

NIU FOOTBALL 20

2020 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

Saturday, December 5, 2020 - 11 AM CT
DeKalb, Illinois • Huskie Stadium (23,595)

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)	L, 31-25
Sat., Nov. 28	at Western Michigan* (ESPN+)	L, 30-27
Sat., Dec. 5	TOLEDO* (ESPN3)	11 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 12	at Eastern Michigan* (ESPN3)	11 a.m.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



TOLEDO

2-2	Overall Record	0-4
2-2	Conference Record	0-4
Jason Candle	Head Coach	Thomas Hammock
Mount Union 2003	Alma Mater	NIU 2002
36-21/5th	Career Record/Year	5-11/2nd
Same	School Record/Year	Same

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Thomas Hammock
Alma Mater/Year.....	NIU '02
Record at NIU/Years.....	5-11/2nd
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.....	592-505-51
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

- NIU plays its final home game of the shortened 2020 season on Saturday when the Huskies welcome Toledo to Huskie Stadium for an 11 a.m. kickoff.
- A #MAAction staple since 2010, the 2020 game marks the first time NIU and Toledo will play on a Saturday since the 2009 season.
- The Huskies have the second-youngest roster in the Football Bowl Subdivision (see complete chart p. 3) with underclassmen making up 73 percent (81 of 111) of the 2020 roster.
- The Huskies started 11 freshmen, nine true freshmen, last week at Western Michigan, including seven on defense. Of the 46 names on NIU's two-deep on offense and defense this week, 25 are freshmen, including 17 true freshmen and eight redshirts.
- 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.
- Senior Tyrice Richie has 23 catches in the Huskies' last two games with a career high 12 grabs for 131 yards at WMU. He ranks second in the country in catches per game and his three 100-yard receiving games are the most by a Huskie since current Detroit Lions receiver Kenny Golladay posted four 100-yard games in 2016.
- Sophomore cornerback Jordan Gandy, a transfer from South Dakota State, tied the NIU school record with five pass break ups at Western Michigan and led the Huskies in tackles. On Tuesday, he was awarded a scholarship for the upcoming semester by head coach Thomas Hammock.
- Although "Senior Day" is usually celebrated prior to the last home game of the season, NIU will honor its 16 seniors in the future as parents and families are not being permitted in the stands on Saturday.
- Following Saturday's contest, NIU closes out the 2020 season with a trip to Ypsilanti, Michigan for an 11 am kickoff versus Eastern Michigan on Saturday, December 12.



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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 Toledo game will be held Tuesday, December 1, 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

- Huskie players and coaches are available for telephone or Zoom video interviews Monday through Wednesday.
- 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

- NIU will hold practices Monday through Thursday prior to the game versus Toledo.
- Most weekday practices will begin at 6 a.m. and be held in Huskie Stadium, regardless of weather, in 2020.
- Please contact the NIU Athletics Communications to arrange practice access.

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.
- NIU media can 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

ROCKETS & DOGS: NIU and Toledo face off in Huskie Stadium in the penultimate game of the six-game 2020 regular season. After dropping six and three-point decisions to Ball State and Western Michigan in its last two outings, NIU is looking for its first win of the season while Toledo brings a 2-2 mark into the game after losing to Western Michigan and Ball State by three points each.

SENIOR LATER: Traditionally, prior to Saturday's home finale, NIU would honor its 16 2020 seniors (see list below). With no fans, including player families, allowed in the stadium for the Toledo game, the Huskies will honor any 2020 seniors who do not return in 2021 at a later date.

SERIES HISTORY: Toledo owns a 31-16 lead in the all-time series between the two schools, but has just a slight edge - 12-10 - in games played at Huskie Stadium. NIU has won five straight games over the Rockets in DeKalb (the 2016 game was played at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago), dating back to 2008. Toledo won 15 of the first 21 games played by the two teams between 1967-89, then claimed 11 straight wins between 1990-2004. Since 2005, the Huskies are 10-5 against the Rockets, including a six-game winning streak from 2010-2015. NIU has won each of the last two games versus UT.

THE LAST MEETING: A year ago, John Richardson made a 25-yard field goal with 41 seconds to play to give NIU a 31-28 win over Toledo on Wednesday, November 13 in the Glass Bowl. After three quarters, the Huskies led UT 28-7 before a fourth-quarter comeback by the Rockets, aided by a NIU special teams miscue, tied the score at 28 with 5:07 to play. Tre Harbison rushed for 158 yards on 32 carries with a score and quarterback Marcus Childers scored a pair of rushing touchdowns, one on a 40-yard scamper, to lead the Huskies, who converted seven-of-15 third downs in the game.

LAST WEEK: Western Michigan kicker Gavin Peddie made a 24-yard field goal with 2:23 to play and the Huskies' final drive ended with a fourth down incompleteness, giving the Broncos a 30-27 win over NIU Saturday at Waldo Stadium. The seesaw affair saw seven lead changes and one tie before WMU scored the last 10 points of the game to claim victory. NIU, whose starting line-up included 11 freshmen, held the Bronco offense 20 points and 200 yards below its season average and ran 80 plays

SENIOR SALUTE

The 16 2020 NIU seniors are a mixed bag that includes nine players who have spent their entire collegiate careers at NIU, including two who have been at NIU for six seasons (Pugh, Crawford), three student-athletes in their fourth year at NIU (FERENCE, Kramer, Webster) and four redshirt seniors (Deveaux, Olson, Patton, Thrower). The rest have arrived at NIU over time, including starters Tyrice Richie and Ross Bowers, who are each in their second season with the Huskies.

NAME	POS	ARRIVED	GP/GS	HIS STORY
Miles Baggett	DT	2019	4/0	Walked on; has 5 tackles in 2020
Ross Bowers	QB	2019	13/12	6th yr grad transfer has 3K pass yds @NIU
Daniel Crawford	TE	2015	39/14	6th yr TE has 56 catches, 597 yds
Greg DeLuca	FB	2020	-/-	Fmr Navy seal, Duke lax NCAA champ
Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	2016	33/16	RS Sr 106 career stops, 7 TFL, 5 PBU
Matt Ference	P	2017	43/-	4th year, has set all NIU punting marks
Andrew Haidet	QB	2020	4/-	Grad transfer w/TD run & pass in 2020
Weston Kramer	NG	2017	43/28	4th year player w/90 tkls, 11 TFL, 3.5 QS
Luke Mallette	TE	2020	1/-	Grad transfer
Shaquan Oliver	TB	2019	6/-	6th yr grad transfer, 2019 special teamer
Benn Olson	OL	2016	27/12	RS Sr played primarily at guard
Brayden Patton	OL	2016	33/24	RS Sr now at center, 3 yr starter
Kyle Pugh	LB	2015	33/22	6th yr 177 tkls, 11.5 TFL, 3 QS, 3 PBU
Tyrice Richie	WR	2019	15/10	JC transfer 71 catches, 830 yds, 6 TDs
Maximillian Thrower	TE	2016	11/-	RS Sr has seen most action in 2020
Cole Webster	OL	2017	2/-	4th yr senior

to WMU's 49. Western Michigan got a 100-yard kickoff return, a 57-yard reception and a 27-yard pick-up on a reverse from D'Wayne Eskridge to lead the Broncos.

HOME SWEET HOME: With a 71-26 record at home since 2003, NIU's all-time record at Huskie Stadium stands at 178-109-2 for a .619 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 2019.

AT HOME IN THE MAC: In 35 seasons of MAC play dating back to 1975, NIU is 87-46-1 (.653) all-time at home, including a 65-27 (.706) mark in Huskie Stadium games versus league opponents since rejoining the league in 1997. In 45 home games since 2009, the Huskies are 37-8 in MAC home games with four of those losses in the last two seasons.

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: NIU is 156-109-2 all-time in Mid-American Conference play. The Huskies are 120-64 (.652) in league action since re-joining the MAC in 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 65-19 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 74-47 versus teams from the MAC West, including a 37-16 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.

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.

CARDINAL & BLACK, AND GREEN: The numbers are in and the Huskies are officially one of the youngest teams in the nation. With 81 freshmen and sophomores (underclassmen) on the 111-man roster, NIU (73.0) ranks behind only Oregon (73.6) in percentage of the 2020 roster who are underclassmen. The Huskies total of 60 freshmen (true and redshirt) is tied for fourth-most in the country behind Nebraska (78), SMU (66) and Bowling Green (64). The 10 youngest and MAC teams on the list:

Highest Percentage of Underclassmen (all Freshmen & Sophomores):

School	Total	Fr. (True/RS)	Soph.	Team Size	Pct.
1. Oregon	81	47 (28/19)	34	110	73.6
2. NIU	81	60 (46/14)	21	111	73.0
3. Florida State	85	57 (39/18)	28	117	72.6
4. East Carolina	83	59 (38/21)	24	115	72.2
5. Stanford	73	44 (28/16)	29	102	71.6
6. Syracuse	68	47 (29/18)	21	96	70.8
7. Nebraska	108	78 (39/39)	30	153	70.6
8. Arizona State	77	49 (31/18)	28	113	68.1
9. Clemson	81	51 (29/22)	30	120	67.5
10. Utah	80	60 (40/20)	20	120	66.7
15. Bowling Green	69	64 (43/31)	5	106	65.1
20. Eastern Michigan	69	48 (27/21)	21	111	62.2
25. Ball State	66	44 (22/22)	22	108	61.1

STARTING YOUNG: After starting nine freshmen, including seven first-year rookies, at Ball State, the Huskies went even younger last week in Kalamazoo with 11 freshmen - nine true - in the NIU starting line-up, with three players making their starting debuts. The Huskies started seven freshmen on defense, including six true freshmen, and had four freshmen starters on offense. Offensive guard John Champe

FOLLOW THE HUSKIES

TV: NIU-TOLEDO ON ESPN3

- The NIU-Toledo game will air on ESPN3 live online and on mobile devices via the ESPN App. Games on ESPN3 are available through the ESPN App and WatchESPN.com with pay television credentials.
- Get the direct link to watch on GameDay Central and on the football schedule page at NIUHuskies.com.
- Shawn Kenney (play-by-play) and Bob Chmiel (color analyst) will be on the call for ESPN3 Saturday.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network broadcast for the Toledo game begins at 10:30 a.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 or the new NIU Huskies Mobile App. Download the app for free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is in 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 beginning on Tuesday.
- The show is hosted by Andy Garcia and NIU Director of Athletics Sean T. Frazier.

