

NIU FOOTBALL 28

2020 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

2020 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Wed., Nov. 4	BUFFALO* (ESPN2)	L, 49-30
Wed., Nov. 11	CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (ESPNU)	L, 40-10
Wed., Nov. 18	at Ball State* (ESPNU)	6 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 28	at Western Michigan* (TBD)	TBA
Sat., Dec. 5	TOLEDO* (TBD)	TBA
Sat., Dec. 12	at Eastern Michigan* (TBD)	TBA
Fri., Dec. 18	MAC Championship (TBD)	TBA
	<i>Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.</i>	

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 - 6 PM CT
Muncie, Indiana • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)



BALL STATE

1-0
1-0
Mike Neu
Ball State '94
16-34/5th
Same



NIU

Overall Record	0-2
Conference Record	0-2
Head Coach	Thomas Hammock
Alma Mater	NIU '02
Career Record/Year	5-9/2nd
School Record/Year	Same

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Thomas Hammock
Alma Mater/Year.....	NIU '02
Record at NIU/Years.....	5-9/2nd
Career Record/Years.....	Same
Basic Offense/Defense.....	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
2019 Record/MAC Record/Finish.....	5-7/4-4/3rd
All-Time Record.....	592-503-51
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.....	34/35
Starters Returning.....	14 (6 offense, 5 defense, 3 specialists)
Starters Lost.....	11 (5 offense, 6 defense)

NIU FACTS

Location.....	DeKalb, Illinois
Founded.....	1895
Enrollment.....	16,769
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
Acting President.....	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director.....	Sean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year.....	Alabama '92
Tickets.....	815-753-PACK (7225)



HUSKIE BITES

The NIU Huskies hit the road for the first time in this six-game regular season when they travel to Muncie, Indiana to take on Mid-American Conference West Division foe Ball State in the annual Battle for the Bronze Stalk.

NIU will look to reclaim the Bronze Stalk Trophy, which was created as a tribute to the rural areas surrounding both schools' hometowns in 2008. After falling in the initial Trophy game, NIU won the next 10 games in the series before Ball State broke the Huskies' winning streak with a seven-point win in DeKalb a year ago.

The Huskies started six freshmen - including five true freshmen - on defense last week and 18 true freshmen have seen action for NIU so far this season. There are 17 true freshmen and nine redshirt freshmen on the Huskies' two-deep versus Ball State.

NIU graduate Thomas Hammock, a two-time first team Academic All-American who rushed for over 1,000 yards to lead the Huskies in both 2000 and 2001, is in his second season as head coach at his alma mater. Prior to returning to NIU, he served as running backs for the Baltimore Ravens for five seasons.

One of two senior starters on the NIU defense, linebacker Kyle Pugh made 14 tackles and a career-high 1.5 quarterback sacks versus Central Michigan, the most for the sixth-year senior since the 2017 season opener (Sept. 1) when he had a career high 17 stops versus Boston College.

After playing back-to-back home games to open the season, NIU will play three of its last four games on the road in 2020.

With 151 yards on five kickoff returns versus Buffalo, freshman Trayvon Rudolph surpassed the total kickoff return yards compiled by the Huskie TEAM in 12 games in 2019. His current 26.6-yard KOR average leads all FBS freshman and ranks 12th nationally while his 177.5 all-purpose yards per game rank ninth.

Over the last 10 years, NIU has been one of the most successful "Group of Five" teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision with four MAC Championships (most recently in 2018) and 10 bowl appearances in the last 12 years. NIU played in seven of the 10 MAC title games between 2010-19.



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WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

- NIU will host a weekly Zoom video conference with Thomas Hammock and several Huskie players throughout the season.
- All press conferences will be virtual in 2020.
- The press conference prior to the Ball State game will be Friday, November 13, at 1 p.m. CT.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications staff for the Zoom link.
- See a recording of the weekly press conference later in the day on the NIU Athletics YouTube Channel.

NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY

- During the #MAcAction portion of the schedule (first three games), Huskie players and coaches are available for telephone or video interviews Friday through Monday.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange either all interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for interview requests so that times can be arranged.
- Contact Joe Summins (players and assistant coaches) or Donna Turner (head coach) to arrange interviews.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

- During the #MAcAction portion of the schedule (first three games), the primary practice days will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- Media may watch/shoot the first 30 minutes of practice.
- Please contact the NIU Athletics Communications for specific times.

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.

ZOOM LINKS AVAILABLE

- During the 2020 football season, video of weekly and postgame press conferences from MAC teams are available for download via DropBox.
- Media should contact Donna Turner (donnaturner@niu.edu) or MAC Assistant Commissioner Jeremy Guy (jguy@mac-sports.com) for the link.
- NIU Weekly and Postgame Press Conferences will also be available to view on NIU Athletics' YouTube Channel.

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THIS WEEK'S GAME

TROPHY GAME: For the 13th consecutive year, NIU and Ball State will play for "The Bronze Stalk," a traveling trophy designed specifically for this rivalry in honor of the farming community locales of both institutions. DeKalb artist Renee Bemis designed the trophy, which depicts a cornstalk. In 12 Bronze Stalk games, NIU is 10-2. Ball State's 27-20 win in 2019 gave the Cardinals the Stalk for the first time in 10 years.

SERIES HISTORY: NIU leads the all-time series with Ball State 24-21-2, and the Huskies have won 10 of the last 11 games between the teams. Ball State snapped NIU's 10-game winning streak – the longest such streak in series history – with a 27-20 victory at Huskie Stadium last year. NIU has won 17 of the 21 games with Ball State since 1999, with the Cardinals winning 16 of 17 games between 1974-98.

THE LAST MEETING: A year ago, Ball State scored 27 consecutive points over the final three quarters to claim the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the first time in 11 years with a 27-20 win at Huskie Stadium. NIU turned the ball over three times in the second half after taking a 17-3 halftime lead. Huskie tailback Tre Harbison ran for 146 yards on 22 carries with two touchdowns, and tallied 123 carries in the first half. Ball State took the lead on a 45-yard touchdown run by Caleb Huntley, who ran for 157 yards in the game.

LAST WEEK: Central Michigan extended a 9-0 halftime lead with 17 third-quarter points and went on to a 40-10 win over NIU at Huskie Stadium on Wednesday, November 11. The Huskies could not get on the board until John Richardson hit a 45-yard field goal with 8:23 to play. Back-up quarterback Andrew Haidet hit Dennis Robinson with a 31-yard touchdown pass in the games final seconds. NIU managed just 74 rushing yards on 33 carries and turned the ball over twice.

HUSKIE HOOSIERS: Four members of the 2020 NIU football team hail from the Hoosier State, including a pair of starters. Center Brayden Patton attended Edgewood High School in Ellettsville, Indiana (his parents have since moved), while freshman linebacker Daven Rayner came to NIU out of Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. Redshirt sophomore J.D. Harris, who has seen action on NIU special teams in 2020, is from Columbus, Indiana while freshman wide receiver Jeremiah Howard signed with NIU out of Merrillville.

HOOSIER COACH: The Huskie ties to Indiana go beyond the roster as NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock was raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana and came to NIU as a player out of Bishop Luers High School, while NIU defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator Jordan Gigli is also a Fort Wayne and Bishop Luers product.

NIU ON THE MAC ROAD: After posting a 2-2 mark in MAC road games last year, the Huskies are 21-7 in conference road games since 2013 and 84-93-1 all-time in league games away from Huskie Stadium. In 2019, NIU picked up MAC wins at Ohio and Toledo, while dropping contests at Miami and Central Michigan. Three of NIU's four MAC road games were decided by three points (each).

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: NIU is 156-107-2 all-time in Mid-American Conference play. The Huskies are 120-62 (.659) in league action since re-joining the MAC in 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 65-17 against the MAC with three undefeated campaigns, two one-loss seasons, six-straight division championships and seven overall during that stretch. The Huskies are in their 35th season as a member of the Mid-American Conference in 2020-21, including an initial stint in the league from 1975-85.

NIU VS. MAC WEST: Since the MAC went to divisional play in 1997, NIU is 74-45 versus teams from the MAC West, including a 37-14 mark in the division since 2010. The Huskies went 2-3 against divisional foes last season with losses to Central Michigan, Ball State and Eastern Michigan, and wins over Toledo and Western Michigan. NIU dropped its first MAC West game of the season to CMU last week.

MIDWEEK MACTION: NIU is 23-8 in league games played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays since 2010, including a 10-3 mark in MAcAction road games. The last MAcAction match-up between NIU and Ball State was in 2017 as the game has been played in October in five of the last six years.

LEADER OF THE MAC: NIU has been the winningest team in the Mid-American Conference since 2010 with 91 wins to go with a league-leading .664 winning percentage. The Huskies made seven trips to the conference championship game in the last 10 years (2010-19) and won four MAC titles (2011, 2012, 2014, 2018). Add eight bowl games, and the Huskies have played 136 games since 2010.

MAC W-L Records Since 2010

Team	W	L
NIU	91	46
Toledo	86	44
Ohio	81	51
Western Michigan	69	60
Bowling Green	58	74
Central Michigan	58	71
Ball State	53	70
Buffalo	55	70
Miami	49	78
Kent State	45	78
Eastern Michigan	40	85
Akron	37	88

LAND OF LINCOLN LEADERS: Since 2010, NIU is the winningest football program among the state of Illinois' Division I football programs. Over that time, the Huskies are 1-1 versus their fellow FBS programs with a 2014 win over Northwestern and a 2010 loss to Illinois. With eight bowl games and seven MAC Championship game appearances in the last nine years, NIU has also played more games, 136, than any other school in the state.

Illinois' Division I Schools Since 2010

Team	W	L	Pct.
NIU*	91	46	.664
Illinois State	78	48	.619
Northwestern*	75	56	.573
Eastern Illinois	51	66	.436
Southern Illinois*	49	64	.434
Western Illinois	49	69	.415
Illinois*	46	81	.362

*Includes 2020 games

ONCE A HUSKIE....: 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 team as an FBS program, and the first overall 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.

FROM PLAYER TO COACH: A four-year letterwinner at tailback who earned first team Academic All-American honors from CoSIDA in 2000 and 2001, Thomas Hammock gained 2,423 yards rushing in 32 games in his NIU career, which still ranks 13th all-time in Huskie history. He was a first team All-MAC selection in 2000 and 2001 after back-to-back 1,000-yard campaigns. Hammock's playing career was cut short after the first game of his senior season when he was diagnosed with a heart condition. He was replaced in the line-up by a familiar name, future NFL All-Pro Michael Turner.

NEW NAMES: With 57 new names on the 2020 NIU roster, including freshmen and transfers, you really can't tell the Huskies without a program this year. The newcomers outnumber the returnees 57-55 with 34 returning letterwinners. Of the 57 new faces, 47 are true freshmen, four come to NIU from the junior college ranks, three are grad transfers, one is an undergrad transfer from a four-year school and two are non-freshmen walk-ons.

FROSH FACES: Six true freshmen have cracked the starting line-up for NIU through the first two games with linebacker Daveren Rayner making his starting debut versus Central Michigan. The Huskies started five true freshmen on defense against CMU with Rayner joining defensive ends Pierce Oppong and Raishein Thomas and safeties Jordan Hansen and Devin Lafayette in the line-up. Offensively, Trayvon Rudolph

FOLLOW THE HUSKIES

TV: NIU-BALL STATE ON ESPNEWS

- The NIU-Ball State game was moved to ESPN due to ESPN coverage of the NBA Draft.
- The Huskies will play on ESPN for just the second time. In NIU's only previous appearance on the network, Utah handed the Huskies a 17-6 defeat in Huskie Stadium on Sept. 8, 2018.
- Clay Matvick (play-by-play) and Rocky Boiman (color analyst) will call the game.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network broadcast for the Ball State game begins at 5:30 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 begins his 41st season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 35th consecutive season, while Andy Garcia is in his eighth season on the NIU sidelines.

NIU WEEKLY ON YOUTUBE

- The show features interviews with football coach Thomas Hammock, other NIU coaches and guests.
- Watch new episodes on the NIU Athletics YouTube Channel every Wednesday.
- Andy Garcia and NIU Director of Athletics Sean T. Frazier host the show.

NIU ATHLETICS ON YOUTUBE

- See weekly and post-game press conferences, video features, highlights of past games and more.
- Subscribe for FREE and click the bell to be notified every time NIU posts a new video.
- Search "NIU Athletics" on YouTube.com to find the channel.

