

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)	11 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 30	at San Diego State (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	KENT STATE* (<i>Homecoming</i>)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	at Buffalo*	TBA
Sat., Oct. 21	at Bowling Green*	TBA
Thur., Oct. 26	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN/E3)	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)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 2	MAC Championship (ABC/ESPN/2) <i>Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.</i>	6 p.m.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



TV



Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 -11 AM CT

Lincoln, Neb.

Memorial Stadium (86,047)

RADIO



NIU HUSKIES

(1-1)

Head Coach: Rod Carey (37-20, Fifth Season)

VS



NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

(1-1)

Head Coach: Mike Riley (16-11, Third Season)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

2016 Record/MAC Record/Finish	5-7/5-3/3rd West
Head Coach	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years	37-20/5th
Career Record/Years	37-20/5th
Alma Mater/Year	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football	1899
All-Time Record	572-484-51
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 hits the road for the first time this season as the Huskies travel to Lincoln to face Nebraska in an 11 a.m. kickoff at Memorial Stadium.
- The Huskies and Cornhuskers last met on Sept. 8, 1990 when Nebraska defeated NIU, 60-14, in the last of a two-game series in Lincoln between the teams. Nebraska won the 1989 meeting, 48-17.
- NIU Head Coach Rod Carey, a Big Ten product (Indiana '93), is 3-1 versus teams from the league in his four seasons at the helm of the program. Under Carey, NIU has wins over Iowa, Purdue and Northwestern with the only loss a 20-13 decision at No. 1 Ohio State in 2015.
- Huskie senior kicker Christian Hagan is the lone Nebraskan on the NIU roster. The Omaha Westside product ranks ninth all-time in scoring at NIU with 238 career points.
- Eight Huskie players, including three of NIU's four starting defensive linemen, have made their first career starts in 2017. Fourteen of the Huskies' 22 starters enter the game with five or less career starts.
- After holding Eastern Illinois to 187 yards, including just 58 in the first half, last week, NIU leads the MAC in rushing defense (104.0 yards/game) and total defense (263.0 yards/game). To date, it's been a dramatic turnaround from a year ago when NIU gave up 451.5 yards per game.
- In his second career start, and first of 2017, sophomore Daniel Santacaterina completed 23-of-34 passes for 252 yards and three touchdowns to lead NIU to a convincing 38-10 win over Eastern Illinois. Santacaterina, who was narrowly beaten out for the starting job by junior Ryan Graham, stepped into the starting role when Graham was injured versus Boston College.
- NIU played in a MAC-record eight straight bowl games from 2008-15 and played in six straight league championship games (2010-15) before falling to 5-7 a year ago while using four quarterbacks and losing a pair of triple overtime games.



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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.
- Dates are Sept. 5, 12, 26; October 3, 10, 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

- Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews through Wednesday of game week.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange either 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

- NIU practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, held at Huskie Stadium and/or the Chessick Practice Center, are open to the media.
- Practices will be held in the evenings in 2017.
- 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 should contact the NIU or MAC Office to obtain login information.

HUSKIES-HUSKERS HISTORY: Saturday's meeting between NIU and Nebraska will be the third all-time between the two schools. The Cornhuskers have won both previous meetings, defeating NIU, 60-14, in 1990 and 48-17 in 1989, both in Lincoln.

WHEN LAST WE MET: The then-No. 1 ranked Cornhuskers tallied 549 yards of total offense, 424 on the ground, as Nebraska posted a 60-14 win over NIU. Stacey Robinson led the way for NIU with 98 yards passing on 10-of-16 passing, while rushing for 58 yards. Leodis Flowers finished with a game-high 124 yards rushing and was one of six Nebraska players to score a touchdown in the game.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb. begins a two-game road trip for the Huskies and a stretch of four of the next five away from Huskie Stadium. Following their game at Nebraska and an open date, the Huskies travel to San Diego State Sept. 30. NIU's lone home game during this stretch is Oct. 7 when the Huskies face Kent State in the 111th Homecoming game. The Huskies will then travel to MAC East foes Buffalo (Oct. 14) and Bowling Green (Oct. 21).

NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED: Saturday's game at Nebraska will be televised by FS1 and is one of six games slated for TV broadcast this season. NIU's season opener versus Boston College was televised by CBS Sports Network, as are the Huskies' game at San Diego State (Sept. 30) and the home contest versus Ball State on Nov. 9. The Eastern Michigan (Oct. 26), Toledo (Nov. 2) and Western Michigan (Nov. 15) contests are slated for either CBS Sports Network or one of the ESPN family of networks (ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3).

NIU VS. THE BIG TEN: The Huskies have enjoyed a run of success versus Big Ten opponents since a 28-21 win at Purdue on Sept. 19, 2009. NIU has won five of its last nine games against Big Ten opponents, including a three-game winning streak over Big Ten teams, which started with a 30-27 victory at Iowa (Aug. 31) in the 2013 season opener. NIU became the first MAC school to defeat two Big Ten teams in one season when the Huskies defeated Purdue (Sept. 28, 2013), 55-24 in West Lafayette, Ind. The Huskies improved to 7-36-1 all-time versus teams that currently make up the Big Ten Conference when NIU defeated Northwestern, 23-15, Sept. 6, 2014. The Huskies suffered a 20-13 setback to No. 1 Ohio State (Sept. 19, 2015) in their last game versus a Big Ten foe.

Date	Score	Site	W/L
Sept. 19, 2009	NIU 28, Purdue 21	West Lafayette, Ind.	W
Sept. 18, 2010	Illinois 28, NIU 22	Champaign, Ill.	L
Sept. 26, 2010	NIU 34, Minnesota 23	Minneapolis, Minn.	W
Sept. 17, 2011	No. 7 Wisconsin 49, NIU 7	Chicago, Ill.	L
Sept. 1, 2012	Iowa 18, NIU 17	Chicago, Ill.	L
Aug. 31, 2013	NIU 30, Iowa 27	Iowa City, Iowa	W
Sept. 28, 2013	NIU 55, Purdue 24	West Lafayette, Ind.	W
Sept. 6, 2014	NIU 23, Northwestern 15	Evanston, Ill.	W
Sept. 19, 2015	No. 1 Ohio State 20, NIU 13	Columbus, Ohio	L

CAREY-ING THE BIG TEN: Of NIU's seven wins over Big Ten schools, Huskie head coach Rod Carey owns three of them. Carey, who played center for Indiana from 1989-93, is 3-1 against the league. He led NIU to wins over Iowa (2013), Purdue (2013) and Northwestern (2014).

DO I KNOW YOU?: There are two high schools represented on the rosters of both NIU and Nebraska. Four graduates of Omaha Westside are on the rosters, including NIU kicker Christian Hagan, with three of his former teammates on the Cornhuskers' roster. W.T. Dwyer High School of Riviera Beach, Fla. will be represented by three graduates between the two rosters, including Huskie cornerback Shawun Lurry and wide receiver Ezra Saffold.

COMMON BONDS: In addition to having players from the same high schools on both rosters, there are staff members on each team that have served at the opposing school. NIU defensive line coach Brett Diersen spent the 2008-10 seasons as an intern on the Nebraska coaching staff, where he assisted in working with special teams and a defensive line that featured Ndamukong Suh. Nebraska's director of football operations, Adam Clark, spent three years (2008-10) as the

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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 37-20 record as NIU's head coach, and .649 winning percentage, rank the Midwest native among the very best to ever lead the Huskie program. In just four seasons, he is fourth on NIU's all-time wins list both in wins and winning percentage.

Carey also is already climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his win percentage puts him in the all-time Top 15 in the league. With a 26-6 record – good for a .813 winning percentage - in MAC games, Carey is set to climb into the all-time Top 25 for league wins in 2017.

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.

