Golladay, the record-setting receiver who was a third-round selection of the Detroit Lions in 2017. In all, 16 Huskies who played for Carey at NIU have gone on to play professional football, including San Francisco 49ers 2014 first round draft pick Jimmie Ward and New Orleans' Saints receiver Tommy Lee Lewis.

Cornerback Shawun Lurry became the sixth NIU player to be named an All-American under Carey's guidance when he earned first team honors from the FWAA in 2015. Huskies won the Vern Smith Award, presented annually to the MAC MVP, in each of Carey's first three years.

Over a four-month period in the fall of 2012, Rod Carey went from coaching NIU's offensive line, to offensive coordinator of one of the most explosive offenses in the country, to head coach of the first Mid-American Conference team to play in a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl game.

Carey's promotion to head coach was announced on December 2, 2012, just minutes before NIU earned a historic bid to face Florida State in the 2013 Discover Orange Bowl. NIU became the first MAC team to play in a BCS game.

Carey joined the Huskies in 2011 after three seasons leading the offensive line at North Dakota. Prior to that, he spent the 2007 season at Illinois State. From 2000-06, Carey served on the coaching staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where he was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. In all, Carey coached 26 all-conference selections and seven All-Americans during his time at UW-Stout.

Carey began his collegiate coaching career at Minnesota (1998-99).



## — FOLLOW THE HUSKIES —

### TV: NIU-BOWLING GREEN ON ESPN3/ESPN APP

- The NIU-Bowling Green game will air on ESPN3 live online and on mobile devices via the ESPN App.
- Get the direct link to watch on GameDay Central and on the football schedule page at NIUHuskies.com.
- The announce crew for the NIU-BG game is Michael Reghi (play-by-play) and Jerod Cherry (color analyst).

### RADIO: NIU SPORTS NETWORK

- The NIU Sports Network broadcast for the Bowling Green game begins at 12:30 p.m. CT, 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb) and AM 560 The Answer (Chicago).
- Hear the broadcast online via NIU All-Access (subscription), and on mobile devices via TuneIn. Download the app free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is in his 38th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 32nd season, while Andy Garcia is in his fifth season on the sidelines.

### INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the one-hour show every Monday at Noon at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy).
- Listen live with the TuneIn app; hear it Monday at 7 p.m. on WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb, 8 pm Mondays on 560 AM The Answer in Chicago and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SportsFan Radio 1330 AM in Rockford.
- The weekly show features host Bill Baker, NIU Head Coach Rod Carey, Huskie players and athletic department guests.

### NIU WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

- Airs Friday at 10 p.m. CT in Chicago on AM 560 The Answer, Saturday at 8:30 a.m. on WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb and on Sports Fan Radio 1330 in Rockford at 6:30 a.m. Saturdays.
- Also hear it on NIUTube (subscription).
- Hosts are Andy Garcia and Sean T. Frazier, NIU Associate Vice-President and Director of Athletics.
- The 30-minute show features interviews with football coach Rod Carey, other NIU head coaches and guests.

### NIUTUBE (HUSKIE ALL-ACCESS)

- See weekly and post-game press conferences, video features, Huskie Olympic sports and special events.
- Hear all NIU live radio broadcasts, including football and basketball games and NIU radio shows.
- Purchase a daily, monthly or annual subscription.
- Go to NIUHuskies.com for rates and information.

### GETTING SOCIAL

- Twitter: @NIUAthletics, @NIUScores, @NIU\_Football
- Facebook: NIU Huskies, NIU Football
- Instagram: niuhuskies, niufotball
- YouTube: niuhuskiesdotcom
- See NIU Athletics' social media hub online to see all of the Huskie team and coaching staff accounts.

## 2017 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

Off.Coord./Asst. HC/TEs/FBs .....	Mike Uremovich .....	Field
Defensive Coord./Safeties .....	Kevin Kane .....	Coaches' Booth
Quarterbacks .....	Craig Harmon .....	Coaches' Booth
Defensive Line/Recruiting Coord. ....	Brett Diersen .....	Field
Offensive Line/Run Game Coord. ....	Joe Tripodi .....	Field
Linebackers .....	Jeff Knowles# .....	Field
RBs .....	Jordan Lynch# .....	Field
WRs .....	Steve Crutchley# .....	Field
Cornerbacks .....	Melvin Rice .....	Field
Director of Sports Performance .....	Brad Ohrt .....	Field

#New to NIU in 2017



## 2017 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Falcons
24.2	Points/G	21.0
19 (5-12)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	16 (5-9)
122	First Downs	132
367.2	Total Yards/G	374.6
167.2	Rush Yards/G	144.3
200.0	Pass Yards/G	230.3
14	Turnovers Lost	14
29:22	Time of Possession/G	27:13
36%	3rd Down Conversions	33%
75%	4th Down Conversions	30%
38.0	Net Punting Avg.	43.2
18.7	Kickoff Return Avg.	17.5
4.4	Punt Return Avg.	10.3
40-70.8	Penalties-Yards/G	50-66.7
(30-44) 68%	Red Zone Scores	(19-21) 90%
(24-44) 55%	Red Zone TDs	(9-21) 43%
16.7	Points Allowed/G	36.3
10 (3-5)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	35 (19-13)
89	First Downs Allowed	184
281.2	Total Yards/G Allowed	515.6
93.5	Rush Yards/G Allowed	246.6
187.7	Pass Yards/G Allowed	269.0
24%	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	47%
50%	4th Down Conv. Allowed	50%
12	Turnovers Gained	16

## BY THE NUMBERS

- .106 Third down conversion percentage of NIU opponents over last three games
- 2 NIU's rank nationally in team tackles for loss
- 2.7 Tackles for loss per game by NIU's Sutton Smith, who leads the FBS in both TFLs and sacks
- 3 Number of meetings between NIU and Bowling Green in the MAC Championship game
- 10 Number of defensive statistical categories in which NIU leads the MAC
- 14 Career TD catches by TE Shane Wimann, most by a tight end in NIU history
- 29 Passing yards by Kent State in NIU's 24-3 win
- 36 Interception returns for touchdowns all-time by NIU defenders as an FBS institution
- 39 Net rushing yards by Buffalo, with just one in the second half
- 45 Career games played by defenders William Lee and Mychal Allen, tops on the team
- 50 Percentage of Sutton Smith's 32 total tackles that have gone for loss in 2017 (16)
- 435 Career interception return yards for Shawun Lurry, first among all active FBS players
- 1,111 Intercollegiate football games played by Northern Illinois, beginning in 1899

## ON THE WATCH

Four 2017 Huskies were named to one or more of the preseason Watch Lists released by members of the National College Football Awards Association.

Shawun Lurry, CB, Sr.	Jim Thorpe Award
.....Bronko Nagurski Award	
Max Scharping, LT, Jr.-R	Outland Trophy
.....Wuerffel Trophy	
Luke Shively, C, Jr.-R	Rimington Trophy
Shane Wimann, TE, Sr.-R	Mackey Award

**ALL MY CHILDERS:** A week after seeing his first extended action against Kent State, Marcus Childers established career highs in yards passing (224), completions (20), attempts (31), carries (27) and yards rushing (79) versus Buffalo in his first career start at NIU. The redshirt freshman threw a career-best three touchdown passes against the Golden Flashes in the 24-3 win.

**SPECIAL FORCES:** NIU freshmen punter Matt Ference is averaging 41.3 yards a punt and has landed 14 punts inside the 20-yard line. Last season, NIU had only eight punts inside the 20 and Jake Ambrose averaged 38.1 yds/punt. The last Huskie punter to average more than 40 yards a punt was Tyler Wedel who posted a 41.7 average in 2014.

**PINNING THEM DEEP:** Of NIU punter Matt Ference's 14 punts that have dropped inside the 20-yard line, 10 have landed on or inside the 10-yard line. Ference and the NIU punt team placed a season-high three punts on or inside the 10-yard line at Nebraska and at San Diego State.

**FIELD POSITION BATTLE:** Between the defense forcing turnovers and the punting of Matt Ference, NIU's average starting field position is its own 32-yard line. Conversely, NIU opponents' average starting position is their own 27-yard line. Of the Huskies' 91 drives, 16 have started inside the 20-yard line, while 14 have started in their opponents' territory. Opponents have started 26 of their 92 drives inside the 20-yard line and only six in Huskie territory. NIU has won the field position battle in three of its six games.

**TE FOR THE TD:** Shane Wimann, who entered the season as the school record holder for career touchdown receptions by a tight end, added to his total with a 34-yard touchdown reception, the longest of his career, from Marcus Childers at Buffalo. It was his 14th career touchdown, and fourth of the season, which leads the team. He had a 25-yard touchdown against Kent State and a one-yard touchdown catch in NIU's 38-10 victory over Eastern Illinois. He scored his first touchdown of the season on a seven-yard grab against Boston College. The Huskie senior is the only player on the current roster to have caught a touchdown pass from each of the last five NIU starting quarterbacks.

**THE DEFENSE DOES NOT REST:** NIU's defense allowed 383 yards of total offense at Buffalo and is averaging 281.2 yards per game, which ranks seventh in the nation and leads the MAC. Last year, the Huskies finished the season ranked 98th nationally in total defense, ninth in the MAC, allowing 451.5 yards a game. NIU's defense allowed a season-low 131 yards of total offense versus Kent State (Oct. 7), the lowest total versus an FBS team since the Huskies allowed 64 versus the Golden Flashes on Oct. 8, 2011.

**AT A LOSS:** The Huskie defense leads the league and is second in country in tackles for loss, averaging 9.0 TFLs per game after amassing six at Buffalo. NIU tallied a season-high 14 against Kent State, which ties for third most in an FBS game this year. NIU has 40 TFLs on the season. The Huskies recorded 41 TFLs through the first six games last year before finishing with 73. The school record for tackles for loss in a season is 104, set in 2008.

**GETTING OFF THE FIELD:** The Huskie defense ranks third in the country in defensive three-and-outs after recording seven against Buffalo. NIU's season-best is eight three and outs against San Diego State and Kent State. NIU is averaging 6.33 three and outs a game. The Huskies have either forced teams to punt or forced a turnover

## HUSKIES IN THE PROS

The list of NIU's former players currently on an active rosters in either the NFL or CFL stands at seven. Tommylee Lewis has seven receptions for 84 yards this season for the New Orleans Saints.

### National Football League

Detroit Lions.....	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Indianapolis Colts.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)
New Orleans Saints .....	Tommylee Lewis (WR)
San Francisco 49ers.....	Jimmie Ward (S)
Tennessee Titans.....	Tim Semisch (TE) - PS

### Canadian Football League

Calgary Stampeders.....	Juwan Brescacin (WR)
Hamilton Tiger-Cats.....	Courtney Stephen (S)
Toronto Argonauts.....	Ken Bishop (DT)

in the first three plays of a drive in 38 of 91 drives by their opponents. The Huskies also tallied six three-and-outs versus Eastern Illinois, five at Nebraska and four in the season opener against Boston College.

**MODEL OF EFFICIENCY:** The NIU defense held Buffalo to 2-of-14 on third down for a 14.2 percent conversion percentage. The Huskies lead the MAC and rank fourth in the country in third down efficiency as NIU's opponents' third down conversion percentage is 24.0 percent, and NIU's last three opponents have converted just 5 of 44 third down tries for a 11.4 percent rate. The Huskies held San Diego State to a season-low 1-of-14 on third down conversions, and held the Golden Flashes to 2-of-16 on third down.

**NATIONAL LEADER:** Redshirt sophomore Sutton Smith maintained his national lead in both sacks and tackles for loss after recording a sack and a half and 1.5 tackles for loss against Buffalo. His career-best for tackles for loss in a game is five, set in the season opener with Boston College, while he recorded a season-best three sacks against Kent State. Smith has 8.5 sacks on the season, averaging 1.42 a game, and 16 tackles for loss for an average of 2.7 a game. The school record for sacks in a season is 12 set by Larry English (2006) and Scott Kellar (1984). Kellar set the school record for season tackles for loss at 20 in 1984.

**HALF FOR A LOSS:** Sutton Smith tallied four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss in NIU's victory at Buffalo. The Huskie defensive end has 32 tackles on the year. Of those 32, 16, have gone for a loss.

**NO PASSING ZONE:** Kent State's 29 yards passing are the fewest passing yards allowed by the Huskies since Sept. 26, 2015 when NIU held Boston College to 92 yards passing, and are the 13th lowest passing yardage total by an FBS team this year. The Huskies lead the league and rank eighth in the country in pass defense allowing 156.4 yards a game.

**BALL-HAWKING HUSKIES:** The Huskie defense tallied their third multi-interception game of the season when they intercepted three Kent State passes, including Bobby Jones' first career INT. NIU had three interceptions at Nebraska (Sept. 16) and two against Eastern Illinois (Sept. 9). The Huskies have 10 interceptions to rank fifth in the country.

**CLOSING IN ON A RECORD:** Shawun Lurry tallied his second interception of the season and 14th of his career when he picked off a Kent State pass in the second quarter. The school record for career interceptions is 16 set by Dan Meyer (1964-66), while Lurry is one away from the FBS mark of 15 by Vince Thompson (1999-2002). Lurry had three interceptions last season and a personal best nine in his All-American season of 2015.

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT:** Shawun Lurry added to his school record for career interception return yards when he ran back a pass 45 yards versus Kent State. He leads the nation with 132 interception return yards this season and has 435 in his NIU career to rank as the NCAA active career leader. Lurry set the NIU single season record in 2015 with 273 interception return yards.

**SECOND WIND:** After shutting out Buffalo in the second and allowing 115 yards of total offense, the Huskie defense has allowed fewer total yards and points in the second half in four of their six games this season. NIU has allowed just three second half points in its last three contests, a fourth-quarter field goal at San Diego State.

Opponent	Second Half		Final Totals	
	Yards	Points	Yards	Points
Boston College	127	10	339	23
Eastern Illinois	129	7	187	10
Nebraska	269	17	384	17
San Diego State	104	3	263	34
Kent State	8	0	131	3
Buffalo	115	0	383	13

**GETTING THE POINT:** The three points scored by the Golden Flashes are the fewest allowed by a Huskie defense in a MAC game since NIU shut out Massachusetts on Nov. 3, 2012, a span of 59 games. It's the

fewest in a game overall since a 55-3 victory over Presbyterian on Aug. 28, 2014.

**SACK IT TO ME:** The Huskie defense recorded four sacks at Buffalo and now have 20 sacks on the season. They are the most sacks through the first six games since 2013, when NIU tallied 20 sacks. NIU didn't record their 20th sack of 2016 until game nine, on Nov. 16 at Eastern Michigan, and finished the season with 22. The Huskies' single game-high in sacks is seven, set against Kent State, which are the most recorded by a Huskie defense since Sept. 14, 2013 when NIU amassed nine at Idaho.

**SACK STREAK:** The NIU defense extended its sack streak to 16 games when Sutton Smith sacked Drew Anderson in the second quarter of the Huskies' win at Buffalo. The streak dates back to the Huskies' Sept. 17, 2016 contest against the Aztecs. The Huskies lead the MAC and are sixth in the country averaging 3.33 sacks a game.

**SPREADING THE WEALTH:** The Huskie receiving corps, looking to fill the void left by the graduations of Kenny Golladay and Aregeros Turner, have four players in triple digits in receiving yards this season, including two 200-yard receivers. Christian Blake and Spencer Tears lead the groups with 279 and 248 yards receiving, respectively, while Blake leads all Huskies with 23 receptions. Junior D.J. Brown, who had nine catches for 91 yards a year ago, has 196 yards on 22 receptions. Senior Chad Beebe had a reception for 27 yards as he returned to action at Buffalo. Beebe has tallied 152 yards on 11 catches.

**CONVERTING INTs INTO TDs:** With his 87-yard interception return for a touchdown at Nebraska, Shawun Lurry tied the school record for career interception returns for a touchdown with two. His first came in the 2015 MAC Championship game against Bowling Green (Dec. 4) when he ran a Matt Johnson pass back 64 yards for a score.

