

NIU FOOTBALL 19

2019 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

2019 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Aug. 31	ILLINOIS STATE (ESPN+)	W, 24-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 13 Utah (Pac-12 Networks)	L, 35-17
Sat., Sept. 14	at Nebraska (FS1)	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 28	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Sat., Oct. 5	BALL STATE*	TBA
Sat., Oct. 12	at Ohio*	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 19	at Miami*	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 26	AKRON*	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 2	at Central Michigan*	TBA
Wed., Nov. 13	at Toledo* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 19	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (ESPN2/U)	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 26	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (ESPNU/+)	6 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 7	MAC Championship (ESPN/ESPN2)	11 a.m. Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 - 7 PM CT
Lincoln, Neb.
Memorial Stadium (86,047)

RADIO



NIU HUSKIES

(1-1)

Head Coach: Thomas Hammock (1-1, First Season)

VS



NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

(1-1)

Head Coach: Scott Frost (5-10, Second Season)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Thomas Hammock
Alma Mater/Year	NIU '02
Record at NIU/Years	1-1/First Season
Career Record/Years	1-1/First Season
Basic Offense/Defense	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
2018 Record/MAC Record/Finish	8-6/6-2/1st
All-Time Record	588-494-51
Last Bowl Game	2018 Cheribundi Roca Raton Bowl
.....	UAB 37, NIU 14
Bowl Appearances (FBS)	13
MAC Championship Appearances, Last	8, 2018
MAC Championships, Last.....	5, 2018
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	52/24
Starters Returning.....	16 (7 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialists)
Starters Lost	10 (5 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist)

NIU FACTS

Location	DeKalb, Illinois
Founded.....	1895
Enrollment.....	17,169
Affiliation	NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision
Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors.....	Cardinal and Black
Nickname	Huskies
Stadium.....	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf /23,595
President	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director	Sean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year.....	Alabama '92
Tickets.....	815-753-PACK (7225)

HUSKIE BITES

- NIU continues its three-game "Power 5" conference road swing at Nebraska Saturday. After facing Utah of the Pac-12 last week, the Huskies face a Big Ten foe before wrapping up its non-conference schedule versus Vanderbilt of the SEC on Sept. 28.
- In its last visit to Memorial Stadium, the Huskies became the first MAC team to leave Lincoln with a win as they upset Nebraska, 21-17, thanks in large part to a pair of interception return touchdowns and a strong defensive effort throughout the game.
- Eight players who started that game return with the Huskies this year. Overall, there are 18 players on the roster who saw action in the NIU win on Sept. 16, 2017.
- NIU is no stranger to the Big Ten as the Nebraska game will be the Huskies' 47th all-time versus a league member. Six of NIU's eight Big Ten wins have come in the last 10 seasons and NIU has won four of its last six games versus Big Ten foes.
- Transfer quarterback Ross Bowers (Cal), who won the job over incumbent Marcus Childers during preseason camp, has thrown for 528 yards on 40-of-62 passing (64.5%), including touchdown passes of 68 and 74 yards. He also scored on a nine-yard flip into the end zone versus Utah.
- Thomas Hammock was named the 23rd head coach at his alma mater in January 2019 after five seasons as the Baltimore Ravens' running backs coach. Hammock, who recorded back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons as a player, is the only two-time first-team Academic All-American in NIU football history. He made coaching stops at Wisconsin and Minnesota in the Big Ten prior to going to the Ravens.
- The Huskie defense has limited eight of its last 16 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards and no opposing rusher has gained 100 yards on the Huskies in the last 17 games, since Nov. 24, 2017 (CMU's Jonathan Ward).
- Since 2003, NIU has been one of the most successful "Group of Five" teams with four MAC Championships in the last eight seasons (including 2018) and 10 bowl appearances in the last 11 years, a record matched only by Boise State among non-autonomous teams. NIU has played in seven of the last nine MAC title games, with a 30-29 win over Buffalo last year.

— WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE —

MONDAY MAC COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

- NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock will be available on the MAC Coaches' Call every Monday from 8:46-8:54 a.m. (CT).
- A replay is available Monday on getsomemaction.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 Thomas Hammock and several Huskie players throughout the season.
- **The Nebraska game press conference will be Tuesday, Sept. 10,** beginning at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- Telephone access is available. Contact the NIU Athletics Communications staff for the number.
- Watch the press conference live on Facebook and later on NIUHuskies.com.

NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY

- Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews after practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all Saturday games weeks.
- 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.
- 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 to the first 30 minutes of practice.

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, logos, league stats and more are available online at CollegePressBox.com. Media can register for access at collegepressbox.com/register.
- Media should contact the NIU or MAC Office to obtain login information.

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THIS WEEK'S GAME

HUSKIES-HUSKERS HISTORY: Saturday's meeting between NIU and Nebraska will be the fourth all-time between the two schools. The Huskies won the last meeting, 21-17, on Sept. 16, 2017 in Lincoln, however, the Cornhuskers own a 2-1 advantage in the series. Nebraska defeated NIU, 48-17, in 1989 and 60-14, in 1990, both in Lincoln.

WHEN LAST WE MET: A pair of interception returns for touchdowns in the first quarter highlighted a stout defensive effort by NIU in a 21-17 victory at Nebraska on Sept. 16, 2017. Huskie cornerback Shawun Lurry opened the scoring with an 87-yard interception return with 11:24 to play in the first. NIU linebacker Jawuan Johnson's 25-yard pick-six late in the quarter, gave the Huskies a 14-0 lead. The Huskers scored 17 unanswered points to take a 17-14 lead before NIU's Jordan Huff scored the game-winning touchdown on a two-yard run with 2:22 left in the game on a two-yard touchdown run by Jordan Huff. Josh Corcoran capped the NIU win with an interception on Nebraska's final drive.

FAMILY TIES: Huskie senior linebacker Antonio Jones-Davis, nicknamed "Law Firm", and Nebraska linebacker Alex Davis are first cousins. Jones-Davis is from Vero Beach, Fla., while his cousin is from neighboring Riviera Beach.

RETURNING FOR THE REMATCH: Eighteen Huskie players who saw action in the 2017 victory over Nebraska return to Lincoln with NIU this week. Eight of the 22 Huskie starters that day on offense and defense are back including, OT Jordan Steckler, WR Spencer Tears, DT Jack Heflin, S Mykelti Williams and LB Kyle Pugh. Both Pugh and Williams amassed double-digit tackles in that meeting with 11 and 10, respectively.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb. is the second of a three-game "Power Five" road swing for NIU. The Huskies suffered a 35-17 setback at Utah last weekend and will travel to Vanderbilt Sept. 28, following an open date. NIU's next home game is Oct. 5 when the Huskies open MAC play versus Ball State.

MAKING THEIR BONES: NIU has posted 16 "Boneyard Wins" since 1983, eight of which have come in the last 10 years. A "Bonyard Win" is characterized as a victory over prominent opponents or schools from larger conferences. The last such victory for the Huskies was

7-6 triumph at BYU on Oct. 27, 2018. with seven of those wins coming against Big Ten opponents. The Huskies' 2019 nonconference schedule includes three "Boneyard" opponents - Utah (L, 35-17), Nebraska (Sept. 14) and Vanderbilt (Sept. 28). The Huskies have faced at least one autonomous conference school in 36 of the last 37 seasons.

NIU BONEYARD WINS

Year	Opponent	H/A	Score	Opp Rank
1983	Kansas	A	37-34	—
1988	Wisconsin	A	19-17	—
1989	Kansas State	A	37-20	—
1990	Kansas State	H	42-35	—
2002	Wake Forest	H	42-41	—
2003	Maryland	H	20-13	15
2003	Alabama	A	19-16	21
2003	Iowa State	H	24-16	—
2009	Purdue	A	28-20	—
2010	Minnesota	A	34-23	—
2012	Kansas	H	30-23	—
2013	Iowa	A	30-27	—
2013	Purdue	A	55-24	—
2014	Northwestern	A	23-15	—
2017	Nebraska	A	21-17	—
2018	BYU	A	7-6	—

NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED: Saturday's game at Nebraska will be televised by FS1

and is one of six games currently slated for TV broadcast this season. NIU faced Utah on the Pac-12 Networks last week and will face Toledo (Nov. 13) and Eastern Michigan (Nov. 19) on either ESPN2 or ESPNU during the weeknight "MACtion" portion of the schedule. The Huskies' regular season finale against Western Michigan (Nov. 26) will be shown on ESPNU or ESPNPlus. Additional broadcasts, including the game at Vanderbilt and the remainder of the MAC games will be announced 12 days prior to the game.

BIG TEN REMATCH: The Huskies are 2-1 in Big Ten rematch contests since 2009. The last time the Huskies beat the same Big Ten in back-to-back meetings was Purdue as NIU defeated the Boilermakers, 28-21, in 2009 and 55-24 in 2013. The Huskies, who beat Iowa 30-27 in 2013 after losing the 2012 match up, 18-17, lost to the Hawkeyes in 2018.

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 six of its last 11 games against Big Ten foes, including four of its last six. The Huskies fell to 8-37-1 all-time versus teams that currently make up the Big Ten Conference when NIU suffered a 33-7 loss at Iowa in the 2018 season opener. NIU became the first MAC school to defeat two Big Ten teams in one season when the Huskies defeated Iowa (Aug. 31) and Purdue (Sept. 28) in 2013.

Date	Score	Site	W/L
Sept. 19, 2009	NIU 28, Purdue 21	West Lafayette, Ind.	W
Sept. 18, 2010	NIU 22, Illinois 28	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
Sept. 16, 2017	NIU 21, Nebraska 17	Lincoln, Neb.	W
Sept. 1, 2018	Iowa 33, NIU 7	Iowa City	L

RECAPING LAST WEEK

HUSKIE HUNDRED: A week after Tyrice Richie went over the 100-yard mark in receiving and with three catches for 102 yards against Illinois State, Spencer Tears amassed 112 yards on five receptions at Utah. It's the first time since 2017 the Huskies have had back-to-back 100-yard receiving games when Chad Beebe tallied 124 yards against Bowling Green (Oct. 21), and D.J. Brown recorded 104 yards against Eastern Michigan (Oct. 26). A year ago, NIU receivers recorded just one 100-yard receiving game on the season when Brown went for 117 yards on seven catches versus Florida State.

STRONG START: Tyrice Richie and Spencer Tears' 100-yard receiving games mark the first time since 2015 NIU had a 100-yard receiver in the first two games of the season. Current Detroit Lions receiver Kenny Golladay posted 213 yards receiving against UNLV (Sept. 5) and 144 against Murray State (Sept. 12).

GOING LONG: Ross Bowers' 74-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Tears at Utah is the longest offensive play for NIU since 2017 when Daniel Santacaterina connected with Tears on an 81-yard touchdown at San Diego State on Sept. 30.

TEARS FOR 1,000: Spencer Tears' 112 yards receiving at Utah put the Huskie wideout above the 1,000-yard mark for his career. The Chicago native has 1,062 yards on 90 receptions in 38 games played in his Huskie career and is the Huskies' first 1,000-yard receiver since Kenny Golladay.

— FOLLOW THE HUSKIES —

TV: NIU-NEBRASKA ON FS1

- NIU makes its second appearance all-time on FS1.
- The Huskies' only previous game on FS1 was the 2017 contest at Nebraska.
- The game is also available on mobile devices using the FoxSportsGo app.
- Justin Kutcher is on play-by-play for the broadcast with Petros Papadakis and Shane Vereen alongside as color analysts.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Network broadcast for the Nebraska game begins at 6:30 p.m. CT, 30 minutes before kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb), AM 560 The Answer (Chicago) and Sports Fan Radio AM 1330 (Rockford).
- Hear the broadcast online via NIUTube (subscription), and on mobile devices via TuneIn. Download the app for free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is in his 40th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 34th consecutive season, while Andy Garcia is in his seventh season on the NIU sidelines.

INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the one-hour weekly show every Monday at Noon at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Highway).
- Listen live with the TuneIn app. Hear the show Monday at 7 p.m. on WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb, 8 p.m. Monday on 560 AM The Answer in Chicago and Tuesday at 7 p.m. on SportsFan Radio 1330 AM in Rockford.
- Host Bill Baker welcomes NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock, Huskie players and special guests, including NIU head coaches.

NIU WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

- Andy Garcia and NIU Director of Athletics Sean T. Frazier host the 30-minute show which includes interviews with coach Thomas Hammock, other NIU coaches and guests.
- Aired 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. Also available on-demand on NIUTube (subscription).