Carey-led Huskie teams have a school-record three wins over Big Ten Conference teams. 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 first round draft pick Jimmie Ward in 2014 and New Orleans' Saints receiver Tommylee 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 coaching the offensive line at the University of North Dakota. Prior to going to North Dakota, Carey spent the 2007 season as the offensive line coach 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-NEBRASKA ON FS1

- NIU's game at Nebraska will air on FS1, marking the Huskies' first appearance on the network.
- The game is also available on mobile devices using the FoxSportsGo app.
- The announce crew for the NIU-Nebraska game is Tim Brando (play-by-play), Spencer Tillman (color analyst), Les Miles (color analyst) and Holly Sonders (sidelines).

RADIO: NIU SPORTS NETWORK

- The NIU Sports Network broadcast for the Nebraska game begins at 10:30 a.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 (except Sept. 18) 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, niufootball
- 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 NIU FOOTBALL

2017 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Cornhuskers
29.0	Points/G	39.0
7 (2-5)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	9 (4-5)
44	First Downs	44
433.0	Total Yards/G	412.0
197.0	Rush Yards/G	167.0
236.0	Pass Yards/G	245.0
4	Turnovers Lost	4
27:59	Time of Possession/G	30:50
38.0%	3rd Down Conversions	32%
50%	4th Down Conversions	100%
38.4	Net Punting Avg.	35.8
19.3	Kickoff Return Avg.	41.7
3.0	Punt Return Avg.	1.0
23-132	Penalties-Yards/G	11-100
16.5	Points Allowed/G	39.0
(9-10) 90%	Red Zone Scores	(7-7) 100%
(6-10) 60%	Red Zone TDs	(6-7) 86%
3 (1-2)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	9 (3-6)
37	First Downs Allowed	54
263.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	531.0
104.0	Rush Yards/G Allowed	141.5
159.0	Pass Yards/G Allowed	390.0
34%	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	52%
67%	4th Down Conv. Allowed	0%
4	Turnovers Gained	4

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 Players from Nebraska on the Huskies' 2017 roster
- 2 Touchdowns scored by former NIU receiver Kenny Golladay for the Detroit Lions in his NFL debut last week
- 8 Sacks allowed by the Huskie offensive line in 2016, the lowest number in the nation
- 12 Career TD catches by TE Shane Wimann, most by a tight end in NIU history
- 16 States represented on the Huskies' 2017 roster
- 27 Number of players to record a defensive stat last week versus Eastern Illinois
- 42 Career games played by defenders William Lee and Myciel Allen, tops on the team
- 43 Tackles by NIU's starting linebackers vs. BC
- 50 Consecutive PATs made by Christian Hagan
- 58 Yards of total offense allowed by the NIU defense in the first half last week
- 84 MAC-leading Graduation Success Rate of NIU Football program, Top 10 nationally among public institutions
- 98 Games played by NIU since 2010
- 116 Seasons of Huskie Football
- 120 Wins for NIU since 2003
- 239.8 Rushing yards per game by NIU in 2016, No. 1 in the MAC
- 1,107 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

director of football operations at NIU, while the Huskers' associate strength coach Clete McLeod was an assistant strength and speed coach at NIU (2006-07).

NIU VS. THE POWER FIVE: NIU

is 14-69 versus teams that were in a major conference (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC & Pac-12) at the time the Huskies played them. Of those 14 wins, eight have come in the last 14 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.

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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 (Ill.)]
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)

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. Kenny Golladay, a third round draft choice by the Detroit Lions, made quite an impression in his regular season debut, tallying four catches for 69 yards, including two touchdown catches. Tim Semisch was re-signed to the Titans practice squad this week.

National Football League

Detroit Lions.....	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Indianapolis Colts.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)
New Orleans Saints.....	Tommy Lee 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)

GETTING DEFENSIVE: The NIU defense held Eastern Illinois to 187 yards of total offense with 60 rushing and 127 passing yards. The Panthers earned just 58 yards in the first half. The 187 yards is the lowest total by a Huskie opponent since Presbyterian tallied 127 yards Aug. 28, 2014.

TWO FOR ONE: Mycial Allen and Mykelti Williams each recorded an interception in NIU's 38-10 win over Eastern Illinois. Allen picked off his fifth career pass, while Williams' INT was his first. The Huskies rank 10th in the nation and third in MAC in interceptions with three. NIU did not record its third interception last year until game seven (Oct. 15 vs. Central Michigan).

TURNING OVER POINTS: The Huskies have converted three of the four turnovers forced on the season into points with 17 points off turnovers so far this year. Kyle Pugh's first career INT was converted into a field goal against Boston College (Sept. 1), while Mycial Allen and Mykelti Williams' interceptions both resulted in touchdowns in NIU's victory over Eastern Illinois (Sept. 9). NIU totaled just 33 points off turnovers in all of 2016.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN: In his second career start, sophomore quarterback Daniel Santacaterina established new career highs for completions (23), attempts (34) and touchdown passes (3) while throwing for 252 yards. Santacaterina's only previous start was last year in the season finale versus Kent State, a 31-21 NIU victory. He also led the Huskies to an overtime comeback victory at Eastern Michigan and played in the Toledo game.

TEARS OF JOY: Wide receiver Spencer Tears turned in a career day in NIU's 38-10 win over Eastern Illinois. Tears scored his first career touchdown on a 39-yard bomb from Daniel Santacaterina. He finished the day with four catches for 61 yards, surpassing his previous career bests of three receptions and 29 yards set in the season opener against Boston College.

FILLING THE VOID: With the graduations of Kenny Golladay and Aregeros Turner, the Huskie receiving corps lost 58.4 percent of its total yardage from last season. Golladay led the Huskies with 1,156 yards on 87 receptions, while Turner tallied 40 catches for 415 yards. Senior Chad Beebe leads the Huskies with 125 yards on 10 receptions, while junior D.J. Brown, who had nine catches for 91 yards a year ago, has amassed 119 yards on nine catches for a team-best 13.2 yards per game through the first two games this season.

YOUTH IS SERVED: Eight Huskies made their first career start vs. Boston College in the season opener, including three of NIU's four starting defensive linemen (Sutton Smith, Ben LeRoy and Jack Heflin) and punter Matt Ference. Fourteen of the Huskies' 22 starters on offense and defense enter the Nebraska game with five or less career starts.

FROSH FACES: Five redshirt and four true freshmen have made their Huskie debuts this season. Quarterback Marcus Childers, tailback Tre Harbison and offensive linemen Brayden Patton and Benn Olson saw their first action as Huskies in NIU's win over Eastern Illinois. They join fellow redshirt freshmen Jack Heflin (DT), Andrew Parchment (WR) and Austin Warner (OL), who stepped on Brigham Field for the first time in live game action against Boston College. True freshmen Matt Ference (P), Isaac Hawn (OL), Matt Lorbeck (DE) and Weston Kramer (DT) also saw their first collegiate action in Cardinal and Black against Boston College.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS: NIU has also had six non-freshmen newcomers see their first action as Huskies in 2017. Grad transfer Jonathan Parker recorded one rush for three yards against Eastern Illinois. He joins junior college transfers Drequan Brown (DE), Jalen Embry (CB), Devin Webster (DT), Jauan Wesley (WR) and Mykelti Williams (S) as Huskie newcomers in action. Williams, who starts at one of the safety spots has 10 tackles an interception and pass break up on the year, while Brown has one tackle, a sack. Embry has recorded nine tackles, six solo, while Webster has three stops and a quarterback sacks on the year.

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 one-yard touchdown reception from Daniel Santacaterina in the third quarter of NIU's 38-10 victory over Eastern Illinois (Sept. 9). It was his 12th career touchdown reception and second of the season. He scored his first touchdown of 2017 on a seven-yard catch in the third quarter 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 four NIU starting quarterbacks.