**TURNING OVER POINTS:** The Huskies have converted seven of the 12 turnovers forced on the season into 45 points. Last season, NIU tallied 33 points off 15 turnovers. The Huskies scored a field goal on the first turnover forced this season by NIU, a Kyle Pugh interception against Boston College. NIU has turned one fumble recovery into a touchdown and four other interceptions into touchdowns.

**MAKING HISTORY:** The NIU defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns in a game for the first time in school history in its victory at Nebraska. Shawun Lurry ran the first interception of the day back 87 yards in the first quarter, while Jawuan Johnson followed suit with a 25-yard interception return for a touchdown for a 14-0 NIU lead.

**WORKING ON THE LINE:** The NIU defensive line has accounted for 16 of NIU's 20 sacks, 29.5 of the Huskies' 54 tackles for loss and three of NIU's 11 forced turnovers, including an interception by Josh Corcoran (DE) at Nebraska. Defensive tackles William Lee, Ben LeRoy, and Devin Webster and defensive end Drequan Brown have each recorded at least one sack. LeRoy, Sutton Smith and redshirt freshman Jack Heflin are all first-time starters.

**ADDING TO THE BONEYARD:** NIU improved to 15-61-1 all-time versus teams that were in an autonomous conference (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC & Pac-12) at the time the Huskies played them with its 21-17 victory at Nebraska. Of those 15 wins, nine have come in the last 15 years, beginning with NIU's 42-41 victory over Wake Forest Aug. 29, 2002. The Huskies have played a team from one of those five conferences 34 of the last 35 years. The only year the Huskies didn't face one of those teams was 2016.

**RUSHING TO A RECORD:** Tailback Jordan Huff is averaging 6.45 yards a carry for his career, rushing for 1,877 on 291 carries. He is nine carries away from qualifying for NIU's all-time list for yards per carry. Jordan Lynch is NIU's leader in career yards per carry with 6.56, while Garrett Wolfe is second with a 6.40 yard per carry average.

**TWO FOR 100:** Wide receivers Christian Blake and Spencer Tears amassed career-bests of 153 and 105 receiving yards, respectively, at

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## CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Jackson Abresch, S	Sr.-R	21	-
Mycial Allen, S	Sr.-R	46	18
Chad Beebe, WR	Sr.-R	38	10
Christian Blake, WR	Sr.	40	15
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	So.	14	5
Dale Brown, OL	Jr.-R	17	-
D.J. Brown, WR	Jr.	31	5
Drequan Brown, DE	Jr.-R	6	-
Adam Buirge, S	So.-R	15	-
Marcus Childers, QB	Fr.-R	5	1
Josh Corcoran, DE	Jr.	32	12
Herlandez Corley, DT	Jr.-R	11	-
Daniel Crawford, TE	So.-R	16	1
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	So.	13	2
Jalen Embry, CB	Jr.-R	6	-
Matt Ference, P	Fr.	6	-
Aaron Fischer, FB	Jr.-R	11	-
Trayshon Foster, S	So.-R	17	1
Ryan Graham, QB	Jr.-R	18	9
Christian Hagan, K	Sr.	38	-
Tre Harbison, RB	Fr.-R	3	-
Ty Harmston, TE	Jr.-R	14	-
Isaac Hawn, OL	Fr.	6	4
Jack Heflin, DT	Fr.-R	6	6
Jake Hlava, DT	So.-R	3	-
Jordan Huff, TB	Sr.-R	43	8
Vince Hughes, OL	So.-R	1	-
Tifonte Hunt, CB	Jr.-R	17	-
Daniel Isom, CB	So.	10	6
Jawuan Johnson, LB	Jr.-R	23	9
Bobby Jones IV, LB	Sr.-R	42	16
Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.	19	1
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	So.-R	14	-
Marcus Kelly, DT	So.-R	5	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Fr.	6	-
William Lee, DT	Sr.-R	46	28
Ben LeRoy, DT	So.	14	6
Matt Lorbeck, DE	Fr.	5	-
Shawun Lurry, CB	Sr.	43	25
Dwayne Milton, TB	Jr.-R	14	-
Tommy Mister, TB	Jr.-R	18	-
Mayomi Olootu, CB	Sr.	37	7
Benn Olson, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Josh Orne, K	Sr.-R	24	-
Andrew Parchment, WR	Fr.-R	6	-
Jonathan Parker, TB	Sr.-R	6	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	So.-R	14	4
Ryan Roberts, OL	So.-R	18	2
Jimmy Russell, S	Sr.-R	7	-
Ezra Saffold, WR	Sr.	25	-
Hayden Sak, LS	Jr.	30	-
Joe Sanders, DE	Sr.-R	17	4
Daniel Santacaterina, QB	So.-R	7	5
Max Scharping, OL	Jr.-R	32	32
Alex Schwab, LB	Sr.-R	30	1
Luke Shively, OL	Jr.-R	25	18
Albert Smalls, CB	Jr.-R	35	17
Sutton Smith, LB	So.-R	18	6
Trequan Smith, S	So.-R	11	6
Jordan Steckler, OL	So.-R	18	14
Spencer Tears, WR	So.-R	17	6
Maalik Todd, WR	Jr.-R	2	-
Nathan Veloz, OL	So.-R	8	6
Austin Warner, OL	Fr.-R	2	-
Devin Webster, DT	Jr.	5	-
Jauan Wesley, WR	Jr.-R	6	-
Mykelti Williams, S	So.-R	6	6
Shane Wimann, TE	Sr.-R	46	25
Quintin Wynne, DL	So.-R	17	1

San Diego State, becoming the first NIU receiving duo to tally 100 yards receiving in the same game since Nov. 3, 2015 when Kenny Golladay (128) and Tommylee Lewis (125) accomplished the feat in a 32-27 win at Toledo. The pair also became the first Huskies since Golladay to tally 100 yards receiving in a game since last season's meeting with Toledo (Nov. 9).

**FROSH FACES:** Six redshirt and four true freshmen have made their Huskie debuts this season. Quarterback Marcus Childers and tailback Tre Harbison saw their first action as Huskies in NIU's win over Eastern Illinois. They join fellow redshirt freshmen Jack Heflin (DT), Andrew Parchment (WR), Benn Olson (OL) and Austin Warner (OL) in seeing their first playing time this year. Freshmen Matt Ference (P), Isaac Hawn (OL), Matt Lorbeck (DE) and Weston Kramer (DT) have all seen action as well, with Hawn (OT) and Ference (P) earning starting roles.

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS:** NIU has also had six newcomers see their first action as Huskies in 2017. Grad transfer Jonathan Parker and transfers Drequan Brown (DE), Jalen Embry (CB), Devin Webster (DT), Jauan Wesley (WR) and Mykelti Williams (S) have all stepped in to play significant roles. Williams, who starts at one of the safety spots had a career-best 10 tackles at Nebraska and ranks fourth on the team in stops.

**MEET THE "NEW" GUYS:** Two-time NIU All-American and 2013 Heisman Trophy finalist Jordan Lynch is one of three new members of the coaching staff for 2017. One of the top FBS running quarterbacks of all-time, Lynch is coaching the Huskie running backs. Jeff Knowles (linebackers) and Steve Crutchley (wide receivers) are the other new additions.

**SUNSHINE STATERS:** The 2017 Huskie roster includes 12 players from the state of Florida. Freshmen Jalen McKie, Dennis Robinson and Jordan Robinson, no relation, join nine returning Florida Huskies – seniors Christian Blake, Shawun Lurry and Ezra Saffold, redshirt senior Bobby Jones IV, redshirt junior Albert Smalls, redshirt sophomores Antonio Davis-Jones and Trequan Smith and redshirt freshman Andrew Parchment. The 12 – all from the southeast coast of the state – represent nine different Florida high schools.

Christian Blake	Sr.	WR	Ft. Lauderdale (Cardinal Gibbons)
Lance Deveaux, Jr.	So.	LB	Pompano Beach (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Antonio Jones-Davis	So.-R	LB	Vero Beach (Vero Beach)
Bobby Jones IV	Sr.-R	LB	Miami Gardens (Monsignor Pace)
Shawun Lurry	Sr.	CB	West Palm Beach (W.T. Dwyer)
Jalen McKie	Fr.	CB	Ft. Lauderdale (Waukegan)
Andrew Parchment	Fr.-R	WR	Ft. Lauderdale (Cypress Bay)
Dennis Robinson	Fr.	WR	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
Jordan Robinson	Fr.	WR	Miami, Fla. (Norland)
Ezra Saffold	Sr.	WR	Riviera Beach (W.T. Dwyer)
Albert Smalls	Jr.-R	CB	Miramar (Monsignor Pace)
Trequan Smith	So.-R	S	Boynton Beach (Boynton Beach)

**FINISHING AT NIU:** NIU welcomed two graduate transfers for 2017. Tailback Jonathan Parker comes to NIU after spending the previous four seasons at Iowa. Jaden Huff transferred to NIU from St. Cloud State, where he was a team captain for the St. Cloud State Huskie in 2016.

**DEGREES IN HAND:** Eight players on the NIU roster are college graduates. Six have earned their degrees from NIU, while two others came to DeKalb as graduate transfers.

Jackson Abresch	S	Business Administration	NIU
Ty Harmston	TE	Biology	NIU
Jordan Huff	TB	Studio Art-Design & Media Arts	NIU
Bobby Jones IV	LB	Sociology	NIU
William Lee	DT	History	NIU
Max Scharping	LT	Kinesiology	NIU
Jaden Huff	LB	Business Administration	St. Cloud State
Jonathan Parker	CB	Biology	Iowa

**MAKING THE GRADE:** The NIU football team continues to excel in the classroom. NIU again leads the MAC and ranks in the Top 20 nationally with a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 84 percent, which is 10 points above the national FBS average. Additionally, the Huskies' 976 in the most recent Academic Progress Rate (APR) report from the NCAA, is the third-highest score in school history.



## FALCONS FACTS

Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Mike Jinks (Angelo State/1994)
Record at Bowling Green/Years.....	5-19/2nd
Career Record/Years.....	5-19/2nd
2016 Record.....	4-8
Mid-American Conference Record/Finish.....	3-5/3rd East
Location.....	Bowling Green, Ohio
Enrollment.....	19,000
Conference.....	Mid-American, East Division
Colors.....	Orange and Brown
Stadium.....	Doyt Perry Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	Shaw Sport Turf/24,000
President.....	Mary Ellen Mazey
Athletic Director.....	Bob Moosbrugger
Athletics Website.....	BGSUFalcons.com
Twitter.....	@BG_Football
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## 2017 BOWLING GREEN SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 2	at Michigan State (ESPNU)	L, 10-35
<b>Sat., Sept. 9</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L, 27-35</b>
Sat., Sept. 16	at Northwestern (BTN)	L, 7-49
Sat., Sept. 23	at Middle Tennessee State (ESPN3)	L, 13-24
<b>Sat., Sept. 30</b>	<b>AKRON* (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L, 23-34</b>
Sat., Oct. 7	at Miami (OH)* (ESPN3)	W, 37-29
<b>Sat., Oct. 14</b>	<b>OHIO (ESPN3)</b>	<b>L, 48-30</b>
<b>Sat., Oct. 21</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS (ESPN3)</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Tues., Oct. 31	at Kent State* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	TBD
Tues., Nov. 7	at Buffalo* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wed., Nov. 15</b>	<b>TOLEDO* (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSN)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Tues., Nov. 21	at Eastern Michigan* (ESPNu/ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.

\*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central

## NIU-BGSU SERIES HISTORY

Overall .....	BGSU leads 12-9
In DeKalb .....	NIU leads 6-3
In Bowling Green.....	BGSU leads 7-2
In MAC Championship Games.....	BGSU leads 2-1
In MAC Games .....	BGSU leads 7-6
Streak .....	NIU, 1
First Meeting .....	Nov. 18, 1967; BGSU 17, NIU 7 (A)
Last Meeting .....	Nov 1 2016; BGSU 20, NIU 45 (H)
Series History.....	(*MAC Game):

1967: BGSU 17, NIU 7 (A)	1998: BGSU 34, NIU 23 (H)*
1968: NIU 7, BGSU 6 (H)	2002: NIU 26, BGSU 17 (H)*
1969: BGSU 38, NIU 23 (A)	2003: BGSU 34, NIU 18 (A)*
1973: BGSU 21, NIU 20 (A)	2004: NIU 34, BGSU 17 (H)*
1981: BGSU 17, NIU 10 (H)*	2008: NIU 16, BGSU 13 (H)*
1982: BGSU 20, NIU 18 (A)*	2011: NIU 45, BGSU 14 (A)*
1983: NIU 24, BGSU 23 (H)*	2013: BGSU 47, NIU 27 (N)
1984: BGSU 28, NIU 6 (A)*	2014: NIU 51, BGSU 17 (N)
1985: BGSU 34, NIU 14 (H)*	2015: BGSU 34, NIU 14 (N)
1986: NIU 16, BGSU 8 (A)	2016: NIU 45, BGSU 20 (H)*
1997: BGSU 35, NIU 10 (A)*	

## THE LAST MEETING

## NIU 45, Bowling Green 20

Oct. 22, 2016

DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 4,790

Joel Bouagnon scored five rushing touchdowns as NIU defeated Bowling Green, 45-20, on Tuesday night at Huskie Stadium. Bouagnon's five touchdowns came as he recorded 134 yards on 26 carries, becoming the first Huskie to rush for five touchdowns since 2005.

NIU got off to a quick start offensively, scoring on each of their first four possessions. Bouagnon opened the scoring with a 14-yard touchdown run up the middle, capping a nine-play, 75-yard drive as NIU took an early 7-0 lead.

Bowling Green answered right back, with the benefit of a pair of NIU penalties, to even the game, 7-7. James Morgan connected with Scott Miller from two yards out to pull the Falcons even with 4:39 left in the first quarter.

Bouagnon scored his second touchdown of the night as NIU regained the lead, 14-7, late in the first quarter. The Huskies marched 80 yards in 11 plays as Bouagnon scored from a yard out to push NIU back in front.

Maddie finished the night 20-of-29 passing for 185 yards and rushed for 93 yards on 14 carries; Turner recorded five catches for 56 yards. Kenny Golladay recorded a game-high nine catches for 59 yards while the Huskie defense allowed a season-low 314 yards of total offense and held Bowling Green to 90 rushing yards. Austin Smaha had a pair of sacks and forced two fumbles.

Early in the second quarter, Christian Hagan connected on a 41-yard field goal as the Huskies pushed their lead to 17-7.

Bowling Green trimmed the lead back to 17-13, but Maddie answered with a two-yard touchdown run as the Huskies took a 24-13 lead midway through the second quarter; Maddie's touchdown run finished a 15-play, 75-yard drive.

On its first drive of the second half, Bowling Green attempted a fake punt but the pass from punter Joe Davidson was intercepted by Jackson Abresch, giving the Huskies the ball on the Falcon 24-yard line.

NIU needed just four plays to convert the turnover into points as Bouagnon scored again, this time from two yards out, as the Huskies took a 31-13 lead.

Bowling Green's hope for a comeback remained alive as quarterback James Morgan found Teo Redding for a five-yard touchdown completion with 3:03 left in the third quarter to cut the NIU advantage to 31-20.

The Huskies answered with a seven-play, 75-yard drive as Bouagnon scored his fourth touchdown of the night. Bouagnon's 15-yard touchdown run gave NIU a 38-20 lead with less than a minute left in the third quarter.