NIUTUBE (HUSKIE ALL-ACCESS)

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

GETTING SOCIAL

- Twitter: @NIUAthletics, @NIUScores, @NIU_Football
- Facebook: NIU Huskies, NIU Football
- Instagram: niuhuskies, niufotball
- YouTube: NIU Athletics
- See NIU Athletics' social media hub online for all the team and staff accounts.

2019 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Huskies
20.5	Points/G	33.0
5 (1-3)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	9 (4-2)
31 (8-22)	First Downs (Rush-Pass)	34 (15-16)
345.5	Total Yards/G	372.5
78.5	Rush Yards/G	138.5
267.0	Pass Yards/G	234.0
2	Turnovers Lost	6
31:06	Time of Possession/G	27:36
19% (5-27)	3rd Down Conversions	37% (11-30)
33% (1-3)	4th Down Conversions	67% (2-3)
42.8	Net Punting Avg.	43.6
21.0	Kickoff Return Avg.	25.7
6.0	Punt Return Avg.	20.0
14-68.0	Penalties-Yards/G	15-64.5
50% (2-4)	Red Zone Scores	(5-6) 83%
25% (1-4)	Red Zone TDs	(4-63) 67%
22.5	Points Allowed/G	27.5
6 (4-2)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	7 (3-4)
33 (12-16)	First Downs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	41 (14-24)
322.5	Total Yards/G Allowed	389.0
122.0	Rush Yards/G Allowed	86.0
200.5	Pass Yards/G Allowed	303.0
24% (6-25)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	38% (13-34)
25% (1-4)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	67% (2-3)
2	Turnovers Gained	7

BY THE NUMBERS

- .696 Winning percentage for the Huskies since 2010, tops among all Illinois Division I schools
- 2 Interception returns for touchdowns by NIU in its 2017 win over Nebraska
- 4 Huskie MAC Championships since 2011
- 8 Wins over Big Ten teams by NIU all-time, including a 4-2 mark since 2013
- 9 College graduates on the Huskies' 2019 roster
- 14 Number of newcomers (freshmen, redshirt freshmen or transfers) who have made their NIU debuts in 2019
- 19 Deficit, in points, overcome by NIU versus Buffalo in the final 26:25 to win its fifth MAC Championship in 2018
- 33 Consecutive starts by NIU offensive lineman Jordan Steckler (in games he has played)
- 42 Games played by senior tailback Marcus Jones, the most of any player on the roster
- 46 Games versus Big Ten foes all-time
- 56 Combined career starts by NIU defensive tackles Jack Heflin (20), Ben LeRoy (21) and Weston Kramer (15)
- 127 Consecutive PATs converted by three different Huskie kickers dating back to Sept. 3, 2016
- 183 Career punts by junior Matt Ference to rank seventh at NIU all-time
- 2,432 Career rushing yards for Thomas Hammock (1999-2002) to rank 13th at NIU

ON THE WATCH

Three 2019 Huskies have been named to one or more of the Watch Lists, or have been nominated, for a national college football award.

Antonio Jones-Davis, LB, Sr.-R.Bronko Nagurski Award
Chuck Bednarik Award
 Marcus Childers, QB, Jr.-R.Johnny Unitas Award
 Tre Harbison, TB, Jr.-R.Doak Walker Award

TEARS OF JOY: Senior wide receiver Spencer Tears tallied a career-high 112 yards receiving at Utah on five catches. His previous career best was 105 at San Diego in 2017 in his only previous 100-yard receiving games. His career mark for receptions in a game is six achieved in each of the last three games of the 2018 season.

HAMMOCK HOMECOMING

NUMBER ONE: New NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock earned his first career win in his debut as a head coach, leading the Huskies to a 24-10 victory over Illinois State at Huskie Stadium. He is the first head coach to win his debut since current N.C. State head coach Dave Doeren in 2011 (over Army).

HAIL ALMA MATER: In addition to being the school's first African-American head coach, Thomas Hammock is the first NIU graduate to lead his alma mater's football program as an FBS program, and the first since Howard Fletcher led the Huskies from 1956-68. Fletcher ranks second on NIU's all-time wins list with a .606 winning percentage after posting a 74-68-1 record in 13 seasons.

YOUTH IS SERVED: At 38 years old, Thomas Hammock is the eighth youngest head coach in FBS in 2019. He is a little over two months younger than Akron's Tom Arth, while Kent State's Sean Lewis is the youngest at 33 years of age.

FOR THE DEFENSE

NO, NO, NO: The Huskie defense held vaunted Utah running back Zack Moss to 80 rushing yards, extending the Huskies' streak of not allowing a 100-yard rusher to 17 consecutive games. The last opposing running back to top the 100-yard mark was Central Michigan's Jonathan Ward who ran for 159 yards on November 24, 2017.

THE FIRM: With seven tackles at Utah, linebacker Antonio Jones-Davis, nicknamed "Law Firm", is five tackles from 200 for his career. He amassed a career-high 130 tackles last season and tallied six double-digit tackle efforts en route to All-MAC honors. He recorded a career-best 16 stops against Central Michigan (Sept. 15) and at Ball State (Oct. 6). His 12 solo stops against the Cardinals were the most by a Huskie linebacker since linebacker Boomer Mays made 12 against Western Michigan Nov. 18, 2015 at Huskie Stadium.

FOR STARTERS: Mykelti Williams, who started his team-best 29 consecutive game at Utah will have his streak come to an end this week as he will have to sit out due to a targeting call in the third quarter at Utah. Antonio Jones-Davis will pick up that mantle when he starts his 17th straight game Saturday at Nebraska. Jordan Steckler has started all 33 games he has played in as a Huskie. He missed four games last year due to injury.

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

As of September 1, 2019, six Huskies are on NFL rosters with three more playing in the Canadian Football League. Now in his seventh year, Rashaan Melvin is the veteran of the NFL group, while Courtney Stephen is in his seventh season in the CFL. Max Scharping, a second round draft choice of the Texans in 2019 is the latest to make the active rosters while Christian Blake was added to the Falcons practice squad again this season.

National Football League

Minnesota Vikings.....	Chad Beebe (WR)
Atlanta Falcons.....	Christian Blake (WR) - PS
Detroit Lions.....	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Detroit Lions.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)
Houston Texans.....	Max Scharping (OL)
San Francisco 49ers.....	Jimmie Ward (S)



Canadian Football League

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

HUSKIE HARDWARE: Sophomore Jalen McKie earned his second career MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors following his game-clinching interception return for a touchdown against Illinois State. The Gurnee, Ill. native also tallied four stops in the contest. His pick six against Illinois State was the second of his career, with his first coming at Akron (Nov. 1) last year. He and Mykelti Williams are tied among current NIU players with three career INTs.

ON THE OFFENSIVE

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Ross Bowers turned in the best debut by a Huskie quarterback since Chandler Harnish when he threw for 299 yards on 20-of-33 passing and two touchdowns against Illinois State. Harnish amassed 321 yards passing and two touchdowns while completing 17-of-29 attempts at Minnesota on Aug. 30, 2008 in his first career start at NIU. In between the two, six different quarterbacks started games for NIU, with five getting wins.

WELCOME BACK: Tight end Daniel Crawford, who missed the entire 2018 season recovering from a knee injury suffered in the spring, returned to action for the first time since 2017 and recorded a career-high three receptions for 75 yards in the Illinois State game. He added 49 yards on three catches at Utah to give him 124 yards receiving this year. Crawford entered the season with seven career receptions for 65 yards.

ON THE BRINK: Tight end Mitchell Brinkman, who played in four games last year while redshirting, has surpassed his career high in receptions with seven for 67 yards in two games this year. His previous career best in receptions and yards was last season when he tallied 79 yards on six catches in four games. The Council Bluffs, Iowa native tallied a career-high four receptions for 51 yards versus Illinois State.

TIGHT WORK: NIU's tight ends have accounted for 37 percent of the Huskies' receiving yards this season with 199 on 14 receptions. Daniel Crawford leads the way with 124 yards on six receptions, Mitchell Brinkman has seven receptions for 67 yards and Max Thower has one catch for eight yards. Crawford is halfway to Shane Wimmann's total of 283 yards receiving in 2017. The school record for receiving yards by a tight end is 475 by Reggie Sims in 1984.

MILLENNIAL: A year ago, junior Tre Harbison became the Huskies first 1,000-yard rusher since Joel Bouagnon in 2015 as the North Carolina native tallied 1,034 yards last year on 206 carries. Harbison's career total of 1,455 yards rank 30th at NIU all-time. He needs 88 yards to pass Ed Johnson for 29th.

IN SEARCH OF 1,000: Senior tailback Marcus Jones is 11 yards away from reaching the 1,000-yard plateau with 989 rushing yards on 189 career attempts. He will be the 42nd Huskie to reach that milestone. He would join teammates Tre Harbison (1,423) and Marcus Childers (1,004) as active players with 1,000 career yards rushing at NIU.

HUSKIE HEADLINERS

TITLE DEFENSE: For the fifth time in school history and the fourth time in the last eight years, NIU opens a season as defending MAC Champions. The Huskies rallied from a 29-10 third-quarter deficit to defeat Buffalo, 30-29, in the 2018 MAC title game. NIU won its first conference crown in 1983, and claimed back-to-back championships in 2011 and 2012, respectively. The 2014 team also took home a conference title.

FOR COMPARISON'S SAKE: NIU is averaging 14 more points a game this season compared to the first two games of 2018, which also included a week two match



Since 2010, NIU has been one of the most successful Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools in the country. The Huskies have amassed six 10-win seasons, including two 12-2 campaigns.

Since 2010

1.	Alabama	115-13	.898
2.	Ohio State	106-17	.862
3.	Clemson	105-22	.826
4.	Oklahoma	99-23	.812
5.	Boise State	97-24	.802
6.	Stanford	95-28	.772
7.	LSU	90-28	.763
8.	Wisconsin	94-30	.758
9.	Florida St	91-31	.746
10.	Oregon	90-31	.744
11.	Oklahoma St	87-32	.731
12.	Georgia	90-34	.726
13.	Michigan St	87-34	.719
14.	Appalachian State*	50-20	.714
15.	TCU	83-35	.703
16.	Notre Dame	82-35	.701
17.	NIU	87-38	.696
18.	San Diego State	82-39	.678
19.	Toledo	79-38	.675
20.	UCF	80-39	.672

* - Joined FBS in 2014

WEEKLY TEAM CAPTAINS

Illinois State	Pugh	Ference	Williams	Steckler
Utah	Bowers	Pugh	Heflin	Terry
Nebraska				
Vanderbilt				
Ball State				
Ohio				
Miami				
Akron				
CMU				
Toledo				
EMU				
WMU				

up against Utah. and 126 more yards per game of total offense. The Huskies are averaging 156.5 more yards through the air, but 30.5 yards less on the ground.

LAND OF LINCOLN LEADERS: With a .696 winning percentage since 2010, NIU is the winningest football program among the state of Illinois' Division I football programs, and are 4-2 versus in-state foes during that time following the victory over Illinois State. The Huskies defeated Eastern Illinois in 2017 and 2013 and Northwestern in 2014, while falling to Illinois and Western Illinois in 2010 and 2016, respectively. With eight bowl games and seven MAC Championship game appearances in the last nine years, NIU has also played more games, 124, than any other school in the state in that time.

Illinois' Division I Schools Since 2010

	W-L	Pct.
NIU	87-38	.696
Illinois State	69-44	.611
Northwestern	69-48	.590
Eastern Illinois	50-57	.427
Western Illinois	48-60	.444
Southern Illinois	42-60	.412
Illinois	42-71	.372

NEWCOMER TO NEWCOMER: A pair of newcomers hooked up to record the Huskies' first touchdown of 2019 when quarterback Ross Bowers connected with wide receiver Tyrice Richie on a 22-yard reception in the third quarter. Bowers transferred to NIU from California, and won the quarterback job after a preseason battle with incumbent Marcus Childers, while Richie came to the Huskies out of Dodge City Community College in January 2019.

MEET THE NEW GUYS: NIU welcomed three grad transfers to the program in 2019 and all three have played significant snaps already. Quarterback Ross Bowers, who started 13 games for Cal in 2017 and 2018 and threw for 3,039 yards as a sophomore in 2017, has completed 40-of-62 passes for 528 yards and three TDs in two starts Offensive tackle Andrew Starr, a three-year starter at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, started at left tackle at Utah. Marshé Terry, who played in 31 games with 13 starts at UConn, recovered a muffed punt versus Illinois State and has eight tackles on the year.

SUNSHINE STATERS: The 2019 Huskie roster includes seven players from the state of Florida. Freshmen Jace Hohenthanner and Jimmy Lowery join five returning Florida Huskies – senior Lance Deveaux, redshirt seniors Antonio Davis-Jones and Trequan Smith, redshirt sophomore Dennis Robinson and sophomore Kewan Parker.