QUARTERBACK SIX PACK: Graham became only the sixth different season-opening signal-caller for NIU since 2008 when he took the first snap from center of 2017. Chandler Harnish started the initial games of the 2008, 2009 and 2011 seasons, while DeMarcus Grady started the 2010 season opener. Jordan Lynch took the first snaps of the year in 2012 and 2013, and Matt McIntosh started the 2014 season. Drew Hare started both the 2015 and 2016 campaigns. Lynch (2013) was the last Huskie QB to start and finish the year as the starter.

QUARTER-BLAKE: Wide receiver Christian Blake completed his second career pass when he hit quarterback Ryan Graham on a 13-yard pass play in the third quarter versus Boston College. Blake connected with Anthony Maddie on a nine-yard pass at Western Michigan (Oct. 8) last year.

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.

WORKING ON THE LINE: There are multiple new faces on the NIU defensive line with Josh Corcoran (DE) and William Lee (DT) the only returnees who saw significant time in the rotation a year ago. Tackle Ben LeRoy, a back-up as a true freshman in 2016, end Sutton Smith and redshirt freshman Jack Heflin are all first-time starters. The defensive line rotation now includes that trio, Corcoran and Lee, senior Joe Sanders and newcomers Drequan Brown, Matt Lorbeck, Devin Webster and Weston Kramer. The group combined for two sacks and six tackles for loss versus Boston College and were instrumental in limiting Eastern Illinois to 60 rushing yards and less than 200 yards of total offense.

MR. SMITH GOES OFF: Redshirt sophomore Sutton Smith recorded a career-high six stops in NIU's contest with Boston College. Of those six tackles, five were for a loss. Larry English holds the school record for tackle for loss with six against Temple (Oct. 20) in the 2006 season.

AT A LOSS: The Huskie defense recorded 12 tackles for loss against Boston College for a total of 39 yards and currently ranks 10th in the nation in TFLs with 9.0/game. The last time the NIU defense tallied a dozen tackles for loss was last season at Ball State (Oct. 1). Five Huskies, led by Sutton Smith with five, recorded a tackle for loss. Albert Smalls and Drequan Brown posted their first career tackles for loss, while Jauan Johnson and Bobby Jones IV tallied three and two tackles for loss, respectively.

DYNAMIC DEBUT: Kyle Pugh, a sophomore who entered the season without a career tackle, amassed a game-high 17 stops and recorded his first career interception in his first career start versus Boston College. His first quarter interception led to a Christian Hagan field goal and a 3-0 NIU lead. Pugh's 17 tackles are the most since Sean Folliard tallied 17 last season at Ball State (Oct. 1).

THREE OF A KIND: Pugh was one of three Huskies to finish the Boston College game in double digits in tackles. Bobby Jones IV tallied 16 tackles, 10 solo, including two for a loss, while Jauan Johnson added 10 stops, including three solo tackles. It is the first time three Huskies have recorded double-digit tackles since 2013 when Ken Bishop (11), Boomer Mays (11) and Jimmie Ward (10) reached the marks in a 35-17 win over Toledo (Nov. 20).

2017 NIU FOOTBALL

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Jackson Abresch, S	Sr.-R	17	-
Mycial Allen, S	Sr.-R	42	14
Chad Beebe, WR	Sr.-R	37	10
Christian Blake, WR	Sr.	36	11
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	So.	10	5
Dale Brown, OL	Jr.-R	14	-
D.J. Brown, WR	Jr.	27	1
Drequan Brown, DE	Jr.-R	2	-
Adam Buirge, S	So.-R	11	-
Marcus Childers, QB	Fr.-R	1	-
Josh Corcoran, DE	Jr.	28	8
Herlandez Corley, DT	Jr.-R	11	-
Daniel Crawford, TE	So.-R	14	1
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	So.	11	2
Jalen Embry, CB	Jr.-R	2	-
Matt Ference, P	Fr.	2	-
Aaron Fischer, FB	Jr.-R	7	-
Trayshon Foster, S	So.-R	13	-
Ryan Graham, QB	Jr.-R	18	9
Christian Hagan, K	Sr.	34	-
Tre Harbison, RB	Fr.-R	1	-
Ty Harmston, TE	Jr.-R	10	-
Isaac Hawn, OL	Fr.	2	-
Jack Heflin, DT	Fr.-R	2	2
Jordan Huff, TB	Sr.-R	39	4
Vince Hughes, OL	So.-R	1	-
Tifonte Hunt, CB	Jr.-R	17	-
Daniel Isom, CB	So.	10	6
Jawuan Johnson, LB	Jr.-R	19	5
Bobby Jones IV, LB	Sr.-R	38	12
Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.	16	1
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	So.-R	11	-
Marcus Kelly, DT	So.-R	5	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Fr.	2	-
William Lee, DT	Sr.-R	42	28
Ben LeRoy, DT	So.	10	2
Matt Lorbeck, DE	Fr.	2	-
Shawun Lurry, CB	Sr.	40	21
Dwayne Milton, TB	Jr.-R	10	-
Tommy Mister, TB	Jr.-R	14	-
Benn Olson, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Mayomi Olootu, CB	Sr.	33	7
Josh Orne, K	Sr.-R	20	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Andrew Parchment, WR	Fr.-R	2	-
Jonathan Parker, TB	Sr.-R	2	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	So.-R	12	2
Ryan Roberts, OL	So.-R	14	2
Jimmy Russell, S	Sr.-R	6	-
Ezra Saffold, WR	Sr.	25	-
Hayden Sak, LS	Jr.	26	-
Joe Sanders, DE	Sr.-R	13	4
Daniel Santacaterina, QB	So.-R	4	2
Max Scharping, OL	Jr.-R	28	28
Alex Schwab, LB	Sr.-R	26	-
Luke Shively, OL	Jr.-R	21	14
Albert Smalls, CB	Jr.-R	31	13
Sutton Smith, LB	So.-R	14	2
Trequan Smith, S	So.-R	11	6
Jordan Steckler, OL	So.-R	14	10
Spencer Tears, WR	So.-R	13	2
Maalik Todd, WR	Jr.-R	2	-
Nathan Veloz, OL	So.-R	4	2
Austin Warner, OL	Fr.-R	2	-
Devin Webster, DT	Jr.	2	-
Jauan Wesley, WR	Jr.-R	2	-
Mykelti Williams, S	So.-R	2	2
Shane Wimann, TE	Sr.-R	41	21
Quintin Wynne, DL	So.-R	14	1

STACKED SECONDARY: While the Huskie front seven has five new starters this year, NIU's secondary returned all four starters in 2017 before an injury to Trequan Smith sidelined him for the rest of the season. Senior safety Mycial Allen and cornerbacks Shawun Lurry and Mayomi Olootu are back, as is Albert Smalls, a starter at the beginning of the 2016 season before going down with an injury and earning a medical redshirt. Allen recorded his first interception of the season and fifth of his career against Eastern Illinois and has nine stops on the season.

FINISHING AT NIU: NIU welcomed two graduate transfers for 2017. Tailback Jonathan Parker came 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 Huskies will take the field Saturday against Eastern Illinois with their bachelor's degrees already in hand. Six have earned their degrees from NIU, while two others came to DeKalb as graduate transfers.

Jackson Abresch	S	Operations and Information Management	NIU
Ty Harmston	TE	Biology	NIU
Jordan Huff	TB	Pre-Computer Science	NIU
Bobby Jones IV	LB	Kinesiology	NIU
William Lee	DT	Journalism	NIU
Max Scharping	LT	Kinesiology	NIU
Jaden Huff	LB	Finance	St. Cloud State
Jonathan Parker	CB	Business	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 program history.

