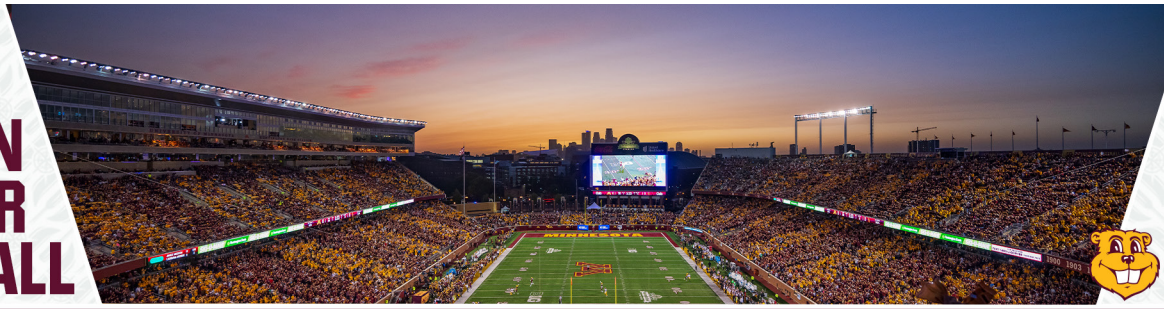
# MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL



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## 2026 SCHEDULE

| RANK | OPPONENT | | TIME | TV | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SEPTEMBER** | | | | | |
| **3** | **RV/NR** | **Eastern Illinois** | **7 pm** | **Peacock** | **W, 59-7** |
| **12** | **RV/RV** | **Mississippi State** | **2:30 pm** | **CBS** | **L, 13-38** |
| **19** | **--/--** | **Akron** | **11 am** | **BTN** | **W, 41-7** |
| 26 | --/-- | at RV/23 Washington* | 10 pm | FOX | |
| **OCTOBER** | | | | | |
| **3** | **--/--** | **Michigan*** | **11 am** | **FOX** | |
| 10 | --/-- | at Purdue* | TBD | TBD | |
| **24** | **--/--** | **Iowa* (HC)** | **TBD** | **TBD** | |
| 1 | --/-- | at Indiana* | TBD | TBD | |
| **NOVEMBER** | | | | | |
| **7** | **--/--** | **UCLA*** | **TBD** | **TBD** | |
| 14 | ---/-- | at Penn State* | TBD | TBD | |
| **21** | **--/--** | **Northwestern*** | **TBD** | **TBD** | |
| 27 | ---/-- | at Wisconsin* | 6:30 pm | NBC | |

All times CT // * Big Ten game // HC - Homecoming game
All times Central // AP/Coaches Poll rankings as of day of game

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## GOPHER STAT LEADERS

**PASSING:** Drake Lindsey - 67-103, 747 yds., 4 TD, 1 INT, 136.8 rtg
**RUSHING:** TJ Thomas - 23 att., 173 yds., 1 TD
**RECEIVING:** Javon Tracy - 17 rec., 230 yds., 0 TD
**TACKLES:** Maverick Baranowski - 21 (8 solo, 13 assisted)
**TFL:** TJ Bush Jr. & Riley Sunram - 2.5
**SACKS:** TJ Bush Jr., Joey Gerlach & Karter Menz - 1.0
**INTERCEPTIONS:** N/A

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# MINNESOTA AT RV/23 WASHINGTON

| **Minnesota** | **Washington** |
|---|---|
| Record: 2-1, 0-0 B1G | Record: 3-0, 0-0 B1G |
| **Head Coach** | **Head Coach** |
| **P.J. Fleck** | **Jedd Fisch** |
| 10th Year (14th overall) | 3rd Year (7th overall) |
| at Minnesota: 68-45 | at Washington: 18-11 |
| *vs. Washington: 0-0* | *vs. Minnesota: 0-0* |
| Overall Record: 98-67 | Overall Record: 35-33 |
| *vs. Washington: 0-0* | *vs. Minnesota: 0-0* |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Date/Time:** | Sept. 26, 2026 / 10 p.m. |
| **Site:** | Seattle, Wash. |
| **Stadium:** | Husky Stadium |
| **Surface:** | AstroTurf |
| **Capacity:** | 70,138 |
| **Series Overall:** | Minnesota Leads 10-7 |
| **Streak:** | Minnesota Won 1 |
| **Series in WA:** | Series Tied 4-4 |
| **Streak:** | Minnesota Lost 2 |
| **First Meeting:** | Minnesota won 14-7 in Seattle (9/26/1936) |
| **Last Meeting:** | Minnesota won 19-17 in Minneapolis (10/1/1977) |

**Television: FOX**
Jack Kizer (PXP)
Mark Helfrich (Analyst)

**Gopher Radio: KFAN 100.3**
**SiriusXM: SXM App;**
**Channels 267 or 977**
Mike Grimm (PXP)
Darrell Thompson (Analyst)
Justin Gaard (Reporter)
Tanner Hoops (Host)
Dan Rowbotham (Engineer)

# FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

**1** Ninety years to the day of their first ever meeting, Minnesota (2-1) opens Big Ten play with a visit to RV/23 Washington (3-0) on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 10 p.m. CT on FOX and the Gopher Radio Network. It'll be the first meeting between the schools as conference foes, as well as the first matchup in the series since 1977 and the first contest featuring the two teams in Seattle since 1976. The 10 p.m. kickoff will be the latest for the Gophers since a 10 p.m. kickoff at UNLV in 2012.

**2** Minnesota is 66-56-8 all-time in Big Ten openers (4-5 under head coach **P.J. Fleck**) and 45-74-8 in conference road openers (3-6 under Fleck). The Gophers have won three of their past four conference openers, winning at Michigan State in 2022 and at home over Nebraska in 2023, losing at home to Iowa in 2024 and topping Rutgers at home last season. The last time Minnesota won four B1G openers in a five-year span was 1986-90. Minnesota is also 61-68-9 all-time in road openers, including a 4-5 mark under Fleck. Saturday will mark the ninth time in program history that the Huskies will serve as Minnesota's road opener with the teams splitting the previous eight contests, 4-4. The only teams Minnesota has faced more times in a road opener are Nebraska and Northwestern at 15 times each.

**Javon Tracy is the first Gopher since at least 1962 to have three punt returns of 60 or more yards in a single season. He is one of four FBS players since 2020 to accomplish the feat, and he's done it in just three games.**

**3** **Drake Lindsey** has continued his stellar play into his junior season. Through three games, he's 67-of-103 for 747 yards with four touchdown and one interceptions for a rating of 136.8. Lindsey ranks fourth in the Big Ten and 18th nationally with 22.3 completions per game. Last Saturday versus Akron, Lindsey finished 17-of-31 for 204 yards with three touchdowns and one interception. It was his third career game with three or more passing touchdowns, while the pick thrown snapped his streak of passes without an interception end at a school-record 232 attempts. He had gone each of the last seven games without throwing a pick. In less than two full seasons as the Gophers starter, Lindsey already holds the school record for career TD-to-INT ratio (3.29) and interception percentage (1.4) and ranks 10th in completions (317). More on Lindsey can be found on Pages 4-5 of the notes.

### EVERYONE TRAILING TRACY

*Minnesota's Javon Tracy has more punt return yards than any other team in the FBS this season. As a team, Minnesota has a nation's-best 277 punt return yards.*

| Player/Team | No. | Yards | TDs |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Javon Tracy*** | ***9*** | ***251*** | ***2*** |
| Syracuse | 12 | 211 | 0 |
| James Madison | 9 | 200 | 3 |
| Virginia Tech | 9 | 198 | 1 |
| Iowa | 11 | 187 | 1 |
| UCF | 9 | 185 | 0 |

**4** Under the tutelage of new coordinator **Daniel Da Prato**, Minnesota's special teams is thriving in 2026. **Javon Tracy's** 251 punt return yards are more than any other team in the nation so far this year, and he is tied for the FBS lead in punt return touchdowns after taking two back against Eastern Illinois in the season opener, becoming the first Gopher ever with two punt return scores in one game. Tracy is also tied for third in the nation in punt return average (27.89). He's got three punt returns this year of at least 60 yards, tied for the most by an FBS player in a season since at least 2020, and the only Gopher to accomplish the feast since at least 1962. In addition to Tracy, **Quayd Hendryx** is averaging 31.0 yards on three kick returns, which would rank eighth in the nation if he had enough returns to qualify. As a team the Gophers are fourth in the nation in punt return average (27.7) and 23rd in kick return average (26.00). **Luke Drzewiecki** is 4-of-4 on field goals, including three makes from 40+ yards. **Tom Weston** is averaging 43.0 yards per punt, good for fifth in the Big Ten. For good measure, the Gopher special teams unit also has a blocked field goal by **Naiim Parrish**.