Bouagnon then capped the scoring with his fifth touchdown, a six-yard score, in the closing moments of the fourth quarter as the Huskies earned the Senior Night victory.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Bowling Green	7	6	7	0	- 20
NIU	14	10	14	7	- 45

## SCORING SUMMARY

NIU -	Bouagnon 14 run (Hagan kick), 1st 10:05 (9-75, 3:41)
BG -	Miller 2 pass from Morgan (Suder kick), 1st 4:39 (12-75, 5:26)
NIU -	Bouagnon 1 run (Hagan kick), 1st 00:53 (11-80, 3:46)
NIU -	Hagan 41 FG, 2nd 13:44 (5-20, 1:16)
BG -	Moore 37 pass from Morgan (Suder kick blocked), 2nd 12:30 (3-72, 1:09)
NIU -	Maddie 2 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 7:10 (15-75, 5:20)
NIU -	Bouagnon 2 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 9:47 (4-24, 1:28)
BG -	Redding 5 pass from Morgan (Suder kick), 3rd 3:03 (9-71, 2:59)
NIU -	Bouagnon 15 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 00:45 (7-75, 2:18)
NIU -	Bouagnon 6 run (Hagan kick), 4th 1:40 (5-30, 2:42)

## Team &amp; Individual Statistics

BG.....NIU		Rushing - BG: Coppet 14-45, Cleveland 8-21, Wilson 2-17, Stephens 2-9, Moore 1-6, Morgan 8-(-8); NIU: Bouagnon 26-134, Maddie 14-93, Huff 3-34, Mister 2-18, Brown 3-4, Graham 1-3.
First Downs (R-P)	20 (6-12).....29 (18-9)	Passing - BG: Morgan 21-41-1, 224; Davidson 0-1-1, 0; Cleveland 0-1-0, 0; NIU: Maddie 20-29-0, 185; Graham 1-2-1, 8.
Rushes-Net Yards	35-90.....49-286	Receiving - BG: Morgan 21-41-1, 224; Redding 2-34, Zimmerman 2-24, Coppet 2-4, Folkertsma 1-19, Wilson 1-10, Pough 1-10, Dossous 1-5, Stephens 1-(-4); NIU: Golladay 9-59, Turner 5-56, Brown 3-32, Bouagnon 2-31, Blake 2-15.
Passing Yards	224.....193	Tackles - BG: Bozeman 15, Greene 13; NIU: Allen 8, Folliard 8.
Passes (C-A-I)	21-43-2.....21-31-1	
Plays-Total Yards	78-314.....80-479	
Fumbles-Lost	2-0.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	9-84.....11-91	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-90.....1-15	
Punt Returns-Yds	2-33.....2-(-2)	
3rd Down Conversions	3-14.....9-15	
4th Down Conversions	3-6.....0-0	
Punts-Average	4-44.0.....5-36.6	
Possession Time	28:35.....31:25	
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....3-25	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-3.....6-6	

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

**15 SUTTON SMITH**

**DE | 6-0 | 225 | So.-R**  
**Saint Charles, Mo. | Francis Howell HS**

• Leads the entire FBS in tackles for loss and quarterback sacks. Taking aim at the NIU school records for single season TFLs (20) and sacks (12). Averaging 2.7 TFLs and 1.4 sacks per game, with 16 and 8.5, respectively. Half of his 32 tackles on the year have been for loss. Has at least one sack in 5 of 6 games. Forced two fumbles (vs. Eastern Illinois, Buffalo). Made a career-high 10 stops to go with 4 TFLs and 3 sacks in win over Kent

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	6/6	21	11	32	16.0	8.5	2
Career	18/6	27	20	47	18.0	9.5	2

to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week award. Totaled 1.5 sacks and tackles for loss and 4 tackles at Buffalo. Tallied 3 solo stops and a sack at San Diego State. Wrecked havoc at Nebraska with 3.5 TFLs, 2 sacks, a pass break-up and 6 tackles. Caused and recovered a fumble, broke up a pass and made 3 tackles vs. Eastern Illinois. Tallied 5 tackles for minus 23 yards, a sack and 6 stops versus Boston College.

**35 SHANE WIMANN**

**TE | 6-4 | 252 | Jr.-R | 2L**  
**Wisconsin Dells, Wis. | Wisconsin Dells HS**

• NIU career record holder for TD catches by a tight end has scored in four games to lead NIU in TD catches for the year. Scored on a career-long 34-yard pass play at Buffalo, one of four catches for 50 yards on the day. Had a 25-yard TD vs. Kent State and 4 grabs for season-high 53 yards. Also caught TD passes vs. Eastern Illinois and Boston College. Caught four passes for 37

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	6/6	14	144	10.3	4	34
Career	45/25	49	496	10.1	14	34

yards vs. BC. Excellent blocker helped lead the way for back-to-back 100-yard rushing games by Jordan Huff at Nebraska and San Diego State. His 24 catches in 2016 were the most by an NIU tight end since 2005. Tied the NIU single season record for TD catches by a tight end with 6 as a junior. NFF Scholar-Athlete Award semifinalist for 2017.

**36 MATT FERENCE**

**P | 5-11 | 187 | Fr. | HS**  
**St. Louis, Mo. | Lafayette HS**

• True freshman punter is averaging 41.3 yards per punt on 43 punts in 2017. Seen 14 of his 43 punts force opponents to start inside their 20 yard line, 12 have been fair caught and 6 have gone for 50 yards or more. Forced opponents to start at or inside the 10-yard line 10 times. Twice hit season-long boots of 56 yards. Named MAC West Specialist of the Week vs. San Diego State after helping the

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2017	6/6	43	1777	41.3	14	56

Huskies control field position with four of eight punts inside the 20. Punted for a season-high 46.4 yard average on eight kicks at Nebraska.

**73 MAX SCHARPING**

**OT | 6-6 | 312 | Jr.-R | 2L**  
**Green Bay, Wis. | Southwest HS**

• Started 32 consecutive games, every game of his NIU career and is the leader along the Huskie offensive line. In his first season at left tackle after two seasons on right side. Led Jordan Huff to back-to-back 100-yard rushing games at Nebraska and San Diego State. Huskies are averaging 4.9 yards per play and 367.2 yards per game in total offense. All-MAC selection in 2016. On the Outland Trophy Watch List. Named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District squad with a 3.99 GPA in kinesiology. Honorable mention sophomore All-American by CampusInsiders. Selected as a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete.

**6 BOBBY JONES IV**

**LB | 6-0 | 220 | Sr.-R | 3L**  
**Miami Gardens, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS**

• Named MAC West Player of the Week for the Buffalo game after making 2 sacks with 6 tackles to lead NIU defense. Huskies allowed just 39 rushing yards to the Bulls, one in second half. Leads NIU in tackles with 54 and is second in solo stops. Picked off his first career pass and registered 8 tackles with 2 for loss and a sack vs. Kent. Made 7 stops with a TFL to lead the Huskies at SDSU. Led NIU with 14 tackles, 5

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	TO
2017	6/6	26	28	54	8.0	3.0	1
Career	42/18	103	77	180	17.0	6.5	2

solo, at Nebraska; Huskies held NU to 85 rushing yards. Made a career-high 16 tackles vs. BC, 10 solo and two tackles for loss.

**7 JAWUAN JOHNSON**

**LB | 6-0 | 218 | Jr.-R | 2L**  
**East St. Louis, Ill. | New Boston [Texas] HS**

• Leads NIU with three interceptions after making a critical fourth-quarter INT to stop a Buffalo drive. Second on the team in tackles with 44 and tackles for loss with 7.5 after leading NIU in tackles vs. Kent with a career high 12. Compiled a sack, two tackles for loss and his second interception of the year. Has two double-digit

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT
2017	6/6	23	21	44	7.5	1.0	3
Career	24/9	49	39	88	15.5	2.0	4

14-0 lead. Also made nine stops with a TFL to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH

**19 SHAWUN LURRY**

**CB | 5-8 | 170 | Sr. | 3L**  
**W. Palm Beach, Fla. | W.T. Dwyer HS**

- Secured his second interception of the year to stop a Kent State drive at the NIU 3 and returned it 45 yards. Scored on an 87-yard INT return at Nebraska to give NIU an early 7-0 lead. Leads the country in interception return yards with 132; ranks tied for fourth all-time at NIU in interceptions with 14.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT-Yds	PBU
2017	6/6	6	4	10	2.5	2-132	3
Career	44/25	77	30	107	5.5	14-435	30

His 30 career pass break-ups are fourth all-time. The nation's active career leader in interceptions, interception return yards (435) and is second in passes defended (44).

**23 JORDAN HUFF**

**TB | 5-11 | 224 | Sr.-R | 3L**  
**Mobile, Ala. | St. Paul's Episcopal HS**

- Caught his first career touchdown pass on a two-yard grab vs. Kent. Ran for a season-high 148 yards on career-high 25 carries at San Diego State for his sixth career 100-yard rushing game. Gained 105 yards on 16 carries at Nebraska. Scored the game-winning touchdown from two yards out. Led NIU with 88 yards on 11 carries versus Eastern Illinois. Has four catches for 20 yards on the year. Ranks 19th on the NIU career rushing chart. Has 2,398 career all-purpose yards.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	KOR	Yds.	Avg	Lg
2017	6/5	85	450	5.3	1	22	1	23	23.0	23
Career	43/8	291	1,905	6.5	17	87	17	416	24.5	66

**12 JOSH CORCORAN**

**DE | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | 2L**  
**Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville South HS**

- Tallied two tackles, one for loss, at Buffalo. Vs. Kent, added 1.5 sacks and two tackles for loss to four total stops. Leapt high to snag his first career interception, stopping Nebraska's final drive and sealing the Huskie win. Totaled four tackles with a half tackle for loss at NU. Registered a season-high six tackles, one for loss, vs. Eastern Illinois. Made two tackles and broke up his first career pass vs. Boston College. Has seen action in 31 of 32 games during his career.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	6/6	9	13	22	4.5	1.5	2
Career	31/12	30	29	59	11.5	4.5	2

**4 CHRISTIAN BLAKE**

**WR/KR | 6-1 | 181 | Sr. | 3L**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | Cardinal Gibbons HS**

- NIU's leading receiver with 23 catches for 279 yards with three TD catches. Caught career best 12 passes for 153 yards and TDs of 34 and 10 yards to lead the Huskies at San Diego State. Named MAC West Offensive Player of the Week. Also recorded a 50-yard catch. Caught an 18-yard TD pass vs. Eastern Illinois. An 18-yard catch at Buffalo set up NIU's first TD. Completed his second career pass, to Ryan Graham for 13 yards, vs. BC.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	6/6	23	279	12.1	3	50
Career	41/15	65	809	12.4	5	51

**14 SPENCER TEARS**

**WR | 6-0 | 191 | So.-R | 1L**  
**Robbins, Ill. | H.L. Richards HS**

- Tied for second on the Huskie team in receiving with 22 catches for 248 yards and three TDs after making five catches for 31 yards at Buffalo. Scored on a team season long 81-yard pass from Daniel Santacaterina versus San Diego State. Recorded career highs of five catches for 105 yards in the game. Caught at least two passes in every game this year. Opened the scoring versus Kent State and Eastern Illinois on catches of 10 and 39 yards, respectively.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	6/6	22	248	11.3	3	81
Career	17/6	23	251	10.9	3	81

**8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS**

**S | 6-1 | 205 | So.-R. | TR**  
**Indianapolis, Ind. | Warren Central/Iowa Western**

- Third on the team in tackles and is first in solo stops with 29 after making 7 tackles, all solo, at Buffalo, with his third pass break-up. Four of his 5 tackles vs. Kent were solos and added a pass break up. Made 6 tackles, with a tackle for loss, at SDSU. Posted a double-digit tackle game with 10 stops, a team-leading 9 solo, at Nebraska. Picked off his first career pass vs. Eastern Illinois. Broke up a pass vs. Boston College. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	PBU	INT
2017	6/6	29	9	38	1.0	3	1

**72 JORDAN STECKLER**

**OG | 6-4 | 311 | So.-R | 1L**  
**Two Rivers, Wis. | Two Rivers HS**

- After starting seven games at right guard last year, starting at left guard in 2017. Helped lead the way to back-to-back 100-yard rushing games by Jordan Huff at Nebraska and San Diego State. Huskies averaging 4.9 yards per play through six games. Line did not surrender a sack to potent BC defensive line.

## GAME 1: BOSTON COLLEGE 23, NIU 20

September 1 | 8:30 p.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network  
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 16,421

NIU's last second drive came up short as the Huskies suffered a 23-20 setback to Boston College in the season opener at Huskie Stadium Friday night.

NIU (0-1) drove 53 yards in nine plays and 1:52 to set up a 39-yard field goal attempt by Christian Hagan, who had connected on threes from 32 and 21 yards out earlier in the game. The senior kicker's attempt bounced off the front of the crossbar and fell short.

NIU began its final drive on its own 20-yard line after Boston College took the lead on a 37-yard field by Colton Lichtenberg. Lichtenberg's field goal capped a 13-play, 46-yard drive on which the Eagles converted on a pair of fourth down plays.

The Huskie defense forced four three and outs, held Boston College to 367 yards, 164 on the ground, and forced one turnover. That turnover, an interception by linebacker Kyle Pugh in the first quarter, resulted in the first points of the game. Pugh also finished the game with a career- and game-high 17 tackles.

Hagan hit a 32-yard field with seven minutes left in the first quarter to end a seven-play, 45-yard scoring drive led by quarterback Ryan Graham, giving NIU a 3-0 lead.

Graham finished the day with 190 yards on 15-of-38 passing with two touchdowns and one interception. He added a game-high 99 yards on the ground on 12 carries, including a 60-yard scamper that set up his first touchdown pass of the game, a 15-yard strike to D.J. Brown. Senior Chad Beebe led the Huskies in receiving with six catches for 93 yards.

Trailing 10-3 to NIU, Boston College came back to take a 13-10 halftime lead with a 10-point outburst in the final 2:05 of the first half. First, Lichtenberg hit a 35-yard field goal to cap a 13-play, 63-yard drive. After the Huskies went three-and-out on offense, the Eagles got the ball back at the 50-yard line and scored in six plays on a five-yard Brown pass to Michael Walker.

The Eagles took a 10-point lead, 20-10, midway through the third quarter as Brown hit fullback Ray Marten from four yards out for the score.

On the ensuing drive, Graham caught a 13-yard pass from Christian Blake to help set up his second touchdown pass of the game. He hit tight end Shane Wimann with a seven-yard touchdown pass with 2:15 left in the third quarter. That score pulled NIU to within three, 20-17.

NIU tied the game, 20-20, with 14:18 left to play in the game when Hagan hit a 21-yard field goal attempt.

Three Huskies finished in double digits in tackles. In addition to Pugh's 17 stops, Bobby Jones IV and Jawuan Johnson finished with 16 and 10 tackles, respectively. Sutton Smith tallied six tackles, including five for loss.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Boston College	3	10	7	3	- 23
NIU	3	7	7	3	- 20

## SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Hagan 32 FG, 1st 7:00 (7-45, 3:09)  
BC - Lichtenberg 42 FG, 1st 0:09 (8-34, 2:17)  
NIU - D. Brown 15 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:56 (2-75, 0:13)  
BC - Lichtenberg 35 FG, 2nd 2:05 (13-63, 4:27)  
BC - Walker 5 pass from A. Brown (Lichtenberg kick), 2nd 0:30 (6-50, 1:04)  
BC - Marten 4 pass from A. Brown (Lichtenberg kick), 3rd 7:48 (8-59, 2:57)  
NIU - Wimann 7 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 3rd 2:15 (13-75, 5:28)  
NIU - Hagan 21 FG, 4th 14:18 (5-53, 1:47)  
BC - Lichtenberg 37 FG, 4th 2:13 (13-46, 5:04)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	BC	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	21 (11-8)	18 (5-10)
Rushes-Net Yards	50-148	35-164
Passing Yards	191	203
Passes (C-A-I)	26-42-1	16-39-1
Plays-Total Yards	92-339	74-367
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-79	8-70
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-81	3-48
Punt Returns-Yds	1-11	3-17
3rd Down Conversions	9-24	2-15
4th Down Conversions	2-2	1-2
Punts-Average	9-38.7	8-40.9
Possession Time	33:39	26:21
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	2-15
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-4
<b>Rushing</b> - BC: Hillman 25-58, Smith, T. 6-55, Smith, J. 3-26, Dillon 5-20, Brown. 7-10, Glines 1-3, Team 3-(-24); NIU: Graham 12-99, Jones 11-48, Huff 5-9, Brown 2-7, Blake 2-6, Beebe 1-(-1), Team 1-(-1); Mister 1-(-3).		
<b>Passing</b> - BC: Brown 26-42-1, 191; NIU: Graham 15-38-1, 190; Blake 1-1-0, 13.		
<b>Receiving</b> - BC: Walker 8-50, White 6-76, Smith 3-18, Hillman 3-1, Idrizi 2-17, Marten 2-7, Garrison 1-17, Callinan 1-5; NIU: Beebe 6-93, Wimann 4-37, Tears 3-29, Brown 2-31, Graham 1-13.		
<b>Tackles</b> - BC: Harris 10, Allen 9; NIU: Pugh 17, Jones 16, Johnson 10.		