GETTING SOCIAL

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

2020 MAC PRESEASON POLLS

MEDIA			COACHES		
WEST			WEST		
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.		Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	
1. Central Michigan (10)	119		1. Toledo (4)	54	
2. Toledo (7)	118		2. Western Michigan (2)	53	
3. Ball State (4)	93		3. Central Michigan (5)	52	
4. Western Michigan (3)	89		4. Ball State (1)	50	
5. Eastern Michigan	46		5. Eastern Michigan	22	
6. NIU	39		6. NIU	21	
EAST			EAST		
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.		Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	
1. Buffalo (19)	135		1. Miami (6)	64	
2. Miami (3)	107		2. Buffalo (4)	58	
3. Ohio (1)	101		3. Ohio (1)	48	
4. Kent State (1)	85		4. Kent State	42	
5. Bowling Green	50		5. Bowling Green	23	
6. Akron	26		6. Akron (1)	17	

2020 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Cardinals
20.0	Points/G	34.5
5 (3-2)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	8 (6-2)
39	First Downs	56
320.5	Total Yards/G	507.0
115.0	Rush Yards/G	236.5
205.5	Pass Yards/G	270.5
7	Turnovers Lost	3
35:02	Time of Possession/G	28:40
24% (7-29)	3rd Down Conversions	46% (13-28)
33% (2-6)	4th Down Conversions	100% (3-3)
39.9	Net Punting Avg.	42.6
26.6	Kickoff Return Avg.	23.7
0.0	Punt Return Avg.	-0.5
12-55	Penalties-Yards/G	7-44.1
100% (4-4)	Red Zone Scores	86% (6-7)
100% (4-4)	Red Zone TDs	71% (5-7)
44.5	Points Allowed/G	34.5
9 (5-4)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	9 (5-4)
30	First Downs Allowed	48
395.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	449.5
181.5	Rush Yards/G Allowed	180.5
213.5	Pass Yards/G Allowed	269.0
20% (4-20)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	35% (8-23)
60% (3-5)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	50% (2-4)
3	Turnovers Gained	2

BY THE NUMBERS

- .664 Winning percentage for the Huskies since 2010, tops among all Illinois Division I schools
- 0 Worn by linebacker Jordan Cole and quarterback Rodney Thompson
- 2 New assistant coaches join NIU's staff as Dan Jackson and Nic McKissic-Luke join the team as cornerbacks and running backs coach, respectively.
- 4 Indiana natives on NIU's 2020 roster
- 10 Huskies, six on defense, who made their first career starts in the season opener
- 14 Returning starters for the Huskies in 2020
- 18 True freshmen listed on two-deep,
- 41.4 School-best career punt average by senior Matt Ference
- 53 Huskies from the state of Illinois on the 2020 roster
- 57 Newcomers on this year's squad
- 117 Seasons of college football played by NIU
- 293 Kickoff return yards by freshman Trayvon Rudolph, topping last year's total of 141
- 1,146 Games played all-time by the Huskies
- 2,432 Career rushing yards for head coach Thomas Hammock (1999-2002) to rank 13th at NIU



made his first start in the season opener versus Buffalo. They lead a group of 18 true freshmen who have seen action for NIU so far this season.

RUN RUN RUDOLPH: Freshman wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph, a preferred walk-on who was awarded a scholarship during preseason practices, has returned 11 kickoffs for 293 yards. His 151 KOR yards on five returns versus Buffalo surpassed the **total** kickoff return yards collected by the Huskie team in 2019 (141 on 12 returns). His 26.6-yard average leads all FBS freshman and ranks 12th nationally. He has also averaged 20.7 yards on three catches in 2020. Rudolph's 177.5 all-purpose yards per game ranks ninth in the nation in that category.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: There are 17 true freshmen, nine redshirt freshmen and four newcomers on the Huskies' depth chart for the Ball State game. Of the 66 players who have seen action in either of NIU's two games to date, 18 are true freshmen, 10 are redshirt freshmen and 13 are sophomores (redshirt or true) for a total of 41. In addition, five newcomers in their first season at NIU, including two at the quarterback position, have played in the Huskies' first two games.

PLAYING TOUGH: There have been encouraging signs from the Huskies' youthful defense that show up in the unit's comparative statistics. Through two games, NIU is holding opponents to a 20 percent third down conversion percentage (four of 20) which leads the nation (as of 11/14). Buffalo was 3-of-9 on third down conversions and CMU converted just 1-of-11 third down tries. NIU is also 11th nationally in fewest first downs allowed (30 through two games) and 17th in red zone defense.

SEVEN SENIORS: The seven freshmen (5 true, 2 redshirt) and two newcomers (TB Erin Collins, CB Jordan Gandy) in NIU's starting line-up to date have been joined by seven seniors. On offense, quarterback Ross Bowers, receiver Tyrice Richie, tight end Daniel Crawford and offensive linemen Benn Olson and Brayden Patton have a combined 62 starts at NIU, led by Patton's 21. Defensive tackle Weston Kramer is the most experienced Huskie returnee overall with 26 career starts, while linebacker Kyle Pugh has started 21 games in his NIU career.

GOOD AS NEW: After missing the last 10 games of the 2019 season due to injury, sixth-year senior linebacker Kyle Pugh made 14 tackles versus Central Michigan, the most for the Chicago native since the 2017 season opener (Sept. 1) when he had a career high 17 stops versus Boston College. His 1.5 quarterback sacks in the CMU game were also a career best. Pugh made 106 stops and earned second team All-MAC honors in 2018.

RICHEL ROLLS: With 16 catches in the Huskies' first two games, senior wide receiver Tyrice Richie leads the MAC and is already halfway to his 2019 total of 32 grabs. Richie had a career day versus Buffalo with nine catches for 106 yards to lead the Huskies and record the second 100-yard game of his career. Last week versus CMU, he added seven grabs for 70 yards and his 176 receiving yards on the year are almost 100 more than any other Huskie receiver. Richie caught 32 passes for 415 yards in 2019 and led all NIU receivers with four touchdown catches.

WALK-ON U: Of the 110 players on the Huskies 2020 roster, 42 are currently or began their careers at NIU as walk-ons. The list includes players like senior punter Matt

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

Five Huskies are on active NFL rosters in 2020, led by 49ers safety Jimmie Ward, coming off a Super Bowl season in 2019, and Detroit Lions wide receiver Kenny Golladay. Veteran corner Rashaan Melvin has opted out of the 2020 season, while Tommy Lee Lewis returned to the New Orleans Saints as a member of the practice squad and 2019 NIU senior Jordan Steckler was signed to the Patriots' practice squad on October 27.

National Football League

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

New Orleans Saints.....	Tommy Lee Lewis (WR)-PS
New England Patriots.....	Jordan Steckler (OL)-PS
Jacksonville Jaguars.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)-NWT



Ference, set to break nearly every NIU career record for punting, starters Nick Rattin (LB), Brett Bostad (FB), Trayvon Rudolph (WR) and more. NIU has a long tradition of successful walk-ons, like 2010 MAC MVP Chad Spann and eight-year NFL veteran Rashaan Melvin.

SIXTH SENSE: The Huskies 2020 roster includes a trio of players in their sixth year of college football. Linebacker Kyle Pugh has spent all six seasons at NIU with both his 2017 and 2019 years cut short in the first third of the year due to injury after a redshirt season in 2015. Tight end Daniel Crawford also redshirted in 2015 and then missed the entire 2018 campaign due to a knee injury suffered the previous spring. Quarterback Ross Bowers begins his sixth year and his second at NIU after arriving as a grad transfer last season.

QUICK HITS: NIU's 26 first downs in the Buffalo game were the most by the Huskies since the 2018 Akron game, a span of 17 games... after surrendering 144 rushing yards on 19 carries in the first half versus the Bulls, NIU held Buffalo to 38 yards on 15 carries in the second half... the Huskies have been outscored 38-0 in the third quarter this year.

HUSKIE CONNECTIONS: Linebacker Nick Rattin, a Fremd (Illinois) High School product, is at NIU thanks to a connection from head coach Thomas Hammock's Huskie playing days. Fremd head coach Lou Sponsel was a fullback for NIU during Hammock's freshman year. When Hammock returned as head coach, he got a call from Sponsel recommending Rattin, who walked on to the NIU program last June (2019), and became a starter midway through the season due to injuries. Rattin, who has since been awarded a scholarship, has played nearly every snap this season at middle linebacker and is tied with Kyle Pugh for the team lead with 16 tackles.

NEW FACES: The 2020 Huskie coaching staff includes a pair of new faces in Dan Jackson and Nic McKissic-Luke. Dan Jackson took over as NIU's cornerbacks coach after eight seasons at South Dakota State. He also shares special teams coordinator duties with Aaron Wilkins, who moved from cornerbacks to tight ends. Tony Sorrentino went from tight ends to wide receivers for 2020, while McKissic-Luke came on to coach the NIU running backs after four years at Youngstown State.

43: That was the yardage total for the Huskies' leading returning rusher in 2020 after transfers, opt outs and graduation forced a "re-set" of the running backs room. Those departures left redshirt freshman Rondarius Gregory as NIU's only returning rusher with a grand total of nine carries for 43 yards.

ON THE VERGE: Senior punter Matt Ference, whose 41.32 yard punting average ranks first on the Huskie career charts, needs 12 punts and 148 yards to add the career records for punts and punting yards to his résumé. A four-year starter, Ference has punted 246 times for 10,165 yards in 41 games while also serving as NIU's holder. Ference also holds the single season marks for punts and punting yards.

10K MAN: With 10,165 punting yards, Matt Ference's yardage total ranks second in the nation among active punters behind Northwestern's Derek Adams (prior to this weekend's games). His 246 punts are also second among active players. All three of the FBS' active career leaders play in Illinois with Blake Hayes of Illinois the only other punter with more than 10,000 career yards.

BRINGING THE JUICE: With very few fans in the stands in 2020, NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock created the "Juice Committee," a group of players and coaches charged with amping up the volume during practices and games in 2020.

At each practice, one player wears the yellow "Juice" jersey, given to the player who brought the most energy to practice the previous day.

During practices and games, NIU staff bang a large drum for big plays on offense or defense.

After touchdowns or turnovers, players can head to the Huskie "photo booth" on the sidelines where a team photographer will take their picture after touchdowns or turnovers.

Of course, there is the Huskie version of the "turnover chain" with the fumble recoverer or interceptor donning a large dog bone necklace.

HUSKIE VETERAN, LITERALLY: The Huskie who took the most unusual route to NIU is senior Greg DeLuca. The 28-year-old fullback, who walked on to the Huskie team in January as a grad transfer, spent six years in the Navy as a member of SEAL Team 10 and Special Reconnaissance Team 2 and was deployed to East Africa, West Africa, Kuwait and South America. Prior to that, DeLuca was a two-sport athlete at Duke where he played on a pair of NCAA Championship teams for the Blue Devil men's lacrosse team (2010 and 2013) and spent two seasons on the Duke football roster. A married father of an infant son, DeLuca is pursuing a master's degree in sports psychology at NIU. He has not seen action on the field yet for the Huskies but has provided a presence and leadership in the locker room.

COAST TO COAST: Thomas Hammock and his staff have put together one of the most geographically diverse rosters NIU has seen in several years with Huskie players hailing from 16 different states and two different countries. Huskie hometowns stretch - literally - from coast to coast with Washington (Ross Bowers), Oregon (Connor Neville) and California (Rodney Thompson) representing the West Coast. There are four Huskies from Hammock's native New Jersey, seven from Florida and two each from Texas and Georgia. Junior college transfer Woody Appolon hails from Montreal, Canada. Of course the largest representation call the Midwest home, topped by 52 Illinoisans and 16 Wisconsinites. The Huskie roster by the state-by-state numbers:

Illinois	52	Georgia	2
Wisconsin	16	Texas	2
Michigan	8	California	1
Florida	7	Oregon	1
Indiana	4	Nebraska	1
New Jersey	4	Tennessee	1
Iowa	4	Washington	1
Minnesota	3	Montreal, Canada	1
Missouri	3		

DEGREES IN HAND: NIU's 2020 roster includes 14 players who have already earned their college degrees, including four who came to NIU as grad transfers.

Player	Pos.	Major/Grad Degree
Erik Abrell	LS	Finance (B.S. & Master's)
Ross Bowers*	QB	Sports Management (M.S.)
Daniel Crawford	TE	Enterprise Software (B.S.) Digital Marketing (M.S.)
Michael DeHaan	TE	Marketing (B.S.) Digital Marketing (M.S.)
Greg DeLuca*	FB	Sport and Exercise Physiology (M.S.)
Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	Sports Management (M.S.)
Matt Ference	P	Marketing (B.S.) Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Andrew Haidet*	QB	Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Luke Mallette*	TE	Sports Management (M.S.)
Shaquan Oliver	TB	Business Administration (B.S.)
Benn Olson	OG	Engineering Management (B.S.) Industrial and Systems Engineering (M.S.)
Brayden Patton	C	Communications/Media Studies (B.A.) Sports Management (M.S.)
Kyle Pugh	LB	Sports Management (M.S.)
Maximillian Thrower	TE	Advocacy/Public Communications (B.A.) Sports Management (M.S.)