**5** The 2026 campaign is the 10th for **P.J. Fleck** at Minnesota. He is the tied for the fourth-longest tenured coach in program history, is the second-longest active tenured coach in the Big Ten and the 11th-longest tenured head coach overall in the FBS. Fleck's Minnesota record stands at 68-45, putting him fourth in program history in overall wins. He's also fourth in Big Ten wins (39) and fifth in games coached (113). Fleck's overall win percentage of .602 is third best among Minnesota coaches with more than 40 games under their helm behind only Henry L. Williams (.786, 1900-21) and Bernie Bierman (.716, 1932-41, '45-50). In his 14th season overall as a college head coach, Fleck is 98-67 (.594). He is two wins away from becoming the 19th active head coach to reach 100 wins at the FBS level.

## QUICK FACTS

**UNIVERSITY FACTS**
**Location:** Minneapolis, Minn.
**Population:** 429,954
**Founded:** 1851
**Joined Big Ten:** 1896 (charter member)
**First Year of Big Ten Football:** 1896
**Enrollment:** 56,666
**Nickname:** Golden Gophers
**Colors:** Maroon and Gold
**Band:** University of Minnesota Marching Band
**President:** Dr. Rebecca Cunningham
**Director of Athletics:** Mark Coyle
**Faculty Reps:** Dr. Frances Homans, Dr. Donald Dengel
**Ticket Office Phone:** 612-624-8080
**Website:** GopherSports.com

**TEAM INFORMATION**
**Offensive Formation:** Multiple
**Defensive Formation:** 4-3
**Letterwinners returning:** 48 (21 O, 24 D, 3 ST)
**Letterwinners lost:** 32 (16 O, 15 D, 1 ST)
**Starters Returning:** 13 (6 O, 5 D, 2 ST)
**Starters Lost:** 12 (5 O, 6 D, 1 ST)

**COACHES**

| | |
|---|---|
| **P.J. Fleck (F)** | Head Coach |
| **Greg Harbaugh Jr. (PB)** | OC / Quarterbacks |
| **Danny Collins (F)** | DC / Safeties |
| **Nick Monroe (F)** | Co-DC / Cornerbacks |
| **Brian Callahan (F)** | Run Game Coord. / O-Line |
| **Eric Koehler (PB)** | Tight Ends |
| **Mariano Sori-Marin (F)** | Linebackers |
| **C.J. Robbins (F)** | Defensive Line |
| **Isaac Fruechte (F)** | Wide Receivers |
| **Mohamed Ibrahim (F)** | Running Backs |
| **Steve Stanard (PB)** | Rush Ends |
| **Daniel Da Prato (F)** | Special Teams Coordinator |
| **Matt Limegrover (PB)** | Assistant Offensive Line |
| **Keegan O'Hara (PB)** | Assistant Quarterbacks |
| **Nick Faus (F)** | Assistant Wide Receivers |
| **Travis Moore (F)** | Assistant Defensive Line |
| **Christian Pawola (PB)** | Assistant Defensive Backs |
| **Bryan Nardo (PB)** | Senior Defensive Assistant |
| **Mike Shula (F)** | Offensive Assistant |
| **Caleb Richardson (PB)** | Offensive Line Assistant |
| **Micah Strahan (F)** | Special Teams Assistant |
| **Brian Sheehan (PB)** | Offensive Quality Control |
| **Kody Schutzman (PB)** | Defensive Quality Control |
| **Brandon Bostick (F)** | Offensive Analyst |
| **Karter Johnson (F)** | Offensive Analyst |
| **Mike Scott (F)** | Defensive Analyst |

***Game Day Locations: (F) - Field, (PB) - Press Box***

**SUPPORT STAFF**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Dan Nichol** | Director of Athletic Performance |
| **Troy Thompson** | Assoc. Director of Athletic Performance |
| **Quinton Miller** | Asst. Director of Athletic Performance |
| **Cody Stout** | Asst. Director of Athletic Performance |
| **Shane Aylward** | Asst. Director of Athletic Performance |
| **Mike Sypniak** | Head Athletic Trainer |
| **Joe Wisniewski** | Assistant Athletic Trainer |
| **Katie Chen** | Assistant Athletic Trainer |
| **Jaime Ayuso Jr.** | Assistant Athletic Trainer |
| **Madison Spence** | Football Team Dietitian |
| **Brady Gagnon** | Director of Equipment Operations |

**TEAM HISTORY**
**First Year of Football:** 1882
**All-Time Record:** 751-554-44 (.573)
**All-Time Big Ten Record:** 383-422-28 (.477)
**Huntington Bank Stadium Record:** 74-44 (.627)
**Big Ten Championships (Last):** 18 (1967)
**All-Time Bowl Record:** 13-12
**National Championships:** 7
**Consensus All-America Selections:** 36
**First Team All-Big Ten Selections:** 190

## FACING WASHINGTON

▶ Minnesota and Washington meet for the 18th time overall, but first time as Big Ten opponents, on Saturday. The Gophers hold a 10-7 edge in the all-time series, though the teams haven't faced one another since 1977.

▶ Saturday will be the first time the teams meet in Seattle since 1976. The all-time series at Washington is tied at 4-4. The Huskies have won each of the last two meetings in Seattle, though those games took place in 1976 and 1958.

▶ Minnesota has faced the other three West Coast Big Ten teams already, going 2-1. The Gophers won at home over USC and at UCLA the following week in 2024, while last season saw a loss at Oregon.

**PLAYER CONNECTIONS**

| SCHOOL | MINNESOTA (YR.) | WASHINGTON (YR.) |
|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma | TE Kaden Helms (5th) | OLGeirean Hatchett (7th) |
| Mountain Pointe (AZ) | OL Aaron Thomas (Fr.) | S Ryland Dillard-Allen (2nd) |
| Centennial (CA) | OL Daniel Shipp (So.) | LS Ryan Kean (5th) |

▶ Minnesota has one Washington native on its roster in freshman wide receiver **Rico Blassingame**. He's from Auburn, Wash., which is about 30 miles south of Seattle. However, he went to high school at Tolleson Union in Tolleson, Ariz.

▶ Washington has one Minnesotan on its roster in fourth-year defensive lineman Elinneus Davis from Moorhead, Minn., and Moorhead High School.

▶ Only two Gophers have faced Washington so far in their careers. Defensive back **John Nestor** made two tackles against the Huskies while at Iowa in 2024. Kicker **Beckham Sunderland** recorded five touchbacks on five kickoffs last season against Washington while a member of the Michigan Wolverines.

▶ Washington head coach Jedd Fisch spent the 2009 season as Minnesota's offensive coordinator under head coach Tim Brewster.

▶ Minnesota rush ends coach **Steve Stanard** overlapped with Washington secondary coach John Richardson at two different stops. First, they were at North Dakota State together from 2012-13 when Stanard was the Bison's linebackers coach and Richardson was the cornerbacks coach. They were then together at Wyoming from 2014-16 when Stanard was the Cowboys' defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, while Richardson was cornerbacks coach.

▶ Huskies running backs coach Scottie Graham spent four seasons with the Minnesota Vikings from 1993-96.

▶ The son of former Minnesota Vikings linebacker Jack Del Rio, Washington assistant wide receivers coach Luke Del Rio was born in Minneapolis.

▶ Washington enters Saturday's game at 3-0 on the season with wins over Washington State (24-10), Utah State (16-14) and Eastern Washington (48-16).

▶ Demond Williams Jr. is 77-of-109 on the season for 890 yards with five touchdowns and one interception, good for an efficiency rating of 152.5. Williams is third nationally in total offense per game (346.7), eighth in completions per game (25.67) and 10th in passing yards per game (296.7). He is also the team's top rusher with 150 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries.