## GAME 2: NIU 38, EASTERN ILLINOIS 10

September 9 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3  
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 16,722

The Northern Illinois University football team amassed 499 yards of total offense, while the defense held the Panthers to less than 200 yards as the Huskies claimed a 38-10 victory over Eastern Illinois at Huskie Stadium Saturday.

Quarterback Daniel Santacaterina led the Huskies on six scoring drives and threw for 252 yards and three touchdowns on 23-34 passing as NIU improved to 1-1 on the year.

After a three and out on the opening drive, the Huskie sophomore led NIU on a 10-play, 75-yard scoring drive on the Huskies' second possession. Santacaterina capped the drive by connecting with Spencer Tears, who made an incredible over-the-shoulder catch, on a 39-yard touchdown pass to give the Huskies a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

Eastern Illinois (1-1), responded with a 20-yard field goal by Nick Wilson, capitalizing on a muffed punt by the Huskies which gave the Panthers the ball on the NIU 29-yard line.

Following a three-and-out by the Huskies on their fourth possession, Mychal Allen intercepted Mitch Kimble on the EIU 28 and returned it 17 yards to set up the Huskies' second score of the game, a four-yard touchdown run by Marcus Jones, to extend NIU's advantage to 14-3 with 14:51 left in the half and spark a 24-point second quarter outburst by the Huskies.

Santacaterina hit Christian Blake for his second touchdown pass of the game on an 18-yard pass with 5:11 left in the half. A Mykelti Williams interception on EIU's ensuing possession gave the Huskies a short field as NIU took over at the Panther 30-yard line. Jones scored his second touchdown of the game five plays later on a one-yard run to give NIU a 28-3 lead with 3:05 left in the half.

Jones finished the day with 63 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 12 carries and had one reception for eight yards.

After NIU used its timeouts and forced another EIU punt, the Huskies executed the two-minute drill, driving 55 yards in six plays and 1:20. Christian Hagan hit a 20-yard field with under a minute left and the Huskies went into the break with a 31-3 advantage.

The Huskie defense was dominant in the first half, limiting the Panthers to 58 yards of total offense while forcing two turnovers, which the Huskie offense turned into two touchdowns.

Santacaterina and the Huskies added one more touchdown late in the third quarter when he found tight end Shane Wimann for a one-yard touchdown pass to give NIU a 38-3 lead.

Linebacker Jawuan Johnson quietly had a strong game for the Huskies, tallying seven tackles, including one-and-a-half tackles and a forced fumble. Antonio Jones-Davis led the way for NIU tallying a game-high eight tackles.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	7	- 10
NIU	7	24	7	0	- 38

## SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Tears 39 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 7:57 (10-75, 3:25)  
EIU - Wilson 20 FG, 1st 2:51 (8-26, 3:48)  
NIU - M. Jones 4 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:51 (3-11, 0:37)  
NIU - Blake 18 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 2nd 5:11 (13-80, 5:30)  
NIU - M. Jones 1 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 3:05 (5-30, 1:58)  
NIU - Hagan 20 FG, 2nd 0:52 (6-55, 1:20)  
NIU - Wimann 1 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 3rd 1:34 (9-80, 1:48)  
EIU - Gilkey 1 run (Wilson kick), 4th 8:01 (11-57, 4:22)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	EIU	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	16 (3-6)	26 (12-11)
Rushes-Net Yards	45-60	47-230
Passing Yards	127	269
Passes (C-A-I)	14-32-2	24-35-1
Plays-Total Yards	77-187	82-499
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-75	15-194
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-79	3-68
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	3-1
3rd Down Conversions	5-17	10-17
4th Down Conversions	0-1	0-0
Punts-Average	7-40.0	4-41.2
Possession Time	30:24	29:36
Sacks By-Yards	1-1	3-12
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	5-6
<b>Rushing</b> - EIU: Johnson 11-24, Gilkey 8-20, McCullough 8-19, Turner 1-8, Columbus 3-5, Gooch 2-(-1), Team 2-(-2), Hollins 1-(-5), Kimble 9-(-8); NIU: Huff 11-88, Jones 12-63, Childers 5-28, Santacaterina 5-14, Mister 5-8, Blake 2-7, Brown 1-7, Milton 3-7, Harbison 2-5, Parker 1-3.		
<b>Passing</b> - EIU: Kimble 14-29-2, 127; Gilkey 0-3-0, 0; NIU: Santacaterina 23-34-1, 252; Childers 1-1-0, 17.		
<b>Receiving</b> - EIU: Hollins 4-29, Gooch 3-16, D. Turner 2-35, Welch 2-27, Johnson 2-5, J. Turner 1-15; NIU: Brown 7-88, Tears 4-61, Beebe 4-32, Blake 3-24, Wesley 2-30, Crawford 1-17, Huff 1-8, Jones 1-8 Wimann 1-1.		
<b>Tackles</b> - EIU: Horne 8, Dewberry 7; NIU: Jones-Davis 8, Johnson 7.		

## GAME 3: NIU 21, NEBRASKA 17

September 16 | 11 a.m. (CT) | FS1  
Lincoln, Nebraska | Memorial Stadium | 89,664

NIU continued its recent string of success versus Big Ten opponents with a fourth-quarter rally to defeat Nebraska, 21-17, at Memorial Stadium.

After NIU scored the first 14 points of the game on interception return touchdowns, Nebraska put 17 straight points on the board in the second half before NIU responded with a game-winning drive and two defensive stops in the final six minutes of the game.

After Nebraska took its only lead of the game with 11:14 to play on a one-yard dive by quarterback Tanner Lee at 17-14, the Huskie offense responded.

From the Huskie 25, quarterback Daniel Santacaterina came out firing, hitting Christian Blake with a 47-yard bomb to put NIU on the Nebraska 28. Two Jordan Huff runs netted another first down and a Santacaterina to Blake connection over the middle went to the two-yard line. Huff scored from there, putting the Huskies back on top to stay, 21-17.

Nebraska got two more chances with the ball, advancing to the NIU 33 on the first drive before the Huskie defense – as it had almost all day – stood strong. Nebraska got the ball again with 3:09 to play. On third and six from its 24, Sutton Smith sacked Lee for eight yards, forcing fourth and 14. Josh Corcoran ended all suspense when he intercepted Lee at the 24-yard line.

NIU's Shawun Lurry shocked and silenced the crowd early when he stepped in front of a Cornhusker pass at the 13-yard line and returned it 87 yards for a 7-0 Huskie lead at 11:24 of the first quarter. The Huskie defense forced Nebraska into three and outs on its next two possessions, and although the NIU offense was unable to get untracked, the Huskies had the field position advantage, forcing the Huskers to start on their one and seven yard lines.

NIU took a 14-0 lead with 1:13 to play in the quarter. On third-and-nine from its 21-yard line, Drequan Brown pressured Lee, and his pass was intercepted by Jawuan Johnson, who raced 25 yards for the Huskies' second touchdown.

The Huskie defense pressured Lee all day, totaling three sacks and nine tackles for loss, including four by Smith. Three Huskies totaled double figures in tackles for Bobby Jones (14), Kyle Pugh (11) and Mykelti Williams (10) a big part of a game defensive effort.

The Huskies shut out Nebraska in the first half with William Lee blocking the Huskers' field goal attempt from 37 yards out on the last play of the half.

Nebraska came back with 10 points in the third quarter. The Huskers scored their first touchdown by recovering a mis-handled punt that rolled back to the NIU two-yard line. Two plays later, Lee scored from four yards out.

NIU had drives of just three, three and four plays in the third quarter. Nebraska put together a 15-play, 71-yard drive before the Huskie defense forced a 36-yard field goal by Drew Brown.

Jordan Huff led the Huskie offense with 105 yards on 16 carries, while Blake caught five passes for 77 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	0	0	7	- 21
Nebraska	0	0	10	7	- 17

## SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Lurry 87 interception return (Hagan kick), 1st 11:24  
NIU - Johnson 25 interception return (Hagan kick), 1st 1:13  
NEB - T. Lee 4 run (Brown kick), 3rd 8:05 (2-2, 0:48)  
NEB - Brown 36 FG, 3rd 0:15 (15-71, 6:20)  
NEB - T. Lee 1 run (Brown kick), 4th 11:14 (6-63, 2:14)  
NIU - Huff 2 run (Brown kick), 4th 8:52 (6-75, 2:22)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	NEB
First Downs (R-P)	13 (7-5)	18 (6-12)
Rushes-Net Yards	31-85	36-85
Passing Yards	128	299
Passes (C-A-I)	15-23-0	25-47-3
Plays-Total Yards	54-213	83-384
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-48
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-25	3-91
Punt Returns-Yds	2-10	5-13
3rd Down Conversions	3-13	6-19
4th Down Conversions	0-0	2-4
Punts-Average	8-46.4	6-47.3
Possession Time	23:26	36:34
Sacks By-Yards	3-24	2-14
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-5

**Rushing** - NIU: Huff 16-105, Childers 2-10, Jones 1-3, Blake 1-(-1), Santacaterina 7-(-9), TEAM 4-(-23)  
NEB: Wilbon 24-90, Ozigbo 2-8, McNitt 1-4, Spielman 2-1, Lee 7-(-18),  
**Passing** - NIU: Santacaterina 15-22-0, 128; Blake 0-1-0, 0 NEB: Lee 25-47-3, 299.  
**Receiving** - NIU: Blake 5-77, Wesley 3-29, Brown 3-18, Tears 2-(-3), Huff 1-6, Jones 1-1. NEB: Pierson-El 8-101, Morgan 6-94, Spielman 3-52, Wilbon 3-14, Lindsey 2-18, Hoppes 2-17, Reimers 1-3;  
**Tackles** - NIU: B. Jones 14, Pugh 11 NEB: Gifford 8, Reed 5.

## GAME 4: #19 SAN DIEGO STATE 34, NIU 28

September 30 | 9:30 p.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network  
San Diego, California | SDCCU Stadium | 35,717

A valiant second-half comeback by the NIU Huskies fell short against 19th-ranked San Diego State Aztecs as NIU dropped a 34-28 decision at SDCCU Stadium in San Diego Saturday night.

Senior Christian Blake caught 12 passes for 153 yards, Spencer Tears had 105 yards on five catches, tailback Jordan Huff ran for 148 yards on 25 carries and quarterback Daniel Santacaterina completed 23-of-37 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns to lead a Huskie offense that outgained SDSU 417-263. Defensively, NIU held San Diego State to just three points in the second half and allowed them to convert only one of 14 third downs.

However, four turnovers, including three INTs, doomed NIU's upset chances. Down 31-17 at half, NIU scored on its second offensive play of the second half when Santacaterina hit Tears for an 81-yard touchdown.

Three possessions later, Santacaterina went deep again, this time to Blake, for 50 yards to the SDSU 10-yard line. Three plays later, Marcus Childers ran in from one-yard out and NIU was back within three points of the Aztecs at 31-28.

San Diego State put together its only extended drive of the second half to score a 21-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. NIU's William Lee tackled SDSU's Rashaad Penny for a two-yard loss from the two-yard line on third down.

The Huskies twice started drives in SDSU territory in the fourth quarter. NIU's best chance for a game-winning score came when they advanced from the Aztecs 45 to the 20. On first and 10 from the 20, Santacaterina's pass at the goal line was intercepted by SDSU's Kelly Kameron.

The game began ominously for the Huskies when SDSU's Juwan Washington returned the opening kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 Aztecs' lead.

NIU responded when Santacaterina hit Blake for 34 yards and a touchdown. Hagan's PAT tied the score 7-7 with 11:49 still to play in the first quarter.

San Diego State took advantage of a Huskie fumble to secure its second touchdown. One play after the recovery at the NIU 33, SDSU quarterback Christian Chapman hit Penny with a 33-yard touchdown pass for a 14-7 Aztecs' lead.

The Huskies responded, this time with a 13-play, 77-yard drive. Forty-four of those yards came on Santacaterina to Blake connections, including the 10-yard touchdown pass as NIU tied the score at 14 with 4:18 to play in the first quarter.

San Diego State exploded for 17 points in the second quarter to take a 31-14 halftime lead. The first score came on an 83-yard interception return by Tariq Thompson. San Diego State then marched 66 yards on seven plays in 3:45 to take a 28-14 lead on a Chapman to Kahale Warring eight-yard touchdown pass.

The Aztecs tacked on a 38-yard field goal before the end of the half.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	0	14	0	- 28
San Diego State	14	17	0	3	- 34

## SCORING SUMMARY

SDS - Washington 96 kickoff return (Baron kick), 1st 14:47  
NIU - Blake 34 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 11:49 (7-73, 2:53)  
SDS - Penny 33 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 1st 9:55 (1-33, 0:05)  
NIU - Blake 10 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 4:18 (13-77, 5:31)  
SDS - Thompson 83 interception return (Baron kick), 2nd 9:00  
SDS - Warring 8 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 2nd 2:12 (7-66, 3:45)  
SDS - Baron 38 FG, 2nd 0:07 (7-32, 0:42)  
NIU - Tears 81 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 3rd 14:17 (2-82, 0:37)  
NIU - Childers 1 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 5:39 (4-60, 1:36)  
SDS - Baron 21 FG, 4th 14:15 (8-64, 4:01)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	SDSU
First Downs (R-P)	23 (9-11)	10 (3-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	46-160	36-127
Passing Yards	269	136
Passes (C-A-I)	24-40-3	10-20-0
Plays-Total Yards	86-429	56-263
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-42	10-126
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-83	4-182
Punt Returns-Yds	3-32	1-3
3rd Down Conversions	8-17	1-14
4th Down Conversions	0-0	1-1
Punts-Average	8-36.4	10-39.9
Possession Time	34:27	25:33
Sacks By-Yards	1-6	4-30
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	2-2

**Rushing** - NIU: Huff 25-148, Childers 5-20, Jones 5-16, Tears 3-5, Brown 1-4, TEAM 1-(-1), Parchment 1-(-4), Santacaterina 5-(-28) SDSU: Penny 25-107, Washington 4-19, Chapman 4-7, TEAM 3-(-6).  
**Passing** - NIU: Santacaterina 24-39-3, 269; Childers 0-1-0, 0. SDSU: Chapman 10-19-0, 136; Team 0-1-0, 0.  
**Receiving** - NIU: Blake 13-160, Tears 5-105, Brown 4-(-3), Huff 1-4, Wimann 1-3. SDSU: Warring 3-39, Penny 2-32, Truxton 2-28, Wells, 1-23, Andrews 1-11, Collins 1-3.  
**Tackles** - NIU: B. Jones 7, Williams 6; SDSU: Baldwin 11, Kelly 9.



## GAME 5: NIU 24, KENT STATE 3

October 7 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3  
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 11,398

On a rainy, windy day at Huskie Stadium, the Huskies relied on a dominating defensive performance to earn a 24-3 Mid-American Conference victory over Kent State.

The Huskies allowed the Golden Flashes to earn just 131 yards in the game, 102 rushing and 29 passing, while giving up only nine first downs. Kent State converted just two-of-16 first downs a week after NIU held San Diego State to just one-of-14 conversions.

Shawun Lurry, Jawuan Johnson and Bobby Jones IV intercepted passes in the game. Johnson led the Huskies with 12 tackles, two for loss, while Sutton Smith had a career high 10 tackles with three sacks and four tackles for loss.

The Huskies totaled seven sacks, the most by an NIU defense since the 2013 season.

Neither team started well offensively as the game started with four punts. NIU then inserted redshirt freshman quarterback Marcus Childers, who directed a 12-play, 80-yard drive to give the Huskies all the points they would need in the game. Childers ran for 42 yards on the drive, including a 28-yard rush, and hit Spencer Tears with a 10-yard touchdown pass, the first of his Huskie career. Christian Hagan's PAT gave NIU a 7-0 lead with two minutes to play in the first quarter.