HALL CALL: Huskie football greats, Steve Azar and Garrett Wolfe, will be inducted into the NIU Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. The Huskies' all-time leading rusher with 5,164 career rushing yards, Wolfe led the nation in rushing with 1,928 yards and TDs with 18 in 2006 and was named the league's MVP. NIU's all-time leading scorer, Azar is the only player in NIU football history to earn all-conference honors four times. He also earned First team All-America honors by Football News and Second Team Freshman All-America accolades the Sporting News.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS: NIU, which played in the MAC Championship game in six of the last seven years, was picked to finish in third place in the MAC West Division in 2017 by both the MAC Media and MAC Coaches. Toledo is the favorite in both the West and overall, followed by Western Michigan. It is the fourth straight year the MAC Media Poll has not picked NIU to win its division. Ohio was edged out Miami in the East in both polls.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS

MEDIA		COACHES	
WEST		WEST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Toledo (22)	142	1. Toledo (7)	66
2. Western Michigan (1)	107	2. Western Michigan (2)	58
3. NIU (1)	89	3. NIU (1)	45
4. Eastern Michigan	74	4. Eastern Michigan	35
5. Central Michigan	62	5. Central Michigan (1)	31
6. Ball State	30	6. Ball State	17
EAST		EAST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Ohio (11)	131	1. Ohio (9)	69
2. Miami (12)	129	2. Miami (3)	61
3. Bowling Green (1)	88	3. Bowling Green	45
4. Akron	79	4. Akron	41
5. Buffalo	41	5. Buffalo	20
6. Kent State	36	6. Kent State	16



NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

2016 Record.....	9-4
Big Ten Conference Record/Finish.....	6-3/3rd
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Mike Riley (Alabama/1975)
Record at Nebraska/Years.....	16-11/3rd
Career Record/Years.....	109-91/17th
Location.....	Lincoln, Neb.
Enrollment.....	25,897
Conference.....	Big Ten
Colors.....	Scarlet and Cream
Stadium.....	Memorial Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	Turf /86,047
President.....	Hank M. Bounds, Ph.D
Athletic Director.....	Shawn Eichorst
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2017 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 2	ARKANSAS STATE (BTN)	W, 43-36
Sat., Sept. 9	at Oregon (FOX)	L, 35-42
Sat., Sept. 16	NIU (FS1)	11 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 23	RUTGERS* (TBA)	2:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 29	at Illinois* (FS1)	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	WISCONSIN* (TBA)	TBD
Sat., Oct. 14	OHIO STATE* (TBA)	TBD
Sat., Oct. 28	at Purdue* (TBA)	TBD
Sat., Nov. 4	NORTHWESTERN* (TBA)	TBD
Sat., Nov. 11	at Minnesota* (TBA)	TBD
Sat., Nov. 18	at Penn State* (TBA)	TBD
Fri., Nov. 24	IOWA* (FS1)	3 P.M.

*BIG Ten Conference Game

NIU-NEBRASKA SERIES HISTORY

Overall.....NEB leads 2-0
 In Lincoln.....NEB leads 2-0
 Streak.....NEB, 2
 Series History..... * Conference Game; % Forfeit

9/9/1989: NIU 17, NEB 48 (A) 9/8/1990: NIU 14, NEB 60 (A)

THE LAST MEETING

NEBRASKA 60, NIU 14

Sept. 8, 1990

Lincoln, Neb. | Memorial Stadium | 76,043

Nebraska's ground game was too much for the Huskies to overcome as the then-No. 10 ranked Cornhuskers defeated NIU, 60-14 at Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers rushed for 424 yards on 66 attempts, led by Leodis Flowers' game-high 124 yards on 24 carries. Eight different Cornhuskers scored touchdowns on the day, led by Derek Brown, who reached the endzone twice.

The Huskie offense tried to keep pace with Nebraska, tallying 194 yards on the ground, led by Adam Dach and Stacey Robinson. Dach rushed for a team-high 89 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries, while Robinson added 58 yards on 20 carries and 98 yards through the air on 10-of-11 passing.

John Ivanic was a perfect 2-for-2 on field goal attempts and helped keep the Huskies in the game midway through the third quarter.

After falling behind 16-0 on a pair of Nebraska touchdowns and a safety, NIU battled back. Dach put the Huskies on the board with a 48-yard touchdown run and Robinson converted the two-point conversion to cut the lead in half with 3:40 left in the first quarter.

A 42-yard field goal by Ivanic pulled the Huskies to within five with 9:33 left in the first half. Nebraska responded with a touchdown and a field goal to extend its advantage to 15 points on a 32-yard field goal by Gregg Barrios with one second left in the half. NIU trailed, 26-11 heading into halftime.

Ivanic made a 34-yard field with 11:18 left in the third to bring the Huskies to within eight, 26-14. However, that would be as close as the Huskies would get.

Nebraska scored 34 unanswered points to pull away from the Huskies.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total	
NIU	8	3	3	0	-	14
Nebraska	16	10	13	21	-	60

SCORING SUMMARY

- NEB - Mickey Joseph 1 run (Gregg Barrios kick), 1st 12:59 (6-34, 1:51)
- NEB - Safety, Stacey Robinson tackled in end zone, 1st 8:22
- NEB- Chris Garret 20 pass from Joseph (Barrios kick), 1st 5:32 (6-36, 2:43)
- NIU - Adam Dach 48 run (Robinson run), 1st 1:47 (8-82, 3:40)
- NIU - FG John Ivanic 42, 2nd 9:33 (11-59, 6:08)
- NEB - Leodis Flowers 1 run (Barrios kick), 2nd 2:40 (8-28, 3:14)
- NEB - FG Barrios 32, 2nd 0:01 (6-50, 0:49)
- NIU - FG Ivanic 34, 3rd 11:18 (8-54, 3:36)
- NEB - Omar Soto 8 run (Barrios kick blocked), 3rd 5:29 (11-70, 3:38)
- NEB - Tim Johnk 13 run (Barrios kick), 3rd 0:29 (9-71, 2:44)
- NEB - Derek Brown 1 run (Barrios kick), 4th 13:37 (2-18, 0:09)
- NEB - Brown 59 run (Byron Bennett kick), 4th 10:34 (3-66, 0:49)
- NEB - Robert Glantz 12 run (Bennett kick), 4th 5:53 (7-55, 2:29)

Team & Individual Statistics

NEB	NIU	Rushing - NEB: Flowers 21-124, Joseph 11-75, D. Brown 5-72, Soto 9-52. NIU: Dach 13-89, Robinson 20-58, Strasser 2-14, Ray 2-14, Cotton 3-11.
First Downs (R-P) 30 (24-4).....	14 (10-4)	Passing - NEB: Joseph 4-11-1, 103. NIU: Robinson 10-16-1, 98.
Rushes-Net Yards 66-424.....	48-197	Receiving - NEB: Bastick 2-66, Garrett 1-20, Makell 1-18 Hughes 1-17, Bobolz 1-4. NIU: Rodgers 3-67, Schroeder 4-18, Strasser 2-8, Cassidy 1-5.
Passing Yards 125.....	98	Tackles - NEB: Tyrance 12, Cooper 7 NIU: Henriksen 10, Jones 10.
Passes (C-A-I) 6-14-1.....	10-17-1	
Plays-Total Yards 80-549.....	65-295	
Fumbles-Lost 3-1.....	3-2	
Penalties-Yards 1-15.....	6-37	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 4-166.....	9-176	
Punt Returns-Yds 4-24.....	0-0	
3rd Down Conversions 6-12.....	3-16	
4th Down Conversions 2-3.....	1-2	
Punts-Average 1-42.....	5-38	
Possession Time 28:31.....	31:39	
Sacks By-Yards 1-4.....	0-0	

PLAYERS TO WATCH



35 SHANE WIMANN

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

• Added to his NIU career record for TD catches by a tight end for the second straight game with a one-yard grab vs. Eastern Illinois. Caught four passes for 37 yards vs. Boston College with a seven-yard TD. Part of offense that held potent BC D-line without a sack. His 24 catches in 2016 were the most by an NIU tight end since 2005. Recorded at least one catch in 11 of 12 games. Tied the NIU single season record for TD catches by a tight end with six. Had a season-best 65 receiving yards vs. Kent State with a career-long 32-yard gain. Earned Academic All-MAC honors for the third time and was named a MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete for the second straight year.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	2/2	5	38	7.6	2	19
Career	41/21	40	390	9.8	12	32



73 MAX SCHARPING

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

• First season at left tackle after two seasons at right tackle. Part of line that held BC without a sack. All-MAC selection in 2016. Earned a spot on the Outland Trophy Watch List. Named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District squad with a 3.99 GPA in kinesiology. Started 28 consecutive games. Honorable mention sophomore All-American by CampusInsiders. Selected to Academic All-MAC team and as a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete. NIU led the nation in fewest sacks allowed with eight a year ago and ranked 16th nationally in rushing offense (239.8 avg.). 2015 FWAAs Freshman All-American.



