

2022 HUSKIE FOOTBALL

Game 6 - Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 - 2:30 PM CT

TOLEDO ROCKETS at NIU HUSKIES

DeKalb, Illinois • Huskie Stadium (23,595) • 115th Homecoming



2022 Record: 1-4
MAC Record: 0-1
Head Coach
Thomas Hammock
4th Season

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2022 Record: 3-2
MAC Record: 1-0
Head Coach
Jason Candle
7th Season

HUSKIE BITES

- The NIU Huskies play host to Toledo in the 115th Homecoming Game Saturday at 2:30 pm at Huskie Stadium in the Huskies' lone home game this month.
- The Huskies are 74-30-10 all-time on Homecoming and have won 21 of their last 23 Homecoming contests.
- Toledo leads the all-time series with NIU, 32-17 and owns a 12-9 edge in games played in DeKalb. However, the Rockets have just one win in Huskie Stadium in their last six trips as they broke the Huskies' five-game home winning streak with a 41-24 win in 2020.
- NIU is coming off a tough 44-38 double overtime loss at Ball State as the Cardinals overcame a 17-point halftime deficit and outscored the Huskies, 31-17, in the second half. The Huskies lost an overtime game for the first time since 2016, breaking a four-game OT win streak.
- NIU running back Harrison Waylee ran for a career high 230 yards on 30 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the Huskies at Ball State as he became the 18th player in school history to rush for 200 yards or more in a game. Waylee had touchdown runs of 52 and 68 yards in the game.
- After catching just one touchdown pass in three seasons (29 games) at Illinois State, transfer wide receiver Kacper Rutkiewicz leads NIU and is tied for the MAC lead in touchdown catches with five after scoring twice at Ball State.
- Despite playing without nine players who have started games for the Huskies this year, NIU posted its highest scoring game of the season at Ball State, while the NIU defense held the Cardinals to a season low 77 rushing yards.
- NIU head coach Thomas Hammock, a two-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American at NIU who rushed for over 1,000 yards in both 2000 and 2001, joins fellow Huskie football alums Chad Spann (2007-10) and Chandler Harnish (2008-11) in this year's class which will induct 13 new members Friday night.
- Chicago Heights native Kyle Pugh has made NCAA FBS history as he is back for his eighth season as a member of the NIU football team. Pugh saw his 2017 and 2019 seasons cut short, missed 2021 with a knee injury sustained in the spring, and earned the COVID-19 "re-do" for 2020. The two-time All-MAC (2018, 2020) linebacker currently ranks third on the team with 34 tackles.

2022 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Thurs., Sept. 1	EASTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN+)	W, 34-27
Sat., Sept. 10	at Tulsa (ESPN+)	L, 38-35
Sat., Sept. 17	VANDERBILT (CBSSN)	L, 38-28
Sat., Sept. 24	at Kentucky (ESPN2)	L, 31-23
Sat., Oct. 1	at Ball State* (ESPN+)	L, 44-38 (2OT)
Sat., Oct. 8	TOLEDO* (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 15	at Eastern Michigan* (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 22	at Ohio*	TBA
Wed., Nov. 2	CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (ESPN2/U)	6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 9	at Western Michigan* (ESPN2/U/CBSSN)	6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 16	MIAMI* (ESPN2/U)	6/7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 26	AKRON*	TBA
Sat., Dec. 3	MAC Championship - Detroit (ESPN)	11 a.m.

**Mid-American Conference Game*

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach..... Thomas Hammock
 Alma Mater/Year..... NIU '02
 Record at NIU/Years..... 15-22/4th
 Career Record/Years..... Same
 Basic Offense/Defense..... Multiple/4-2-5
 First Year of Football..... 1899
 2021 Record/MAC Record/Finish..... 9-5/6-2/1st
 All-Time Record..... 602-516-51
 Last Bowl Game..... 2021 Tailgreeter Cure Bowl
 Coastal Carolina 47, NIU 41
 Bowl Appearances (FBS)..... 14
 MAC Championship Appearances, Last..... 9, 2021
 MAC Championships, Last..... 6, 2021
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 52/15
 Starters Returning..... 22 (8 offense, 13 defense, 1 specialist)
 Starters Lost..... 7 (3 offense, 2 defense, 2 specialists)

NIU FACTS

Location..... DeKalb, Illinois
 Founded..... 1895
 Enrollment..... 16,769
 Affiliation..... NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision
 Conference..... Mid-American (West Division)
 Colors..... Cardinal and Black
 Stadium..... Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
 Surface/Capacity..... FieldTurf / 23,595
 President..... Dr. Lisa Freeman
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COVERING THE HUSKIES

NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

- NIU will host a weekly press conference with Thomas Hammock and several Huskie players throughout the season.
- For Saturday games, press conferences will be held on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- The press conference can be seen live or accessed any time on the NIU Athletics' YouTube Channel (NIUAthleticsOfficial).

NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY

- Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews Monday through Wednesday on Saturday game weeks.
- After practice or at the press conference are the best times for in-person interviews.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange in-person, phone or Zoom interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for phone requests.
- Contact Mike Haase (players) or Donna Turner (coaches) to arrange interviews.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

- Media who wish to attend practice should contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office as access is limited during the season.
- Practices are held in the mornings at Huskie Stadium and/or the Chessick Practice Center.
- Social media posts regarding practice - whether during or after practice - are not permitted during the season.

INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS

- To be added to the NIU AthComm e-mail distribution list (media only), contact Donna Turner.
- Contact Mike Haase 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 WHEN ...

At Home.....	1-1
On the Road.....	0-3
At Neutral Site.....	0-0

Leading after 1st quarter.....	1-1
Tied after 1st quarter.....	0-2
Trailing after 1st quarter.....	0-1

Leading at Halftime.....	1-2
Tied at Halftime.....	0-1
Trailing at Halftime.....	0-1

Leading after 3rd quarter.....	1-1
Tied after 3rd quarter.....	0-0
Trailing after 3rd quarter.....	0-3

Tied after regulation.....	0-1
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Plays on Saturday.....	0-4
Plays on Weeknight.....	1-0

Plays a Day Game.....	0-2
Plays a Night Game.....	1-2

NOTING NIU

OCTOBER CAMEO: The Northern Illinois University Huskies play at home for the only time in October on Saturday as the Huskies face MAC West rival Toledo on its 115th Homecoming Weekend in DeKalb.

HUSKIE HOMECOMING HISTORY: NIU caps off a full week of Homecoming activities on campus Saturday with its 115th Homecoming game. The Huskies' annual celebration dates back to an alumni football game played Oct. 10, 1903. NIU's Homecoming is the oldest major college alumni gathering in the state and the Huskies have one of the longest celebrated Homecoming traditions in the country. The Huskies are 74-30-10 all time in their Homecoming football games and have won 21 of their last 23 in front of the alums. NIU is 40-14-2 in Homecoming football games in Huskie Stadium after a 27-20 win over Eastern Michigan, on Oct. 2, 2021.

HALL OF FAMER: NIU head coach Thomas Hammock is one of three former Huskie football players who will be inducted into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend. Hammock gained more than 2,400 rushing yards and was a two-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American during his NIU playing career (1999-2002). He will be joined by fellow running back Chad Spann (2007-10) and quarterback Chandler Harnish (2008-11), who both won the MAC's Vern Smith (MVP) Award during their time in Cardinal and Black.

SERIES HISTORY: Toledo has won 32 of the 49 games played in the all-time series with NIU, and are 12-9 all-time versus the Huskies in DeKalb. NIU won five straight games over the Rockets in Huskie Stadium from 2008-2018 (not including the 2016 contest in Chicago) before UT claimed a 41-24 win over the Huskies during the COVID-19 season in 2020. Toledo won 15 of the first 21 series games played between 1967-89, then defeated NIU 11 times between 1990-2004. Since 2005, the Huskies are 11-5 against the Rockets, including a six-game winning streak from 2010-2015.

THE LAST TIME: John Richardson kicked a 29-yard field goal, his fifth of the game, with 26 seconds to play to give NIU a 22-20 win over Toledo at the Glass Bowl on October 9, 2021. Richardson made field goals of 43, 26, 43, 47 and 29 yards on the day. His game-winner came after a nine-play 60-yard drive highlighted by Tyrice Richie's 34-yard reception that put NIU on the Toledo seven yard line. Antario Brown ran for 93 yards on 24 carries with a 37-yard touchdown and quarterback Rocky Lombardi carried the ball 12 times for 90 yards and led the Huskies to scoring drives in the final minutes of the first half and of the game. NIU won in the Glass Bowl for the fifth time in their last six visits.

LAST WEEK: NIU suffered a 44-38 double overtime loss at Ball State as the Cardinals overcame a 17-point halftime deficit with 31 second-half points to take the Bronze Stalk Trophy. Harrison Waylee rushed for 230 yards and three scores, including a 68-yard run that gave NIU a 10-point lead with 6:43 to play, but the Cardinals scored 10 points in the final four minutes to send the game to overtime. Both teams missed field goals in the first OT before BSU's Carson Steele broke through for his third touchdown in the Cardinals' second overtime possession and NIU was unable to match the score.

STREAK BUSTED: The Huskies' double overtime loss at Ball State last week broke NIU's four-game winning streak in overtime games that dated back to Oct. 15, 2016, a 34-28 home loss to Central Michigan that went three overtimes. The OT win streak began later that season - on Nov. 16, 2016 - with a 31-24 win at Eastern Michigan and included OT wins over the Eagles in each of the next two seasons. NIU defeated Buffalo, 33-26, in overtime last year in Buffalo for its fourth straight win in extra time. All-time, the Huskies are now 9-5 in overtime games, including a 6-4 mark in MAC regular season contests.

HOME AGAIN: With a 76-30 (.724) record at home since 2003, NIU's all-time record at Huskie Stadium is 184-114-2 for a .617 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). NIU was 4-2 at home in 2021 and is 1-1 in 2022 after winning the season opener over Eastern Illinois on Sept. 1 and falling to Vanderbilt on Sept. 17.

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: In their 37th football season as a member of the Mid-American Conference season, NIU is 162-114-2 all-time in league play. The Huskies are 127-69 (.648) versus MAC foes since re-joining the league in 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 71-24 (.747) against the MAC with three undefeated campaigns, two one-loss seasons and seven division championships, including a run of six-straight (2010-15). NIU originally competed in the MAC from 1975-85.

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AT HOME IN THE MAC: In 36 seasons of MAC play dating back to 1975, NIU is 90-48-1 (.647) all-time at home in league games, including a 68-28 (.708) mark in Huskie Stadium versus league opponents since rejoining the league in 1997. In 49 MAC home games since 2009, the Huskies are 40-9 with five of those losses in the last two seasons.

MAC WEST MARK: Since the MAC went to divisional play in 1997, NIU is 78-49 versus teams from the MAC West, including a 41-18 mark in the division since 2010. The Huskies went 4-1 against divisional foes a year ago with the only loss in the regular season finale to Western Michigan.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: Senior defensive end Michael Kennedy, who is tied for the team lead in sacks and tackles for loss, is one of six Mid-American Conference players to be named a semifinalist for the 2022 William Campbell Trophy, presented by the National Football Foundation to the top football Scholar-Athlete in the country. Kennedy earned his undergraduate degree in management with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and social responsibility and is currently pursuing his MBA.

CARDIAC CANINES CONTINUED: In four seasons under Thomas Hammock, 23 of the Huskies' 37 games, including four of five games in 2022, have been decided by one score (eight points) or less. Last year, 10 of the Huskies' 14 games came down to one score. The Huskies are now 8-6 in one score contests over the last two seasons and are 11-12 in games decided by one score over the last four years. NIU is just as good when the games are closer with a 7-3 record in the last four seasons in games decided by three points or less, including a 4-0 record in those games a year ago.

ALL THE WAY(LEE) HOME: Huskie third-year sophomore Harrison Waylee had a career day on Saturday at Ball State with 230 yards on 30 carries and three touchdowns all career highs, while his 68-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was the longest of his career. Waylee also scored on a 52-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. His 230 yards were the most since quarterback Jordan Lynch ran for 321 yards versus Western Michigan on Nov. 26, 2013. The 230 yards rank as the sixth-most in the FBS this season. He entered the contest with 215 yards in the first four games of the season.

IN THE CLUB: With the first 200-yard rushing game of his Huskie career, Harrison Waylee became the 18th NIU player all-time to record a 200-yard day. The 230-yard total ranks tied for 23rd all-time at NIU, well short of Garrett Wolfe's school-record 353-yard game at Ball State on Sept. 30, 2006. In all, the 200-yard mark has been met or surpassed 46 times in NIU history. Waylee's 1,475 career rushing yards rank 31st on the Huskies' all-time list.

HIGH SCORING: The NIU offense is having one of its more prolific recent scoring years so far in 2022. The Huskies have scored 158 points through five games, averaging 31.6 per contest. That's the most points through five games for NIU since the 2013 Huskies had 211. That season was also the last time NIU scored at least 28 points in each of its first five games of the season prior to this year. A year ago, NIU scored 105 points in its first five games. NIU is the second-highest scoring offense in the MAC in 2022 behind only Toledo's 33 points per game.

DON'T RUN ON ME: NIU is second in the MAC in rushing defense, allowing 125 rushing yards per game. The Huskies are holding their opponents to just 3.6 yards per rush, while allowing a league-low five rushing touchdowns. Last Saturday NIU gave up a 77 rushing yards at Ball State, the lowest total by a Huskie opponent since the fifth game of the 2021 season when Eastern Michigan totaled just 38 yards rushing on 24 carries. It marked the 17th time in the last five years the Huskies held an opponent under 100 total rushing yards.

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

Five NIU Huskies are on NFL rosters in 2022, led by ninth-year pro Jimmie Ward, who was named to the NFL Network's Top 100 list this summer. Wide receiver Kenny Golladay is in his second season with the New York Giants and his sixth season in the league. Max Scharping moved to the Cincinnati Bengals during the preseason, while Jordan Steckler (Houston) and Jack Heflin (Green Bay) are on practice squads.

National Football League

New York Giants	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Green Bay Packers	Jack Heflin (DL) - PS
Cincinnati Bengals	Max Scharping (OL)
Houston Texans	Jordan Steckler (OL) - PS
San Francisco 49ers	Jimmie Ward (S)

FOLLOW THE HUSKIES

TV: NIU-TOLEDO ON ESPN+

- The NIU-Toledo game will be streamed on ESPN+, accessible via the ESPN App available on both iOS and Android devices, desktop and TV-connected devices (e.g. Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV).
- Subscriptions to ESPN+ are available on both a monthly and annual basis and can be used on up to five streaming devices simultaneously.
- Doug Sherman (play-by-play) and Forrest Conoly (color analyst) will be on the call for ESPN+ Saturday.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network coverage for the Toledo game begins 90 minutes before kickoff, at 1 p.m. (CT), on 94-9 WDKB with the Toyota Huskie Nation Pre-Game Party.
- Coverage on WDKB, as well as NIU network affiliates AM 560 The Answer (Chicago) and SportsFan AM 1330 begins 30 minutes before the game, at 2 pm (CT).
- Hear the broadcast online via Huskie All Access, and on mobile devices via the FREE NIU Huskies mobile app or The Varsity Network app.
- Bill Baker is in his 43rd season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo is alongside for the 37th consecutive season, while Andy Garcia is in his 10th season on the NIU sidelines.

INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the one-hour weekly show every week at 1 p.m. in the Novak Room at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy).
- Shows will take place on Thursdays in September and October prior to Saturday games.
- Listen live on 94-9 WDKB FM in DeKalb and on the NIU Huskies or The Varsity Network mobile apps. Hear the show on the same day at 6 p.m. on SportsFan AM 1330 in Rockford.
- Host Andy Garcia chats with NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock each week, along with Huskie players and special guests.

NIU WEEKLY ON YOUTUBE

- The show features weekly interviews with NIU football personnel, including head coach Thomas Hammock, as well as NIU administrators, coaches and student-athletes from other sports programs.
- Watch new episodes on the NIU Athletics YouTube Channel each week.
- The show is hosted by Andy Garcia.

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 or go to YouTube.com/NIUAthleticsOfficial.
- Archived videos and highlights, replays of some of the greatest games in school history and special features are also available 24/7 on YouTube.

NIU HUSKIES MOBILE APP

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

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IN THE (END) ZONE: Junior wide receiver Kacper Rutkiewicz, a transfer from Illinois State, is tied for the MAC lead in touchdown receptions so far this season with five. In 29 games over three seasons at ISU, Rutkiewicz had just one touchdown catch. He had two touchdown grabs last week at Ball State for his second two-touchdown game of the season. Rutkiewicz is the fifth Huskie since 2004 to have five touchdown catches in the first five games of the season, joining Sam Hurd (8 in 2005), Martel Moore (5 in 2012), DaRon Brown (5 in 2013) and Kenny Golladay (6 in 2016). He is currently second on the team in receiving yards with 214 and third with 252 all-purpose yards.

TDS IN TWOS: Kacper Rutkiewicz recorded his second, and the fourth overall, two-touchdown game by a Huskie receiver this year. Last year, Trayvon Rudolph was the only Huskie to record multiple touchdown catches in a game as he caught two TD passes at Central Michigan and three the next week at Kent State. This year, Rutkiewicz has two touchdowns at Ball State and at Tulsa, tight end Tristen Tewes had a pair of touchdown grabs at Kentucky and Cole Tucker scored a pair of receiving TDs versus Vanderbilt. Three different players - including wide receiver Shemar Thornton - threw the passes.

ONE OF A KIND: NIU linebacker Kyle Pugh is the first player in FBS history to play eight years of college football - although due to a series of different injuries, he has not actually played in all eight seasons. Pugh, who is earning his second master's degree, signed with the Huskies in February 2015 and redshirted as a freshman. Pugh was an all-conference player in 2018 and 2020. He has been at NIU through three presidential administrations, four bowl games and three MAC Championship games; his freshmen teammates were in sixth grade when he arrived at NIU.

FRESH CORNERS: The Huskies started a pair of true freshmen at cornerback at Ball State as Birmingham, Ala. product Jacob Finley and Hollywood, Fla. native Amariyun Knighten made their first career starts. Knighten finished the game as NIU's leading tackler with 10 stops, while Finley made four tackles and each contributed a pass break-up. They are the fourth different pair of corners NIU has started in its five games this season.

FRESH FACES: Eleven players, including seven true freshmen and four redshirt freshmen, have seen action for the Huskies in 2022 with Jacob Finley and Amariyun Knighten the first to start

a game. Running back Jaiden Credle earned his first carries at Ball State, running six times for 27 yards. Other true freshmen to see action include linebackers Jake Gassaway and Rashon Myles, defensive end Roy Williams and safety Trey Porter with Porter, Myles and Gassaway contributing on special teams.

NEW TO NIU: Seven players who transferred to NIU this year have seen action so far this season with wide receiver Shemar Thornton (FIU) and defensive end Izayah Green-May (Wisconsin) both earning starting roles. Thornton ranks second on the team in catches and fellow transfer receiver Kacper Rutkiewicz has five touchdown catches to lead NIU. Green-May earned his first sack at Tulsa and is tied for the team lead with 2.5 tackles for loss. Transfer QB Justin Lynch made his Huskie debut at Kentucky with a touchdown run and totaled 15 carries for 89 yards at Ball State. Safety Jordan White, who came to NIU from Youngstown State, saw his most extensive action at Ball State with three tackles. Both Quinn Urwiler (North Dakota) and Joey Rattin (Upper Iowa) have contributed on special teams.

MAKING PICKS: With interceptions by Devin Lafayette and C.J. Brown at Ball State, NIU now has five INTs on the season, surpassing the Huskies' season total from a year ago. Huskie defensive backs have accounted for all five picks in 2022 after making just one interception a year ago. In addition to Brown and Lafayette, cornerback Eric Rogers made a pair of interceptions versus Eastern Illinois and safety Muhammed Jammeh picked off a pass at Tulsa.

TURNOVERS GAINED: With eight turnovers forced (five interceptions, three fumbles) through the first five games of 2022, the Huskie defense is two-thirds of the way to its 2021 total of 12 turnovers gained, which was accomplished in 14 games. Last season, NIU ranked 118th in the country in turnovers gained; currently the Huskies rank in the top 50 nationally in that category. The forced turnovers have helped NIU to a +0.80 turnover margin, which ranks second in the MAC and 28th in the country.