▶ Brian Bonner is second on the team behind Williams Jr. with 103 rushing yards on 15 carries, good for a team-high 6.9 yards per carry. Ansu Sanoe leads the team with two rushing touchdowns.

▶ Dezmen Roebuck is Williams Jr.'s top target in the passing game, leading Washington with 23 catches for 221 yards. He's fourth in the Big Ten with 7.67 receptions per game. Meanwhile, Rashid Williams has three of the team's six touchdown receptions this season.

▶ Alex McLaughlin leads Washington in just about every defensive category. He has the most sacks (2.0), interceptions (2) and pass breakups (3).

▶ In addition, McLaughlin is tied with Jacob Manu for the most tackles (22), tied with Jacob Lane for the most TFLs (3.0) and tied with Isaiah Ward for the most forced fumbles (1).

▶ Tyler Robles is 6-of-8 on field goals this year with a long of 48 yards. He's 2-of-3 from beyond 40 yards, missing once from 48, and 4-of-5 under 40 yards (29-yard miss).

▶ Hunter Green has averaged 45.8 yards on 12 punts this season with a long of 64 yards. He's put five inside the 20-yard line and had six fair catches with one touchback.

▶ Rashawn Clark has returned every kick for Washington this year. He's brought back five punts for 29 yards (5.8 average) and six kicks for 113 yards (18.8 average).

## HISTORY LESSON

▶ Ev Faunce set the Gopher single-game rushing record against Washington on Sept. 25, 1948 with 175 yards on the ground. That record stood for 20 years until Barry Mayer ran for 179 yards against Iowa in 1968.

▶ The last time Minnesota played a game as the No. 1 team in the AP Poll came against Washington in the 1961 Rose Bowl. The Huskies prevailed 17-7.

▶ Minnesota won national titles in 1936, 1940 and 1941. They opened each season with a victory over Washington.

## LAST TIME VS. WASHINGTON

▶ *With assistance from the AP:* Sophomore Paul Rogind kicked a 32-yard field goal with five seconds left to lift Minnesota to a 19-17 victory over Washington when the teams last met on Oct. 1, 1977, in Minneapolis.

▶ Rogind became the first player in program history to make four field goals in a game as the Gophers rallied from a 17-7 deficit. Rogind scored the final 12 points of the game as he connected from 38, 26, 31 and 32 yards.

▶ The Gophers started the winning drive from the Washington 47 with just under 5:00 to play. Freshman Marion Barber converted a 4th-and-1 run to set up Rogind's heroics four players later.

▶ A three-yard Jeff Thompson run on the opening drive gave Minnesota a 7-0 lead, before a 29-yard field goal by Steve Robbins cut the lead to 7-3.

▶ Warren Moon threw a 56-yard scoring pass to Spider Gaines for the first Washington score late in the first quarter. Moon then scored the other Husky touchdown on a run in the second quarter to push the lead to 17-7.

▶ Rogind's first field goal of the day cut the deficit to 17-10 at halftime. He added three more in the second half as the Gopher defense held Washington scoreless.

## RECAPPING AKRON

▶ *With assistance from the AP:* **Drake Lindsey** threw for 204 yards and three touchdowns on Saturday as Minnesota defeated Akron 41-7.

▶ Lindsey completed 17 of 31 passes. In the second quarter, he hit **Noah Jennings** on a short post pattern, zipping the ball just past the fingertips of a defender for a 6-yard touchdown. Then in the third quarter, **Jalen Smith** hauled in an 18-yard scoring strike when Lindsey put the perfect touch on a fade route in the corner of the end zone.

▶ Playing without leading rusher **Darius Taylor**, the Gophers ran the ball nine times in the first half, compared to 23 passes by Lindsey. Of the team's 191 rushing yards, 154 came in the fourth quarter, including a 71-yard touchdown scamper by **TJ Thomas**.

▶ Akron starting quarterback Cibastian Broughton injured his right leg on a run early in the second quarter and did not return. Backup Brayden Roggo moved the team to the Gophers 11 midway through the second, but personal fouls on consecutive plays set the Zips back 30 yards and they turned it over on downs.

▶ Penalties and turnovers hurt the Zips. They committed seven infractions that cost them 74 yards. They also lost two fumbles, one forced and recovered by Joey Gerlach and another recovered by TJ Bush Jr.

## BIG TEN STANDINGS

| | | B1G | Pct. | Strk | Overall | Pct. | Strk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | #12/12 USC | 1-0 | 1.000 | W2 | 4-0 | 1.000 | W4 |
| | RV/RV UCLA | 1-0 | 1.000 | W1 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W3 |
| 3. | Purdue | 0-1 | .000 | L19 | 1-2 | .333 | L2 |
| | Rutgers | 0-1 | .000 | L3 | 0-3 | .000 | L5 |
| 5. | #5/4 Indiana | 0-0 | --- | W10 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W19 |
| | #17/17 Iowa | 0-0 | --- | W2 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W6 |
| | #18/18 Michigan | 0-0 | --- | L1 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W3 |
| | RV/RV Nebraska | 0-0 | --- | L2 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W3 |
| | #13/14 Penn State | 0-0 | --- | W3 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W7 |
| | RV/23 Washington | 0-0 | --- | L1 | 3-0 | 1.000 | W4 |
| | NR/RV Northwestern | 0-0 | --- | L1 | 2-0 | 1.000 | W3 |
| | Ilinois | 0-0 | --- | W1 | 2-1 | .667 | W1 |
| | Maryland | 0-0 | --- | L8 | 2-1 | .667 | L1 |
| | Michigan State | 0-0 | --- | W1 | 2-1 | .667 | L1 |
| | **Minnesota** | **0-0** | **---** | **W1** | **2-1** | **.667** | **W1** |
| | #7/7 Ohio State | 0-0 | --- | W9 | 2-1 | .667 | W1 |
| | #20/16 Oregon | 0-0 | --- | W6 | 2-1 | .667 | W1 |
| | Wisconsin | 0-0 | --- | L1 | 2-1 | .667 | W2 |

**BIG TEN WEEK 4 SCHEDULE**

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|---|---|
| **9/25** | Howard at Rutgers, 6 p.m. (BTN) |
| | NR/RV Northwestern at #5/4 Indiana, 7 p.m. (FOX) |
| **9/26** | Illinois at #7/7 Ohio State, 11 a.m. (FOX) |
| | RV/RV UCLA at Maryland, 12:30 p.m. (BTN) |
| | #3/3 Notre Dame at Purdue, 1 p.m. (Peacock) |
| | #17/17 Iowa at #18/18 Michigan, 2:30 p.m. (CBS) |
| | RV/RV Nebraska at Michigan State, 4 p.m. (BTN) |
| | Wisconsin at #13/14 Penn State, 4 p.m. (Peacock) |
| | #20/16 Oregon at #12/12 USC, 6:30 p.m. (NBC) |
| | **Minnesota at RV/23 Washington, 10 p.m. (FOX)** |

*AP/Coaches Poll rankings as of day of game; all times CT*

## SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

| Player | Punts | Kickoffs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Donielle Hayes | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Joey Gerlach | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Emmanuel Karmo | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Naiim Parrish | 0 | 1 | 1 |

## MILESTONE WATCH

▶ Sitting at 3,179 career passing yards, **Drake Lindsey** needs 293 to catch Scott Schaffner (3,472) for 13th in Gophers history. Five completions will also tie Lindsey with Tim Schade (322) for ninth in program history.

▶ Lindsey's next 250-yard game will be the sixth of his career, tying three others for sixth in program history, while his next 300-yard game will be his second and will tie Mitch Leidner for eighth.

▶ Sitting at 13 career 100-yard rushing games, **Darius Taylor** needs one more performance to tie Marion Barber III for sixth in Gopher history.

▶ With 103 career receptions, Taylor needs four catches to tie KJ Maye (107) for 18th in Gopher history. Eight receptions will get Taylor into the top-15 at Minnesota.

▶ In addition, Taylor needs 14 receiving yards to tie Chris Darkins (737) for third among Gopher running backs in their careers.

▶ Taylor's next game with 200 all-purpose yards will be the fifth of his career, tying him with two others for second in program history.

▶ With 33.0 career tackles for loss, **Anthony Smith** needs 1.5 more to tie Ben Mezera (34.5) for sixth in program annals.