Kent State scored its only points with a 10-play, 89-yard drive, culminating in a Shane Hynes 18-yard field goal. The Golden Flashes had first and goal from the seven yard line but fell inches short on a third and two play, forcing KSU into the field goal try.

Lurry's interception set up the Huskies' second touchdown and came after Kent State recovered a pooched kickoff at the NIU 19. On third and goal from the 17, KSU quarterback Dustin Crum was pressured and Lurry stepped in front of his pass and returned it 45 yards, setting up the Huskies in Kent State territory.

With 3:55 to play in the half, NIU drove to the Kent 25 and from there, Childers hit tight end Shane Wimann who scored his 13th career touchdown. The Huskies led 14-3 at halftime.

A turnover also led to NIU's third touchdown when Matt Ference's punt was muffed by the Kent State returner and recovered by the Huskies' Alex Schwab at the Kent State 11-yard line. Three plays later, Childers hit Huff with a two-yard touchdown pass to extend NIU's lead to 21-3 with 10:34 to play in the third quarter.

Hagan added a 41-yard field goal with 4:48 left in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

Childers, who came on to relieve starter Daniel Santacaterina, completed 13-of-21 passes for 114 yards and three touchdowns while netting 65 yards rushing on 17 carries to lead the Huskies' rushing attack. Wimann caught four passes for 53 yards to lead all receivers. Jordan Huff ran 18 times for 58 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Kent State	0	3	0	0	- 3
NIU	7	7	10	0	- 24

## SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Tears 10 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 2:00 (12-80, 5:35)  
KSU - Hynes 18 FG, 1st 6:33 (10-89, 4:42)  
NIU - Wimann 25 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 1:01 (8-48, 2:54)  
NIU - Huff 2 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 3rd 10:34 (2-11, 0:32)  
NIU - Hagan 41 FG, 3rd 4:48 (4-8, 1:04)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	KSU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	9 (7-1)	15 (9-6)	<u>Rushing</u> - KSU: Crum 15-77, Rankin 12-33, Matthews 8-15, Gamble 1-3, James 1-(-3), Price 2-(-7), Bollas 4-(-16); NIU: Childers 17-65, Huff 18-58, Jones 6-20, Brown 1-10, Mister 2-5, Santacaterina 3-(-1), Team 1-(-2), Blake 2-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	43-102	50-152	<u>Passing</u> - KSU: Bollas 4-13-2, 14; Crum 2-4-1, 15; NIU: Childers 13-21-1, 114; Santacaterina 0-1-1, 0.
Passing Yards	29	114	<u>Receiving</u> - KSU: Harrell 2-10, Rankin 2-8, Carrigan 1-7, Price 1-4; NIU: Wimann 4-53, Tears 3-25, Blake 2-7, Brinkman 1-13, Brown 1-9, Wesley 1-5, Huff 1-2.
Passes (C-A-I)	6-17-3	13-22-2	<u>Tackles</u> - KSU: J. Jones 14, Lawrence-Burke 7; NIU: Johnson 12, Smith 10.
Plays-Total Yards	60-131	72-266	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	5-43	7-59	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-26	0-0	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-2	2-8	
3rd Down Conversions	2-16	5-17	
4th Down Conversions	0-2	1-1	
Punts-Average	9-45.8	8-39.0	
Possession Time	30:00	30:00	
Sacks By-Yards	3-27	7-37	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-3	

## GAME 6: NIU 14, BUFFALO 13

October 14 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3  
Buffalo, N.Y. | UB Stadium | 12,784

NIU scored touchdowns on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter, and Buffalo recorded 13 first-half points to complete the scoring for the game as NIU claimed a win while scoring 14 points or less for the first time since 1988.

The Huskie defense came up big, stopping six Buffalo drives in the second half, including one inside the NIU 20 as the Bulls missed a 34-yard field goal. Linebacker Jawuan Johnson stopped another drive with his third interception of the season and the rest was just hard-nosed, tough-against-the-run defense.

Buffalo finished the game with 39 yards rushing and netted just one yard in the second half. The Bulls, who lost their starting quarterback just before halftime, gained 113 yards passing in the second half after totaling 229 in the first. NIU defenders totaled four sacks and held Buffalo to just two conversions on 14 third-down tries.

Redshirt freshman Marcus Childers made his first career start at quarterback for NIU and completed 20-of-31 passes for 224 yards, despite missing on his first five passes of the game. He hit Shane Wimann with a 34-yard touchdown pass and did not throw an interception. Childers also led the Huskies in rushing with 79 yards on 27 carries and a 10-yard score.

In seven offensive possessions in the second half, NIU totaled 14 first downs and 247 yards. The Huskies missed two field goals, saw one second half possession end on a fumble, and closed out the game in victory formation on Buffalo's 16-yard line.

NIU scored on its first two possessions of the second quarter for its only points of the game and a 14-3 Huskie lead. Childers led the Huskies on a 12-play, 75-yard drive with D.J. Brown accounting for 26 yards rushing and receiving. Childers hit Christian Blake for 18 yards to the Buffalo 10-yard line and ran in from there for NIU's first score.

After the Huskie defense forced a three-and-out, NIU got the ball back on its 37-yard line and drove 63 yards in five plays to take a 14-3 lead with 10:09 to play in the half. Childers hit Spencer Tears for two of his five catches on the day, and then found Shane Wimann down the sideline for a 34-yard touchdown. Wimann finished the day with four catches for 50 yards.

Buffalo responded with a its lone touchdown of the day as quarterback Drew Anderson hit Emmanuel Reed from 21 yards out. The PAT made it 14-10 NIU with 8:14 to play in the half.

A Huskie fumble set up Buffalo's next field goal, and the final points of the game. NIU drove from its nine to the 40 where Tommy Mister's fumble was recovered by Cameron Lewis. The Bulls then drove 33 yards where once again the Huskie defense stood strong, forcing a 22-yard field goal by Adam Mitcheson.

Buffalo scored the only points of the first quarter on a 23-yard field goal by Mitcheson. From its own 40, UB used a 21-yard completion and a late hit penalty on NIU to advance to the Huskie 24-yard line. Buffalo's drive stalled at the NIU six when two runs gained only six yards, forcing the field goal.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	14	0	0	- 14
Buffalo	3	10	0	0	- 13

## SCORING SUMMARY

UB - Mitcheson 23 FG, 1st 2:47 (7-54, 2:27)  
NIU - Childers 10 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:00 (12-75, 3:42)  
NIU - Wimann 34 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 10:09 (5-65, 1:54)  
UB - Reed 21 pass from Anderson (Mitcheson kick), 2nd 8:14 (4-81, 1:50)  
UB - Mitcheson 22 FG, 2nd 2:51 (8-33, 2:55)

## TEAM &amp; INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	UB	
First Downs (R-P)	28 (15-11)	15 (2-11)	<u>Rushing</u> - NIU: Childers 27-79, D.J. Brown 9-44, Huff 10-42, Mister 6-30, Blake 1-14, Harbison 2-10, TEAM 1-(-22); UB: Reed 15-37, D. Anderson 2-9, T. Anderson 5-9, Johnson 1-0, VanTrease 4-(-16).
Rushes-Net Yards	56-217	27-39	<u>Passing</u> - NIU: Childers 20-31-0, 224; UB: D. Anderson 13-18-0, 191; VanTrease 8-16-1, 153.
Passing Yards	224	344	<u>Receiving</u> - NIU: Brown 5-53, Tears 5-31, Wimann 4-50, Beebe 1-27, Harbison 1-24, Blake 1-18, Crawford 1-13, Brinkman 1-4, Mister 1-4. UB: A. Johnson 7-140, Reed 4-72, Martinez 3-36, Nunn 2-51, Osborn 2-33, Mabry 2-7, Lefebvre 1-5.
Passes (C-A-I)	20-31-0	21-34-1	<u>Tackles</u> - NIU: Allen 8, Williams 7; UB: Hodge 19, Collier 10.
Plays-Total Yards	87-441	61-383	
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	3-35	8-77	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-57	3-52	
Punt Returns-Yds	3-23	1-13	
3rd Down Conversions	7-17	2-14	
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-0	
Punts-Average	7-44.4	9-42.2	
Possession Time	32:23	27:37	
Sacks By-Yards	4-29	2-17	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	3-4	

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

## TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	145	100
Points Per Game	24.2	16.7
Points Off Turnovers	45	27
FIRST DOWNS	122	89
Rushing	57	32
Passing	53	44
Penalty	12	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	1003	561
Yards gained rushing	1184	809
Yards lost rushing	181	248
Rushing Attempts	264	237
Average Per Rush	3.8	2.4
Average Per Game	167.2	93.5
TDs Rushing	5	3
PASSING YARDAGE	1200	1126
Comp-Att-Int	111-188-7	102-192-10
Average Per Pass	6.4	5.9
Average Per Catch	10.8	11.0
Average Per Game	200.0	187.7
TDs Passing	12	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	2203	1687
Total Plays	452	429
Average Per Play	4.9	3.9
Average Per Game	367.2	281.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	15-281	21-511
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-71	9-42
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-204	7-141
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.7	24.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.4	4.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	20.4	20.1
FUMBLES-LOST	11-7	7-2
PENALTIES-Yards	40-425	44-448
Average Per Game	70.8	74.7
PUNTS-Yards	43-1777	50-2103
Average Per Punt	41.3	42.1
Net punt average	38.0	39.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	29-1796	25-1541
Average Per Kick	61.9	61.6
Net kick average	39.1	40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:22	30:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	34/95	25/104
3rd-Down Pct	36%	24%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/4	5/10
4th-Down Pct	75%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	20-123	13-91
MISC YARDS	0	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	19	10
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-10	10-13
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(15-22) 68%	(15-21) 71%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(12-22) 55%	(7-21) 33%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(19-19) 100%	(10-10) 100%
ATTENDANCE	44541	138165
Games/Avg Per Game	3/14847	3/46055
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	45	52	38	10	145
Opponents	23	40	17	20	100

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HUFF, Jordan	6	85	462	12	450	5.3	1	22	75.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	5	56	245	43	202	3.6	2	28	40.4
JONES, Marcus	5	35	165	15	150	4.3	2	23	30.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	12	99	0	99	8.2	0	60	99.0
BROWN, D.J.	6	14	72	0	72	5.1	0	11	12.0
MISTER, Tommy	6	14	45	5	40	2.9	0	10	6.7
BLAKE, Christian	6	8	31	8	23	2.9	0	14	3.8
HARBISON, Tre	3	4	16	1	15	3.8	0	6	5.0
MILTON, Dwayne	6	3	7	0	7	2.3	0	5	1.2
PARKER, Jonathan	6	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.5
TEARS, Spencer	6	2	5	5	0	0.0	0	5	0.0
BEEBE, Chad	3	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
PARCHMENT, Andrew	5	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.8
SANTACATERINA D	4	20	34	58	-24	-1.2	0	6	-6.0
TEAM	5	8	0	29	-29	-3.6	0	0	-5.8
Total.....	6	264	1184	181	1003	3.8	5	60	167.2
Opponents.....	6	237	809	248	561	2.4	3	34	93.5

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
SANTACATERINA D	4	132.69	61-94-5	64.9	642	6	81	160.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	5	138.93	34-54-1	63.0	355	4	34	71.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	93.58	15-38-1	39.5	190	2	46	190.0
BLAKE, Christian	6	104.60	1-2-0	50.0	13	0	13	2.2
Total.....	6	126.28	111-188-7	59.0	1200	12	81	200.0
Opponents.....	6	100.56	102-192-10	53.1	1126	5	47	187.7

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BLAKE, Christian	6	23	279	12.1	3	50	46.5
TEARS, Spencer	6	22	248	11.3	3	81	41.3
BROWN, D.J.	6	22	196	8.9	1	41	32.7
WIMANN, Shane	6	14	144	10.3	4	34	24.0
BEEBE, Chad	3	11	152	13.8	0	46	50.7
WESLEY, Jauan	6	6	64	10.7	0	23	10.7
HUFF, Jordan	6	4	20	5.0	1	8	3.3
CRAWFORD, Daniel	4	2	30	15.0	0	17	7.5
BRINKMAN, Mitch	6	2	17	8.5	0	13	2.8
JONES, Marcus	5	2	9	4.5	0	8	1.8
HARBISON, Tre	3	1	24	24.0	0	24	8.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
MISTER, Tommy	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Total.....	6	111	1200	10.8	12	81	200.0
Opponents.....	6	102	1126	11.0	5	47	187.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
SANTACATERINA D	4	114	-24	642	618	154.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	5	110	202	355	557	111.4
HUFF, Jordan	6	85	450	0	450	75.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	50	99	190	289	289.0
JONES, Marcus	5	35	150	0	150	30.0
BROWN, D.J.	6	14	72	0	72	12.0
MISTER, Tommy	6	14	40	0	40	6.7
BLAKE, Christian	6	10	23	13	36	6.0
HARBISON, Tre	3	4	15	0	15	5.0
MILTON, Dwayne	6	3	7	0	7	1.2
PARKER, Jonathan	6	1	3	0	3	0.5
BEEBE, Chad	3	1	-1	0	-1	-0.3
PARCHMENT, Andrew	5	1	-4	0	-4	-0.8
TEAM	5	8	-29	0	-29	-5.8
Total.....	6	452	1003	1200	2203	367.2
Opponents.....	6	429	561	1126	1687	281.2

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total...	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents...	0	0	0.0	0	0

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

## 2017 LONG PLAYS

NIU	No.	Long
	16	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Rushing	2	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Graham	1	60, vs. BC, 9/1
Childers	1	28, vs. Kent St., 10/7
Passing	9	81 TD, Santacaterina to Tears vs. SDSU, 9/30
by Santacaterina	5	81 TD, to Blake, vs. SDSU, 9/30
by Graham	1	46, to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
by Childers	3	34 TD to Shane Wimmann at Buffalo, 10/7
to Beebe	2	46, from Graham vs. BC, 9/1
to Blake	2	47, from Santacaterina vs. Nebraska, 9/16
to Brown	2	41, from Santacaterina vs. EIU, 9/9
to Tears	2	81 TD, from Santacaterina vs. SDSU, 9/30
to Wimmann	2	34 TD, from Childers vs. Buffalo, 10/14
Returns	5	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Blake	2	25 KOR twice
Lurry	2	87 INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Johnson	1	25 INT vs. Nebraska 9/16
OPPONENT	20	96 KOR TD by Washington, SDSU 9/30
Rushing	3	34 by Crum, Kent St., 10/7
Passing	9	47 Vantrease to Johnson Buffalo, 10/14
Returns	8	96 KOR TD by Washington, SDSU, 9/30

\* 25 Yards or Longer

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BEEBE, Chad	9	41	4.6	0	13
EMBRY, Jalen	5	5	1.0	0	12
LURRY, Shawun	2	25	12.5	0	13
Total.....	16	71	4.4	0	13
Opponents.....	9	42	4.7	0	13

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BLAKE, Christian	9	174	19.3	0	34
PARKER, Jonathan	3	62	20.7	0	24
HUFF, Jordan	1	23	23.0	0	23
EMBRY, Jalen	1	22	22.0	0	22
FISCHER, Aaron	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	15	281	18.7	0	34
Opponents.....	21	511	24.3	1	96

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JOHNSON, Jawuan	3	30	10.0	1	25
LURRY, Shawun	2	132	66.0	1	87
PUGH, Kyle	1	0	0.0	0	0
ALLEN, Mycial	1	21	21.0	0	17
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	1	10	10.0	0	10
CORCORAN, Josh	1	9	9.0	0	9
JONES, Bobby	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	10	204	20.4	2	87
Opponents.....	7	141	20.1	1	83

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
HAGAN, Christian	29	1796	61.9	6	2			
Total.....	29	1796	61.9	6	2	511	39.1	25
Opponents.....	25	1541	61.6	10	0	281	40.4	24

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	120	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	43	1777	41.3	56	5	12	14	6	0
Total.....	43	1777	41.3	56	5	12	14	6	0
Opponents.....	50	2103	42.1	74	4	21	10	11	0

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
HAGAN, Christian	4-10	40.0	0-0	2-2	1-5	1-3	0-0	41	2