*Graduate transfer.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	Jr.-R	25	-
Mark Aitken, CB	Fr.-R	1	1
Miles Baggett, DT	Sr.-R	2	-
Keion Battle, WR	Fr.	1	-
Brett Bostad, FB	So.-R	13	1
Ross Bowers, QB	Sr.-R	10	10
C.J. Brown, S	Fr.	2	-
Evan Buss, OL	Fr.	2	-
John Champe, OL	Fr.	2	-
Jordan Cole, LB	Jr.-R	26	9
Erin Collins, TB	Jr.	2	2
Marques Cox, OT	So.-R	14	12
Daniel Crawford, TE	Sr.-R	37	12
Lance Deveau Jr., LB	Sr.-R	33	16
Billy Dozier, WR	Fr.	2	-
Jaden Dolphin, S	Fr.	2	-
Joshua Earl, S	So.-R	10	1
Leif Engstrand, OT	Fr.-R	3	-
James Ester, DT	Fr.-R	6	1
Matt Ference, P	Sr.	41	-
Devin Lafayette, S	Fr.	2	2
Jordan Gandy, CB	So.	2	2
Rayshawn Gay, LB	Jr.-R	15	-
Rondarius Gregory, RB	Fr.-R	5	-
Jeffrey Griffin Jr., DT	So.-R	12	-
Andrew Haidet, QB	Sr.-R	2	-
Jordan Hansen, S	Fr.	2	2
Nathan Harman, LB	So.-R	15	-
J.D. Harris, CB	So.-R	4	-
Cortez Hogans, DE	So.-R	17	-
Eddie Jackson, LB	Fr.	2	-
Reggie Jennings, DE	So.-R	1	-
Michael Kennedy, DE	Jr.-R	22	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Sr.	41	26
Jayden Lambert, CB	Fr.	1	-
J.J. Lippe, OL	Fr.-R	2	-
Michael Love, WR	So.	12	-
Luke Mallette, TE	Sr.-R	1	-
Zhamaine March, CB	Jr.	22	-
Cam Mattox, DE	So.	7	-
Fabian McCray, TB	Fr.-R	4	-
Myles McGee, CB	Fr.	2	-
Jyran Mitchell, TB	So.-R	7	-
Shaquan Oliver, FB	Sr.-R	6	-
Benn Olson, OL	Sr.-R	25	11
Devon O'Malley, DL	Fr.	1	-
Pierce Oppong, DE	Fr.	2	2
Kewan Parker, LB	So.-R	10	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Sr.-R	31	21
Leon Payne, WR	So.-R	4	1
Nolan Potter, OT	So.-R	14	2
Jashon Prophete, CB	Fr.	2	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	Sr.-R	31	21
Nick Rattin, LB	So.	14	8
Daveren Rayner, LB	Fr.	2	1
John Richardson, K	So.-R	17	-
Tyrice Richie, WR	Sr.-R	13	8
Dennis Robinson, WR	Jr.-R	27	7
Trayshon Rudolph, WR	Fr.	2	1
Liam Soraghan, TE	Jr.-R	15	1
Demond Taylor Jr., DT	Fr.-R	6	1
Tristen Tewes, LB	Fr.-R	6	-
Dillon Thomas, S	Jr.-R	28	5
Raishien Thomas, DE	Fr.	2	2
Rodney Thompson, QB	Jr.-R	2	-
Maximillian Thrower, TE	Sr.-R	9	-
Mohamed Toure, WR	Fr.-R	6	-
Messiah Travis, WR	Fr.-R	6	-
Cole Tucker, WR	Jr.-R	28	18
Harrison Waylee, TB	Fr.	2	-
Cole Webster, OL	Sr.	2	-
Caleb Wright, DL	So.-R	2	-
Logan Zschernitz, OG	Fr.-R	6	4

NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock

Thomas Hammock, a former Huskie student-athlete 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 was named NIU head coach 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 and is the first alumnus to lead the Huskies as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program.

In his first season as head coach in 2019, he led NIU to a 5-7 record with a 3-3 mark in one-score games.

Hammock, whose NIU playing career was cut short in his junior season due to a heart condition, began his coaching career after a brief stint in the business world. He spent 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 as an assistant at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Ravens 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 Hammock's first season in Madison in 2011, the Badgers ranked 11th nationally in rushing, averaging 235.6 yards per game. Montee Ball led the nation in rushing yards (1,923) and broke Barry Sanders' single-season NCAA touchdown record with 39 scores, 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 and won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back.

A two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American at running back during his playing days, Hammock returned to DeKalb as an assistant coach in 2005-06. In his 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, a New Jersey native who grew up in Ft. Wayne, Ind., 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.



2020 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

Assoc. HC/Def. Coord./Safeties	Derrick Jackson.....	Coaches' Booth
Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks.....	Eric Eidsness.....	Coaches' Booth
Exec. Asst. Coach/Co-Def. Coord./LBs	Robert Wimberly	Field
Offensive Line	Daryl Agpalsa	Field
Defensive Line/Recruiting Coord.	Jordan Gigli	Field
Cornerbacks/Co-Spec. Teams Coord.	Dan Jackson.....	Field
Running Backs.....	Nic McKissic-Luke	Field
Defensive Ends.....	Travis Moore	Field
Wide Receivers.....	Tony Sorrentino	Field
Tight Ends/Co-Spec. Teams Coord.....	Aaron Wilkins	Coaches' Booth
Director of Sports Performance (FB).....	Juney Barnett.....	Field

BALL STATE CARDINALS

2019 Record.....	5-7
Mid-American Conference Record/Finish.....	4-4/Third
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year)	Mike Neu
..... (Ball State/1994)	
Record at BSU/Years.....	16-34/Fifth
Career Record/Years	70-79/Eighth
Location.....	Muncie, Ind.
Enrollment.....	22,541
Conference.....	Mid-American, West Division (MAC)
Colors.....	Cardinal and White
Stadium.....	Scheumann Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	Field Turf /22,500
President.....	Geoffrey Mearns
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2020 BSU SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent	Time (CT)
Wed., Nov. 4	at Miami*	L, 38-31
Tue., Nov. 11	Eastern Michigan*	W, 38-31
Tue., Nov. 18	NIU*	6 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 28	at Toledo*	TBA
Sat., Dec. 5	at Central Michigan*	TBA
Sat., Dec. 12	Western Michigan*	TBA

*-Mid-American Conference Game

NIU-BSU SERIES HISTORY

Overall	NIU leads 24-21-2
In Muncie.....	NIU leads 13-9
In DeKalb	BSU leads 12-11-2
In MAC Games.....	NIU leads 18-17
Streak.....	BSU, 1
First Meeting	Oct. 4, 1941; BSU 6, NIU 6 (H)
Last Meeting	Oct. 5, 2019 BSU 27, NIU 20 (H)
Series History	(*MAC Game):

1941: TIE 6-6 (H)	1997: BSU 21, NIU 14 (H)*
1942: BSU 14, NIU 0 (A)	1998: BSU 18, NIU 13 (A)*
1966: NIU 38, BSU 24 (A)	1999: NIU 37, BSU 17 (H)*
1967: NIU 28, BSU 14 (H)	2000: NIU 43, BSU 14 (A)*
1968: NIU 40, BSU 20 (A)	2001: NIU 33, BSU 29 (H)*
1969: NIU 17, BSU 13 (H)	2002: NIU 41, BSU 29 (A)*
1970: NIU 31, BSU 14 (A)	2003: NIU 48, BSU 23 (H)*
1971: TIE 10-10 (H)	2004: NIU 38, BSU 31-OT (A)*
1973: NIU 45, BSU 17 (H)	2005: BSU 31, NIU 17 (H)*
1974: BSU 31, NIU 21 (A)	2006: NIU 40, BSU 28 (A)*
1975: BSU 3, NIU 0 (H)*	2007: BSU 27, NIU 21 (H)*
1976: BSU 33, NIU 7 (H)*	2008: BSU 45, NIU 14 (A)*
1977: BSU 31, NIU 6 (A)*	2009: NIU 26, BSU 20 (H)*
1978: BSU 31, NIU 13 (H)*	2010: NIU 59, BSU 21 (A)*
1979: BSU 42, NIU 0 (H)*	2011: NIU 41, BSU 38 (H)*
1980: BSU 18, NIU 17 (H)*	2012: NIU 35, BSU 23 (A)*
1981: BSU 23, NIU 0 (A)*	2013: NIU 48, BSU 27 (H)*
1982: BSU 14, NIU 7 (H)*	2014: NIU 55, BSU 21 (A)*
1983: NIU 27, BSU 14 (A)*	2015: NIU 39, BSU 41 (H)*
1984: BSU 15, NIU 14 (H)*	2016: NIU 31, BSU 24 (A)*
1985: BSU 29, NIU 0 (A)*	2017: NIU 63, BSU 17 (H)*
1986: BSU 20, NIU 10 (H)	2018: NIU 24, BSU 16 (A)*
1987: BSU 42, NIU 17 (A)	2019: BSU 27, NIU 20 (H)*
1988: BSU 18, NIU 17 (H)	

THE LAST MEETING

Ball State 27, NIU 20

Oct. 5, 2019

DeKalb, Ill. | Huskie Stadium

Ball State scored 27 consecutive points over the final three quarters to claim the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the first time in 11 years with a 27-20 win over NIU.

NIU tailback Tre Harbison ran for 146 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns, with 123 of his rushing yards and both touchdowns in the first half. Quarterback Ross Bowers completed 21-of-43 passes for 241 yards, hitting Daniel Crawford and Tyrice Richie five times each.

The Huskies gained 388 yards to Ball State's 269, but were called for 12 penalties for 111 yards. NIU turned the ball over three times with all three turnovers in the second half.

Antonio Jones-Davis made a career-high 17 tackles and intercepted Ball State quarterback Drew Plitt on the first play of the game for his first career pickoff to set up NIU's first touchdown. Jones-Davis also recorded his first sack of the season and tallied 1.5 tackles for loss.

NIU scored two first quarter touchdowns en route to a 17-3 halftime lead. The Huskies scored on their opening drive after Jones-Davis' interception gave NIU the ball on the BSU 24-yard line. Three plays later, Harbison scored on a 19-yard rush. The Huskies doubled their advantage on their next possession with a 10-play, 77-yard drive. Harbison went the final 28 yards for the TD.

The teams traded 24-yard field goals in the second quarter. Ball State's Ryan Rimmler hit the first of his four threes on the day at the 14:52 mark, while John Richardson closed out the first half scoring with 7:09 to play in the half.

Poor field position plagued the Huskies in the third quarter when four of their six possessions started inside the 12-yard line. The Cardinals scored on a 25-yard field goal to close out an eight-play, 37-yard drive at the 6:44 mark.

Harbison fumbled at the NIU eight-yard line and Ball State's Caleb Huntley, who totaled 157 yards on 35 carries in the game, scored from the three to bring BSU within five points. A Plitt to Justin Hall pass narrowed the gap to three points, 17-14 with 6:01 to play.

NIU's next possession ended in a fumble and its next with a punt from the end zone, where a kick catch interference call gave BSU the ball on the NIU 26-yard line. The Huskie defense limited Ball State to a game-tying field goal by Rimmler, who was good from 47 yards.

Ball State took the lead for good on its first drive of the fourth quarter, which lasted just one play when Huntley burst through the middle for 45 yards and a score to give Ball State the lead for good.

Rimmler made his fourth and final field goal with 7:27 to play from 22 yards out. Richardson added a 38-yard field goal with 2:45 to play to bring the Huskies within seven points.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Ball State	0	3	14	10	- 27
NIU	14	3	0	3	- 20

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Harbison 19 run (Richardson kick), 1st 13:45 (3-24, 1:06)
NIU - Harbison 28 run (Richardson kick), 1st 8:36 (10-77, 3:59)
BSU - Rimmler 24 FG, 2nd 14:52 (14-70, 4:47)
NIU - Richardson 24 FG, 2nd 7:09 (7-60, 2:48)
BSU - Rimmler 25 FG, 3rd 6:45 (8-37, 2:54)
BSU - Huntley 3 run (Hall pass from Plitt), 3rd 6:01 (1-3, 0:05)
BSU - Rimmler 42 FG, 3rd 0:26 (4-1, 1:19)
BSU - Huntley 45 run (Rimmler kick), 4th 14:34 (1-45, 0:09)
BSU - Rimmler 22 FG, 4th 7:27 (7-17, 3:49)
NIU - Richardson 38 FG, 4th 2:45 (8-60, 1:31)

Team & Individual Statistics

BSU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	20 (12-2).....	18 (6-12)
Rushes-Net Yards	60-235.....	35-90
Passing Yards	34.....	299
Passes (C-A-I)	4-14-1.....	21-43-1
Plays-Total Yards	74-269.....	74-388
Fumbles-Lost	3-1.....	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-35.....	12-111
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-49.....	3-20
Punt Returns-Yds	1-(-1).....	2-9
3rd Down Conversions	3-15.....	4-15
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....	0-1
Punts-Average	7-40.4.....	7-39.3
Possession Time	32:02.....	27:58
Sacks By-Yards	1-4.....	2-11
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4.....	3-3

Rushing - BSU: Huntley 35-157, Fletcher 10-35, Plitt 12-23, Hall 2-17, Dunner 1-3; NIU: Harbison 22-146, Richie 1-13, Jones 1-4, Team 1-(-1), Nettles 2-(-5), Bowers 4-(-10).
Passing - BSU: Plitt 4-14-1, 34; NIU: Bowers 21-43-1, 241.
Receiving - BSU: Miller 1-15, Tyler 1-7, Davis 1-6, Hall 1-6; NIU: Crawford 5-85, Richie 5-30, Tucker 4-69, Brinkman 4-47, Tears 1-5, Jones 1-3, Harbison 1-2.
Tackles - BSU: Wilborn 10, Albright 7; NIU: Jones-Davis 17, Foster 9.