▶ Smith's 20.5 career sacks put him 1.0 away from matching Willie VanDeSteeg (21.5) for fifth in program records.

▶ **Javon Tracy** is at 1,860 receiving yards for his career, leaving him 140 away from the 2,000-yard mark. He recorded 1,166 at Miami (OH), and he's got 694 in his Gophers career.

▶ With 251 punt return yards through three games, Tracy needs just four punt return yards to crack Minnesota's single-season top 10 and 84 to reach the Gophers' career top 10 (records to 1962.

▶ **Maverick Baranowski** is eight tackles away from reaching 250 for his career.

▶ **Luke Drzewiecki** sits at 291 points for his career, nine away from 300. He recorded 273 of those points while playing at New Mexico.

▶ **Noah Jennings** is 75 receiving yards away from 1,500 for his career. He's logged 217 this season after 885 at Charleston Southern and 323 at Cincinnati.

▶ More record book information is located on Page 15.

## IN THE POLLS

▶ Minnesota does not appear in either the latest AP Poll or AFCA Coaches Poll. Washington, meanwhile, is the top team receiving votes in the AP Poll and is 23rd in the Coaches Poll.

▶ Minnesota appeared in both polls in each of the first two weeks of the season. Prior to the Mississippi State game, the Gophers earned four points in the AP Poll and nine in the Coaches Poll to rank 38th in each.

▶ Minnesota received votes in the Preseason AP Poll, but did not appear in the Preseason AFCA Coaches Poll. The Gophers' 5 points in the AP Poll put them 38th. It's the first season since 2023, and 13th time overall, that the Gophers appeared in the AP Preseason Poll, according to CollegePollArchive.com. Five of those 13 seasons have come under **P.J. Fleck**.

▶ The Gophers are looking to start and finish the year in the AP Poll for the third time in program history.

▶ Including Washington, eight Gopher opponents are in the latest polls.

▶ Defending national champion Indiana is ranked fourth in the Coaches Poll and fifth by the AP, while Penn State is 13th in the AP and 14th in the Coaches. Iowa ranks No. 17 in both polls, while Michigan is one spot behind in each.

▶ Mississippi State is 24th in the AP Poll and receiving votes in the Coaches, while UCLA is receiving votes in each of the two polls. Northwestern is among those receiving votes in the Coaches Poll, but does not appear in the AP Poll.

▶ Minnesota went 1-2 against ranked teams last year, defeating then-No. 25 Nebraska, 24-6, on Oct. 17, while losing at No. 1 Ohio State, 42-3, on Oct. 4, and at then-No. 7 Oregon, 42-13 on Nov. 14.

▶ The win over Nebraska was the seventh AP Top-25 win under **P.J. Fleck**, a program record that broke a tie with Bernie Bierman and Murray Warmath for most in Gophers history.

## LOOKING AT THE '26 SLATE

▶ Six of the Gophers' 2026 opponents reached the postseason a year ago, including national champion Indiana. The six combined postseason opponents ties for third fewest in the conference.

▶ In addition, the non-conference saw Minnesota face Eastern Illinois for the first time since 2014 as the Gophers defeated the Panthers in the season opener, 59-7.

## STAT COMPARISON

| | MINNESOTA | FBS RANKS | B1G RANKS | WASHINGTON | FBS RANKS | B1G RANKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scoring Offense/Defense Per Game | 37.7/17.3 | 42/42 | 11/10 | 29.3/13.3 | 83/23 | 15/8 |
| Total Offense/Defense Per Game | 394.0/270.0 | 76/27 | 15/8 | 434.7/276.0 | 50/32 | 12/9 |
| Yards Per Play For/Against | 5.97/4.74 | 76/42 | 15/9 | 6.52/4.38 | 48/25 | 14/8 |
| Rush Offense/Defense Per Game | 117.0/117.0 | 117/59 | 17/14 | 129.7/105.7 | 108/44 | 15/6 |
| Rush Yards Per Attempt For/Against | 4.08/3.69 | 102/65 | 15/13 | 4.42/2.99 | 73/30 | 13/6 |
| Pass Offense/Defense Per Game | 277.0/153.0 | 38/21 | 9/7 | 305.0/170.3 | 21/36 | 6/8 |
| Pass Yards Per Attempt For/Against | 7.4/6.0 | 88/36 | 17/8 | 8.2/6.2 | 61/45 | 11/9 |
| Passer Rating For/Against | 138.40/128.63 | 85/79 | 16/11 | 155.05/105.45 | 49/21 | 11/7 |
| Passes Intercepted/Had Intercepted | 0/1 | 126/27 | 18/6 | 5/1 | 5/27 | 1/6 |
| Turnover Margin (Takeaways/Giveaways) | +1 (3/2) | 51 (82/25) | 11 (10/8) | +6 (7/1) | 6 (6/7) | 1 (1/3) |
| 1st Downs For/Against Per Game | 20.7/16.0 | 71/41 | 12/9 | 20.7/18.0 | 71/62 | 12/12 |
| TFL For/Allowed Per Game | 8.0/5.33 | 10/92 | 3/16 | 7.7/3.00 | 13/16 | 4/6 |
| Sacks For/Allowed Per Game | 1.33/1.00 | 96/33 | 14/5 | 2.67/1.00 | 24/33 | 4/5 |
| 3rd Down Offense/Defense | 45.2/33.3 | 52/51 | 10/9 | 40.0/28.9 | 82/30 | 14/7 |
| 4th Down Offense/Defense | 80.0/50.0 | 23/55 | 5/7 | 25.0/20.0 | 118/16 | 15/3 |
| Red Zone Score Pct. Offense/Defense | 92.9/71.4 | 40/22 | 7/2 | 83.3/75.0 | 86/31 | 13/3 |
| Red Zone TD Pct. Offense/Defense | 63.64/71.43 | 78/100 | 11/14 | 55.56/37.50 | 104/14 | 16/5 |
| Kick Return Average For/Against | 26.00/16.00 | 23/44 | 3/7 | 18.83/14.80 | 85/31 | 12/4 |
| Punt Return Average For/Against | 27.70/3.00 | 4/46 | 2/10 | 5.80/13.33 | 102/117 | 15/17 |
| Field Goal Pct. (FGM-FGA) | 100.0 (5-5) | 1 (18/40) | 1 (5/7) | 75.0 (6-8) | 79 (10/3) | 13 (3/1) |
| Punting Average/Net Punting Avg. | 42.17/41.42 | 85/39 | 12/8 | 45.83/40.83 | 30/47 | 4/9 |
| Time of Possession | 33:23 | 19 | 2 | 31:23 | 48 | 8 |
| Fewest Penalties/Yards Per Game | 6.00/56.67 | 47/67 | 8/9 | 8.67/91.67 | 118/132 | 17/17 |

## ALL-TIME VS. WASHINGTON

| | |
|---|---|
| **Overall:** | **10-7** |
| **Home:** | **6-2** |
| **Road:** | **4-4** |
| **Neutral:** | **0-1** |

| Date | AP Ranks | W/L | Score | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/26/1936 | -/- | W | 14-7 | Away |
| 9/24/1938 | -/- | W | 15-0 | Home |
| 9/28/1940 | -/- | W | 19-14 | Home |
| 9/27/1941 | -/- | W | 14-6 | Away |
| 9/27/1947 | -/- | W | 7-6 | Home |
| 9/25/1948 | -/- | W | 20-0 | Away |
| 9/24/1949 | -/- | W | 48-20 | Home |
| 9/30/1950 | 18/- | L | 13-28 | Away |
| 9/29/1951 | -/8 | L | 20-25 | Home |
| 9/27/1952 | -/- | L | 13-19 | Away |
| 9/24/1955 | -/- | L | 0-30 | Home |
| 9/29/1956 | -/- | W | 34-14 | Away |
| 9/28/1957 | 6/- | W | 46-7 | Home |
| 9/27/1958 | -/- | L | 21-24 | Away |
| 1/2/1961 | 1/6 | L | 7-17 | Neutral* |
| 10/2/1976 | -/- | L | 7-38 | Away |
| 10/1/1977 | -/- | W | 19-17 | Home |

** 1961 Rose Bowl*

## CAREER STATS VS. UW

| PLAYER | GP/GS | TKL | TFL (SACK) | INT | PBU | FF/FR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nestor= | 1/0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 |

| PLAYER | GP/GS | FG-FGA | LG | XP-XPA | KO (TB) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sunderland< | 1/0 | - | - | - | 5 (5) |

