

NIU FOOTBALL 20

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)	7 p.m.
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. 11, 2020 - 7 PM CT
DeKalb, Illinois • Huskie Stadium (23,595)



CENTRAL MICHIGAN

1-0	Overall Record	0-1
1-0	Conference Record	0-1
Jim McElwain	Head Coach	Thomas Hammock
Eastern Washington '84	Alma Mater	NIU '02
53-34/8th	Career Record/Year	5-8/2nd
9-6/2nd	School Record/Year	Same



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HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Thomas Hammock
Alma Mater/Year.....	NIU '02
Record at NIU/Years.....	5-8/2nd
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.....	592-502-51
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 open MAC West competition Wednesday when they take on the defending West Division Champion Central Michigan Chippewas at Huskie Stadium. CMU is coming off a 30-27 win over Ohio last week in Mt. Pleasant.
- NIU has played Central Michigan more times - 55 - than any other FBS opponent, dating back to the first game between the teams in 1939.
- Due to state of Illinois, Mid-American Conference and NIU regulations in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, fans - except for family members of the players and coaches - will not be permitted in Huskie Stadium in 2020 and parking lots will not be open for pregame tailgating.
- NIU graduate Thomas Hammock, a two-time first team Academic All-American who rushed for 1,000 yards to lead the Huskies in both 2000 and 2001, begins his second year as head coach. Prior to returning to NIU, he served as running backs for the Baltimore Ravens for five seasons.
- The top Veteran's Day story on the NIU roster is that of Greg DeLuca, a 28-year old former Navy SEAL who played on a pair of NCAA Championship lacrosse teams at Duke in 2010 and 2013, and walked on to the NIU football team in January. DeLuca played two seasons of football at Duke in addition to a successful four-year lacrosse career. A married father of one, he is pursuing a master's degree in sports psychology at NIU.
- Seven freshmen - five true - and two newcomers started last week's season opener versus Buffalo and 17 true freshmen and 10 redshirts saw action in the contest.
- In just one game, freshman kickoff receiver Trayvon Rudolph surpassed the total kickoff return yards compiled by the Huskie TEAM in 12 games in 2019. Rudolph totaled 151 yards on five returns; NIU earned 141 yards on 12 returns last season.
- 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 CMU game will be Friday, November 6, 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 #MAAction 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 #MAAction 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

MOST FREQUENT FOE: The Huskies have played Central Michigan 55 times since 1939, more than any other current NCAA FBS team. The Chippewas lead the all-time series 30-24-1 and are 18-16 versus NIU in 34 games as MAC opponents. NIU has won 15 of the 27 games played in DeKalb, with the teams playing to a 6-6 tie in the 1947 game at NIU. The Huskies won the last meeting at Huskie Stadium, 24-16, on Sept. 15, 2018, their only win over CMU in the last six games in the series.

THE LAST MEETING: Central Michigan tailbacks Jonathan Ward and Kobe Lewis combined for 281 of CMU's 327 rushing yards and quarterback Quinten Dormady threw three touchdown passes as the Chippewas handed the Northern Illinois University Huskies a 48-10 loss on November 2, 2019 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. CMU totaled 615 yards of total offense while holding NIU to 251 yards, including just 22 net rushing yards on 25 carries. The Chippewas led 38-10 at halftime and cruised to the win, allowing NIU

LAST WEEK: NIU trailed Buffalo 21-16 at the end of the first half before a quartet of Huskie second-half turnovers, three of which were returned for touchdowns, led to a 49-30 Bulls victory. Buffalo scored on a pair of fumble recoveries in a span of 45 seconds in the third quarter to take a 35-16 lead and extended the lead to 49-16 before NIU scored twice in the last five minutes of the game. NIU totaled 26 first downs to UB's 14 and outgained the Bulls 397-357.

HUSKIE VETERAN: Veteran's Day has a special meaning for NIU newcomer Greg DeLuca. The 28-year-old fullback, who walked on to the Huskie team in January as a grad transfer, spent the previous six years in the Navy where he was a member of SEAL Team 10 and Special Reconnaissance Team 2. 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 one, DeLuca is pursuing a master's degree in sports psychology at NIU.

HOME SWEET HOME: With a 71-25 record at home since 2003, NIU's all-time record at Huskie Stadium stands at 178-108-2 for a .621 all-time winning percentage. During that stretch, the Huskies have had 15 winning records at home and five undefeated seasons in DeKalb (2003, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013). The Huskies went 3-2 at home in 2020.

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: NIU is 156-106-2 all-time in Mid-American Conference play after dropping its season opener to Buffalo. The Huskies are 120-61 (.663) in league action since re-joining the MAC in 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 65-16 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.

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 .669 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	45
Toledo	86	43
Ohio	80	51
Western Michigan	68	60
Bowling Green	58	73
Central Michigan	57	71
Ball State	52	70
Buffalo	54	70
Miami	49	77
Kent State	44	78
Eastern Michigan	40	84
Akron	37	87

MIDWEEK MACTION: NIU is 23-7 in league games played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays since 2010, including a 13-5 mark in MACtion home games. This Wednesday's game with Central Michigan, though, marks just the second meeting with the Chippewas in a midweek game. The only other midweek contest between NIU and CMU came on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 and resulted in a 33-30 overtime victory by the Chippewas. The teams have closed out the regular season on the Friday after Thanksgiving twice over the last 11 years.

NIU VS. MAC WEST: Since the MAC went to divisional play in 1997, NIU is 74-44 versus teams from the MAC West, including a 37-13 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.

LAND OF LINCOLN LEADERS: Since 2010, NIU is the winningest football program among the state of Illinois' Division I football programs. 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	45	.669
Illinois State	78	48	.619
Northwestern*	74	56	.569
Eastern Illinois	51	66	.436
Southern Illinois*	49	64	.434
Western Illinois	49	69	.415
Illinois*	46	80	.365

*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.

HUSKIE CONNECTIONS: NIU 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 High School football coach Lou Sponsel was a fullback for NIU when Hammock arrived in DeKalb as a freshman. 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 when injuries hit the linebacking corps. Rattin has since been awarded a scholarship.

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.