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

12 ROSS BOWERS

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

• Threw for a season-high 202 yards, the seventh time in his NIU career he has topped the 200-yard mark, and a touchdown on 17-of-28 passing against Buffalo (11-4). Threw for 139 yards on 16-of-32 passing versus Central Michigan (11-11). Amassed an NIU-high 338 yards passing on 23-of-39 at Ohio (10-12-19) last season, while also establishing season-bests in completions (25) and pass attempts (44) at Nebraska (9-14-19). Recorded his lone rushing touchdown at Utah (9-7-19) as he flipped into the endzone on a nine-yard carry. Averaged 39.2 yards on four punts, including a season-long 46-yarder at Nebraska.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2020	2/2	4	-16	-4.0	0	7	33-60-1	55.0	341	1	28
Career	11/10	38	-127	-3.3	1	9	199-347-9	57.3	2,471	8	74

88 DANIEL CRAWFORD

TE | 6-2 | 251 | Sr.-R | Macomb, Ill. | Dakota HS

• Tallied a season-high three receptions for 11 yards against Central Michigan (11-11). Recorded, a seven-yard gain, in the first quarter against Buffalo (11-4) for his first catch of the season. Ranked third on the team in receptions (4) for 18 yards. Tallied a career-high five receptions three times in 2019. Recorded a career-high 85 yards on five catches against Ball State (10-5-19). Hauled in a career-long 45-yard reception against Illinois State (8-31-19). Caught two touchdown passes on the season, including his first career TD reception at Toledo (11-13-19). Made his second touchdown catch in the fourth quarter against Eastern Michigan (11-19-19).

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	2/1	4	18	4.5	0	7
Career	38/12	48	526	11.0	2	45

36 MATT FERENC

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

• Ray Guy Award Watch Lister. NIU's all-time leading punter with a 41.3-yard per punt career average. Needs 148 yards to become NIU's all-time leader in career punting yards and 12 punts to claim NIU's career record in number of punts. Averaged a season-high 43.0 yards on five punts versus Buffalo (11-4) in the 2020 opener. Booted five punts for 215 yards and recorded a tackle against the Bulls. Recorded a season-high seven punts for 264 yards to post a 37.7 yard per punt average against Central Michigan (11-11).

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2020	2/-	12	479	39.9	2	53
Career	41/-	246	10,165	41.3	81	70

7 JORDAN HANSEN

S | 6-1 | 192 | Fr. | Arlington Heights, Ill. | John Hersey HS

• Tallied four tackles, all assists and made his first career interception, in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4). Recorded a season-high seven stops and a half sack against Central Michigan (11-11). Ranks second in the league in interceptions and 31st in tackles, averaging 5.5.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2020	2/2	6	5	11	0.5	1	-

55 WESTON KRAMER

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

• Contributed three tackles, all assists, against Buffalo (11-4). Added two assisted tackles versus Central Michigan (11-11). Has made at least one tackle in the last six games, dating back to Nov. 2, 2019 when he made a career-high four stops at CMU. Lone returning starting defensive lineman from 2019. Ranked second among interior linemen in tackles with 23 last season. Recorded 2.5 tackles for loss, tallying a half tackle for loss in five different games. Amassed a season-high four tackles, all assists, and a 0.5 TFL at Central Michigan (11-2-19). Totaled nine solo tackles, including two each at Nebraska (9-14-19), Ball State (10-5-19) and Eastern Michigan (11-19-19).

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2020	2/2	0	5	5	0.0	0	0
Career	41/26	34	51	85	9.5	2.5	2

58 BRAYDEN PATTON

C | 6-5 | 304 | Sr.-R | Ellettsville, Ind. | Edgewood HS

• Made his 14th consecutive start, fifth at center, against Central Michigan. Helped pave the way to a game-best 397 yards of total offense versus Buffalo (11-4) in the season opener. Started every game, nine at right guard, and the final three games of 2019, at center. Helped clear the way for NIU's first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher in six years. NIU averaged 7.2 yards per play and totaled 510 yards of total offense at Ohio (10-12-19) for the Huskies' first 500-yard game since 2017. Assisted in paving the way to a season-best 274 rushing yards vs. Akron (10-26-19). The Huskie offensive line did not allow a sack and rushed for 232 rushing yards at Toledo (11-13-19).

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

11 KYLE PUGH

LB | 6-0 | 220 | Sr.- R | Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2020	2/2	5	11	16	1.5	1.5	0-0	-
Career	31/21	87	79	166	10.5	3.0	0-2	4

• Amassed a game and season-best 14 tackles, four solo, and a sack and a half versus Central Michigan (11-11). Tallied two tackles, an assist and a solo stop, and a quarterback hurry in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4). Started the first two games of 2019 at linebacker before suffering a season-ending injury. Made five tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, in the season opener against Illinois State (8-31). Recorded 1.5 tackles for loss at Utah (9-7) and four total tackles. Made a career-best 17 tackles against Boston College (9-1) in the 2017 season opener and recorded his first career interception in that contest.

38 NICK RATTIN

MLB | 6-2 | 222 | So. | Palatine, Ill. | Fremd

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2020	2/2	4	12	16	-	-	-
Career	14/8	26	27	53	0.0	0	2

• Matched his career-high in tackles with 10 versus Buffalo (11-4), including three solo stops, in the season opener. Contributed six stops, five assists, against Central Michigan (11-11). Pressed into the starting role in 2019 when all three of NIU's linebackers were lost to injury mid-way through the 2019 season. • Played in all 12 games, starting each of the final six contests. Made his Huskie debut in the season opener versus Illinois State (8-31-19). Recorded his first career tackle at Utah (9-7-19). Made eight tackles in his first career start at Miami (10-19-19), adding a pass breakup. Returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown versus Akron (10-26-19).

39 JOHN RICHARDSON

K | 5-11 | 188 | So.-R | Orland Park, Ill. | Brother Rice HS

Year	G/GS	FG-FGA	Lg	XP-XPA	Pts	KO	Avg.
2020	2/-	2-2	45	2-2	8	9	58.8
Career	17/-	16-20	51	32-32	80	72	54.9

• Leads the Huskies in scoring with 80 points this season. Improved to 16-for-20 on field goals after hitting a season-best 45-yard attempt to put NIU on the board versus Central Michigan (11-11). Also remained perfect on extra point attempts (32-for-32) after hitting his lone try against the Chippewas. Connected on his only field goal attempt, a 43-yarder, versus Buffalo (11-4) and an extra point attempt in the season opener. Named MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week after making a game-winning 37-yard field goal as time expired in NIU's 39-36 win at Ohio (10-12-19). Made a career-best 51-yard field goal in the first quarter against the Bobcats, the longest field goal by an NIU kicker since 2015.

3 TYRICE RICHIE

WR | 6-0 | 193 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill. | Homewood-Flossmoor HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	2/2	16	176	11.0	0	21
Career	13/8	48	591	12.3	4	71

• Tallied a game-high seven receptions for a team-best 70 yards against Central Michigan (11-11), while adding five yards rushing on two carries. Recorded his second career 100-yard receiving game when he posted a game and career-high 106 yards on nine catches versus Buffalo (11-4). Caught 32 passes for 415 yards and a team-high four touchdowns in 2019. Amassed 102 yards and a career-high two touchdowns on three receptions in season opener versus Illinois State (8-31-19). Recorded five receptions at Utah (9-7-19) and against Ball State (10-5-19) for 30 yards. Caught a 30-yard touchdown pass at Ohio (10-12-19). Recorded his longest reception of the season on a 71-yard touchdown catch against Western Michigan (11-26-19). Added 35 yards rushing on five carries.

85 TRAYVON RUDOLPH

WR | 5-10 | 179 | Fr. | Crete, Ill. | Crete-Monee HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2020	2/1	3	62	20.7	0	28	11	293	26.6	0	45

• Ranks ninth in the country in all purpose yards, averaging 177.50 yards and his 293 kickoff yards leads the MAC. Made his first career start against Buffalo (11-4), recording 56 yards on two receptions in his Huskie debut, while tallying 151 yards, including a long of 45 yards, on five kickoff returns. Tallied a career-high six kickoff returns for 142 yards versus Central Michigan (11-11).

18 COLE TUCKER

WR | 6-2 | 198 | Jr.-R | DeKalb, Ill. | DeKalb HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	2/2	7	82	11.7	1	49
Career	28/18	59	769	12.1	2	49

• Established season-highs in catches (4) and receiving yards (53) against Central Michigan (11-11). Tallied three receptions for 29 yards in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4). Scored a touchdown on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Ross Bowers. Led NIU with 38 receptions and 531 receiving yards in 2019. Established career-highs in receptions (8) and receiving yards (118) at Ohio (10-12-19). Scored his lone touchdown of the season on a 10-yard pass in the fourth quarter at Miami (10-19); finished the game with six receptions for 82 yards. Tallied three receptions for 75 yards at Central Michigan (11-2), with a career long reception of 49 yards.

GAME 1: BUFFALO 49, NIU 30

November 4 | 7 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 449*

Three defensive touchdowns in the second half helped Buffalo to a 49-30 victory over NIU on Wednesday night in the COVID-19 delayed season opener at Huskie Stadium. The Bulls led by just five at halftime before scoring four consecutive touchdowns to open the scoring in the second half.

NIU quarterback Ross Bowers was 17-of-28 passing for 202 yards and a touchdown while Tyrice Richie recorded a career-best nine catches for 106 yards.

Buffalo led at halftime, 21-16, before two defensive touchdowns in three plays gave the Bulls a 19-point advantage.

First, Tim Terry Jr. picked up a fumble and went 46 yards to give Buffalo a 28-16 lead. On the second play of NIU's ensuing drive, Isaiah King picked up a loose ball and went 42 yards for the score to put the Bulls in front, 35-16.

Buffalo added another third quarter touchdown as Kyle Vantrease capped a four-play, 67-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run.

The Bulls produced their third defensive score on the opening possession of the fourth quarter when Kadofi Wright intercepted a Bowers pass and went 65 yards to give Buffalo a 49-16 lead.

NIU added a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter as back-up quarterbacks Andrew Haidet and Rodney Thompson scored on one and 13 yard carries, respectively.

Buffalo opened the scoring with a five-yard touchdown run by Jaret Patterson on its first possession. The Bulls went 55 yards in three plays to take the lead three minutes into the contest.

NIU answered with a 43-yard field goal from John Richardson to trim the Buffalo lead to 7-3. The kick from Richardson capped a 14-play, 50-yard Huskies drive that took nearly eight minutes off the clock.

Buffalo took a 14-3 lead with 45 seconds to play in the first quarter when Vantrease connected with Nunn for a 17-yard touchdown pass.

Tailback Erin Collins scored with 11:37 left before halftime as NIU trimmed the Buffalo lead to 14-10. After a 15-yard Buffalo punt gave NIU field position at the Buffalo 37, Bowers connected with freshman Trayvon Rudolph for a 28-yard reception. Two plays later, Collins finished the drive.

Collins had a team-high 16 carries for 49 yards while Rudolph made two catches for 56 yards, along with 151 yards on five kickoff returns.