*Players listed are those that recorded stats beyond participation*
*= Includes stats recorded while playing at Iowa*
*< Stats recorded while playing at Michigan*

## GOPHER BESTS VS. WASHINGTON

**Rushing Yards (since 1947)**

| Player | Date | Att. | TDs | Yards |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ev Faunce | 9/25/1948 | - | - | 175 |
| Kent Kitzmann | 10/2/1976 | 26 | 0 | 101 |

**Passing Yards (since 1961)**

| Player | Date | C-A | TDs | INT | Yards |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tony Dungy | 10/2/1976 | 11-25 | 0 | 2 | 143 |
| Wendell Avery | 10/1/1977 | 6-9 | 0 | 0 | 83 |
| Sandy Stephens | 1/2/1961 | 7-11 | 0 | 0 | 75 |

**Receiving Yards (since 1950)**

| Player | Date | Rec. | TDs | Yards |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bob Soltis | 9/27/1958 | - | - | 108 |

## A WIN WOULD...

- Have Minnesota 3-1 or better to start a season under **P.J. Fleck** for the second year in a row and sixth time in 10 seasons
- Be two in a row over Washington
- Extend the Gophers' all-time record in the series with the Huskies to 11-7 overall and 5-4 in Seattle
- Make Minnesota 67-56-8 all-time in Big Ten openers and 5-5 under Fleck
- Put Minnesota at 46-74-8 in conference road openers all-time and 4-6 in such games under Fleck
- Mark four victories in a five-year span in B1G openers for the first time since 1986-90 for the Gophers
- Get the Gophers to 62-68-9 all-time in road openers, including 5-5 under Fleck and 5-4 in road openers versus Washington
- Improve Minnesota to 14-4 when playing on Sept. 26, which would tie for its most wins on a specific date with Oct. 10 and 19
- Enhance Fleck's record to 69-45 at Minnesota and 99-67 overall as a college head coach

▶ The Golden Gophers had two new opponents on the slate as they matched up with Mississippi State on Sept. 12 (a 38-13 loss) and beat Akron on Sept. 19, 41-7. It marks the first time since 2023 (Eastern Michigan and North Carolina) that the Gophers take on two new FBS opponents in the same season.

▶ Prior to that, it had not happened since 2006 (Kent State and Temple).

▶ Within the Big Ten, Minnesota meets Washington as conference foes for the first time on Sept. 26. It will be the first meeting overall in the series since 1977 and the Gophers' first trip to Husky Stadium since 1976.

▶ Going to Indiana on Oct. 31 will mark the first time the two teams play since 2021. In addition, it'll be the third straight season that the Gophers take on the defending national champions, also doing so in 2024 (Michigan) and last year (Ohio State). It's the first time in program history that Minnesota faces the defending national champion in three straight seasons.

▶ UCLA visits Huntington Bank Stadium on Nov. 7, marking just the second time the Bruins have come to Minneapolis after doing so in 1977.

▶ Minnesota goes to Penn State on Nov. 14, the first time playing there since a "White Out" in 2022. That season was also the last time the Gophers hosted Northwestern, which returns to Minneapolis on Nov. 21.

▶ Longstanding rivalries also continue as the Gophers take on Wisconsin for the 119th straight season (every year since 1907) and Iowa for the 96th season in a row (every year since 1931).

## HOME SWEET HOME

▶ Minnesota saw its home winning streak end at eight games Saturday with a 38-13 loss to Mississippi State. It was the team's longest such streak since winning nine straight from Nov. 9, 1946 to Oct. 16, 1948.

▶ The Gophers bounced back with a home win over Akron the following week, and they have now won nine of their last 10 and 11 of their last 13 at home.

▶ Minnesota finished the 2025 season with a 7-0 record at Huntington Bank Stadium. It was the team's first undefeated season at home since going 6-0 in 1967. It was also the fourth undefeated home season in the modern era (since 1946) and 26th undefeated season at home all-time.

▶ It was the first time Minnesota had gone 7-0 at home since 1931 (7-0), while the seven home wins tied for sixth-most in a single season.

▶ The only season in history that saw Minnesota go undefeated at home with more wins was in 1904 (11-0).

▶ Though the Gophers lost to Mississippi State, they still have won five straight Big Ten games at home. That's tied for the eighth-longest conference home win streak in program history and is the best since winning five in a row over the 2003-04 seasons.

## LINDSEY LEADING AS QB1

▶ As noted on Page 1, **Drake Lindsey** is having a strong start to 2026.

▶ Against Mississippi State on Sept. 12, he set a career high in pass attempts and matched his personal best in completions as he was 31-for-48 for 279 yards. Lindsey also had 31 completions last year vs. Rutgers; that number is tied for fifth most in program history. He joins Mike Hohensee, Tim Schade and Adam Weber as the only Gophers to have multiple games in their career with 30 or more completions.

▶ With 264 passing yards in the season opener and 279 versus Mississippi State, Lindsey became the first Gopher to throw for 250+ yards in consecutive games since Tanner Morgan on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 2022 and just the second Gopher ever to do it in the first two games of the season. The other was Schade in 1993.

## GOPHERS VS. HUSKIES FACTS

**GOPHERS' STREAKS**

| | |
|---|---|
| • **Current Streak:** | **Won 1** |
| • Home Streak: | Won 2 |
| • Away Streak: | Lost 2 |
| • Neutral Streak: | Lost 1 |
| • **All-Time Win Streak:** | **7 (9/26/1936-9/24/1949)** |
| • Home Win Streak: | 4 (9/24/1938-9/24/1949) |
| • Away Win Streak: | 3 (9/26/1936-9/25/1948) |
| • Neutral Win Streak: | N/A |
| • **All-Time Losing Streak:** | **4 (9/30/1950-9/24/1955)** |
| • Home Losing Streak: | 2 (9/29/1951-9/24/1955) |
| • Away Losing Streak: | 2, 2x, MR: (9/27/1958-present) |
| • Neutral Losing Streak: | 1 (1/2/1961) |

**LAST WINS**

| | |
|---|---|
| • Minnesota Home Win: | 10/1/1977, 19-17 |
| • Minnesota Road Win: | 9/29/1956, 34-14 |
| • Minnesota Neutral Win: | N/A |
| • Washington Home Win: | 10/2/1976, 38-7 |
| • Washington Road Win: | 9/24/1955, 30-0 |
| • Washington Neutral Win: | 1/2/1961, 17-7 |

**THIS AND THAT**

| | |
|---|---|
| • Most Gophers Points - Win: | 48 (48-20, 9/24/1949) |
| • Fewest Gophers Points - Win: | 7 (7-6, 9/27/1947) |
| • Most Gophers Points - Loss: | 21 (21-24, 9/27/1958) |
| • Fewest Gophers Points - Loss: | 0 (0-30, 9/24/1955) |
| • Most Gophers Points - Home: | 48 (48-20, 9/24/1949) |
| • Fewest Gophers Points - Home: | 0 (0-30, 9/24/1955) |
| • Most Gophers Points - Road: | 34 (34-14, 9/29/1956) |
| • Fewest Gophers Points - Road: | 7 (7-38, 10/2/1976) |
| • Most Gophers Points - Neutral: | 7 (7-17, 1/2/1961) |
| • Fewest Gophers Points - Neutral: | 7 (7-17, 1/2/1961) |
| • Most WASH Points - Win: | 38 (38-7, 10/2/1976) |
| • Fewest WASH Points - Win: | 17 (17-7, 1/2/1961) |
| • Most WASH Points - Loss: | 20 (48-20, 9/24/1949) |
| • Fewest WASH Points - Loss: | 0 (2x, MR: 0-20, 9/25/1948) |
| • Most WASH Points - Home: | 38 (38-7, 10/2/1976) |
| • Fewest WASH Points - Home: | 0 (0-20, 9/25/1948) |
| • Most WASH Points - in MPLS: | 30 (30-0, 9/24/1955) |
| • Fewest WASH Points - in MPLS: | 0 (0-15, 9/24/1938) |
| • Most WASH Points - Neutral: | 17 (17-7, 1/2/1961) |
| • Fewest WASH Points - Neutral: | 17 (17-7, 1/2/1961) |
| • Largest Gopher Home Win Margin: | 39 (46-7, 9/28/1957) |
| • Largest Gopher Road Win Margin: | 20 (34-14, 9/29/1956) |
| • Largest Gopher Neutral Win Margin: | N/A |
| • Largest WASH Home Win Margin: | 31 (38-7, 10/2/1976) |
| • Largest WASH Road Win Margin: | 30 (30-0, 9/24/1955) |
| • Largest WASH Neutral Win Margin: | 10 (17-7, 1/2/1961) |
| • Times Gophers Shut Out: | 1 (0-30, 9/24/1955) |
| • Times WASH Shut Out: | 2 (MR: 0-20, 9/25/1948) |
| • Overtime Games: | 0 |
| • Tie Games | 0 |

▶ In his career, Lindsey's TD-to-INT ratio of 3.29 and interception percentage of .0141 both rank first in program history with a minimum of 15 career TD passes and 300 career pass attempts, respectively, while his completion percentage of .638 ranks second and his .625 win percentage (10-6) as a starting QB ranks third in program annals.