1 ALBERT SMALLS

CB | 6-1 | 202 | Jr.-R | 2L
Miramar, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS

• Named NIU defensive player of the game versus Eastern Illinois with two solo tackles and a pass break up. Made six tackles, including first career tackle for loss vs. BC. Medical redshirt in 2016. Started the 2016 season opener at Wyoming (9-3) and recorded five tackles before suffering a season-ending injury. Played in every game his first two years. Ranked third on NIU with 10 pass break ups in 2015. Posted tackles in 13 games with nine multi-tackle games.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	PBU	INT
2017	2/2	5	3	8	1.0	1	0
Career	31/13	50	23	73	2.0	15	3



6 BOBBY JONES IV

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

• Made a career high 16 tackles vs. BC, including a team-leading 10 solo. Added two tackles for loss. Fifth on the team with 59 total tackles, 35 solo, in just eight games last season. Added 4.5 tackles for loss with one sack. Registered a season-high 15 stops versus San Diego State (9-17) with nine solo tackles, six assists and a sack. Missed the final four games due to injury.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	TO
2017	2/2	10	9	19	2.0	0.0	0
Career	38/12	87	58	145	11.0	3.5	1



34 CHRISTIAN HAGAN

K | 6-0 | 188 | Sr. | 3L
Omaha, Neb. | Westside HS

• Has a streak of seven straight games with a made field goal. Made two of three tries versus Boston College and one of three versus Eastern Illinois. Has hit all seven PATs in 2017 to extend consecutive PAT streak to 51. Scored at least one point in 34 consecutive games. As a junior, led NIU in scoring with 78 points on 45 PATs and 11 field goals. Ranks fifth on NIU's all-time kick scoring list and is ninth in overall scoring. Made at least one field goal in nine games in 2016. Converted 11-of-18 field goals, including a perfect five-of-five of less than 30 yards. A first team All-MAC selection in 2015

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB	PAT	FG	Lg	Pts
2017	2/0	12	741	61.8	2	1	7-7	3-6	32	16
Career	33/0	133	8,073	60.7	35	8	127-130	37-54	52	238



57 KYLE PUGH

MLB | 5-11 | 218 | So.-R | 1L
Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS

• In first career start, led NIU with 17 tackles, six solo, versus BC. Recorded first career interception in the first quarter. Came into the game without a career tackle. Added five tackles versus EIU and leads NIU in tackles. Appeared in last 10 games of 2016 as a back-up middle linebacker and special teamer. Earned Academic All-MAC honors.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT
2017	2/2	7	15	22	0.0	0.0	1
Career	12/2	7	15	22	0.0	0.0	1



15 SUTTON SMITH

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

• Caused and recovered a fumble, broke up a pass and totaled three tackles, one for loss, vs. Eastern Illinois. In first career start, recorded five tackles for losses of 23 yards, a sack and six tackles versus Boston College. Was one TFL away from NIU's single game record. Converted running back made 15 tackles with two tackles for loss in a reserve role as a redshirt freshman.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF/FR
2017	2/2	8	1	9	6.0	1.0	1/1
Career	14/2	14	10	24	8.0	2.0	1/1

PLAYERS TO WATCH



12 JOSH CORCORAN

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

• Registered 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 27 of 28 games during his career. Ranked second on the team with seven tackles for loss in 2016. His three quarterback sacks tied for third on the team. Recorded five tackles, three solo, two sacks and 2.5 tackles for loss at Ball State (10-1). Made a season-high eight tackles with a tackle for loss, vs. Toledo (11-9).

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	2/2	5	3	8	1.0	0.0	1
Career	28/8	26	19	45	8.0	3.0	1



7 DANIEL SANTACATERINA

QB | 6-2 | 205 | So.-R | 1L
Geneva, Ill. | Geneva HS

• Made his first start of 2017, and second all-time, versus Eastern Illinois. Set career highs for completions, attempts and touchdown passes. Threw TDs of 39, 18 and one yard. Hit eight different receivers. Completed 67.6 percent of his throws. Now 2-0 as a starter after getting a win over Kent State as a redshirt freshman in 2016. Also directed overtime comeback win over Eastern Michigan.

Year	G/GS	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2017	1/1	23-34-1	67.6	252	3	41
Career	4/2	41-72-3	56.9	613	4	74



23 JORDAN HUFF

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

• Led NIU with 88 yards on 11 carries versus Eastern Illinois and caught an eight-yard pass. In 39 career games, has rushed for 1,524 yards and 16 touchdowns on 222 carries. His 6.9 yards per carry average would rank first all-time at NIU with 300 carries or more. Owns four 100-yard games. His 2,010 career all-purpose yards lead all 2017 Huskies. As a junior, ranked second on the team in rushing attempts and yards, averaged 6.3 yards per rush. Also caught 10 passes for 70 yards and returned eight kickoffs for 193 yards for an average of 24.1 yards.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	KOR	Yds.	Avg	Lg
2017	2/1	16	97	6.1	0	21	0	0	0.0	-
Career	39/4	222	1,524	6.9	16	87	16	393	24.6	66



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. Line did not surrender a sack to potent BC defensive line. Huskies averaging 5.6 yards per play through two games. A 2016 Academic All-MAC and MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete. NIU ranked 16th nationally in rushing offense (239.8) and 27th in total offense (463.8) a year ago. The Huskies led the country, giving up just eight sacks on the year.



10 D.J. BROWN

WR | 5-9 | 188 | Jr. | 2L
N. Little Rock, Ark. | N. Little Rock HS

• NIU's leading receiver with nine catches for 119 yards through two games. Had a career high seven catches for 88 yards versus Eastern Illinois, including a career-long 41-yard grab. Posted his first career receiving TD on a 15-yard catch versus Boston College. Finished the game with two catches for 31 yards.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg	TD	Lg
2017	2/1	9	119	13.2	1	41	3	14	4.7	0	7
Career	27/2	18	210	11.7	1	41	21	108	5.1	1	23



21 MARCUS JONES

TB | 5-8 | 202 | So.-R | 1L
Evergreen Park, Ill. | Brother Rice HS

• NIU's leading rusher through two games. Scored on runs of one and four yards versus Eastern Illinois. Gained 63 yards on team-high 12 carries. Back after a medical redshirt season in 2016. Saw action at Wyoming (9-3) and USF (9-10) in 2016 before going down with injury. Appeared in 12 games as a true freshman in 2015 and gained 109 yards on eight carries. Had a 73-yard touchdown run at Miami (10-17).