Lance Deveaux, Jr.	Sr.	LB	Pompano Beach (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Jace Hohenthanner	Fr.	P	Lakeland, Fla. (Lakeland)
Antonio Jones-Davis	Sr.-R	LB	Vero Beach (Vero Beach)
Jimmy Lowery	Fr.	K	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (American Heritage)
Kewan Parker	So.	LB	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)
Dennis Robinson	So.-R	WR	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
Trequan Smith	Sr.-R	S	Boynton Beach (Boynton Beach)

KICKING THE STREAK ALIVE: Redshirt freshman John Richardson extended NIU's streak of consecutive PATs to 127 when he connected on two point-after-touchdowns in the first half of the Huskies' contest

at Utah. He hit three PATs in NIU's win over Illinois State in the season opener. The streak began Sept. 6, 2016 when Christian Hagan hit his last three extra points in the season opener at Wyoming. It's the sixth longest streak in the nation, behind fifth-place Wisconsin, with 149 and current NCAA leader Auburn (280).

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

Ross Bowers	QB	American Studies	Cal
Adam Buirge	S	Leadership and Management	NIU
Daniel Crawford	TE	Enterprise Software	NIU
Trayshon Foster	S	Organizational & Corporate Comm.	NIU
Marcus Jones	TB	General Studies	NIU
Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	Communications	NIU
Andrew Starr	OL	English	Sacred Heart
Marshé Terry	S	Communications	Connecticut
Quintin Wynne	DE	Biological Sciences	NIU

HUSKIE HALL CALL: NIU football greats Larry English and Jerry Pettibone will be inducted in the NIU Hall of Fame on Friday, October 25 as part of NIU's 113th Homecoming celebration. English, a two-time Vern Smith Leadership Award (MAC MVP) winner, is NIU's all-time leader in sacks with 31.5 and tackles for loss with 63. A three-time first team All-MAC honoree, he became NIU's highest NFL Draft choice when he was selected 16th overall by the San Diego Chargers in 2009. Pettibone, who coached the Huskies from 1985-90, is tied for fifth in Huskie football history with 33 wins, including a 9-2 record during the 1989 campaign. He led NIU to its first victory over a Big Ten foe as the Huskies defeated Wisconsin, 19-17.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS: The defending MAC Champion Huskies were picked to finish third in the MAC West Division in 2019 by both the MAC Media and MAC Coaches. NIU has won the MAC title four times in the last eight years and have participated in the conference championship game seven times in the last nine seasons.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS

MEDIA				COACHES			
WEST		WEST		EAST		EAST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Toledo (15)	127	1. Toledo (4)	59	1. Ohio (24)	144	1. Ohio (12)	72
2. Western Michigan (7)	112	2. Western Michigan (4)	56	2. Miami	107	2. Buffalo	50
3. NIU (1)	103	3. NIU (2)	49	3. Buffalo	100	3. Miami	49
4. Eastern Michigan	83	4. Eastern Michigan	42	4. Kent State	62	4. Kent State	37
5. Ball State	43	5. Ball State (1)	26	5. Akron	54	5. Akron	25
6. Central Michigan (1)	36	6. Central Michigan (1)	20	6. Bowling Green	37	6. Bowling Green	19

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	So.-R	13	-
Mark Aitken, CB	Fr.	1	1
Joseph Bonds, LB	Fr.-R	4	-
Brett Bostad, FB	Fr.-R	2	-
Ross Bowers, QB	Sr.-R	2	2
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	Jr.-R	27	11
Adam Buirge, S	Sr.-R	38	-
Marcus Childers, QB	Jr.-R	27	22
Jordan Cole, LB	So.-R	16	3
Marques Cox, OT	Fr.-R	2	1
Daniel Crawford, TE	Sr.-R	26	4
Jawon Denton, DE	So.-R	7	-
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	Sr.	33	15
Matt Ference, P	Jr.	29	-
Trayshon Foster, S	Sr.-R	38	15
Rayshawn Gay, LB	So.-R	10	-
Ryan Gibbons, WR	Jr.-R	3	-
Andrew Gregory, LB	Jr.-R	16	-
Jeffrey Griffin Jr., DT	Fr.-R	2	-
Ezekiel Gueths, OL	Jr.-R	2	-
Rodney Hall, WR	So.-R	4	-
Devin Haney, CB	So.	15	2
Tre Harbison, RB	Jr.-R	26	11
Nathan Harman, LB	Fr.-R	3	-
J.D. Harris, CB	Fr.-R	4	-
Isaac Hawn, OL	Jr.	17	6
Jack Heflin, DT	Jr.-R	29	20
Cortez Hogans, LB	So.	15	-
Marcus Jones, TB	Sr.-R	42	8
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	Sr.-R	37	16
Marcus Kelly, DT	Sr.-R	25	1
Michael Kennedy, DE	So.-R	13	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Jr.	29	15
Vinny Labus, LB	So.-R	16	1
Ben LeRoy, DT	Sr.	36	21
Corey Lersch, TE	Jr.-R	16	4
Matt Lorbeck, DE	Jr.	28	5
Michael Love, WR	Fr.	2	-
Zhamaine March	So.	13	-
Jalen McKie, CB	So.-R	16	4
Jordan Nettles, TB	So.-R	15	-
Benn Olson, OL	Jr.-R	15	3
Kewan Parker, LB	Fr.-R	6	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Jr.-R	19	9
Leon Payne, WR	Fr.-R	4	1
Christopher Perez Jr., OG	Sr.	13	13
Nolan Potter, OT	Fr.-R	2	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	Sr.-R	29	19
Nick Rattin, LB	Fr.	2	-
John Richardson, K	Fr.-R	5	-
Tyrice Richie, WR	Jr.	2	1
Dennis Robinson, WR	So.-R	16	3
Trequan Smith, S	Sr.-R	26	9
Liam Soraghan, TE	So.-R	3	-
Jeron Starks, FB	Fr.-R	2	-
Andrew Starr, OT	Sr.-R	2	1
Jordan Steckler, OL	Sr.-R	37	33
A.J. Taylor, DT	Sr.-R	1	-
Demond Taylor, DT	Fr.	2	-
Spencer Tears, WR	Sr.-R	38	23
Marshé Terry, S	Sr.-R	2	-
Dillon Thomas, S	So.-R	16	-
Anthony Thompson, QB	Jr.-R	3	-
Maximilian Thrower, TE	Jr.-R	5	-
Mohamed Toure, WR	Fr.	1	-
Cole Tucker, WR	So.-R	16	7
Rahveon Valentine, TB	Fr.-R	2	-
Nathan Veloz, OG	Sr.-R	31	22
Antwain Walker, CB	So.	12	1
Danny Walker, LB	So.-R	1	-
Austin Warner, OL	Jr.-R	19	-
Mykelti Williams, S	Sr.-R	29	29
Caleb Wright, DL	Fr.-R	1	-
Quintin Wynne, DE	Sr.-R	37	3

NIU HEAD COACH THOMAS HAMMOCK

Thomas Hammock, a former Huskie player and assistant coach, returned home to Northern Illinois University as the 23rd head coach in the history of NIU football on Jan. 18, 2019. One of the top football student-athletes in school history, Hammock returned to DeKalb after five seasons (2014-18) as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens.

He is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history, but perhaps even more importantly, he is the first alumnus to lead the Huskies as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program.

To achieve his dream, Hammock put in the work, beginning with two seasons at Wisconsin as a graduate assistant, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). Hammock then served stints as a college assistant coach at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Baltimore Ravens organization in 2014.

In five seasons as the running backs coach with the Ravens, Hammock helped Baltimore's rushing attack finish in the top 11 in the NFL three times, including in 2018 when the Ravens had the second-best rushing offense in the league, averaging 152.6 yards per game. The Ravens made the playoffs twice in Hammock's time in Baltimore.

Hammock helped mentor running back Justin Forsett to his first career Pro Bowl in 2014 as he rushed for a career-high 1,266 yards, fifth-most in the NFL. Baltimore fullback Kyle Juszczyk was selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time in 2016 after he led the NFL in catches (37) and receiving yards (266) by a fullback.

Prior to his five seasons in Baltimore, Hammock spent three years at the University of Wisconsin, where he was the running backs coach and assistant head coach. In 2011, Hammock's first season in Madison, the Badgers ranked 11th nationally in rushing, averaging 235.6 yards per game. He helped Montee Ball lead the nation in rushing yards (1,923) and break Barry Sanders' single-season NCAA touchdown record with 39 scores, including 33 rushing. Ball was a consensus first team All-American and a Heisman Trophy finalist for the Badgers, who finished 11-3 and played in the Rose Bowl.

The following season, Wisconsin once again ranked among the nation's elite rushing teams and Ball became the NCAA's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns with 77 and won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back, as he gained 1,830 rushing yards to lead Wisconsin back to the Rose Bowl.

The former Huskie running back returned to DeKalb as an assistant coach for head coach Joe Novak for two seasons in 2005-06. In Hammock's first season, NIU Hall of Famer Garrett Wolfe rushed for 1,580 yards and 16 touchdowns in just nine games as NIU won the MAC West Division and appeared in the MAC Championship Game for the first time.

During the 2006 campaign, Wolfe rushed for an NCAA-best 1,928 yards as the Huskies reached the Poinsettia Bowl. Hammock helped Wolfe earn All-America and first team All-MAC honors in both 2005 and 2006. Wolfe was also the Vern Smith Leadership Award winner as the MAC's Most Valuable Player in 2006.

Following his two seasons with the Huskies, Hammock spent four years as the running backs coach at the University of Minnesota (2007-10), helping the Golden Gophers to the Insight Bowl in both 2008 and 2009. Hammock was named the co-offensive coordinator at Minnesota for the 2010 season and the Gophers moved up 26 spots nationally in rushing and 34 spots in total offense.

Hammock earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from NIU in December 2002, and a master's in educational leadership and policy analysis from Wisconsin in 2004. He and his wife, Cheyennitha, also a NIU alum, have a daughter, Tierra, and a son, Thomas Douglas.



2019 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

Assoc. HC/Def. Coord./Safeties.....	Derrick Jackson	Coaches' Booth
Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks.....	Eric Eidsness	Coaches' Booth
Def. Line Recruiting Coord.....	Jordan Gigli.....	Coaches' Booth
Tight Ends/Fullbacks.....	Tony Sorrentino.....	Coaches' Booth
Exec. Asst./Co-Def. Coord./LB	Robert Wimberly.....	Field
Offensive Line.....	Daryl Agpalsa.....	Field
Running Backs/Special Teams.....	Atif Austin	Field
Wide Receivers.....	Houston Jones.....	Field
Defensive Ends.....	Travis Moore.....	Field
Cornerbacks	Aaron Wilkins.....	Field
Dir. of Sports Performance	Ryan Napoli.....	Field



NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

2018 Record.....	4-8
Big Ten Conference Record/Finish.....	3-6/T-5th
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Scott Frost (Nebraska/1997)
Record at Nebraska/Years.....	5-10/2nd
Career Record/Years.....	24-16/4th
Location.....	Lincoln, Neb.
Enrollment.....	25,897
Conference.....	Big Ten
Colors.....	Scarlet and Cream
Stadium.....	Memorial Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	Turf /86,047
Interim President.....	Susan Fritz
Athletic Director.....	Bill Moss
Athletics Website.....	huskers.com
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2019 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Aug. 31	SOUTH ALABAMA (ESPN)	W, 35-21
Sat., Sept 7	at Colorado (Fox)	L, 34-31 OT
Sat., Sept. 14	NIU (FS1)	7 pm
Sat., Sept. 21	at Illinois*	7 pm
Sat., Sept. 28	OHIO STATE*	TBD
Sat., Oct. 5	NORTHWESTERN*	TBD
Sat., Oct. 12	at Minnesota*	TBD
Sat., Oct. 26	INDIANA*	TBD
Sat., Nov. 2	at Purdue*	TBD
Sat., Nov. 16	WISCONSIN*	TBD
Sat., Nov. 23	at Maryland*	TBD
Fri., Nov. 29	IOWA* (BTN)	TBD

* - Big Ten Conference Game

NIU-NEBRASKA SERIES HISTORY

Overall	NEB leads 2-1
In Lincoln	NEB leads 2-1
Streak	NIU, 1
Series History.....	