▶ In addition, he's fifth in career efficiency rating (129.97) at Minnesota, seventh in passing yards per game (167.3), ninth in both 300-yard (1) and 250-yard (5) passing games, 10th in completions (317) and 14th in passing yards (3,179).

▶ Last year, Lindsey was 246-of-389 (63.2 percent) for 2,382 yards with 18 touchdowns and six interceptions, good for an efficiency rating of 126.9. He also had a team-high four rushing scores in 2025. Lindsey's numbers put him second all-time among Gopher freshmen for passing yards and passing touchdowns, while his eight wins were the most ever by a Gopher freshman QB.

## 2026 HONORS & AWARDS

**Mohamed Ibrahim, Running Backs Coach**
- 247's "30 Under 30" list

**Maverick Baranowski, LB**
- Watch Lists: Butkus Award, Shriners Children's 1000
- 1st Team All-Big Ten (SIS)
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (Athlon, Phil Steele, Pick Six Previews)
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic)

**Ashton Beers, OL**
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***
- Watch Lists: Rimington Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000

**Kerry Brown, DB**
- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

**TJ Bush Jr., DL**
- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

**Zack Harden, DB**
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***

**Greg Johnson, OL**
- ***PFF National Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***
- Watch Lists: Outland Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000
- 1st Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- 2nd Team All-American (AP, CBS Sports, ESPN)
- 3rd Team All-American (Pick Six Previews)
- 1st Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon, Pick Six Previews)
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (PFN)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)
- No. 66 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List

**Matt Kingsbury, LB**
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***

**Drake Lindsey, QB**
- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

**John Nestor, DB**
- ***PFF National Team of the Week: Week 3 (9/21)***
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 3 (9/21)***
- Watch Lists: Lott Trophy, Shriners Children's 1000
- 3rd Team All-American (PFN)
- 1st Team All-Big Ten (PFN, SIS)
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (Athlon, Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)
- No. 92 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List

**Nathan Roy, OL**
- ***PFF Big Ten Team of the Week: Week 1 (9/7)***
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (SIS)
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon)
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

**Anthony Smith, DL**
- Watch Lists: AFCA Good Works Team, Bednarik Award, Lombardi Award, Nagurski Trophy, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000, Walter Camp Player of the Year, Wuerffel Trophy
- Big Ten Preseason Honors
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (Cleveland.com)
- 1st Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- 2nd Team All-American (AP, Athlon, CBS Sports, ESPN, On3, Pick Six Previews, Walter Camp)
- 1st Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon, Phil Steele, Pick Six Previews, USA Today)
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (SIS)
- No. 28 on CBS Sports' Top 150 Players List
- No. 40 on Bruce Feldman's "Freaks List"

**Jalen Smith, WR**
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

**Alan Soukup, LS**
- Watch Lists: Mannelly Award
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)

**Darius Taylor, RB**
- Watch Lists: Maxwell Award, Senior Bowl Top 300, Shriners Children's 1000
- 2nd Team All-Big Ten (The Athletic, Athlon)
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten (Pick Six Previews)
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Phil Steele)
- Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (USA Today)

**TJ Thomas, RB**
- 3rd Team All-Big Ten - PR (Phil Steele)

**Javon Tracy, WR**
- ***Jet Award Return Specialist of the Week (9/8)***
- ***Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (9/7)***
- Watch Lists: Shriners Children's 1000

**A.J. Turner, RB**
- Watch Lists: Comeback Player of the Year

**Tom Weston, P**
- 4th Team All-Big Ten (Athlon)

***Bold italic indicates in-season honor***

▶ In Gopher single-season history, Lindsey finished second in lowest interception percentage (.0154), third in TD-to-INT ratio (3.00), fourth in completions and completion percentage, fifth in passing attempts, eighth in passing touchdowns and touchdowns responsible for, and 14th in passing yards.

▶ He was the first Gopher quarterback to win his first two career starts since Zack Annexstad in 2018, and Lindsey joined Tanner Morgan as the only Gopher QBs since 2016 to throw a touchdown pass in each of his first four starts. In fact, with records dating to 1977, only Adam Weber in 2007 had a longer streak when he had a touchdown pass in his first eight starts.

▶ Among the 16 FBS freshmen with at least 200 pass attempts last year, Lindsey had the best interception percentage (1.5), and was second in fewest interceptions thrown (6), fifth in attempts and passing touchdowns, seventh in completions, seventh in touchdown percentage (4.6), ninth in passing yards, and 10th in completion percentage and efficiency rating.

▶ In the 2025 Rate Bowl, Lindsey completed 18-of-28 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns in a 20-17 overtime win against New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl. Lindsey's two touchdown passes tied for the fourth most in Gopher bowl history, and his completion percentage of .643 tied for fifth best.

▶ According to OptaStats, Lindsey's game-winning touchdown pass to **Jalen Smith** was the second freshman to freshman TD pass in overtime of a bowl/playoff game in FBS history. The other was Tua Tagovailoa to DeVonta Smith to win the 2018 national championship for Alabama.

▶ Last season at Northwestern, Lindsey was 20-of-30 for 264 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. It was the first four-TD passing game for a Gopher since Max Brosmer in 2024 versus Maryland, and it tied for the most passing touchdowns under head coach P.J. Fleck.

▶ Lindsey also joined Adam Weber as the only Gopher freshmen since 1995 to throw four or more touchdown passes in a single game.

▶ Against Nebraska on Oct. 17, Lindsey threw for 153 yards and a touchdown on 16-of-20 passing. He also tallied his second career rushing score. Completing 80 percent of his passes, Lindsey became just the eighth quarterback since 1995 to have that high of a completion percentage against the Huskers (min. 20 pass attempts).

▶ In a come from behind win over Purdue on Oct. 11, Lindsey completed 21-of-45 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. He also had a career-high four rushes for a personal-best 49 plays of total offense. His 45 pass attempts were a career high and tied with Brosmer's 45 attempts at Rutgers in 2024 as the most during the Fleck era.

**BEST PASSER RATING BY A GOPHER (MIN. 30 COMP.)**

| Player | Opp. (Year) | C-A | TD | INT | Yds | Rtg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Drake Lindsey* | *Rutgers (2025)* | *31-41* | *3* | *0* | *324* | *166.14* |
| Adam Weber | NIU (2010) | 31-46 | 2 | 1 | 373 | 145.50 |
| Tim Schade | Michigan (1994) | 30-50 | 3 | 2 | 394 | 137.99 |
| Adam Weber | FAU (2007) | 31-47 | 4 | 4 | 335 | 136.89 |
| Mike Hohensee | Ohio St. (1981) | 37-67 | 5 | 1 | 444 | 132.53 |
| Marquel Fleetwood | Pitt (1992) | 35-56 | 2 | 1 | 346 | 122.61 |
| Adam Weber | Northwestern (2008) | 31-51 | 1 | 1 | 327 | 117.19 |
| Mike Hohensee | Indiana (1982) | 34-50 | 1 | 3 | 307 | 114.18 |
| Tim Schade | Penn St. (1993) | 34-66 | 2 | 4 | 478 | 110.23 |

▶ In Minnesota's comeback win over Rutgers on Sept. 27 Lindsey had one of the top performances turned in by a Gopher quarterback. He was 31-of-41 for 324 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

▶ For his efforts Lindsey was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week. He was the first Gopher to earn the honor on offense since 2023 and the fifth Minnesota QB to win the award since it was introduced in 2012.