RAYNER SHINES: Sophomore linebacker Daven Rayner leads NIU in tackles with 51 after making nine stops at Ball State. Rayner posted his third double-digit tackle game of the year at Kentucky with 10 stops. He added his first sack of the season to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors. Rayner has already surpassed his previous single season career high in tackles (29 in 2021) and ranks fourth in

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY CLASS	Off.	Def.	Spec.	Total
Senior	5	4	0	9
Junior	5	2	1	8
Sophomore (C)	7	12	0	19
Sophomore (R)	7	3	1	11
Sophomore	5	8	1	14
Freshman (R)	13	13	2	28
Freshman	16	14	1	31

BY POSITION

Offensive Line.....	18
Tight End.....	7
Fullback.....	2
Wide Receiver.....	16
Running Back.....	9
Quarterback.....	6
Defensive End.....	10
Defensive Tackle.....	10
Linebacker.....	17
Safety.....	8
Cornerback.....	11
Kicker/Punter.....	4
Long Snapper.....	2

BY STATE/PROVINCE

Illinois.....	50
Wisconsin.....	15
Iowa.....	7
Michigan.....	7
New Jersey.....	7
Georgia.....	6
Indiana.....	6
Florida.....	5
Minnesota.....	3
Missouri.....	3
Nebraska.....	3
Maryland.....	2
Texas.....	2
Alabama.....	1
Massachusetts.....	1
Ohio.....	1
Ontario (Canada).....	1

HUSKIE OPPONENTS THIS WEEK

Eastern Illinois.....	Northwestern State
Tulsa.....	at Navy
Vanderbilt.....	Ole Miss
Kentucky.....	South Carolina
Ball State*.....	at Central Michigan
Toledo*.....	at NIU
Eastern Michigan.....	at Western Michigan
Ohio*.....	Akron
Central Michigan*.....	Ball State
Western Michigan.....	Eastern Michigan
Miami (Ohio)*.....	Kent State
Akron*.....	at Ohio

"THE HARD WAY"

"The Hard Way" has been a mantra for NIU Football long before hashtags or Twitter. The slogan has been embraced by Huskie players and coaches alike since 1996 when it was first introduced at NIU by a junior college transfer named Kenneth Williams during preseason camp. The Hard Way describes the hard work, sacrifice and determination required to get the job done no matter the obstacle. It describes a culture of toughness. The hashtag evolved from a song/chant that is sung in the Huskie locker room following victories.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 4 Number of players to score 3 rushing touchdowns in a single game during Thomas Hammock's tenure as head coach
- 5 Interceptions by NIU defense in 2022, surpassing last season's total
- 5 NIU MAC Championships since 2011
- 5 Touchdown receptions for Kacper Rutkiewicz, tied for the most in the MAC
- 10 Tackles for freshman cornerback Amariyun Knighten in his first career start last week
- 11 Quarterback sacks for NIU defense through five games this season
- 15 Games in the NIU-Toledo series decided by seven points or less
- 18 Returning starters for the Huskies
- 18 Harrison Waylee became the 18th Huskie to rush for at least 200 yards in a game
- 24 Number of games NIU has rushed for at least 200 yards in the last five years
- 28 Points scored off turnovers by NIU through five games
- 31 Yards of Nick Rattin's INT return for a touchdown in 2019 Homecoming game vs. Akron
- 38 Rushing yards allowed by NIU in last season's homecoming win over Eastern Michigan
- 40:47 Time of possession for NIU in last season's win at Toledo
- 50 Huskies from the state of Illinois on the 2021 roster
- 92 Touchdowns new NIU Hall of Famer Chandler Harnish was responsible for during his career
- 106 Consecutive PATs made by kicker John Richardson (106-for-106)
- 115 Homecomings for NIU, dating back to Oct. 10, 1903
- 119 Seasons of college football played by NIU
- 230 Career-high in rushing yards for Harrison Waylee last week at Ball State
- 2,432 Career rushing yards for head coach Thomas Hammock (1999-2002) to rank 13th at NIU
- 2,916 Career rushing yards for new NIU Hall of Famer Chad Spann (2007-10) with 49 rushing TDs

MAC WEEKLY HONORS

Three Huskies have earned MAC West Division Player of the Week honors in 2022 based on their play in the listed games.

Team: Name, Pos., Class..... Game
 Defense: Eric Rogers, CB, So. Eastern Illinois
 Defense: Daveren Rayner, LB, So. Kentucky
 Special Teams: Tom Foley, P, So.-R. Kentucky



the MAC in tackles per game. Rayner joined Eric Rogers as Huskie defenders to earn MAC Player of the Week honors this season.

COLE HARD FACTS: A year ago, Trayvon Rudolph (51 catches), Tyrice Richie (44) and Cole Tucker (41) accounted for 66 percent of the Huskies' 205 pass receptions. Richie graduated and Rudolph is out for the season due to injury, leaving Tucker. The sixth-year senior established a new career high for single game receiving yards with 123 at Tulsa and leads NIU with 26 catches for 420 yards on the season. The DeKalb native and Huskie legacy, whose parents Brett and Cindy were NIU football and gymnastics student-athletes, respectively, has caught 135 passes for 1,820 yards in his career to move up to No. 12 on NIU's all-time receiving yards list, the highest total by a Huskie since current New York Giant Kenny Golladay totaled 2,285 receiving yards (4th all-time at NIU) in 2015-16. He needs 139 yards to move into the Top 10.

PLAYING SAFE(TY): In his third season, 2021 All-MAC safety C.J. Brown has been involved in two of NIU's turnovers this season with a fumble recovery and 12-yard return versus Vanderbilt and an interception and 29-yard return at Ball State. He has already surpassed his 2021 total for pass break-ups with three and ranks second on the team with 38 tackles. In 25 career games, he has 157 tackles, 81 solo with four tackles for loss, two interceptions and five pass break-ups.

LYNCH FOR 6: After making his Huskie debut at Kentucky with 21 yards on seven carries and a two-yard touchdown run, Justin Lynch followed that by running the ball 15 times for 89 yards at Ball State. The Temple transfer and younger brother of NIU All-American and Heisman finalist Jordan Lynch, ranks third on the team in rushing yards with 110 on 22 carries for a 5.0 average.

ON(SIDE) IT: The Huskies are now two-of-three on onside kicks this year after John Richardson's pop-up kick bounced between Cardinals and was recovered by Billy Dozier. At Tulsa, NIU kicker John Richardson recovered his own onside kick in the third quarter, spurring a 17-point second-half comeback. Following NIU's final touchdown at Kentucky, the Huskies could not corral Richardson's bouncing onside attempt.

DOG TREATS: Sixth-year senior tight end Liam Soraghan scored his first career touchdown versus Eastern Illinois on a 13-yard reception. He came into the year with four career receptions for 24 yards and has four catches this season for 43 yards. cornerback Eric Rogers became the first Huskie to earn MAC Player of the Week honors this season after picking off a pair of passes in the 2022 season opener versus Eastern Illinois, becoming the first Huskie with two INTs in a game since Jalen McKie versus Akron in 2018 ... returner Billy Dozier had a 42-yard kickoff return at Kentucky, the longest of the season for NIU ... last year, the Huskies had just one game (Central Michigan) in which they did NOT commit a turnover; they have two such games already this season (Eastern Illinois, Kentucky) ... at Kentucky, Tristen Tewes became the first NIU tight end to catch two touchdown passes in a game in 70 games, since Shane Wimmann had a pair of TD catches at San Diego State in 2017.

TOUCHDOWN TOSS: Wide receiver Shemar Thornton, a transfer from FIU, showed off his passing form at Kentucky with a perfectly thrown touchdown toss to Tristen Tewes as NIU tied the score at 14 just before halftime. Thornton became the first NIU non-quarterback to throw a touchdown pass since Michael Love completed a seven-yard pass to tight end Mitchell Brinkman versus Western Michigan on Nov. 26, 2019. The last non-QB to complete a pass was Trayvon Rudolph who hit Tewes with a two-point conversion pass in last year's game at Central Michigan (Oct. 23).

TEWES TDS AND MORE: Tight end Tristen Tewes became the second Huskie tight end to record his first career touchdown this season with two TD receptions at Kentucky. Tewes finished NIU's game opening drive by catching a two-yard touchdown pass from Ethan Hampton and was on the receiving end of Shemar Thornton's three-yard TD pass to tie the game before halftime. The former walk-on from Pleasant Plains, Ill. finished the game with a career high six catches for 37 yards.

POWER PUNTER: Huskie punter Tom Foley, in his second season at NIU after transferring from Minnesota, earned MAC West Specialist of the Week honors after averaging 47.2 yards on six punts at Kentucky. Three of Foley's punts forced Kentucky to start inside its 12 yard line, include one that bounced out of bounds at the two. Foley recorded a season-long 61-yard punt in the game.

FINE FORM: Kyle Pugh made a season high 12 tackles versus Vanderbilt, his highest total since a 14-tackle effort versus Central Michigan in 2020, and added eight stops with a tackle for loss at Ball State, for a total of 34 stops to rank third on the team. Versus Vanderbilt, Pugh surpassed 200 tackles for his career and he now has 220 tackles in

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WALK ON TO SCHOLARSHIP

#	Name	Pos.	Hometown
3	Mason Blakemore	RB	Centralia, Ill.
6	Jeffery Lomax	QB	Elgin, Ill.
10	Billy Dozier	WR	New Lenox, Ill.
14	Jordan Gandy*	CB	DeKalb, Ill.
17	Louis Frye	S	Teaneck, N.J.
21	Muhammad Jammeh*	S	Detroit, Mich.
26	Jaden Dolphin*	HSK	Des Plaines, Ill.
36	Dayven Shinoster	LB	Barrington, Ill.
38	Nick Rattin*	LB	Palatine, Ill.
40	Izzy Ozoh	TE	Hazel Crest, Ill.
44	Ryan King	LB	Wildwood, Mo.
47	Drew Cassens	TE	Downers Grove, Ill.
49	Brock Lampe*	FB	Kenosha, Wis.
82	Tristen Tewes*	TE	Pleasant Plains, Ill.
84	George Gumbs	WR	Chicago, Ill.
85	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	Crete, Ill.
95	Devonte O'Malley*	DE	Midlothian, Ill.
96	Jacob Waskow	DT	Canton, Ill.
98	Tom Foley*	P	Peoria, Ill.

ONE-SCORE GAMES

2019		3-3
at Vanderbilt	L	24-18
Ball State	L	27-20
at Ohio	W	39-36
at Miami (Ohio)	L	27-24
at Toledo	W	31-28
Western Michigan	W	17-14
2020		0-3
at Ball State	L	31-25
at Western Michigan	L	30-27
at Eastern Michigan	L	41-33
2021		7-3
at Georgia Tech	W	22-21
Wyoming	L	50-43
Eastern Michigan	W	27-20
Bowling Green	W	34-26
at Toledo	W	22-20
at Central Michigan	W	39-38
at Kent State	L	52-47
Ball State	W	30-29
at Buffalo	W-OT	33-27
vs. Coastal Carolina	L	47-41
(Cure Bowl)		
2022		1-3
Eastern Illinois	W	34-27
at Tulsa	L	38-35
at #8/9 Kentucky	L	31-23
at Ball State	L-2OT	44-38

39 games. He has 13.5 career tackles for loss and three sacks in 87 starts. Pugh's most successful season was 2018 when he made 106 tackles, 63 solo with five tackles for loss.

SO CLOSE: The 14 consecutive completions by quarterbacks Rocky Lombardi and Ethan Hampton (seven each) to start the Vanderbilt game fell one short of the unofficial NIU record of 15 set by Dan Nicholson versus Southern Illinois on Sept. 8, 2007. The last player to complete 14 consecutive passes was Drew Hare versus Ball State on Oct. 10, 2015 during a game in which he completed 29-of-32 throws to set the NIU single game record for completion percentage. Versus Vanderbilt, NIU's first incomplection did not occur until 10:08 of the third quarter.

LAND OF LINCOLN LEADERS: Since 2010, NIU is the winningest football program among the state of Illinois' seven Division I (3 FBS & 4 FCS) football programs with a record of 101-59 for a winning percentage of .631. No other team in the state has won more than 85 games with Northwestern checking in with a 83-71 (.539) record and Illinois at 57-92 (.382). Since 2010, the Huskies are 1-1 versus their fellow in-state FBS programs with a 2014 win over Northwestern and a 2010 loss at Illinois. NIU is 4-1 versus in-state FCS opponents over the last 12 seasons, including the opening week win over Eastern Illinois. NIU has made nine bowl game and eight MAC Championship game appearances in the last 12 years.

EARNED IT: Thomas Hammock has made a habit of rewarding players who walk-on to the Huskie program with scholarships. Since his arrival at NIU in 2019, 21 players have earned scholarships after arriving at NIU as walk-ons, including 19 players on the 2022 roster and eight – fully one third – of the Huskies starters on offense, defense or special teams. Of those 19, 15 are from the state of Illinois. The group joins a long and distinguished list of NIU players from the past that arrived as walk-ons including 2010 MAC MVP Chad Spann, who will be inducted into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame this weekend, and recently retired NFL defensive back Rashaan Melvin. See the complete list of current former walk-ons in the column to the left.

TESTED: NIU tested itself during non-conference play by taking on SEC teams Vanderbilt and No. 8 Kentucky in back-to-back weeks after opening with in-state rival Eastern Illinois at home, followed by a game at Tulsa out of the American Athletic Conference (AAC). NIU played consecutive games versus Southeastern Conference teams for the first time in school history and this year marked just the second time the Huskies faced two SEC teams in a season (1994).

LEAD DOGS: Six players were elected team captains for 2022 by their teammates. Quarterback Rocky Lombardi, linebacker Nick Rattin and defensive tackle James Ester (DT) were named captains for the second straight season. Linebacker and eighth-year senior Kyle Pugh, offensive tackle Nolan Potter and sophomore defensive back Jashon Prophete were also chosen.

STAFF DIVERSITY: One of 14 African-American men to lead a FBS program, Thomas Hammock's staff also reflects the university's and NIU Athletics' commitment to diversity. Of the 10 full-time assistant coaches on staff, seven are minorities which ranks tied for second among all FBS schools. NIU's staff includes six African-American coaches and one Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. The six African-American coaches are tied for second-most in FBS. Last year, NIU won the NCAA/MOAA Diversity and Inclusion Award for the second time. The top four (credit: the University of Colorado):

Hawai'i	8	(4 P, 2 Asian/P, 1 AA, 1 Asian)
Miami, Fla.	8	(5 AA, 2 H, 1 P)
NIU	7	(6 AA, 1 H/P)
Virginia	7	(7 AA)

GRADS: NIU 2022 roster includes 13 players who have already earned their undergraduate degrees – either at NIU or from another institution, and one who already has two degrees. Huskie eighth-year senior Kyle Pugh has both an undergraduate and a graduate degree as he works on his second graduate degree. Transfers Miles Joiner, Rocky Lombardi, Izayah Green-May, Kaymar Mimes and Shemar Thornton all came to NIU with degrees from their previous institutions. In addition to Pugh, Brett Bostad, Marques Cox, Jeffrey Griffin Jr., Michael Kennedy, Nolan Potter, Liam Soraghan and Cole Tucker are already Huskie alumni.

YOUNGSTERS: A year ago, the Huskies won the MAC with the second-youngest roster in the country, including 71 players who graduated from high school in 2020 or 2021. Of the 120 players on this year's roster, 59 are freshmen, including 28 who redshirted in 2021. Add the 14 "true" (second-year sophomores) and 73 players, or 60.8% of the roster, graduated high school in the past two years.

NEXT UP: The Huskies return to the road for the next two weeks, beginning with an October 15 contest at Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti. Kickoff is at a 2:30 pm (CT) on ESPN+.

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.

In his third season as head coach in 2021, Hammock led the second-youngest team in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) to a 9-5 record and the Mid-American Conference Championship after the Huskies went winless (0-6) during the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign. NIU recorded a nation's best seven one-possession wins, including four by three points or less and another in overtime, en route to the Mid-American Conference West Division title. Hammock was named the MAC Coach of the Year and was one of 13 finalists for the FWAA's Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, becoming just the fourth coach from a MAC school to be named a finalist for the honor. He will be inducted into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame on October 7.

The first African-American head coach in NIU football history and the first alumnus to lead the Huskies as a FBS program, Hammock's contract was extended through the 2026-27 academic year in November 2021.

In his first two seasons, Hammock refreshed the roster while imposing academic standards that led to the football team posting its highest GPA in school history (3.08), and completing the entire COVID-19 shortened six-game 2020 schedule without a single case of the virus.

Hammock began his coaching career at Wisconsin, where he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). He was an assistant at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Ravens in 2014.

In his five seasons as the running backs coach for the Ravens, 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. The Ravens made the playoffs twice during his 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.



ABOUT HAMMOCK

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-	NIU (Head Coach)
2014-18	Baltimore Ravens (Running Backs)
2011-13	Wisconsin
	• Asst. Head Coach/RBs/Recruiting Coord. (2012-13)
	• Running Backs (2011)
2007-10	Minnesota
	• Running Backs (2007-09)
	• Co-Offensive Coord./Running Backs (2010)
2005-06	NIU (Running Backs)
2003-04	Wisconsin (Graduate Assistant)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2021	Cure Bowl (NIU)
2021	MAC Championship Game (NIU)
2018	NFL Playoffs (Baltimore Ravens)
2014	NFL Playoffs (Baltimore Ravens)
2013	Capital One Bowl (Wisconsin)
2012	Rose Bowl (Wisconsin)
2012	Big Ten Championship Game (Wisconsin)
2011	Rose Bowl (Wisconsin)
2011	Big Ten Championship Game (Wisconsin)
2009	Insight Bowl (Minnesota)
2008	Insight Bowl (Minnesota)
2006	Poinsettia Bowl (NIU)
2005	MAC Championship Game (NIU)
2004	Outback Bowl (Wisconsin)
2003	Music City Bowl (Wisconsin)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1999-2002	NIU (Tailback)
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EDUCATION

College	B.S., NIU, 2002
	M.S., Wisconsin, 2005
High School	Bishop Luers (Ind.), 1999

PERSONAL

Birthplace	Jersey City, N.J.
Hometown	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Family	Wife, Cheyennitha, daughter Tierra; son Thomas Douglas

Prior to his five seasons in Baltimore, Hammock spent three years at Wisconsin as running backs coach and assistant head coach. In 2011, the Badgers ranked 11th nationally in rushing, while Montee Ball led the nation in rushing yards (1,923) and broke the NCAA single-season touchdown record with 39, 33 rushing. Ball was a consensus first team All-American and a Heisman Trophy finalist as the Badgers finished 11-3 and played in the Rose Bowl.

The following season, Wisconsin again ranked among the nation's elite rushing teams, Ball became the NCAA's all-time leader in rushing scores 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 Minnesota (2007-10), helping the 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, Indiana, earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from NIU in December 2002, and a master's in educational leadership and policy analysis from Wisconsin in 2004. He and his wife, Cheyennitha, also a NIU alum, have a daughter, Tierra, and a son, Thomas Douglas.

YEAR-BY-YEAR NIU RECORD

Year	Overall	MAC	Finish
2019	5-7	4-4	3rd, West
2020*	0-6	0-6	6th, West
2021	9-5	6-2	MAC Champions
2022	1-4	0-1	
Total	15-22	10-13	

*Season shortened due to COVID-19

NIU COACHING STAFF

DERRICK JACKSON

Associate Head Coach/
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Fourth Season at NIU
Duke

Game Location: Booth



ERIC EIDSNESS

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Fourth Season at NIU
Sioux Falls

Game Location: Booth



NICK BENEDETTO

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Cornerbacks
First Season at NIU
Sioux Falls

Game Location: Field



NIC McKISSIC-LUKE

Run Game Coordinator/Running Backs/
Special Teams Coordinator
Third Season at NIU
Alabama A&M

Game Location: Field



ROBERT WIMBERLY

Executive Asst. Coach/Linebackers
Fourth Season at NIU
Alabama A&M

Game Location: Field



DARYL AGPALSA

Run Game Specialist/Offensive Line
Fourth Season at NIU
Linfield

Game Location: Field



JORDAN GIGLI

Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
Fourth Season at NIU
Trine

Game Location: Field



JOSEPH HAWKINS

Wide Receivers
First Season at NIU
Norfolk State

Game Location: Field



TRAVIS MOORE

Defensive Ends
Fourth Season at NIU
NIU

Game Location: Field



JASON ONYEBUAGU

Tight Ends/Co-Special Teams
Coordinator
Second Season at NIU
NIU

Game Location: Booth



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NIU vs. Toledo

LAST MEETING

Oct. 9, 2021 • Toledo, Ohio		Final				
	NIU	3	13	0	6	22
	Toledo	0	14	0	6	20

Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play	Pl.-Yds	TOP Score
NIU	1st	10:33	Richardson 43 FG	11-50	4:27 3-0
NIU	2nd	6:14	Richardson 26 FG	13-72	7:23 6-0
UT	2nd	4:55	Koback 40 rush (Cluckey kick)	4-75	1:19 6-7
NIU	2nd	2:45	Richardson 43 FG	6-40	2:10 9-7
UT	2nd	2:25	Koback 75 pass from Finn (Cluckey kick)	2-75	0:20 9-14
NIU	2nd	0:36	A. Brown 37 rush (Richardson kick)	6-75	1:49 16-14
NIU	4th	6:19	Richardson 47 FG	10-35	5:16 19-14
UT	4th	3:35	Maddox 11 pass from Finn (Maddox rush failed)	6-75	2:44 19-20
NIU	4th	0:26	Richardson 29 FG	9-60	3:02 22-20

Team & Individual Statistics

	NIU	UT
First Downs (R-P)	23 (12-7)	15 (5-7)
Rushes-Net Yards	55-242	22-135
Passing Yards	154	229
Passes (C-A-I)	14-24-1	16-31-0
Plays-Total Yards	79-396	53-364
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-80	10-96
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-24	2-60
Punt Returns-Yds	1-29	1-30
3rd Down Conv.	7-18	1-10
4th Down Conv.	0-0	0-0
Punts-Average	3-39.3	3-48.7
Possession Time	40:47	19:13
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-7

Rushing - NIU: A. Brown 24-93, Lombardo 12-90, Ducker 11-50, Ratkovich 7-9, Richie 1-0; UT: Koback 12-91, Finn 6-25, Kelly 3-20, Stuart 1--1.