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

FOLLOW THE HUSKIES

TV: NIU-CMU ON ESPNU

- The NIU-Central Michigan game will air on ESPNU.
- The Huskies are making their 22nd all-time appearance on ESPNU and will be featured on the network for the sixth time in the last three seasons. NIU is 12-9 in games broadcast on ESPNU.
- Mike Corey (play-by-play) and Rocky Boiman (color analyst) will call the game.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network broadcast for the Central Michigan game begins at 6:30 p.m. CT, 30 minutes before kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLKB 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 special 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	Chippewas
30	Points/G	30
4 (3-1)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	4 (3-1)
26	First Downs	24
397.0	Total Yards/G	427.0
156.0	Rush Yards/G	184.0
241.0	Pass Yards/G	243.0
5	Turnovers Lost	0
37:11	Time of Possession/G	34:47
36% (5-14)	3rd Down Conversions	38.9% (7-18)
50% (1-2)	4th Down Conversions	40% (2-5)
43.0	Net Punting Avg.	42.6
30.2	Kickoff Return Avg.	16.0
0.0	Punt Return Avg.	0.0
7-65	Penalties-Yards/G	6-64
100% (4-4)	Red Zone Scores	100% (4-4)
100% (4-4)	Red Zone TDs	75% (3-4)
49	Points Allowed/G	27
4 (3-1)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	3 (1-2)
14	First Downs Allowed	16
357.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	345.0
182.0	Rush Yards/G Allowed	110
175.0	Pass Yards/G Allowed	235.0
33% (3-9)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	36.4% (7-18)
0% (0-0)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	0% (0-1)
2	Turnovers Gained	2

BY THE NUMBERS

- .674 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 Huskie MAC Championships since 2011
- 8 One possession games for NIU in 2019. The Huskies went 6-2 in those contests
- 10 Huskies, six on defense, who made their first career starts in the season opener
- 14 Returning starters for the Huskies in 2020
- 24 Huskie newcomers saw their first action in a NIU uniform against Buffalo
- 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
- 151 Kickoff return yards by freshman Trayvon Rudolph, topping last year's total of 141
- 1,145 Games played all-time by the Huskies
- 2,432 Career rushing yards for head coach Thomas Hammock (1999-2002) to rank 13th at NIU

transfers and one is an undergrad transfer from a four-year school and two are non-freshmen walk-ons.

FROSH FACES: Five true freshmen and a pair of redshirt freshmen earned spots in the starting line-up for NIU versus Buffalo. The Huskies started four true freshmen on defense - defensive ends Pierce Oppong and Raishein Thomas and safeties Jordan Hansen and Devin Lafayette - and one, wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph, on offense. They led a group of 17 true freshmen who saw action in the season opener for NIU.

RUN RUN RUDOLPH: Freshman wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph, a preferred walk-on who was awarded a scholarship during preseason practices, made his presence felt in the season opener as a starting wide receiver, and especially on kickoff returns. Against Buffalo, Rudolph returned five kickoffs for 151 yards with a long return of 45 yards, the longest by a Huskie since Chad Beebe had a 49-yard return on Nov. 15, 2017 versus Western Michigan. Rudolph's 151 yards surpassed the **total** kickoff return yards collected by the Huskie team in 2019 (141 on 12 returns).

IMPACT ROOKIES: Trayvon Rudolph wasn't the only true freshman to make his mark versus Buffalo. Safety Jordan Hansen recorded NIU's first interception of the season with a leaping grab in the second quarter and finished the game with four solo tackles. Tailback Harrison Waylee led the Huskies in rushing with 13 carries for 66 yards, all in the fourth quarter. In addition to his 151 KOR yards, Rudolph caught two passes for 56 yards to lead NIU with 207 all-purpose yards.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: The majority of the 65 players who saw action in the 2020 season opener for NIU were underclassmen. The Huskies played 17 true freshmen, 10 redshirt freshmen and 13 sophomores in the Buffalo game, with 11 of NIU's 24 starters among that group. There are 14 true freshmen and nine redshirt freshmen on the two deep for the CMU game.

SEVEN SENIORS: Alongside the seven freshmen (5 true, 2 redshirt) and two newcomers (TB Erin Collins, CB Jordan Gandy) in the starting line-up for the Huskies' first game were seven seniors. On offense, quarterback Ross Bowers, receiver Tyrice Richie and offensive linemen Benn Olson and Brayden Patton have a combined 46 starts at NIU, led by Patton's 20. Defensive tackle Weston Kramer is the most experienced Huskie returnee overall with 25 career starts, while linebackers Kyle Pugh and Lance Deveaux Jr. have started 20 and 16 games, respectively, in their NIU careers.

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVES: Looking past the four turnovers that led directly to 21 Buffalo points, NIU saw several positive indicators on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball last Wednesday.

- NIU's 26 first downs were the most by the Huskies since the 2018 Akron game, a span of 17 games.
- The Huskies out-gained Buffalo 397-357 and averaged 5.0 yards per play.
- After surrendering 144 rushing yards on 19 carries in the first half (the bulk of those coming on a 56-yard TD run), NIU held Buffalo to 38 yards on 15 carries in the second half.
- Buffalo was held to 14 first downs in the game and punted eight times.

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 and his penchant for big plays. Veteran corner Rashaan Melvin has opted out of the 2020 season, while Tommylee 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.....	Tommylee Lewis (WR)-PS
New England Patriots.....	Jordan Steckler (OL)-PS
Jacksonville Jaguars.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)-NWT



RICHIE ROLLS: Senior wide receiver Tyrice Richie had a career day versus Buffalo with nine catches for 106 yards to lead the Huskies. The senior recorded the second 100-yard game of his career, and the first since the 2019 season opener versus Illinois State. He added two carries for 13 yards. 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 Ference, set to break nearly every NIU career record for punting, and starters Nick Rattin (LB), Brett Bostad (FB), Trayvon Rudolph (WR) and more. They join a long and distinguished list of NIU players from the past that arrived as walk-ons such as 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.

WELCOME BACK: After missing the 2019 season with injury, NIU welcomed senior linebackers Kyle Pugh and Lance Deveau Jr. back to the line-up last week. Deveau Jr. made five tackles, four solo, with a tackle for loss in the game, while Pugh, a second-team All-MAC choice in 2018, had a pair of stops and a quarterback hurry.