▶ Lindsey's performance was the ninth game in Gopher history with 30+ completions, and his efficiency rating was more than 20 points better than any other Gopher QB. In the third quarter alone against Rutgers, Lindsey was 15-of-19 for 120 yards and a touchdown.

▶ Lindsey's 31 completions tied for fifth-most in a single game and were the most since Adam Weber completed 31 versus Northern Illinois in 2010. In addition, Lindsey's 324 passing yards were the most since Tanner Morgan threw for 368 yards at Iowa in 2019.

▶ Lindsey made his first career start in the 2025 season opener and completed 19-of-35 passes for 290 yards with two touchdowns and one interception against Buffalo.

▶ With records dating to 1977, the passing yardage total was the fourth highest by a Gopher in his first career start, while the attempts total ranked third and the completions tied for third. The passing total and touchdown pass total were also both fourth best in any season opener since 1979, while the completions and attempts both tied for fifth in such games.

▶ He followed that against Northwestern State by going 8-of-9 for 139 yards and a touchdown and added a rushing score before being removed midway through the second quarter with the game out of hand.

▶ A native of Fayetteville, Ark., Lindsey played in three games as a true freshman in 2024, completing 4-of-5 passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. His most extensive action came in a win over Rhode Island where he was 3-of-4 for 35 yards and an 8-yard TD strike, while in the 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl he completed a 15-yard pass.

▶ A three-star prospect coming out of Fayetteville High School, Lindsey was named the state's Gatorade Player of the Year and the 7A Offensive Player of the Year.

▶ Lindsey helped lead his team to a 13-0 record and a state championship in which he was named MVP. On the year, Lindsey threw for 3,941 yards while completing 69 percent of his passes (264-for-383) as he tossed 54 touchdowns against just three interceptions for a TD:INT ratio of 18-to-1.

## DYNAMIC DARIUS

▶ A two-time honorable mention All-Big Ten honoree, senior running back **Darius Taylor** has established himself as one of the top running backs in the Big Ten.

▶ Entering this year, he was placed on the watch list for the Maxwell Award and was a Second Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by The Athletic and Athlon.

▶ In the season opener against Eastern Illinois, Taylor ran the ball 14 times for 56 yards and a career-high three rushing scores, while catching three passes for 31 yards.

▶ Taylor's three receptions pushed him to 102 for his career, making him the 19th player in program history to get to 100. The only other running back to reach that number at Minnesota is Chuck Rios, who had 132 from 1990-94.

▶ Taylor got to 100 career receptions in just 29 games. That tied Aaron Osterman for the fifth fewest games needed to reach the milestone in program history.

**FEWEST GAMES TO 100 CAREER RECEPTIONS**

| | Player | Years | Games | Career Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ryan Thelwell | 1994-96 | 22 | 136 |
| 2. | Rashod Bateman | 2018-20 | 24 | 147 |
| 3. | Eric Decker | 2006-09 | 26 | 227 |
| 4. | Ron Johnson | 1998-01 | 27 | 198 |
| 5. | ***Darius Taylor*** | ***2023-*** | ***29*** | ***102*** |
| | Aaron Osterman | 1990-94 | 29 | 111 |

▶ Against Mississippi State, however, Taylor was limited by injury as he ran for 15 yards on six carries and caught one pass for five yards. He then missed the following week against Akron.

## INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE STREAKS

| Player | Stat | Games |
|---|---|---|
| Maverick Baranowski | 6+ Tackles | 14 |
| Kerry Brown | 5+ Tackles | 2 |
| Kerry Brown | 1.0+ TFLs | 1 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 0.5+ TFLs | 3 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | Fumble Recovered | 1 |
| Xion Chapman | 1.0+ TFLs | 1 |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Made Field Goal | 12& |
| Luke Drzewiecki | 2+ Made Field Goals | 3 |
| Ryan Estrada | 2+ Receptions | 1 |
| Xavier Ford | 40+ Rushing Yards | 1 |
| Joey Gerlach | Forced Fumble | 2 |
| Joey Gerlach | 8+ Tackles | 1 |
| Joey Gerlach | Fumble Recovered | 1 |
| Zack Harden | 2+ Pass Breakups | 1 |
| Quayd Hendryx | 40+ Kick Return Yards | 2 |
| Jaxon Howard | 1.0+ TFLs | 1 |
| Daniel Jackson | Made Field Goal | 1 |
| Noah Jennings | Reception | 6# |
| Noah Jennings | 3+ Receptions | 3 |
| Noah Jennings | 55+ Receiving Yards | 3 |
| Noah Jennings | 5+ Receptions | 2 |
| Noah Jennings | 70+ Receiving Yards | 2 |
| Noah Jennings | Receiving TD | 1 |
| Julian Johnson | Reception | 2 |
| Matt Kingsbury | 5+ Tackles | 1 |
| Adam Kissayi | Pass Breakup | 1 |
| Drake Lindsey | 20+ Pass Attempts | 14 |
| Drake Lindsey | 15+ Pass Completions | 14 |
| Drake Lindsey | 16+ Pass Completions | 11 |
| Drake Lindsey | 24+ Pass Attempts | 9 |
| Drake Lindsey | 17+ Pass Completions | 8 |
| Drake Lindsey | 200+ Passing Yards | 3 |
| Drake Lindsey | 30+ Pass Attempts | 2 |
| Drake Lindsey | 3+ Passing TDs | 1 |
| Karter Menz | 1.0+ TFLs | 2 |
| Karter Menz | 1.0+ Sacks | 1 |
| Michael Merdinger | 12+ Pass Completions | 1~ |
| Michael Merdinger | 21+ Pass Attempts | 1~ |
| Michael Merdinger | 210+ Passing Yards | 1~ |
| Michael Merdinger | 2+ TDs Reponsible For | 1~ |
| Michael Merdinger | Passing TD | 1~ |
| Michael Merdinger | Rushing TD | 1~ |
| Hayden Moore | Reception | 2 |
| John Nestor | 8+ Tackles | 1 |
| John Nestor | 2.0+ TFLs | 1 |
| John Nestor | 2+ Pass Breakups | 1 |
| Theorin Randle | 0.5+ TFLs | 1 |
| Theorin Randle | 0.5+ Sacks | 1 |
| Anthony Smith | 0.5+ TFLs | 4 |
| Anthony Smith | 0.5+ Sacks | 1 |
| Anthony Smith | Pass Breakup | 1 |
| Jalen Smith | Reception | 8 |
| Jalen Smith | 2+ Receptions | 4 |
| Jalen Smith | Receiving TD | 1 |
| Riley Sunram | 0.5+ TFL | 2 |
| Darius Taylor | Reception | 6 |
| TJ Thomas | Reception | 4@ |
| TJ Thomas | 2+ Receptions | 3 |
| TJ Thomas | 40+ Rushing Yards | 3 |
| TJ Thomas | 3+ Receptions | 2 |
| TJ Thomas | 120+ Rushing Yards | 1 |
| TJ Thomas | 10+ Carries | 1 |
| TJ Thomas | Rushing TD | 1 |
| Javon Tracy | Reception | 11 |
| Javon Tracy | 2+ Receptions | 6 |
| Javon Tracy | 5+ Receptions | 3 |
| Javon Tracy | 50+ Receiving Yards | 3 |
| Javon Tracy | 50+ All-Purpose Yards | 3 |
| Javon Tracy | 90+ Receiving Yards | 1 |
| Javon Tracy | 80+ Punt Return Yards | 1 |
| Javon Tracy | 170+ All-Purpose Yards | 1 |
| A.J. Turner | 40+ Rushing Yards | 1 |
| A.J. Turner | Rushing TD | 1 |
| Roman Voss | Reception | 1 |
| Roman Voss | Receiving TD | 1 |
| Aydan West | 2+ Pass Breakups | 1 |
| Tom Weston | 50+ Yard Punt | 1 |

*Streaks are based on individual participation // & includes games at New Mexico; # includes games at Cincinnati; ~ includes games at Liberty; $ includes games at Tulsa; @ includes games at Elon*

▶ Unfortunately for Taylor, the injury bug has followed him off and on through his career. He played in 6 of 13 games as a true freshman before a relatively healthy 2024 campaign that saw him only miss the season opener. Last year, he missed three full games and parts of two others.