Passing - NIU: Lombardi 14-24-1, 154. UT: Finn 10-17-0, 179, Bradley 6-14-0, 50.

Receiving - NIU: Richie 8-98, Rudolph 3-25, Toure 1-14, Travis 1-10, Tewes 1-7. UT: Maddox 5-34, Newton 3-35, Koback 2-83, Rosi 1-46, Landers 1-21, McKinley-Lewis 1-14, Stuart 1-6, Winstead 1-1, Mitchell 1--3.

Tackles - NIU: C.J. Brown 8, Rattin 6. UT: Johnson 13, Hook 13.

SERIES HISTORY

Overall UT leads 32-17
 In Toledo UT leads 19-8
 In DeKalb UT leads 12-9
 In Chicago UT leads 1-0
 In MAC Games UT leads 21-14
 Streak NIU, 1
 First Meeting Nov. 11, 1967; UT 35, NIU 0 (A)
 Last Meeting Oct. 9, 2021; NIU 22, UT 20 (A)
 Series History (*MAC Game):

1967: UT 35, NIU 0 (A)	1988: UT 33, NIU 20 (A)	2011: NIU 63, UT 60 (A)*
1969: UT 35, NIU 21 (H)	1989: NIU 39, UT 27 (H)	2012: NIU 31, UT 24 (H)*
1970: UT 45, NIU 7 (A)	1990: UT 23, NIU 14 (A)	2013: NIU 35, UT 17 (A)*
1971: UT 23, NIU 8 (H)	1991: UT 42, NIU 21 (A)	2014: NIU 27, UT 24 (H)*
1972: NIU 30, UT 7 (A)	1992: UT 25, NIU 8 (H)	2015: NIU 32, UT 27 (A)*
1974: UT 44, NIU 14 (A)	1997: UT 41, NIU 14 (A)*	2016: UT 31, NIU 24 (N)*
1975: UT 24, NIU 22 (H)*	1998: UT 16, NIU 3 (H)*	2017: UT 27, NIU 17 (A)*
1976: UT 17, NIU 2 (A)*	1999: UT 44, NIU 14 (A)*	2018: NIU 38, UT 15 (H)*
1977: UT 27, NIU 9 (H)*	2000: UT 38, NIU 24 (H)*	2019: NIU 31, UT 28 (A)*
1978: UT 35, NIU 16 (A)*	2001: UT 41, NIU 20 (A)*	2020: UT 41, NIU 24 (H)*
1979: NIU 28, UT 10 (H)*	2002: UT 33, NIU 30 (H)*	2021: NIU 22, UT 20 (A)*
1980: UT 13, NIU 6 (A)*	2003: UT 49, NIU 30 (A)*	
1981: UT 31, NIU 0 (H)*	2004: UT 31, NIU 17 (H)*	
1982: UT 9, NIU 3 (A)*	2005: NIU 35, UT 17 (A)*	
1983: NIU 26, UT 10 (H)*	2006: UT 17, NIU 13 (H)*	
1984: UT 13, NIU 7 (A)*	2007: UT 70, NIU 21 (A)*	
1985: NIU 16, UT 3 (H)*	2008: NIU 38, UT 7 (H)*	
1986: UT 29, NIU 28 (A)	2009: UT 20, NIU 19 (A)*	
1987: NIU 41, UT 5 (H)	2010: NIU 65, UT 30 (H)*	

TOLEDO ROCKETS

Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Jason Candle (Mount Union, 2003)
Record at Ball State/Years	48-29/8
Career Record/Years.....	Same
2021 Record	7-6
Conference Record/Finish	5-3/3rd-West
Location	Toledo, Ohio
Enrollment.....	17,070
Conference	Mid-American
Colors.....	Midnight Blue and Gold
Stadium.....	Glass Bowl
Surface/Capacity	Field Turf/26,038
President.....	Dr. Gregory Postel
Athletic Director	Bryan B. Blair
Athletics Website.....	utrockets.com
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TOLEDO 2022 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Thurs., Sept. 1	LIU (ESPN3)	W, 37-0
Sat., Sept. 10	UMASS (ESPN+)	W, 55-10
Sat., Sept. 17	at Ohio State (FOX)	L, 77-21
Sat., Sept. 24	at San Diego State (FS1)	L, 17-14
Sat., Oct. 1	CENTRAL MICHIGAN* (NFLN)	W, 38-17
Sat., Oct. 8	at NIU* (ESPN+)	2:30 PM
Sat., Oct. 15	KENT STATE*	TBA
Sat., Oct. 22	at Buffalo*	TBA
Sat., Oct. 29	at Eastern Michigan*	TBA
Tues., Nov. 8	BALL STATE* (ESPN2/U/CBSN)	6/6:30 PM
Tues., Nov. 15	BOWLING GREEN* (ESPN2/U)	6 PM
Fri., Nov. 25	at Western Michigan* (ESPN/CBSN)	11 AM

*Mid-American Conference Game

TEAM COMPARISON

	NIU	TOLEDO
Scoring Off./G	31.6	33.0
Scoring Def./G	35.6	24.2
Rush Yds./G	184.8	193.4
Rush Defense/G	125.0	156.0
Pass Yards/G	209.4	202.2
Pass Defense/G	311.8	183.0
Total Offense/G	394.2	395.6
Total Defense/G	436.8	339.0
INT /Opp. INT	3/5	5/2
Sacks By/Allowed	11/4	7/8
3rd Down Off/Def	44.9%/54.4%	40.3%/35.4%
Red Zone Off/Def	88.9%/95.2%	78.9%/86.7%
Kickoff Return Avg.	19.9	13.6
Punt Return Avg.	3.5	8.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	7-3
Penalties/Yds. Game	33/54.0	33/50.6
Field Goals	4-8	6-8

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NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

1 ANTARIO BROWN

RB | 5-10 | 218 | So. | Savannah, Ga. | Beach HS

• Doak Walker Award Watchlist...Named to Pro Football Focus' preseason Honorable Mention All-MAC team...Ran for a 51-yard touchdown against Vanderbilt, the longest run of his career...Averaged over six yards per carry in his freshman season...Rushed for 101 yards on 16 carries in his first career game on Oct. 2, 2021 against Eastern Michigan...Rushed for over 100 yards against Coastal Carolina in the Cure Bowl, carrying the ball 12 times for 105 yards and a touchdown.

Year	G/GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2022	5/3	49	249	5.0	3	51
Career	14/5	130	783	6.1	8	51

6 CJ BROWN

S | 5-11 | 194 | So.-C | Canton, Mich. | Walled Lake Western HS

• Has had a pass breakup in three consecutive games...Had six tackles, a pass breakup, and his second career interception last week at Ball State...Recorded his second pass breakup of the season at Kentucky...Led all players with 13 tackles vs. Vanderbilt, adding a fumble recovery and pass breakup...Named to Jim Thorpe, Nagurski, and Bednarik Award watchlists in the preseason...Named to Pro Football Focus' preseason Honorable Mention All-MAC team...First Team All-MAC selection in 2021 after leading NIU with 109 tackles...Had a season-high 14 tackles against Western Michigan...Returned his first career interception 26 yards for a touchdown in the MAC Championship game against Kent State, adding 10 tackles and a sack to earn Defensive Player of the Game.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2022	5/5	14	23	37	0.0	1	3
Career	25/20	81	76	157	4.0	2	5

12 ROCKY LOMBARDI

QB | 6-3 | 227 | Sr.-R | Clive, Iowa | Valley HS/Michigan State

• Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watchlist...2022 Team Captain...Threw for 259 yards and three touchdowns at Tulsa, adding a one-yard rushing score...Was 10-for-11 passing in the third quarter alone against the Golden Hurricane for 134 yards and a touchdown to get NIU back in the game after falling behind 24-7... Had 198 passing yards and a touchdown in the season-opening win over Eastern Illinois...Threw for over 2,500 yards and 15 touchdowns in first season in DeKalb, helping guide the Huskies to their sixth MAC championship...Broke the NIU and MAC single-game passing yards record with 532 yards at Kent State on Nov. 3, 2021, completing 33-of-57 passes with three passing touchdowns...Had 348 passing yards and three touchdowns the week prior in a 39-38 win at Central Michigan...Also rushed for 472 yards and nine touchdowns.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2022	3/3	4	14	3.5	1	5	39-60-1	65.0	530	5	38
Career	38/25	173	652	3.8	10	64	398-735-23	54.1	5,029	31	75

95 DEVONTE O'MALLEY

DT | 6-2 | 276 | So.-C | Midlothian, Ill. | Bremen HS

• Recorded a sack for the second straight game at Ball State...Had a career-high five tackles at Kentucky with 1.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks...Made four tackles at Tulsa...Played in all 14 games in 2021, leading NIU with four sacks...Blocked Georgia Tech's game-winning field goal attempt in the 2021 season opener and also had three tackles with 0.5 sacks...Had two tackles, a sack and a forced fumble the following week against Wyoming...Had three tackles for loss and two sacks in his true freshman season of 2020.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2022	5/5	6	10	16	2.5	1.5	0	0
Career	25/14	21	16	37	9.5	7.5	2	0

69 NOLAN POTTER

RT | 6-6 | 309 | Jr.-R | Cedar Rapids, Iowa | Washington HS

• Outland Trophy watchlist...2022 Team Captain...Named to preseason PFF All-MAC first team...Second Team All-MAC in 2021...Started all 14 games last season, one of four NIU offensive linemen to do that...First team All-MAC by Pro Football Network, which named NIU as the league's top offensive line in 2021...Helped lead NIU to 241.4 rushing yards per game, fourth-most in FBS...NIU's offensive line also allowed 10 sacks in 14 games, second-fewest in the country.

11 KYLE PUGH

LB | 6-0 | 226 | Sr.-6 | Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS

• 2022 Team Captain...In his eighth year in the program...Made eight tackles last week at Ball State, including his first tackle for loss of the year...Had 12 tackles against Vanderbilt...Also had eight tackles in season-opening win over Eastern Illinois, his first game action since the 2020 season...Sat out the 2021 season after suffering an injury late in 2021 spring practice...A Third team All-MAC selection in 2020...Third on the team that season with 36 tackles...Named Second team All-MAC in 2018 when NIU won its fifth MAC title...Had a career-best 106 tackles that season...Arrived at NIU in 2015 as a true freshman and redshirted that season.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2022	5/4	9	25	34	1.0	0	0	0
Career	39/27	105	115	220	13.5	3.0	1	3

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NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH

9 DAVEREN RAYNER

LB | 6-3 | 208 | So.-C | Indianapolis, Ind. | Lawrence Central

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2022	5/5	20	31	51	1.5	1.0	0	0
Career	19/14	54	53	107	4.5	3.0	0	3

• Fourth in the MAC with 10.2 tackles per game...Made nine tackles last week at Ball State with three quarterback hurries...Named MAC West Defensive Player of the Week after leading NIU with 10 tackles at Kentucky...Also had his first sack of the season at Kentucky...Had double-digit tackles in three of the first four games this season...Led NIU with a career-high 14 tackles in the season-opening win over Eastern Illinois...Had a team-high 11 tackles at Tulsa... Made 29 tackles, 24 of which were solo stops, in eight games in 2021...Had six tackles, including a sack, in NIU's win at Georgia Tech on Sept. 4, 2021...Followed up that performance with a season-high seven tackles the next week against Wyoming.

8 KACPER RUTKIEWICZ

WR | 5-8 | 172 | Jr. | Mount Prospect, Ill. | John Hersey HS/Illinois State

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2022	5/2	13	214	16.5	5	63
Career	32/12	51	865	17.0	6	64

• Tied for the MAC lead in touchdown receptions with five...Had a season-high 103 all-purpose yards against the Cardinals with a season-high 89 receiving yards and two touchdown catches...Had his third touchdown catch of the season against Vanderbilt, punctuating NIU's second touchdown drive with a nine-yard end-around and a four-yard touchdown reception from Ethan Hampton...Caught two touchdown passes at Tulsa, his first two receptions as a Huskie...Had 38 catches for 651 yards in 28 games at Illinois State, averaging over 17 yards per reception...Made 11 catches for 155 yards in 10 games in the Fall 2021 season...Named to the 2019 Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team...Led the Redbirds that season with 23 receptions for 429 yards...Had a career-high 105 receiving yards in win over Northern Arizona (9/21/19).

10 DEMOND TAYLOR JR.

DT | 6-2 | 299 | So.-R | East St. Louis, Ill. | East St. Louis HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2022	5/0	6	7	13	2.0	2.0	0	0
Career	29/12	24	30	54	5.5	2.0	0	3

• Had three tackles at Ball State last week...Made a career-high seven tackles at Kentucky with a sack...Recorded his first career sack at Tulsa on Sept. 10...Played in all 14 games in 2021, starting 10 at defensive tackle...Had 29 tackles and two tackles for loss...Made four tackles in games against Wyoming (9/11), Michigan (9/18) and Western Michigan (11/23)...Recovered a Buffalo fumble in overtime, setting up NIU's game-winning touchdown...Had five tackles at Ball State on Nov. 18, 2020.

4 RAY THOMAS

DE | 6-4 | 256 | So.-C | Racine, Wis. | Washington Park HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT	PBU
2022	5/5	2	15	17	1.5	1.5	0	0
Career	25/22	29	56	85	5.0	2.0	0	4

• Has had a season-high five tackles in three different games this season, including last Saturday at Ball State...Made five tackles, including a sack, at Tulsa...Also had 0.5 sacks in the season-opening win over Eastern Illinois...Led all NIU defensive linemen with 48 tackles in 2021...Also had 2.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks, three pass breakups and two fumble recoveries...Had a career-high six tackles in games against Wyoming and Ball State...Made five tackles and was in on a sack in NIU's Boneyard Win at Georgia Tech...Had 20 tackles in his freshman season of 2020.

15 COLE TUCKER

WR | 6-2 | 195 | Sr.-R | DeKalb, Ill. | DeKalb HS

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2022	5/5	25	422	16.9	3	70
Career	46/29	135	1,820	13.5	9	70

• Third in the MAC with 84.0 receiving yards per game...Tied a season-high with seven receptions at Ball State for 89 yards...Led NIU with 88 receiving yards vs. Vanderbilt...Caught a 70-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter against the Commodores, the longest reception of his career...Set a new career-high with 123 receiving yards at Tulsa on seven receptions for his fourth career 100-yard receiving game...Caught four passes for 67 yards in the season-opening victory over Eastern Illinois...Named to Pro Football Focus' preseason All-MAC third team in preseason...Third on the team in 2021 with 41 receptions, 575 receiving yards, and three touchdown catches...Set a career-high with 10 receptions in the overtime victory at Buffalo...Had six receptions for 87 yards and a touchdown against Coastal Carolina in last year's Cure Bowl.

30 HARRISON WAYLEE

TB | 5-10 | 192 | So.-C | Johnston, Iowa | Urbandale HS

Year	G/GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2022	4/1	54	215	4.0	1	54	3	11	3.7	0	7
Career	15/11	262	1,245	4.8	6	75	12	78	6.5	1	16

• Doak Walker Award watch list...Rushed for a career-high 230 yards on 30 carries last week at Ball State, the sixth-most rushing yards in a single game in FBS so far this season...Scored three touchdowns against the Cardinals, including a season-long run of 68 yards for a score...Made his first start of the season at Kentucky, rushing for 63 yards on 18 carries...Led NIU with 83 rushing yards on 14 carries in season-opening win over Eastern Illinois...Accounted for 56 of NIU's 74 yards on its opening touchdown drive against the Panthers, punching in the game's first score from one yard out...Carried the ball 17 times against Vanderbilt...Second on the team in rushing in 2021 despite playing in only five games...Missed the final nine games due to injury...Six career 100-yard rushing games.

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GAME 1: NIU 34, EASTERN ILLINOIS 27

**September 1 | 7 p.m. (CT) | ESPN+
DeKalb, Ill. | Huskie Stadium | 10,864**

DEKALB - The NIU Huskies built a three touchdown lead midway through the third quarter before holding off a late Eastern Illinois comeback attempt to top the Panthers 34-27 at Huskie Stadium.

NIU had a balanced run/pass attack as Rocky Lombardi threw for 192 yards on 14-of-22 passing and the Huskies combined for 187 rushing yards with running backs Mason Blakemore, Antonio Brown and Harrison Waylee each accounting for one touchdown. Shemar Thornton had a team-high six catches for 81 yards.

NIU scored on the opening possession of the contest as Waylee scored one on a one-yard touchdown run to give the Huskies an early lead. Three plays earlier, Waylee went 54 yards around the left side to put NIU within striking distance at the Eastern Illinois two-yard line.

Following an Eastern Illinois field goal, NIU added to its lead on its first possession of the second quarter as Blakemore finished off a drive with a 19-yard touchdown run up the middle. The Huskies went 75 yards in eight plays to take a 14-3 lead. The Huskie defense then came up with a turnover as Eric Rogers intercepted EIU quarterback Jonah O'Brien on the first play of the next drive, giving NIU the ball on the Panther 35-yard line.

Two plays later, Brown raced 35 yards to the end zone for the score to give the Huskies a 21-3 lead with 11:27 to play in the second. Brown gained 70 yards in the contest on 13 carries. Just before halftime, Eastern Illinois added a 25-yard field goal, cutting the NIU advantage to 21-6 at the break.

NIU scored on its first drive of the second half to extend the lead to 28-6. Lombardi connected with Liam Soraghan (Dearborn, Mich./Divine Child) for a 13-yard touchdown. The Huskie signal caller was 3-of-3 on the drive for 47 yards.

The Panthers answered with a touchdown as O'Brien hit Jaelin Benefield for a 24-yard touchdown, trimming the NIU lead to 28-13 with 2:43 to play in the third.

After a 43-yard field goal from John Richardson (Orland Park, Ill./Brother Rice) gave NIU an 18-point lead early in the fourth quarter. O'Brien completed his second touchdown pass of the night, connecting with Justin Thomas from 13 yards out, as Eastern Illinois cut the NIU lead to 31-20 with just under 10 minutes left to play.

An 11-play, 62-yard Huskie drive ended with a Richardson field goal with 3:39 remaining as the Huskies regained a two-touchdown lead.

Eastern Illinois answered once again as the Panthers needed just 1:29 to go 74 yards in five plays, capped by O'Brien's third touchdown pass of the night, this time eight yards to Jay Vallie, to bring the visitors within one score. The Panthers got the ball back with under a minute to go but time ran out on Eastern Illinois' attempt to tie the game.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Eastern Illinois	3	3	7	14	- 27
NIU	7	14	7	6	- 34

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Waylee 1 rush (Richardson kick), 1st 10:41 (8-74, 4:13)
 EIU - Galloway 34 FG, 1st 0:20 (13-55, 7:06)
 NIU - Blakemore 19 rush (Richardson kick), 2nd 11:48 (8-75, 3:25)
 NIU - A. Brown 35 rush (Richardson kick), 2nd 11:27 (2-35, 0:15)
 EIU - Galloway 25 FG, 2nd 0:04 (7-40, 3:10)
 NIU - Soraghan 13 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick), 3rd 5:59 (8-64, 4:27)
 EIU - Benefield 24 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick), 3rd 2:43 (6-82, 3:11)
 NIU - Richardson 43 FG, 4th 12:15 (11-49, 5:21)
 EIU - Thomas 13 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick), 4th 9:58 (7-85, 2:12)
 NIU - Richardson 38 FG, 4th 3:39 (11-62, 6:12)
 EIU - Vallie 8 pass from O'Brien (Galloway kick), 4th 2:04 (5-74, 1:29)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....	EIU.....
First Downs (R-P)	25 (7-16).....	19 (7-10)
Rushes-Net Yards	30-165.....	34-187
Passing Yards	276.....	192
Passes (C-A-I)	25-35-2.....	14-22-0
Plays-Total Yards	65-441.....	56-379
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70.....	7-73
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-61.....	4-66
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....	1-4
3rd Down Conversions	8-12.....	6-11
4th Down Conversions	0-1.....	0-0
Punts-Average	1-54.0.....	2-42.5
Possession Time	30:27.....	29:33
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....	1-11
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4.....	4-4
Rushing - EIU: Pierre 14-100, Benefield 10-63, O'Brien 6-2; NIU: Waylee 14-83, A. Brown 13-70, Blakemore 5-35, Lombardi 1-0.		
Passing - EIU: O'Brien 25-34-2-276, 3; NIU: Lombardi 14-22-0-192, 1.		
Receiving - EIU: Thomas 6-83, Manaves 5-22, Benefield 4-57, Hill 4-39, Cooks 3-32, Cooper 2-35, Vallie 1-8; NIU: Thornton 6-81, Tucker 4-67, Gumbs 1-13, Soraghan 1-13, Joiner 1-11, Waylee 1-7.		
Tackles - EIU: Tolbert 11, Vincent 8; NIU: Rayner 14, Dolphin 9.		