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.
- This week, watch the live "Huskies at Home" pregame show beginning an hour before kickoff to see features, interviews and even pregame warm-ups before kickoff versus Toledo.

NEW! NIU HUSKIES MOBILE APP

- Download the new, free NIU Huskies mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.
- Link to the NIU radio broadcasts, live stats, complete team rosters and more.
- Connect to the NIU social media channels and sign up for notifications on any Huskie team.

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.

NIU HUSKIES 2020 FOOTBALL

2020 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Rockets
23.0	Points/G	36.2
11 (5-6)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	18 (6-12)
81	First Downs	102
350.8	Total Yards/G	490.8
113.5	Rush Yards/G	176.2
237.2	Pass Yards/G	314.5
8	Turnovers Lost	6
35:34	Time of Possession/G	34:14
32% (20-63)	3rd Down Conversions	51% (30-59)
62% (8-13)	4th Down Conversions	33% (3-9)
38.8	Net Punting Avg.	33.5
25.4	Kickoff Return Avg.	16.4
5.5	Punt Return Avg.	3.8
27-67.0	Penalties-Yards/G	43-80.5
100% (11-11)	Red Zone Scores	79% (15-19)
91% (10-11)	Red Zone TDs	63% (12-19)
37.5	Points Allowed/G	24.8
15 (9-6)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	13 (4-9)
68	First Downs Allowed	85
382.5	Total Yards/G Allowed	357.2
183.0	Rush Yards/G Allowed	117.2
199.5	Pass Yards/G Allowed	240.0
29% (12-41)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	29% (16-55)
50% (3-6)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	55% (6-11)
4	Turnovers Gained	7

BY THE NUMBERS

- .655 Winning percentage for the Huskies since 2010, tops among all Illinois Division I schools
- 0 Worn by linebacker Jordan Cole and quarterback Rodney Thompson
- 0 Ohio natives on NIU's 2020 roster
- 5 Pass break-ups by Jordan Gandy vs. WMU, tying the school record
- 11 Trips to the red zone for the Huskie offense, resulting in 11 scores.
- 12 Catches for Tyrice Richie at Western Michigan, tied for eighth-most at NIU in a single game.
- 17 True freshmen listed on two-deep,
- 41.3 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
- 60 Freshmen on the Huskie roster, including 46 true freshmen
- 117 Seasons of college football played by NIU
- 450 Kickoff return yards by freshman Trayvon Rudolph, tops among FBS rookies
- 1,148 Games played all-time by the Huskies
- 2,432 Career rushing yards for head coach Thomas Hammock (1999-2002) to rank 13th at NIU
- 10,546 Career punting yards by Matt Ference



made his starting debut at WMU, joining classmates Harrison Waylee (TB, True) and Trayvon Rudolph (WR, True) while Logan Zschernitz (OG, RS) completed the freshmen quartet on offense. Defensively, C.J. Brown (S, true) and Eddie Jackson (LB, true) made their first career starts, alongside redshirt freshman Demond Taylor Jr. (DT, RS) and true freshmen Daveren Rayner (OLB), Raishein Thomas (DE), Pierce Oppong (DE), Devin Lafayette (S).

LEADER OF THE MAC: NIU has been the winningest team in the Mid-American Conference since 2010 with 91 wins for a .655 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 139 games since 2010, five more than the next highest MAC team (Bowling Green with 134).

MAC W-L Records Since 2010

Team	W	L
NIU	91	48
Toledo	87	45
Ohio	82	51
Western Michigan	71	60
Bowling Green	58	76
Central Michigan	59	72
Buffalo	57	70
Ball State	55	70
Miami	50	78
Kent State	46	79
Eastern Michigan	40	87
Akron	37	90

NEW NAMES: Not all of the newest Huskies are freshmen. In total, there are 57 new names on the 2020 NIU roster, including freshmen and transfers. The newcomers outnumber the returnees 57-54 with 34 returning letterwinners. Of the 57 new faces, 46 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.

HOLDING THEM DOWN: The NIU defense put together its best performance of the season at Western Michigan against one of the MAC's top offenses. The Broncos' points (30), rushing yards (115) and attempts (25), total offensive plays (49) and yards (325) were all season lows by a Huskie opponent. In addition, WMU's totals for the game were well below their season averages coming into the game.

	Season Average	vs. NIU	Difference
Points	50.3	30	-20
Total Yards	516.3	325	-191
Passing Yards	310.7	210	-100

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 ... opponents have scored 31 points off NIU turnovers in 2020 ... the Huskies' third-quarter touchdown at Western Michigan

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 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



was NIU's first score in the third quarter this year ... quarterback Ross Bowers' 27 completions at Ball State tied for eighth on the NIU single game chart and were the most by a Huskie QB since October 10, 2015 ... Bowers surpassed the 3,000-yard mark in passing for his NIU career.

RUN RUN RUDOLPH: Freshman wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph, a preferred walk-on who was awarded a scholarship this fall, has returned more kickoffs (17) for more yards (450) than any freshman in the country. Rudolph recorded a season-long 56-yard return at Western Michigan, the longest kickoff return by a Huskie since Aregeros Turner scored on a 97-yard kickoff return versus Buffalo in 2016 (Oct. 22). His average of 26.3 yards per return is 17th in the country, and he leads the MAC and ranks 12th nationally in combined kick returns. 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).

ALL-PURPOSE: Trayvon Rudolph's average of 158.0 all-purpose yards per game leads all FBS freshman and ranks 13th nationally. In addition to his 458 return yards, Rudolph has caught 10 passes for 174 yards to rank second on the team in receiving yards. He caught a career high five passes for 95 yards at Ball State including a season-long 47-yard grab. His yards per catch average (17.4) leads the Huskies.

COMPLEMENTARY FOOTBALL: The Huskie offense helped out the defense at Western Michigan in several ways evident in the stats. For the first time since the 2019 game at Toledo, NIU did not commit a turnover. NIU also totaled exactly 40:00 in time of possession, the most by a Huskie team since a 28-20 victory at Purdue on Sept. 19, 2009, a span of 148 games.

THE GANDY MAN CAN: Cornerback Jordan Gandy tied a 17-year-old school record with five pass break ups at Western Michigan and his 2.0 passes defended per game (includes PBUs + INTs) are tied for first nationally. Gandy, a DeKalb native who transferred to NIU from South Dakota State, is the first Huskie to break up five passes in a game since Rande Drew versus Tennessee Tech on Sept. 6, 2003. The record was originally set by Vince Thompson versus Ball State on October 5, 2002. Gandy also ranks second on the NIU team with 25 tackles.

RICHIE ROLLS: For the second consecutive week, senior wide receiver Tyrice Richie earned career highs in receptions and receiving yards with 12 catches for 131 yards at Western Michigan, just one game after grabbing 11 passes for 108 yards at Ball State. Richie is the first Huskie to post back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since current Detroit Lions receiver Kenny Golladay followed up a five catch, 113-yard performance versus Western Illinois with 13 catches for 184 yards against Ball State on September 24 and October 1, 2016. Richie's three 100-yard games in 2020 are the most by a Huskie in a season since Golladay recorded four 100-yard games in 2016.

RANKED RECEIVER: With 39 catches in the Huskies' four games, Tyrice Richie ranks second nationally in catches per game with 9.8, behind only Ole Miss' Elijah Moore. Richie has surpassed his 2019 season total of 32 catches (in 11 games). The Chicago senior also ranks 19th nationally in receiving yards with 415 – matching his 2019 total - for an average of 103.8 yards per game. His 415 yards are 241 more than his nearest teammates' total and account for 44 percent of NIU's receiving yards.

ADD ANOTHER RECORD: Senior punter Matt Ference is three punts away from adding the NIU career record for most punts to his already impressive list of Huskie punting marks. He set the NIU career mark for punting yards at Ball State, breaking the mark of 10,312 yards held since 1984 by Todd Van Keppel. He has punted 255 times over the last four seasons, two behind Kent Baker's 257 punts from 1996-99. Ference's 41.36 yard punting average ranks first on the Huskie career charts, and he already holds the single season marks for punts and punting yards.

10K MAN: With 10,546 yards on 255 punts, Matt Ference's career totals rank second in the nation among active punters behind Northwestern's Derek Adams. His 41.4-yard average is 39th among active players.

TWO-POINT PLAYS: NIU is 2-for-4 on 2-point conversion attempts in 2020, the most successful 2-point attempts for the Huskies in a season since 2009, when NIU was also 2-for-4. Tight end Daniel Crawford caught a pass from Ross Bowers to score the two points on the Huskies' last touchdown at Ball State and NIU went 1-of-3 on 2-point tries versus Buffalo with Rondarius Gregory rushing for the points. The Huskies' four 2-point attempts is the most since 2018, when NIU was successful once in five tries. The Huskies did not convert a two-point PAT try between 2012-17, going 0-for-6 during that stretch.

DEFENSE AND DOWNS: NIU allowed Western Michigan to convert just one of nine third downs last week. Through four games, NIU's third down conversion defense of 29.3 percent (12-of-41) ranks eighth nationally and is second to Toledo's 29.1 percent in the MAC. Buffalo was 3-of-9 on third down conversions and CMU converted just 1-of-11 third down tries. NIU is also 13th nationally in fewest first downs allowed with 68.

IN THE RED: The Huskies rank eighth in the FBS in red zone defense with five complete stops on opponents 16 trips inside the NIU 20 and have twice forced field goals. NIU recorded a pair of fourth down stops inside the red zone versus CMU, Dillon Thomas had an end zone interception at Ball State, while Western Michigan missed a short field goal. Conversely, the Huskies are one of eight teams tied for the national lead in red zone offense with scores on all 11 of its trips inside the opponents' 20 on 10 touchdowns and a field goal.

YOUTH MOVEMENT: Of the 70 players who have seen action in at least one of NIU's four games to date, 20 are true freshmen, 11 are redshirt freshmen and 14 are sophomores (redshirt or true) for a total of 45. In addition, five junior or senior newcomers in their first season at NIU, including two quarterbacks, have played for the Huskies' in 2020.