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. Versus Buffalo, NIU newcomers Erin Collins (16 rushes for 49 yards) and Harrison Waylee (13 rushes for 66 yards) both surpassed the mark with Gregory chipping in 36 yards on nine carries.

ON THE VERGE: Senior punter Matt Ference, whose 41.4 yard punting average currently ranks first on the Huskie career charts, needs 19 punts and 412 yards to add those career records to his résumé. A four-year starter, Ference has punted 239 times for 9,901 yards in 40 games while also serving as NIU's holder. Ference already holds the single season marks for punts and punting yards.

HONORS CANDIDATE: In addition to his punting prowess, St. Louis native Matt Ference has been named to the Ray Guy Award Watch List. The honor goes to the top punter in the country. He is also a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, the award which recognizes the top football scholar-athlete in the nation and is selected from across every division of college football. Ference, who earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from NIU with a 3.43 GPA, is pursuing his MBA.

I KNOW YOU: At least one of NIU's eight Michigan products will see some very familiar faces on the opposite sideline on Wednesday. Four former teammates of NIU redshirt freshman defensive tackle James Ester, a product of Detroit powerhouse Cass Tech, play for CMU. In addition, four players from Illinois' Homewood-Flossmoor High School are on either the NIU or CMU roster with Tyrice Richie and Jeffrey Griffin Jr. the latest players from that high school to don the Cardinal and Black. Central Michigan's roster lists seven players from Illinois.

BRINGING THE JUICE: With fans in the stadium limited to player families, NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock created the "Juice Committee," a group of players, coaches and staff who came up with a series of ideas to amp up the volume during practices and games in 2020.

Several of those ideas have already been implemented. At each

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

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

On the sidelines, the Huskie "photo booth" is a spot where players can "pose" and 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.

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 Deveau 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.

HUSKIE FAN CUTOUTS: There may be a familiar face or two among the Huskie Fan Cutouts that will be positioned on the East Side of the stadium. Look for Huskie great Michael Turner, NIU Athletic Director Sean Frazier and NIU President Lisa Freeman, among the many loyal Huskies making their presence known in the stadium.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	Jr.-R	24	-
Mark Aitken, CB	Fr.-R	1	1
Miles Baggett, DT	Sr.-R	1	-
Brett Bostad, FB	So.-R	12	-
Ross Bowers, QB	Sr.-R	10	9
C.J. Brown, S	Fr.	1	-
Evan Buss, OL	Fr.	1	-
John Champe, OL	Fr.	1	-
Jordan Cole, LB	Jr.-R	25	9
Erin Collins, TB	Jr.	1	1
Marques Cox, OT	So.-R	13	11
Daniel Crawford, TE	Sr.-R	36	11
Lance Deveau Jr., LB	Sr.-R	34	16
Billy Dozier, WR	Fr.	1	-
Jaden Dolphin, S	Fr.	1	-
Joshua Earl, S	So.-R	9	1
Leif Engstrand, OT	Fr.-R	2	-
James Ester, DT	Fr.-R	5	-
Matt Ference, P	Sr.	40	-
Devin Lafayette, S	Fr.	1	1
Jordan Gandy, CB	So.	1	1
Rayshawn Gay, LB	Jr.-R	15	-
Rondarius Gregory, RB	Fr.-R	4	-
Jeffrey Griffin Jr., DT	So.-R	11	-
Andrew Haidet, QB	Sr.-R	1	-
Jordan Hansen, S	Fr.	1	1
Nathan Harman, LB	So.-R	14	-
J.D. Harris, CB	So.-R	3	-
Cortez Hogans, DE	So.-R	17	-
Eddie Jackson, LB	Fr.	1	-
Michael Kennedy, DE	Jr.-R	21	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Sr.	40	25
J.J. Lippe, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Michael Love, WR	So.	12	-
Luke Mallette, TE	Sr.-R	1	-
Zhamaine March, CB	Jr.	21	-
Cam Mattox, DE	So.	7	-
Fabian McCray, TB	Fr.-R	3	-
Myles McGee, CB	Fr.-R	1	-
Jyran Mitchell, TB	So.-R	6	-
Shaquan Oliver, FB	Sr.-R	6	-
Benn Olson, OL	Sr.-R	24	10
Pierce Oppong, DE	Fr.	1	1
Kewan Parker, LB	So.-R	10	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Sr.-R	30	20
Leon Payne, WR	So.-R	4	1
Nolan Potter, OT	So.-R	13	1
Jashon Prophete, CB	Fr.	1	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	Sr.-R	30	20
Nick Rattin, LB	So.	13	7
Devin Rayner, LB	Fr.	1	-
John Richardson, K	So.-R	16	-
Tyrice Richie, WR	Sr.-R	12	7
Dennis Robinson, WR	Jr.-R	26	7
Trayshon Rudolph, WR	Fr.	1	1
Liam Soraghan, TE	Jr.-R	14	1
Demond Taylor Jr., DT	Fr.-R	5	1
Tristen Tewes, LB	Fr.-R	5	-
Dillon Thomas, S	Jr.-R	27	3
Raishien Thomas, DE	Fr.	1	1
Rodney Thompson, QB	Jr.-R	1	-
Maximillian Thrower, TE	Sr.-R	8	-
Mohamed Toure, WR	Fr.-R	5	-
Messiah Travis, WR	Fr.-R	5	-
Cole Tucker, WR	Jr.-R	27	17
Harrison Waylee, TB	Fr.	1	-
Cole Webster, OL	Sr.	2	-
Caleb Wright, DL	So.-R	2	-
Logan Zschernitz, OG	Fr.-R	5	3

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

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

2019 Record 8-6
 Mid-American Conference Record/Finish.....6-2/First
 Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year) Jim McElwain
 (Eastern Washington/1984)
 Record at CMU/Years9-6/Second
 Career Record/Years53-34/Eighth
 Location.....Mount Pleasant, Mich.
 Enrollment.....19,431
 Conference.....Mid-American, West Division (MAC)
 Colors.....Maroon and Gold
 Stadium.....Kelly/Shorts Stadium
 Surface/Capacity.....Astro Turf /30,255
 President.....Dr. Robert Davies
 Athletic DirectorAmy Folan
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2020 CMU SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent	Time (CT)
Wed., Nov. 4	Ohio*	W, 30-27
Tue., Nov. 11	at NIU*	7 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 18	Western Michigan*	6 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 27	at Eastern Michigan*	3 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 5	Ball State*	TBA
Sat., Dec. 12	at Toledo*	TBA