GAME 2: TULSA 38, NIU 35

**September 10 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN+
Tulsa, Okla. | H.A. Chapman Stadium | 22,113**

TULSA, Okla. - In the end, the Northern Illinois University Huskies came up one play short. Leading 35-31 after a furious second-half comeback that included an on-side kick recovery, a recovery of a muffed punt, a critical stop on four-and-one and four touchdowns, Tulsa's Steven Anderson scored on a one-yard run with 58 seconds to play to give the Golden Hurricane a 38-31 win over NIU at H.A. Chapman Stadium Saturday night.

Needing a field goal to extend the game, NIU got to its 45 on a Rocky Lombardi to Shemar Thornton completion before Lombardi's third down pass bounced off the hands of its intended receiver and into the arms of TU's Tyon Davis to seal the Tulsa victory.

NIU had a chance to do the same on its previous possession after the Huskie defense made its second fourth-and-one stop of the game with Kyle Pugh stuffing Anderson, giving the ball back to the NIU offense at its 46-yard line. Three Antonio Brown runs picked up just six yards and on fourth and four, Lombardi's quick out to George Gumbs fell incomplete.

Trailing 24-7, the Huskies turned the game around in the third quarter, beginning with the opening drive. Lombardi connected with Tucker for 20 yards on the first play and three Brown rushes left NIU at the Tulsa 37. Mason Blakemore picked up seven on the ground before Lombardi found Kacper Rutkiewicz in the left corner of the end zone for a 30-yard pass and his second touchdown of the game.

Hammock then went into his bag of tricks and pulled out a John Richardson on-side kick as the Huskie kicker dribbled the ball forward the requisite 10 yards, then fell on the ball. NIU took seven plays to drive for its third touchdown, trimming Tulsa's lead to three, 24-21. Lombardi completed passes to Liam Soraghan, Shemar Thornton and Kacper Rutkiewicz on the drive with Brown going the final eight yards for the touchdown.

After Tulsa missed a 40-yard field goal on its next drive, NIU took the lead for the first time with an eight-play, 78-yard drive. The Huskies were helped by a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct call that turned a first and 25 from the NIU seven into a first and 10. Lombardi connected with Tucker on back-to-back plays - for 10 and 28 yards - to the NIU 49. Fabian McCray and Harrison Waylee caught passes of 12 and seven yards as the quarter ended. On third and four from the Tulsa 33, Lombardi scrambled forward to avoid the rush and completed a pass to Tucker who found an angle into the end zone for a 33-yard score and a 28-24 NIU lead.

Tucker finished with a career high 123 yards on seven catches. Lombardi completed 18-of-31 passes for 259 yards and three touchdowns while Brown led the NIU rushing attack with 73 yards on 20 carries. Daveren Rayner led NIU in tackles with 11 and the Huskies recorded seven tackles for loss and two sacks.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	7	14	14	- 35
Tulsa	7	17	0	14	- 38

SCORING SUMMARY

TU - Santana 14 pass from Brin (Long kick), 1st 10:13 (12-75, 4:47)
 TU - Long 28 FG, 2nd 13:02 (10-30, 4:41)
 TU - Santana 25 pass from Brin (Long kick), 2nd 8:15 (8-71, 3:11)
 NIU - Rutkiewicz 9 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick), 2nd 2:17 (6-44, 2:50)
 TU - Epps 20 pass from Brin (Long kick), 2nd 0:49 (4-69, 1:22)
 NIU - Rutkiewicz 30 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick), 3rd 11:44 (6-75, 3:16)
 NIU - A. Brown 8 rush (Richardson kick), 3rd 8:54 (7-54, 2:48)
 NIU - Tucker 33 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick), 4th 14:50 (8-78, 4:18)
 TU - Stokes 1 pass from Brin (Long kick), 4th 10:36 (10-75, 4:14)
 NIU - Lombardi 1 rush (Richardson kick), 4th 5:57 (7-40, 3:40)
 TU - Anderson 1 rush (Long kick), 4th 0:58 (5-52, 0:56)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....	Tulsa.....
First Downs (R-P)	19 (6-11).....	23 (6-14)
Rushes-Net Yards	37-126.....	37-107
Passing Yards	259.....	322
Passes (C-A-I)	18-31-1.....	19-32-1
Plays-Total Yards	68-385.....	69-429
Fumbles-Lost	1-0.....	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-84.....	4-56
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-45.....	2-19
Punt Returns-Yds	1-3.....	4-47
3rd Down Conversions	7-14.....	6-13
4th Down Conversions	0-1.....	2-3
Punts-Average	4-46.5.....	1-57.0
Possession Time	32:00.....	28:00
Sacks By-Yards	4-16.....	0-0
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-3.....	5-5
Rushing - NIU: A. Brown 20-73, Blakemore 10-30, Waylee 5-17, Lombardi 2-6; TU: Anderson 18-58, Gary 8-36, Jackson 2-8, Brin 7-7, Stokes 1-0.		
Passing - NIU: Lombardi 18-31-1-259, 3; TU: Brin 19-32-1-322, 4.		
Receiving - NIU: Tucker 7-123, Rutkiewicz 3-45, Thornton 2-31, Soraghan 2-26, Blakemore 2-15, McCray 1-12, Waylee 1-7; TU: Stokes 8-135, Santana 4-87, Jones 4-61, Epps 3-39.		
Tackles - NIU: Rayner 11, Gandy 7; TU: Powers 13, Sawyer 8.		

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GAME 3: VANDERBILT 38, NIU 28

**September 17 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network
DeKalb, Ill. | Huskie Stadium | 14,110**

DEKALB – A second-half rally by the Vanderbilt Commodores led the visitors to a 38-28 victory of the NIU football team at Huskie Stadium.

The two teams traded touchdowns to start the game, with NIU tying the game at 14-14 late in the second quarter. With the Huskies driving into Vanderbilt territory, Rocky Lombardi ran for eight yards to the Commodores 15-yard line but was injured on the play. Ethan Hampton came into the game and led the Huskies to the end zone, throwing a four-yard touchdown pass to Kacper Rutkiewicz for the tying score at the 5:32 mark. The Huskie defense forced a three-and-out on Vanderbilt's next possession and had the ball at their own 19 with 3:49 left until halftime.

Led by strong running from Harrison Waylee and three straight completions by Hampton, NIU got to midfield in three minutes. On second down and three from the NIU 49 running back Antonio Brown got loose for a 51-yard touchdown, the longest of his career, to give NIU a 21-14 lead with 0:37 to go until the break.

The Huskies were able to extend their lead on the first possession of the second half. From its own 25, NIU took just three plays to find the end zone again. Hampton connected with Cole Tucker, who caught a two yard pass and weaved his way across and down the field, accompanied by several of his fellow receivers, for a 70-yard touchdown. The play put NIU up 28-14 with 13:37 left in the third quarter.

Vanderbilt drove into Huskie territory on its first drive of the half, but the NIU defense came up with its fifth turnover of the season. Commodores quarterback AJ Swann completed a pass to Jayden McGowan to the 26-yard line, where Jordan Gandy knocked the ball free from McGowan and C.J. Brown recovered the fumble to give NIU the ball at its own 23 after a penalty negated a long return.

The Commodores got back within seven points late in the third quarter. On fourth-and-four from the NIU 21-yard line, Swann connected with running back Ray Davis for a 21-yard touchdown pass to make the score 28-21 with 6:44 to go in the quarter. Vanderbilt's defense forced a turnover on downs on NIU's next drive, stopping Waylee behind the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-1 from the Huskies' 34.

Swann needed just one play to tie the game, connecting with Will Sheppard for a 31-yard touchdown pass that put the score at 28-28 with 4:31 left in the third. Vanderbilt took the lead after a six-play, 70-yard drive capped by a Sheppard 13-yard touchdown from Swann that put the Commodores up 35-28 with just over a minute to go in the quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Vanderbilt	7	7	21	3	- 38
NIU	7	14	7	0	- 28

SCORING SUMMARY

VU - Schoenwald 3 pass from Swann (Bulovas kick), 1st 7:54 (12-80, 7:02)
 NIU - Tucker 1 pass from Lombardi (Richardson kick), 1st 4:56 (6-65, 2:58)
 VU - Davis 3 rush (Bulovas kick), 2nd 14:12 (13-75, 5:44)
 NIU - Rutkiewicz 4 pass from Hampton (Richardson kick), 2nd 5:32 (14-75, 8:40)
 NIU - A. Brown 51 rush (Richardson kick), 2nd 0:37 (7-81, 3:13)
 NIU - Tucker 70 pass from Hampton (Richardson kick), 3rd 13:37 (3-75, 1:23)
 VU - Davis 21 pass from Swann (Bulovas kick), 3rd 6:44 (7-37, 2:50)
 VU - Sheppard 31 pass from Swann (Bulovas kick), 3rd 4:31 (1-31, 0:06)
 VU - Sheppard 13 pass from Swann (Bulovas kick), 3rd 1:07 (6-70, 2:09)
 VU - Bulovas 35 FG, 4th 12:21 (6-20, 2:29)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	VU.....NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	21 (8-13).....17 (7-7)	Rushing - VU: Davis 23-116, Gillespie 10-48, Swann 3-14; NIU: A. Brown 8-60, Waylee 17-52, Rutkiewicz 2-21, Lombardi 1-8, Hampton 2-6, Blakemore 1-4.
Rushes-Net Yards	39-173.....31-151	Passing - VU: Swann 18-28-0-255, 4; NIU: Hampton 12-19-1-124, 2, Lombardi: 7-7-0-79, 1.
Passing Yards	255.....203	Receiving - VU: Sheppard 10-171, McGowan 4-43, Davis 3-38, Schoenwald 1-3; NIU: Thornton 5-37, Tucker 4-88, McCray 3-46, Rutkiewicz 3-17, Travis 1-13, Dozier 1-3, Tewes 1-2, Waylee 1-(-3).
Passes (C-A-I)	18-28-0.....19-26-1	Tackles - VU: Orji 12, Russell 6; NIU: C.J. Brown 13, Pugh 12.
Plays-Total Yards	67-428.....57-354	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	5-50.....5-40	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-53.....2-32	
Punt Returns-Yds	2-22.....0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	7-14.....5-12	
4th Down Conversions	2-2.....1-3	
Punts-Average	2-51.5.....3-47.0	
Possession Time	30:44.....29:16	
Sacks By-Yards	1-1.....0-0	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4.....2-2	

GAME 4: #8 KENTUCKY 31, NIU 23

**September 24 | 7 p.m. (ET) | ESPN2
Lexington, Ky. | Kroger Field | 61,579**

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A gritty NIU football team played eighth-ranked Kentucky to the final minutes before falling, 31-23, at Kroger Field behind back-up quarterback Ethan Hampton and a valiant defensive effort.

Hampton completed 13-of-25 passes for 196 yards and the Huskies out-gained Kentucky on the ground 128-103, while the NIU defense sacked UK quarterback Will Levis five times. However, Levis threw four touchdown passes, including plays that went for 69, 70 and 40 yards, to lead the Wildcats to the win and a 4-0 record. The Huskies completed non-conference play with a 1-3 record.

Trailing 31-14 after Levis found Tayvion Robinson with a 40-yard touchdown pass on the Wildcats' first drive of the fourth quarter, the Huskies scored nine points in the final 5:26 of the game to make it a one score game. Kicker John Richardson made a 38-yard field goal with 5:26 on the clock to complete a seven-play, 55-yard drive that featured Hampton completions of 24 and 19 yards to Fabian McCray and Cole Tucker.

On Kentucky's ensuing possession, Levis was sacked for the fifth time with Cade Haberman doing the honors for NIU, forcing a UK punt and giving NIU the ball on its 32. Hampton found Kacper Rutkiewicz, who made a pair of defenders miss for a 63-yard pick-up to the Kentucky five-yard line. Four plays later, Justin Lynch faked a handoff up the middle and ran into the end zone untouched to pull the Huskies within eight, 31-23. Hampton's two-point pass attempt fell incomplete. After recovering a bouncing outside kick, Kentucky was able to run out the clock.

With the score tied 14-14 at halftime thanks to a late Huskie touchdown, Kentucky scored just one minute into the second half when Levis hit Barion Brown in the middle of the field and the speedy receiver went all the way to the end zone for a 21-14 UK lead. The play came just after NIU safety C.J. Brown narrowly missed an interception.

After a series of punts, Kentucky drove 36 yards in seven plays to the NIU 31 where the Huskies forced a 49-yard field goal attempt by the Wildcats Mark Ruffalo, who made the kick for a 24-14 Kentucky lead.

The Huskies took the opening kickoff and drove 75 yards in 11 plays and 6:07 to take a 7-0 lead. The rushing duo of Harrison Waylee and Antonio Brown were joined by Justin Lynch, who carried twice on the drive from the quarterback position, before Hampton hit Tewes for a two-yard score on third and two.

Kentucky came back with an even longer drive as they took 8:01 to go 75 yards in 16 plays, tying the game on a 15-yard pass from Levis to Barion Brown. The two drives consumed almost the entire first quarter.

The Huskies couldn't overcome a holding penalty on its next possession and Kentucky took just three plays to score, despite a tremendous punt by Tom Foley that bounced out of bounds at the two-yard line. After Kavosiey Smoke gained 29 yards on two rushes, Levis hit Tayvion Robinson across the middle and the speedy receiver outran the NIU defenders the remaining 53 yards to the end zone for a 14-7 Kentucky lead after the PAT.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	7	0	9	- 23
Kentucky	7	7	10	7	- 31

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Tewes 2 pass from Hampton (Richardson kick), 1st 8:53 (11-75, 6:07)
 UK - Brown 15 pass from Levis (Ruffolo kick), 1st 0:48 (16-75, 8:01)
 UK - Robinson 69 pass from Levis (Ruffolo kick), 2nd 5:08 (4-98, 1:39)
 NIU - Tewes 3 pass from Thornton (Richardson kick), 2nd 0:06 (6-34, 0:36)
 UK - Brown 70 pass from Levis (Ruffolo kick), 3rd 14:02 (3-70, 0:55)
 UK - Ruffolo 49 FG, 3rd 3:04 (7-36, 4:12)
 UK - Robinson 40 pass from Levis (Ruffolo kick), 4th 8:46 (11-78, 6:01)
 NIU - Richardson 38 FG, 4th 5:26 (7-55, 3:20)
 NIU - Lynch 2 rush (Hampton pass failed), 4th 2:47 (5-68, 1:27)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....UK	
First Downs (R-P)	14 (6-7).....18 (5-12)	Rushing - NIU: Waylee 18-63, A. Brown 6-37, Lynch 7-21, Hampton 1-6, Blakemore 1-1; UK: Smoke 12-85, McClain 3-15, Wright 9-14, Levis 9-(-10).
Rushes-Net Yards	33-128.....35-103	Passing - NIU: Hampton 13-25-0-196, 1; Thornton 1-1-0-3, 1; UK: Levis 18-26-0-303, 4.
Passing Yards	199.....303	Receiving - NIU: Tewes 6-37, Tucker 3-55, McCray 2-33, Rutkiewicz 1-63, Thornton 1-7, Soraghan 1-4; UK: Robinson 7-147, Brown 4-102, Key 2-15, Dingle 1-19, Wright 1-8, McClain 1-5.
Passes (C-A-I)	14-26-0.....18-26-0	Tackles - NIU: Rayner 10, Taylor 7, Lafayette 7; UK: Jones 12, Square 6.
Plays-Total Yards	59-327.....61-406	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....2-1	
Penalties-Yards	6-45.....2-8	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-42.....4-23	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....2-6	
3rd Down Conversions	6-15.....10-16	
4th Down Conversions	1-1.....2-2	
Punts-Average	6-47.8.....3-46.3	
Possession Time	26:11.....33:49	
Sacks By-Yards	5-21.....0-0	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4.....1-1	

NIU HUSKIES 2022 FOOTBALL

GAME 5: BALL STATE 44, NIU 38 (2OT)

October 1 | 2 p.m. (ET) | ESPN+

Muncie, Ind. | Scheumann Stadium | 10,012

MUNCIE, Indiana – NIU running back Harrison Waylee ran for 230 yards and three touchdowns, but it was not enough to hold off Ball State's second half rally as the Cardinals defeated the Huskies in double overtime, 44-38, at Scheumann Stadium.

In the second overtime, Ball State's Carson Steele scored on a one yard run to give the Cardinals a 44-38 lead, their first of the game. After NIU quarterback Ethan Hampton was sacked for an 11-yard loss on third down on the Huskies' possession, his fourth down pass fell incomplete, and the Cardinals regained the Bronze Stalk Trophy.

Waylee's 68-yard run with 6:43 to play gave NIU its second 10-point lead of the second half, 38-28. It came after the Cardinals had narrowed the Huskies' lead to three points, 31-28, on a 17-yard hook-up between John Paddock and Tanner Koziol with 8:09 on the clock.

Following Waylee's touchdown, Ball State scored 10 points in the final four minutes of regulation – on a 35-yard field goal by Ben VonGunten with 3:59 to play and a six-yard pass from quarterback John Paddock to Tanner Koziol with 36 seconds remaining that capped a 10-play, 72-yard drive. In between the Ball State drives, the Cardinals forced a Huskie punt.

In the first overtime, NIU's drove to the Ball State six-yard line where kicker John Richardson's 24-yard attempt was no good. The Huskie defense held BSU to minus one yard on three plays and VonGunten's field goal attempt was wide right.

The Huskies led 21-0 and took a 24-7 halftime lead after John Richardson' 28-yard field goal with 49 seconds left in the half closed out a nine-play, 65-yard drive. Ball State cut the lead to 10 early in the third quarter after Hampton pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted by BSU's Jaquan Amos, who returned it 31 yards to the NIU four-yard line. Steele scored on a two-yard run four plays later.

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The Huskies responded with an eight-play, 75-yard drive with Waylee scoring on a one-yard run to extend NIU's lead to 31-14 at 8:38 of the third quarter. The teams traded punts before Ball State again cut the lead to 10 on a three-yard run by Steele. His run finished an eight-play, 52-yard drive and set up the fourth quarter comeback.

NIU finished with 526 yards of total offense, including 332 rushing yards on 57 carries. In addition to Waylee, quarterback Justin Lynch ran 15 times for 89 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	1OT	2OT	Total
NIU	7	17	7	7	0	0	38
Ball State	0	7	14	17	0	6	44

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Rutkiewicz 15 pass from Hampton (Richardson kick), 1st 5:19 (13-81, 6:24)
 NIU - Waylee 52 rush (Richardson kick), 2nd 14:51 (3-61, 0:22)
 NIU - Rutkiewicz 31 pass from Hampton (Richardson kick), 2nd 4:49 (10-80, 5:13)
 BSU - Hunt 30 pass from Paddock (VonGunten kick), 2nd 3:06 (7-70, 1:43)
 NIU - Richardson 28 FG, 2nd 0:49 (9-65, 2:17)
 BSU - Steele 2 rush (VonGunten kick), 3rd 12:15 (3-4, 1:24)
 NIU - Waylee 1 rush (Richardson kick), 3rd 8:38 (8-75, 3:37)
 BSU - Steele 3 rush (VonGunten kick), 3rd 0:26 (8-52, 3:24)
 BSU - Koziol 17 pass from Paddock (VonGunten kick), 4th 8:09 (9-87, 1:52)
 NIU - Waylee 68 rush (Richardson kick), 4th 6:43 (3-75, 1:26)
 BSU - VonGunten 35 FG, 4th 3:59 (11-57, 2:44)
 BSU - Koziol 6 pass from Paddock (VonGunten kick), 4th 0:36 (10-72, 1:26)
 BSU - Steele 1 rush (Paddock pass failed), 2OT (5-25, 0:00)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU.....	BSU	
First Downs (R-P)	29 (18-10).....	31 (6-22)	Rushing - NIU: Waylee 30-230, Lynch 15-89, Credle 6-27, A. Brown 2-5, Hampton 4-(-19); BSU: Steele 24-77, Jackson 2-4, Paddock 4-(-1), Pemberton 1-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	57-332.....	31-77	Passing - NIU: Hampton 17-29-1-194, 2; BSU: Paddock 40-58-2-403, 3.
Passing Yards	194.....	403	Receiving - NIU: Tucker 7-89, Rutkiewicz 6-89, McCray 2-18, Waylee 1-0, Urwiler 1-(-2); BSU: Jackson 10-116, Koziol 7-89, Tyler 7-73, Hunt 6-82, Steele 3-15, Jones 3-14, Pemberton 2-8, Presley 1-3, Barfield 1-3.
Passes (C-A-I)	17-29-1.....	40-58-2	Tackles - NIU: Knighten, 10, Lafayette 10; BSU: Amos 12, Riley 11.
Plays-Total Yards	86-526.....	89-480	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	6-43.....	4-30	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-14.....	2-30	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-3.....	4-47	
3rd Down Conversions	7-17.....	6-15	
4th Down Conversions	0-2.....	2-2	
Punts-Average	3-36.3.....	3-38.7	
Possession Time	35:03.....	24:57	
Sacks By-Yards	1-12.....	3-28	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-5.....	6-7	