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	2/1	23	111	4.8	2	23
Career	16/1	31	220	7.1	3	73



8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS

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

• Picked off his first career pass versus Eastern Illinois and returned it 10 yards to set up a Huskie touchdown. Made five tackles in each game this year. Broke up a pass vs. Boston College. Collected All-American and all-conference honors at Iowa Western in 2016. Recorded 106 total tackles, forced four fumbles and recovered three, deflected nine passes, caught four interceptions and blocked a kick. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	PBU	INT
2017	2/2	6	4	10	0.0	1	1

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 & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	BC	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	21 (11-8)	18 (5-10)	Rushing - BC: Hilliman 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).
Rushes-Net Yards	50-148	35-164	Passing - BC: Brown 26-42-1, 191; NIU: Graham 15-38-1, 190; Blake 1-1-0, 13.
Passing Yards	191	203	Receiving - BC: Walker 8-50, White 6-76, Smith 3-18, Hilliman 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.
Passes (C-A-I)	26-42-1	16-39-1	Tackles - BC: Harris 10, Allen 9; NIU: Pugh 17, Jones 16, Johnson 10.
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	

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 & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	EIU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	16 (3-6)	26 (12-11)	Rushing - 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.
Rushes-Net Yards	45-60	47-230	Passing - EIU: Kimble 14-29-2, 127; Gilkey 0-3-0, 0; NIU: Santacaterina 23-34-1, 252; Childers 1-1-0, 17.
Passing Yards	127	269	Receiving - 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.
Passes (C-A-I)	14-32-2	24-35-1	Tackles - EIU: Horne 8, Dewberry 7; NIU: Jones-Davis 8, Johnson 7.
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	

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	58	33
Points Per Game	29.0	16.5
Points Off Turnovers	17	3
FIRST DOWNS	44	37
Rushing	17	14
Passing	21	14
Penalty	6	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	394	208
Yards gained rushing	413	299
Yards lost rushing	19	91
Rushing Attempts	82	95
Average Per Rush	4.8	2.2
Average Per Game	197.0	104.0
TDs Rushing	2	1
PASSING YARDAGE	472	318
Comp-Att-Int	40-74-2	40-74-3
Average Per Pass	6.4	4.3
Average Per Catch	11.8	7.9
Average Per Game	236.0	159.0
TDs Passing	5	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	866	526
Total Plays	156	169
Average Per Play	5.6	3.1
Average Per Game	433.0	263.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	6-116	9-160
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-18	1-11
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-27	2-14
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.3	17.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.0	11.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.0	7.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-2	2-1
PENALTIES-Yards	23-264	16-154
Average Per Game	132.0	77.0
PUNTS-Yards	12-492	16-628
Average Per Punt	41.0	39.2
Net punt average	38.4	38.1
KICKOFFS-Yards	12-741	9-538
Average Per Kick	61.8	59.8
Net kick average	44.2	38.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:59	32:02
3RD-DOWN Conversions	12/32	14/41
3rd-Down Pct	38%	34%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	2/3
4th-Down Pct	50%	67%
SACKS BY-Yards	5-27	1-1
MISC YARDS	0	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	7	3
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-6	4-5
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(9-10) 90%	(6-8) 75%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(6-10) 60%	(3-8) 38%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(7-7) 100%	(3-3) 100%
ATTENDANCE	33143	0
Games/Avg Per Game	2/16572	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northern Illinois	10	31	14	3	-	58
Opponents	6	10	7	10	-	33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
JONES, Marcus	2	23	122	11	111	4.8	2	23	55.5
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	12	99	0	99	8.2	0	60	99.0
HUFF, Jordan	2	16	97	0	97	6.1	0	21	48.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	5	28	0	28	5.6	0	6	28.0
BROWN, D.J.	2	3	14	0	14	4.7	0	7	7.0
SANTACATERINA	1	5	15	1	14	2.8	0	5	14.0
BLAKE, Christia	2	4	14	1	13	3.2	0	8	6.5
MILTON, Dwayne	1	3	7	0	7	2.3	0	5	7.0
MISTER, Tommy	2	6	8	3	5	0.8	0	4	2.5
HARBISON, Tre	1	2	6	1	5	2.5	0	6	5.0
PARKER, Jonathan	2	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
TEAM	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
BEEBE, Chad	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Total.....	2	82	413	19	394	4.8	2	60	197.0
Opponents.....	2	95	299	91	208	2.2	1	23	104.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	93.58	15-38-1	39.5	190	2	46	190.0
SANTACATERINA	1	153.14	23-34-1	67.6	252	3	41	252.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	242.80	1-1-0	100.0	17	0	17	17.0
BLAKE, Christian	2	209.20	1-1-0	100.0	13	0	13	6.5
Total.....	2	124.52	40-74-2	54.1	472	5	46	236.0
Opponents.....	2	90.96	40-74-3	54.1	318	2	21	159.0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BEEBE, Chad	2	10	125	12.5	0	46	62.5
BROWN, D.J.	2	9	119	13.2	1	41	59.5
TEARS, Spencer	2	7	90	12.9	1	39	45.0
WIMANN, Shane	2	5	38	7.6	2	19	19.0
BLAKE, Christian	2	3	24	8.0	1	18	12.0
WESLEY, Jauan	2	2	30	15.0	0	23	15.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	1	1	17	17.0	0	17	17.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
HUFF, Jordan	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
JONES, Marcus	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Total.....	2	40	472	11.8	5	46	236.0
Opponents.....	2	40	318	7.9	2	21	159.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	50	99	190	289	289.0
SANTACATERINA	1	39	14	252	266	266.0
JONES, Marcus	2	23	111	0	111	55.5
HUFF, Jordan	2	16	97	0	97	48.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	6	28	17	45	45.0
BLAKE, Christian	2	5	13	13	26	13.0
BROWN, D.J.	2	3	14	0	14	7.0
MILTON, Dwayne	1	3	7	0	7	7.0
HARBISON, Tre	1	2	5	0	5	5.0
MISTER, Tommy	2	6	5	0	5	2.5
PARKER, Jonathan	2	1	3	0	3	1.5
BEEBE, Chad	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.5
TEAM	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total.....	2	156	394	472	866	433.0
Opponents.....	2	169	208	318	526	263.0

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

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BEEBE, Chad	6	18	3.0	0	10
Total.....	6	18	3.0	0	10
Opponents.....	1	11	11.0	0	11

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2017 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	4	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Rushing	1	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Graham	1	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Passing	3	46, Graham to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
by Graham	1	46, to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
by Santacaterina	2	41, to D.J. Brown, vs. EIU, 9/9
to Beebe	1	46, from Graham vs. BC, 9/1
to Brown	1	41, from Santacaterina vs. EIU, 9/9
to Tears	1	39 TD, from Santacaterina vs. EIU, 9/9
Returns	0	
Turner	0	
OPPONENT	1	28 KOR by White, BC 9/1
Rushing	0	
Passing	0	
Returns	1	28 KOR by White, Boston College, 9/1

** 25 Yards or Longer*

KICK RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BLAKE, Christian	6	116	19.3	0	34
Total.....	6	116	19.3	0	34
Opponents.....	9	160	17.8	0	28

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	1	10	10.0	0	10
ALLEN, Mycial	1	17	17.0	0	17
PUGH, Kyle	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	3	27	9.0	0	17
Opponents.....	2	14	7.0	0	14

KICKOFFS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
HAGAN, Christian	12	741	61.8	2	1			
Total.....	12	741	61.8	2	1	160	44.2	20
Opponents.....	9	538	59.8	3	0	116	38.6	26

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
FERENCE, Matt	12	492	41.0	51	1	6	3	1	0
Total.....	12	492	41.0	51	1	6	3	1	0
Opponents.....	16	628	39.2	53	0	7	5	2	0

FIELD GOALS FG-FGA

	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
HAGAN, Christian	3-6	50.0	0-0	2-2	1-4	0-0	0-0	32

FG SEQUENCE

	Northern Illinois	Opponents
Boston College	(32),(21),39	(42),(35),(37)
Eastern Illinois	39,(20),30	(20),35