9/9/1989: NIU 17, NEB 48 (A) 9/16/2017: NIU 21, NEB 17 (A)
9/8/1990: NIU 14, NEB 60 (A)

THE LAST MEETING

NIU 21, Nebraska 17

Sept. 16, 2017

Lincoln, Neb. | Memorial Stadium | 89,664

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

Team & Individual Statistics

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

Rushing - NIU: Huff 16-105, Childers 2-10, Jones 1-3, Blake 1-(-1), Santacaterina 7-(-9), TEAM 4-(-23) NEB: Wilbon 24-90, Ozigbo 2-8, McNitt 1-4, Spielman 2-1, Lee 7-(-18),

Passing - NIU: Santacaterina 15-22-0, 128; Blake 0-1-0, 0 NEB: Lee 25-47-3, 299.

Receiving - NIU: Blake 5-77, Wesley 3-29, Brown 3-18, Tears 2-(-3), Huff 1-6, Jones 1-1. NEB: Pierson-El 8-101, Morgan 6-94, Spielman 3-52, Wilbon 3-14, Lindsey 2-18, Hoppes 2-17, Reimers 1-3;

Tackles - NIU: B. Jones 14, Pugh 11 NEB: Gifford 8, Reed 5.

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

4 ANTONIO JONES-DAVIS

LB | 5-11 | 220 | Sr.-R | Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero Beach HS

• Back in a familiar spot leading NIU in tackles with 11 after two games. Made four stops with a tackle for loss vs. Illinois State and earned the coaches' "Huskie Hard Hat" award. Registered seven tackles with half a tackle for loss and a pass break-up at Utah. Led the Huskies in tackles a year ago. First team All-MAC choice in 2018 was named to the Bronko Nagurski and Chuck Bednarik Award watch lists in the preseason. His 119 tackles as a junior were the most by a Huskie player since Brian Atkinson's 137 in 2004. Second on the team with 14.5 TFLs and six pass break-ups. Recorded six double-figure tackle games on the season. Led NIU with 15 tackles, two for loss, in the MAC Championship game. Made a career-best 16 tackles vs. CMU and at Ball State.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2019	2/2	4	7	11	1.5	0.0	1
Career	37/16	114	80	194	19.5	5.0	8

22 TRE HARBISON

TB | 5-11 | 215 | Jr.-R | Shelby, N.C. | Crest HS/Virginia

• NIU leading rusher came within one yard of posting his sixth career 100-yard rushing game with 99 yards on 23 carries versus Illinois State. Averaged 4.3 yards per carry and added an 11-yard reception. Rushed six times for 32 yards at Utah, with a season-long 17-yard run. In 2018, became the Huskies' first 1,000-yard rusher since 2015 with 1,034 yards on 206 totes. Second team All-MAC back averaged 5.0 yards per rush with five TDs. Third in the MAC in rushing yards and fourth in yards per game. Posted consecutive 100-yard rushing games versus Akron (career best 169 yards), Toledo (139) and Miami (103). Scored game-winning touchdown in third overtime at EMU after rushing 32 times for 136 yards. Posted his first 100-yard game vs. CMU with 124 yards, including a season-long 48-yard run. Uncle, Charlie Harbison, is a coach with the Arizona Cardinals.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2019	2/2	29	131	4.5	0	17	2	8	4.0	0	11
Career	26/11	290	1,455	5.0	8	48	12	98	8.2	0	30

98 JACK HEFLIN

DT | 6-4 | 310 | Jr. | Prophetstown, Ill. | Erie-Prophetstown HS

• Impact player on the Huskie defensive line made four stops with 1.5 tackles for loss as the Huskies limited Illinois State to 51 rushing yards. Had one tackle at Utah as the NIU defense successfully bottled up Zack Moss. A third team All-MAC selection in 2018 was NIU's returning sack leader. Made at least one tackle in 13 of 14 games last year. Started the last five games of the year, beginning with the Toledo (11-7) contest, where he had a dominating performance with a career-high 2.5 quarterback sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss among his seven tackles. Blocked a field goal vs. Utah in 2018.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	BK
2019	2/2	1	4	5	1.5	0.0	0
Career	29/20	26	20	46	10.5	6.0	1

8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS

S | 6-0 | 200 | Sr.-R | Indianapolis, Ind. | Warren Central HS/Iowa Western CC

• Will see his streak of 29 consecutive games started broken at Nebraska due to a targeting penalty in second half at Utah. Made at least one tackle in 28 games. Contributed three stops versus Illinois State and four at Utah with three solo. Huskies held the Redbirds to one touchdown. Second team All-MAC safety made career-best 75 tackles to rank third on the team in 2018. Earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honor after his interception with 1:47 to play sealed the Huskies' 7-6 win at BYU. Also totaled five tackles, four solo, and broke up a pass. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2019	2/2	5	2	7	0.0	0	0
Career	29/29	109	46	155	4.5	3	9

3 KYLE PUGH

MLB | 6-0 | 225 | Sr.-R | Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS

• Leads the Huskies with three tackles for loss with 1.5 in each of NIU's first two games. Tied for the team lead in tackles with five versus Illinois State, including 1.5 for loss. Pressured the quarterback into throwing late interception which Jalen McKie took in for a score. Added four tackles, 1.5 for loss, at Utah. Second team All-MAC middle linebacker ranked second on the team in tackles in 2018 (106). Tallied eight or more stops in eight games and had at least six in every game he played. Led NIU in tackles vs. Ohio, BYU, Akron and Toledo a year ago.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2019	2/2	4	5	9	3.0	0.0	0-0	0
Career	29/19	82	68	150	9.0	1.5	0-2	4

36 MATT FERENCE

P | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | St. Louis, Mo. | Lafayette HS

• Averaging 43.8 yards on 14 punts with four inside the 20. Six have been fair caught. Had a season-long 56-yard punt at Utah. NIU's special teams player of the game versus Illinois State punted eight times for a 44.5-yard average with three inside the 20. Pinned ISU at its one-yard line late in the game with a 46-yard punt and had a long of 51. Averaged 61.0 yards on five kickoffs. Serves as NIU's holder on placekicks. Averaged 40.4 yards per punt in 2018 and has a 41.0 mark for his career, second at NIU all-time. Broke his own single season school records with 86 punts for 3,473 yards in 2018. Named to the All-MAC team by Pro Football Focus (PFF). All-time, 64-of-183 punts have pinned opponents inside their 20. Landed three of his four punts versus Buffalo inside the 20 to earn MAC Championship Special Teams MVP.

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2018	2/0	14	613	43.8	4	56
Career	28/0	183	7,507	41.0	64	70

89 MITCHELL BRINKMAN

TE | 6-3 | 254 | Jr.-R | Council Bluffs, Iowa | Lewis Central HS

• Led NIU with career highs in both catches (4) and yards (51) vs. Illinois State. Caught three passes for 16 yards at Utah. His seven catches are already a single-season high. Redshirted a year ago after an early season injury. Played in four games and was an impact player late in the season, including in the MAC Championship game win with three catches for 42 yards. Had a season-long 24-yard catch and an 11-yard grab on NIU's game-winning drive. Backed up Shane Wimann as a freshman and sophomore in 2016 and 2017.

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2019	2/2	7	67	9.6	0	21
Career	27/6	18	197	10.9	2	26

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

12 ROSS BOWERS

QB | 6-2 | 200 | Sr. | Bothell, Wash. | Bothell HS/California

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2019	2/2	12	-15	-1.2	1	9	40-62-2	64.5	528	3	74

• Through two games, ranks in the top 35 in the country in passing yards and passing yards per game. Completing 64.5 percent of his passes. Scored on a nine-yard rush that ended with a flip into the end zone at Utah. Also hit Spencer Tears on a season-long 74-yard touchdown pass among his 229 yards on 20-of-29 passing. Transfer from Cal won the starting job during preseason camp over incumbent Marcus Childers. Passed for 299 yards on 20-of-33 passing with TD throws of 22 and 68 yards versus Illinois State. Named NIU's offensive player of the game. Threw for 3,039 yards and 18 TDs on 272-of-461 passing (59.0%) as the Golden Bears' starting QB in 2017. Injured in 2018 season opener and did not see any more action. Arrived at NIU this summer after earning his undergraduate degree.

62 CHRISTOPHER PEREZ JR.

C | 6-1 | 295 | Sr. | Shawnee, Kan. | St. Thomas Aquinas HS/Butler CC

• Huskies' center started 11 games at left guard in 2019. Earned the "Huskie Heart" Award vs. ISU from NIU coaches for playing through adversity. Helped lead the way to Tre Harbison's 99 rushing yards while new quarterback Ross Bowers threw for 299 yards on 20-of-33 passing. Missed the Toledo (11-7), Western Michigan (11-20) and MAC Championship (11-30) games a year ago due to injury. Huskie backs notched six 100-yard rushing games with Perez in the game. Came to NIU after two seasons at Butler Community College where he was a first team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference and a first team All-American in 2017.

72 JORDAN STECKLER

OT | 6-5 | 305 | Sr.-R | Two Rivers, Wis. | Two Rivers HS

• Made his team-high 33rd career start at Utah and has played in 37 games over last three seasons. Helped lead the way to Tre Harbison's 99 rushing yards while allowing Ross Bowers to throw for 299 yards on 20-of-33 passing vs. Illinois State. NIU's 2019 nominee for the William F. Campbell Trophy and National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete award with a 3.62 GPA. Moved to right tackle and started 10 games as a junior after playing primarily left guard in 2017. Battled a foot injury in mid-season and missed four games from 9-22 to 10-27 (FSU, EMU, Ohio and BYU). The Huskies gained 296 rushing yards versus both Akron (11-1) and Toledo (11-7) with both Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) gaining more than 100 yards vs. the Rockets.

3 TYRICE RICHIE

WR | 6-0 | 190 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill. | Homewood-Flossmoor HS/Dodge City CC

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2019	2/1	8	144	18.0	2	68

• Junior college transfer leads NIU in catches, receiving yards and receiving TDs. Averaging 18.0 yards per catch. Made a career high five catches at Utah for 42 yards. Connected with QB Ross Bowers on the two biggest offensive plays in the opener vs. Illinois State, with touchdowns of 22 and 68 yards in his first Huskie game. Totaled 102 yards on three catches. Arrived at NIU in spring and took part in spring drills. Originally signed with NIU out of high school before spending two seasons at Dodge City CC where he averaged 15.8 yards per catch on 23 grabs in 2018.

11 TRAYSHON FOSTER

S | 6-0 | 205 | Sr.-R | Tuscaloosa, Ala. | Tuscaloosa Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int	PBU
2019	2/2	1	6	7	1.0	0	0
Career	38/15	76	36	112	4.0	2	5

• Veteran safety registered four stops at Utah with half a tackle for loss. Made three tackles, with one-half for loss, in win over Illinois State. NIU held ISU to one touchdown on the night. Accounted for a career-best 56 tackles in 2018, with 38 solo, while starting 11 of the 12 games he played. Posted a career-high eight tackles at Akron last year. In on two of Ohio's three turnovers with an interception and a forced fumble. Made seven stops - all solo - at Florida State with a tackle for loss and a forced fumble. Broke up a career-best two passes vs. CMU and intercepted CMU's two-point pass attempt.

55 WESTON KRAMER

DT | 6-1 | 290 | Jr. | Naperville, Ill. | Marmion Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2019	2/2	1	4	5	1.0	0.0	0
Career	29/15	26	36	62	8.0	2.5	2

• Sturdy defensive lineman contributed three tackles with one-half for loss in the season opener versus Illinois State. Defense limited Redbirds to 51 rushing yards on 28 carries, a 1.8 average. Made two stops with one-half for loss at Utah. Led all NIU interior defensive linemen in tackles with career-best 38 and added 4.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks last year. Tallied at least two tackles in 11 of the Huskies' 14 games. Knocked down a pass and had half a tackle for loss in the MAC Championship win over Buffalo. Recorded a career-high seven tackles at Ball State with half a tackle for loss.

14 SPENCER TEARS

WR | 6-1 | 195 | Sr.-R | Chicago, Ill. | H.L. Richards HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2019	2/1	6	109	18.2	1	74
Career	38/23	90	1062	11.8	9	81

• Recorded his second career 100-yard receiving game at Utah with five catches for a career-high 112 yards. Scored on a 74-yard catch and run for NIU's longest offensive touchdown since 2017. Also made back-to-back grabs in the second quarter. Has caught at least one pass in 26 of his last 27 games played. Ranked third on the team in catches and receiving yards and was second in TD catches as a junior. Made 37 of his 40 catches in last nine games and led NIU in receiving in last five games. Caught touchdown passes of 13 and 32 yards in the MAC Championship game versus Buffalo. Scored on a five-yard run vs. Miami. Career-long 81-yard catch went for a TD versus San Diego State in 2017.