NIU FOOTBALL 2022 STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	158	178
Points Per Game	31.6	35.6
Points Off Turnovers	28	7
FIRST DOWNS	99	117
Rushing	44	31
Passing	45	77
Penalty	10	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	924	625
Yards gained rushing	976	715
Yards lost rushing	52	90
Rushing Attempts	192	172
Average Per Rush	4.8	3.6
Average Per Game	184.8	125.0
TDs Rushing	10	5
PASSING YARDAGE	1047	1559
Comp-Att-Int	82-133-3	120-179-5
Average Per Pass	7.9	8.7
Average Per Catch	12.8	13.0
Average Per Game	209.4	311.8
TDs Passing	11	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	1971	2184
Total Plays	325	351
Average Per Play	6.1	6.2
Average Per Game	394.2	436.8
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	10-199	15-186
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-7	7-75
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-33	3-66
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.9	12.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	3.5	10.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	6.6	22.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-1	5-3
PENALTIES-Yards	33-270	23-214
Average Per Game	54.0	42.8
PUNTS-Yards	18-808	10-469
Average Per Punt	44.9	46.9
Net punt average	39.6	46.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	28-1540	33-1936
Average Per Kick	55.0	58.7
Net kick average	38.5	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:26	29:34
3RD-DOWN Conversions	31/69	37/68
3rd-Down Pct	45%	54%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/6	8/10
4th-Down Pct	33%	80%
SACKS BY-Yards	11-60	4-29
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	21	23
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	4-8	6-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	2-2	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(16-18) 89%	(20-21) 95%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(13-18) 72%	(15-21) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(20-20) 100%	(22-22) 100%
ATTENDANCE	24974	93704
Games/Avg Per Game	2/12487	3/31235
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
NIU	28	59	35	36	0	158
Opponents	24	41	52	55	6	134

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg/G
WAYLEE, Harrison	5	84	457	12	445	5.3	4	68	89.0
BROWN, Antonio	5	49	249	4	245	5.0	3	51	49.0
LYNCH, Justin	2	22	114	4	110	5.0	1	24	55.0
BLAKEMORE, Mason	4	17	72	2	70	4.1	1	19	17.5
CREDLE, Jaiden	2	6	27	0	27	4.5	0	9	13.5
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5	2	21	0	21	10.5	0	12	4.2
LOMBARDI, Rocky	3	4	14	0	14	3.5	1	8	4.7
TEAM	4	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
HAMPTON, Ethan	3	7	22	29	-7	-1.0	0	9	-2.3
Total.....	5	192	976	52	924	4.8	10	68	184.8
Opponents.....	5	172	715	90	625	3.6	5	42	125.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G
HAMPTON, Ethan	3	135.66	42-72-2	58.3	514	5	70	171.3
LOMBARDI, Rocky	3	163.37	39-60-1	65.0	530	5	38	176.7
THORNTON, Shemar	4	455.20	1-1-0	100.0	3	1	3	0.8
Total.....	5	150.56	82-133-3	61.7	1047	11	70	209.4
Opponents.....	5	167.80	120-179-5	67.0	1559	18	70	311.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Avg/G
TUCKER, Cole	5	25	422	16.9	3	70	84.4
THORNTON, Shemar	4	14	156	11.1	0	38	39.0
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5	13	214	16.5	5	63	42.8
MCCRAY, Fabian	5	8	109	13.6	0	33	21.8
TEWES, Tristen	2	7	39	5.6	2	14	19.5
SORAGHAN, Liam	5	4	43	10.8	1	17	8.6
WAYLEE, Harrison	5	4	11	2.8	0	7	2.2
BLAKEMORE, Mason	4	2	15	7.5	0	21	3.8
TRAVIS, Messiah	5	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
GUMBS, George	5	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
JOINER, Miles	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
DOZIER, Billy	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
URWILER, Trey	2	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total.....	5	82	1047	12.8	11	70	209.4
Opponents.....	5	120	1559	13.0	18	70	311.8

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
LOMBARDI, Rocky	3	64	14	530	544	181.3
HAMPTON, Ethan	3	79	-7	514	507	169.0
WAYLEE, Harrison	5	84	445	0	445	89.0
BROWN, Antonio	5	49	245	0	245	49.0
LYNCH, Justin	2	22	110	0	110	55.0
BLAKEMORE, Mason	4	17	70	0	70	17.5
CREDLE, Jaiden	2	6	27	0	27	13.5
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5	2	21	0	21	4.2
THORNTON, Shemar	4	1	0	3	3	0.8
TEAM	4	1	-1	0	-1	-0.2
Total.....	5	325	924	1047	1971	394.2
Opponents.....	5	351	625	1559	2184	436.8

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TUCKER, Cole	1	4	4.0	0	4
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total.....	2	7	3.5	0	4
Opponents.....	7	75	10.7	0	25

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BROWN, C.J.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total.....	1	12	6.0	0	12
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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2022 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	17	70 PASS TD, Hampton to Tucker vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
Rushing	5	68 TD, Waylee at Ball State, 10/1
Waylee	3	68 TD at Ball State, 10/1
A. Brown	2	51 TD vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
Passing	9	70 TD, Hampton to Tucker vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
by Lombardi	6	38 to Thornton vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/1
by Hampton	3	70 TD to Tucker vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
to Tucker	4	70 TD from Hampton vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
to Rutkiewicz	3	63 from Hampton at Kentucky, 9/24
to McCray	1	33 from Lombardi vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17
to Thornton	1	38 from Lombardi vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/1
Returns	3	42 KR by Dozier at Kentucky, 9/24
Blakemore	1	26 KR vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/1
C.J. Brown	1	29 INT at Ball State, 10/1
Dozier	1	42 KR at Kentucky, 9/24
OPPONENT	18	70 PASS TD, Levis to Brown, Kentucky, 9/24
Rushing	2	42 Pierre, Eastern Illinois, 9/1
Passing	13	70 TD Levis to Brown, Kentucky, 9/24
Returns	3	35 INT Return Wright vs. Vanderbilt, 9/17

* 25 Yards or Longer

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ROGERS, Eric	2	0	0.0	0	0
JAMMEH, Muhammed	1	4	4.0	0	4
LAFAYETTE, Devin	1	0	0.0	0	0
BROWN, C.J.	1	29	29.0	0	29
Total.....	5	33	6.6	0	29
Opponents.....	3	66	22.0	0	35

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BLAKEMORE, Mason	8	143	17.9	0	26
DOZIER, Billy	1	42	42.0	0	42
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total.....	10	199	19.9	0	42
Opponents.....	15	186	12.4	0	21

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
FOLEY, Tom	17	757	44.5	61	0	5	5	4	0
HAMPTON, Ethan	1	51	51.0	51	1	0	0	1	0
Total.....	18	808	44.9	61	1	5	5	5	0
Opponents.....	10	469	46.9	60	0	4	5	4	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
RICHARDSON, John	28	1540	55.0	11	0			
Total.....	28	1540	55.0	11	0	186	38.5	26
Opponents.....	33	1936	58.7	17	1	199	39.8	25

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
RICHARDSON, John	4-8	50.0	0-0	1-3	2-2	1-3	0-0	43	0

FG SEQUENCE	NIU	Opponents
Eastern Ill.	(43),(38),43	(34),(25)
Tulsa	48	(28),40
Vanderbilt	-	(35)
Kentucky	(38)	(49)
Ball St.	29,(28),24	37,(35),43

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

SCORING	TD	FGs	[----- PATs -----]					DXP	Saf	Pts
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
RICHARDSON, John	0	4-8	20-20	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	32
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	30
WAYLEE, Harrison	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	24
BROWN, Antario	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	18
TUCKER, Cole	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	18
TEWES, Tristen	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	12
LYNCH, Justin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
SORAGHAN, Liam	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
LOMBARDI, Rocky	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
BLAKEMORE, Mason	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
HAMPTON, Ethan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Total.....	21	4-8	20-20	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	158
Opponents.....	23	6-9	22-22	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	178

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
WAYLEE, Harrison	5	445	11	0	0	0	456	91.2
TUCKER, Cole	5	0	422	4	0	0	426	85.2
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5	21	214	3	14	0	252	50.4
BROWN, Antario	5	245	0	0	0	0	245	49.0
BLAKEMORE, Mason	4	70	15	0	143	0	228	57.0
THORNTON, Shemar	4	0	156	0	0	0	156	39.0
LYNCH, Justin	2	110	0	0	0	0	110	55.0
MCCRAY, Fabian	5	0	109	0	0	0	109	21.8
DOZIER, Billy	5	0	3	0	42	0	45	9.0
SORAGHAN, Liam	5	0	43	0	0	0	43	8.6
TEWES, Tristen	2	0	39	0	0	0	39	19.5
BROWN, C.J.	5	0	0	0	0	29	29	5.8
CREDLE, Jaiden	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	13.5
LOMBARDI, Rocky	3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.7
GUMBS, George	5	0	13	0	0	0	13	2.6
TRAVIS, Messiah	5	0	13	0	0	0	13	2.6
JOINER, Miles	2	0	11	0	0	0	11	5.5
JAMMEH, Muhammed	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	1.0
TEAM	4	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.2
URWILER, Trey	2	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-1.0
HAMPTON, Ethan	3	-7	0	0	0	0	-7	-2.3
Total.....	5	924	1047	7	199	33	2210	442.0
Opponents.....	5	625	1559	75	186	66	2511	502.2

NIU FOOTBALL 2022 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
9	RAYNER, Daveren	5	20	31	51	1.5-4	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
6	BROWN, C.J.	5	14	23	37	.	.	1-29	3	.	1-12	.	.	.
11	PUGH, Kyle	5	9	25	34	1.0-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	LAFAYETTE, Devin	4	7	15	22	0.5-1	.	1-0	1	.	.	1	.	.
2	BYRD, JaVaughn	4	10	7	17	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	THOMAS, Raishein	5	2	15	17	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
95	O'MALLEY, Devonte	5	6	10	16	2.5-16	1.5-15	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
21	JAMMEH, Muhammed	4	4	12	16	.	.	1-4	1	.	.	.	.	.
38	RATTIN, Nick	5	6	9	15	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
14	GANDY, Jordan	3	11	4	15	0.5-2	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
5	KENNEDY, Michael	5	6	9	15	2.5-10	2.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	TAYLOR, Demond	5	6	7	13	2.0-5	2.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	DOLPHIN, Jaden	3	4	8	12	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
29	KNIGHTEN, Amariyun	2	8	4	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	HANSEN, Jordan	5	4	8	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15	GREEN-MAY, Izayah	5	6	5	11	2.5-10	1.0-6	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
1	ESTER, James	5	5	5	10	2.0-10	1.0-9	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
51	HABERMAN, Cade	5	4	3	7	1.0-3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	FRYE, Louis	3	.	7	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	WHITE, Jordan	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	MCGARRELL, Cyrus	4	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	ROGERS, Eric	3	4	1	5	1.0-1	.	2-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
36	SHINHOSTER, Dayven	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	OPPONG, Pierce	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	URWILER, Quinn	5	3	1	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	FINLEY, Jacob	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
10	DOZIER, Billy	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	MCCRAY, Fabian	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	PORTER, Trey	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	DAVIS, Ivan	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
83	SORAGHAN, Liam	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	LAMPE, Brock	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	RATTIN, Joey	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	TUCKER, Cole	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	GRIFFIN, Jeffrey	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	TRAVIS, Messiah	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total.....	5	162	226	388	20-78	11-60	5-33	15	16	3-12	3	.	.
	Opponents.....	5	143	214	357	19.0-61	4-29	3-66	21	10	1-0	1	.	.

NIU FOOTBALL 2022 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	Eastern Ill.	Tulsa	Vandy	UK	Ball St.	Toledo	EMU	Ohio	CMU	WMU	Miami	Akron
0	MCCRAY, Fabian	5/2	X	X	X	WR	WR							
1	BROWN, Antario	5/3	RB	RB	RB	X	X							
1	ESTER, James	5/5	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT							
2	BYRD, JaVaughn	4/3	CB	X	CB	CB	-							
2	HAMPTON, Ethan	3/2	-	-	X	QB	QB							
3	BLAKEMORE, Mason	4/-	X	X	X	X	-							
3	LAFAYETTE, Devin	4/3	X	HSK	-	HSK	HSK							
4	THOMAS, Ray	5/5	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE							
5	KENNEDY, Michael	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
5	LYNCH, Justin	2/-	-	-	-	X	X							
6	BROWN, CJ	5/5	S	S	S	S	S							
7	HANSEN, Jordan	5/2	HSK	X	X	X	S							
8	GRIFFIN Jr., Jeffrey	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
8	RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	5/2	X	X	WR	X	WR							
9	RAYNER, Daveren	5/5	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB							
10	DOZIER, Billy	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
10	TAYLOR, Demond	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
11	PUGH, Kyle	5/4	LB	LB	LB	X	LB							
11	TRAVIS, Messiah	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
12	LOMBARDI, Rocky	3/3	QB	QB	QB	-	-							
12	ROGERS, Eric	3/1	X	CB	X	-	-							
14	GANDY, Jordan	3/3	CB	CB	CB	-	-							
15	GREEN-MAY, Izayah	5/5	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE							
15	TUCKER, Cole	5/5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR							
17	FRYE, Louis	3/1	X	X	HSK	-	-							
19	THORNTON, Shemar	4/4	WR	WR	WR	WR	-							
19	VALCARCEL, Nate	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
20	FINLEY, Jacob	3/1	-	-	X	X	CB							
21	CREDLE, Jaiden	2/-	-	-	-	X	X							
21	JAMMEH, Muhammad	4/4	S	S	S	S	-							
22	MCGARRELL, Cyrus	4/2	-	X	X	CB	CB							
23	WHITE, Jordan	3/-	-	-	X	X	X							
25	GASSAWAY, Jake	2/-	-	-	-	X	X							
26	DOLPHIN, Jaden	3/-	X	X	-	-	X							
27	PORTER, Trey	4/-	X	X	X	X	-							
29	KNIGHTEN, Amariyun	2/1	-	-	-	X	CB							
30	WAYLEE, Harrison	5/2	X	X	X	RB	RB							
32	URWILER, Quinn	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
36	SHINHOSTER, Dayven	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
37	RATTIN, Joey	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
38	RATTIN, Nick	5/1	X	X	X	LB	X							
39	RICHARDSON, John	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
40	OZOH, Izzy	1/-	-	-	-	-	X							
41	MYLES Jr., Rashon	1/-	X	-	-	-	X							
44	KING, Ryan	3/-	X	X	X	-	-							
49	LAMPE, Brock	5/1	X	FB	X	X	X							
50	NYGRA, Pete	5/5	C	C	C	C	C							
51	HABERMAN, Cade	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
52	DAVIS, Ivan	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
60	BUSS, Evan	5/1	X	X	X	X	LT							
65	ZSCHERNITZ, Logan	5/5	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG							
69	POTTER, Nolan	4/4	RT	RT	RT	RT	-							
70	COX, Marques	4/4	LT	LT	LT	LT	-							
73	MACKINNON, Brandon	1/-	-	-	-	-	X							
74	PITCEL, Tyler	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
75	ENGSTRAND, Leif	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
76	CHAMPE, John	5/4	X	LG	LG	LG	LG							
79	LIPPE, J.J.	2/2	LG	-	-	-	RT							
80	JOINER, Miles	2/1	TE	X	-	-	-							
82	TEWES, Tristen	2/1	-	-	TE	X	-							
83	SORAGHAN, Liam	5/4	TE	TE	X	TE	TE							
84	GUMBS, George	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
86	URWILER, Trey	2/-	-	-	-	X	X							
91	HATFIELD, Isaac	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
95	O'MALLEY, Devonte	5/5	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT							
96	WASKOW, Jacob	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
97	WILLIAMS, Roy	2/-	-	X	-	X	-							
98	FOLEY, Tom	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							
99	OPPONG, Pierce	5/-	X	X	X	X	X							

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2022 STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	QB	TB	TE/FB	TE	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
E. Illinois	Lombardi	A. Brown	Joiner	Soraghan	Tucker	Thornton		Cox	Lippe	Nygra	Zschoernitz	Potter
Tulsa	Lombardi	A. Brown	Lampe	Soraghan	Tucker	Thornton		Cox	Champe	Nygra	Zschoernitz	Potter
Vanderbilt	Lombardi	A. Brown		Tewes	Tucker	Thornton	Rutkiewicz	Cox	Champe	Nygra	Zschoernitz	Potter
Kentucky	Hampton	Waylee		Soraghan	Tucker	Thornton	McCray	Cox	Champe	Nygra	Zschoernitz	Potter
Ball State	Hampton	Waylee		Soraghan	Tucker	Rutkiewicz	McCray	Buss	Champe	Nygra	Zschoernitz	Lippe
Toledo												
E. Michigan												
Ohio												
C. Michigan												
W. Michigan												
Miami												
Akron												

DEFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	HSK	CB	S	S	CB
Eastern Illinois	R. Thomas	Ester	O'Malley	Green-May	Rayner	Pugh		Hansen	Gandy	Brown	Jammeh	Byrd
Tulsa	R. Thomas	Ester	O'Malley	Green-May	Rayner	Pugh		Lafayette	Gandy	Brown	Jammeh	Rogers
Vanderbilt	R. Thomas	Ester	O'Malley	Green-May	Rayner	Pugh		Frye	Gandy	Brown	Jammeh	Byrd
Kentucky	R. Thomas	Ester	O'Malley	Green-May	Rayner	Rattin		Lafayette	McGarrell	Brown	Jammeh	Byrd
Ball State	R. Thomas	Ester	O'Malley	Green-May	Rayner	Pugh		Lafayette	Knighten	Brown	Hansen	Finley
Toledo												
E. Michigan												
Ohio												
C. Michigan												
W. Michigan												
Miami												
Akron												

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Akanimo Asuquo, LB	Fr.-R	1	-	Jordan Hansen, S	So.-C	21	17	Jashon Prophete, CB	So.-C	17	2
Mason Blakemore, RB	So.	13	-	Isaac Hatfield, LS	Fr.-R	5	-	Kyle Pugh, LB	Sr.-6	39	27
Brett Bostad, FB	Jr.-R	26	2	Jeremiah Howard, WR	So.-C	2	-	Joey Rattin, LB	So.	5	-
Antario Brown, RB	So.	14	5	Muhammed Jammeh, S	Fr.-R	8	4	Nick Rattin, LB	Jr.	37	24
C.J. Brown, S	So.-C	25	20	Miles Joiner, TE	Sr.-R	11	6	Daveren Rayner, LB	So.-C	19	14
Evan Buss, OL	So.-C	24	2	Michael Kennedy, DE	Sr.-R	45	7	John Richardson, K	Jr.-R	39	-
JaVaughn Byrd, CB	So.	18	10	Ryan King, LB	Fr.-R	5	-	Eric Rogers, CB	So.-C	10	6
Drew Cassens, TE	So.-C	10	-	Amariyun Knighten, CB	Fr.	2	1	Trayvon Rudolph, WR	So.-C	20	10
John Champe, OL	So.-C	25	8	Devin Lafayette, S	Fr.-R	11	9	Kacper Rutkiewicz, WR	Jr.	5	2
Marques Cox, OT	Jr.-R	36	34	Brock Lampe, FB	Fr.-R	14	1	Dayven Shinhoster, LB	So.	17	-
Jaiden Credle, RB	Fr.	2	-	J.J. Lippe, OL	So.-R	20	16	Liam Soraghan, TE	Sr.-R	38	18
Ivan Davis, DE	So.-C	19	-	Rocky Lombardi, QB	Sr.-R	16	16	Demond Taylor Jr., DT	So.-R	29	12
Jaden Dolphin, S	So.-C	23	3	Justin Lynch, QB	So.	2	-	Tristen Tewes, LB/TE	So.-R	26	7
Billy Dozier, WR	So.	25	2	Brandon MacKinnon, OL	Fr.-R	1	-	Ray Thomas, DE	So.-C	25	22
Leif Engstrand, OT	So.-R	26	-	Fabian McCray, WR	So.-R	23	2	Shemar Thornton, WR	Sr.	4	4
James Ester, DT	So.-R	29	22	Cyrus McGarrell, CB	Fr.-R	7	2	Mohamed Toure, WR	So.-R	24	4
Jacob Finley, CB	Fr.	3	1	Rashon Myles Jr., LB	Fr.	1	-	Messiah Travis, WR	So.-R	29	4
Dustin Fletcher, QB	So.-C	3	-	Ty Myles, CB	Fr.-R	4	-	Cole Tucker, WR	Sr.-R	46	29
Tom Foley, P	So.-R	5	-	Makhi Nelson-Douglas, LB	So.	9	4	Quinn Urwiler, LB	So.-R	5	-
Louis Frye, S	So.	13	2	Pete Nygra, C	Fr.-R	8	5	Trey Urwiler, WR	Fr.-R	6	-
Jordan Gandy, CB	Jr.	23	23	Devonte O'Malley, DL	So.-C	25	14	Nate Valcarcel, S	So.-C	18	-
Jake Gassaway, LB	Fr.	2	-	Pierce Oppong, DE	So.-C	25	7	Jacob Waskow, DT	So.-C	18	-
Izayah Green-May, DE	Sr.-R	5	5	Izzy Ozoh, TE	Fr.-R	1	-	Harrison Waylee, TB	So.-C	16	12
Jeffrey Griffin Jr., DT	Jr.-R	29	-	Keyshaun Pipkin, WR	Fr.	1	-	Roy Williams, DE	Fr.	2	-
George Gumbs, WR	So.	9	-	Tyler Pitcel, OL	Fr.-R	5	-	Kanon Woodill, K	Fr.-R	2	-
Cade Haberman, DT	So.	19	1	Trey Porter, S	Fr.	4	-	Logan Zschoernitz, OG	So.-R	29	27
Ethan Hampton, QB	Fr.-R	5	3	Nolan Potter, OT	Jr.-R	36	24				