Patterson scored his second touchdown to give Buffalo a 21-10 lead with 2:14 left in the opening half before NIU answered with a five-play, 60-yard drive in just 92 seconds. Bowers hit Cole Tucker for the final score before the intermission.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Buffalo	14	7	21	7	49
NIU	3	13	0	14	30

SCORING SUMMARY

UB - Patterson 5 run (McNulty kick), 1st 12:08 (3-55, 1:16)
 NIU - Richardson 43 FG, 1st 4:18 (14-50, 7:50)
 UB - Nunn 17 pass from Vantrease (McNulty kick), 1st 00:45 (7-61, 3:32)
 NIU - Collins 6 run (Richardson kick), 2nd 11:37 (4-37, 1:54)
 UB - Patterson 56 run (McNulty kick), 2nd 2:14 (7-93, 3:29)
 NIU - Tucker 16 pass from Bowers (Bowers pass failed), 2nd 00:35 (5-60, 1:32)
 UB - Terry 46 fumble recovery (McNulty kick), 3rd 8:35
 UB - King 42 fumble recovery (McNulty kick), 3rd 7:50
 UB - Vantrease 4 run (McNulty kick), 3rd 6:09 (4-67, 1:02)
 UB - Wright 65 interception return (McNulty kick), 4th 12:14
 NIU - Haidet 1 run (R. Gregory rush), 4th 4:56 (15-65, 7:10)
 NIU - Thompson 13 run (Thompson pass failed), 4th 1:11 (4-57, 1:55)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	UB..... NIU		UB..... NIU
First Downs (R-P)	14 (5-7).....26 (11-12)	Rushing - UB: Patterson 20-137, Marks 6-32, Cook 3-8, Vantrease 1-4, Wilson 1-3, Team 1-(-1), Myers 2-(-1); NIU: Waylee 13-66, Collins 16-49, Gregory 9-36, Richie 2-13, Thompson 2-7, Haidet 1-1, Bowers 4-(-16).	Passing - UB: Vantrease 11-17-1, 175; NIU: Bowers 17-28-1, 202; Haidet 1-3-0, 5; Thompson 1-2-0, 34.
Rushes-Net Yards	34-182.....47-156	Receiving - UB: Nunn 6-102, Lefebvre 2-42, Johnson 2-16, Ruiz 1-15; NIU: Richie 9-106, Tucker 3-29, Rudolph 2-56, McCray 1-34, Crawford 1-7, Travis 1-5, Collins 1-4, Gregory 1-0.	Tackles - UB: Koonce 8, Patterson 8; NIU: Rattin 10, Deveaux 5, Lafayette 5.
Passing Yards	175.....241		
Passes (C-A-I)	11-17-1.....19-33-1		
Plays-Total Yards	51-357.....80-397		
Fumbles-Lost	2-1.....4-4		
Penalties-Yards	8-63.....7-65		
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-18.....5-151		
Punt Returns-Yds	1-0.....0-0		
3rd Down Conversions	3-9.....5-14		
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....1-2		
Punts-Average	5-31.6.....5-43.0		
Possession Time	22:49.....37:11		
Sacks By-Yards	3-18.....0-0		
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-3.....4-4		

GAME 2: CENTRAL MICHIGAN 40, NIU 10

November 11 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 419*

The NIU Huskies trailed by just nine at halftime, but two third quarter take-aways helped Central Michigan score 24 unanswered points to start the second half on its way to a 40-10 victory over NIU on Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium.

Kyle Pugh made a game-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 sacks, his highest total in a game since 2017. Davenner Rayner, making his first career start, and Jordan Hansen each made seven tackles.

Central Michigan struck first with a 58-yard touchdown pass from Daniel Richardson to Dallas Dixon on the first drive of the contest. The Chippewas needed just two plays to go 76 yards to open the scoring.

Richardson was 13-of-19 passing in the contest for 196 yards and two touchdowns.

Late in the first quarter, the Huskies moved to the Central Michigan 23-yard line but were unable to convert on fourth and three, turning the ball over on downs as the Chippewas took a 7-0 lead into the second quarter.

A mishandled snap on a punt deep in NIU territory was knocked out of the back of the end zone by the Huskies for a Central Michigan safety with just over two minutes left in the opening half, giving CMU a 9-0 lead at the intermission.

Central Michigan added to its lead with a 12-play, 94-yard drive to start the second half. Kobe Lewis capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown run as the Chippewas took a 16-0 lead.

A Huskie fumble on the ensuing kickoff gave the ball back to the Chippewas inside NIU territory and CMU converted with a 40-yard field goal to take a 19-point advantage.

Late in the third quarter, NIU turned the ball over on downs near midfield and, on the second play of the drive, Central Michigan added another score as Richardson connected with Lew Nichols on a screen pass that went 58 yards for the touchdown.

Nichols ran for a 36-yard score early in the fourth quarter before John Richardson got the Huskies on the scoreboard with a 45-yard field goal.

Nichols finished with a game-high 91 yards on 12 carries.

Andrew Haidet led NIU on an eight-play, 73-yard drive in the fourth quarter, finished with a 31-yard touchdown reception by Dennis Robinson. Harrison Waylee had four carries for 28 yards on the drive while Erin Collins added nine yards on two carries on the scoring drive.

Ross Bowers was 16-of-32 passing for 139 yards and Tyrice Richie recorded a game-high seven catches for 70 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Central Michigan	7	2	17	14	40
NIU	0	0	0	10	10

SCORING SUMMARY

CMU - Dixon 56 pass from Richardson (Meeder kick), 1st 11:33 (2-76, 0:35)
 CMU - Team Safety, 2nd 2:05
 CMU - Lewis 1 run (Meeder kick), 3rd 8:52 (12-94, 6:12)
 CMU - Meeder 40 FG, 3rd 7:20 (4-6, 1:23)
 CMU - Nichols 58 pass from Richardson (Meeder kick) 3rd 1:52 (2-52, 0:37)
 CMU - Nichols 36 run (Meeder kick), 4th 14:17 (3-65, 1:18)
 NIU - Richardson 45 FG, 4th 8:23 (11-33, 5:47)
 CMU - Brock 10 run (Meeder kick), 4th 5:22 (5-53, 2:56)
 NIU - Robinson 31 pass from Haidet (Richardson kick), 4th 00:11 (8-73, 5:02)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	CMU..... NIU		CMU..... NIU
First Downs (R-P)	16 (11-5).....13 (3-8)	Rushing - CMU: Nichols 12-91, Lewis 16-59, Bracy 5-55, Pimpleton 1-25, Swann 1-12, Brock 1-10, Team 2-(-7), Richardson 4-(-8); NIU: Collins 15-43, Waylee 10-23, Thompson 4-13, Gregory 1-11, Richie 2-5, Team 1-(-21).	Passing - CMU: Richardson 13-19-1, 196; Brock 0-1-0, 0; NIU: Bowers 16-32-0, 139; Haidet 1-2-0, 31.
Rushes-Net Yards	42-237.....33-74	Receiving - CMU: Pimpleton 4-32, Dixon 3-73, Nichols 2-59, Scott 2-19, Sullivan 2-13; NIU: Richie 7-70, Tucker 4-53, Crawford 3-11, Robinson 1-31, Rudolph 1-6, Collins 1-(-1).	Tackles - CMU: Bowens 9, Douglas 8; NIU: Pugh 14, Rayner 7, Hansen 7.
Passing Yards	196.....170		
Passes (C-A-I)	13-20-1.....17-34-0		
Plays-Total Yards	62-433.....67-244		
Fumbles-Lost	1-0.....4-2		
Penalties-Yards	6-75.....5-45		
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-50.....6-142		
Punt Returns-Yds	1-24.....0-0		
3rd Down Conversions	1-11.....2-15		
4th Down Conversions	3-5.....1-4		
Punts-Average	4-34.8.....7-37.7		
Possession Time	27:07.....32:53		
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....3-21		
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4.....0-0		

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TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	40	89
Points Per Game	20.0	44.5
Points Off Turnovers	0	24
FIRST DOWNS	39	30
Rushing	14	15
Passing	20	13
Penalty	5	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	230	363
Yards gained rushing	317	406
Yards lost rushing	87	43
Rushing Attempts	80	75
Average Per Rush	2.9	4.8
Average Per Game	115.0	181.5
TDs Rushing	3	5
PASSING YARDAGE	411	427
Comp-Att-Int	36-67-1	25-38-2
Average Per Pass	6.1	11.2
Average Per Catch	11.4	17.1
Average Per Game	205.5	213.5
TDs Passing	2	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	641	790
Total Plays	147	113
Average Per Play	4.4	7.0
Average Per Game	320.5	395.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	11-293	4-67
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	2-24
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-0	1-65
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	26.6	16.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	12.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	65.0
FUMBLES-LOST	8-6	3-1
PENALTIES-Yards	12-110	14-138
Average Per Game	55.0	69.0
PUNTS-Yards	12-479	9-297
Average Per Punt	39.9	33.0
Net punt average	37.9	33.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	10-509	15-946
Average Per Kick	50.9	63.1
Net kick average	36.7	36.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	35:02	24:58
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/29	4/20
3rd-Down Pct	24%	20%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/6	3/5
4th-Down Pct	33%	60%
SACKS BY-Yards	3-21	3-18
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	5	12
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-2	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(4-4) 100%	(5-7) 71%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(4-4) 100%	(5-7) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(2-2) 100%	(12-12) 100%
ATTENDANCE	868	0
Games/Avg Per Game	2/434	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	3	13	0	24	40
Opponents	21	9	38	21	89

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
COLLINS, Erin	2	31	100	8	92	3.0	1	20	46.0
WAYLEE, Harrison	2	23	104	15	89	3.9	0	15	44.5
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	10	47	0	47	4.7	0	11	23.5
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	6	34	14	20	3.3	1	14	10.0
RICHE, Tyrice	2	4	24	6	18	4.5	0	19	9.0
HAIDET, Andrew	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.5
BOWERS, Ross	2	4	7	23	-16	-4.0	0	7	-8.0
TEAM	1	1	0	21	-21	-21.0	0	0	-21.0
Total.....	2	80	317	87	230	2.9	3	20	115.0
Opponents.....	2	75	406	43	363	4.8	5	43	181.5

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	2	104.91	33-60-1	55.0	341	1	28	170.5
HAIDET, Andrew	2	166.48	2-5-0	40.0	36	1	31	18.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	192.80	1-2-0	50.0	34	0	34	17.0
Total.....	2	112.13	36-67-1	53.7	411	2	34	205.5
Opponents.....	2	184.39	25-38-2	65.8	427	4	58	213.5

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
RICHE, Tyrice	2	16	176	11.0	0	21	88.0
TUCKER, Cole	2	7	82	11.7	1	24	41.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	2	4	18	4.5	0	7	9.0
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	2	3	62	20.7	0	28	31.0
COLLINS, Erin	2	2	3	1.5	0	4	1.5
MCCRAY, Fabian	2	1	34	34.0	0	34	17.0
ROBINSON, Dennis	2	1	31	31.0	1	31	15.5
TRAVIS, Messiah	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	2	36	411	11.4	2	34	205.5
Opponents.....	2	25	427	17.1	4	58	213.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	2	64	-16	341	325	162.5
COLLINS, Erin	2	31	92	0	92	46.0
WAYLEE, Harrison	2	23	89	0	89	44.5
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	8	20	34	54	27.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	10	47	0	47	23.5
HAIDET, Andrew	2	6	1	36	37	18.5
RICHE, Tyrice	2	4	18	0	18	9.0
TEAM	1	1	-21	0	-21	-21.0
Total.....	2	147	230	411	641	320.5
Opponents.....	2	113	363	427	790	395.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	2	24	12.0	0	24

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
KENNEDY, Michael	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total.....	1	3	3.0	0	3
Opponents.....	2	88	44.0	2	46

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	11	293	26.6	0	45
Total.....	11	293	26.6	0	45
Opponents.....	4	67	16.8	0	28

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
GANDY, Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	0
HANSEN, Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	65	65.0	1	65

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2020 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	8	45 KR, Rudolph vs. Buffalo, 11/4
Rushing	0	
Passing	4	34, Thompson to McCray vs. Buffalo, 11/4
by Bowers	2	28 to Rudolph vs. Buffalo, 11/4
by Haidet	1	31 TD to Robinson vs. C. Michigan, 11/11
by Thompson	1	34 to McCray vs. Buffalo, 11/4
to McCray	1	34, from Thompson vs. Buffalo, 11/4
to Robinson	1	31 TD from Haidet vs. C. Michigan, 11/11
to Rudolph	2	28, from Bowers vs. Buffalo, 11/4
Returns	4	45 KR vs. Buffalo, 11/4
Rudolph	4	45 KR vs. Buffalo, 11/4
OPPONENT	12	65 INT TD Wright, Buffalo, 11/4
Rushing	4	56 TD, Buffalo, 11/4
Passing	4	58 TD Dixon to Richardson, C. Michigan, 11/11
Returns	4	65 INT TD Wright, Buffalo, 11/4

* 25 Yards or Longer

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
REFERENCE, Matt	12	479	39.9	53	0	7	2	1	0
Total.....	12	479	39.9	53	0	7	2	1	0
Opponents.....	9	297	33.0	45	0	6	4	0	0

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Richardson, John	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	45	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Richardson, John	9	460	51.1	3	1			
REFERENCE, Matt	1	49	49.0	0	0			
Total.....	10	509	50.9	3	1	67	36.7	28
Opponents.....	15	946	63.1	4	0	293	36.9	28