FG SEQUENCE	Northern Illinois	Opponents
Boston College	(32),(21),39	(42),(35),(37)
EIU	39,(20),30	(20),35
Nebraska	39	37,(36)
San Diego State	-	(38),(21)
Kent State	(41)	(18)
Buffalo	43,44	(23),(22),34
Bowling Green		
Eastern Michigan		
Toledo		
Ball State		
Western Michigan		
Central Michigan		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
HUFF, Jordan	6	450	20	0	23	0	493	82.2
BLAKE, Christian	6	23	279	0	174	0	476	79.3
BROWN, D.J.	6	72	196	0	0	0	268	44.7
TEARS, Spencer	6	0	248	0	0	0	248	41.3
CHILDERS, Marcus	5	202	0	0	0	0	202	40.4
BEEBE, Chad	3	-1	152	41	0	0	192	64.0
JONES, Marcus	5	150	9	0	0	0	159	31.8
LURRY, Shawun	6	0	0	25	0	132	157	26.2
WIMANN, Shane	6	0	144	0	0	0	144	24.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	99	13	0	0	0	112	112.0
PARKER, Jonathan	6	3	0	0	62	0	65	10.8
WESLEY, Jauan	6	0	64	0	0	0	64	10.7
MISTER, Tommy	6	40	4	0	0	0	44	7.3
HARBISON, Tre	3	15	24	0	0	0	39	13.0
JOHNSON, Jawuan	6	0	0	0	0	30	30	5.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	4	0	30	0	0	0	30	7.5
EMBRY, Jalen	6	0	0	5	22	0	27	4.5
ALLEN, Mycial	6	0	0	0	0	21	21	3.5
BRINKMAN, Mitch	6	0	17	0	0	0	17	2.8
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	6	0	0	0	0	10	10	1.7
CORCORAN, Josh	6	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.5
MILTON, Dwayne	6	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.2
JONES, Bobby	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.3
PARCHMENT, Andrew	5	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.8
SANTACATERINA D	4	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-6.0
TEAM	5	-29	0	0	0	0	-29	-5.8
Total.....	6	1003	1200	71	281	204	2759	459.8
Opponents.....	6	561	1126	42	511	141	2381	396.8

----- PATs -----									
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
HAGAN, Christia	0	4-10	19-19	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	31
WIMANN, Shane	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
TEARS, Spencer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
BLAKE, Christia	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
CHILDERS, Marcu	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
HUFF, Jordan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
JONES, Marcus	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
BROWN, D.J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
LURRY, Shawun	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
JOHNSON, Jawuan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	19	4-10	19-19	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	145
Opponents.....	10	10-13	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	100



# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

		-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		-Fumbles-		Blkd		
		GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
6	JONES, Bobby	6	26	28	54	8.0-28	3.0-18	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	6	23	21	44	7.5-12	1.0-2	3-30	1	1	.	1	.	.
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	6	29	9	38	1.0-3	.	1-10	3	.	.	.	.	.
57	PUGH, Kyle	4	15	20	35	1.0-2	.	1-0	1	2	.	.	.	.
15	SMITH, Sutton	6	21	11	32	16.0-92	8.5-62	.	2	1	1-0	2	.	.
20	ALLEN, Mycial	6	19	7	26	2.0-9	.	1-21	4	2	.	.	.	.
18	SCHWAB, Alex	6	10	14	24	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
12	CORCORAN, Josh	6	9	13	22	4.5-16	1.5-7	1-9	1	1	.	.	.	.
1	SMALLS, Albert	6	16	3	19	1.0-1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
3	EMBRY, Jalen	6	13	5	18	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	LEROY, Ben	6	6	9	15	3.5-18	1.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	JONES-DAVIS A	5	5	8	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	LURRY, Shawun	6	6	4	10	2.5-3	.	2-132	3	.	.	.	.	.
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	6	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	LEE, William	6	4	6	10	2.5-10	1.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	6	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	6	4	4	8	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	SANDERS, Joe	6	3	5	8	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
26	MISTER, Tommy	6	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	WEBSTER, Devin	5	2	3	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	HEFLIN, Jack	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	WYNNE, Quintin	5	1	3	4	.	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	HUFF, Jordan	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	BROWN, Drequan	6	2	1	3	2.0-9	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
10	BROWN, D.J.	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	MILTON, Dwayne	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	BUIRGE, Adam	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	SCHARPING, Max	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	LORBECK, Matt	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	SANTACATERINA D	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	SAK, Hayden	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....		6	246	186	432	54-214	20-123	10-204	22	9	2-0	3	1	.
Opponents.....		6	242	234	476	34.0-156	13-91	7-141	12	3	7-0	7	2	.

## NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	Kent St.	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St.	WMU	CMU
<b>Offense</b>	Beebe	Jones/ Huff	Jo. Huff/ Blake	Jo. Huff/ Blake	Wimann	Brown						
<b>Defense</b>	Pugh	Smalls	Johnson/ Smith	Johnson/ Jones	Smith	Jones IV						
<b>Def. Scout</b>	Hall	Thrower	Nettles	Fischer	Rowell	Gay						
<b>Special Teams</b>	Jo. Huff/ Foster	Buirge	Ference	Lurry	Schwab	Mister						
<b>Off. Scout</b>	Kennedy	Cole	Kelly	Dassow	Ja. Huff	Gibbons						
<b>ST. Scout</b>	Walker	Kennedy	Gibbons	Weese	Covington	Cole						

*Selected by the Huskie coaching staff.*

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	KSU	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball State	WMU	CMU
48	JONES-DAVIS A	5/-	X	X	X	X	-	X						
13	ABRESCH, Jackso	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
20	ALLEN, Mycial	6/6	S	S	S	S	S	S						
82	BEEBE, Chad	3/2	WR	WR	-	-	-	X						
4	BLAKE, Christia	6/5	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR						
89	BRINKMAN, Mitch	6/2	TE	TE	X	X	X	X						
76	BROWN, Dale	5/-	X	X	-	X	X	X						
10	BROWN, D.J.	6/4	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR						
40	BROWN, Drequan	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
29	BUIRGE, Adam	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
1E	CHILDERS, Marcu	5/1	-	X	X	X	X	QB						
12	CORCORAN, Josh	6/6	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE						
97	CORLEY, Herland	1/-	-	X	-	-	-	-						
88	CRAWFORD, Danie	4/-	-	X	-	X	X	X						
7A	SANTACATERINA D	4/4	-	QB	QB	QB	QB	-						
3D	DEVEAUX, Lance	4/-	X	X	-	-	X	X						
3A	EMBRY, Jalen	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
36	ERENCE, Matt	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
33	FISCHER, Aaron	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
11	FOSTER, Traysho	6/1	X	X	X	X	START	X						
85	GIBBONS, Ryan	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-						
17	GRAHAM, Ryan	1/1	QB	-	-	-	-	-						
34	HAGAN, Christia	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
5A	HARBISON, Tre	3/-	-	X	-	-	X	X						
84	HARMSTON, Ty	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
71	HAWN, Isaac	6/4	X	X	RT	RT	RT	RT						
98	HEFLIN, Jack	6/6	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT						
52	HLAVA, Jake	3/-	-	-	X	X	X	-						
23	HUFF, Jordan	6/5	X	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB						
75	HUGHES, Vince	1/-	-	X	-	-	-	-						
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	6/6	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB						
6	JONES, Bobby	6/6	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB						
21	JONES, Marcus	5/1	TB	X	X	X	X	-						
55	KRAMER, Weston	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
90	LEE, William	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
99	LEROY, Ben	6/6	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT						
41	LORBECK, Matt	5/-	X	X	X	X	X	-						
19	LURRY, Shawun	6/6	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB						
37	MILTON, Dwayne	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
26	MISTER, Tommy	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
61	OLSON, Benn	1/-	-	X	-	-	-	-						
25	ORNE, Josh	5/-	-	X	X	X	X	X						
8	PARCHMENT, Andr	5/-	X	X	-	X	X	X						
2	PARKER, Jonatha	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
58	PATTON, Brayden	1/-	-	X	-	-	-	-						
57	PUGH, Kyle	4/4	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	-	-						
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	6/2	RT	RT	X	X	X	X						
32	RUSSELL, Jimmy	2/-	-	X	-	X	-	-						
59	SAK, Hayden	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
9A	SANDERS, Joe	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
73	SCHARPING, Max	6/6	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT						
18	SCHWAB, Alex	6/1	X	X	X	X	X	MLB						
64	SHIVELY, Luke	6/6	C	C	C	C	C	C						
1	SMALLS, Albert	6/6	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB						
15	SMITH, Sutton	6/6	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE						
24	SMITH, Trequan	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-						
72	STECKLER, Jorda	6/6	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG						
14	TEARS, Spencer	6/5	WR	X	WR	WR	WR	WR						
65	VELOZ, Nathan	6/6	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG						
54	WARNER, Austin	2/-	X	X	-	-	-	-						
94	WEBSTER, Devin	5/-	X	X	X	-	X	X						
9	WESLEY, Jauan	6/-	X	X	X	X	X	X						
8A	WILLIAMS, Mykel	6/6	S	S	S	S	S	S						
35	WIMANN, Shane	6/6	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE						
53	WYNNE, Quintin	5/-	X	X	X	X	X	-						

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs--- Total R-P-Pen			Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing----- C-A-I Yds TD			Total Off. Pl-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
(9-1) NIU vs. Boston College	20 23	18 21	5-10-3 11-8-2		35-164, 0 50-148, 0	16-39-1 26-42-1	203 191	2 2	74-367 92-339	8-40.9 9-38.7	0-0 0-0	8-70 8-79	2-of-15 9-of-24	26:21 33:39
(9-9) NIU vs. Eastern Illinois	38 10	26 16	12-11-3 3-6-7		47-230, 2 45-60, 1	24-35-1 14-32-2	269 127	3 0	82-499 77-187	4-41.2 7-40.0	2-2 2-1	15-194 8-75	10-of-17 5-of-17	29:36 30:24
(9-16) NIU at Nebraska	21 17	13 18	7-5-1 6-12-0		31-85, 1 36-85, 2	15-23-0 25-47-3	128 299	0 0	54-213 83-384	8-46.4 6-47.3	3-1 2-0	3-25 5-48	3-of-13 6-of-19	23:26 36:34
(9-30) NIU at San Diego State	28 34	22 10	9-11-3 3-6-1		45-155, 1 36-127, 0	23-38-3 10-20-0	262 136	3 2	83-417 56-263	8-36.4 10-39.9	1-1 0-0	4-42 10-126	8-of-17 1-of-14	34:27 25:33
(10-7) NIU vs. Kent State	24 3	15 9	9-6-0 7-1-1		50-152, 0 43-102, 0	13-22-2 6-17-3	114 29	3 0	72-266 60-131	8-39.0 9-45.8	1-1 2-1	7-59 5-43	5-of-17 2-of-16	30:00 30:00
(10-14) NIU at Buffalo	14 13	28 15	15-11-2 2-11-2		56-217, 1 27-39, 0	20-31-0 21-34-1	224 344	1 1	87-441 61-383	7-44.4 9-42.2	4-2 1-0	3-35 8-77	7-of-17 2-of-14	32:23 27:37
(10-21) NIU at Bowling Green														
(10-26) NIU vs. Eastern Michigan														
(11-2) NIU at Toledo														
(11-9) NIU vs. Ball State														
(11-15) NIU vs. Western Michigan														
(11-24) NIU at Central Michigan														

## — NIU in the 2017 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	367.2	95	9	Sacks	3.33	6	1
Rushing Offense	167.2	65	4	Tackles for Loss	9.0	2	1
Passing Offense	200.0	88	9	Sacks Allowed	2.17	81	8
Passing Efficiency	126.28	87	7	Tackles for Loss Allowed	5.67	58	7
Completion Percentage	.590	67	4	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.67	78	5
Scoring Offense	24.2	94	6	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	70.83	113	10
First Downs Offense	122	84	8	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.358	93	8
Red Zone Offense	.682	124	11	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.240	4	1
Total Defense	281.2	7	1	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.750	13	2
Rushing Defense	93.5	9	1	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.500	55	5
Pass Efficiency Defense	100.56	6	1	Time of Possession	29:22	80	10
Passing Yards Allowed	187.7	26	3	<b>INDIVIDUAL (Top 50, Select)</b>			
Scoring Defense	16.7	12	1	-Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss	2.7	1	1
Red Zone Defense	.714	13	1	-Sutton Smith, Sacks	1.42	1	1
First Downs Defense	89	8	1	Bobby Jones IV, Tackles for Loss	1.3	30	4
Net Punting	38.02	59	7	Jawuan Johnson, Tackles for Loss	1.3	39	6
Punt Returns	4.44	95	8	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	1	50	4
Punt Return Defense	3.67	38	6	Alex Schwab, Fumbles Recovered	1	50	4
Kickoff Returns	18.73	102	6	Sutton Smith, Forced Fumbles	0.33	19	5
Kickoff Return Defense	24.33	109	11	Bobby Jones IV, Total Tackles	9.0	35	3
Turnover Margin	-0.33	86	10	Jawuan Johnson, Interceptions/Game	0.5	14	3
Turnovers Gained	12	32	4	Jawuan Johnson, Total Interceptions	3	12	3
Turnovers Lost	14	110	10	Shawun Lurry, Total Interceptions	2	44	5
Passes Intercepted	10	5	1	Shane Wimann, Receiving TDs	4	50	5
Passes Had Intercepted	7	93	8				



# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	BallSt	Toledo	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0						
Blake, Christian	2-6-0	2-7-0	1-(1)-0	0-0-0	2-(-3)-0	1-14-0						
Brown, D.J.	2-7-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	1-10-0	9-44-0						
Childers, Marcus	DNP	5-28-0	2-10-0	5-20-1	17-65-0	27-79-1						
Graham, Ryan	12-99-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
Harbison, Tre	DNP	2-5-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-10-0						
Huff, Jordan	5-9-0	11-88-0	16-105-1	25-148-0	18-58-0	10-42-0						
Jones, Marcus	11-48-0	12-63-2	1-3-0	5-16-0	6-20-0	DNP						
Milton, Dwayne	0-0-0	3-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Mister, Tommy	1-(-3)-0	5-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-5-0	6-30-0						
Parchment, Andrew	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-4)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Parker, Jonathan	0-0-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Santacaterina, Daniel	DNP	5-14-0	7-(-9)-0	5-(-28)-0	3-(-1)-0	DNP						
Tears, Spencer	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						

## RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	BallSt	Toledo	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	6-93-0	4-32-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-27-0						
Blake, Christian	0-0-0	3-24-1	5-77-0	12-153-2	2-7-0	1-18-0						
Brinkman, Mitchell	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	1-4-0						
Brown, D.J.	2-31-1	7-88-0	3-18-0	4-(-3)-0	1-9-0	5-53-0						
Crawford, Daniel	0-0-0	1-17-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0						
Graham, Ryan	1-13-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
Huff, Jordan	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-6-0	1-4-0	1-2-1	0-0-0						
Jones, Marcus	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP						
Tears, Spencer	3-29-0	4-61-1	2-(-3)-0	5-105-1	3-25-1	5-31-0						
Wesley, Jauan	0-0-0	2-30-0	3-29-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0						
Wimann, Shane	4-37-1	1-1-1	0-0-0	1-3-0	4-53-1	4-50-1						

## PASSING (Comp.-Att.-INT, Yards; TD)

Game	Graham	Santacaterina	Childers
Boston College	15-38-1, 190; 2	DNP	DNP
Eastern Illinois	DNP	23-34-1, 252; 3	1-1-0, 17; 0
Nebraska	DNP	15-22-0, 128; 0	0-0-0, 0; 0
San Diego State	DNP	23-37-3, 262; 3	0-1-0, 0; 0
Kent State	DNP	0-1-1, 0; 0	13-21-1, 114; 3
Buffalo	DNP	DNP	20-31-0, 224; 1
Bowling Green			
Eastern Michigan			
Toledo			
Ball State			
Western Michigan			
Central Michigan			

## PUNT RETURNS (No.-Yards, Long; TD)

Beebe	Embry	Lurry
3-17, 10; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-1, 1; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
DNP	2-(-10), 12; 0	0-0, 0; 0
DNP	1-7, 7; 0	2-25, 13; 0
DNP	2-8, 8; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-23, 13; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0