NIU FOOTBALL 2022 SCORING DRIVES

NIU

Opponent	Plays	Yds.	TOP	Score	Qtr./Clock	Play
E. Illinois	8	74	4:13	7-0	1/10:41	Waylee 1 TD (R)
E. Illinois	8	75	3:32	14-3	2/11:48	Blakemore 1 TD (R)
E. Illinois	2	35	0:15	21-3	2/11:27	A. Brown 35 TD (R)
E. Illinois	8	64	4:27	28-6	3/5:59	Soraghan 13 TD (P)
E. Illinois	11	49	5:21	31-13	4/12:15	Richardson 43 FG
E. Illinois	11	62	6:12	34-20	4/3:39	Richardson 38 FG
Tulsa	6	44	2:50	7-17	2/2:17	Rutkiewicz 9 TD (P)
Tulsa	6	75	3:16	14-24	3/11:44	Rutkiewicz 30 TD (P)
Tulsa	7	54	2:48	21-24	3/8:54	A. Brown 8 TD (R)
Tulsa	8	78	4:18	28-24	4/14:50	Tucker 33 TD (P)
Tulsa	7	40	3:40	35-31	4/5:57	Lombardi 1 TD (R)
Vanderbilt	6	65	2:58	7-7	1/4:56	Tucker 1 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	14	75	8:40	14-14	2/5:32	Rutkiewicz 4 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	7	81	3:13	21-14	2/0:37	A. Brown 51 TD (R)
Vanderbilt	3	75	1:23	28-14	3/13:37	Tucker 70 TD (P)
Kentucky	11	75	6:07	7-0	1/8:53	Tewes 2 TD (P)
Kentucky	6	34	0:36	14-14	2/0:06	Tewes 3 TD (P)
Kentucky	7	55	3:20	17-31	4/5:26	Richardson 38 FG
Kentucky	5	68	1:27	23-31	4/2:47	Lynch 2 TD (R)
Ball State	13	81	6:24	7-0	1/5:19	Rutkiewicz 15 TD (P)
Ball State	3	61	0:22	14-0	2/14:51	Waylee 52 TD (R)
Ball State	10	80	5:13	21-0	2/4:49	Rutkiewicz 31 TD (P)
Ball State	9	65	2:17	24-7	2/0:49	Richardson 28 FG
Ball State	8	75	3:37	31-14	3/8:38	Waylee 1 TD (R)
Ball State	3	75	1:26	38-28	4/6:43	Waylee 68 TD (R)

OPPONENT

Opponent	Plays	Yds.	TOP	Score	Qtr./Clock	Play
E. Illinois	13	55	7:06	7-3	1/0:20	Galloway 34 FG
E. Illinois	7	40	3:10	21-6	2/0:04	Galloway 25 FG
E. Illinois	6	82	3:11	28-13	3/2:43	Benefield 24 TD (P)
E. Illinois	7	85	2:12	31-20	4/9:58	Thomas 13 TD (P)
E. Illinois	5	74	1:29	34-27	4/2:04	Vallie 8 TD (P)
Tulsa	12	75	4:47	0-7	1/10:13	Santana 14 TD (P)
Tulsa	10	30	4:41	0-10	2/13:02	Long 28 FG
Tulsa	8	71	3:11	0-17	2/8:15	Santana 25 TD (P)
Tulsa	4	69	1:22	7-24	2/0:49	Epps 20 TD (P)
Tulsa	10	75	4:14	28-31	4/10:36	Stokes 1 TD (P)
Tulsa	5	52	0:56	35-38	4/0:58	Anderson 1 TD (R)
Vanderbilt	12	80	7:02	0-7	1/7:54	Schoenwald 3 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	13	75	5:44	7-14	2/14:12	Davis 3 TD (R)
Vanderbilt	7	37	2:50	28-21	3/6:44	Davis 21 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	1	31	0:06	28-28	3/4:31	Sheppard 31 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	6	70	2:09	28-35	3/1:07	Sheppard 13 TD (P)
Vanderbilt	6	20	2:29	28-38	4/12:21	Bulovas 35 FG
Kentucky	16	75	8:01	7-7	1/0:48	Brown 15 TD (P)
Kentucky	4	98	1:39	7-14	2/5:08	Robinson 69 TD (P)
Kentucky	3	70	0:55	14-21	3/14:02	Brown 70 TD (P)
Kentucky	7	36	4:12	14-24	3/3:04	Ruffolo 49 FG
Kentucky	11	78	6:01	14-31	4/8:46	Robinson 40 TD (P)
Ball State	7	70	1:43	21-7	2/3:06	Hunt 30 TD (P)
Ball State	3	4	1:24	24-14	3/12:15	Steele 2 TD (R)
Ball State	8	52	3:24	31-21	3/0:26	Steele 3 TD (R)
Ball State	9	87	1:52	31-28	4/8:09	Koziol 17 TD (P)
Ball State	11	57	2:44	38-31	4/3:59	VonGuten 35 FG
Ball State	10	72	1:26	38-38	4/0:36	Koziol 6 TD (P)
Ball State	5	25	---	38-44	OT2	Steele 1 TD (R)

NIU HUSKIES 2022 FOOTBALL

Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. Pl-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
		Total	R-P-Pen		C-A-I	Yds	TD						
(9-1) NIU vs. Eastern Illinois	34 27	19 25	7-10-2 7-16-2	34-187-3 30-165-0	14-22-0 25-35-2	192 276	1 3	56-379 65-441	2-42.5 1-54.0	0-0 0-0	7-73 8-70	6-of-11 8-of-12	29:26 30:27
(9-10) NIU at Tulsa	35 38	19 23	6-11-2 6-14-3	37-126-2 37-107-1	18-31-1 19-32-1	259 322	2 4	68-385 69-429	4-46.5 1-57.0	1-0 1-1	9-84 4-56	7-of-14 6-of-13	32:00 28:00
(9-17) NIU vs. Vanderbilt	28 38	17 21	7-7-3 8-13-0	31-151-1 39-173-1	19-26-1 18-28-0	203 255	3 4	57-354 67-428	3-47.0 2-51.5	0-0 1-1	5-40 5-50	5-of-12 7-of-14	29:16 30:44
(9-24) NIU at Kentucky	23 31	14 18	6-7-1 5-12-1	33-128-1 35-103-0	14-26-0 18-26-0	199 303	2 4	59-327 61-406	6-47.8 3-46.3	0-0 2-1	6-45 2-8	6-of-15 10-of-16	26:11 33:49
(10-1) NIU at Ball State	38 (2OT) 44	29 31	18-10-1 6-22-3	57-332-3 31-77-3	17-29-1 40-58-2	194 403	2 3	86-526 89-480	3-36.3 3-38.7	1-1 1-0	6-43 4-30	7-of-17 6-of-15	35:03 24:57
(10-8) NIU vs. Toledo													
(10-15) NIU at Eastern Michigan													
(10-22) NIU at Ohio													
(11-2) NIU vs. Central Michigan													
(11-9) NIU at Western Michigan													
(11-16) NIU vs. Miami													
(11-26) NIU vs. Akron													

— NIU in the 2022 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	394.2	77	6	Tackles for Loss	4.0	119	10
Rushing Offense	184.8	42	3	Time of Possession	30:23	59	5
Passing Offense	209.4	95	9	Sacks Allowed	0.80	13	2
Passing Efficiency	149.44	43	1	Tackles for Loss Allowed	3.80	17	2
Completion Percentage	0.612	76	5	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.60	69	3
Scoring Offense	31.6	65	2	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	57.00	65	5
First Downs Offense	98	83	9	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.449	41	3
Red Zone Offense	.889	41	5	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.529	129	11
Total Defense	436.8	114	8	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.286	115	10
Rushing Defense	125.0	50	2	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.800	126	12
Pass Efficiency Defense	167.8	128	11				
Passing Yards Allowed	311.8	129	10	INDIVIDUAL (Top 60)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Scoring Defense	35.6	118	9	Harrison Waylee, Rush Yds/Carry	5.30	59	2
Red Zone Defense	.952	125	12	Harrison Waylee, Rushing TDs	4	57	5
First Downs Defense	118	110	9	Harrison Waylee, Rushing Yards	445	32	4
Net Punting	39.61	63	3	Harrison Waylee, Rushing Yards/Game	89.0	35	4
Punt Returns	3.50	116	10	Kacper Rutkiewicz, Receiving TDs	5	13	1
Punt Return Defense	9.38	90	8	Kacper Rutkiewicz, Total Touchdowns	5	51	2
Kickoff Returns	18.09	97	10	Cole Tucker, Receiving TDs	3	58	8
Kickoff Return Defense	12.40	4	1	Cole Tucker, Receiving Yards	420	30	3
Turnover Margin	0.80	28	2	Cole Tucker, Receiving Yards/Game	84.0	35	3
Turnovers Gained	8	50	4	Daveren Rayner, Total Tackles	10.2	16	4
Turnovers Lost	4	17	1	C.J. Brown, Fumbles Recovered	1	27	4
Passes Had Intercepted	3	46	4	Jordan Gandy, Fumbles Recovered	1	27	4
Passes Intercepted	5	40	1	Nick Rattin, Fumbles Recovered	1	27	4
Fumbles Lost	1	7	1	Eric Rogers, Total Interceptions	2	18	1
Fumbles Recovered	3	59	8	Jordan Gandy, Forced Fumbles	0.25	54	5
Sacks	2.20	55	2	Devin Lafayette, Forced Fumbles	0.25	54	5

NIU HUSKIES 2022 FOOTBALL

INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING (No.-Yards/TD)

	Total	EIU	Tulsa	Vandy	UK	BallSt	Toledo	EMU	Ohio	CMU	WMU	Miami	Akron
WAYLEE, Harrison	84-445/4	14-83/1	5-17/0	17-52/0	18-63/0	30-230/3							
BROWN, Antario	49-245/3	13-70/1	20-73/1	8-60/1	6-37/0	2-5/0							
LYNCH, Justin	22-110/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	7-21/1	15-89/0							
BLAKEMORE, Mason	17-70/1	5-35/1	10-30/0	1-4/0	1-1/0	DNP							
CREDLE, Jaiden	6-27/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0/0	6-27/0							
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	2-21/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-21/0	0-0/0	0-0/0							
LOMBARDI, Rocky	4-14/1	1-0/0	2-6/1	1-8/0	DNP	DNP							
HAMPTON, Ethan	7-(-7)/0	DNP	DNP	2-6/0	1-6/0	9-(-19)/0							

RECEIVING (No.-Yards/TD)

	Total	EIU	Tulsa	Vandy	UK	BallSt	Toledo	EMU	Ohio	CMU	WMU	Miami	Akron
TUCKER, Cole	26-420/3	4-67/0	7-123/1	4-88/2	3-55/0	7-87/0							
THORNTON, Shemar	14-156/0	6-81/0	2-31/0	5-37/0	1-7/0	DNP							
RUTKIEWICZ, Kacper	13-214/5	0-0/0	3-45/2	3-17/1	1-63/0	6-89/2							
MCCRAY, Fabian	8-109/0	0-0/0	1-12/0	3-46/0	2-33/0	2-18/0							
TEWES, Tristen	7-39/2	DNP	DNP	1-2/0	6-37/2	DNP							
SORAGHAN, Liam	4-43/1	1-13/1	2-26/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	0-0/0							
WAYLEE, Harrison	4-11/0	1-7/0	1-7/0	1-3/0	0-0/0	1-0/0							
BLAKEMORE, Mason	2-15/0	0-0/0	2-15/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP							
GUMBS, George	1-13/0	1-13/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0							
TRAVIS, Messiah	1-13/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-13/0	0-0/0	0-0/0							
JOINER, Miles	1-11/0	1-11/0	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP							
DOZIER, Billy	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0							

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

Game	Lombardi	Hampton
Eastern Illinois	14-22-0, 192; 1	DNP
Tulsa	18-31-1, 259; 3	DNP
Vanderbilt	7-7-0, 79; 1	12-19-1, 124; 2
Kentucky	DNP	13-25-0, 196; 1
Ball State	DNP	17-29-1, 194; 2
Toledo		
Eastern Michigan		
Ohio		
Central Michigan		
Western Michigan		
Miami		
Akron		

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

Cole Tucker	Kacper Rutkiewicz
1-4, 4; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	1-3, 3; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0

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

Game	Tom Foley
Eastern Illinois	2-42.5, 0; 44
Tulsa	4-46.5, 0; 51
Vanderbilt	3-47.0, 1; 53
Kentucky	5-47.2, 3; 61
Ball State	3-36.3, 1; 42
Toledo	
Eastern Michigan	
Ohio	
Central Michigan	
Western Michigan	
Miami	
Akron	

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

Mason Blakemore	Billy Dozier
4-66, 26; 0	0-0, 0; 0
2-45, 20; 0	0-0, 0; 0
2-32, 18; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	1-42, 42; 0
DNP	0-0, 0; 0

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DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.	EIU	Tulsa	Vandy	UK	BallSt	Toledo	EMU	Ohio	CMU	WMU	Miami	Akron
BROWN, C.J.	3-5	4-2	2-11 FR, PBU	2-2 PBU	3-3 INT, PBU							
BYRD, JaVaughn	5-2	0-0	5-2	1-3 .5 QS	DNP							
DAVIS, Ivan	0-2 PBU	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0							
DOLPHIN, Jaden	2-7	1-0	DNP	DNP	1-1 PBU							
ESTER, James	0-2 0.5 QS	1-0 TFL	1-0	0-3, FF .5 QS	2-0							
FINLEY, Jacob	DNP	DNP	0-0	0-0	3-1, PBU							
FRYE, Louis	0-0	0-0	0-7	DNP	DNP							
GANDY, Jordan	3-1 0.5 TFL	6-1 PBU, FR	2-2 FF	DNP	DNP							
GREEN-MAY, Izayah	0-1 0.5 TFL	4-0 QS, 2 TFL	0-1	0-1	2-2 PBU							
GRIFFIN, Jeffrey	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0							
HANSEN, Jordan	0-0	0-1	1-4	1-0 PBU	2-3							
HABERMAN, Cade	0-1 0.5 TFL	0-0	0-1	3-1 0.5 QS	1-0							
JAMMEH, Muhammed	1-4	2-1 INT, PBU	1-5	0-2	DNP							
KENNEDY, Michael	0-3	1-1 QS, 1.5 TFL	1-1	2-3 QS	2-1							
KNIGHTEN, Amariyun	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0	6-4 PBU							
LAFAYETTE, Devin	0-0	1-4 0.5 TFL	0-0	1-6 FF	5-5 INT, PBU							
MCGARRELL, Cyrus	DNP	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-0							
O'MALLEY, Devonte	0-2	2-2	0-2	3-2 .5 QS, 1.5 TFL	1-2 QS							
OPPONG, Pierce	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1							
PORTER, Trey	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	DNP							
PUGH, Kyle	2-6	2-1	1-11	0-3	4-4, TFL							
RATTIN, Joey	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0							
RATTIN, Nick	2-2	0-3	1-0	1-3 FR, PBU	2-1							
RAYNER, Daveren	4-10 0.5 TFL	7-4	2-5	6-4 QS	1-8							
ROGERS, Eric	1-0 2 INT, TFL	2-0	1-1 PBU	DNP	DNP							
SHINHOSTER, Dayven	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0							
TAYLOR, Demond	0-0	2-0 QS	0-1	3-4 QS	1-2							
THOMAS, Ray	1-4 0.5 QS	1-4 QS	0-2	0-0	0-5							
URWILER, Quinn	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0, TFL							
WHITE, Jordan	DNP	DNP	0-0	3-0	0-3							

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THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE TEAM...

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

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 29 at Ball State (10-1-22)

HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS – 32 at Kent State (11-3-21)

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 – 41 vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21)

SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 47 at Kent State (11-3-21)

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 – Michael Kennedy, tackled RB in end zone at Eastern Michigan (12-12-20)

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 – 526 at Ball State (10-1-22)

GAINED 600 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 663 at Kent State (11-3-21)

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

GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 332 at Ball State (10-1-22)

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

THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 23 vs. Western Michigan (11-23-21)

THREW FOR MORE THAN 300 YARDS – 532 at Kent State (11-3-21)

DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – at Kentucky (9-24-22)

HAD A SUCCESSFUL ON-SIDE KICK – John Richardson kick & recovery at Tulsa (9-10-22)

HAD 40 MINUTES TIME OF POSSESSION – vs. Kent State, MAC Championship (12-4-21)

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 77 at Ball State (10-1-22)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 38 yards vs. Eastern Michigan (10-2-21)

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, 33-27, OT at Buffalo (11-17-21)

THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE OPPONENT...

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 41:52, Western Michigan (11-23-21)

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 – 23 yards, Chad Muma of Wyoming (9-11-21)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 61 yards, Mark Lee of Eastern Michigan (12-12-20)

SCORED A SAFETY – Ball State (11-10-21), Blocked NIU punt, went out of back of end zone

BLOCKED A PUNT – Hassan Littles of Ball State (11-10-21)

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 – 2nd, Toledo (12-5-20)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 403, John Paddock of Ball State (10-1-22)

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – 403, John Paddock of Ball State (10-1-22)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 116, Ray Davis of Vanderbilt (9-17-22)

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

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – 60, Braydon Bennett of Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21)

TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS – 173, Marquez Cooper and 103 Xavier Williams of Kent State (11-3-21)

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 10, Jayshon Jackson of Ball State (10-1-22)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 116, Jayshon Jackson of Ball State (10-1-22)

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 206, Skyy Moore of Western Michigan (11-23-21)

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 – Trayvon Rudolph (100 yards) vs. Bowling Green (10-16-21)

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – C.J. Brown (26 yards) vs. Kent State, MAC Championship (12-4-21)

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 – Michael Kennedy (tackled RB in end zone) at Eastern Michigan (12-12-20)

A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS – WR Shemar Thornton (3 yards to TE Tristen Tewes) at Kentucky (9-24-22)

A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS – WR Shemar Thornton (3 yards to TE Tristen Tewes) at Kentucky (9-24-22)

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 – Devonte O'Malley at Georgia Tech (9-4-21)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – James Ester vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21)

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) at Western Michigan (11-28-20)

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

CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT – Miles Joiner pass from Rocky Lombardi at Central Michigan (10-23-21)

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT – Ethan Hampton incomplete pass at Kentucky (9-24-22)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Rocky Lombardi (532) at Kent State (11-3-21) - *NIU SCHOOL RECORD*

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – Rocky Lombardi (532) at Kent State (11-3-21) - *NIU SCHOOL RECORD*

THREW FOUR OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME – Marcus Childers (4) vs. Buffalo, MAC Championship (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 – Ethan Hampton (63) to Kacper Rutkiewicz at Vanderbilt (9-24-22)

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Ethan Hampton (70) to Cole Tucker (TD) vs. Vanderbilt (9-17-22)

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 – Harrison Waylee (230) at Ball State (10-1-22)

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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 – Harrison Waylee (68) at Ball State (10-1-22)

HAD A RUSH OF 70 YARDS OR LONGER – Clint Ratkovich (96) vs. Western Michigan (11-23-21)

HAD A RUSH OF 80 YARDS OR LONGER – Clint Ratkovich (96) vs. Western Michigan (11-23-21)

CONSECUTIVE GAMES RUSHING FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE – Jay Ducker, 3 games

(vs. Western Michigan, 11-23-21; vs. Kent State, MAC Championship, 12-4-21; vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl, 12-17-21)

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, SAME GAME – Jay Ducker (146) & Antario Brown (105) vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21)

TWO PLAYERS HAD 100 RECEIVING YARDS, SAME GAME – Trayvon Rudolph (108) and Cole Tucker (103) vs. Ball State (11-10-21)

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

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – Cole Tucker (10) at Buffalo (11-17-21)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Cole Tucker (123) at Tulsa (9-10-22)

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Trayvon Rudolph (309) at Kent State (11-3-21) - *NIU SCHOOL RECORD*

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Kacper Rutkiewicz (2) at Ball State (10-1-22)

CAUGHT THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Trayvon Rudolph (3) at Kent State (11-3-21)

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 – Harrison Waylee (3 rushing) at Ball State (10-1-22)

INTERCEPTED TWO OR MORE PASSES IN A GAME – Eric Rogers (2) vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1-22)

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, John Richardson at Toledo (10-9-21)

KICKED FOUR OR MORE FIELD GOALS IN A GAME – 5, John Richardson at Toledo (10-9-21) - *Tied NIU SCHOOL RECORD*