FG SEQUENCE	NIU	Opponents
Buffalo	(43)	-
Central Michigan	(45)	(40)
Ball State		
Western Michigan		
Toledo		
Eastern Michigan		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
RUDOLPH, Trayshon	2	0	62	0	293	0	355	177.5
RICHIE, Tyrice	2	18	176	0	0	0	194	97.0
COLLINS, Erin	2	92	3	0	0	0	95	47.5
WAYLEE, Harrison	2	89	0	0	0	0	89	44.5
TUCKER, Cole	2	0	82	0	0	0	82	41.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	47	0	0	0	0	47	23.5
MCCRAY, Fabian	2	0	34	0	0	0	34	17.0
ROBINSON, Dennis	2	0	31	0	0	0	31	15.5
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	20	0	0	0	0	20	10.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
TRAVIS, Messiah	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
HAIDET, Andrew	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
BOWERS, Ross	2	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-8.0
TEAM	1	-21	0	0	0	0	-21	-21.0
Total.....	2	230	411	0	293	0	934	467.0
Opponents.....	2	363	427	24	67	65	946	473.0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
Richardson, John	0	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	8
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	6
TUCKER, Cole	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
COLLINS, Erin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
HAIDET, Andrew	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ROBINSON, Dennis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
GREGORY, Rondarius	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	2
BOWERS, Ross	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	5	2-2	2-2	1-1	0	0-2	0	0	40
Opponents.....	12	1-1	12-12	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	89

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 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
38	RATTIN, Nick	2	4	12	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	PUGH, Kyle	2	5	11	16	1.5-10	1.5-10	.	.	1	.	.	.
7	HANSEN, Jordan	2	6	5	11	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
9	RAYNER, Daveren	2	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	GANDY, Jordan	2	3	4	7	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
5	KENNEDY, Michael	2	3	4	7	1.5-10	1.0-9	.	.	.	1-3	1	.
4	THOMAS, Raishein	2	3	4	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	LAFAYETTE, Devon	2	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	ESTER, James	2	3	3	6	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffrey	2	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	2	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	THOMAS, Dillon	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	DEVEAUX, Lance	1	4	1	5	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	MCGEE, Myles	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	OPPONG, Pierce	2	.	3	3	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
97	TAYLOR, Demond	2	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	COLE, Jordan	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	HARRIS, J.D.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	TEWES, Tristen	2	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	BROWN, C.J.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	TOURE, Mohamed	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	HARMAN, Nathan	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	BAGGETT, Miles	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....		2	50	72	122	7-27	3-21	2-0	4	1	1-3	1	.
Opponents.....		2	87	56	143	14.0-46	3-18	1-65	7	6	6-88	5	.

NIU Players of the Week

	Buffalo	Central Michigan	Ball State	Western Michigan	Toledo	Eastern Michigan
Offense	NA					
Defense	NA					
Special Teams	NA					
Off. Scout	DeLuca					
Def. Scout	O'Malley					
Selected by the Huskie coaching staff.						

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	Buffalo	Central Michigan	Ball St.	Western Michigan	Toledo	Eastern Michigan
93	ABRELL, Erik	2/-	X	X				
56	BAGGETT, Miles	2/-	X	X				
84	BATTLE, Keion	1/-	-	X				
32	BOSTAD, Brett	2/1	X	FB				
12	BOWERS, Ross	2/2	QB	QB				
6	BROWN, C.J.	2/-	X	X				
60	BUSS, Evan	2/-	X	X				
76	CHAMPE, John	2/-	X	X				
0	COLE, Jordan	2/-	X	X				
21	COLLINS, Erin	2/2	TB	TB				
70	COX, Marques	2/2	LT	LT				
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	2/1	X	TE				
2	DEVEAUX, Lance	1/1	LB	-				
26	DOLPHIN, Jaden	2/-	X	X				
15	DOZIER, Billy	2/-	X	X				
33	EARL, Joshua	2/-	X	X				
75	ENGSTRAND, Leif	2/-	X	X				
44	ESTER, James	2/1	X	DT				
36	ERENCE, Matt	2/-	X	X				
14	GANDY, Jordan	2/2	CB	CB				
22	GREGORY, Rondarius	2/-	X	X				
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffre	2/-	X	X				
10	HAIDET, Andrew	2/-	X	X				
7	HANSEN, Jordan	2/2	S	S				
51	HARMAN, Nathan	2/-	X	X				
16	HARRIS, J.D.	2/-	X	X				
25	HOGANS, Cortez	1/-	X	-				
23	JACKSON, Eddie	2/-	X	X				
34	JENNINGS, Reggie	2/-	X	X				
5	KENNEDY, Michael	2/-	X	X				
55	KRAMER, Weston	2/2	DT	DT				
3	LAFAYETTE, Devon	2/2	S	S				
49	LAMBERT, Jayden	2/-	X	X				
79	LIPPE, J.J.	2/-	X	X				
89	MALLETTE, Luke	1/-	X	-				
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	2/-	X	X				
7	MCCRAY, Fabian	2/-	X	X				
13	MCGEE, Myles	2/-	X	X				
19	MITCHELL, Jyran	2/-	X	X				
95	O'MALLEY, Devon	2/-	X	X				
61	OLSON, Benn	2/2	LG	LG				
99	OPPONG, Pierce	2/2	DE	DE				
58	PATTON, Brayden	2/2	C	C				
69	POTTER, Nolan	2/2	RT	RT				
24	PROPHETE, Jashon	2/-	X	X				
11	PUGH, Kyle	2/2	LB	LB				
38	RATTIN, Nick	2/2	LB	LB				
9	RAYNER, Daveren	2/1	X	LB				
39	Richardson, John	2/-	X	X				
3	RICHIE, Tyrice	2/2	WR	WR				
17	ROBINSON, Dennis	2/-	X	X				
85	RUDOLPH, Trayvon	2/1	WR	X				
83	SORAGHAN, Liam	2/1	TE	X				
97	TAYLOR, Demond	2/1	DT	X				
82	TEWES, Tristen	2/-	X	X				
15	THOMAS, Dillon	2/2	CB	CB				
4	THOMAS, Raishein	2/2	DE	DE				
0	THOMPSON, Rodney	2/-	X	X				
87	THROWER, Max	2/-	X	X				
8	TOURE, Mohamed	2/-	X	X				
11	TRAVIS, Messiah	2/-	X	X				
18	TUCKER, Cole	2/2	WR	WR				
30	WAYLEE, Harrison	2/-	X	X				
77	WEBSTER, Cole	1/-	X	-				
90	WRIGHT, Caleb	1/-	X	-				
65	ZSCHERNITZ, Logan	2/2	RG	RG				

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. Pl-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
		Total	R-P-Pen		C-A-I	Yds	TD						
(11-4) NIU	30	26	11-12-3	47-156-3	19-33-1	241	1	80-397	5-43.0	4-4	7-65	5-of-14	37:11
vs. Buffalo	49	14	5-7-2	34-182-3	11-17-1	175	1	51-357	5-31.6	2-1	8-63	3-of-9	22:49
(11-11) NIU	10	13	3-8-2	33-74-0	17-34-0	170	1	67-244	7-34.3	4-2	5-45	2-of-15	32:53
vs. Central Michigan	40	16	11-5-0	42-237-3	13-20-1	196	2	62-433	4-34.8	1-0	6-75	1-of-11	27:07
(11-18) NIU at Ball State													
(11-28) NIU at Western Michigan													
(12-5) NIU vs. Toledo													
(12-12) NIU at Eastern Michigan													

— NIU in the 2020 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	320.5	109	11	Sacks	1.50	91	7
Rushing Offense	181.5	78	7	Tackles for Loss	3.5	114	10
Passing Offense	115.0	106	12	Sacks Allowed	1.50	32	5
Passing Efficiency	112.13	103	10	Tackles for Loss Allowed	7.00	82	10
Completion Percentage	.537	106	10	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.00	52	4
Scoring Offense	20.0	108	10	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	55.00	62	5
First Downs Offense	38	107	7	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.241	118	11
Red Zone Offense	1.000	1	1	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.200	1	1
Total Defense	395.0	55	6	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.333	107	10
Rushing Defense	181.5	78	7	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.600	64	8
Pass Efficiency Defense	184.39	122	12	Time of Possession	35:02	7	2
Passing Yards Allowed	213.5	40	6	INDIVIDUAL (Top 55)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Scoring Defense	44.5	119	11	Trayvon Rudolph, All Purpose Yards/Game	177.50	9	4
Red Zone Defense	.714	17	1	Trayvon Rudolph, Kick Returns Yards	293	21	1
First Downs Defense	30	11	2	John Richardson, Field Goals/Game	1.00	49	3
Net Punting	37.92	71	7	John Richardson, Field Goal Pct.	1.000	1	1
Punt Returns	0.00	109	7	Michael Kenndy, Forced Fumbles	.50	15	1
Punt Return Defense	12.00	103	12	Michael Kennedy, Fumbles Recovered	1	31	2
Kickoff Returns	26.64	15	2	Jordan Gandy, Interceptions/Game	0.5	17	2
Kickoff Return Defense	16.75	22	3	Jordan Hansen, Interceptions/Game	0.5	17	2
Turnover Margin	-2.00	119	11	Trayvon Rudolph, Kickoff Returns	26.6	12	4
Turnovers Gained	3	90	3	Tyrice Richie, Receiving Yards/Game	88.0	40	7
Turnovers Lost	7	57	12	Tyrice Richie, Receptions/Game	8.0	7	1
Passes Had Intercepted	1	70	1				
Passes Intercepted	2	70	1				
Fumbles Lost	6	106	12				
Fumbles Recovered	1	89	4				

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	Buffalo	C. Michigan	Ball State	W. Michigan	Toledo	E. Michigan
Bowers, Ross	4-(-16)-0	0-0-0				
Collins, Erin	16-49-1	15-43-0				
Gregory, Rondarius	9-36-0	1-11-0				
Haidet, Andrew	1-1-1	0-0-0				
Richie, Tyrice	2-13-0	2-5-0				
Thompson, Rodney	2-7-1	4-13-0				
Waylee, Harrison	13-66-0	10-23-0				

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Buffalo	C. Michigan	Ball State	W. Michigan	Toledo	E. Michigan
Collins, Erin	1-4-0	1-(-1)-0				
Crawford, Daniel	1-7-0	3-11-0				
Gregory, Rondarius	1-0-0	0-0-0				
McCray, Fabian	1-34-0	0-0-0				
Richie, Tyrice	9-106-0	7-70-0				
Robinson, Dennis	0-0-0	1-31-1				
Rudolph, Trayvon	2-56-0	1-6-0				
Travis, Messiah	1-5-0	0-0-0				
Tucker, Cole	3-29-1	4-53-0				

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

Game	Ross Bowers	Andrew Haidet	Rodney Thompson
Buffalo	17-28-1, 202; 1	1-3-0, 5; 0	1-2-0, 0; 0
C. Michigan	16-32-0, 139; 0	1-2-0, 31; 1	0-0-0, 0; 0
Ball State			
W. Michigan			
Toledo			
E. Michigan			

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

Cole Tucker
0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0

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

Game	Ference
Buffalo	5-43.0, 1; 53
C. Michigan	7-37.7, 1; 46
Ball State	
W. Michigan	
Toledo	
E. Michigan	

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	Buffalo	C. Michigan	Ball State	W. Michigan	Toledo	E. Michigan
Baggett, Miles	0-1-1	0-0-0				
Brown, C.J.	0-1-1					
Cole, Jordan	0-0-0	0-1-1				
DeVeaux, Lance	4-1-5	DNP				
	1.0TFL					
Ester, James	1-1-2	2-2-4				
		0.5TFL				
Gandy, Jordan	3-1-4	0-3-3				
	PBU	INT				
Griffin, Jeffrey	0-1-1	2-3-5				
Hansen, Jordan	4-0-4	2-5-7				
	INT	0.5SK, 0.5TFL				
Harman, Nathan	0-0-0	1-0-1				
Harris, J.D.	0-0-0	1-0-1				
Kennedy, Michael	0-1-1	3-3-6				
	FR	SK, 1.5TFL, FF				
Kramer, Weston	0-3-3	0-2-2				
Lafayette, Devon	2-3-5	2-0-2				
		PBU				
McGee, Myles	3-0-3	0-1-1				
	PBU					
Oppong, Pierce	0-1-1	0-0-0				
	0.5TFL					
Pugh, Kyle	1-1-2	4-10-14				
	QBH	1.5SK, 1.5 TFL				
Rattin, Nick	3-7-10	1-5-6				
Rayner, Daveren	1-0-1	3-4-7				
Taylor, Demond	1-1-2	0-0-0				
	0.5TFL					
Tewes, Tristen	1-0-1	0-0-0				
	TFL					
Thomas, Dillon	1-1-2	1-2-3				
Thomas, Raishein	0-1-1	3-3-6				
		PBU				
Toure, Mohamed	0-1-1	0-0-0				

THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE TEAM...