88 DANIEL CRAWFORD

TE | 6-2 | 250 | Sr.-R | Macomb, Mich. | Dakota HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2019	2/1	6	124	20.7	0	45
Career	26/4	13	189	14.5	0	45

• After missing all of 2018 while coming back from knee injury suffered in spring, has already made six catches for 124 yards to rank second on the team in receiving yards. Versus Illinois State, caught three passes for 75 yards, including a career-long 45-yard catch and run to set up a Huskie field goal. The 75 yards surpassed his career total (65) entering the game while the three catches were also a career high. Caught a 27-yard pass to put NIU in scoring position at the ISU 24-yard line before the half. His three catches at Utah included a 37-yard grab late in the first half to set up a field goal.

GAME 1: NIU 24, ILLINOIS STATE 10

August 31 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN+
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 14,568

A pair of fourth quarter touchdowns helped lead the Northern Illinois University Huskies to a 24-10 win over Illinois State on Saturday night in the season opener at Huskie Stadium. Quarterback Ross Bowers, a transfer from California, went 20-of-33 through the air for 299 yards and two touchdowns as head coach Thomas Hammock began his coaching career with a victory.

The Huskies and Redbirds traded a pair of field goals in the first half, but neither team found the end zone until late in the third quarter when a Huskie score started a flurry of touchdown drives.

NIU took a 10-3 lead with a nine-play, 92-yard drive, capped by a Bowers to Tyrice Richie 22-yard touchdown pass with 2:11 to play in the third quarter. Illinois State had pinned the Huskies back on their own eight-yard line, but it took NIU just 3:12 to go the length of the field for the score. Bowers was 6-of-8 passing on the drive for 89 yards, connecting with five different receivers.

Nine receivers caught at least one pass for the Huskies, led by four receptions from junior tight end Mitchell Brinkman for 51 yards.

ISU answered on the next drive as Brady Davis connected with Taylor Grimes for a 42-yard touchdown to tie the game, 10-10, on the second play of the fourth quarter. The Redbirds needed just five plays to go 75 yards on the drive.

On the first play of the ensuing possession, Bowers found Richie on an out route and the junior receiver eluded the first defender and raced to the end zone for a 68-yard score, giving the Huskies a 17-10 lead less than a minute into the fourth quarter. The touchdown was NIU's longest play from scrimmage since a 73-yard touchdown pass from Marcus Childers to Chad Beebe on October 21, 2017 at Bowling Green. Richie finished the night with three catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

After trading a pair of possessions, the Redbirds had the ball, trailing by seven with 2:43 left when sophomore cornerback Jalen McKie intercepted a Davis pass and went 32 yards the other way for a touchdown to ice the win.

Davis finished the night 14-of-32 passing for 187 yards for the Redbirds, who rushed for just 51 yards as a team. The NIU defense held Illinois State to just 238 yards of total offense, including six three-and-outs.

In the opening half, NIU took a 3-0 lead with 4:19 to play in the first quarter on a 25-yard field goal by freshman John Richardson. A 45-yard completion from Bowers to senior tight end Daniel Crawford gave the Huskies first and goal at the Illinois State nine and four plays later NIU took the three-point lead.

The first turnover of the game helped Illinois State even the game at 3-3 with 2:55 left in the first half. A pass from Bowers was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted by Dylan Drake, giving the Redbirds the ball on the NIU 32-yard line. Illinois State's drive stalled at the Huskie 15 and Sam Fenlason connected on a 32-yard field goal to tie the contest going into halftime.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Illinois State	0	3	0	7	- 10
NIU	3	0	7	14	- 24

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Richardson 25 FG, 1st 4:19 (9-73, 4:34)
ISU - Fenlason 32 FG, 2nd 2:55 (5-17, 1:21)
NIU - Richie 22 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 3rd 2:11 (9-92, 3:12)
ISU - Grimes 42 pass from Davis (Fenlason kick), 4th 14:22 (5-75, 2:42)
NIU - Richie 68 pass Bowers (Richardson kick), 4th 14:04 (1-68, 0:11)
NIU - McKie 32 interception return (Richardson kick), 4th 2:31

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	ISU	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	14 (2-8)	17 (4-12)
Rushes-Net Yards	28-51	35-90
Passing Yards	187	299
Passes (C-A-I)	14-32-1	20-33-1
Plays-Total Yards	60-238	68-389
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-36	8-86
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-73	2-42
Punt Returns-Yds	2-13	2-12
3rd Down Conversions	1-14	3-15
4th Down Conversions	0-2	0-1
Punts-Average	9-43.8	8-44.5
Possession Time	26:46	31:45
Sacks By-Yards	2-15	1-5
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-3

Rushing - ISU: Davis 8-17, Proctor 6-16, Robinson 13-16, Blackman 1-2; NIU: Harbison 23-99, Nettles 2-2, Jones 2-2, Team 3-(-3), Bowers 5-(-10).
Passing - ISU: Davis 14-32-1, 187; NIU: Bowers 20-33-1, 299.
Receiving - ISU: Grimes 6-109, Haley 3-31, Rutkiewicz 2-27, Robinson 2-10, Gillum 1-10; NIU: Brinkman 4-51, Richie 3-102, Crawford 3-75, Tucker 3-29, Jones 2-14, Robinson 2-12, Harbison 1-11, Thrower 1-8, Tears 1-(-3).
Tackles - ISU: Kirk 9, Ridgeway 8; NIU: Aitken 5, Pugh 5.

GAME 2: UTAH 35, NIU 17

September 7 | 11 a.m. (MT) | Pac-12 Networks
Salt Lake City, Utah | Rice-Eccles Stadium | 45,919

NIU went toe-to-toe with 13th ranked Utah in the first half, but the Utes defense limited NIU to just 69 yards of offense in the second half to claim a 35-17 win at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

The teams combined for 38 points and nearly 500 yards of total offense in the first half, with the Utes claiming a 21-17 lead at the break.

NIU quarterback Ross Bowers was 15-of-21 for 202 yards and a touchdown in the first half, while wide receiver Spencer Tears recorded his first 100-yard game of the season with 106 yards on four catches, most of those coming on a 74-yard touchdown catch and run that tied the game at 14. For the game, Bowers was 21-of-31 for 235 yards with one interception and one touchdown, while Tears finished with five catches for 112 yards.

NIU took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter after a 12-play, 88-yard drive that took 6:53 off the clock. Bowers went five-for-five passing on the drive and added 15 yards rushing, including the nine-yard touchdown run.

The teams exchanged punts as the first quarter came to a close before Utah got its offense going starting from their 40-yard line. Zack Moss picked up 25 yards to start the drive and three plays later, quarterback Tyler Huntley hit Britain Covey for 21 yards to the NIU 13-yard line. Demari Simpkins put Utah on the scoreboard with a 13-yard touchdown run with 13:41 left in the quarter.

After a Huskie drive stalled, Utah took just 3:16 and seven plays to drive 70 yards with Huntley running it in himself from the 16-yard line.

Down 14-7, the Huskies responded. On second down, Bowers hit a streaking Tears in stride on the sideline and the senior went 74 yards to the end zone.

Utah came right back to re-take the lead with a nine-play, 75-yard drive. The Utes converted three times on third-and-one, with Moss going 16 yards for the touchdown, giving the Utes a 21-14 lead with 2:48 left in the half.

The Huskies were not done. Bowers hit Daniel Crawford for 37 yards to the Utah 38-yard line. Passes to Tears and Crawford got NIU to the Utah 21 but a sack backed the Huskies up to the 28. From there, John Richardson was good from 46 yards to pull the Huskies within four, 21-17, at halftime.

Utah dominated the second half, beginning with a six-play, 70-yard drive to start the period. Moss scored his second touchdown of the game on a five-yard run to give the Utes a 28-17 lead.

The Huskies had fourth and one at the Utah 48 on its next possession but came up short and NIU turned the ball over on downs. The NIU defense responded with a fourth down stop at the NIU 31-yard line.

Neither team was able to move the ball until Utah took advantage of the Huskies' lone turnover to score its last touchdown early in the fourth quarter to take an insurmountable 35-17 lead.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	10	0	0	- 17
Utah	0	21	7	7	- 35

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Bowers 9 run (Richardson kick), 1st 3:18 (12-88, 6:53)
Utah - Simpkins 13 run (Redding kick), 2nd 13:41 (5-60, 1:34)
Utah - Huntley 16 run (Redding kick), 2nd 8:20 (7-70, 3:16)
NIU - Tears 74 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 2nd 7:20 (2-75, 1:00)
Utah - Moss 16 run (Redding kick), 2nd 2:48 (9-75, 4:32)
NIU - Richardson 46 FG, 2nd 0:51 (9-47, 1:57)
Utah - Moss 5 run (Redding kick), 3rd 12:16 (6-70, 2:34)
Utah - Dixon 14 pass from Huntley (Redding kick), 4th 12:49 (1-29, 0:27)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	Utah
First Downs (R-P)	14 (4-10)	19 (10-8)
Rushes-Net Yards	25-67	37-193
Passing Yards	235	214
Passes (C-A-I)	21-31-1	14-19-0
Plays-Total Yards	56-302	56-407
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	1-10
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0-0	2-37
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	1-1
3rd Down Conversions	2-12	5-11
4th Down Conversions	1-2	1-2
Punts-Average	6-42.8	4-45.2
Possession Time	30:26	29:34
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	4-29
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-5

Rushing - NIU: Nettles 10-37, Harbison 6-32, Childers 1-2, Jones 1-1, Bowers 7-(-5); Utah: Moss 18-80, Huntley 3-38, Wilmore 6-25, Simpkins 2-19, Vickers 1-12, Henry-Cole 1-9, Covey 1-9, Brumfield 3-2, Enis 1-1, Green 1-(-2).
Passing - NIU: Bowers 20-29-1, 229; Childers 1-2-0, 6; Utah: Huntley 14-19-0, 214.
Receiving - NIU: Tears 5-112, Richie 5-42, Crawford 3-49, Brinkman 3-16, Love 2-5, Tucker 1-17, Harbison 1-(-3), Nettles 1-(-3); Utah: Dixon 4-46, Thompson 2-66, Vickers 2-29, Covey 2-24, Simpkins 2-22, Kuithe 1-26, Thedford 1-1.
Tackles - NIU: Haney 9, Jones-Davis 7; Utah: Francis 12, Lloyd 10.

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	41	45
Points Per Game	20.5	22.5
Points Off Turnovers	7	10
FIRST DOWNS	31	33
Rushing	8	12
Passing	22	16
Penalty	1	5
RUSHING YARDAGE	157	244
Yards gained rushing	211	273
Yards lost rushing	54	29
Rushing Attempts	60	65
Average Per Rush	2.6	3.8
Average Per Game	78.5	122.0
TDs Rushing	1	4
PASSING YARDAGE	534	401
Comp-Att-Int	41-64-2	28-51-1
Average Per Pass	8.3	7.9
Average Per Catch	13.0	14.3
Average Per Game	267.0	200.5
TDs Passing	3	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	691	645
Total Plays	124	116
Average Per Play	5.6	5.6
Average Per Game	345.5	322.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-42	6-110
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-12	3-14
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-32	2-3
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.0	18.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.0	4.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	32.0	1.5
FUMBLES-LOST	1-0	1-1
PENALTIES-Yards	14-136	5-46
Average Per Game	68.0	23.0
PUNTS-Yards	14-613	13-575
Average Per Punt	43.8	44.2
Net punt average	42.8	41.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	9-552	9-545
Average Per Kick	61.3	60.6
Net kick average	43.6	39.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:06	28:10
3RD-DOWN Conversions	5/27	6/25
3rd-Down Pct	19%	24%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/3	1/4
4th-Down Pct	33%	25%
SACKS BY-Yards	1-5	7-47
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	5	6
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-3	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(2-4) 50%	(6-6) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(1-4) 25%	(5-6) 83%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(5-5) 100%	(6-6) 100%
ATTENDANCE	14568	45919
Games/Avg Per Game	1/14568	1/45919
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	10	10	7	14	41
Opponents	0	24	7	14	45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HARBISON, Tre	2	29	133	2	131	4.5	0	17	65.5
NETTLES, Jordan	2	12	41	2	39	3.2	0	14	19.5
JONES, Marcus	2	3	3	0	3	1.0	0	2	1.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
Team	1	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-3.0
BOWERS, Ross	2	12	32	47	-15	-1.2	1	9	-7.5
Total.....	2	60	211	54	157	2.6	1	17	78.5
Opponents.....	2	65	273	29	244	3.8	4	25	122.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	2	145.57	40-62-2	64.5	528	3	74	264.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	75.20	1-2-0	50.0	6	0	6	6.0
Total.....	2	143.37	41-64-2	64.1	534	3	74	267.0
Opponents.....	2	129.97	28-51-1	54.9	401	2	42	200.5