WALK-ON U: Jordan Gandy became the third walk-on to be awarded a scholarship for this season this week, joining defensive lineman Devonte O'Malley (Nov. 22) and wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph. Of the 111 players on the Huskies 2020 roster, 42 are currently or began their careers at NIU as walk-ons. The list includes senior punter Matt Ference, starters Nick Rattin (LB), Brett Bostad (FB) and more. NIU has a long tradition of successful walk-ons, like 2010 MAC MVP Chad Spann and eight-year NFL veteran Rashaan Melvin.

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 Woodly Appolon hails from Montreal, Canada. Of course the largest representation call the Midwest home, topped by 52 Illinoisans and 16 Wisconsinites. The Huskie roster state-by-state:

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		

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	Jr.-R	27	-
Mark Aitken, CB	Fr.-R	3	1
Woodly Appolon, LB	Jr.	1	-
Miles Baggett, DT	Sr.-R	4	-
Keion Battle, WR	Fr.	2	-
Brett Bostad, FB	So.-R	15	1
Ross Bowers, QB	Sr.-R	13	12
C.J. Brown, S	Fr.	4	1
Evan Buss, OL	Fr.	4	-
John Champe, OL	Fr.	4	1
Jordan Cole, LB	Jr.-R	26	9
Erin Collins, TB	Jr.	4	2
Marques Cox, OT	So.-R	16	14
Daniel Crawford, TE	Sr.-R	39	14
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	Sr.-R	33	16
Billy Dozier, WR	Fr.	4	-
Jaden Dolphin, S	Fr.	4	-
Joshua Earl, S	So.-R	11	1
Leif Engstrand, OT	Fr.-R	5	-
James Ester, DT	Fr.-R	8	2
Matt Ference, P	Sr.	43	-
Dustin Fletcher	Fr.	1	-
Jordan Gandy, CB	So.	4	4
Rayshawn Gay, LB	Jr.-R	16	-
Rondarius Gregory, RB	Fr.-R	5	-
Jeffrey Griffin Jr., DT	So.-R	14	-
Andrew Haidet, QB	Sr.-R	4	-
Jordan Hansen, S	Fr.	3	3
Nathan Harman, LB	So.-R	17	-
J.D. Harris, CB	So.-R	5	-
Cortez Hogans, DE	So.-R	17	-
Eddie Jackson, LB	Fr.	4	1
Reggie Jennings, DE	So.-R	4	-
Michael Kennedy, DE	Jr.-R	24	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Sr.	43	28
Devin Lafayette, S	Fr.	4	4
Jayden Lambert, CB	Fr.	4	-
J.J. Lippe, OL	Fr.-R	3	-
Michael Love, WR	So.	12	-
Luke Mallette, TE	Sr.-R	1	-
Zhamaine March, CB	Jr.	24	-
Cam Mattox, DE	So.	7	-
Fabian McCray, TB	Fr.-R	4	-
Myles McGee, CB	Fr.	3	-
Jyran Mitchell, TB	So.-R	9	-
Shaquan Oliver, FB	Sr.-R	6	-
Benn Olson, OL	Sr.-R	27	12
Devonte O'Malley, DL	Fr.	4	-
Pierce Oppong, DE	Fr.	4	4
Kewan Parker, LB	So.-R	10	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Sr.-R	33	23
Leon Payne, WR	So.-R	4	1
Nolan Potter, OT	So.-R	16	4
Jashon Prophete, CB	Fr.	2	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	Sr.-R	33	22
Nick Rattin, LB	So.	16	10
Daveren Rayner, LB	Fr.	4	3
John Richardson, K	So.-R	19	-
Tyrice Richie, WR	Sr.-R	15	10
Dennis Robinson, WR	Jr.-R	29	8
Eric Rogers, CB	Fr.	1	-
Trayvon Rudolph, WR	Fr.	4	3
Liam Soraghan, TE	Jr.-R	17	1
Demond Taylor Jr., DT	Fr.-R	8	2
Tristen Tewes, LB	Fr.-R	8	-
Dillon Thomas, S	Jr.-R	30	7
Raishien Thomas, DE	Fr.	4	4
Rodney Thompson, QB	Jr.-R	2	-
Maximillian Thrower, TE	Sr.-R	11	-
Mohamed Toure, WR	Fr.-R	8	-
Messiah Travis, WR	Fr.-R	8	-
Cole Tucker, WR	Jr.-R	30	19
Harrison Waylee, TB	Fr.	4	2
Cole Webster, OL	Sr.	2	-
Caleb Wright, DL	So.-R	2	-
Logan Zschernitz, OG	Fr.-R	8	5

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, Cheynnitha, 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

NIU HUSKIES 2020 FOOTBALL

TOLEDO ROCKETTS

2019 Record..... 6-6
 Mid-American Conference Record/Finish..... 3-5/Fifth
 Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year) Jason Candle
 (Mt. Union/2003)
 Record at Toledo/Years 36-21/Fifth
 Career Record/Years 36-21/Fifth
 Location..... Toledo, Ohio
 Enrollment..... 18,547
 Conference..... Mid-American, West Division
 Colors..... Midnight Blue and Gold
 Stadium..... Glass Bowl
 Surface/Capacity..... FieldTurf /26,038
 Interim President..... Dr. Gregory Postel
 Athletic Director Mike O'Brien
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2020 TOLEDO SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Wed., Nov. 4	Bowling Green* (ESPNU)	W, 38-3
Tue., Nov. 11	at Western Michigan* (ESPN)	L, 41-38
Tue., Nov. 18	at Eastern Michigan* (CBSSN)	W, 45-28
Sat., Nov. 28	Ball State* (ESPN3)	L, 27-24
Sat., Dec. 5	at NIU* (ESPN3)	11 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 12	Central Michigan* (TBA)	TBA

*-Mid-American Conference Game

NIU-TOLEDO SERIES HISTORY

Overall..... UT leads 31-16
 In Toledo..... UT leads 18-6
 In DeKalb..... UT leads 12-10
 In Chicago..... UT leads 1-0
 In MAC Games..... UT leads 20-13
 Streak..... NIU, 2
 First Meeting Nov. 11, 1967; UT 35, NIU 0 (A)
 Last Meeting Nov. 13, 2019; NIU 31, UT 28 (A)
 Series History (*MAC Game):

1967: UT 35, NIU 0 (A)	1997: UT 41, NIU 14 (A)*
1969: UT 35, NIU 21 (H)	1998: UT 16, NIU 3 (H)*
1970: UT 45, NIU 7 (A)	1999: UT 44, NIU 14 (A)*
1971: UT 23, NIU 8 (H)	2000: UT 38, NIU 24 (H)*
1972: NIU 30, UT 7 (A)	2001: UT 41, NIU 20 (A)*
1974: UT 44, NIU 14 (A)	2002: UT 33, NIU 30 (H)*
1975: UT 24, NIU 22 (H)*	2003: UT 49, NIU 30 (A)*
1976: UT 17, NIU 2 (A)*	2004: UT 31, NIU 17 (H)*
1977: UT 27, NIU 9 (H)*	2005: NIU 35, UT 17 (A)*
1978: UT 35, NIU 16 (A)*	2006: UT 17, NIU 13 (H)*
1979: NIU 28, UT 10 (H)*	2007: UT 70, NIU 21 (A)*
1980: UT 13, NIU 6 (A)*	2008: NIU 38, UT 7 (H)*
1981: UT 31, NIU 0 (H)*	2009: UT 20, NIU 19 (A)*
1982: UT 9, NIU 3 (A)*	2010: NIU 65, UT 30 (H)*
1983: NIU 26, UT 10 (H)*	2011: NIU 63, UT 60 (A)*
1984: UT 13, NIU 7 (A)*	2012: NIU 31, UT 24 (H)*
1985: NIU 16, UT 3 (H)*	2013: NIU 35, UT 17 (A)*
1986: UT 29, NIU 28 (A)	2014: NIU 27, UT 24 (H)*
1987: NIU 41, UT 5 (H)	2015: NIU 32, UT 27 (A)*
1988: UT 33, NIU 20 (A)	2016: NIU 31, UT 24 (N)*
1989: NIU 39, UT 27 (H)	2017: UT 27, NIU 17 (A)*
1990: UT 23, NIU 14 (A)	2018: NIU 38, UT 15 (H)*
1991: UT 42, NIU 21 (A)	2019: NIU 31, UT 28 (A)*
1992: UT 25, NIU 8 (H)	

THE LAST MEETING

NIU 31, Toledo 28

Nov. 13, 2019

Toledo, Ohio | Glass Bowl

Freshman John Richardson made a 25-yard field goal with 41 seconds to play to give the NIU Huskies a 31-28 victory over Toledo Wednesday night in the Glass Bowl.

The field goal capped a 13-play, 68-yard drive that took 4:26 off the clock after Toledo had staged a 21-point, fourth-quarter comeback to tie the game at 28. Big plays by Cole Tucker, Tre Harbison and Marcus Childers, as well as a pass interference call on the Rockets, set up Richardson's game-winner.

Harbison ran for 158 yards on 32 carries with a score and quarterback Childers scored a pair of rushing touchdowns, including one on a 40-yard scamper, as the Huskies totaled 222 yards on the ground and 222 through the air on the night. Ross Bowers completed 15-of-26 passes for 193 yards and threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to tight end Daniel Crawford.

NIU took a 28-7 lead with one minute to play in the third quarter on Childers' second touchdown, a one-yard sneak, to complete an eight-play, 65-yard drive. Bowers hit Harbison for 43 yards and Childers completed the drive with passes of 10 and six yards to Tyrice Richie, a one-yard run by Harbison and the sneak for the score. Richie finished the game with six catches for 54 yards.

Toledo stormed back. Eli Peters hit Bryce Mitchell for a 34-yard score just 1:05 into the quarter, and took advantage of a special teams miscue when punter Matt Ference dropped the ball at the Huskie 17-yard line. They scored two plays later with Peters and Mitchell again hooking up, this time from 13 yards out. The PAT narrowed the Huskies' lead to seven, 28-21, with 12:23 to play.