RECORDED A SHUTOUT – 49-0 vs. Akron (10-26-19)

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 26 vs. Buffalo (11-4-20)

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 – 49 vs. Akron (10-26-19)

SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 49 vs. Akron (10-26-19)

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 – at Nebraska on Jordan Cole tackle of RB in end zone (9-14-19)

SCORED TWO OR MORE DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS – 2 (Fumble Recovery in End Zone; INT Return) vs. Akron (10-26-19)

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 – 510 at Ohio (10-12-19)

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

GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING – 74 vs. Central Michigan (11-11-20)

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 – 93 vs. Western Michigan (11-26-19)

DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – at Toledo (11-13-19)

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 – 94 yards vs. Akron (10-26-19)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 35 yards vs. Akron (11-1-18)

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

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 51 yards vs. Akron (10-26-19)

HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 145 vs. Akron (10-26-19)

HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 145 vs. Akron (10-26-19)

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

HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – vs. Akron (10-26-19)

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, 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 – 65 yards, Kadofi Wright of Buffalo (11-4-20)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 42 yards, Isaiah King and 46 yards, Tim Terry of Buffalo (11-4-20)

SCORED A SAFETY – Central Michigan (11-11-20), NIU punt snap fumbled, went out of back of end zone

BLOCKED A PUNT – Isaiah Stalbird of Nebraska (9-14-18)

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 – 1st, Central Michigan (11-11-20)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 300, Eli Peters of Toledo (11-13-19)

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

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 137, Jaret Patterson of Buffalo (11-4-20)

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

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – 75, Kobe Lewis of Central Michigan (11-2-19)

TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS – 143, Kobe Lewis and 138, Jonathan Ward of Central Michigan (11-2-19)

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 10, Diontae Johnson of Toledo (11-2-17)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 102, Antonio Nunn of Buffalo (11-4-20)

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Nick Rattin (31 yards) vs. Akron (10-26-19)

Trayshon Foster (0 yards) vs. Akron (10-26-19) - *fumble recovery in end zone*

A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS – Michael Love (7 yards to Mitchell Brinkman) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-19)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Corey Lersch at Ohio (10-12-19)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN - Corey Lersch blocked; Adam Buirge scored on a three-yard return at Ohio (10-12-19)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – Jalen McKie at Nebraska (9-14-19)

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

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Ross Bowers (incomplete pass) & Rodney Thompson (incomplete pass) vs. Buffalo (11-4-20)

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

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

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Marcus Childers (71) to Tyrice Richie (TD) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-19)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Tre Harbison (112) vs. Eastern Michigan (11-19-19)

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

HAD A RUSH OF 70 YARDS OR LONGER - Marcus Childers (70) at Ohio (10-12-19)

RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Tre Harbison, 2 games (11-13-19 at Toledo, 11-19-19 vs. EMU)

RUSHED FOR TWO OR MORE TDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Tre Harbison vs. Ball State (2), Ohio (3) - (10-5-19 to 10-12-19)

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

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Tyrice Richie (106) vs. Buffalo (11-4-20)

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Tyrice Richie (2) vs. Illinois State (8-31-19)

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

SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME – Tre Harbison (3 rushing) at Ohio (10-12-19)

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

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 – 51 yards, John Richardson at Ohio (10-12-19)

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)

NIU TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	30, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	10, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Points, Half	26 (1st), vs. Buffalo (11-4)	0 (1st), vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Points, Quarter	14 (4th), vs. Buffalo (11-4)	0 4x; <i>Last: 3rd vs. Central Michigan (11-11)</i>
First Downs	26, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	13, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Rushing Yards	156, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	74, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Rushing Attempts	47, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	33, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Passing Yards	241, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	170, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Pass Attempts	34, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)	33, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Completions	19, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	17, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Total Offensive Plays	80, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	67, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Total Offense Yards	397, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	244, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Punts	7, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)	5, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Penalties	7, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	5, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Turnovers Lost	5, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	2, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Sacks (By Defense)	3, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)	0, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Time of Possession	37:11, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	32:53, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)

OPPONENTS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	49, by Buffalo (11-4)	40, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Points, Half	31 (2nd), by Central Michigan (11-11)	9 (1st), by Central Michigan (11-11)
Points, Quarter	21 (3rd), by Buffalo (11-4)	2 (2nd), by Central Michigan (11-11)
First Downs	16, by Central Michigan (11-11)	14, by Buffalo (11-4)
Rushing Yards	237, by Central Michigan (11-11)	182, by Buffalo (11-4)
Rushing Attempts	42, by Central Michigan (11-11)	34, by Buffalo (11-4)
Passing Yards	196, by Central Michigan (11-11)	175, by Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Attempts	20, by Central Michigan (11-11)	17, by Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Completions	13, by Central Michigan (11-11)	11, by Buffalo (11-4)
Total Offensive Plays	62, by Central Michigan (11-11)	51, by Buffalo (11-4)
Total Offense Yards	433, by Central Michigan (11-11)	357, by Buffalo (11-4)
Punts	5, by Buffalo (11-4)	4, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Penalties	8, by Buffalo (11-4)	6, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Turnovers Lost	2, by Buffalo (11-4)	1, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Sacks (By Defense)	3, by Buffalo (11-4)	1, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Time of Possession	27:07, by Central Michigan (11-11)	22:49, by Buffalo (11-4)

NIU HUSKIES 2020 FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

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Rushing Attempts:	16, Erin Collins vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Net Rushing Yards:	66, Harrison Waylee vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Rushing TDs:	1, by 3 players vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Long TD Run:	13 yards, Rodney Thompson vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Non-Scoring Run:	20 yards, Erin Collins vs. CMU (11-11)
Passes Attempted:	32, Ross Bowers vs. CMU (11-11)
Passes Completed:	17, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Passing Yards:	202, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Completion Percentage:	.607 (17-28), Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
TD Passes:	1, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
	1, Andrew Haidet vs. CMU (11-11)
Long TD Pass:	31 yds, Andrew Haidet to Dennis Robinson vs. CMU (11-11)
Non-Scoring Pass:	34 yds, Rodney Thompson to Fabian McCray vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Receptions:	9, Tyrice Richie vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Receiving Yards:	106, Tyrice Richie vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Receiving TDs:	1, Cole Tucker vs. Buffalo (11-4)
	1, Dennis Robinson vs. CMU (11-11)
Punt Returns (not blocks):	NA
Punt Return Yards:	NA
Punt Return, Long:	NA
Kickoff Returns:	6, Trayvon Rudolph vs. CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Return Yards:	151, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Kickoff Return, Long:	45, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Total Plays:	32, Ross Bowers vs. CMU (11-11), vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Total Offensive Yards:	186, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4)
All-Purpose Attempts:	17, Erin Collins vs. Buffalo (11-4)
All-Purpose Yards:	207, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Points:	6, by five players
Touchdowns:	1, by five players
Points Kicking:	4, John Richardson vs. Buffalo (11-4), vs. CMU (11-11)
Field Goals Attempted:	1, John Richardson vs. Buffalo (11-4), vs. CMU (11-11)
Field Goals Made:	1, John Richardson vs. Buffalo (11-4), vs. CMU (11-11)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	45, John Richardson vs. CMU (11-11)
Longest Field Goal Made:	45, John Richardson vs. CMU (11-11)
Punts:	7, Matt Ference vs. CMU (11-11)
Best Punting Average:	43.0, Matt Ference vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Longest Punt:	53 yards, Matt Ference vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Tackles:	14, Kyle Pugh vs. CMU (11-11)
Tackles for Loss:	1.5, Kyle Pugh vs. CMU (11-11)
	1.5, Michael Kennedy vs. CMU (11-11)
Sacks:	1.5, Kyle Pugh vs. CMU (11-11)
Interceptions:	1, Jordan Gandy vs. CMU (11-11)
	1, Jordan Hansen vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Long Interception Return:	NA
Fumbles Forced:	1, Michael Kennedy vs. CMU (11-11)
Fumbles Recovered:	1, Michael Kennedy vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Long Fumble Return:	3 yards, Michael Kennedy vs. Buffalo (11-4)

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	20, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Rushing Yards:	137, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Long TD Run:	56 yards, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Non-Scoring Run:	43 yards, Darius Bracy, CMU (11-11)
Passes Attempted:	19, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Passes Completed:	13, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1 (2x), last: Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Completion Percentage:	.684 (13-19), Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Passing Yards:	196, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
TD Passes:	2, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Long TD Pass:	58 yards, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Non-Scoring Pass:	46 yards, Kyle VanTrease, Buffalo (11-4)
Receptions:	6, Antonio Nunn, Buffalo (11-4)
Receiving Yards:	102, Antonio Nunn, Buffalo (11-4)
Receiving TDs:	1 (3x)
Punt Returns:	1, Ron Cook, Buffalo (11-4) and Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Punt Return Yards:	24, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Punt Return, Long:	24, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Returns:	2, Kobe Lewis, CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Return Yards:	28, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Return, Long:	28, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Total Plays:	23, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Total Offensive Yards:	188, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
All-Purpose Attempts:	20, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
All-Purpose Yards:	137, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Points:	12, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Touchdowns:	2, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Points Kicking:	8, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Field Goals Attempted:	1, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Field Goals Made:	1, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	40, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Longest Field Goal Made:	40, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Punts:	5, Evan Finegan, Buffalo (11-4)
Best Punting Average:	34.8, Luke Elzinga, CMU (11-11)
Longest Punt:	45, Luke Elzinga, CMU (11-11)
Tackles:	9, Richard Bowens, CMU (11-11)
Tackles for Loss:	2.0, Mohamed Diallo, CMU (11-11)
	2.0, Malcolm Koonce, Buffalo (11-4)
Sacks:	1.0 (2x)
Interceptions:	1, Kadofi Wright, Buffalo (11-4)
INT Return, Long:	65 yards (TD), Kadofi Wright, Buffalo (11-4)
INT Return, TD:	1, Kadofi Wright, Buffalo (11-4)
Long Fumble Return:	46 yards (TD), Tim Terry, Buffalo (11-4)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
0	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	223	Jr.-R	2L	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
0	Rodney Thompson	QB	5-11	200	So.-R	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Saint Augustine/Palomar JC/ Northern Arizona)
2	Lance Deveau Jr.	LB	5-10	223	Sr.-R	3L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
2	Michael Love	WR	5-9	177	So.	1L	LaGrange Park, Ill. (Nazareth Academy)
3	Devin Lafayette	S	6-2	191	Fr.	HS	Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick)
3	Tyrice Richie	WR	6-0	193	Sr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City [KS] CC)
4	Dustin Fletcher	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	HS	Flint, Mich. (Carmen-Ainsworth)
4	Raishein Thomas	DE	6-4	257	Fr.	HS	Racine, Wis. (Washington Park)
5	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	220	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
6	C.J. Brown	S	5-11	192	Fr.	HS	Canton, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
7	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	185	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
7	Jordan Hansen	S	6-1	192	Fr.	HS	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)
8	Mohamed Toure	WR	6-2	195	Fr.-R	RS	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
9	Daveren Rayner	LB	6-3	212	Fr.	HS	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
10	Andrew Haidet	QB	6-5	231	Sr.-R	GTR	Plano, Texas (John Paul II/Houston Baptist)
11	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	220	Sr.-6	3L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
11	Messiah Travis	WR	5-10	186	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
12	Eric Rogers	CB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Burlington, N.J. (Burlington Township)
12	Ross Bowers	QB	6-2	200	Sr.-6	1L	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)
13	Leon Payne	WR	5-10	183	So.-R	1Sq	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
13	Myles McGee	CB	6-0	182	Fr.	HS	Canton, Ga. (Sequoyah)
14	Jeremiah Howard	WR	5-11	178	Fr.	HS	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
14	Jordan Gandy	CB	5-10	175	So.	TR	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb/South Dakota State)
15	Billy Dozier	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln Way West)
15	Dillon Thomas	CB	6-2	188	Jr.-R	2L	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
16	Drew Cassens	QB	6-2	213	Fr.	HS	Downers Grove, Ill. (Downers Grove Noth)
16	J.D. Harris	CB	5-10	180	So.-R	1Sq	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)
17	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	210	Jr.-R	2L	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	198	Jr.-R	2L	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
18	Kewan Parker	LB	5-10	216	So.-R	1L	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)
19	Jyran Mitchell	TB	5-11	195	So.-R	1Sq	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
19	Patrick Hoffman	S	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
20	Connor Leffler	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
20	Zhamaine March	CB	5-8	175	Jr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep)
21	Erin Collins	TB	6-2	210	Jr.	JC	Plant City, Fla. (Armwood/Hutchinson [KS] CC)
22	Rondarius Gregory	TB	5-7	197	Fr.-R	RS	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
23	Eddie Jackson	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla. (Gulliver Prep)
23	Shaquan Oliver	TB	5-10	211	Sr.-R	1Sq	Montclair, N.J. (Montclair/Rutgers)
24	Jashon Prophete	CB	5-11	178	Fr.	HS	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
25	Cortez Hogans	DE	6-3	258	So.-R	1L	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
26	Jaden Dolphin	S	6-2	194	Fr.	HS	Des Plaines, Ill. (Maine West)
27	Mark Aitken	CB	5-9	175	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
28	Tommy Brunner	DE	6-3	248	Fr.-R	RS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
29	Woodly Appolon	LB	6-4	206	Jr.	JC	Montreal, Quebec (Jean-Grou/Butler [KS] CC)
30	Harrison Waylee	TB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Johnston, Iowa (Urbandale)
32	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	245	So.-R	1L	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)
32	Brianjay Ross	S	5-11	188	So.-R	1Sq	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
33	Joshua Earl	S	6-1	203	So.-R	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
34	Donavan Bieber	TB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Columbia, Ill. (Columbia)
34	Reggie Jennings	DE	6-1	228	So.-R	1Sq	Milwaukee, Wis. (Brookfield Central)
35	Vondarious Gordon	TB	5-11	207	Fr.	HS	Great Lakes, Ill. (North Chicago)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	186	Sr.	3L	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
38	Nick Rattin	LB	6-2	222	So.	1L	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	188	So.-R	1L	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
39	Manny Dominguez	LB	5-10	199	Fr.	HS	Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore)