Nebraska
San Diego State
Kent State
Buffalo
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
BLAKE, Christian	2	13	24	0	116	0	153	76.5
BEEBE, Chad	2	-1	125	18	0	0	142	71.0
BROWN, D.J.	2	14	119	0	0	0	133	66.5
JONES, Marcus	2	111	8	0	0	0	119	59.5
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	99	13	0	0	0	112	112.0
HUFF, Jordan	2	97	8	0	0	0	105	52.5
TEARS, Spencer	2	0	90	0	0	0	90	45.0
WIMANN, Shane	2	0	38	0	0	0	38	19.0
WESLEY, Jauan	2	0	30	0	0	0	30	15.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	28	0	0	0	0	28	28.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	1	0	17	0	0	0	17	17.0
ALLEN, Mycial	2	0	0	0	0	17	17	8.5
SANTACATERINA	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	2	0	0	0	0	10	10	5.0
MILTON, Dwayne	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
MISTER, Tommy	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.5
HARBISON, Tre	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
PARKER, Jonathan	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
TEAM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1
Total.....	2	394	472	18	116	27	1027	513.5
Opponents.....	2	208	318	11	160	14	711	355.5

|----- PATs -----|

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
HAGAN, Christian	0	3-6	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	16
WIMANN, Shane	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
BLAKE, Christian	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BROWN, D.J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TEARS, Spencer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	7	3-6	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	58
Opponents.....	3	4-5	3-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	33

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
57	PUGH, Kyle	2	7	15	22	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	JONES, Bobby	2	10	9	19	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	2	10	7	17	4.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
8A	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	2	6	4	10	.	.	1-10	1	.	.	.	.	.
48	JONES-DAVIS Antonio	2	2	8	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	SMITH, Sutton	2	8	1	9	6.0-28	1.0-9	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
3A	EMBRY, Jalen	2	6	3	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	ALLEN, Mycial	2	4	5	9	.	.	1-17	1	.	.	.	.	.
18	SCHWAB, Alex	2	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	CORCORAN, Josh	2	5	3	8	1.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	SMALLS, Albert	2	5	3	8	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	LEROY, Ben	2	.	4	4	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	LEE, William	2	2	2	4	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	WEBSTER, Devin	2	1	2	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	LURRY, Shawun	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
53	WYNNE, Quintin	1	1	2	3	.	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	HUFF, Jordan	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9A	SANDERS, Joe	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	BUIRGE, Adam	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	HEFLIN, Jack	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	BROWN, Drequan	2	1	.	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	MILTON, Dwayne	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	SCHARPING, Max	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	LORBECK, Matt	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....		2	91	84	175	18-65	5-27	3-27	9	.	1-0	2	.	.
Opponents.....		2	74	78	152	9.0-22	1-1	2-14	8	.	2-0	1	2	.

NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	Kent St.	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St.	WMU	CMU
Offense	Beebe	Jones/ Huff										
Defense	Pugh	Smalls										
Def. Scout	Hall	Thrower										
Special Teams	Jo. Huff/ Foster	Buirge										
Off. Scout	Kennedy	Cole										
ST. Scout	Walker	Kennedy										

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	2/-	X	X										
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	2/-	X	X										
20	ALLEN, Mycial	2/2	S	S										
82	BEEBE, Chad	2/2	WR	WR										
4	BLAKE, Christian	2/1	X	WR										
89	BRINKMAN, Mitch	2/2	TE	TE										
76	BROWN, Dale	2/-	X	X										
10	BROWN, D.J.	2/-	X	X										
40	BROWN, Drequan	2/-	X	X										
29	BUIRGE, Adam	2/-	X	X										
1E	CHILDERS, Marcus	1/-	-	WR										
12	CORCORAN, Josh	2/2	DE	DE										
97	CORLEY, Herlandez	1/-	-	X										
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	1/-	-	X										
37	DEVEAUX, Lance	2/-	X	X										
3	EMBRY, Jalen	2/-	X	X										
36	ERENCE, Matt	2/-	X	X										
33	FISCHER, Aaron	2/-	X	X										
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	2/-	X	X										
17	GRAHAM, Ryan	1/1	QB	-										
34	HAGAN, Christian	2/-	X	X										
84	HARMSTON, Ty	2/-	X	X										
71	HAWN, Isaac	2/-	X	X										
98	HEFLIN, Jack	2/2	DT	DT										
23	HUFF, Jordan	2/1	X	TB										
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	2/2	LB	LB										
6	JONES, Bobby	2/2	LB	LB										
21	JONES, Marcus	2/1	TB	-										
55	KRAMER, Weston	2/-	X	X										
90	LEE, William	2/-	X	X										
99	LEROY, Ben	2/2	DT	DT										
41	LORBECK, Matt	2/-	X	X										
19	LURRY, Shawun	2/2	CB	CB										
37	MILTON, Dwayne	2/-	X	X										
26	MISTER, Tommy	2/-	X	X										
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	2/-	X	X										
61	OLSON, Benn	1/-	-	X										
8	PARCHMENT, Andrew	2/-	X	X										
2	PARKER, Jonathan	2/-	X	X										
57	PUGH, Kyle	2/2	LB	LB										
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	2/2	RT	RT										
59	SAK, Hayden	2/-	X	X										
9	SANDERS, Joe	2/-	X	X										
73	SCHARPING, Max	2/2	LT	LT										
18	SCHWAB, Alex	2/-	X	X										
64	SHIVELY, Luke	2/2	C	C										
1	SMALLS, Albert	2/2	CB	CB										
15	SMITH, Sutton	2/2	DE	DE										
24	SMITH, Trequan	1/-	X											
72	STECKLER, Jordan	2/2	LG	LG										
14	TEARS, Spencer	2/1	WR	X										
65	VELOZ, Nathan	2/2	RG	RG										
54	WARNER, Austin	2/-	X	X										
94	WEBSTER, Devin	2/-	X	X										
9	WESLEY, Jauan	2/-	X	X										
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	2/2	S	S										
35	WIMANN, Shane	2/2	TE	TE										
53	WYNNE, Quintin	2/-	X	X										

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---			Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. Pl-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
		Total	R-P	Pen		C-A-I	Yds	TD						
(9-1) NIU vs. Boston College	20 23	21 18	11-8-2 5-10-3		50-148, 0 35-164, 0	26-42-1 16-39-1	191 203	2 2	92-339 74-367	9-38.7 8-40.9	0-0 0-0	8-79 8-70	9-of-24 2-of-15	33:39 26:21
(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														
(9-30) NIU at San Diego State														
(10-7) NIU vs. Kent State														
(10-14) NIU at Buffalo														
(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
Rushing Offense	197.0	50	4	Sacks Allowed	0.5	9	2
Passing Offense	236.0	61	4	Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.50	37	4
Passing Efficiency	124.52	91	7	Fewest Penalties/Game	11.50	127	11
Total Offense	433.0	57	3	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	132.0	129	12
Scoring Offense	29.0	76	5	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.375	78	6
Red Zone Offense	.900	42	5	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.341	57	6
Rushing Defense	104.0	42	1	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.500	55	7
Pass Efficiency Defense	90.96	19	2	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.667	91	8
Passing Yards Allowed	159.0	38	4	Time of Possession	27:58	87	10
Completion Percentage	.541	104	7				
Total Defense	263.0	21	1	INDIVIDUAL (Top 50, Select)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Scoring Defense	16.5	35	2	Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss	3.0	2	2
Red Zone Defense	.750	37	4	Jawuan Johnson, Tackles for Loss	2.3	11	3
First Downs Offense	44	50	5	Kyle Pugh, Total Tackles	11.0	15	4
First Downs Defense	37	66	6	Kyle Pugh, Interceptions/Game	0.5	32	5
Net Punting	38.42	69	7	Mycial Allen, Interceptions/Game	0.5	32	5
Punt Returns	3.00	89	10	Mykelti Williams, Interceptions/Game	0.5	32	5
Punt Return Defense	11.0	102	10	Jawuan Johnson, Forced Fumbles	0.5	24	3
Kickoff Returns	19.33	83	6	Sutton Smith, Forced Fumbles	0.5	24	3
Kickoff Return Defense	17.78	40	5	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	1	4	1
Turnover Margin	0.00	63	8	Christian Hagan, Field Goals/Game	1.50	24	5
Turnovers Gained	4	26	4	Christian Blake, Combined Kick Returns	116	44	5
Turnovers Lost	4	82	9	Matt Ference, Punting	41.0	49	6
Passes Intercepted	3	10	3	Shane Wimann, Receiving TDs	2	20	2
Passes Had Intercepted	2	78	10				
Sacks	2.50	36	2				
Tackles for Loss	9.0	10	1				