The Rockets tied the score on their next drive, taking 10 plays to go 91 yards in just 3:38 with Peters and Mitchell connecting on a 37-yard completion to the Huskie 10-yard line. Peters completed 26-of-38 passes for 300 yards, while Mitchell had 125 yards on six catches to lead the Rockets.

The Huskies extended their lead to 21-7 with 6:10 to play in the third quarter on a one-yard Harbison run that completed a 12-play, 88-yard drive. Marcus Jones' 23-yard catch, in traffic, at the one-yard line set up Harbison's score.

NIU took a 14-7 halftime lead on a perfectly executed read option by Childers, who faked a handoff and took off to his right untouched for the 40-yard rushing score. He gave the Huskies a 14-7 lead with 13:16 to play in the second quarter.

Each team got on the board for seven in the first quarter. The Huskies turned the ball over on downs on the Toledo 41-yard line and the Rockets drove 59 yards in seven plays to take a 7-0 lead with 5:44 to play in the first. The score came on a four-yard completion from Peters to Devin Maddox.

NIU tied it with a seven-play, 75-yard drive. Bowers hit a wide-open Crawford down the left sideline for the 36-yard score as the senior tight end recorded his first career touchdown.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	7	14	3	31
Toledo	7	0	0	21	28

SCORING SUMMARY

UT - Maddox 4 pass from Peters (Davis kick), 1st 5:44 (7-59, 2:52)
 NIU - Crawford 36 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 1st 2:35 (7-75, 3:09)
 NIU - Childers 40 run (Richardson kick), 2nd 13:16 (5-60, 2:45)
 NIU - Harbison 1 run (Richardson kick), 3rd 6:10 (12-88, 6:15)
 NIU - Childers 1 run (Richardson kick), 3rd 1:00 (8-65, 3:37)
 UT - Mitchell 34 pass from Peters (Davis kick), 4th 13:55 (8-70, 2:01)
 UT - Mitchell 13 pass from Peters (Davis kick), 4th 12:23 (2-17, 0:37)
 UT - Jones 7 run (Davis kick), 4th 5:07 (10-91, 3:38)
 NIU - Richardson 25 FG, 4th 00:41 (13-68, 4:26)

Team & Individual Statistics

	NIU	TOL	Rushing
First Downs (R-P)	24 (10-11)	24 (9-15)	- NIU: Harbison 32-168, Childers 5-57, Nettles 3-13, Richie 1-5, Jones 1-1, Bowers 1(-3), Ference 1(-9); UT: Seymour 19-133, Jones 11-45, Peters 6-16, Koback 2-14.
Rushes-Net Yards	44-232	38-208	Passing - NIU: Bowers 15-26-0, 183; Childers 3-3-0, 29; UT: Peters 26-38-0, 300.
Passing Yards	212	300	Receiving - NIU: Richie 6-54, Tucker 5-37, Crawford 3-46, Harbison 1-33, Jones 1-23, Brinkman 1-11, Nettles 1-8; UT: McKinley-Lewis 7-78, Mitchell 6-125, Rosi 4-37, Seymour 4-24, Maddox 2-8, Phillips 1-12, Gilliam 1-9, Turner 1-7.
Passes (C-A-I)	18-29-0	26-38-0	Tackles - NIU: Thomas 12, Labus 11, Williams 10; UT: Fisher 9.
Plays-Total Yards	73-444	76-508	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2	
Penalties-Yards	3-24	7-60	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-0	2-42	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	7-15	4-13	
4th Down Conversions	1-3	3-5	
Punts-Average	4-40.8	2-45.0	
Possession Time	32:44	27:16	
Sacks By-Yards	2-16	0-0	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-4	

NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

12 ROSS BOWERS

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

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2020	4-4	15	-37	-2.5	0	7	83-136-2	60.3	871	5	47
Career	13/12	49	-148	-3.0	1	9	248-423-10	58.6	3,001	12	74

• Ranks fifth in the league and 30th in the nation in completions per game (20.5) after completing 22-of-36 attempts at Western Michigan (11-28).

Threw for 230 yards, the ninth time he's topped the 200-yard mark during his NIU career, while throwing for three touchdown passes against the Broncos, a personal best as a Huskie. Recorded his second punt of the season, a 31-yard boot at WMU as well. Passed for 300 yards for the second time in his NIU career completing 27-of-40 attempts with a touchdown and interception at Ball State (11-18). Added a 49-yard punt to his ledger against the Cardinals. Tallied 202 yards passing and a touchdown on 17-of-28 passing against Buffalo (11-4).

88 DANIEL CRAWFORD

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

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	4/3	12	89	7.4	0	21
Career	40/14	56	597	10.7	2	45

• Second on the team in receptions with 12 catches for 89 yards after recording two receptions for 19 yards at Western Michigan (11-28). Has at least one catch in all four games this season. Amassed a career-high six catches for a season-high 52 yards at Ball State (11-18). Tallied 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. 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).

36 MATT FERENCE

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

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2020	4/-	21	860	41.0	4	53
Career	43/-	255	10,546	41.3	83	70

• Ray Guy Award Watch Lister. NIU's all-time leading punter with a 41.4-yard per punt career average. Set the school record for career punting yards after tallying 169 yards on four punts for 42.2-yard average at Ball State (11-18). Added 212 yards to his career total (10,546) on five punts at Western Michigan (11-28). Needs three 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).

55 WESTON KRAMER

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

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2020	4/4	3	7	10	1.5	1	0
Career	43/28	37	53	90	11.0	3.5	2

• Has made at least one tackle in the last eight games, dating back to Nov. 2, 2019 when he made a career-high four stops at CMU. Recorded three stops, two solo, including a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss at Western Michigan (11-28). Posted two tackles, including a solo stop, at Ball State (11-18). Contributed three tackles, all assists, against Buffalo (11-4). Added two assisted tackles versus Central Michigan (11-11). Lone returning starting defensive lineman from 2019.

3 DEVIN LAFAYETTE

S | 6-2 | 191 | Fr. | Brunswick, Ga. | Brunswick

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2020	4/4	12	8	20	1.5	1	-	-

• Started all four games at safety this season. Fourth on the team in tackles with 20 stops, 12 solo. Amassed a career-best 10 tackles, six solo, including a sack and tackle for loss at Ball State (11-18). Recorded five tackles in his debut in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4). Added two solo tackles against Central Michigan (11-11) and three stops at Western Michigan (11-28).

58 BRAYDEN PATTON

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

• Made his 16th consecutive start, seventh at center, at Western 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	4/3	9	18	27	2.5	1.5	0-0	-
Career	33/22	91	86	177	11.5	3.0	0-2	4

• Leads the team with 27 stops after tallying two solo stops, including a tackle for loss, after missing the first half at Western Michigan. Amassed a game and season-best 14 tackles, four solo, and a sack and a half versus Central Michigan (11-11). Recorded nine at Ball State (11-18). 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 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	4/4	5	16	21	-	-	-
Career	16/10	27	31	58	0.0	0	2

• Ranks third on the team in tackles with 21 after adding an assisted tackle at Western Michigan (11-28). Matched his career-high in tackles with 10 versus Buffalo (11-4), including three solo stops, in the season opener. Posted a four-tackle effort at Ball State (11-18). Contributed six stops, five assists, against Central Michigan (11-11). Played in all 12 games, starting each of the final six contests. Pressed into the starting role in 2019 when all three of NIU's linebackers were lost to injury mid-way through the 2019 season. 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	4/-	5-6	45	7-7	22	19	49.5
Career	19/-	19-24	51	37-37	94	82	57.2

• Leads the team in scoring with 22 points after hitting all three extra points and two field goals at Western Michigan (11-28). Ranks second in the MAC and 25th nationally in field goal percentage (5-for-6) and third in the league in field goals made per game (1.25). Remained perfect on extra point attempts (37-for-37) for his career and improved to 19-for-24 on field goals in his NIU tenure. Hit a 41-yard attempt at Ball State (11-19), while going 2-for-2 on extra point attempts against the Cardinals. Connected on a season-best 45-yard attempt versus Central Michigan (11-11) and on an extra point attempt. Nailed a 43-yarder, versus Buffalo (11-4) and an extra point attempt in the season opener. Made a career-best 51-yard field goal in the first quarter at Ohio (10-12-19), 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	4/4	39	415	10.6	2	39
Career	15/10	71	830	11.7	6	71

• NIU's leading receiver with 415 yards, matching last season's total, on 39 receptions. Leads the league and is second in the country in receptions per game with 9.8. Recorded career highs in receptions and receiving yards with a game-high 12 catches for 131 yards, the fourth 100-yard game of his career, and a touchdown at Western Michigan (11-28). Amassed 108 yards on 11 receptions at Ball State (11-18). Scored his first touchdown of the season in the first quarter against the Cardinals. Contributed 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).

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	4/3	10	174	17.4	0	47	17	450	26.5	0	56

• League leader in kick return yards with 450 and fifth in the MAC and 14th in the country in all-purpose yards per game with 151.0. Ranks 13th in the MAC in yards per reception, averaging 17.4 yards per catch. Recorded 88 yards, including a career-long 58-yard return, on two kickoff returns, while contributing two catches for 17 yards receiving at Western Michigan. Tallied 95 yards receiving on five receptions, while adding 41 yards on four kickoff returns at Ball State (11-18). 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).

30 HARRISON WAYLEE

TB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | Johnston, Iowa | Urbandale HS

Year	G/GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2020	4/2	65	220	3.4	0	28	4	31	7.8	1	16

• Established career highs in rushing yards and attempts at Western Michigan (11-28) rushing for 68 yards on 25 carries. Scored his first career touchdown on a nine-yard reception against the Broncos as part of a three reception 27-yard receiving day. Leads the Huskies with 220 yards on 65 carries. Rushed for 66 yards on 13 carries in the season opener against Buffalo (11-4).