## PUNTING (No.-Average, Inside 20; Long)

Game	Matt Ference
Boston College	8-40.9, 1; 51
Eastern Illinois	4-41.2, 2; 42
Nebraska	8-46.4, 3; 53
San Diego State	8-36.4, 4; 56
Kent State	8-39.0, 2; 56
Buffalo	7-44.4, 2; 50
Bowling Green	
Eastern Michigan	
Toledo	
Ball State	
Western Michigan	
Central Michigan	

## KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Yards, Long; TD)

Blake	Embry	Huff	Parker
3-48, 23; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-68, 34; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
1-25, 25; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	1-22, 22; 0	1-23, 23; 0	2-38, 21; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
2-33, 25; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	1-24, 24; 0

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KSU	BUFF	BGSU	EMU	BSU	TOL	WMU	CMU
Abresch, Jackson	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1						
Allen, Mycial	2-3-5, PB	2-2-4, INT	3-0-3, TFL 2 PB	3-1-4	2-0-2, PB TFL	7-1-8						
Brown, Drequan	1-0-1, TFL, QS	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1, TFL	0-1-1	0-0-0						
Buirge, Adam	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Corcoran, Josh	1-1-2, PB	4-2-6, TFL	0-4-4, TFL INT	2-2-4	0-4-4 1.5QS, 2TFL	2-0-2, TFL						
Embry, Jalen	3-1-4	3-2-5, PB	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0	2-0-2						
Foster, Trayschon	1-1-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	3-0-3	2-0-2						
Heflin, Jack	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1						
Johnson, Jawuan	7-3-10, 3TFL	3-4-7, FF 1.5 TFL	4-5-9, TFL INT, TD	3-2-5, PB	5-7-12, QS 2TFL, INT	1-0-1 INT						
Jones, Bobby	10-6-16, 2TFL	0-3-3	5-9-14, TFL	5-2-7, TFL	2-6-8, QS 2TFL, INT	4-2-6 2QS, 2TFL						
Jones-Davis, Antonio	2-0-2	0-8-8	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	3-0-3						
Kramer, Weston	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Lee, William	0-1-1	2-1-3, QS	0-1-1 BLK	2-1-3, TFL	0-1-1 .5QS, .5TFL	0-1-1						
LeRoy, Ben	0-1-1	0-3-3 .5 TFL	3-0-3, QS TFL	0-0-0	1-2-3, .5TFL	2-3-5 .5QS, 1.5TFL						
Lorbeck, Matt	0-0-0	0-0-0, PB	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0						
Lurry, Shawun	1-1-2	0-1-1, PB	1-1-2, INT TD, PB	3-0-3, PB 2TFL	0-1-1, INT .5 TFL	1-0-1						
Mister, Tommy*	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	2-1-3						
Olootu, Mayomi	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-1-1	2-2-4, TFL	0-0-0						
Pugh, Kyle	6-11-17, INT	1-4-5	6-5-11, PB	2-0-2, TFL	DNP	DNP						
Sanders, Joe	2-0-2, PB	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-2-2	0-1-1						
Schwab, Alex	1-2-3	2-4-6	1-1-2	2-0-2	1-6-7, FR .5TFL	3-1-4						
Smalls, Albert	3-3-6, TFL	2-0-2, PB	3-0-3, PB	3-0-3, PB	2-0-2	3-0-3						
Smith, Sutton	5-1-6, 5TFL, QS	3-0-3, PB TFL, FF, FR	4-2-6, 2QS 4 TFL, PB	3-0-3, TFL QS	4-6-10 3QS, 4TFL	2-2-4, FF 1.5QS & TFL						
Smith, Trequan	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
Webster, Devin	0-1-1	1-1-2, QS	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-1-2						
Williams, Mykelti	5-0-5, PB	1-4-5, INT	9-1-10	3-3-6, TFL	4-1-5, PB	7-0-7, PB						
Wynne, Quintin	0-0-0	1-2-3, QS	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP						

\*All tackles on special teams

## A HUSKIE TEAM

RECORDED A SHUTOUT – 63-0 vs. Massachusetts (11-3-12)

**HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 28 vs. Buffalo (10-14-17)**

HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS – 30 vs. Ball State (10-1-16)

HAD AT LEAST 35 FIRST DOWNS – 35 vs. Ball State (10-10-15)

HAD AT LEAST 40 FIRST DOWNS – 43 vs. Ball State (11-15-11)

SCORED 40 OR MORE POINTS – 45 vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 45 vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS – 59 vs. Ball State (10-10-15)

SCORED 60 OR MORE POINTS – 63 at Massachusetts (11-2-13)

SCORED A SAFETY – vs. Eastern Michigan on Sean Progar tackle of QB in end zone (11-25-11)

GAINED 200 OR LESS YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 33 vs. Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl (12-23-15)

GAINED 500 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 511 vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

GAINED 600 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 653 at Ball State (10-1-16)

**GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING – 85 at Nebraska (9-16-17)**

GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 324 at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

GAINED 400 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 433 vs. Miami (10-18-14)

THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 38 vs. Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl (12-23-15)

DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – vs. USF (9-10-16)

HAD A SUCCESSFUL ON-SIDE KICK – vs. Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl - Tyler Wedel kick/Jamaal Payton recovery (12-23-14)

HAD 40 MINUTES TIME OF POSSESSION – at Purdue, 41:40 (9-19-09)

**HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 39 yards at Buffalo (10-14-17)**

**HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 39 yards at Buffalo (10-14-17)**

HELD OPPONENT TO NEGATIVE YARDS RUSHING – (-11) at Miami (10-24-09)

**HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 29 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)**

**HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)**

**HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)**

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 64 vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

**HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – 24-3 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)**

WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME – W, 31-24, OT at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

## A HUSKIE OPPONENT

**HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 36:34, Nebraska (9-16-17)**

**RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 96 yards, Juwan Washington of San Diego State (9-30-17)**

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 91 yards, LaVon Brazill of Ohio (11-21-09)

**RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 83 yards, Tariq Thompson of San Diego State (9-30-17)**

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 60 yards, Dylan Boone of Murray State (9-12-15)

SCORED A SAFETY – Miami (10-17-15), on NIU kickoff returner stepping into end zone

BLOCKED A PUNT – Matt Milano of Boston College (9-26-15)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Ellis Hobbs (block) / LaMarcus Hicks (recovered ball in end zone) of Iowa State (9-18-04)

**BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – Levi Watson of Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)**

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – Elijah Daniel of Murray State (9-12-15)

MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) – Andrew Haldeman of Western Michigan (11-28-14)

SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES – Navy 16, NIU 0 (11-25-08)

**SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF – Buffalo (10-14-17) - 2nd**

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 327, Zach Terrell of Western Michigan (10-8-16)

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – 450, Jimmy Garoppolo of Eastern Illinois (9-21-13)

**RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 107, Rashaad Penny of San Diego State (9-30-17)**

RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS – 220, Donnell Pumphrey of San Diego State (9-17-16)

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – 85, George Bollas of Kent State (11-25-16)

TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS – 124, Devon Spalding and 105, Jahray Hayes of Central Michigan (10-15-16)

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 18, Tommy Shuler of Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl (12-23-14)

**HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 140, Anthony Johnson of Buffalo (10-14-17)**

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 204, Travis Shelton of Temple (10-21-06)

## A HUSKIE PLAYER

RETURNED THE OPENING KICKOFF FOR A TD – Aregeros Turner (97 yards) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Aregeros Turner (97 yards) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

**RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Shawun Lurry (87 yards), Jawuan Johnson (25 yards) at Nebraska (9-16-17)**

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Craig Rusch (60 yards) at Kent State (11-18-08)

SCORED A SAFETY – Sean Progar (tackled RB in end zone) vs. Eastern Michigan (11-25-11)

A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS – Tommylee Lewis (17 yards to Jordan Lynch) vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26-13)

**A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS - WR Christian Blake (13 yards to Ryan Graham) vs. Boston College (9-1-17)**

BLOCKED A PUNT – Dechane Durante vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

BLOCKED TWO PUNTS IN A GAME – Jordan Delegal (2) at Ball State (11-20-10)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Jimmie Ward (block)/Courtney Stephen (14-yard return) vs. Army (9-3-11)

**BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – William Lee at Nebraska (9-16-17)**

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – William Lee vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

CONVERTED A FAKE FG FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Mathew Sims (7-yard rush) vs. Central Michigan (9-29-12)

MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) – Christian Hagan at Wyoming (9-3-16)

CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT – Nathan Palmer (pass from Chandler Harnish) at Central Michigan (10-1-11)

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Anthony Maddie (pass failed) vs. Western Illinois (9-24-16)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Drew Hare (329) at Wyoming (9-3-16)

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (407) vs. Toledo (11-14-12)

**RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Huff (148) at San Diego State (9-30-17)**

RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (321) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-13) - *Set NCAA QB RECORD*

RUSHED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (321) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-13) - *Set NCAA QB RECORD*

**HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – Ryan Graham (60) vs. Boston College (9-1-17)**

HAD A RUSH OF 70 YARDS OR LONGER – Anthony Maddie (75) at Ball State (10-1-16)

HAD A RUSH OF 80 YARDS OR LONGER – Jordan Huff (87) vs. Western Michigan (11-18-15)

TWO PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS IN THE SAME GAME – Joel Bouagnon (153) and Anthony Maddie (160) at Ball State (10-1-16)

**HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – Christian Blake (13) vs. San Diego State (9-30-17)**

**HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Christian Blake (160) and Spencer Tears (105) vs. San Diego State (9-30-17)**

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Kenny Golladay (213) vs. UNLV (9-5-15)

HAD 200 RUSHING AND 200 PASSING YARDS IN A GAME – Chandler Harnish (229 rushing/203 passing) vs. Western Michigan (10-15-11)

HAD 100 RUSHING AND 100 RECEIVING YARDS IN A GAME – Garrett Wolfe (171 rushing/114 receiving) at Ohio State (9-2-06)

**CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Christian Blake (2) vs. San Diego State (9-30-17)**

CAUGHT THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Nathan Palmer (3) at Toledo (11-1-11)

SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME – Jordan Huff (3 rushing) at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

HAD TWO OR MORE INTERCEPTIONS IN A GAME – Mayomi Olootu (2) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

QB RUSHED FOR 150 YARDS OR MORE – Anthony Maddie (160) at Ball State (10-1-16)

**RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Jordan Huff, 2 games (9-16 and 9-30-17)**

RUSHED FOR FOUR OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME – Joel Bouagnon (5) vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

RUSHED FOR TWO OR MORE TDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Joel Bouagnon vs. CMU (2), Ball State (2), Miami (3) - (10-3-15 to 10-17-15)

SCORED A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD IN A GAME – Aregeros Turner (1 rush, 1 receiving) vs. Central Michigan (10-15-16)

KICKED A FG OF 50 OR MORE YARDS – 52 yards, Christian Hagan vs. Toledo (11-3-15)

SCORED 15 OR MORE POINTS KICKING – 16, Mathew Sims (16) vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

KICKED FOUR OR MORE FIELD GOALS IN A GAME – Christian Hagan (4) at Toledo (11-3-15)

THREW FIVE OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME – Chandler Harnish (6) at Toledo (11-1-11)

**COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (81 yards) to Spencer Tears (9-30-17)**

**COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (81 yards) to Spencer Tears (9-30-17)**

**COMPLETED AN 80-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (81 yards) to Spencer Tears (9-30-17)**



## NIU FOOTBALL 2017 HIGHS & LOWS

### NIU

	HIGH	LOW
<b>Points, Game</b>	38, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	14, at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Points, Half</b>	31 (1st), vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	0 (2nd), at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Points, Quarter</b>	24 (2nd), vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	0 - seven times; last (4th) at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>First Downs</b>	28, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	13, at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Rushing Yards</b>	230, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	85, at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>	56, at Buffalo (10-14)	31, at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Passing Yards</b>	269, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	114, vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Pass Attempts</b>	40, vs. San Diego State (9-30)	22, vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Pass Completions</b>	24, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	13, vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Total Offensive Plays</b>	87, at Buffalo (10-14)	54, at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Total Offense Yards</b>	499, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	213, at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Penalties</b>	15, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	3, at Nebraska (9-16), at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Turnovers</b>	4, vs. San Diego State (9-30)	1 - twice; last at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Sacks (By Defense)</b>	7, vs. Kent State (10-7)	1, vs. San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Time of Possession</b>	34:27, vs. San Diego State (9-30)	23:26, at Nebraska (9-16)

### OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
<b>Points, Game</b>	34, by San Diego State (9-30)	3, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Points, Half</b>	31 (1st), by San Diego State (9-30)	0 - 3x; last (2nd) by Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Points, Quarter</b>	17 (2nd), by San Diego State (9-30)	0 - 10x; last (4th) by Buffalo (10-14)
<b>First Downs</b>	21, by Boston College (9-1)	9, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Rushing Yards</b>	148, by Boston College (9-1)	39, by Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>	50, by Boston College (9-1)	27, by Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Passing Yards</b>	344, by Buffalo (10-14)	29, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Pass Attempts</b>	47, by Nebraska (9-16)	17, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Pass Completions</b>	26, by Boston College (9-1)	6, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Total Offensive Plays</b>	92, by Boston College (9-1)	56, by San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Total Offense Yards</b>	384, by Nebraska (9-16)	131, by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Penalties</b>	10, by San Diego State (9-30)	5, by Nebraska (9-16), by Kent State (10-7)
<b>Turnovers</b>	4, by Kent State (10-7)	0, by San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Sacks (By Defense)</b>	4, by San Diego State (9-30)	0, by Boston College (9-1)
<b>Time of Possession</b>	36:34, by Nebraska (9-16)	25:33, by San Diego State (9-30)

# NIU FOOTBALL 2017 SUPERLATIVES

## NIU

<b>Rushing Attempts:</b>	29, Marcus Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Rushing Yards:</b>	148, Jordan Huff at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Rushing TDs:</b>	2, Marcus Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
<b>Long TD Run:</b>	10 yards, Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Non-Scoring Run:</b>	60 yards, Ryan Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Passes Attempted:</b>	38, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Passes Completed:</b>	23, Daniel Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 23, Daniel Santacaterina at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Passes Had Intercepted:</b>	3, Santacaterina at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Completion Percentage:</b>	.682, Santacaterina at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Passing Yards:</b>	262, Santacaterina at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>TD Passes:</b>	3, Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Santacaterina at San Diego State (9-30) 3, Marcus Childers vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Long TD Pass:</b>	81, Santacaterina to Tears at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Non-Scoring Pass:</b>	50, Santacaterina to Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Receptions:</b>	12, Christian Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Reception Yards:</b>	153, Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	2, Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Punt Returns:</b>	3, Chad Beebe vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9); vs. Boston College (9-1); at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Punt Return Yards:</b>	25, Shawun Lurry at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Punt Return, Long:</b>	13, Lurry at San Diego State (9-30); Beebe at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Punt Return, TD:</b>	N/A
<b>Kickoff Returns:</b>	3, Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Blake vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Kickoff Return Yards:</b>	68, Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
<b>Kickoff Return, Long:</b>	34, Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
<b>Kickoff Return, TD:</b>	N/A
<b>Total Plays:</b>	58, Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Total Offensive Yards:</b>	303, Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>All-Purpose Attempts:</b>	27, Huff at San Diego State (9-30); 27, Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>All-Purpose Yards:</b>	175, Huff at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Points:</b>	12, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 12, Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Touchdowns:</b>	2, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 2, Blake at San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Points Kicking:</b>	8, Christian Hagan vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 8, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Field Goals Attempted:</b>	3, Hagan vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Field Goals Made:</b>	2, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Longest Field Goal Attempt:</b>	44, Hagan at Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Longest Field Goal Made:</b>	41, Hagan vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Punts:</b>	8, Matt Ference -Four Times
<b>Best Punting Average:</b>	46.4, Ference at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Longest Punt:</b>	56, Ference at San Diego State (9-30), vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Tackles:</b>	17, Kyle Pugh vs. Boston College (9-1)
<b>Sacks:</b>	3, Sutton Smith vs. Kent State (10-7)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, by 7 players 10 times
<b>Long Interception Return:</b>	87, Shawun Lurry at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Interception Return, TD:</b>	87 yds, Shawun Lurry at Nebraska (9-16) 25, Jawuan Johnson at Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Fumbles Forced:</b>	1, Jawuan Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
<b>Fumbles Recovered:</b>	1, Sutton Smith vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 1, Smith vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
<b>Fumble Return:</b>	1, Alex Schwab vs. Kent State (10-7) N/A