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
RICHIE, Tyrice	2	8	144	18.0	2	68	72.0
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	2	7	67	9.6	0	21	33.5
CRAWFORD, Daniel	2	6	124	20.7	0	45	62.0
TEARS, Spencer	2	6	109	18.2	1	74	54.5
TUCKER, Cole	2	4	46	11.5	0	17	23.0
JONES, Marcus	2	2	14	7.0	0	10	7.0
ROBINSON, Dennis	2	2	12	6.0	0	7	6.0
HARBISON, Tre	2	2	8	4.0	0	11	4.0
LOVE, Michael	2	2	5	2.5	0	4	2.5
THROWER, Max	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
NETTLES, Jordan	2	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total.....	2	41	534	13.0	3	74	267.0
Opponents.....	2	28	401	14.3	2	42	200.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	2	74	-15	528	513	256.5
HARBISON, Tre	2	29	131	0	131	65.5
NETTLES, Jordan	2	12	39	0	39	19.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	3	2	6	8	8.0
JONES, Marcus	2	3	3	0	3	1.5
Team	1	3	-3	0	-3	-3.0
Total.....	2	124	157	534	691	345.5
Opponents.....	2	116	244	401	645	322.5

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TUCKER, Cole	2	12	6.0	0	8
Total.....	2	12	6.0	0	8
Opponents.....	2	13	6.5	0	14

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

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JONES, Marcus	2	42	21.0	0	27
Total.....	2	42	21.0	0	27
Opponents.....	6	110	18.3	0	23

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MCKIE, Jalen	1	32	32.0	1	32
Total.....	1	32	32.0	1	32
Opponents.....	2	3	1.5	0	3

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

2019 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	7	74 TD, Bowers to Tears at Utah, 9/7
Rushing	0	
Passing	5	74 TD, Bowers to Tears at Utah, 9/7
by Bowers	5	74 TD, to Tears at Utah, 9/7
to Richie	1	68 TD, from Bowers vs Illinois State, 8/31
to Crawford	3	45, from Bowers vs Illinois State, 8/31
to Tears	1	75 TD, from Bowers at Utah, 9/7
Returns	2	32 INT TD McKie vs. Illinois State, 8/31
Jones	1	27 KOR vs. Illinois State, 8/31
McKie	1	32 INT TD vs. Illinois State, 8/31
OPPONENT	6	42 TD Grimes to Davis, Illinois State, 8/31
Rushing	1	25 Moss at Utah, 9/7
Passing	5	42 TD, Grimes to Davis, vs. Illinois State, 8/31
Returns	0	

* 25 Yards or Longer

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	14	613	43.8	56	0	6	4	3	0
Total.....	14	613	43.8	56	0	6	4	3	0
Opponents.....	13	575	44.2	67	1	7	6	3	0

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
RICHARDSON, John	2-3	66.7	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	46	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
ERENCE, Matt	5	305	61.0	0	1			
RICHARDSON, John	4	247	61.8	2	0			
Total.....	9	552	61.3	2	1	110	43.6	21
Opponents.....	9	545	60.6	6	0	42	39.2	25

FG SEQUENCE	NIU	Opponents
Illinois State	(25),36	(32)
Utah	(46)	-
Nebraska		
Vanderbilt		
Ball State		
Ohio		
Miami		
Akron		
Central Michigan		
Toledo		
Eastern Michigan		
Western Michigan		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
RICHIE, Tyrice	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
RICHARDSON, John	0	2-3	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	11
TEARS, Spencer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BOWERS, Ross	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
MCKIE, Jalen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	5	2-3	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	41
Opponents.....	6	1-1	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	45

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
RICHIE, Tyrice	2	0	144	0	0	0	144	72.0
HARBISON, Tre	2	131	8	0	0	0	139	69.5
CRAWFORD, Daniel	2	0	124	0	0	0	124	62.0
TEARS, Spencer	2	0	109	0	0	0	109	54.5
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	2	0	67	0	0	0	67	33.5
JONES, Marcus	2	3	14	0	42	0	59	29.5
TUCKER, Cole	2	0	46	12	0	0	58	29.0
NETTLES, Jordan	2	39	-3	0	0	0	36	18.0
MCKIE, Jalen	2	0	0	0	0	32	32	16.0
ROBINSON, Dennis	2	0	12	0	0	0	12	6.0
THROWER, Max	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	8.0
LOVE, Michael	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Team	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
BOWERS, Ross	2	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-7.5
Total.....	2	157	534	12	42	32	777	388.5
Opponents.....	2	244	401	14	110	3	772	386.0

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 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
4	JONES-DAVIS, A	2	4	7	11	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	PUGH, Kyle	2	4	5	9	3.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	HANEY, Devin	2	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	TERRY, Marshe	2	4	4	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
23	MCKIE, Jalen	2	3	5	8	1.0-1	.	1-32	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	LORBECK, Matt	2	3	4	7	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	2	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	COLE, Jordan	2	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	2	1	6	7	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	WYNNE, Quintin	2	5	1	6	2.0-9	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	2	1	4	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	AITKEN, Mark	1	5	.	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	HEFLIN, Jack	2	1	4	5	1.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	LEROY, Ben	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	BUIRGE, Adam	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	SMITH, Trequan	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	KELLY, Marcus	2	2	.	2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	TAYLOR, Demond	2	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	DENTON, Jawon	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	STARKS, Jeron	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffre	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	KENNEDY, Michael	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	HOGANS, Cortez	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	PARKER, Kewan	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	THOMAS, Dillon	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	LABUS, Vinny	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	RATTIN, Nick	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....		2	52	64	116	14-31	1-5	1-32	3	1	1-0	.	.	.
Opponents.....		2	52	82	134	13.0-60	7-47	2-3	11	.	.	1	.	.

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	Illinois St.	Utah	Nebraska	Vanderbilt	Ball St.	Ohio	Miami	Akron	CMU	Toledo	EMU	WMU
93	ABRELL, Erik	2/-	X	X										
27	AITKEN, Mark	1/1	CB	-										
32	BOSTAD, Brett	2/-	X	X										
12	BOWERS, Ross	2/2	QB	QB										
89	BRINKMAN, Mitch	2/2	TE	TE										
29	BUIRGE, Adam	2/-	X	X										
15	CHILDERS, Marcu	1/-	-	X										
45	COLE, Jordan	2/2	LB	LB										
70	COX, Marques	2/1	LT	X										
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	2/1	TE	X										
95	DENTON, Jawon	2/-	X	X										
36	ERENCE, Matt	2/-	X	X										
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	2/2	S	S										
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffre	2/-	X	X										
12	HANEY, Devin	2/1	X	CB										
22	HARBISON, Tre	2/2	TB	TB										
51	HARMAN, Nathan	2/-	X	X										
16	HARRIS, J.D.	2/-	X	X										
98	HEFLIN, Jack	2/2	DT	DT										
25	HOGANS, Cortez	1/-	-	X										
21	JONES, Marcus	2/-	X	X										
4	JONES-DAVIS, A	2/2	LB	LB										
96	KELLY, Marcus	2/-	X	X										
5	KENNEDY, Michae	2/-	X	X										
55	KRAMER, Weston	2/2	DT	DT										
50	LABUS, Vinny	2/-	X	X										
99	LEROY, Ben	2/-	X	X										
44	LERSCH, Corey	2/-	X	X										
9	LORBECK, Matt	2/2	DE	DE										
2	LOVE, Michael	2/-	X	X										
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	2/-	X	X										
23	MCKIE, Jalen	2/2	CB	CB										
28	NETTLES, Jordan	2/-	X	X										
61	OLSON, Benn	2/2	LB	LG										
18	PARKER, Kewan	2/-	X	X										
58	PATTON, Brayden	2/2	RG	RG										
62	PEREZ, Christopher	2/2	C	C										
69	POTTER, Nolan	1/-	-	X										
3	PUGH, Kyle	2/2	LB	LB										
38	RATTIN, Nick	2/-	X	X										
39	RICHARDSON, John	2/-	X	X										
3	RICHE, Tyrice	2/1	X	WR										
17	ROBINSON, Dennis	2/1	WR	X										
24	SMITH, Trequan	2/-	X	X										
83	SORAGHAN, Liam	2/-	X	X										
37	STARKS, Jeron	2/-	X	X										
73	STARR, Andrew	2/1	X	LT										
72	STECKLER, Jordan	2/2	RT	RT										
97	TAYLOR, Demond	2/-	X	X										
14	TEARS, Spencer	2/1	X	WR										
7	TERRY, Marshe	2/-	X	X										
15	THOMAS, Dillon	2/-	X	X										
87	THROWER, Max	1/-	X	-										
9	TOURE, Mohamed	1/-	-	X										
18	TUCKER, Cole	2/2	WR	WR										
30	VALENTINE, Rahveon	2/-	X	X										
65	VELOZ, Nathan	2/-	X	X										
54	WARNER, Austin	2/-	X	X										
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	2/2	S	S										
10	WYNNE, Quintin	2/2	DE	DE										

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	QB	TB	TE	TE	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Illinois State	Bowers	Harbison	Brinkman	Crawford		Robinson	Tucker	Cox	Olson	Perez	Patton	Steckler
Utah	Bowers	Harbison	Brinkman		Richie	Tears	Tucker	Starr	Olson	Perez	Patton	Steckler
Nebraska												
Vanderbilt												
Ball State												
Ohio												
Miami												
Akron												
C. Michigan												
Toledo												
E. Michigan												
W.Michigan												

DEFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB
Illinois State	Lorbeck	Kramer	Heflin	Wynne	Jones-Davis	Pugh	Cole	Aitken	Foster	Williams	McKie
Utah	Lorbeck	Kramer	Heflin	Wynne	Jones-Davis	Pugh	Cole	Haney	Foster	Williams	McKie
Nebraska											
Vanderbilt											
Ball State											
Ohio											
Miami											
Akron											
C. Michigan											
Toledo											
E. Michigan											
W.Michigan											

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 SCORING DRIVES

NIU Scoring Drives

Opponent	Plays	Yds.	Time	Score	Qtr./Time	Play
Illinois State	9	73	4:34	3-0	1/4:19	Richardson 25 FG
Illinois State	9	92	3:12	10-3	3/2:11	Richie 22 TD
Illinois State	1	68	0:11	17-10	4/14:04	Richie 68 TD
Illinois State	0	0	0:00	24-10	4/2:31	Mckie 32 TD
Utah	12	88	6:53	7-0	1/3:18	Bowers 9 TD
Utah	2	75	1:00	14-14	2/7:20	Tears 74 TD
Utah	9	47	1:57	21-14	2/0:51	Richardson 46 FG

Opponent Scoring Drives

Opponent	Plays	Yds.	Time	Score	Qtr./Time	Play
Illinois State	5	17	1:21	3-3	2/2:55	Fenlason 32 FG
Illinois State	5	75	2:42	10-10	3/14:22	Grimes 42 TD
Utah	5	60	1:34	7-7	1/13:41	Simpkins 13 TD
Utah	7	70	3:16	14-7	2/8:20	Huntley 16 TD
Utah	9	75	4:32	21-14	2/2:48	Moss 16 TD
Utah	6	70	2:34	28-17	3/12:16	Moss 5 TD
Utah	1	29	0:27	35-17	4/12:49	Dixon 14 TD

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing	-----Passing-----			Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Total	R-P-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	PI-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(8-31) NIU	24	17	4-12-1	35-90-0	20-33-1	299	2	68-389	8-44.5	0-0	8-86	3-of-15	31:45
vs. Illinois State	10	14	2-8-4	28-51-0	14-32-1	187	1	60-238	9-43.8	1-1	4-36	1-of-14	26:46
(9-7) NIU	17	14	4-10-0	25-67-1	21-31-1	235	1	56-302	6-42.8	1-0	6-50	2-of-12	30:26
at Utah	35	19	10-8-1	37-193-4	14-19-0	214	1	56-407	4-45.2	0-0	1-10	5-of-11	29:34
(9-14) NIU at Nebraska													
(9-28) NIU at Vanderbilt													
(10-5) NIU vs. Ball State													
(10-12) NIU at Ohio													
(10-19) NIU at Miami (Ohio)													
(10-26) NIU vs. Akron													
(11-2) NIU at Central Michigan													
(11-13) NIU at Toledo													
(11-19) NIU vs. Eastern Michigan													
(11-26) NIU vs. Western Michigan													