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	Rushing - UB: Patterson 20-137, Marks 6-32, Cook 3-8, Vantrease 1-4, Wilson 1-3, Team 1(-), Myers 2(-); NIU: Waylee 13-66, Collins 16-49, Gregory 9-36, Richie 2-13, Thompson 2-7, Haidet 1-1, Bowers 4(-16).
First Downs (R-P)	14 (5-7).....26 (11-12)	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.
Passing Yards	175.....241	Tackles - UB: Koonce 8, Patterson 8; NIU: Rattin 10, Deveaux 5, Lafayette 5.
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) | ESPNU
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. Davenport 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	Rushing - CMU: Nichols 12-91, Lewis 16-59, Bracy 5-55, Pimpleton 1-25, Swann 1-12, Brock 1-10, Team 2(-), Richardson 4(-), NIU: Collins 15-43, Waylee 10-23, Thompson 4-13, Gregory 1-11, Richie 2-5, Team 1(-21).
First Downs (R-P)	16 (11-5).....13 (3-8)	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).
Passing Yards	196.....170	Tackles - CMU: Bowens 9, Douglas 8; NIU: Pugh 14, Rayner 7, Hansen 7.
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	

GAME 3: BALL STATE 31, NIU 25

**November 18 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPNNews
Muncie, Indiana | Scheumann Stadium | 859***

Tailback Erin Collins scored a pair of touchdowns and quarterback Ross Bowers threw for 300 yards, but the NIU Huskies could not overcome a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit and Ball State retained the Bronze Stalk Trophy with a 31-25 win over NIU Wednesday night at Scheumann Stadium.

Ball State broke a 14-14 tie with back-to-back scores in the second half after getting a boost from its defense, which scored on a 71-yard interception return in the second quarter.

In addition to Bowers' 300-yard game, which came on 27-of-40 passing, Tyrice Richie caught a career high 11 passes for 108 yards.

With the score tied 14-14 at halftime, Ball State drove to the NIU three-yard line on the opening possession of the second half before NIU junior Dillon Thomas intercepted BSU quarterback Drew Plitt in the end zone. The Huskie offense stalled and Ball State drove 59 yards in nine plays to take a 20-14 lead with 5:12 left in the third quarter. Caleb Huntley, who finished the game with 103 yards on 23 carries, scored from three yards out. The PAT failed due to a bad snap.

After an exchange of punts, Ball State extended the lead to 28-14 with a five-play, 80-yard drive. A 64-yard pass from Plitt to Yo'Heinz Tyler put BSU on the NIU 13-yard line. Two plays later, Plitt hit Tyler for the seven-yard score and his two-yard PAT pass to Antwan Davis was good.

NIU answered with a 13-play, 80-yard drive. Bowers hit Trayvon Rudolph, who caught five passes for 95 yards on the night, on fourth and three to give NIU a first down at the Ball State eight. Three plays later, Collins scored his second touchdown on a three-yard run. Bowers' two-point pass attempt to Crawford was good. With 7:09 to play, NIU trailed 28-22.

Ball State extended the lead to 31-22 with an 11-play, 59-yard drive that took 4:55 off the clock. Jack Knight hit a 33-yard field goal when the BSU drive stalled at the NIU 16 to provide the Cardinals' final points.

The Huskies drove to the Ball State 23, where John Richardson's field goal with 44 seconds was good from 41 yards out to pull the Huskies within six points.

Richardson got a nice bounce on his ensuing inside kick, but it fell into the hands of Ball State's Chris Albright and the Cardinals ran out the clock.

NIU scored on its first possession of the game, driving 75 yards in seven plays and 2:56 to take a 7-0 lead. Bowers hit Richie for 17 yards for the score.

Ball State drove to the NIU 26 on its ensuing possession, where the Huskie defense held and Knight's 42-yard field goal missed wide right. The Cardinals tied the game at seven on a five-yard pass from Plitt to Davis early in the second quarter after a Tye Evans 46-yard run put BSU on the NIU nine-yard line.

The Huskies took a 14-7 lead on a six-play, 74-yard drive with 11:39 before half. A short pass to Rudolph turned into a 47-yard play and Bowers hit Crawford on a 21-yard reception to the 21. Collins scored from two yards out two plays later.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	7	0	11	- 25
Ball State	0	14	6	11	- 31

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Richie 17 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 1st 12:04 (7-75, 2:56)
 BSU - Davis 5 pass from Plitt (Knight kick), 2nd 14:40 (8-78, 2:22)
 NIU - Collins 2 run (Richardson kick), 2nd 11:39 (6-74, 2:55)
 BSU - Uzodinma 71 interception return (Knight kick), 2nd 4:29
 BSU - Huntley 3 run (Snyder pass failed) 3rd 5:12 (9-59, 4:31)
 BSU - Tyler 7 pass from Plitt (Davis pass from Plitt), 4th 12:17 (5-80, 1:44)
 NIU - Collins 3 run (Crawford pass from Bowers), 4th 7:09 (13-80, 5:02)
 BSU - Knight 33 FG, 4th 2:20 (11-59, 4:49)
 NIU - Richardson 41 FG, 4th 00:44 (9-52, 1:30)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....	BSU	
First Downs (R-P)	24 (7-15).....	23 (12-10)	Rushing - NIU: Waylee 17-63, Collins 8-46, Richie 2-9, Haidet 1-1, Bowers 4-(-7); BSU: Huntley 25-103, Evans 5-60, Hall 2-22, Plitt 10-20, Team 2-(-4).
Rushes-Net Yards	32-112.....	44-201	Passing - NIU: Bowers 27-40-1, 300; Team 0-1-0, 0; BSU: Plitt 17-25-1, 214.
Passing Yards	300.....	214	Receiving - NIU: Richie 11-108, Crawford 6-52, Rudolph 5-95, Tucker 4-41, Waylee 1-4; BSU: Tyler 7-108, Hall 7-73, Davis 2-18, Rudy 1-15.
Passes (C-A-I)	27-41-1.....	17-25-1	Tackles - NIU: Gandy 11, Lafayette 10; BSU: Cosby 14, Thomas 13.
Plays-Total Yards	73-412.....	69-415	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....	0-0	
Penalties-Yards	7-74.....	6-50	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-41.....	1-7	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-8.....	1-(-1)	
3rd Down Conversions	6-13.....	7-12	
4th Down Conversions	2-2.....	0-1	
Punts-Average	5-43.6.....	2-47.5	
Possession Time	32:10.....	27:50	
Sacks By-Yards	3-21.....	2-19	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-3.....	4-6	

GAME 4: WESTERN MICHIGAN 30, NIU 27

**November 28 | 11 a.m. (CT) | ESPN+
Kalamazoo, Michigan | Waldo Stadium | NA**

Western Michigan kicker Gavin Peddie made a 24-yard field goal with 2:23 to play to lift WMU to a 30-27 win over the NIU Huskies Saturday at Waldo Stadium.

NIU, whose starting line-up included 11 freshmen, held a powerful Western Michigan offense 20 points and 200 yards below their season average while controlling the ball for 40:00 and running 80 plays to the Broncos' 49. NIU outgained the Broncos, 350-325, while not committing a turnover for the first time in 2020.

The Broncos used a trio of big plays, leading to 20 points. La'Darius Jefferson scored WMU's first touchdown on a 43-yard run in the first quarter to give the Broncos a 7-3 lead; kickoff returner D'Wayne Eskridge scored on a 100-yard kick-off return in the second quarter as WMU took a 20-17 halftime lead; and Eskridge caught a pass between a pair of Huskie defenders in the fourth quarter and went 57 yards to set up WMU's game-tying touchdown with 9:12 to play in the game.

WMU scored 10 fourth-quarter points to erase a 27-20 NIU lead. The Broncos drove 79 yards in three plays and 1:16 to tie the game on a 26-yard touchdown catch by Skyy Moore at the 9:12 mark. NIU punted twice and WMU once before Western Michigan mounted a six-play, 43-yard drive to set up Peddie's field goal.

NIU senior wide receiver Tyrice Richie caught 12 passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Ross Bowers completed 22-of-36 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. Cornerback Jordan Gandy led NIU with seven tackles; his five pass break-ups tied the Huskies' single game record.

NIU took a 3-0 lead on the opening possession on John Richardson's 38-yard field goal before WMU responded by going 58 yards in three plays and 42 seconds to take a 7-3 lead as La'Darius Jefferson scored on a 43-yard run.

The Huskies embarked on an 18-play, 75-yard, 9:08 drive. On fourth and goal from the WMU three-yard line, Bowers found Richie in the back of the end zone. After the PAT, NIU took a 10-7 lead with 14:54 to play in the second quarter.

WMU re-took the lead on a one-yard run by quarterback Kaleb Eleby. The PAT was missed and Western Michigan led 13-10 with 8:45 left in the half.

The seesaw affair continued as NIU drove five plays in 65 yards to go ahead 17-13. Bowers hit Dennis Robinson for 30 yards to the WMU 29 before back-to-back completions to freshman tailback Harrison Waylee, the last for nine yards, was taken to the end zone for Waylee's first career score.

Eskridge scored on the ensuing kickoff to give Western Michigan a 20-17 lead with 6:25 left in the half.

The third quarter began with three straight three-and-outs before NIU went 80 yards in eight plays and 3:27 to take a 24-20 lead on a three-yard Bowers to Robinson hook-up.