## OPPONENTS

<b>Rushing Attempts:</b>	25, Jon Hilliman, Boston College (9-1) 25, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Rushing Yards:</b>	107, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Long TD Run:</b>	4 yards, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Non-Scoring Run:</b>	34 yards, Dustin Crum, Kent State (10-7)
<b>Passes Attempted:</b>	47, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Passes Completed:</b>	26, Anthony Brown, Boston College (9-1)
<b>Passes Had Intercepted:</b>	3, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Completion Percentage:</b>	.722 (13-18), Drew Anderson, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Passing Yards:</b>	299, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>TD Passes:</b>	2, Anthony Brown, Boston College (9-1) 2, Christian Chapman San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Long TD Pass:</b>	33, Chapman to Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Non-Scoring Pass:</b>	47 yards, VanTrease to A. Johnson, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Receptions:</b>	8, Michael Walker, Boston College (9-1) 8, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Reception Yards:</b>	140, Anthony Johnson, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Punt Returns:</b>	5, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Punt Return Yards:</b>	13, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16) 13, KJ Osborn, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Punt Return, Long:</b>	13, KJ Osborn, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Punt Return, TD:</b>	N/A
<b>Kickoff Returns:</b>	3, Ben Glines, Boston College (9-1) 3, Tray Mitchell, Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30) 3, KJ Osborn, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Kickoff Return Yards:</b>	96, Juwan Washington, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Kickoff Return, Long:</b>	96, Juwan Washington, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Kickoff Return, TD:</b>	96, Juwan Washington, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Total Plays:</b>	54, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Total Offensive Yards:</b>	281, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>All-Purpose Attempts:</b>	30, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>All-Purpose Yards:</b>	225, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Points:</b>	12, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Touchdowns:</b>	2, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Points Kicking:</b>	12, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
<b>Field Goals Attempted:</b>	3, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1) 3, Adam Mitcheson, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Field Goals Made:</b>	3, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
<b>Longest Field Goal Attempt:</b>	42, Colton Lichtenberg, BC (9-1)
<b>Longest Field Goal Made:</b>	42, Colton Lichtenberg, BC (9-1)
<b>Punts:</b>	10, Brandon Heicklen, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Best Punting Average:</b>	47.3, Caleb Lightbourn, Nebraska (9-16)
<b>Longest Punt:</b>	74, Derek Adams, Kent State (10-7)
<b>Tackles:</b>	19, Khalil Hodge, Buffalo (10-14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	3.0, Jay Henderson, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	2, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>INT Return, Long:</b>	83 yds, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>INT Return, TD:</b>	83 yds, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30)
<b>Fumble Return:</b>	N/A

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## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
13	Jackson Abresch	S	6-1	205	Sr.-R	2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
20	Mycial Allen	S	5-11	203	Sr.-R	3L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
31	Jacob Ballain	K	5-11	183	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Whiteland)
82	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	185	Sr.-R	3L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
4	Christian Blake	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	3L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	So.	1L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
76	Dale Brown	OL	6-3	310	Jr.-R	2L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-1	225	Jr.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	So.-R	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	216	Fr.-R	RS	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
97	Herlandez Corley	DT	6-2	285	Jr.-R	2L	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
38	Jaquis Covington	CB	5-9	160	So.-R	WO	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-1	245	So.-R	1L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	HS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	194	Jr.-R	1Sq	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
33	Aaron Fischer	FB	5-11	239	Jr.-R	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
11	Trayshon Foster	S	5-11	202	So.-R	1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
17	Ryan Graham	QB	6-2	210	Jr.-R	2L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	221	Fr.-R	RS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	302	Fr.-R	RS	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
34	Christian Hagan	K	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-3	256	Jr.-R	2L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	308	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	298	Fr.-R	RS	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
52	Jake Hlava	DE	6-2	245	So.-R	2Sq	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
16	Jaden Huff	LB	5-9	190	Sr.	GTR	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud State)
23	Jordan Huff	TB	5-10	218	Sr.-R	3L	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
75	Vince Hughes	OL	6-5	287	So.-R	2Sq	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
30	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	176	Jr.-R	2L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
39	Daniel Isom	CB	5-10	170	So.	1L	St. Louis, Missouri (St. Louis University)
7	Jawuan Johnson	LB	6-0	218	Jr.-R	2L	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
6	Bobby Jones IV	LB	5-10	220	Sr.-R	3L	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	204	So.-R	1L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-10	218	So.-R	1L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	So.-R	1L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
47	Michael Kennedy	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	285	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
50	Vinny Labus	LS	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
90	William Lee	DT	6-0	300	Sr.-R	3L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-2	280	So.	1L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
44	Corey Lersch	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-R	RS	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
19	Shawun Lurry	CB	5-8	170	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
78	Josh Mailloux	OL	6-5	285	So.-R	1Sq	Mount Prospect, Ill. (Hersey)
49	Jaylen McKie	DB	5-7	160	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.. [Waukegan (Ill.)]
16	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
26	Tommy Mister	TB	6-0	212	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)



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## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
30	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.	HS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
93	Justin Nwachukwu	DT	6-0	290	Jr.	JC	Raleigh, N.C (Heritage/Butler CC)
5	Mayomi Olootu, Jr.	CB	5-8	183	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	293	Fr.-R	RS	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
25	Josh Orne	P/K	6-0	230	Sr.-R	2L	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
8	Andrew Parchment	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-R	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
2	Jonathan Parker	TB	5-8	185	Sr.-R	GTR	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-4	305	Fr.-R	RS	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	230	So.-R	1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	307	So.-R	1L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
83	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	209	Fr.	HS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
81	Jordan Robinson	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fl. (Norland)
22	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
32	Jimmy Russell	S	5-10	200	Sr.-R	3Sq	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
3	Ezra Saffold	WR	5-7	169	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
9	Joe Sanders	DE	6-3	248	Sr.-R	1L	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
7	Daniel Santacaterina	QB	6-2	205	So.-R	1L	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Jr.-R	2L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	297	So.-R	2Sq	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
91	Connor Schneider	DE	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
18	Alex Schwab	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-R	2L	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	286	Jr.-R	2L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-0	200	Jr.-R	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-0	225	So.-R	1L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	193	So.-R	1L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-6	238	Fr.	HS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	313	So.-R	1L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
92	A.J. Taylor	DE	6-0	278	So.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-0	191	So.-R	1L	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
21	Dillon Thomas	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
11	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	Fr.-R	RS	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
27	Maalik Todd	WR	5-6	160	Jr.-R.	1L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-4	306	So.-R	1L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
55	Danny Walker	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-3	284	Fr.-R	RS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
62	Michael Warren	DE	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Butler, N.J. (Butler)
43	Owen Weaver	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Wilmington, Ill. (Wilmington HS)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	286	Jr.	JC	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
80	Kelly Weese	WR	6-2	191	Sr.-R	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay/College of DuPage)
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Jr.-R	1Sq	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	205	So.-R	JC	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)
35	Shane Wimmann	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-R	3L	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
53	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	So.-R	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)

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## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-0	200	Jr.-R	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
2	Jonathan Parker	TB	5-8	185	Sr.-R	GTR	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
3	Ezra Saffold	WR	5-7	169	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	194	Jr.-R	1Sq	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
4	Christian Blake	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	3L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
5	Mayomi Olootu, Jr.	CB	5-8	183	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
6	Bobby Jones IV	LB	5-10	220	Sr.-R	3L	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
7	Daniel Santacaterina	QB	6-2	205	So.-R	1L	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
7	Jawuan Johnson	LB	6-0	218	Jr.-R	2L	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
8	Andrew Parchment	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-R	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	205	So.-R	JC	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Jr.-R	1Sq	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
9	Joe Sanders	DE	6-3	248	Sr.-R	1L	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
11	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
11	Trayshon Foster	S	5-11	202	So.-R	1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
13	Jackson Abresch	S	6-1	205	Sr.-R	2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-0	191	So.-R	1L	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	216	Fr.-R	RS	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-0	225	So.-R	1L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
16	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
16	Jaden Huff	LB	5-9	190	Sr.	GTR	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud State)
17	Ryan Graham	QB	6-2	210	Jr.-R	2L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
18	Alex Schwab	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-R	2L	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
19	Shawun Lurry	CB	5-8	170	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
20	Mycial Allen	S	5-11	203	Sr.-R	3L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
21	Dillon Thomas	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	204	So.-R	1L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
22	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
23	Jordan Huff	TB	5-10	218	Sr.-R	3L	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	193	So.-R	1L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
25	Josh Orne	P/K	6-0	230	Sr.-R	2L	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
26	Tommy Mister	TB	6-0	212	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)
27	Maalik Todd	WR	5-6	160	Jr.-R	1L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	So.-R	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
30	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.	HS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
30	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	176	Jr.-R	2L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
31	Jacob Ballain	K	5-11	183	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Whiteland)
32	Jimmy Russell	S	5-10	200	Sr.-R	3Sq	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
33	Aaron Fischer	FB	5-11	239	Jr.-R	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
34	Christian Hagan	K	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
35	Shane Wimann	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-R	3L	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
38	Jaquis Covington	CB	5-9	160	So.-R	WO	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
39	Daniel Isom	CB	5-10	170	So.	1L	St. Louis, Missouri (St. Louis University)
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-1	225	Jr.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	221	Fr.-R	RS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-6	238	Fr.	HS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
43	Owen Weaver	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Wilmington, Ill. (Wilmington HS)
44	Corey Lersch	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-R	RS	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
47	Michael Kennedy	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-10	218	So.-R	1L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
49	Jaylen McKie	DB	5-7	160	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.. [Waukegan (Ill.)]
50	Vinny Labus	LS	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
52	Jake Hlava	DE	6-2	245	So.-R	2Sq	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
53	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	So.-R	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-3	284	Fr.-R	RS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	285	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
55	Danny Walker	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	307	So.-R	1L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	230	So.-R	1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-4	305	Fr.-R	RS	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	297	So.-R	2Sq	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	293	Fr.-R	RS	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Michael Warren	DE	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Butler, N.J. (Butler)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	302	Fr.-R	RS	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	286	Jr.-R	2L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-4	306	So.-R	1L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	308	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	313	So.-R	1L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Jr.-R	2L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	HS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
75	Vince Hughes	OL	6-5	287	So.-R	2Sq	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
76	Dale Brown	OL	6-3	310	Jr.-R	2L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
78	Josh Mailloux	OL	6-5	285	So.-R	1Sq	Mount Prospect, Ill. (Hersey)
80	Kelly Weese	WR	6-2	191	Sr.-R	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay/College of DuPage)
81	Jordan Robinson	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fl. (Norland)
82	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	185	Sr.-R	3L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
83	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	209	Fr.	HS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-3	256	Jr.-R	2L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	Fr.-R	RS	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-1	245	So.-R	1L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	So.	1L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
90	William Lee	DT	6-0	300	Sr.-R	3L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
91	Connor Schneider	DE	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
92	A.J. Taylor	DE	6-0	278	So.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
93	Justin Nwachukwu	DT	6-0	290	Jr.	JC	Raleigh, N.C (Heritage/Butler CC)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	286	Jr.	JC	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	So.-R	1L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
97	Herlandez Corley	DT	6-2	285	Jr.-R	2L	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	298	Fr.-R	RS	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-2	280	So.	1L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

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## DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
WR	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
	8	Andrew Parchment	6-2	175	Fr.-R	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
WR	14	Spencer Tears	6-0	191	So.-R	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
WR	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	188	Jr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
	9	Jauan Wesley	5-11	182	Jr.-R	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
TE	35	Shane Wimann	6-4	250	Sr.-R	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
	89	Mitchell Brinkman	6-3	250	So.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
	84	Ty Harmston	6-3	256	Jr.-R	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
<b>OR</b>	88	Daniel Crawford	6-1	245	So.-R	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
TB	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
<b>OR</b>	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	204	So.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
<b>OR</b>	26	Tommy Mister	6-0	212	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)
QB	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	216	Fr.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
	7	Daniel Santacaterina	6-2	205	So.-R	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
LT	73	Max Scharping	6-6	320	Jr.-R	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
	76	Dale Brown	6-3	310	Jr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
LG	72	Jordan Steckler	6-5	313	So.-R	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
	75	Vince Hughes	6-5	287	So.-R	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
C	64	Luke Shively	6-3	286	Jr.-R	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	293	Fr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
RG	65	Nathan Veloz	6-4	306	So.-R	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
	76	Dale Brown	6-3	310	Jr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
RT	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	308	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	307	So.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)

## DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
DE	15	Sutton Smith	6-0	225	So.-R	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
	40	Drequan Brown	6-1	225	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence CC)
DT	99	Ben Leroy	6-2	280	So.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
	90	William Lee	6-0	300	Sr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
DT	98	Jack Heflin	6-3	298	Fr.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	285	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	94	Devin Webster	6-2	286	Jr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Ariz. Western)
DE	12	Josh Corcoran	6-3	250	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
	9	Joe Sanders	6-3	248	Sr.-R	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
	53	Quintin Wynne	6-1	240	So.-R	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
OLB	6	Bobby Jones IV	5-10	220	Sr.-R	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
	18	Alex Schwab	6-1	230	Sr.-R	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
MLB	18	Alex Schwab	6-1	230	Sr.-R	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
<b>OR</b>	48	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-10	218	So.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. ( )
OLB	7	Jawuan Johnson	6-0	218	Jr.-R	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
	37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	5-10	205	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
CB	19	Shawun Lurry	5-8	170	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
	5	Mayomi Olootu	5-8	183	Sr.	Allen, Texas (Allen)
S	8	Mykelti Williams	5-11	205	So.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western)
	11	Trayshon Foster	5-11	202	So.-R	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
S	20	Mycial Allen	5-11	203	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
	13	Jackson Abresch	6-1	205	Sr.-R	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
CB	1	Albert Smalls	6-0	200	Jr.-R	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)

## SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
K	34	Christian Hagan	6-1	193	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	187	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
LS	59	Hayden Sak	6-2	254	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
	50	Vinny Labus	6-1	230	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
KR	2	Jonathan Parker	5-8	185	Sr.-R	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
<b>AND</b>	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
<b>OR</b>	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
PR	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
	19	Shawun Lurry	5-8	170	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
HO	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)

## — PRONUNCIATIONS —

## Name ..... Pronunciation

Jackson Abresch	Obb-RESH
Mycial Allen	My-KALE
Jacob Ballain	Buh-LANE
Chad Beebe	B-B
Drequan Brown	DRAY-kwon
Adam Buirge	BURJ
Marcus Childers	CHILL-ders
Calvin Dassow	DASS-oh
Lance DeVeaux	duh-VOE
Jalen Embry	JAY-lin
Matt Ference	FARE-ents
Ezekiel Gueths	uh-ZEEK-ee-ul GEETS
Christian Hagan	HAY-gin (hard g)
Tre Harbison	TRAY
Isaac Hawn	rhymes with Yawn
Jake Hlava	LA-vuh
Tifonte Hunt	Tih-FON-TAY
Daniel Isom	ICE-sum
Jawuan Johnson	Juh-WAHN
Ben LeRoy	LEE-roy
Corey Lersch	Lersh
Shawun Lurry	Sha-WAHN LURR-ee
Josh Mailloux	MAY-loo
Jaylen McKie	Muh-KEY
Justin Nwachukwu	wuh-CHOO-koo
Mayomi Olootu	MAY-YO-mee
	uh-LOO-too
Josh Orne	rhymes with Corn
Hayden Sak	SACK
Daniel Santacaterina	
	san-tuh-CAT-err-EEN-uh
Alex Schlee	SHLAY
Luke Shively	SHIVE-lee
Trequan Smith	TRAY-qwon
Liam Soraghan	Lee-UM SORE-uh-HAN
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