– NIU in the 2019 NCAA and MAC Rankings –

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	345.5	96	6	Sacks	0.50	121	11
Rushing Offense	78.5	121	9	Tackles for Loss	7.0	38	1
Passing Offense	267.0	46	3	Sacks Allowed	3.50	115	9
Passing Efficiency	143.37	59	4	Tackles for Loss Allowed	6.50	86	9
Completion Percentage	.641	59	4	Fewest Penalties/Game	7.00	82	8
Scoring Offense	20.5	98	9	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	68.00	100	10
First Downs Offense	31	109	9	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.185	125	12
Red Zone Offense	.500	119	12	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.240	14	1
Total Defense	322.5	49	3	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.333	82	9
Rushing Defense	122.0	53	2	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.250	38	3
Pass Efficiency Defense	129.97	72	3	Time of Possession	31:05	47	3
Passing Yards Allowed	200.5	58	3	INDIVIDUAL (Top 55)			
Scoring Defense	22.5	58	2	Ross Bowers, Completions/Game	20.00	47	4
Red Zone Defense	1.000	90	8	Ross Bowers, Completion Pct.	.645	55	5
First Downs Defense	33	44	4	Ross Bowers, Passing Yards	528	32	3
Net Punting	42.79	30	2	Ross Bowers, Passing Yards/Game	264.0	35	3
Punt Returns	6.00	73	4	Ross Bowers, Passing Yards/Completion	13.20	37	4
Punt Return Defense	4.67	59	5	Ross Bowers, Passing Yards/Attempt	8.52	41	3
Kickoff Returns	21.00	56	4	Ross Bowers, Total Offense	256.5	54	4
Kickoff Return Defense	18.33	57	6	Matt Ference, Punting	43.8	30	4
Turnover Margin	0.00	54	4	John Richardson, Field Goals/Game	1.00	50	5
Turnovers Gained	2	73	5	Marshé Terry, Fumbles Recovered	1	4	1
Turnovers Lost	2	29	1	Jalen McKie, Interceptions	1	21	2
Passes Had Intercepted	2	76	9	Jalen McKie, Interceptions/Game	0.50	24	2
Passes Intercepted	1	61	4	Kyle Pugh, Tackles for Loss	1.5	49	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1	1	Tyrice Richie, Receiving TDs	2	21	2
Fumbles Recovered	1	60	7	Daniel Crawford, Yards/Reception	20.67	43	2

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 FINAL INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	Ill. St	Utah	Neb	Vandy	Ball St	Ohio	Miami	Akron	CMU	Toledo	EMU	WMU
Bowers, Ross	5-(-10)-0	7-(-5)-1										
Childers, Marcus	DNP	1-2-0										
Harbison, Tre	23-99-0	6-32-0										
Jones, Marcus	2-2-0	1-1-0										
Nettles, Jordan	2-2-0	10-37-0										

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Ill. St	Utah	Neb	Vandy	Ball St	Ohio	Miami	Akron	CMU	Toledo	EMU	WMU
Brinkman, Mitchell	4-51-0	3-16-0										
Crawford, Daniel	3-75-0	3-49-0										
Harbison, Tre	1-11-0	1-(-3)-0										
Jones, Marcus	2-14-0	0-0-0										
Love, Michael	0-0-0	2-5-0										
Nettles, Jordan	0-0-0	1-(-3)-0										
Richie, Tyrice	3-102-2	5-42-0										
Robinson, Dennis	2-12-0	0-0-0										
Tears, Spencer	1-(-3)-0	5-112-1										
Thrower, Max	1-8-0	DNP										
Tucker, Cole	3-29-0	1-17-0										

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

Game	Ross Bowers	Marcus Childers
Illinois State	20-33-1, 299; 2	DNP
Utah	20-29-1, 229; 1	1-2-0, 6; 0
Nebraska		
Vanderbilt		
Ball State		
Ohio		
Miami		
Akron		
Central Michigan		
Toledo		
Eastern Michigan		
Western Michigan		

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

Cole Tucker
2-12, 8; 0
0-0, 0; 0

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

Game	Matt Ference
Illinois State	9-44.5, 3; 51
Utah	6-42.8, 1; 56
Nebraska	
Vanderbilt	
Ball State	
Ohio	
Miami	
Akron	
Central Michigan	
Toledo	
Eastern Michigan	
Western Michigan	

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

Marcus Jones
2-42, 27; 0
0-0, 0; 0

NIU FOOTBALL 2019 FINAL INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	IllSt.	Utah	Neb	Vandy	BallSt	Ohio	Miami	Akron	CMU	Toledo	EMU	WMU
Aitken, Mark	5-0-5, PBU	DNP										
Buirge, Adam	1-0-1	1-0-1										
Cole, Jordan	3-0-3	1-3-4										
Denton, Jawon	0-1-1	0-1-1										
Foster, Trayshon	1-2-3, .5TFL	0-4-4, .5TFL										
Griffin, Jeffrey	0-0-0	0-1-1										
Haney, Devin	0-0-0	6-3-9										
Heflin, Jack	1-3-4, 1.5TFL	0-1-1										
Hogans, Cortez	DNP	0-1-1										
Jones-Davis, Antonio	2-2-4 TFL	2-5-7, .5TFL PBU										
Kelly, Marcus	1-0-1, TFL	1-0-1										
Kennedy, Michael	0-0-0	0-1-1										
Kramer, Weston	0-3-3, .5TFL	1-1-2, .5TFL										
Labus, Vinny	0-0-0	0-1-1										
LeRoy, Ben	0-2-2	1-0-1										
Lorbeck, Matt	1-2-3	2-2-4, TFL										
March, Zhamaine	0-0-0	0-1-1										
McKie, Jalen	2-2-4, TFL INT-TD	1-3-4, PBU										
Parker, Kewan	0-0-0	0-1-1										
Pugh, Kyle	3-2-5, 1.5TFL	1-3-4 1.5TFL										
Rattin, Nick	0-0-0	0-1-1										
Smith, Trequan	0-1-1	0-1-1										
Starks, Jeron	1-0-1	0-0-0										
Taylor, Demond	0-0-0	0-2-2, .5TFL										
Terry, Marshé	3-0-3, FR	1-4-5, .5TFL										
Thomas, Dillon	0-0-0	0-1-1										
Walker, Antwain	0-0-0	DNP										
Williams, Mykelti	2-1-3	3-1-4										
Wynne, Quintin	1-1-2, QS TFL	4-0-4, TFL										

THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE TEAM...

RECORDED A SHUTOUT – 63-0 vs. Massachusetts (11-3-12)
 HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 34 vs. Akron (11-1-18)
 HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS – 34 vs. Akron (11-1-18)
 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 – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)
 SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)
 SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)
 SCORED 60 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)
 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 – 577 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)
 GAINED 600 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 653 at Ball State (10-1-16)
GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING – 67 vs. Utah (9-7-19)
 GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 338 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)
 GAINED 400 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 433 vs. Miami (10-18-14)
 THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 64 vs. Western Michigan (11-15-17)
 DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – at BYU (10-27-18)
 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 – 51 yards by Illinois State (8-31-19)
 HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 35 yards by Akron (11-1-18)
 HELD OPPONENT TO NEGATIVE YARDS RUSHING – (-11) at Miami (10-24-09)
 HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 29 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)
 HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)
 HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)
 HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 64 vs. Kent State (10-8-11)
 HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – at BYU (10-27-18)
 WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME – W, 26-23, 3OT vs. Eastern Michigan (9-29-18)

THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE OPPONENT...

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 35:05, vs. Buffalo, MAC Championship (11-30-18)
 RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 96 yards, Juwan Washington of San Diego State (9-30-17)
 RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 91 yards, LaVon Brazill of Ohio (11-21-09)
 RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 28 yards, Ja'don Rucker-Furlow of Miami (OH) (11-14-18)
 RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 60 yards, Dylan Boone of Murray State (9-12-15)
 SCORED A SAFETY – Iowa (9-1-18), tackled ballcarrier (Jordan Nettles) in end zone
 BLOCKED A PUNT – Mathew Sexton of Eastern Michigan (10-26-17)
 BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Mathew Sexton (block) / Jaron Johnson (recovered ball in end zone) of Eastern Michigan (10-26-17)
 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) – Alex McNulty of Buffalo, MAC Championship (11-30-18)
 SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES – Navy 16, NIU 0 (11-25-08)
SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF – 2nd, Utah (9-7-19)
 PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 373, Tyler Johnston III of UAB, Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (12-18-18)
 PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – 450, Jimmy Garoppolo of Eastern Illinois (9-21-13)
 RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 159, Jonathan Ward of Central Michigan (11-24-17)
 RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS – 220, Donnell Pumphrey of San Diego State (9-17-16)
 HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – 85, George Bollas of Kent State (11-25-16)
 TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS – 124, Devon Spalding and 105, Jahray Hayes of Central Michigan (10-15-16)
 HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 10, Diontae Johnson of Toledo (11-2-17)
HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 109, Taylor Grimes of Illinois State (8-31-19)
 HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 227, Xavier Ubosi of UAB, Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (12-18-18)

THE LAST TIME 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 (NOT BLOCKED) – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Jalen McKie (32 yards) vs. Illinois State (8-31-19)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Sutton Smith (85 yards) vs. Western Michigan (11-20-18)

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

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

A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS - WR D.J. Brown (5 yards to QB Marcus Childers) at Iowa (9-1-18)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Sutton Smith vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

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

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Sutton Smith (blocked, scooped and scored on 27-yard return) vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – Jack Heflin vs. Utah (9-8-18)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – Ben LeRoy at Akron (11-1-18)

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 – OT Max Scharping rush off lateral pass from Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Jauan Wesley (run failed) at Florida State (9-22-18)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Marcus Childers (300) vs. Buffalo, MAC Championship (11-30-18)

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

THREW FOUR OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME - Marcus Childers (4) vs. Buffalo, MAC Championships (11-30-18)

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

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Ross Bowers (74) to Spencer Tears (TD) vs. Utah (9-7-19)

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Ross Bowers (74) to Spencer Tears (TD) vs. Utah (9-7-19)

COMPLETED AN 80-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (81 yards) to Spencer Tears at San Diego State (9-30-17)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Tre Harbison (103) vs. Miami (OH) (11-14-18)

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

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

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – Marcus Jones (64) at Ball State (10-6-18)

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)

RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Tre Harbison, 3 games

(11-1-18 at Akron, 11-7-18 vs. Toledo, 11-14-18 vs. Miami)

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

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

TWO PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS IN THE SAME GAME – Tre Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

QB RUSHED FOR 150 YARDS OR MORE – Marcus Childers (169) vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

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

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Spencer Tears (112) vs. Utah (9-7-19)

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

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Tyrice Richie (102) vs. Illinois State (8-31-19)

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

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

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

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

HAD TWO OR MORE INTERCEPTIONS IN A GAME – Jalen McKie (2) at Akron (11-1-18)

SCORED A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD IN A GAME – Jordan Huff (1 rush, 1 receiving) vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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)