The Huskies started their next scoring drive at the 2:35 mark of the third and drove 58 yards in 13 plays and 7:07 with Richardson hitting a 40-yard field goal with 10:28 to play to take a 27-20 lead.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	3	14	7	3	- 27
Western Michigan	7	13	0	10	- 30

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Richardson 38 FG, 1st 9:44 (12-50, 5:16)
 WMU - Jefferson 43 run (Kapps kick), 1st 9:02 (3-58, 0:42)
 NIU - Richie 3 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 2nd 14:54 (18-75, 9:08)
 WMU - Eleby 1 run (Kapps kick failed), 2nd 8:45 (6-43, 1:46)
 NIU - Waylee 9 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 2nd 6:38 (5-65, 2:07)
 WMU - Eskridge 100 kickoff return (Peddie kick), 2nd 6:25
 NIU - Robinson 3 pass from Bowers (Richardson kick), 3rd 6:56 (8-80, 3:27)
 NIU - Richardson 40 FG, 4th 10:28 (13-58, 7:07)
 WMU - Moore 26 pass from Eleby (Peddie kick), 4th 9:12 (3-79, 1:16)
 WMU - Peddie 24 FG, 4th 2:23 (6-43, 1:21)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....	WMU	
First Downs (R-P)	18 (8-8).....	15 (5-9)	Rushing - NIU: Waylee 25-68, Collins 7-40, Fletcher 1-19, Haidet 1-1, Mitchell 2-(-2), Bowers 7-(-14); WMU: Jefferson 15-81, Eskridge 1-27, Eleby 6-7, Kincaide 1-3, Team 2-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	43-112.....	25-115	Passing - NIU: Bowers 22-36-0, 230; Haidet 1-1-0, 8; WMU: Eleby 12-24-0, 210.
Passing Yards	238.....	210	Receiving - NIU: Richie 12-131, Robinson 3-36, Waylee 3-27, Crawford 2-19, Rudolph 2-17, Travis 1-8; WMU: Eskridge 7-134, Moore 5-76.
Passes (C-A-I)	23-37-0.....	12-24-0	Tackles - NIU: Gandy 7, Brown 5; WMU: Thomas 12, Hayward 12.
Plays-Total Yards	80-350.....	49-325	
Fumbles-Lost	2-0.....	2-0	
Penalties-Yards	8-90.....	7-44	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-120.....	4-124	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-3.....	1-3	
3rd Down Conversions	7-21.....	1-9	
4th Down Conversions	4-5.....	0-0	
Punts-Average	6-40.3.....	6-51.7	
Possession Time	40:00.....	20:00	
Sacks By-Yards	2-15.....	5-23	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4.....	2-3	

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	92	150
Points Per Game	23.0	37.5
Points Off Turnovers	0	31
FIRST DOWNS	81	68
Rushing	29	33
Passing	43	31
Penalty	9	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	454	732
Yards gained rushing	603	824
Yards lost rushing	149	92
Rushing Attempts	155	144
Average Per Rush	2.9	5.1
Average Per Game	113.5	183.0
TDs Rushing	5	9
PASSING YARDAGE	949	798
Comp-Att-Int	86-145-2	54-87-3
Average Per Pass	6.5	9.2
Average Per Catch	11.0	14.8
Average Per Game	237.2	199.5
TDs Passing	6	6
TOTAL OFFENSE	1403	1530
Total Plays	300	231
Average Per Play	4.7	6.6
Average Per Game	350.8	382.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	19-482	9-198
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-11	4-26
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-0	2-136
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	25.4	22.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.5	6.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	68.0
FUMBLES-LOST	10-6	5-1
PENALTIES-Yards	27-268	27-232
Average Per Game	67.0	58.0
PUNTS-Yards	23-939	17-702
Average Per Punt	40.8	41.3
Net punt average	38.8	37.1
KICKOFFS-Yards	20-989	27-1665
Average Per Kick	49.5	61.7
Net kick average	33.3	36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	35:34	24:27
3RD-DOWN Conversions	20/63	12/41
3rd-Down Pct	32%	29%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	8/13	3/6
4th-Down Pct	62%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	8-57	10-60
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	20
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	5-6	3-5
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(11-11) 100%	(11-16) 69%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(10-11) 91%	(9-16) 56%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(7-7) 100%	(17-18) 94%
ATTENDANCE	868	859
Games/Avg Per Game	2/434	2/430
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	13	34	7	38	92
Opponents	28	36	44	42	150

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
WAYLEE, Harrison	4	65	250	30	220	3.4	0	28	55.0
COLLINS, Erin	4	46	186	8	178	3.9	3	20	44.5
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	10	47	0	47	4.7	0	11	23.5
RICHIE, Tyrice	4	6	34	7	27	4.5	0	19	6.8
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	6	34	14	20	3.3	1	14	10.0
FLETCHER, Dustin	1	1	19	0	19	19.0	0	19	19.0
HAIDET, Andrew	4	3	3	0	3	1.0	1	1	0.8
MITCHELL, Jyran	4	2	2	4	-2	-1.0	0	2	-0.5
TEAM	2	1	0	21	-21	-21.0	0	0	-10.5
BOWERS, Ross	4	15	28	65	-37	-2.5	0	7	-9.2
Total.....	4	155	603	149	454	2.9	5	28	113.5
Opponents.....	4	144	824	92	732	5.1	9	56	183.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	4	123.28	82-136-2	60.3	871	5	47	217.8
HAIDET, Andrew	4	166.60	3-6-0	50.0	44	1	31	11.0
THOMPSON, Rodney	2	192.80	1-2-0	50.0	34	0	34	17.0
TEAM	2	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	4	125.18	86-145-2	59.3	949	6	47	237.2
Opponents.....	4	154.98	54-87-3	62.1	798	6	64	199.5

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
RICHIE, Tyrice	4	39	415	10.6	2	39	103.8
CRAWFORD, Daniel	4	12	89	7.4	0	21	22.2
TUCKER, Cole	4	11	123	11.2	1	24	30.8
RUDOLPH, Tray	4	10	174	17.4	0	47	43.5
ROBINSON, Dennis	4	4	67	16.8	2	31	16.8
WAYLEE, Harrison	4	4	31	7.8	1	16	7.8
TRAVIS, Messiah	4	2	13	6.5	0	8	3.2
COLLINS, Erin	4	2	3	1.5	0	4	0.8
MCCRAY, Fabian	2	1	34	34.0	0	34	17.0
GREGORY, Rondarius	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	4	86	949	11.0	6	47	237.2
Opponents.....	4	54	798	14.8	6	64	199.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
BOWERS, Ross	4	151	-37	871	834	208.5
WAYLEE, HARRISO	4	65	220	0	220	55.0
COLLINS, Erin	4	46	178	0	178	44.5
THOMPSON, Rod	2	8	20	34	54	27.0
GREGORY, Rondar	2	10	47	0	47	23.5
HAIDET, Andrew	4	9	3	44	47	11.8
RICHIE, Tyrice	4	6	27	0	27	6.8
FLETCHER, Dust	1	1	19	0	19	19.0
MITCHELL, Jyran	4	2	-2	0	-2	-0.5
TEAM	2	2	-21	0	-21	-10.5
Total.....	4	300	454	949	1403	350.8
Opponents.....	4	231	732	798	1530	382.5

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
THOMAS, Dillon	1	0	0.0	0	0
HANSEN, Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	0
GANDY, Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	3	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	2	136	68.0	2	71

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
RUDOLPH, Tray	17	450	26.5	0	56
TEWES, Tristen	1	7	7.0	0	7
MITCHELL, Jyran	1	25	25.0	0	25
Total.....	19	482	25.4	0	56
Opponents.....	9	198	22.0	1	100

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 STATISTICS

2020 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	16	56 KR, Rudolph at W. Michigan, 11/28
Rushing	1	28, Waylee at Ball State, 11/18
Waylee	1	28 at Ball State, 11/18
Passing	8	34, Thompson to McCray vs. Buffalo, 11/4
by Bowers	6	39 to Richie vs. W. Michigan, 11/28
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 Richie	1	39 from Bowers at W. Michigan, 11/28
to Robinson	2	31 TD from Haidet vs. C. Michigan, 11/11
to Rudolph	4	28, from Bowers vs. Buffalo, 11/4
Returns	7	56 KR at W. Michigan, 11/28
Mitchell	1	25 KR at W. Michigan, 11/28
Rudolph	6	56 KR at W. Michigan, 11/2
OPPONENT	21	100 KOR TD Eskridge, W. Michigan, 11/28
Rushing	7	56 TD, Buffalo, 11/4
Passing	8	64 Plitt to Tyler, Ball State, 11/18
Returns	6	100 KOR TD Eskridge, W. Michigan, 11/28

* 25 Yards or Longer

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1	8	8.0	0	8
TUCKER, Cole	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total.....	2	11	5.5	0	8
Opponents.....	4	26	6.5	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

FIELD GOALS FG-FGA Pct 1-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-99 Lg Blk

RICHARDSON, John	5-6	83.3	0-0	0-0	1-1	4-5	0-0	45	0
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FG SEQUENCE

	NIU	Opponents
Buffalo	(43)	-
Central Michigan	(45)	(40)
Ball State	45,(41)	42, (33)
Western Michigan	(38),(40)	30,(24)
Toledo		
Eastern Michigan		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
FERENCE, Matt	21	860	41.0	53	0	9	4	1	0
BOWERS, Ross	2	79	39.5	49	1	0	1	0	0
Total.....	23	939	40.8	53	1	9	5	1	0
Opponents.....	17	702	41.3	68	3	8	5	4	0

KICKOFFS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
RICHARDSON, John	19	940	49.5	5	2			
FERENCE, Matt	1	49	49.0	0	0			
Total.....	20	989	49.5	5	2	198	33.3	31
Opponents.....	27	1665	61.7	8	0	482		
36.4	28							

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					Saf	Pts.
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
RICHARDSON, Joh	0	5-6	7-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	22
COLLINS, Erin	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
ROBINSON, Denni	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
RICHIE, Tyrice	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
WAYLEE, HARRISO	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, Rod	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	6
HAIDET, Andrew	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CRAWFORD, Danie	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
GREGORY, Rondar	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	2
BOWERS, Ross	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	0
Total.....	11	5-6	7-7	1-1	1	1-3	0	0	92
Opponents.....	20	3-5	17-18	0-0	1	1-2	0	1	150

ALL PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	4	0	174	8	450	0	632	158.0
RICHIE, Tyrice	4	27	415	0	0	0	442	110.5
WAYLEE, HARRISO	4	220	31	0	0	0	251	62.8
COLLINS, Erin	4	178	3	0	0	0	181	45.2
TUCKER, Cole	4	0	123	3	0	0	126	31.5
CRAWFORD, Danie	4	0	89	0	0	0	89	22.2
ROBINSON, Denni	4	0	67	0	0	0	67	16.8
GREGORY, Rondar	2	47	0	0	0	0	47	23.5
MCCRAY, Fabian	2	0	34	0	0	0	34	17.0
MITCHELL, Jyran	4	-2	0	0	25	0	23	5.8
THOMPSON, Rod	2	20	0	0	0	0	20	10.0
FLETCHER, Dust	1	19	0	0	0	0	19	19.0
TRAVIS, Messiah	4	0	13	0	0	0	13	3.2
TEWES, Tristen	4	0	0	0	7	0	7	1.8
HAIDET, Andrew	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
TEAM	2	-21	0	0	0	0	-21	-10.5
BOWERS, Ross	4	-37	0	0	0	0	-37	-9.2
Total.....	4	454	949	11	482	0	1896	474.0
Opponents.....	4	732	798	26	198	136	1890	472.5