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										
Blake, Christian	2-6-0	2-7-0										
Brown, D.J.	2-7-0	1-7-0										
Childers, Marcus	DNP	5-28-0										
Graham, Ryan	12-99-0	DNP										
Harbison, Tre	DNP	2-5-0										
Huff, Jordan	5-9-0	11-88-0										
Jones, Marcus	11-48-0	12-63-2										
Milton, Dwayne	0-0-0	3-7-0										
Mister, Tommy	1-(-3)-0	5-8-0										
Parker, Jonathan	0-0-0	1-3-0										
Santacaterina, Dan.	DNP	5-14-0										

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	BallSt	Toledo	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	6-93-0	4-32-0										
Blake, Christian	0-0-0	3-24-1										
Brown, D.J.	2-31-1	7-88-0										
Crawford, Daniel	0-0-0	1-17-0										
Graham, Ryan	1-13-0	DNP										
Huff, Jordan	0-0-0	1-8-0										
Jones, Marcus	0-0-0	1-8-0										
Tears, Spencer	3-29-0	4-61-1										
Wesley, Jauan	0-0-0	2-30-0										
Wimann, Shane	4-37-1	1-1-1										

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			
San Diego State			
Kent State			
Buffalo			
Bowling Green			
Eastern Michigan			
Toledo			
Ball State			
Western Michigan			
Central Michigan			

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

Beebe
3-17, 10; 0
3-1, 1; 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	
San Diego State	
Kent State	
Buffalo	
Bowling Green	
Eastern Michigan	
Toledo	
Ball State	
Western Michigan	
Central Michigan	

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

Christian Blake
3-48, 23; 0
3-68, 34; 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										
Allen, Mycial	2-3-5, PB	2-2-4, INT										
Brown, Drequan	1-0-1, TFL, QS	0-0-0										
Buirge, Adam	0-0-0	1-1-2										
Corcoran, Josh	1-1-2, PB	4-2-6, TFL										
Embry, Jalen	3-1-4	3-2-5, PB										
Foster, Trayshon	1-1-2	1-0-1										
Heflin, Jack	0-1-1	1-0-1										
Johnson, Jawuan	7-3-10, 3TFL	3-4-7, FF 1.5 TFL										
Jones, Bobby	10-6-16, 2TFL	0-3-3										
Jones-Davis, Antonio	2-0-2	0-8-8										
Kramer, Weston	0-0-0	2-0-2										
Lee, William	0-1-1	2-1-3, QS										
LeRoy, Ben	0-1-1	0-3-3 .5 TFL										
Lorbeck, Matt	0-0-0	0-0-0, PB										
Lurry, Shawun	1-1-2	0-1-1, PB										
Olootu, Mayomi	0-0-0	2-1-3										
Pugh, Kyle	6-11-17, INT	1-4-5										
Sanders, Joe	2-0-2, PB	1-0-1										
Schwab, Alex	1-2-3	2-4-6										
Smalls, Albert	3-3-6, TFL	2-0-2, PB										
Smith, Sutton	5-1-6, 5TFL, QS	3-0-3, PB TFL, FF, FR										
Smith, Trequan	0-0-0	DNP										
Webster, Devin	0-1-1	1-1-2, QS										
Williams, Mykelti	5-0-5, PB	1-4-5, INT										
Wynne, Quintin	0-0-0	1-2-3, QS										

**All tackles on special teams*

A HUSKIE TEAM

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

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 26 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

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 – -5 vs. Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl (12-23-15)

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 – 60 yards vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 42 yards at Akron (10-20-12)

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

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 92 at Boston College (9-26-15)

HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 187 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 127 vs. Presbyterian (8-28-14)

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

HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – 55-3 vs. Presbyterian (8-28-14)

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

A HUSKIE OPPONENT

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 41:01, Central Michigan (10-15-16)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 93 yards, Deandre Reaves of Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl (12-23-14)

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 68 yards, Cameron Lewis of Buffalo (11-11-15)

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 – Eastern Michigan (11-16-16) - 1st

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 – 171, Ian Eriksen of Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS – 220, Donnel 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 – 129, Jon'Vea Johnson of Toledo (11-9-16)

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 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)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Shawun Lurry (64 yards) vs. Bowling Green, MAC Championship (12-4-15)

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 – Josh Corcoran vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

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 – Joel Bouagnon (133) at Kent State (11-25-16)

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

RUSHED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (321) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-13) 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 – Kenny Golladay (14) vs. Toledo (11-9-16)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Kenny Golladay (149) vs. Toledo (11-9-16)

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

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

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

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES – Kenny Golladay (2) at Ball State (10-1-16)

SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS – 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 – Anthony Maddie, 2 games (10-1 to 10-8-16)

RUSHED FOR 2 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)

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

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

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Ryan Graham (62 yards) to Juwan Brescacin vs. Ohio (11-24-15)

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (74-yard TD) to Aregeros Turner at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

COMPLETED AN 80-YARD PASS – Drew Hare (81-yard TD) to Chad Beebe at Massachusetts (11-2-13)

2017 NIU FOOTBALL

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)
5	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.)]
37	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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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 Wimann	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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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)
5	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
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	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	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	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
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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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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OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
WR	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
AND	14	Spencer Tears	6-0	191	So.-R	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
	8	Andrew Parchment	6-2	175	Fr.-R	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
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)
OR	88	Daniel Crawford	6-1	245	So.-R	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
TB	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	204	So.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
OR	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
	26	Tommy Mister	6-0	212	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)
QB	7	Daniel Santacaterina	6-2	205	So.-R	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	216	Fr.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
OR	11	Anthony Thompson	6-0	205	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
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)
	54	Austin Warner	6-3	284	Fr.-R	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
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)
	58	Brayden Patton	6-4	305	Fr.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
RT	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	307	So.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	308	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)

DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
DE	15	Sutton Smith	6-0	225	So.-R	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
OR	40	Drequan Brown	6-1	225	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence CC)
	41	Matt Lorbeck	6-3	235	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
DT	99	Ben Leroy	6-2	280	So.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
OR	90	William Lee	6-0	300	Sr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
	97	Herlandez Corley	6-2	285	Jr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
DT	98	Jack Heflin	6-3	298	Fr.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
	94	Devin Webster	6-2	286	Jr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Ariz. Western)
	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	285	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
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	57	Kyle Pugh	6-0	230	So.-R	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	48	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-10	218	So.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
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)
OR	29	Adam Buirge	6-0	205	So.-R	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
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)
	31	Jacob Ballain	5-11	183	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind. (Whiteland)
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	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
AND	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
PR	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	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
Jordan Rowell	rhymes with Towel
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
Spencer Tears	TEERS
Maalik Todd	Muh-LEEK
Nathan Veloz	vell-OHS
Jauan Wesley	Juh-WAHN
Mykelti Williams	muh-KELL-tee
Shane Wimann	WHY-men
Quintin Wynne	WIN

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