*Mid-American Conference Game

NIU-CMU SERIES HISTORY

Overall CMU leads 30-24-1
 In DeKalb, Ill. NIU leads 15-11-1
 At Mount Pleasant, Mich..... CMU leads 19-9
 In MAC Games CMU leads, 18-16
 Streak..... CMU, 1
 First Meeting.....Sept. 30, 1939; CMU 6, NIU 0 (A)
 Last Meeting.....Nov. 2, 2019; CMU 48, NIU 10 (A)
 Series History:(*MAC game)

1939: CMU 6, NIU 0 (A)	1982: NIU 19, CMU 13 (H)*
1940: NIU 9, CMU 6 (H)	1983: CMU 30, NIU 14 (A)*
1946: CMU 58, NIU 7 (A)	1984: NIU 8, CMU 7 (H)*
1947: NIU 6, CMU 6 (H)	1985: CMU 30, NIU 21 (A)*
1950: CMU 26, NIU 14 (H)	1987: CMU 44, NIU 10 (A)*
1951: NIU 26, CMU 13 (A)	1988: NIU 16, CMU 6 (H)*
1952: CMU 56, NIU 7 (H)	1999: NIU 31, CMU 27 (A)*
1953: CMU 46, NIU 0 (A)	2000: NIU 40, CMU 6 (H)*
1954: CMU 46, NIU 7 (H)	2001: NIU 33, CMU 24 (A)*
1955: CMU 61, NIU 0 (A)	2002: NIU 49, CMU 0 (H)*
1956: CMU 41, NIU 0 (H)	2003: NIU 40, CMU 24 (A)*
1957: CMU 52, NIU 13 (A)	2004: NIU 42, CMU 10 (H)*
1958: CMU 33, NIU 23 (H)	2005: NIU 31, CMU 28 (A)*
1959: CMU 29, NIU 7 (A)	2006: NIU 31, CMU 10 (H)*
1960: NIU 36, CMU 15 (H)	2007: CMU 35, NIU 10 (A)*
1961: NIU 11, CMU 0 (A)	2008: CMU 33, NIU 30 - OT (H)*
1962: CMU 35, NIU 27 (H)	2009: CMU 45, NIU 31 (A)*
1963: NIU 27, CMU 22 (A)	2010: NIU 33, CMU 7 (H)*
1964: NIU 19, CMU 14 (H)	2011: CMU 48, NIU 41 (A)*
1965: NIU 19, CMU 14 (A)	2012: NIU 55, CMU 24 (H)*
1966: NIU 20, CMU 13 (H)	2013: NIU 38, CMU 17 (A)*
1975: CMU 69, NIU 7 (A)*	2014: CMU 34, NIU 17 (H)*
1976: CMU 31, NIU 9 (H)*	2015: CMU 29, NIU 19 (A)*
1977: CMU 25, NIU 21 (H)*	2016: CMU 34, NIU 28 - 3OT (H)*
1978: CMU 34, NIU 7 (A)*	2017: CMU 31, NIU 24 (A)*
1979: CMU 31, NIU 11 (A)*	2018: NIU 24, CMU 16 (H)*
1980: NIU 21, CMU 0 (H)*	2019: CMU 48, NIU 10 (A)*
1981: CMU 17, NIU 10 (A)*	

THE LAST MEETING

Central Michigan 48, NIU 10

Nov. 2, 2019

Mount Pleasant, Mich. | Kelly/Shorts Stadium

Central Michigan tailbacks Jonathan Ward and Kobe Lewis combined for 281 of CMU's 327 rushing yards and quarterback Quinten Dormady threw three touchdown passes as the Chippewas handed the Northern Illinois University Huskies a 48-10 loss Saturday at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Trailing 38-10 by halftime, NIU turned the ball over four times in the second half, while the Huskie defense forced just one CMU punt on the day.

CMU did most of its damage in the first 30 minutes as they took a 38-10 lead into the halftime locker room, amassing 400 yards of offense in the half while forcing six NIU punts. The Chippewas scored on each of their three first-quarter possessions, while the Huskies could manage only a 33-yard John Richardson field goal.

Central Michigan matched that on their first drive of the second quarter to take a 24-3 lead. NIU got into the end zone on its next drive with a nine-yard touchdown pass from Ross Bowers to Spencer Tears that came one play after Bowers connected with Cole Tucker on a 49-yard pass play. The PAT made it 24-10 Central Michigan with 10:48 left in the half.

Dormady, who completed 18-of-24 passes for 288 yards on the day, hit tight end Tony Poljan from 39 yards out for a score and closed out the half with a 16-yard TD throw to Tyrone Scott.

The Chippewas' Ryan Tice missed three field goals in a scoreless third quarter while each of the Huskies' three third-quarter drives ended in interceptions.

CMU scored its final touchdown on Ward's three-yard run at the start of the final period as he finished the game with 138 yards on 20 carries while Lewis ran 17 times for 143 yards. The Chippewas totaled 615 yards of total offense.

"I saw a talented [Central Michigan] team on tape with the two running backs and the wide receiver, I saw talent and I thought we would do a better job of containing them," NIU head coach Thomas Hammock said. "For us, when you get an opportunity, you have to finish the play. We didn't finish the play. We had guys in position. Whether that's making the catch or the tackle or the interception."