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
11 PUGH, Kyle	4	9	18	27	2.5-11	1.5-10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14 GANDY, Jordan	4	13	12	25	.	.	1-0	7	.	.	.	.	.
38 RATTIN, Nick	4	5	16	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 LAFAYETTE, Dev	4	12	8	20	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 RAYNER, Daveren	4	7	10	17	1.5-8	1.0-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4 THOMAS, Raish	4	5	9	14	1.0-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
7 HANSEN, Jordan	3	6	7	13	0.5-2	0.5-2	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 KENNEDY, Michae	4	4	9	13	1.5-10	1.0-9	.	.	.	1-3	1	.	.
44 ESTER, James	4	6	7	13	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 THOMAS, Dillon	4	6	4	10	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 KRAMER, Weston	4	3	7	10	1.5-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 OPPONG, Pierce	4	2	6	8	1.0-4	0.5-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97 TAYLOR, Demond	4	2	5	7	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
91 GRIFFIN, Jeffre	4	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 BROWN, C.J.	4	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 JACKSON, Eddie	4	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 MCGEE, Myles	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
56 BAGGETT, Miles	4	.	5	5	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 DEVEAUX, Lance	1	4	1	5	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 MARCH, Zhamaine	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
16 HARRIS, J.D.	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 O'MALLEY, Devon	4	2	.	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 TEWES, Tristen	4	2	.	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51 HARMAN, Nathan	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 TOURE, Mohamed	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 BOSTAD, Brett	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0 COLE, Jordan	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	4	105	138	243	16-67	8-57	3-0	13	2	1-3	2	.	.
Opponents.....	4	170	128	298	32.0-105	10-60	2-136	18	8	6-88	6	.	1

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	QB	TB	TE	FB	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Buffalo	Bowers	Collins	Soraghan		Tucker	Richie	Rudolph	Cox	Olson	Patton	Zschernitz	Potter
C. Michigan	Bowers	Collins	Crawford	Bostad	Tucker	Richie		Cox	Olson	Patton	Zschernitz	Potter
Ball State	Bowers	Waylee	Crawford		Tucker	Richie	Rudolph	Cox	Olson	Patton	Zschernitz	Potter
W. Michigan	Bowers	Waylee	Crawford		Robinson	Richie	Rudolph	Cox	Champ	Patton	Zschernitz	Potter
Toledo												
E. Michigan												

DEFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB
Buffalo	Oppong	Taylor	Kramer	R. Thomas	Pugh	Rattin	Deveaux	Gandy	Lafayette	Hansen	D. Thomas
C. Michigan	Oppong	Ester	Kramer	R. Thomas	Pugh	Rattin	Rayner	Gandy	Lafayette	Hansen	D. Thomas
Ball State	Oppong	Ester	Kramer	R. Thomas	Pugh	Rattin	Rayner	Gandy	Lafayette	Hansen	D. Thomas
W. Michigan	Oppong	Taylor	Kramer	R. Thomas	Jackson	Rattin	Rayner	Gandy	Lafayette	Brown	D. Thomas
Toledo											
E. Michigan											

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 PARTICIPATION

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

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2020 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---			Rushing	-----Passing-----			Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Total	R-P	Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Pl-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(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	25	24	7-15-2		32-112-2	27-41-1	300	1	73-412	7-43.6	0-0	7-74	6-of-13	32:10
at Ball State	31	23	12-10-1		44-201-1	17-25-1	214	2	69-415	6-47.5	0-0	6-50	7-of-12	27:50
(11-28) NIU	27	18	8-8-2		43-112-0	23-37-0	238	3	80-350	6-40.3	2-0	8-90	7-of-21	40:00
at Western Michigan	30	15	5-9-1		25-115-2	12-24-0	210	1	49-325	6-51.7	2-0	7-44	1-of-9	20:00
(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	350.8	99	10	Fumbles Recovered	1	113	8
Rushing Offense	113.5	112	11	Sacks	2.00	67	5
Passing Offense	237.2	59	7	Tackles for Loss	4.0	117	10
Passing Efficiency	125.18	87	10	Sacks Allowed	2.50	86	8
Completion Percentage	.593	86	10	Tackles for Loss Allowed	8.00	112	11
Scoring Offense	23.0	99	10	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.75	91	7
First Downs Offense	81	105	8	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	68.50	107	10
Red Zone Offense	1.000	1	1	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.317	118	10
Total Defense	382.5	49	3	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.293	8	2
Rushing Defense	183.0	83	7	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.500	37	5
Pass Efficiency Defense	154.98	107	7	Time of Possession	35:34	2	1
Passing Yards Allowed	199.5	27	4				
Scoring Defense	37.5	112	9	INDIVIDUAL (Top 55)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Red Zone Defense	.688	8	2	Trayvon Rudolph, All Purpose Yards/Game	151.0	14	5
First Downs Defense	68	13	3	Trayvon Rudolph, Combined Kick Returns	430	12	1
Net Punting	38.83	58	7	Ross Bowers, Completions/Game	20.50	31	5
Punt Returns	5.50	79	5	John Richardson, Field Goal Pct.	.833	25	2
Punt Return Defense	6.50	54	10	John Richardson, Field Goals/Game	1.25	46	3
Kickoff Returns	23.89	24	4	Zhamaine March, Forced Fumbles	.33	27	2
Kickoff Return Defense	22.00	58	7	Trayvon Rudolph, Kickoff Returns	24.8	21	5
Turnover Margin	-1.00	108	10	Tyrice Richie, Receiving Yards/Game	103.8	19	4
Turnovers Gained	4	106	6	Tyrice Richie, Receptions/Game	9.8	2	1
Turnovers Lost	8	43	9	Trayvon Rudolph, Yards/Reception	17.40	53	13
Passes Had Intercepted	2	13	5				
Passes Intercepted	3	80	5				
Fumbles Lost	6	93	12				

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	4-(-17)-0	2-(-14)-0		
Collins, Erin	16-49-1	15-43-0	8-46-2	7-40-0		
Gregory, Rondarius	9-36-0	1-11-0	DNP	DNP		
Haidet, Andrew	1-1-1	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0		
Jyran Mitchell	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-(-2)-0		
Richie, Tyrice	2-13-0	2-5-0	2-9-0	0-0-0		
Thompson, Rodney	2-7-1	4-13-0	DNP	DNP		
Waylee, Harrison	13-66-0	10-23-0	17-63-0	25-68-0		

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Buffalo	C. Michigan	Ball State	W. Michigan	Toledo	E. Michigan
Collins, Erin	1-4-0	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Crawford, Daniel	1-7-0	3-11-0	6-52-0	2-19-0		
Gregory, Rondarius	1-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP		
McCray, Fabian	1-34-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Richie, Tyrice	9-106-0	7-70-0	11-108-1	12-131-1		
Robinson, Dennis	0-0-0	1-31-1	0-0-0	3-36-1		
Rudolph, Trayvon	2-56-0	1-6-0	5-95-0	2-17-0		
Travis, Messiah	1-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-8-0		
Tucker, Cole	3-29-1	4-53-0	4-41-0	0-0-0		
Waylee, Harrison	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	3-27-1		

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	27-40-1, 300; 1	0-0-0, 0; 0	DNP
W. Michigan	22-36-0, 230; 3	1-1-0, 8; 0	DNP
Toledo			
E. Michigan			

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

Cole Tucker	Trayvon Rudolph
0-0, 0; 0	
0-0, 0; 0	
	1-8, 8; 0
1-3, 3; 0	

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

Game	Matt Ference	Ross Bowers
Buffalo	5-43.0, 1; 53	
C. Michigan	7-37.7, 1; 46	
Ball State	4-42.2, 1; 46	1-49, 0; 49
W. Michigan	5-42.4, 1; 49	1-30, 30.0; 30
Toledo		
E. Michigan		

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

Trayvon Rudolph	Jyran Mitchell	Tristen Tewes
5-151, 45; 0		
6-142, 28; 0		
4-41, 22; 0		
2-88, 56; 0	1-25, 25; 0	1-77; 0

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	0-4-4 0.5 SK, 0.5 TFL	0-0-0		
Bostad, Brett	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1		
Brown, C.J.	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-5		
Cole, Jordan	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	DNP		
Deveaux, Lance	4-1-5 1.0TFL	DNP	DNP	DNP		
Ester, James	1-1-2	2-2-4 0.5 TFL	0-4-4 0.5 TFL	3-0-3 PBU		
Gandy, Jordan	3-1-4 PBU	0-3-3 INT	4-7-11 PBU	6-1-7, 5 PBU		
Griffin, Jeffrey	0-1-1	2-3-5	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Hansen, Jordan	4-0-4 INT	2-5-7 0.5SK, 0.5TFL	0-2-2	0-0-0		
Harman, Nathan	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0		
Harris, J.D.	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	DNP		
Jackson, Eddie	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-3-4	1-0-1		
Kennedy, Michael	0-1-1 FR	3-3-6 SK, 1.5TFL, FF	1-4-5	0-1-1		
Kramer, Weston	0-3-3	0-2-2	1-1-2	2-1-3, SK, 1.5 TFL		
Lafayette, Devin	2-3-5	2-0-2 PBU	6-4-10 SK, TFL	2-1-3		
March, Zhamaine	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3, FF		
McGee, Myles	3-0-3 PBU	0-1-1	0-1-1	DNP		
O'Malley, Devonte	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2 SK, TFL	0-0-0		
Oppong, Pierce	0-1-1 0.5TFL	0-0-0	0-3-3 0.5 SK, 0.5 TFL	2-0-2		
Pugh, Kyle	1-1-2 QBH	4-10-14 1.5SK, 1.5 TFL	2-7-9	2-0-2		
Rattin, Nick	3-7-10	1-5-6	1-3-4	0-1-1		
Rayner, Daveren	1-0-1	3-4-7	1-5-6 0.5 TFL, PBU	2-1-3, SK, TFL		
Taylor, Demond	1-1-2 0.5TFL	0-0-0	1-4-5 0.5 TFL	0-0-0, PBU		
Tewes, Tristen	1-0-1 TFL	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0		
Thomas, Dillon	1-1-2	1-2-3	4-1-5 INT	0-0-0		
Thomas, Raishein	0-1-1	3-3-6 PBU	0-0-0	1-2-3		
Toure, Mohamed	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	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 Western Michigan (11-28-20)