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NIU TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	38 at Ball State (10-1)	23 at Kentucky (9-24)
Points, Half	24 at Ball State (10-1)	7 (1st), at Tulsa (9-10)
Points, Quarter	17, 2nd quarter at Ball State (10-1)	0, 3x; last 3rd Q at Kentucky (9-24)
First Downs	29 at Ball State (10-1)	14 at Kentucky (9-24)
Rushing Yards	332 at Ball State (10-1)	126 at Tulsa (9-10)
Rushing Attempts	57 at Ball State (10-1)	31 vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
Passing Yards	259 at Tulsa (9-10)	192 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Pass Attempts	31 at Tulsa (9-10)	22 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Pass Completions	19 vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)	14, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1), at Kentucky (9-24)
Total Offensive Plays	86 at Ball State (10-1)	56 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Total Offense Yards	526 at Ball State (10-1)	327 at Kentucky (9-24)
Punts	6 at Kentucky (9-24)	2, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1), vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
Penalties	9 at Tulsa (9-10)	5 vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
Turnovers Lost	2 at Ball State (10-1)	0, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1), at Kentucky (9-24)
Sacks (By Defense)	5 at Kentucky (9-24)	0 vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
Time of Possession	35:03 at Ball State (10-1)	26:11 at Kentucky (9-24)

OPPONENTS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	44 by Ball State (10-1)	27 by Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Points, Half	31 (2nd), by Ball State (10-1)	6 by Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Points, Quarter	21 (3rd), by Vanderbilt (9-17)	0 (3rd) by Tulsa (9-10) and (1st) by Ball State (10-1)
First Downs	31 by Ball State (10-1)	18 by Kentucky (9-24)
Rushing Yards	173, by Vanderbilt (9-17)	77 by Ball State (10-1)
Rushing Attempts	39, by Vanderbilt (9-17)	30 by Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Passing Yards	403 by Ball State (10-1)	255 by Vanderbilt (9-17)
Pass Attempts	58 by Ball State (10-1)	26 by Kentucky (9-24)
Pass Completions	40 by Ball State (10-1)	18, by Vanderbilt (9-17), by Kentucky (9-24)
Total Offensive Plays	89 by Ball State (10-1)	61 by Kentucky (9-24)
Total Offense Yards	480 by Ball State (10-1)	406 by Kentucky (9-24)
Punts	3, by Kentucky (9-24), by Ball State (10-1)	1, by Eastern Illinois (9-1), by Tulsa (9-10)
Penalties	9 by Tulsa (9-10)	2 by Kentucky (9-24)
Turnovers Lost	2, 3x; last by Ball State (10-1)	1, by Vanderbilt (9-17), by Kentucky (9-24)
Sacks (By Defense)	4 by Tulsa (9-10)	0, 3x; last by Kentucky (9-24)
Time of Possession	33:49, by Kentucky (9-24)	24:57 by Ball State (10-1)

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Rushing Attempts: 30, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
Net Rushing Yards: 230, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
Rushing TDs: 3, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
Long TD Run: 68 yards, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
Non-Scoring Run: 54 yards, Harrison Waylee vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Passes Attempted: 31, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
Passes Completed: 18, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
Passing Yards: 259, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
Passes Had Intercepted: 1, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
 1, Ethan Hampton vs. Vanderbilt (9-10), at Ball State (10-1)
Completion Percentage: 1.000 (7-7), Rocky Lombardi vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
TD Passes: 3, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
Long TD Pass: 70, Hampton to Cole Tucker vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
Non-Scoring Pass: 63, Hampton to Kacper Rutkiewicz at Kentucky (9-24)

Receptions: 7, Cole Tucker at Tulsa (9-10), at Ball State (10-1)
Receiving Yards: 123, Cole Tucker at Tulsa (9-10)
Receiving TDs: 2, Kacper Rutkiewicz at Tulsa (9-10), at Ball State (10-1)
 2, Cole Tucker vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
 2, Tristen Tewes at Kentucky (9-24)

Punt Returns (not blocks): 1, Cole Tucker vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
 1, Kacper Rutkiewicz at Tulsa (9-10)
Punt Return Yards: 4, Cole Tucker vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Punt Return, Long: 4, Cole Tucker vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Kickoff Returns: 4, Mason Blakemore vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Kickoff Return Yards: 66, Mason Blakemore vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Kickoff Return, Long: 42 yards, Billy Dozier at Kentucky (9-24)

Total Plays: 33, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)
 33, Ethan Hampton at Ball State (10-1)
Total Offensive Yards: 265, Rocky Lombardi at Tulsa (9-10)

All-Purpose Attempts: 31, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
All-Purpose Yards: 230, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)

Points & Touchdowns: 18 & 3, Harrison Waylee at Ball State (10-1)
Points Kicking: 9, John Richardson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Field Goals Attempted: 3, John Richardson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1),
 at Ball State (10-1)
Field Goals Made: 2, John Richardson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt: 48, John Richardson at Tulsa (9-10)
Longest Field Goal Made: 43, John Richardson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Punts: 6, Tom Foley at Kentucky (9-24)
Best Punting Average: 47.2, Tom Foley at Kentucky (9-24)
Longest Punt: 61, Tom Foley at Kentucky (9-24)

Tackles: 14, Daveren Rayner vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Tackles for Loss: 2.0, Izayah Green-May at Tulsa (9-10)
Sacks: 1.0, 8 times by 6 different players

Interceptions: 2, Eric Rogers vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Long Interception Return: 29 yards, C.J. Brown at Ball State (10-1)

Fumbles Forced: 1, 3x by 3 different players
Fumbles Recovered: 1, Jordan Gandy at Tulsa (9-10)
 1, C.J. Brown vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)
 1, Nick Rattin at Kentucky (9-24)
Long Fumble Return: 12 yards, C.J. Brown vs. Vanderbilt (9-17)

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts: 24, Carson Steele, Ball State (10-1)
Net Rushing Yards: 116, Ray Davis, Vanderbilt (9-17)
Rushing TDs: 3, Carson Steele, Ball State (10-1)
Long TD Run: 3 yards, Ray Davis, Vanderbilt (9-17) and
 Carson Steele, Ball State (10-1)
Non-Scoring Run: 42 yards, Markenzy Pierre, Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Passes Attempted: 58, John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)
Passes Completed: 40, John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)
Passes Had Intercepted: 2, Jonah O'Brien, Eastern Illinois (9-1) and
 John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)

Completion Percentage: .736 (25-34), Jonah O'Brien, Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Passing Yards: 403, John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)
TD Passes: 4, Davis Brin, Tulsa (9-10)
 4, AJ Swann, Vanderbilt (9-17)
 4, Will Levis, Kentucky (9-24)

Long TD Pass: 70 yards, Levis to Barion Brown, Kentucky (9-24)
Non-Scoring Pass: 42 yards, O'Brien to Justin Thomas, Eastern Ill. (9-1)

Receptions: 11, Keylon Stokes, Tulsa (9-10)
Receiving Yards: 147, Tayvion Robinson, Kentucky (9-24)
Receiving TDs: 2, by 5 different players on 4 teams

Punt Returns: 4, Keylon Stokes, Tulsa (9-10)
Punt Return Yards: 47, Keylon Stokes, Tulsa (9-10)
Punt Return, Long: 25, Keylon Stokes, Tulsa (9-10)

Kickoff Returns: 4, Jaelin Benefield, Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Kickoff Return Yards: 61, Jaelin Benefield, Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Kickoff Return, Long: 21, Jayden McGowan, Vanderbilt (9-17)

Total Plays: 61, John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)
Total Offensive Yards: 418, John Paddock, Ball State (10-1)

All-Purpose Attempts: 27, Carson Steele, Ball State (10-1)
All-Purpose Yards: 193, Will Sheppard, Vanderbilt (9-17)

Points & Touchdowns: 18 & 3, Carson Steele, Ball State (10-1)
Points Kicking: 9, Stone Galloway, Eastern Illinois (9-1)

Field Goals Attempted: 3, Ben VonGunten, Ball State (10-1)
Field Goals Made: 2, Stone Galloway, Eastern Illinois (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt: 49, Matt Ruffalo, Kentucky (9-24)
Longest Field Goal Made: 49, Matt Ruffalo, Kentucky (9-24)

Punts: 3, Colin Goodfellow, Kentucky (9-24)
 3, Lucas Borrow, Ball State (10-1)
Best Punting Average: 57.0, Lachlan Wilson, Tulsa (9-10)
Longest Punt: 60, Colin Goodfellow, Kentucky (9-24)

Tackles: 13, Bryson Powers, Tulsa (9-10)
Tackles for Loss: 2.5, BJ Diakite, Vanderbilt (9-17)
Sacks: 1.5, Cole Pearce, Ball State (10-1)

Interceptions: 1, Tyon Davis, Tulsa (9-10)
 1, De'Rickey Wright, Vanderbilt (9-17)
 1, Jaquan Amos, Ball State (10-1)
INT Return, Long: 35 yards, De'Rickey Wright, Vanderbilt (9-17)

INT Return, TD: ---
Long Fumble Return: ---

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RUSHING

Name	Carries	Yards	TDs	Long
2022 Harrison Waylee Career	30 at Ball State, 10-1 30 at Ball State, 10-1-22	230 at Ball State, 10-1 230 at Ball State, 10-1-22	3 at Ball State, 10-1 3 at Ball State, 10-1-22	68 at Ball State, 10-1 75 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21
2022 Antario Brown Career	20 at Tulsa, 9-10 24 at Toledo, 10-9-21	73 at Tulsa, 9-10 105 vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21	1 last vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 2 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	51 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 51 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22
2022 Rocky Lombardi Career*	2 at Tulsa, 9-10 12 at Toledo, 10-9-21	8 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 119 vs. Maine, 9-25-21	1 at Tulsa, 9-10 3 last at MAC Champ., 12-4-21	8 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 64 vs. Maine, 9-25-21
2022 Mason Blakemore Career	10 at Tulsa, 9-10 5 vs. Ball State, 11-10-21	35 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 44 vs. BGSU, 10-16-21	1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 1 vs. BGSU, 10-16-21	19 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 19 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22
2022 Justin Lynch Career*	15 at Ball State, 10-1 21 vs. Boston College, 9-11-21	89 at Ball State, 10-1 89 at Ball State, 10-1-22	1 at Kentucky, 9-24 1, 2x last at Kentucky 9-24-22	24 at Ball State, 10-1 33 at Cincinnati, 10-8-21

RECEIVING

Name	Catches	Yards	TDs	Long
2022 Cole Tucker Career	7, 2x last at Ball State, 10-1 10 at Buffalo, 11-17-21	123 at Tulsa, 9-10 123 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	2 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 2 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22	70 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 70 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22
2022 Shemar Thornton Career*	6 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 7 at Louisiana Tech, 9-20-19	81 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 125 vs. Old Dominion, 11-2-19	--- 1, last at Miami (Fla.), 11-23-19	38 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 54 vs. Old Dominion, 11-2-19
2022 Kacper Rutkiewicz Career*	6 at Ball State, 10-1 6 at Ball State, 10-1-22	89 at Ball State, 10-1 105 vs. Northern Arizona, 9-21-19	2, 2x last at Ball State, 10-1 2, 2x last at Ball State, 10-1-22	63 at Kentucky, 9-24 64 vs. North Dakota St., 10-5-19
2022 Tristen Tewes Career	6 at Kentucky, 9-24 6 at Kentucky, 9-24	37 at Kentucky, 9-24 37 at Kentucky, 9-24	2 at Kentucky, 9-24 2 at Kentucky, 9-24	14 at Kentucky, 9-24 21 vs. Maine, 9-25-21
2022 Messiah Travis Career	1 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22 3 last at Kent St, 11-3-21	13 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22 54 at Kent St, 11-3-21	--- 1 at EMU, 12-12-20	13 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 36 at Kent St, 11-3-21
2022 Mohamed Toure Career	--- 1 last vs. BGSU, 10-16-21	--- 44 vs. Toledo, 12-12-20	--- ---	--- 44 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20
2022 Miles Joiner Career*	1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 5 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21	11 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 88 at Duquesne, 9-14-19	--- 1 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21	11 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 58 at Duquesne, 9-14-19
2022 Liam Soraghan Career	2 at Tulsa, 9-10 2 last at Tulsa, 9-10-22	26 at Tulsa, 9-10 26 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22	17 at Tulsa, 9-10 17 at Tulsa, 9-10-22
2022 Fabian McCray Career	3 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 3 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22	46 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 46 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22	--- ---	33 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 33 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22
2022 Trayvon Rudolph Career	--- 14 at Kent St, 11-3-21	--- #309 at Kent St, 11-3-21	--- 3 at Kent St, 11-3-21	--- 75 last at Kent St, 11-3-21
2022 George Gumbs Career	1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 1 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22	13 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 13 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22	--- ---	13 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 13 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22
2022 Harrison Waylee Career	1 last at Ball State, 10-1 3 last vs. Toledo, 12-5-20	7 last at Tulsa, 9-10 27 at Western Michigan, 11-28-20	--- 1 at Western Michigan, 11-28-20	7 last at Tulsa, 9-10 16 at W. Michigan, 11-28-20
2022 Mason Blakemore Career	2 at Tulsa, 9-10 2 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	15 at Tulsa, 9-10 15 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	--- ---	21 at Tulsa, 9-10 21 at Tulsa, 9-10-22

PASSING

Name	Completions	Attempts	Interceptions	Touchdowns	Yards	Long
2022 Rocky Lombardi Career*	18 at Tulsa, 9-10 33 at Kent St, 11-3-21	31 at Tulsa, 9-10 57 at Kent St, 11-3-21	1 at Tulsa, 9-10 3 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	3 at Tulsa, 9-10 3 last at Kent St, 11-3-21	259 at Tulsa, 9-10 532 at Kent St, 11-3-21	38 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 75 last at Kent St, 11-3-21
2022 Ethan Hampton Career	17 at Ball State, 10-1 17 at Ball State, 10-1-22	29 at Ball State, 10-1 29 at Ball State, 10-1-22	1 last at Ball State, 10-1 1 last at Ball State, 10-1	2 last at Ball State, 10-1 2 last at Ball State, 10-1	196 at Kentucky, 9-24 196 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	70 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 70 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22

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DEFENSE - FRONT SEVEN

Name	Total Tackles	Solo Stops	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
2022 Daveren Rayner Career	14 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 14 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1-22	7 at Tulsa, 9-10 7 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	1.0 at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0 2x, last at Kentucky, 9-24-22	1.0 at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0 2x, last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2022 Kyle Pugh Career	12 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 17 at Boston College, 9-1-17	4 at Ball State, 10-1 9 at WMU, 11-20-18	1.0 at Ball State, 10-1 2.0 vs. Toledo, 11-7-18	--- 1.5 at CMU, 11-11-20
2022 Nick Rattin Career	4 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 11 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	2 last at Ball State, 10-1 6 last vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	--- 1.5 at MAC Champ., 12-4-21	--- 1.0 at MAC Champ., 12-4-21
2022 Ray Thomas Career	5, 3x last at Ball State, 10-1 6 last vs. Ball State, 11-10-21	1, 2x last at Tulsa, 9-10 3 last vs. Ball State, 11-10-21	1.0 at Tulsa, 9-10 1.0 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	1.0 at Tulsa, 9-10 1.0 at Tulsa, 9-10-22
2022 Michael Kennedy Career	5 at Kentucky, 9-24 6 last at Buffalo, 11-17-21	2 at Kentucky, 9-24 5 at Buffalo, 11-17-21	1.5 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 2.0 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	1.0, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0 last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2022 Jaden Dolphin Career	9 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 10 at MAC Champ., 12-4-21	2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 3 last at MAC Champ., 12-4-21	--- 2.0 at MAC Champ., 12-4-21	--- 1.0 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21
2022 Demond Taylor Career	7 at Kentucky, 9-24 7 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	3 at Kentucky, 9-24 3, last at Kentucky 9-24-22	1.0, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0 last at Kentucky, 9-24-22	1.0, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2022 James Ester Career	3 at Kentucky, 9-24 5 at Buffalo, 11-17-21	2, at Ball State, 10-1 3 at WMU, 11-28-20	1.0 at Tulsa, 9-10 1.0, last at Tulsa, 9-10-22	0.5, 2x last at Kentucky 9-24 1.0, last vs. BGSU, 10-16-21
2022 Devonte O'Malley Career	5 at Kentucky, 9-24 5 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	3 at Kentucky, 9-24 3 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	1.5 at Kentucky, 9-24 1.5 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	1.0 at Ball State, 10-1 1.0 last at Ball State, 10-1-22
2022 Cade Haberman Career	4 at Kentucky, 9-24 5 at Kent State, 11-3-21	3 at Kentucky, 9-24 4 at Kent State, 11-3-21	0.5, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24 1.0 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21	0.5 at Kentucky, 9-24 0.5 last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2022 Izayah Green-May Career	4 last at Ball State, 10-1 4 last at Ball State, 10-1-22	4 at Tulsa, 9-10 4 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	2.0 at Tulsa, 9-10 2.0 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	1.0 at Tulsa, 9-10 1.0 last at Tulsa, 9-10-22

DEFENSE - BACKFIELD

Name	Total Tackles	Solo Stops	Tackles for Loss	Pass Break Ups	Interceptions
2022 C.J. Brown Career	13 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 14 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	4 at Tulsa, 9-10 9 last vs. WMU, 11-23-21	--- 1.5 at Buffalo, 11-17-21	1 last at Ball State, 10-1 1 last at Ball State, 10-1-22	1 at Ball State, 10-1 1, last at Ball State, 10-1-22
2022 Jordan Hansen Career	5 last at Ball State, 10-1 9 at Kent St, 11-3-21	2 at Ball State, 10-1 7 at Kent State, 11-3-21	--- 1.0 at Toledo, 10-9-21	1 at Kentucky, 9-24 1 last at Kentucky, 9-24-22	--- 1 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20
2022 Jordan Gandy Career	7 at Tulsa, 9-10 11 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20	6 at Tulsa, 9-10 8 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20	0.5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 2.0 vs. Maine, 9-25-21	1 at Tulsa, 9-10 3 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	--- 1 vs. CMU, 11-11-20
2022 Eric Rogers Career	2 last vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 7 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	2 at Tulsa, 9-10 5 vs. Wyoming, 9-11-21	1.0 vs. E. Illinois, 9-1 1.0 vs. E. Illinois, 9-1-22	1 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 1 last vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22	2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9-1 2 vs. E. Illinois, 9-1-22
2022 JaVaughn Byrd Career	7 last vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 10 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	5 last vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17 8 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	0.5 at Kentucky, 9-24 0.5 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	--- 1 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	--- ---
2022 Devin Lafayette Career	10 at Ball State, 10-1 13 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20	5 at Ball State, 10-1 8 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20	0.5 at Tulsa, 9-10 1.0 at Ball State, 11-18-20	1 at Ball State, 10-1 1 last at Ball State, 10-1-22	1 at Ball State, 10-1 1, last at Ball State, 10-1-22
2022 Muhammed Jammeh Career	6 at Tulsa, 9-10 8 vs. Kent St. (MACC), 12-4-21	2 at Tulsa, 9-10 2 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	--- 1.0 vs. Kent St. (MACC), 12-4-21	1 at Tulsa, 9-10 1 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	1 at Tulsa, 9-10 1 at Tulsa, 9-10-22