NIU managed just 22 rushing yards on 25 carries on the day and were held to one-of-12 on third down conversions. Bowers, who did not go through a full practice until Friday, completed 18-of-29 passes for 221 yards. Tucker caught three passes for 75 yards and running back Marcus Jones had four catches on the day. Mykelti Williams was one of three Huskies in double figures in tackles with 12, while Nick Rattin and Vinny Labus each had 10 stops.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	3	7	0	0	- 10
Central Michigan	21	17	0	10	- 48

SCORING SUMMARY

CMU - Pimpleton 14 pass from Dormady (Tice kick), 1st 10:37 (7-61, 2:48)
 CMU - Lazzaro 3 run (Tice kick), 1st 6:34 (6-78, 2:02)
 NIU - Richardson 33 FG, 1st 2:51 (8-60, 3:43)
 CMU - Lewis 16 run (Tice kick), 1st 0:51 (5-75, 2:00)
 CMU - Tice 32 FG, 2nd 12:00 (6-22, 2:55)
 NIU - Tears 9 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 2nd 10:48 (3-75, 1:12)
 CMU - Poljan 39 pass from Dormady (Tice kick), 2nd 4:59 (6-77, 2:30)
 CMU - Scott 16 pass from Dormady (Tice kick), 3rd 0:49 (8-66, 2:26)
 CMU - Ward 3 run (Tice kick), 4th 14:20 (9-53, 4:32)
 CMU - Tice 31 FG, 4th 10:13 (7-14, 3:56)

Team & Individual Statistics

	NIU	CMU
First Downs (R-P)	13 (2-10)	24 (13-11)
Rushes-Net Yards	25-22	50-327
Passing Yards	229	288
Passes (C-A-I)	19-31-3	18-25-0
Plays-Total Yards	56-251	75-615
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	5-53
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-8	1-56
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	3-14
3rd Down Conversions	1-12	8-15
4th Down Conversions	2-2	0-1
Punts-Average	7-45.0	1-33.0
Possession Time	25:59	34:01
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-11
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	7-9

Rushing - NIU: Childers 7-19, Harbison 10-17, Nettles 2-6, Jones 2-3, Thompson 1-3, Bowers 3-(-26); CMU: Lewis 17-143, Ward 20-138, Lazzaro 7-27, Scott 1-15, Gwilly 3-4, Dormady 1-2, Team 1-(-2).

Passing - NIU: Bowers 18-29-3, 221; Childers 1-2-0, 8; CMU: Dormady 18-24-0, 288; Pimpleton 0-1-0, 0.

Receiving - NIU: Jones 4-25, Tucker 3-75, Tears 3-62, Crawford 3-18, Brinkman 2-33, Love 2-10, Richie 2-6; CMU: Sullivan 5-88, Pimpleton 5-50, Ward 3-11, Poljan 2-79, Scott 2-53, Law 1-7.

Tackles - NIU: Williams 12, Rattin 10, Labus 10; CMU: Oliver 5.

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

12 ROSS BOWERS

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

• Started his 10th game as a Huskie versus Buffalo (11-4) in the season opener. Threw for 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 the Bulls. Threw for a season-high 338 yards passing on 23-of-39 at Ohio (10-12-19). Established season-bests in completions (25) and pass attempts at Nebraska (9-14-19). Recorded his lone rushing touchdown on the year 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	1/1	4	-16	-4.0	0	7	17-28-1	60.7	202	1	28
Career	10/9	38	-127	-3.3	1	9	183-315-9	58.1	2,332	8	74

88 DANIEL CRAWFORD

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

• Made his 45th career reception, a seven-yard gain, in the first quarter against Buffalo (11-4). Ranked second on the team in receptions (37) and third in receiving yards (443) in 2019. Tallied a career-high five receptions three times last season. 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	1/-	1	7	7.0	0	7
Career	37/11	45	515	11.4	2	45

2 LANCE DEVEAUX JR.

LB | 5-10 | 223 | Sr.-R | Pompano Beach, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas HS

• Made his first start after missing all of 2019 after suffering a season-ending injury in preseason camp. Tallied five tackles, four solo, and a tackle for loss in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4). In first full season as a starter in 2018, ranked fourth on the team with career-best 67 tackles in 13 games. Had at least one tackle in every game he played that season. Registered season-high seven solo stops vs. Miami (11-14-18). Notched his fifth four-tackle game in the MAC Championship win over Buffalo (11-30-18). Recorded his third consecutive nine-tackle game at Ball State (10-6-18) with two tackles for loss, a sack and a pass break-up. Made nine stops at Florida State (9-22-18) with seven solo, and recorded his first career sack. Made his first career start as a Huskie against Toledo (11-9) in 2016.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	BK
2020	1/1	4	1	5	1.0	-	-
Career	33/16	71	35	106	7.0	2.0	-

36 MATT FERENCE

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

• Ray Guy Award Watch Lister. Averaged 43.0 yards on five punts versus Buffalo (11-4) in the season season opener. Booted five punts for 215 yards and recorded a tackle against the Bulls. NIU's all-time leading punter with a 41.4-yard per punt career average. Averaged 40 yards or more per punt in 10 games in 2019, including a career-best 43.0 yards on 65 punts. Landed 19 punts inside the 20-yard line, including a season-high four against Western Michigan (11-26). Boomed a season-best 57-yard punt at Nebraska (9-14), one of a career-high 16 punts of 50 yards or more. Recorded five kickoffs for a 61.0-yard average, both career highs, all against Illinois State (8-31). Tallied eight punts, a season-best, versus Illinois State. Earned MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week twice. 2019 Academic All-MAC selection. Also serves as NIU's holder on placekicks.

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2020	1/-	5	215	43.0	1	53
Career	40/-	239	9,901	41.4	80	70

55 WESTON KRAMER

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

• Contributed three tackles, all assists against Buffalo (11-4). 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	1/1	0	3	3	0.0	0	0
Career	40/25	34	49	83	9.5	2.5	2

58 BRAYDEN PATTON

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

• Made his 13th consecutive start, fourth at center versus Buffalo (11-4) in the season opener. Helped pave the way to a game-best 397 yards of total offense. Started every game, nine at right guard, 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

• 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.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2020	1/1	1	1	2	-	-	0-0	-
Career	30/20	83	69	152	9.0	1.5	0-2	4

38 NICK RATTIN

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

• Matched his career-high in tackles with 10 versus Buffalo (11-4), including three solo stops. 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).