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 Western Michigan, 40:00 (11-28-20)

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 – 100 yards, D'Wayne Eskridge of Western Michigan (11-28-20)

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 71 yards, Amechi Uzodinma of Ball State (11-18-20)

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) – Thiago Kapps of Western Michigan (11-28-20)

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 – 103, Caleb Huntley of Ball State (11-18-20)

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 – 134, D'Wayne Eskridge of Western Michigan (11-28-20)

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)
RAN A SUCCESSFUL FAKE PUNT - Andrew Haidet to Messiah Travis (8-yard pass) vs. Western Michigan (11-28-20)
MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) – Christian Hagan at Wyoming (9-3-16)
CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Daniel Crawford pass from Ross Bowers vs. Ball State (11-18-20)
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 (300) at Ball State (11-18-20)
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 – Tyrice Richie (12) at Western Michigan (11-28-20)
HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Tyrice Richie (131) at Western Michigan (11-28-20)
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)

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); (2nd), at WMU (11-28)	0 5x; <i>Last: 3rd at Ball State (11-18)</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)	32, at Ball State (11-18)
Passing Yards	300, at Ball State (11-18)	170, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Pass Attempts	41, at Ball State (11-18)	33, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Completions	27, at Ball State (11-18)	17, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Total Offensive Plays	80, vs. Buffalo (11-4), at WMU (11-28)	67, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Total Offense Yards	412, at Ball State (11-18)	244, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Punts	7, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)	5, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Penalties	8, at Western Michigan (11-28)	5, vs. Central Michigan (11-11)
Turnovers Lost	5, vs. Buffalo (11-4)	0, at Western Michigan (11-28)
Sacks (By Defense)	3, vs. CMU (11-11), at Ball State (11-18)	0, vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Time of Possession	40:00, at Western Michigan (11-28)	32:10, at Ball State (11-18)

OPPONENTS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	49, by Buffalo (11-4)	30, by Western Michigan (11-28)
Points, Half	31 (2nd), by Central Michigan (11-11)	9 (1st), by Central Michigan (11-11)
Points, Quarter	21 (3rd), by Buffalo (11-4)	0 (1st), by Ball State (11-18); (3rd) by WMU (11-28)
First Downs	23, by Ball State (11-18)	14, by Buffalo (11-4)
Rushing Yards	237, by Central Michigan (11-11)	115, by Western Michigan (11-28)
Rushing Attempts	44, by Ball State (11-18)	25, by Western Michigan (11-28)
Passing Yards	214, by Ball State (11-18)	175, by Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Attempts	25, by Ball State (11-18)	17, by Buffalo (11-4)
Pass Completions	17, by Ball State (11-18)	11, by Buffalo (11-4)
Total Offensive Plays	69, by Ball State (11-18)	49, by Western Michigan (11-28)
Total Offense Yards	433, by Central Michigan (11-11)	325, by Western Michigan (11-28)
Punts	6, by Western Michigan (11-28)	2, by Ball State (11-18)
Penalties	8, by Buffalo (11-4)	6, by CMU (11-11), by Ball State (11-18)
Turnovers Lost	2, by Buffalo (11-4)	1, by CMU (11-11), by Ball State (11-18)
Sacks (By Defense)	5, by Western Michigan (11-28)	1, by Central Michigan (11-11)
Time of Possession	27:50, by Ball State (11-18)	20:00, by Western Michigan (11-28)

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Rushing Attempts:	25, Harrison Waylee at WMU (11-28)
Net Rushing Yards:	68, Harrison Waylee at WMU (11-28)
Rushing TDs:	2, by Erin Collins at Ball State (11-18)
Long TD Run:	13 yards, Rodney Thompson vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Non-Scoring Run:	28 yards, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (11-18)
Passes Attempted:	40, Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
Passes Completed:	27, Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
Passing Yards:	300, Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1, Ross Bowers vs. Buffalo (11-4) and at Ball State (11-18)
Completion Percentage:	.675 (27-40), Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
TD Passes:	3, Ross Bowers at WMU (11-28)
Long TD Pass:	31 yds, Andrew Haidet to Dennis Robinson vs. CMU (11-11)
Non-Scoring Pass:	47, Bowers to Trayvon Rudolph at Ball State (11-18)
Receptions:	12, Tyrice Richie at WMU (11-28)
Receiving Yards:	131, Tyrice Richie at WMU (11-28)
Receiving TDs:	1, 6x by 4 different players
Punt Returns (not blocks):	1, Trayvon Rudolph at Ball State (11-18) 1, Cole Tucker at WMU (11-28)
Punt Return Yards:	8, Trayvon Rudolph at Ball State (11-18)
Punt Return, Long:	8, Trayvon Rudolph at Ball State (11-18)
Kickoff Returns:	6, Trayvon Rudolph vs. CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Return Yards:	151, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Kickoff Return, Long:	56, Trayvon Rudolph at WMU (11-28)
Total Plays:	44, Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
Total Offensive Yards:	293, Ross Bowers at Ball State (11-18)
All-Purpose Attempts:	28, Harrison Waylee at WMU (11-28)
All-Purpose Yards:	207, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Points:	12, Erin Collins at Ball State (11-18)
Touchdowns:	2, Erin Collins at Ball State (11-18)
Points Kicking:	9, John Richardson at WMU (11-28)
Field Goals Attempted:	2, John Richardson at Ball State (11-18) 2, John Richardson at WMU (11-28)
Field Goals Made:	2, John Richardson at WMU (11-28)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	45, John Richardson vs. CMU (11-11)
Longest Field Goal Made:	45, John Richardson at Ball State (11-18) 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) 1.5, Weston Kramer at WMU (11-28)
Sacks:	1.5, Kyle Pugh vs. CMU (11-11)
Interceptions:	1, Jordan Gandy vs. CMU (11-11) 1, Dillon Thomas at Ball State (11-18) 1, Jordan Hansen vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Long Interception Return:	NA
Fumbles Forced:	1, Michael Kennedy vs. CMU (11-11) 1, Zhamaine March at WMU (11-28)
Fumbles Recovered:	1, Michael Kennedy vs. Buffalo (11-4)
Long Fumble Return:	3 yards, Michael Kennedy vs. Buffalo (11-4)

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	25, Caleb Huntley, Ball State (11-18)
Rushing Yards:	137, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Long TD Run:	46 yards, Jaret Patterson, Buffalo (11-4)
Non-Scoring Run:	46 yards, Caleb Huntley, Ball State (11-18)
Passes Attempted:	25, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
Passes Completed:	17, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11) 17, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1 (3x), last: Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
Completion Percentage:	.684 (13-19), Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Passing Yards:	214, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
TD Passes:	2, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11) 2, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
Long TD Pass:	58 yards, Daniel Richardson, CMU (11-11)
Non-Scoring Pass:	64 yards, Yo'Heinz Tyler, Ball State (11-18)
Receptions:	7, Yo'Heinz Tyler, Ball State (11-18) 7, D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
Receiving Yards:	134, D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
Receiving TDs:	1, (6x)
Punt Returns:	1, (4x)
Punt Return Yards:	24, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Punt Return, Long:	24, Kalil Pimpleton, CMU (11-11)
Kickoff Returns:	3, D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
Kickoff Return Yards:	124, D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
Kickoff Return, Long:	100 (TD), D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
Total Plays:	35, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
Total Offensive Yards:	234, Drew Plitt, Ball State (11-18)
All-Purpose Attempts:	25, Caleb Huntley, Ball State (11-18)
All-Purpose Yards:	285, D'Wayne Eskridge, WMU (11-28)
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:	2, Jack Knight, Ball State (11-18)
Field Goals Made:	1, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11) 1, Jack Knight, Ball State (11-18) 1, Gavin Peddie, WMU (11-28)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	42, Jack Knight, Ball State (11-18)
Longest Field Goal Made:	40, Marshall Meeder, CMU (11-11)
Punts:	6, Nick Mihalic, WMU (11-28)
Best Punting Average:	51.7, Nick Mihalic, WMU (11-28)
Longest Punt:	68, Nick Mihalic, WMU (11-28)
Tackles:	14, Bryce Cosby, Ball State (11-18)
Tackles for Loss:	3.0, Ralph Holley, WMU (11-28)
Sacks:	2.0, Ralph Holley, WMU (11-28)
Interceptions:	1, Kadofi Wright, Buffalo (11-4) 1, Amechi Uzodinma, Ball State (11-18)
INT Return, Long:	71 yards (TD), Amechi Uzodinma, Ball State (11-18)
INT Return, TD:	1, Kadofi Wright, Buffalo (11-4) Amechi Uzodinma, Ball State (11-18)
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 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	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
14	Jordan Gandy	CB	5-10	175	So.	TR	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb/South Dakota State)
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	Billy Dozier	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	HS	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln Way West)
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 Deveaux Jr.	LB
26	Jaden Dolphin	S
39	Manny Dominguez	LB
28	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

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
QB	12	Ross Bowers	6-2	200	Sr.-6	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell/California)
	4	Dustin Fletcher	6-3	220	Fr.	Flint, Mich. (Carmen-Ainsworth)
FB	32	Brett Bostad	6-0	245	So.-R	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)
TB	30	Harrison Waylee	5-10	180	Fr.	Johnston, Iowa (Urbandale)
	21	Erin Collins	6-2	210	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. (Armwood/Hutchinson [KS] CC)
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)
	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	210	Jr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
WR	3	Tyrice Richie	6-0	193	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/Dodge City CC)
	11	Messiah Travis	5-10	186	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
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	76	John Champe	6-4	317	Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	300	Sr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
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	9	Daveren Rayner	6-3	212	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
	57	Rayshawn Gay	6-2	219	Jr.-R	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
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)
	26	Jaden Dolphin	6-2	194	Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill. (Maine West)
S	6	C.J. Brown	5-11	192	Fr.	Canton, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
OR	7	Jordan Hansen	6-1	192	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)
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)
	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)
	19	Jyran Mitchell	5-11	195	So.-R	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)

Pronunciations

Name	Pronunciation
Erik ABRELL	AY-brull
Woody APPOLON	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
ZHAMAINE 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