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
0	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	192	So.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Phillips)
0	Akanimo Asuquo	LB	6-0	215	Fr.-R	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
1	Antario Brown	RB	5-10	218	So.	Savannah, Ga. (Beach)
1	James Ester	DT	6-3	295	So.-R	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
2	Ethan Hampton	QB	6-3	204	Fr.-R	Elburn, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
2	JaVaughn Byrd	CB	6-0	186	So.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Rufus King)
3	Devin Lafayette	S	6-2	197	Fr.-R	Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick)
3	Mason Blakemore	RB	6-1	207	So.	Centralia, Ill. (Centralia [Ill.])
4	Dustin Fletcher	QB	6-3	218	So.-C	Flint, Mich. (Carmen-Ainsworth)
4	Ray Thomas	DE	6-4	256	So.-C	Racine, Wis. (Washington Park)
5	Justin Lynch	QB	6-1	205	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel/Temple)
5	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	225	Sr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
6	C.J. Brown	S	5-11	194	So.-C	Canton, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
6	Jeffery Lomax	QB	6-3	209	Fr.-R	Elgin, Ill. (Elgin)
7	Jordan Hansen	S	6-1	200	So.-C	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)
7	Terron Kellman	RB	5-8	185	Fr.	Clinton, Md. (St. Frances Academy)
8	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT	6-0	301	Jr.-R	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
8	Kacper Rutkiewicz	WR	5-8	172	Jr.	Mount Prospect, Ill. (John Hersey/Illinois St.)
9	Daveren Rayner	LB	6-3	208	So.-C	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence Central)
9	Mohamed Toure	WR	6-2	200	So.-R	Irvington, N.J. (Irvington)
10	Billy Dozier	RB	5-10	191	So.	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln Way West)
10	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT	6-2	299	So.-R	East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis)
11	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	226	Sr.-6	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
11	Messiah Travis	WR	5-10	183	So.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
12	Eric Rogers	CB	6-2	184	So.-C	Burlington, N.J. (Burlington Township)
12	Rocky Lombardi	QB	6-3	227	Sr.-R	Clive, Iowa (Valley/Michigan State)
13	Nevan Cremascoli	QB	6-2	215	Fr.	Winnetka, Ill. (New Trier)
13	Ty Myles	CB	5-10	185	Fr.-R	Blackshear, Ga. (Pierce County)
14	Jordan Gandy	CB	5-10	182	Jr.	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb/South Dakota State)
14	Mason Pierre-Antoine	WR	6-0	182	Fr.-R	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East)
15	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	195	Sr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
15	Izayah Green-May	DE	6-6	242	Sr.-R	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/Wisconsin)
16	Brian Whitsey	LB	6-0	218	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Solorio Academy)
16	Jalen Johnson	WR	6-3	198	Fr.	Aurora, Ill. (Metee Valley)
17	Eli Reed	WR	5-11	182	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill. (Downers Grove South)
17	Louis Frye	S	6-0	203	So.	Teaneck, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
18	Elijah Hamm	LB	6-1	208	Fr.-R	Watkinsville, Ga. (Oconee County)
18	Jeremiah Howard	WR	5-11	192	So.-C	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
19	Shemar Thornton	WR	5-11	191	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (Hallandale/FIU)
19	Nate Valcarcel	S	6-1	182	So.-C	Greenfield, Wis. (Whitnall/South Dakota)
20	Jacob Finley	CB	5-11	178	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover)
21	Jaiden Credle	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Columbus, Ga. (Carver)
21	Muhammed Jammeh	S	6-1	198	Fr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance)
22	Cyrus McGarrell	CB	6-2	183	Fr.-R	Windsor, Ontario, Canada (Clearwater Acad. Int'l. [Fla.])
23	Dane Pardridge	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	DeKalb, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
23	Jordan White	S	6-2	208	So.	Havre de Grace, Md. (Havre de Grace/ Youngstown St.)
24	Jashon Prophete	CB	5-11	186	So.-C	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
24	Nathan Castor	RB	6-0	185	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla. (South Fort Myers)
25	Christian Nash	RB	5-11	228	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)
25	Jake Gassaway	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)
26	Jaden Dolphin	LB	6-2	216	So.-C	Des Plaines, Ill. (Maine West)
26	Chris Stinson	TE	6-4	210	Fr.	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
27	Keyshaun Pipkin	WR	6-2	202	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)
27	Trey Porter	S	6-0	197	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
28	Sam Robertson	CB	6-1	183	So.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata/North Dakota)
29	Amariyun Knighten	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. (Stranahan)
30	Harrison Waylee	RB	5-10	192	So.-C	Johnston, Iowa (Urbandale)
30	Zeke Williams	CB	5-10	179	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
32	Quinn Urwiler	LB	6-0	228	So.-R	Mooseheart, Ill. (Batavia/North Dakota)
32	Joshua Brown	RB	5-8	195	Fr.	Villa Park, Ill. (Willowbrook)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
57	Jaylin Adams	DT
48	Nick Alvarado	LB
88	Malik Armstrong	WR
0	Akanimo Asuquo	LB
3	Mason Blakemore	RB
43	Brett Bostad	FB
1	Antario Brown	RB
6	C.J. Brown	S
32	Joshua Brown	RB
60	Evan Buss	OL
2	JaVaughn Byrd	CB
47	Drew Cassens	TE
24	Nathan Castor	RB
76	John Champe	OL
33	Andre Cobb	CB
70	Marques Cox	OL
21	Jaiden Credle	RB
13	Nevan Cremascoli	QB
93	Cameron Crowell	DE
55	Abiathar Curry	OL
52	Ivan Davis	DE
26	Jaden Dolphin	LB
10	Billy Dozier	RB/WR
75	Leif Engstrand	OL
1	James Ester	DT
20	Jacob Finley	CB
4	Dustin Fletcher	QB
66	Mike Florentine	LS
98	Tom Foley	P
17	Louis Frye	S
14	Jordan Gandy	CB
25	Jake Gassaway	LB
58	Skylar Gill-Howard	DT
15	Izayah Green-May	DE
8	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT
84	George Gumbs	WR
51	Cade Haberman	DT
18	Elijah Hamm	LB
2	Ethan Hampton	QB
7	Jordan Hansen	S
91	Isaac Hatfield	LS
34	Anthony Hernandez	LB
71	Drew Hoth	OL
18	Jeremiah Howard	WR
72	Bubba Hubbard	OL
35	Logan Jacobson	P
21	Muhammed Jammeh	S
90	Reggie Jean	DT
16	Jalen Johnson	WR
80	Miles Joiner	TE
7	Terron Kellman	RB
5	Michael Kennedy	DE
44	Ryan King	LB
29	Amariyun Knighten	CB
3	Devin Lafayette	S
49	Brock Lampe	FB
79	J.J. Lippe	OL
6	Jeffery Lomax	QB
12	Rocky Lombardi	QB
5	Justin Lynch	QB
73	Brandon MacKinnon	OL
54	Evan Malcore	OL
0	Fabian McCray	WR

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)	No.	Name..... Pos.
33	Andre Cobb	CB	6-1	174	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)	22	Cyrus McGarrell..... CB
34	Anthony Hernandez	LB	6-2	209	Fr.-R	Schaumburg, Ill. (Schaumburg)	89	Kaymar Mimes..... TE
35	Logan Jacobson	P	6-0	220	Fr.	Hillsboro, Mo. (St. Pius X)	41	Rashon Myles Jr..... LB
36	Dayven Shinhoster	LB	6-0	217	So.	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	13	Ty Myles..... CB
37	Joey Rattin	LB	6-0	201	So.	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd/Upper Iowa)	25	Christian Nash..... RB
38	Nick Rattin	LB	6-2	222	Jr.	Palatine, Ill. (Fremd)	45	Makhi Nelson-Douglas.. LB
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	173	Jr.-R	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)	50	Pete Nygra..... OL
40	Izuchukwu "Izzy" Ozoh	TE	6-4	237	Fr.-R	Hazel Crest, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)	95	Devonte O'Malley..... DT
41	Rashon Myles Jr.	LB	6-1	195	Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg)	99	Pierce Oppong..... DE
42	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-3	215	Fr.	Larchwood, Iowa (West Lyon)	40	Izuchukwu "Izzy" Ozoh... TE
43	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	243	Jr.-R	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)	23	Dane Pardridge..... WR
44	Ryan King	LB	6-0	218	Fr.-R	Wildwood, Mo. (Chaminade College Prep)	14	Mason Pierre-Antoine... WR
45	Makhi Nelson-Douglas	LB	6-1	223	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn South)	77	Luke Pinnick..... OL
46	Nathan Ruble	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Festus, Mo. (St. Pius X)	27	Keyshaun Pipkin..... WR
47	Drew Cassens	TE	6-2	243	So.-C	Downers Grove, Ill. (Downers Grove North)	74	Tyler Pitcel..... OL
48	Nick Alvarado	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Bloomfield, N.J. (Union City)	27	Trey Porter..... S
49	Brock Lampe	FB	6-1	238	Fr.-R	Kenosha, Wis. (Bradford)	69	Nolan Potter..... OL
50	Pete Nygra	OL	6-4	287	Fr.-R	North Indianapolis, Ind. (Brownsburg)	24	Jashon Prophete..... CB
51	Cade Haberman	DT	6-2	298	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	11	Kyle Pugh..... LB
52	Ivan Davis	DE	6-3	241	So.-C	Canton, Mich. (Plymouth)	37	Joey Rattin..... LB
53	Tony Webb Jr.	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Tinley Park)	38	Nick Rattin..... LB
54	Evan Malcore	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)	9	Daveren Rayner..... LB
55	Abiathar Curry	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. (Parker)	17	Eli Reed..... WR
55	Jaden Wilson	DE	6-2	262	Fr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance)	56	Liam Rempel..... DE
56	Liam Rempel	DE	6-4	238	Fr.-R	Monmouth Beach, N.J. (The Hun School)	39	John Richardson..... K
57	Jaylin Adams	DT	6-1	315	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)	42	Dawson Ripperda..... DE
58	Skylar Gill-Howard	DT	6-1	240	Fr.-R	Milwaukee, Wis. (Greenfield/Upper Iowa)	28	Sam Robertson..... CB
60	Evan Buss	OL	6-6	313	So.-C	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)	12	Eric Rogers..... CB
62	Seth Thompson	OL	6-4	296	Fr.-R	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Holy Family Catholic)	46	Nathan Ruble..... LB
64	Matthew Schooley	OL	6-2	302	Fr.-R	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)	85	Trayvon Rudolph..... WR
65	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	319	So.-R	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)	8	Kacper Rutkiewicz..... WR
66	Mike Florentine	LS	6-1	219	So.	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln Way East/N. Dakota St.)	64	Matthew Schooley..... OL
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-6	309	Jr.-R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	36	Dayven Shinhoster..... LB
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-6	309	Jr.-R	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)	83	Liam Soraghan..... TE
71	Drew Hoth	OL	6-4	313	Fr.-R	Cedar Falls, Iowa (Cedar Falls)	26	Chris Stinson..... TE
72	Bubba Hubbard	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett)	10	Demond Taylor Jr..... DT
73	Brandon MacKinnon	OL	6-5	280	Fr.-R	Lakeville, Mass. (The Hun School [N.J.]	82	Tristen Tewes..... TE
74	Tyler Pitcel	OL	6-4	310	Fr.-R	Mukwonago, Wis. (Mukwonago)	4	Ray Thomas..... DE
75	Leif Engstrand	OL	6-8	335	So.-R	Oconomowoc, Wis. (Oconomowoc)	62	Seth Thompson..... OL
76	John Champe	OL	6-4	322	So.-C	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)	19	Shemar Thornton..... WR
77	Luke Pinnick	OL	6-4	302	Fr.-R	State Center, Iowa (West Marshall)	9	Mohamed Toure..... WR
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	311	So.-R	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)	11	Messiah Travis..... WR
80	Miles Joiner	TE	6-4	251	Sr.-R	Dayton, Ohio (Butler/Youngstown State)	15	Cole Tucker..... WR
82	Tristen Tewes	TE	6-3	251	So.-R	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)	32	Quinn Urwiler..... LB
83	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	262	Sr.-R	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)	86	Trey Urwiler..... WR
84	George Gumbs	WR	6-4	230	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)	19	Nate Valcarcel..... S
85	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	5-10	181	So.-C	Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)	96	Jacob Waskow..... DT
86	Trey Urwiler	WR	5-9	183	Fr.-R	Mooseheart, Ill. (Batavia)	30	Harrison Waylee..... RB
88	Malik Armstrong	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Joliet, Ill. (Minooka Community)	53	Tony Webb Jr..... OL
89	Kaymar Mimes	TE	6-5	255	Jr.-R	Long Branch, N.J. (Long Branch/Pitt)	23	Jordan White..... S
90	Reggie Jean	DT	6-1	280	Fr.	Ocoee, Fla. (Foundation Academy)	16	Brian Whitney..... LB
91	Isaac Hatfield	LS	6-2	228	Fr.-R	Georgetown, Ind. (Floyd Central)	94	Jalannie Williams..... DT
92	Kanon Woodill	K	5-11	168	Fr.-R	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)	97	Roy Williams..... DE
93	Cameron Crowell	DE	6-3	245	Fr.	Columbus, Ga. (Carver)	30	Zeke Williams..... CB
94	Jalannie Williams	DT	6-4	304	Fr.-R	Milwaukee, Wis. (Greenfield)	55	Jaden Wilson..... DE
95	Devonte O'Malley	DT	6-2	276	So.-C	Midlothian, Ill. (Bremen)	92	Kanon Woodill..... K
96	Jacob Waskow	DT	6-2	282	So.-C	Canton, Ill. (Canton)	65	Logan Zschernitz..... OL
97	Roy Williams	DE	6-6	246	Fr.	Crestwood, Ill. (Shepard)		
98	Tom Foley	P	6-4	219	So.-R	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria Notre Dame/Minnesota)		
99	Pierce Oppong	DE	6-3	257	So.-C	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)		

KEY: So.-C - was a true freshman in 2020.

NIU HUSKIES 2022 FOOTBALL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

No.	Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)
QB 12	Rocky Lombardi (6-3, 227, Sr.-R, Clive, Iowa, Valley HS/Michigan State)
OR 2	Ethan Hampton (6-3, 204, Fr.-R, Elburn, Ill., Aurora Christian HS)
5	Justin Lynch (6-1, 205, So., Chicago, Ill., Mount Carmel HS/Temple)
RB 30	Harrison Waylee (5-10, 192, So.-C, Johnston, Iowa, Urbandale HS)
1	Antario Brown (5-10, 218, So., Savannah, Ga., Beach HS)
FB 49	Brock Lampe (6-1, 238, Fr.-R, Kenosha, Wis., Bradford HS)
TE 83	Liam Soraghan (6-7, 262, Sr.-R, Dearborn, Mich., Divine Child HS)
40	Izzy Ozoh (6-4, 237, Fr.-R, Hazel Crest, Ill., Homewood-Flossmoor HS)
TE 82	Tristen Tewes (6-3, 251, So.-R, Pleasant Plains, Ill., Pleasant Plains HS)
89	Kaymar Mimes (6-5, 255, Jr.-R, Long Branch, N.J., Long Branch/Pitt)
WR 15	Cole Tucker (6-2, 195, Sr.-R, DeKalb, Ill., DeKalb HS)
84	George Gumbs (6-4, 230, So., Chicago, Ill., Simeon HS)
WR 19	Shemar Thornton (5-11, 191, Sr., Miami, Fla., Hallandale HS/FIU)
11	Messiah Travis (5-10, 183, So.-R, Chicago, Ill., Solorio Academy)
WR 0	Fabian McCray (6-2, 192, So.-R, Chicago, Ill., Phillips HS)
8	Kacper Rutkiewicz (5-8, 172, Jr., Mount Prospect, Ill., John Hersey HS, Illinois State)
LT 60	Evan Buss (6-6, 313, So.-C, Kimberly, Wis., Kimberly HS)
75	Leif Engstrand (6-8, 335, So.-R, Oconomowoc, Wis., Oconomowoc HS)
LG 76	John Champe (6-4, 322, So.-C, Brookfield, Wis., Brookfield East HS)
77	Luke Pinnick (6-4, 302, Fr.-R, State Center, Iowa, West Marshall HS)
C 50	Pete Nygra (6-4, 287, Fr.-R, North Indianapolis, Ind., Brownsburg HS)
64	Matthew Schooley (6-2, 302, So.-C, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lincoln HS)
RG 65	Logan Zschernitz (6-3, 319, So.-R, Spencer, Wis., Spencer HS)
74	Tyler Pitcel (6-4, 310, So.-C, Mukwonago, Wis., Mukwonago HS)
RT 69	Nolan Potter (6-6, 309, Jr.-R, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Washington HS)
79	J.J. Lippe (6-5, 311, So.-R, Milwaukee, Wis., Whitefish Bay HS)

DEFENSE

No.	Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)
DE 4	Ray Thomas (6-4, 256, So.-C, Racine, Wis., Washington Park HS)
99	Pierce Oppong (6-3, 257, So.-C, Bloomington, Minn., Jefferson HS)
97	Roy Williams (6-6, 246, Fr., Crestwood, Ill., Shepard HS)
DT 95	Devonte O'Malley (6-2, 276, So.-C, Midlothian, Ill., Bremen HS)
10	Demond Taylor Jr. (6-2, 299, So.-R, East St. Louis, Ill., East St. Louis HS)
DT 1	James Ester (6-3, 295, So.-R, Detroit, Mich., Cass Tech)
51	Cade Haberman (6-2, 298, So., Omaha, Neb., Westside HS)
8	Jeffrey Griffin Jr. (6-0, 301, Jr.-R, Homewood, Ill., Homewood-Flossmoor HS)
DE 15	Izayah Green-May (6-6, 242, Sr.-R, Bolingbrook, Ill., Bolingbrook HS/Wisconsin)
5	Michael Kennedy (6-1, 225, Sr.-R, Chicago, Ill., Mt. Carmel HS)
52	Ivan Davis (6-3, 241, So.-C, Canton, Mich., Plymouth HS)
LB 9	Daveren Rayner (6-3, 208, So.-C, Indianapolis, Ind., Lawrence Central HS)
26	Jaden Dolphin (6-2, 216, So.-C, Des Plaines, Ill., Maine West HS)
LB 11	Kyle Pugh (6-0, 226, Sr.-S, Chicago Heights, Ill., Bloom Township HS)
OR 38	Nick Rattin (6-2, 222, Jr., Palatine, Ill., Fremd HS)
HSK 3	Devin Lafayette (6-2, 197, Fr.-R, Brunswick, Ga., Brunswick HS)
17	Louis Frye (6-0, 203, So., Teaneck, N.J., Paramus Catholic HS)
CB 14	Jordan Gandy (5-10, 182, Jr., DeKalb, Ill., DeKalb HS/South Dakota State)
24	Jashon Prophete (5-11, 187, So.-C, Pompano Beach, Fla., Blanche Ely HS)
OR 22	Cyrus McGarrell (6-2, 183, Fr.-R, Windsor, Ontario, Can., Clearwater Academy International [Fla.])
S 6	C.J. Brown (5-11, 194, So.-C, Canton, Mich., Walled Lake Western HS)
7	Jordan Hansen (6-1, 200, So.-C, Arlington Heights, Ill., John Hersey HS)
S 21	Muhammad Jammeh (6-1, 198, Fr.-R, Detroit, Mich., Renaissance HS)
OR 23	Jordan White (6-2, 208, So., Havre de Grace, Md., Havre de Grace HS/Youngstown St.)
CB 12	Eric Rogers (6-2, 184, So.-C, Burlington, N.J., Burlington Township HS)
29	Amariyun Knighten (6-0, 171, Fr., Hollywood, Fla., Stranahan HS)

SPECIALISTS

No.	Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)
P 98	Tom Foley (6-4, 219, So.-R, Peoria, Ill., Peoria Notre Dame HS/Minnesota)
K 39	John Richardson (5-11, 173, Jr.-R, Orland Park, Ill., Brother Rice HS)
LS 91	Isaac Hatfield (6-2, 228, Fr.-R, Georgetown, Ind., Floyd Central HS)
HO 98	Tom Foley (6-4, 219, So.-R, Peoria, Ill., Peoria Notre Dame HS/Minnesota)
KOR 3	Mason Blakemore (6-1, 207, So., Centralia, Ill., Centralia HS)
10	Billy Dozier (5-10, 191, So., New Lenox, Ill., Lincoln Way West HS)
OR 21	Jaiden Credle (5-11, 195, Fr., Columbus, Ga., Carver HS)
PR 15	Cole Tucker (6-2, 195, Sr.-R, DeKalb, Ill., DeKalb HS)
8	Kacper Rutkiewicz (5-8, 172, Jr., Mount Prospect, Ill., John Hersey HS/Illinois State)

Pronunciations

Name	Pronunciation
AKANIMO ASUQUO	Ah-kuh-NEE-moh Uh-SOO-kwah
Brett BOSTAD	BO-stad
ANTARIO Brown	ann-TAIR-ee-oh
John CHAMPE	CHAMP (e is silent)
MARQUES Cox	Marcus
Jaiden CREDLE	CRAY-dul
NEVAN CREMASCOLI	NEV-en KREH-muh-SKOL-ee
Cameron CROWELL	CRO-well
ABIATHAR Curry	uh-BYE-uh-THARR
JADEN Dolphin	JAY-den
LEIF ENGSTRAND	LEAF ANG-strand
Cade HABERMAN	Hobb-ER-man
Drew HOTH	HOETH (long o)
Muhammed JAMMEH	Juh-MAY
JALEN Johnson	JAY-lin
TERRON Kellman	Turr-ON
AMARIYUN Knighten	Uh-marr-EE-yun
Devin LAFAYETTE	Lah-FAY-ett
Brock LAMPE	LAMP-ee
J.J. LIPPE	LIP-ee
KAYMAR MIMES	K-marr Mims
DEVONTE O'Malley	Duh-VOHN-tay
MAKHI Nelson-Douglas	Muh-KY
Pete NYGRA	NIE-gruh
Pierce OPPONG	OH-pong
Izzy OZOH	OH-zoe
Tyler PITCEL	PIT-sul
JASHON PROPHETE	JAY-shon Prah-FIT
Nick & Joey RATTIN	ruh-TEEN
DAVEREN Rayner	Dave-UR-in
LIAM REMPEL	Lee-UM rem-PELL
Dawson RIPPERDA	Ruh-PURR-duh
KACPER RUTKIEWICZ	CASS-per ROOT-kuh-WITS
Matthew SCHOOLEY	SKOOL-ee
DAYVEN SHINHOSTER	Dave-IN SHIN-HOE-stir
LIAM SORAGHAN	Lee-UM SORE-uh-HAN
DEMOND Taylor Jr.	duh-MOND
Tristen TEWES	TAY-vis
MOHAMED TOURE	moe-HOMM-ed TORE-ray
Trey & Quinn URWILER	er-WILE-er
Nate VALCARCEL	Val-CAR-sul
Jacob WASKOW	Wass-KOW
KANON Woodill	Cannon
Logan ZSCHERNITZ	SHUR-nitz

Coaches

Daryl AGPALSA	Ag-PAWL-suh
Nick BENEDETTO	BENN-eh-DETT-oh
Eric EIDSSNESS	IDES-ness
Jordan GIGLI	GEE-lee
Jason ONYEBUAGU	On-yay-BOO-ah-GOO

Hometowns

Oconomowoc	Uh-CON-oh-muh-WALK
Mukwonago	Muh-GWAHN-UH-go

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