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2020	1/1	3	7	10	-	-	-
Career	13/7	25	22	47	0.0	0	2

39 JOHN RICHARDSON

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

• Improved to 15-for-19 on field goals after connecting on his only attempt, a 43-yarder, against Buffalo (11-4). Remains perfect on extra point attempts (31-for-31) after hitting his lone try in the first quarter. 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). Also 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. Perfect on all seven point after touchdown attempts against Akron (10-26). Earned MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week honors after he made his second game-winning field goal of the season with a 25-yard kick with 41 seconds left in the Huskies' 31-28 win at Toledo (11-13). He also made all four of his PAT attempts.

Year	G/GS	FG-FGA	Lg	XP-XPA	Pts	KO	Avg.
2020	1/-	1-1	43	1-1	4	6	54.3
Career	16/-	15-19	51	31-31	76	69	59.1

3 TYRICE RICHIE

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

• 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.

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	1/1	9	106	11.8	0	21
Career	12/7	41	521	12.7	4	71

15 DILLON THOMAS

CB | 6-2 | 188 | Jr.-R | Kansas City, Mo. | Park Hill South HS

• Accounted for two tackles, a solo and assist, against Buffalo (11-4) in the season opener. Saw action in all 12 games on defense in 2019, making 38 tackles. Started the final three games of the season at cornerback. Amassed a career-high 12 tackles and two pass breakups in first start of the season at Toledo (11-13-19). Recorded 10 tackles against Eastern Michigan (11-19-19). Forced a fumble and made three tackles against Western Michigan (11-26-19).

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2020	1/1	1	1	2	-	-	-
Career	27/4	32	11	43	0.0	0	4

18 COLE TUCKER

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

• 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.

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	1/1	3	29	9.6	2	49
Career	27/17	59	716	12.1	2	49

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TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	30	49
Points Per Game	30.0	49.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	21
FIRST DOWNS	26	14
Rushing	11	5
Passing	12	7
Penalty	3	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	156	182
Yards gained rushing	195	194
Yards lost rushing	39	12
Rushing Attempts	47	34
Average Per Rush	3.3	5.4
Average Per Game	156.0	182.0
TDs Rushing	3	3
PASSING YARDAGE	241	175
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-1	11-17-1
Average Per Pass	7.3	10.3
Average Per Catch	12.7	15.9
Average Per Game	241.0	175.0
TDs Passing	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	397	357
Total Plays	80	51
Average Per Play	5.0	7.0
Average Per Game	397.0	357.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	5-151	2-18
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	1-0
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-0	1-65
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	30.2	9.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	65.0
FUMBLES-LOST	4-4	2-1
PENALTIES-Yards	7-65	8-63
Average Per Game	65.0	63.0
PUNTS-Yards	5-215	5-158
Average Per Punt	43.0	31.6
Net punt average	43.0	31.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	6-326	8-508
Average Per Kick	54.3	63.5
Net kick average	38.8	35.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	37:11	22:49
3RD-DOWN Conversions	5/14	3/9
3rd-Down Pct	36%	33%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	0/0
4th-Down Pct	50%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	0-0	3-18
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	4	7
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-1	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(4-4) 100%	(3-3) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(4-4) 100%	(3-3) 100%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(1-1) 100%	(7-7) 100%
ATTENDANCE	449	0
Games/Avg Per Game	1/449	0/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	3	13	0	14	30
Opponents	14	7	21	7	49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
WAYLEE, Harrison	1	13	70	4	66	5.1	0	15	66.0
COLLINS, Erin	1	16	49	0	49	3.1	1	7	49.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	1	9	36	0	36	4.0	0	9	36.0
RICHE, Tyrice	1	2	19	6	13	6.5	0	19	13.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	2	13	6	7	3.5	1	13	7.0
HAIDET, Andrew	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	1.0
BOWERS, Ross	1	4	7	23	-16	-4.0	0	7	-16.0
Total.....	1	47	195	39	156	3.3	3	19	156.0
Opponents.....	1	34	194	12	182	5.4	3	56	182.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	1	125.96	17-28-1	60.7	202	1	28	202.0
HAIDET, Andrew	1	47.33	1-3-0	33.3	5	0	5	5.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	192.80	1-2-0	50.0	34	0	34	34.0
Total.....	1	122.86	19-33-1	57.6	241	1	34	241.0
Opponents.....	1	158.82	11-17-1	64.7	175	1	46	175.0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
RICHE, Tyrice	1	9	106	11.8	0	21	106.0
TUCKER, Cole	1	3	29	9.7	1	16	29.0
RUDOLPH, Tray	1	2	56	28.0	0	28	56.0
MCCRAY, Fabian	1	1	34	34.0	0	34	34.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
TRAVIS, Messiah	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
COLLINS, Erin	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	1	19	241	12.7	1	34	241.0
Opponents.....	1	11	175	15.9	1	46	175.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	1	32	-16	202	186	186.0
WAYLEE, Harrison	1	13	66	0	66	66.0
COLLINS, Erin	1	16	49	0	49	49.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	4	7	34	41	41.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	1	9	36	0	36	36.0
RICHE, Tyrice	1	2	13	0	13	13.0
HAIDET, Andrew	1	4	1	5	6	6.0
Total.....	1	80	156	241	397	397.0
Opponents.....	1	51	182	175	357	357.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

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, Trayshon	5	151	30.2	0	45
Total.....	5	151	30.2	0	45
Opponents.....	2	18	9.0	0	16

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MCKIE, Jalen	1	32	32.0	1	32
Total.....	1	32	32.0	1	32
Opponents.....	1	3	3.0	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	5	215	43.0	53	0	3	1	1	0
Total.....	5	215	43.0	53	0	3	1	1	0
Opponents.....	5	158	31.6	40	0	2	2	0	0

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2020 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	6	45, Rudolph vs. Buffalo 11/4
Rushing	0	
Passing	3	34, Thompson to McCray vs. Buffalo, 11/4
by Bowers	2	28 to Rudolph vs. Buffalo 11/4
by Thompson	1	34 to McCray vs. Buffalo 11/4
to McCray	1	34, from Thompson vs. Buffalo 11/4
to Rudolph	2	28, from Bowers vs. Buffalo 11/4
Returns	3	45, Rudolph vs. Buffalo 11/4
Rudolph	3	45 KR vs. Buffalo 11/4
OPPONENT	6	65 INT TD Wright, Buffalo, 11/4
Rushing	1	56 TD, Buffalo 11/4
Passing	2	46 Vantrease to Nunn, Buffalo 11/4
Returns	3	65 INT TD Wright, Buffalo, 11/4