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
2	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	215	Sr.	3L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
2	Michael Love	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	HS	LaGrange Park, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
3	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	225	Sr.-R	3L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
3	Tyrice Richie	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	JC	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City [KS] CC)
4	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-11	220	Sr.-R	3L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
5	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	225	So.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
6	Rodney Hall	WR	6-2	220	So.-R	1L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
7	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
7	Marshé Terry	S	6-4	220	Sr.-R	GTR	Columbus, N.J. (N. Burlington/Connecticut)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	6-0	200	Sr.-R	2L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Iowa Western CC)
9	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-4	250	Jr.	2L	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
9	Mohamed Toure	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
10	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	Sr.-R	3L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
10	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
11	Mariano Valenti	QB	6-1	205	Fr.	HS	Rochester, Mich. (St. Thomas Aquinas [Fla.]
11	Trayshon Foster	S	6-0	205	Sr.-R	3L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
12	Devin Haney	CB	6-1	180	So.	1L	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
12	Ross Bowers	QB	6-2	200	Sr.-R	GTR	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)
13	Joseph Bonds	LB	6-2	215	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
13	Leon Payne	WR	5-10	175	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
14	Jimmy Lowery	K	5-8	220	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (American Heritage)
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-1	195	Sr.-R	3L	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
15	Dillon Thomas	S	6-2	185	So.-R	1L	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-1	215	Jr.-R	2L	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
16	Bryce Carey	QB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Middleton, Wis. (Middleton)
16	J.D. Harris	CB	5-10	170	Fr.-R	RS	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)
17	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	225	So.-R	1L	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
17	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-2	215	So.-R	1L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	190	So.-R	1L	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
18	Kewan Parker	LB	5-10	220	Fr.-R	RS	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR	5-11	195	Fr.-R	RS	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
19	Tom Trieb	DE	6-1	260	Fr.	HS	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Buffalo Grove)
20	Zhamaine March	CB	5-8	175	So.	1L	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep)
20	Rondarius Gregory	TB	5-7	190	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	190	Sr.-R	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)
21	Tyrik Henderson	S	5-11	185	Fr.	PS	Carol Stream, Ill. (Glenbard North/St. Thomas More Prep)
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	215	Jr.-R	2L	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
23	Jalen McKie	CB	5-8	180	So.-R	1L	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
24	Trequan Smith	S	6-0	195	Sr.-R	3L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
25	Cortez Hogans	DE	6-3	245	So.	1L	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
26	Antwain Walker	CB	6-1	190	So.	1L	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)
27	Mark Aitken	CB	5-9	180	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
28	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	180	So.-R	1L	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
28	Tommy Brunner	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	Sr.-R	3L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB	5-8	180	Fr.-R	RS	Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow)
31	Justin Clark	S	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Ill. (Oswego East)
32	Brett Bostad	TE/FB	6-0	235	Fr.-R	RS	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)
32	Brianjay Ross	S	5-11	185	Fr.-R	RS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
33	Danny Walker	LB	6-2	230	So.-R	Sq	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
34	Reggie Jennings	DE	6-1	220	Fr.-R	RS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Brookfield Central)
34	Malik Winston	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Mount Horeb, Wis. (Mount Horeb)
35	Romel Goston	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Raby)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
93	Erik Abrell	LS
27	Mark Aitken	CB
13	Joseph Bonds	LB
32	Brett Bostad	TE/FB
12	Ross Bowers	QB
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE
28	Tommy Brunner	DE
29	Adam Buirge	S
16	Bryce Carey	QB
48	Michael Cerniglia	TE/FB
15	Marcus Childers	QB
31	Justin Clark	S
45	Jordan Cole	LB
70	Marques Cox	OL
88	Daniel Crawford	TE/FB
80	Mike DeHaan	TE/FB
95	Jawon Denton	DE
2	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB
39	Joshua Earl	S
75	Leif Engstrand	OL
94	James Ester	DT
36	Matt Ference	P
11	Trayshon Foster	S
17	Rayshawn Gay	LB
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR
35	Romel Goston	CB
42	Andrew Gregory	LB
20	Rondarius Gregory	TB
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL
6	Rodney Hall	WR
12	Devin Haney	CB
22	Tre Harbison	TB
51	Nathan Harman	LB
41	Camari Harris	LB
16	J.D. Harris	CB
71	Isaac Hawn	OL
98	Jack Heflin	DT
21	Tyrik Henderson	S
25	Cortez Hogans	DE
37	Jace Hohenhaner	P
34	Reggie Jennings	DE
21	Marcus Jones	TB
4	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB
96	Marcus Kelly	DT
5	Michael Kennedy	DE
55	Weston Kramer	DT
50	Vinny Labus	LB
99	Ben LeRoy	DT
44	Corey Lersch	TE/FB
79	J.J. Lippe	OL
9	Matt Lorbeck	DE
2	Michael Love	WR
14	Jimmy Lowery	K
47	Dylan Lozeau	TE/FB
20	Zhamaine March	CB
58	Cam Mattox	DE
10	Fabian McCray	WR
23	Jalen McKie	CB
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR
28	Jordan Nettles	TB
53	Michael Newman	LB
46	Shaquan Oliver	FB
61	Benn Olson	OL

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NUMERICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
37	Jeron Starks	TE/FB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (King College Prep)
37	Jace Hohenthanner	P	6-5	180	Fr.	HS	Lakeland, Fla. (Lakeland)
38	Nick Rattin	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	190	Fr.-R	RS	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
39	Joshua Earl	S	6-1	190	Fr.-R	RS	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
40	Walter Riley	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
41	Camari Harris	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Bishop Luers)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-2	220	Jr.-R	2L	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
43	Thomas Peterson	LS	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
44	Corey Lersch	TE/FB	6-3	240	Jr.-R	2L	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	215	So.-R	1L	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
46	Shaquan Oliver	FB	5-10	225	Sr.-R	TR	Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)
47	Dylan Lozeau	TE/FB	6-1	235	Fr.	HS	Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)
48	Michael Cerniglia	TE/FB	6-3	245	Fr.	HS	Madison, Wis. (Memorial)
49	Nick Rempert	S	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
50	Vinny Labus	LB	6-1	225	So.-R	1L	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
51	Nathan Harman	LB	5-11	225	Fr.-R	RS	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello)
53	Michael Newman	LB	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-5	285	Jr.-R	2L	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	290	Jr.	2L	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-5	300	Jr.-R	2L	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
58	Cam Mattox	DE	6-2	225	Fr.	HS	Markham, Ill. (Hillcrest)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	300	Jr.-R	2L	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Christopher Perez Jr.	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	1L	Shawnee, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas/Butler CC)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	300	Jr.-R	1L	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-5	320	Sr.-R	3L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL	6-1	290	Fr.-R	RS	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-6	285	Fr.-R	RS	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-6	305	Fr.-R	RS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	2L	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	305	Sr.-R	3L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
73	Andrew Starr	OL	6-4	300	Sr.-R	GTR	Norwalk, Conn. (Brien McMahon/Sacred Heart)
75	Leif Engstrand	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	HS	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)
76	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	315	Fr.	HS	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-7	300	So.-R	RS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
80	Mike DeHaan	TE/FB	6-5	250	Fr.-R	RS	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew)
81	Matt Pollack	WR	6-0	190	Fr.-R	RS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln Way Central)
82	Tristen Tewes	TE/FB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)
83	Liam Soraghan	TE/FB	6-7	250	So.-R	1L	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
84	Messiah Travis	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	180	Jr.-R	2L	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE/FB	6-4	240	Jr.-R	2L	Detroit, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE/FB	6-2	250	Sr.-R	2L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	Jr.-R	2L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
90	Caleb Wright	DT	6-3	250	Fr.-R	RS	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT	6-0	285	Fr.-R	RS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
92	A.J. Taylor	DT	6-0	290	Sr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray St.]
93	Erik Abrell	LS	6-1	225	So.-R	1L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/W. Illinois)
94	James Ester	DT	6-2	265	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
95	Jawon Denton	DE	6-2	215	So.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-4	275	Sr.-R	3L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
97	Demond Taylor	DT	6-2	290	Fr.	HS	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-4	310	Jr.-R	2L	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-3	285	Sr.	3L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
18	Kewan Parker	LB
58	Brayden Patton	OL
13	Leon Payne	WR
62	Christopher Perez Jr.	OL
43	Thomas Peterson	LS
81	Matt Pollack	WR
69	Nolan Potter	OL
3	Kyle Pugh	LB
38	Nick Rattin	LB
49	Nick Rempert	S
39	John Richardson	K
3	Tyrice Richie	WR
40	Walter Riley	LB
17	Dennis Robinson	WR
32	Brianjay Ross	S
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL
24	Trequan Smith	S
83	Liam Soraghan	TE/FB
37	Jeron Starks	TE/FB
73	Andrew Starr	OL
72	Jordan Steckler	OL
92	A.J. Taylor	DT
97	Demond Taylor	DT
14	Spencer Tears	WR
7	Marshé Terry	S
82	Tristen Tewes	TE/FB
15	Dillon Thomas	S
7	Anthony Thompson	QB
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE/FB
9	Mohamed Toure	WR
84	Messiah Travis	WR
19	Tom Trieb	DE
18	Cole Tucker	WR
11	Mariano Valenti	QB
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB
65	Nathan Veloz	OL
26	Antwain Walker	CB
33	Danny Walker	LB
54	Austin Warner	OL
77	Cole Webster	OL
8	Mykelti Williams	S
34	Malik Winston	RB
90	Caleb Wright	DT
10	Quintin Wynne	DE
76	Logan Zschernitz	OL

KEY: RS -- Has already used a redshirt season.

Sq -- Squad member.

L -- Letterman.

HS -- High School.

WO -- Walk-on (new).

TR -- Transfer.

GTR -- Grad Transfer.

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DEPTH CHART (NEBRASKA GAME)

OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
QB	12	Ross Bowers	6-2	200	Sr.-R	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)
	15	Marcus Childers	6-1	215	Jr.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
TB	22	Tre Harbison	5-11	215	Jr.-R	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
	28	Jordan Nettles	5-9	180	So.-R	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
OR	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	190	Sr.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
TE	89	Mitchell Brinkman	6-3	254	Jr.-R	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
	88	Daniel Crawford	6-2	250	Sr.-R	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
WR	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)
	9	Mohamed Toure	6-2	195	Fr.	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
WR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	190	So.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	2	Michael Love	5-9	180	Fr.	LaGrange Park, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
WR	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	214	Fr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
	14	Spencer Tears	6-1	195	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
LT	73	Andrew Starr	6-4	300	Sr.-R	Norwalk, Conn. (Brien McMahon/Sacred Heart)
	70	Marques Cox	6-6	305	Fr.-R	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
LG	61	Benn Olson	6-4	300	Jr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
	76	Logan Zschernitz	6-3	315	Fr.	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)
C	62	Christopher Perez, Jr.	6-1	295	Sr.	Shawnee, Kansas (St. Thomas Aquinas/Butler CC)
	54	Austin Warner	6-5	285	Jr.-R	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
RG	58	Brayden Patton	6-5	300	Jr.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
	65	Nathan Veloz	6-5	320	Sr.-R	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
RT	72	Jordan Steckler	6-5	305	Sr.-R	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	310	Jr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)

DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DE	9	Matt Lorbeck	6-4	250	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
	96	Marcus Kelly	6-4	275	Sr.-R	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
DT	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	290	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	99	Ben Leroy	6-3	285	Sr.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
DT	98	Jack Heflin	6-4	310	Jr.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
	97	Demond Taylor	6-2	290	Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)
DE	10	Quintin Wynne	6-1	240	Sr.-R	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
	5	Michael Kennedy	6-1	225	So.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
OLB	4	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-11	220	Sr.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
	38	Nick Rattin	6-2	205	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)
MLB	3	Kyle Pugh	6-0	225	Sr.-R	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	50	Vinny Labus	6-1	225	So.-R	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
OLB	45	Jordan Cole	6-2	215	So.-R	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
	18	Kewan Parker	5-10	220	Fr.-R	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)
CB	23	Jalen McKie	5-8	180	So.-R	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
	16	J.D. Harris	5-10	170	Fr.-R	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)
S	11	Trayshon Foster	6-0	205	Sr.-R	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
	24	Trequan Smith	6-0	195	Sr.-R	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
S	7	Marshé Terry	6-4	220	Sr.-R	Columbus, N.J. (North Burlington/Connecticut)
	8	Mykelti Williams	6-0	200	Sr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western)
CB	12	Devin Haney	6-1	180	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
	26	Antwain Walker	6-1	190	So.	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)

SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	37	Jace Hohenthanner	6-5	180	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lakeland)
PK	39	John Richardson	5-11	190	Fr.-R	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
	14	Jimmy Lowery	5-8	220	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (American Heritage)
KO	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	39	John Richardson	5-11	190	Fr.-R	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
LS	93	Erik Abrell	6-1	225	So.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
	43	Thomas Peterson	6-3	250	Fr.	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
HO	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	190	So.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
PR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	190	So.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	2	Michael Love	5-9	180	Fr.	LaGrange Park, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
KR	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	190	Sr.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
	28	Jordan Nettles	5-9	180	So.-R	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Name	Pronunciation
Erik ABRELL	AY-brull
Tommy BRUNNER	BREW-ner
Adam BUIRGE	BURJ
Michael CERNIGLIA	chur-NEE-lee-uh
Marcus CHILDERS	CHILL-ders
MARQUES Cox	Marcus
Mike DEHAAN	duh-HAWN
Lance DEVEAUX Jr.	duh-VOE
LIEF ENGSTRAND	LEAF ANG-strand
Matt FERENCE	FARE-ents
ROMEL GOSTON	roe-MELL GO-stin
RONDARIUS Gregory	ron-DARE-ee-us
Ezekiel GUETHS	uh-ZEEK-ee-ul GEETS
TRE Harbison	TRAY
CAMARI Harris	kuh-MAR-ee
Isaac HAWN	(rhymes with Yawn)
TYRIK Henderson	tie-REEK
CORTEZ Hogans	core-TEZ
Jace HOHENTHANNER	HOE-en-THAY-ner
Vinny LABUS	LAY-buss
Ben LEROY	LEE-roy
Corey LERSCH	Lersh
J.J. LIPPE	LIP-ee
Dylan LOZEAU	LOE-zoh
ZHAMAIN March	juh-MAIN
Jalen MCKIE	mih-KEE
JYRAN Mitchell	JIE-ren
KEWAN Parker	KEY-wahn
Nick RATTIN	ruh-TEEN
TYRICE Richie	tie-REESE
Owen ROZUMALSKI	roz-uh-MOLL-skee
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