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No.	Name	Pos.
93	Erik Abrell	LS
27	Mark Aitken	CB
29	Woodly Appolon	LB
56	Miles Baggett	DT
84	Keion Battle	WR
46	Anthony Beacom	P
53	Nate Beyer	OL
34	Donavan Bieber	TB
32	Brett Bostad	FB
12	Ross Bowers	QB
6	C.J. Brown	S
28	Tommy Brunner	DE
60	Evan Buss	OL
16	Drew Cassens	QB
76	John Champe	OL
0	Jordan Cole	LB
21	Erin Collins	TB
70	Marques Cox	OL
88	Daniel Crawford	TE
80	Mike DeHaan	TE
42	Greg DeLuca	FB
2	Lance Deveau Jr.	LB
26	Jaden Dolphin	S
39	Manny Dominguez	LB
15	Billy Dozier	WR
84	C.J. Dunn	DL
33	Joshua Earl	S
75	Leif Engstrand	OL
44	James Ester	DT
36	Matt Ference	P
47	C.C. Fish	CB
4	Dustin Fletcher	QB
98	Tom Foley	P
14	Jordan Gandy	CB
57	Rayshawn Gay	LB
35	Vondarious Gordon	TB
22	Rondarius Gregory	TB
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT
10	Andrew Haidet	QB
7	Jordan Hansen	S
51	Nathan Harman	LB
16	J.D. Harris	CB
19	Patrick Hoffman	S
25	Cortez Hogans	DE
14	Jeremiah Howard	WR
92	Jack Hugunin	DT
23	Eddie Jackson	LB
34	Reggie Jennings	DE
54	Matt Johnson	DE
5	Michael Kennedy	DE
55	Weston Kramer	DT
3	Devin Lafayette	S
49	Jayden Lambert	CB
20	Connor Leffler	WR

NUMERICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
41	Jalon Redmond	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
42	Greg DeLuca	FB	6-2	214	Sr.-R	TR	Boonton Township, N.J. (Mountain Lakes/Duke)
44	James Ester	DT	6-2	294	Fr.-R	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
46	Anthony Beacom	P	5-10	204	Fr.	HS	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park)
47	C.C. Fish	CB	5-10	182	Fr.	HS	Mount Horeb, Wis. (Mount Horeb)
49	Jayden Lambert	CB	6-1	176	Fr.	HS	Downers Grove, Ill. (Downers Grove)
50	Vinny Labus	LB	6-1	221	Jr.-R	2L	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
51	Nathan Harman	LB	5-11	225	So.-R	1L	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello)
53	Nate Beyer	OL	6-4	310	Fr.	HS	Sterling, Ill. (Sterling)
54	Matt Johnson	DE	6-3	226	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	290	Sr.	3L	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
56	Miles Baggett	DT	6-2	281	Sr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young/Minn. St. Moorhead)
57	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-2	219	Jr.-R	2L	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-5	304	Sr.-R	3L	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
60	Evan Buss	OL	6-6	298	Fr.	HS	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	300	Sr.-R	3L	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Seth Thompson	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Holy Family Catholic)
64	Matthew Schooley	OL	6-2	293	Fr.	HS	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)
65	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	318	Fr.-R	RS	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)
66	Anthony Vacula	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	HS	Hales Corners, Wis. (Whitnall)
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-6	301	So.-R	1L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-6	310	So.-R	1L	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
71	Kobe Rios	OL	6-6	322	So.	WO	Rock Island, Ill. (Rock Island/Iowa Western CC)
74	Tyler Pitcel	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Mukwonago, Wis. (Mukwonago)
75	Leif Engstrand	OL	6-8	316	Fr.-R	RS	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)
76	John Champe	OL	6-4	317	Fr.	HS	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-7	302	Sr.	3Sq	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
78	Jack Wilty	OL	6-4	308	Fr.	HS	Altoona, Iowa (Southeast Polk)
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	295	Fr.-R	RS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
80	Mike DeHaan	TE	6-5	252	So.-R	1Sq	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew)
81	Jake Novotny	TE	6-4	220	Fr.	HS	Greendale, Wis. (Marquette University)
82	Tristen Tewes	LB	6-3	232	Fr.-R	RS	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)
83	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	260	Jr.-R	1L	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
84	C.J. Dunn	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	HS	Bourbonnais, Ill. (Bradley-Bourbonnais)
84	Keion Battle	WR	6-1	186	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, Ill. (Oswego East)
85	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	5-10	179	Fr.	HS	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)
86	Joe Sikma	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Waukesha, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	232	Sr.-R	1L	Detroit, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-2	251	Sr.-6	3L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Luke Mallette	TE	6-4	231	Sr.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young/Amherst College)
90	Caleb Wright	DE	6-3	260	So.-R	1Sq	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT	6-0	288	So.-R	1L	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
92	Jack Hugunin	DT	6-2	299	Fr.	HS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
93	Erik Abrell	LS	6-1	215	Jr.-R	2L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
95	Devonte O'Malley	DL	6-2	254	Fr.	HS	Midlothian, Ill. (Bremen)
96	Jacob Waskow	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	HS	Canton, Ill. (Canton)
97	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT	6-2	296	Fr.-R	RS	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)
98	Tom Foley	P	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Notre Dame/Minnesota)
99	Pierce Oppong	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	HS	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)

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No.	Name	Pos.
79	J.J. Lippe	OL
2	Michael Love	WR
89	Luke Mallette	TE
20	Zhamaine March	CB
7	Fabian McCray	WR
13	Myles McGee	CB
19	Jyran Mitchell	TB
81	Jake Novotny	TE
95	Devonte O'Malley	DL
23	Shaquan Oliver	TB
61	Benn Olson	OL
99	Pierce Oppong	DL
18	Kewan Parker	LB
58	Brayden Patton	OL
13	Leon Payne	WR
74	Tyler Pitcel	OL
69	Nolan Potter	OL
24	Jashon Prophete	CB
11	Kyle Pugh	LB
38	Nick Rattin	LB
9	Daveren Rayner	LB
41	Jalon Redmond	LB
39	John Richardson	K
3	Tyrice Richie	WR
71	Kobe Rios	OL
17	Dennis Robinson	WR
12	Eric Rogers	CB
32	Brianjay Ross	S
85	Trayvon Rudolph	WR
64	Matthew Schooley	OL
86	Joe Sikma	WR
83	Liam Soraghan	TE
97	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT
82	Tristen Tewes	LB
15	Dillon Thomas	CB
4	Raishein Thomas	DE
0	Rodney Thompson	QB
62	Seth Thompson	OL
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE
8	Mohamed Toure	WR
11	Messiah Travis	WR
18	Cole Tucker	WR
66	Anthony Vacula	OL
96	Jacob Waskow	DL
30	Harrison Waylee	TB
77	Cole Webster	OL
78	Jack Wilty	OL
90	Caleb Wright	DE
65	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.

DEPTH CHART

Offense							Pronunciations	
	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)	Name	Pronunciation
QB	12	Ross Bowers	6-2	200	Sr.-6	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)	Erik ABRELL	AY-brull
OR	0	Rodney Thompson	5-11	200	So.-R	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine/Palomar JC/N. Arizona)	Woody APPOLON	App-uh-LON
	4	Dustin Fletcher	6-3	220	Fr.	Flint, Mich. (Carmen-Ainsworth)	KEION Battle	KEY-on
TB	30	Harrison Waylee	5-10	180	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa (Urbandale)	Nate BEYER	BYE-er
TE	21	Erin Collins	6-2	210	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. (Armwood/Hutchinson [KS] CC)	Donovan BIEBER	BEE-ber
	22	Rondarius Gregory	5-7	197	Fr.-R	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)	Brett BOSTAD	BO-stadd
AND	88	Daniel Crawford	6-2	251	Sr.-6	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)	Tommy BRUNNER	BREW-ner
	83	Liam Soraghan	6-7	260	Jr.-R	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)	John CHAMPE	CHAMP (e is silent)
WR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)	MARQUES Cox	Marcus
WR	11	Messiah Travis	5-10	186	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)	Mike DEHAAN	duh-HAWN
	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	193	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)	Lance DEVEAUX Jr.	duh-VOE
WR	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	210	Jr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)	JADEN Dolphin	JAY-den
	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)	JEVYON Ducker	Juh-VOHN
LT	8	Mohamed Toure	6-2	195	Fr.-R	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)	LIEF ENGSTRAND	LEAF ANG-strand
	70	Marques Cox	6-6	310	So.-R	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)	Matt FERENCE	FARE-ents
LG	75	Leif Engstrand	6-8	316	Fr.-R	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)	VONDARIOUS Gordon	von-DARE-ee-us
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	300	Sr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)	RONDARIUS Gregory	ron-DARE-ee-us
OR	76	John Champe	6-4	317	Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)	Andrew HAIDET	HAY-dit
	58	Brayden Patton	6-5	304	Sr.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)	CORTEZ Hogans	core-TEZ
C	79	J.J. Lippe	6-5	295	Fr.-R	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)	Jack HUGUNIN	HUE-guh-NIN
	65	Logan Zschernitz	6-3	318	Fr.-R	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)	Devin LAFAYETTE	Lah-FAY-ett
RG	74	Tyler Pitcel	6-4	285	Fr.	Mukwonago, Wis. (Mukwonago)	J.J. LIPPE	LIP-ee
	69	Nolan Potter	6-6	301	So.-R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	Luke MALLETT	Muh-LETT
RT	60	Evan Buss	6-6	298	Fr.	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)	ZHAMAIN March	juh-MAIN
Defense								
	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)		
DE	99	Pierce Oppong	6-3	265	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)		
DT	5	Michael Kennedy	6-1	220	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)		
	44	James Ester	6-2	294	Fr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)		
DT	97	Demond Taylor Jr.	6-2	295	Fr.-R	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)		
	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	290	Sr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)		
DE	91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	6-0	288	So.-R	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)		
	4	Rashein Thomas	6-4	257	Fr.	Racine, Wis. (Washington Park)		
OLB	95	Devonte O'Malley	6-2	254	Fr.	Midlothian, Ill. (Bremen)		
	11	Kyle Pugh	6-0	220	Sr.-6	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)		
MLB	23	Eddie Jackson	6-0	215	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Gulliver Prep)		
	38	Nick Rattin	6-2	222	So.	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)		
OLB	82	Tristen Tewes	6-3	232	Fr.-R	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)		
	9	Daveren Rayner	6-3	212	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)		
CB	29	Woody Appolon	6-4	206	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec (Jean-Grou/Butler [KS] CC)		
	14	Jordan Gandy	5-10	175	So.	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb/South Dakota State)		
S	13	Myles McGee	6-0	182	Fr.	Canton, Ga. (Sequoyah)		
	3	Devin Lafayette	6-2	191	Fr.	Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick)		
OR	6	C.J. Brown	5-11	192	Fr.	Canton, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)		
	7	Jordan Hansen	6-1	192	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)		
OR	33	Joshua Earl	6-1	203	So.-R	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)		
	26	Jaden Dolphin	6-2	194	Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill. (Maine West)		
CB	15	Dillon Thomas	6-2	188	Jr.-R	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)		
	16	J.D. Harris	5-10	180	So.-R	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)		
OR	12	Eric Rogers	6-2	175	Fr.	Burlington, N.J. (Burlington Township)		
Specialists								
	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)		
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)		
K	98	Tom Foley	6-4	215	Fr.	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Notre Dame/Minnesota)		
	39	John Richardson	5-11	188	So.-R	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)		
LS (P)	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)		
	93	Erik Abrell	6-1	215	Jr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)		
LS (PK)	19	Patrick Hoffman	6-0	180	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)		
	93	Erik Abrell	6-1	215	Jr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)		
HO	64	Matthew Schooley	6-2	293	Fr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)		
	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)		
PR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)		
	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)		
KR	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)		
	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)		
OR	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	193	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)		
	19	Jyran Mitchell	5-11	195	So.-R	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)		
							Coaches	
							Eric EIDSSNESS	IDES-ness
							Daryl AGPALSA	Ag-PAWL-suh
							Jordan GIGLI	GEE-lee
							Tony SORRENTINO	SORE-un-TEE-no
							Hometowns	
							Oconomowoc	Uh-CON-oh-muh-WALK
							Mukwonago	Muh-GWAHN-UH-go