* 25 Yards or Longer

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Richardson, John	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	43	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Richardson, John	6	326	54.3	3	1			
Total.....	6	326	54.3	3	1	18	38.8	26
Opponents.....	8	508	63.5	3	0	151	35.2	29

FG SEQUENCE	NIU	Opponents
Buffalo	(43)	-
Central Michigan		
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	1	0	56	0	151	0	207	207.0
RICHEL, Tyrice	1	13	106	0	0	0	119	119.0
WAYLEE, Harrison	1	66	0	0	0	0	66	66.0
COLLINS, Erin	1	49	4	0	0	0	53	53.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	1	36	0	0	0	0	36	36.0
MCCRAY, Fabian	1	0	34	0	0	0	34	34.0
TUCKER, Cole	1	0	29	0	0	0	29	29.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
CRAWFORD, Daniel	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
TRAVIS, Messiah	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	5.0
HAIDET, Andrew	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
BOWERS, Ross	1	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-16.0
Total.....	1	156	241	0	151	0	548	548.0
Opponents.....	1	182	175	0	18	65	440	440.0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
HAIDET, Andrew	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
TUCKER, Cole	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
THOMPSON, Rodney	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	6
Richardson, John	0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
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.....	4	1-1	1-1	1-1	0	0-2	0	0	30
Opponents.....	7	0-0	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	49

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		-----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	1	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	DEVEAUX, Lance	1	4	1	5	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	LAFAYETTE, Devin	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	GANDY, Jordan	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	HANSEN, Jordan	1	4	.	4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	MCGEE, Myles	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	PUGH, Kyle	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
97	TAYLOR, Demond	1	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	ESTER, James	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	THOMAS, Dillon	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	RAYNER, Daveren	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	KENNEDY, Michael	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-3	.	.	.
56	BAGGETT, Miles	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	TEWES, Tristen	1	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	OPPONG, Pierce	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	BROWN, C.J.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	THOMAS, Raishien	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffre	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	TOURE, Mohamed	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....		1	25	26	51	3-5	0-0	1-0	2	1	1-3	.	.	.
Opponents.....		1	46	34	80	6.0-28	3-18	1-65	4	4	4-88	3	.	.

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	1/-	X					
56	BAGGETT, Miles	1/-	X					
3B	BOSTAD, Brett	1/-	X					
12	BOWERS, Ross	1/1	QB					
6	BROWN, C.J.	1/-	X					
60	BUSS, Evan	1/-	X					
76	CHAMPE, John	1/-	X					
0	COLE, Jordan	1/-	X					
21	COLLINS, Erin	1/1	TB					
70	COX, Marques	1/1	LT					
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	1/-	X					
2	DEVEAUX, Lance	1/1	LB					
26	DOLPHIN, Jaden	1/-	X					
1F	DOZIER, Billy	1/-	X					
33	EARL, Joshua	1/-	X					
75	ENGSTRAND, Leif	1/-	X					
44	ESTER, James	1/-	X					
36	ERENCE, Matt	1/-	X					
14	GANDY, Jordan	1/1	CB					
22	GREGORY, Rondarius	1/-	X					
91	GRIFFIN, Jeffrey	1/-	X					
10	HAIDET, Andrew	1/-	X					
7	HANSEN, Jordan	1/1	S					
51	HARMAN, Nathan	1/-	X					
16	HARRIS, J.D.	1/-	X					
25	HOGANS, Cortez	1/-	X					
23	JACKSON, Eddie	1/-	X					
34	JENNINGS, Reggie	1/-	X					
5	KENNEDY, Michael	1/-	X					
55	KRAMER, Weston	1/1	DT					
3	LAFAYETTE, Devin	1/1	S					
49	LAMBERT, Jayden	1/-	X					
79	LIPPE, J.J.	1/-	X					
89	MALLETTE, Luke	1/-	X					
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	1/-	X					
7	MCCRAY, Fabian	1/-	X					
13	MC GEE, Myles	1/-	X					
19	MITCHELL, Jyran	1/-	X					
95	O'MALLEY, Devon	1/-	X					
61	OLSON, Benn	1/1	LG					
99	OPPONG, Pierce	1/1	DE					
58	PATTON, Brayden	1/1	C					
69	POTTER, Nolan	1/1	RT					
24	PROPHETE, Jashon	1/-	X					
11	PUGH, Kyle	1/1	LB					
38	RATTIN, Nick	1/1	LB					
9	RAYNER, Daveren	1/-	X					
39	Richardson, Joh	1/-	X					
3	RICHIE, Tyrice	1/1	WR					
17	ROBINSON, Dennis	1/-	X					
85	RUDOLPH, Tray	1/1	WR					
83	SORAGHAN, Liam	1/1	TE					
97	TAYLOR, Demond	1/1	DT					
82	TEWES, Tristen	1/-	X					
15	THOMAS, Dillon	1/1	CB					
4	THOMAS, Raishien	1/1	DE					
0	THOMPSON, Rodney	1/-	X					
87	THROWER, Max	1/-	X					
8	TOURE, Mohamed	1/-	X					
11	TRAVIS, Messiah	1/-	X					
18	TUCKER, Cole	1/1	WR					
30	WAYLEE, Harrison	1/-	X					
77	WEBSTER, Cole	1/-	X					
90	WRIGHT, Caleb	1/-	X					
65	ZSCHERNITZ, Logan	1/1	RG					

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

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 – 22 at Central Michigan (11-2-19)

GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 338 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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

THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 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 – Iowa (9-1-18), tackled ballcarrier (Jordan Nettles) in 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 – 2nd, Central Michigan (11-2-19)

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

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

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN (NOT BLOCKED) – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

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

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

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

SCORED A SAFETY – Jordan Cole (tackled RB in end zone) at Nebraska (9-14-19)

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

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

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

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – Jordan Cole vs. Western Michigan (11-26-19)

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

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

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

CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT – Rondarius Gregory run vs. Buffalo (11-4-20)

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

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Ross Bowers (338) at Ohio (10-12-19)

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

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

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

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Marcus Childers (71) to Tyrice Richie (TD) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-19)

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

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

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

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

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

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – Marcus Childers (70) at Ohio (10-12-19)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KICKED A FG OF 50 OR MORE YARDS – 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)

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 Deveaux 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	Merrilville, Ind. (Merrilville)
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)

ALPHABETICAL

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 Deveaux 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)

ALPHABETICAL

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

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
QB	12	Ross Bowers	6-2	200	Sr.-6	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)
	0	Rodney Thompson	5-11	200	So.-R	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine/Palomar JC/N. Arizona)
TB	21	Erin Collins	6-2	210	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. (Armwood/Hutchinson [KS] CC)
	30	Harrison Waylee	5-10	180	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa (Urbandale)
	22	Rondarius Gregory	5-7	197	Fr.-R	Nashville, Tenn. (East Nashville Magnet)
TE	88	Daniel Crawford	6-2	251	Sr.-6	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
	83	Liam Soraghan	6-7	260	Jr.-R	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
WR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	11	Messiah Travis	5-10	186	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
WR	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	193	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)
	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	210	Jr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
WR	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)
	8	Mohamed Toure	6-2	195	Fr.-R	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
LT	70	Marques Cox	6-6	310	So.-R	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
	75	Leif Engstrand	6-8	316	Fr.-R	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)
LG	61	Benn Olson	6-4	300	Sr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
OR	76	John Champe	6-4	317	Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
C	58	Brayden Patton	6-5	304	Sr.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
	79	J.J. Lippe	6-5	295	Fr.-R	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
RG	65	Logan Zschernitz	6-3	318	Fr.-R	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)
	74	Tyler Pitcel	6-4	285	Fr.	Mukwonago, Wis. (Mukwonago)
RT	69	Nolan Potter	6-6	301	So.-R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
	60	Evan Buss	6-6	298	Fr.	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)

Defense

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DE	99	Pierce Oppong	6-3	265	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)
	5	Michael Kennedy	6-1	220	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
DT	44	James Ester	6-2	294	Fr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
	97	Demond Taylor Jr.	6-2	295	Fr.-R	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)
DT	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	290	Sr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	6-0	288	So.-R	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
DE	4	Rashein Thomas	6-4	257	Fr.	Racine, Wis. (Washington Park)
	95	Devonte O'Malley	6-2	254	Fr.	Midlothian, Ill. (Bremen)
OLB	11	Kyle Pugh	6-0	220	Sr.-6	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	23	Eddie Jackson	6-0	215	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Gulliver Prep)
MLB	38	Nick Rattin	6-2	222	So.	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)
	82	Tristen Tewes	6-3	232	Fr.-R	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)
OLB	2	Lance Deveaux Jr.	5-10	223	Sr.-R	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
	9	Daveren Rayner	6-3	212	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
CB	14	Jordan Gandy	5-10	175	So.	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb/South Dakota State)
	13	Myles McGee	6-0	182	Fr.	Canton, Ga. (Sequoyah)
S	3	Devin Lafayette	6-2	191	Fr.	Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick)
OR	6	C.J. Brown	5-11	192	Fr.	Canton, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
S	7	Jordan Hansen	6-1	192	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)
	33	Joshua Earl	6-1	203	So.-R	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
CB	15	Dillon Thomas	6-2	188	Jr.-R	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
	20	Zhamaine March	5-8	175	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep)

Specialists

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	98	Tom Foley	6-4	215	Fr.	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Notre Dame/Minnesota)
K	39	John Richardson	5-11	188	So.-R	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
LS (P)	93	Erik Abrell	6-1	215	Jr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
	19	Patrick Hoffman	6-0	180	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
LS (PK)	93	Erik Abrell	6-1	215	Jr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
	64	Matthew Schooley	6-2	293	Fr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)
HO	36	Matt Ference	5-11	186	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
PR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	198	Jr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)
KR	85	Trayvon Rudolph	5-10	179	Fr.	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)
	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	193	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)

Pronunciations

Name	Pronunciation
Erik ABRELL	AY-brull
Woody APOLON	App-uh-LON
KEION Battle	KEY-on
Nate BEYER	BYE-er
Donovan BIEBER	BEE-ber
Brett BOSTAD	BO-stadd
Tommy BRUNNER	BREW-ner
John CHAMPE	CHAMP (e is silent)
MARQUES Cox	Marcus
Mike DEHAAN	duh-HAWN
Lance DEVEAUX Jr.	duh-VOE
JADEN Dolphin	JAY-den
JEVYON Ducker	Juh-VOHN
LIEF ENGSTRAND	LEAF ANG-strand
Matt FERENCE	FARE-ents
VONDARIOUS Gordon	von-DARE-ee-us
RONDARIUS Gregory	ron-DARE-ee-us
Andrew HAIDET	HAY-dit
CORTEZ Hogans	core-TEZ
Jack HUGUNIN	HUE-guh-NIN
Devin LAFAYETTE	Lah-FAY-ett
J.J. LIPPE	LIP-ee
Luke MALLETT	Muh-LETT
ZHAMAIN March	juh-MAIN
JYRAN Mitchell	JIE-ren
DEVONTE O'Malley	Duh-VOHN-tay
SHAQUAN Oliver	Shuh-QWAN
Pierce OPPONG	OH-pong
KEWAN Parker	KEY-wahn
Tyler PITCEL	PIT-sul
JASHON PROPHETE	JAY-shon Prah-FIT
Nick RATTIN	ruh-TEEN
DAVEREN Rayner	Dave-UR-in
JALON Redmond	Juh-LONN
TYRICE Richie	tie-REESE
KOBE RIOS	Koh-BEE REE-ose
Liam Soraghan	Lee-UM SORE-uh-HAN
DEMOND Taylor Jr.	duh-MOND
Tristan TEWES	TAY-vis
RAISHEIN Thomas	RAY-shawn
MOHAMED TOURE	moe-HOMM-ed
	TORE-ray
Anthony VACULA	Vuh-SOO-luh
Jacob WASKOW	Wass-KOW
Logan ZSCHERNITZ	SHUR-nitz

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