▶ In his career, Taylor ranks fourth in program history in games of 200+ all-purpose yards (4), fifth in rushing yards per game (84.2), seventh in 100-yard rushing games (13), ninth in 200-yard games (1), 10th in career rushing yards (2,526) and 19th in recpetions (103).

▶ Taylor has led Minnesota in rushing yards in each of his first three seasons. He's looking to join Thomas Hamner (1996-99) and Darrell Thompson (1986-89) as the only Gophers in program history to lead the team in rushing four times.

▶ With 103 career receptions for 723 yards, Taylor is second in program history for receptions by a running back and fourth for receiving yards at the position. He is 14 receiving yards away from tying Chris Darkins (737) for third place.

▶ Like he's done with rushing yards, Taylor has led Minnesota in all-purpose yards in each of his first three seasons on campus. No player in Gophers history has done it four times.

▶ Despite missing nearly five full games last season, Taylor led the team in rushing attempts (143), rushing yards (670) and rushing yards per game (67.0). His four rushing scores tied for most on the team.

▶ After getting injured in the first quarter against Northwestern State on Sept. 6, he missed the next two contests but returned on Oct. 4 at Ohio State. He started the next two games, as well, but only played the first series at Iowa and did not play at all versus Michigan State. He returned at Oregon and played the rest of the season.

▶ In the passing game last season, Taylor caught 34 passes for 245 yards to rank third on the team in receptions. In addition, he led the team in yards after catch (256) and YAC per game (25.6), and was second in targets per game (4.90), receptions per game (3.4) and YAC per reception (7.5).

▶ Pro Football Focus gave Taylor a receiving grade of 75.9 last season, fourth best among all Big Ten running backs and 23rd nationally at the position.

▶ In the 2025 season opener, Taylor rushed for 141 yards on 30 attempts and caught four passes for 36 yards against Buffalo. It was the highest rushing total in a season opener since 2021 for Minnesota, while his 30 carries were second most in such games since 1979.

▶ The following week against Northwestern State, Taylor left in the first quarter due to injury after rushing for 20 yards on three carries and catching a nine-yard pass.

▶ Upon returning from injury against Purdue, Taylor logged a career-high 67 receiving yards on six receptions, including a reception of 40 yards that was the longest for a Gopher running back since Shannon Brooks had a 40-yarder versus Illinois in 2015. In addition, the 67 receiving yards were the most by a Gopher running back since Duane Bennett had 71 yards against Penn State in 2010.

▶ Against Nebraska, Taylor rushed for 148 yards (most by a Gopher on the year) on 24 carries and a one-yard touchdown. He had a 71-yard run in the second quarter, the second-longest of his career and the longest for Minnesota since his own 80-yarder in 2024 vs. Nevada. It was also the fourth longest of the Fleck era. He added a team-best four receptions for 16 yards.

▶ Taylor's 148 yards against Nebraska pushed his career rushing total to 2,138, making him the 18th player in Gophers history to reach the 2,000-yard mark. He got there in 23 games, tied with running backs coach **Mohamed Ibrahim** for the third fewest since 1955.

**FEWEST GAMES TO 2000 CAREER RUSH YARDS***

| | Player | Years | Games | Attempts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Darrell Thompson | 1986-89 | 18 | 354 |
| 2. | Laurence Maroney | 2003-05 | 21 | 294 |
| ***3.*** | ***Darius Taylor*** | ***2023-*** | ***23*** | ***402*** |
| | Mohamed Ibrahim | 2018-22 | 23 | 360 |
| 5. | Marion Barber III | 2001-04 | 26 | 342 |
| | Marion Barber | 1977-80 | 26 | 422 |

**Since 1955*

▶ Versus Wisconsin, Taylor carried the ball 19 times for 100 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown run in the second quarter that was the longest rushing touchdown for Minnesota since Taylor had a 51-yarder versus Maryland in October of 2024.

▶ In the Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, Taylor ran 24 times for 116 yards and a touchdown, while adding four catches for 23 yards.

▶ In his bowl career, Taylor has rushed 79 times for 437 yards, the most in Minnesota bowl history in both categories. In addition, his 488 all-purpose yards in bowl games are also the most in Minnesota bowl history.

▶ As a sophomore in 2024, Taylor played in 12 of 13 games, missing only the season opener. He rushed 205 times for 986 yards and a career-high 10 touchdowns, and he caught 54 passes for 350 yards and two scores. His 1,336 all-purpose yards led the Gophers and ranked 26th in Gopher single-season history.

▶ The Detroit native also emerged as threat in the receiving game as his 54 receptions set a school record for the position and nearly quintupled his reception total from 2023 (11), while his receiving yardage of 350 almost quadrupled his total (92) from 2023.

▶ Taylor was fifth in the Big Ten in rushing yards per game (82.2) and all-purpose yards per game (111.33), seventh in total touchdowns (12), ninth in rushing touchdowns and 10th in total rushing yards.

▶ Taylor finished the season third among Power 4 running backs and fourth nationally at the position with his 4.5 receptions per game last season. His 54 receptions led Big Ten running backs and were third nationally, while Taylor's 350 receiving yards were third among Big Ten running backs and 13th in the country.

▶ He led Minnesota with 330 yards after catch and 27.5 YAC per game. Taylor was also second on the Gophers in receptions, and third in receiving yards, receiving yards per game (30.3), targets (67) and targets per game (5.58).

▶ Taylor added to his repertoire in the 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl as he ran for 113 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries and caught four passes for 17 yards. He also threw a 10-yard touchdown pass, the first non-QB touchdown pass for Minnesota since 2015.

▶ At Michigan in 2024, Taylor had a career-high 10 catches for 52 yards. The 10 catches tied a Minnesota running back record set by Chuck Rios vs. San Diego State in 1994.

▶ Against Iowa in 2024, Taylor pushed his career rushing total over the 1,000-yard mark. He got there in just nine career games, making him the second-fastest Gopher (by games) to get there since 1955. Only Darrell Thomspon did it faster, getting there in seven games in 1986.

## RB REINFORCEMENTS

▶ Behind Taylor in the backfield is a running back room loaded with talent but seeking more experience.

▶ **A.J. Turner** was limited to three games in 2025 due to an injury suffered at Cal. He had rushed 16 times for 64 yards and a touchdown in three games prior to the injury.

▶ After sitting out the season opener, Turner played for the first time since his injury at Cal with two rushes for four yards and one catch for five yards versus Mississippi State. On the year, he's fourth on the team in rushing yards (44) and attempts (10) and tied for second in rushing TDs (1).

## THE POLLS

**AP Poll Top 25 (Sept. 20)**

| Rnk | Team (1st) | Record | Pts. | Pvs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Texas (58) | 3-0 | 1706 | 1 |
| 2. | Georgia (3) | 3-0 | 1580 | 2 |
| 3. | Notre Dame | 3-0 | 1517 | 3 |
| 4. | Ole Miss (3) | 3-0 | 1488 | 8 |
| 5. | Indiana (4)* | 3-0 | 1467 | 4 |
| 6. | Miami (FL) (1) | 3-0 | 1445 | 5 |
| 7. | Ohio State | 2-1 | 1415 | 6 |
| 8. | Alabama | 3-0 | 1182 | 10 |
| 9. | BYU | 3-0 | 1090 | 11 |
| 10. | LSU | 2-1 | 1078 | 7 |
| 11. | Texas Tech | 3-0 | 1067 | 13 |
| 12. | USC | 4-0 | 907 | 12 |
| 13. | Penn State* | 3-0 | 850 | 14 |
| 14. | Tennessee | 3-0 | 826 | 15 |
| 15. | Utah | 3-0 | 752 | 17 |
| 16. | Louisville | 2-1 | 692 | 23 |
| 17. | Iowa* | 3-0 | 561 | 18 |
| 18. | Michigan* | 3-0 | 432 | 19 |
| 19. | Missouri | 3-0 | 369 | 20 |
| 20. | Oregon | 2-1 | 364 | 21 |
| 21. | Florida | 3-0 | 269 | RV |
| 22. | SMU | 2-1 | 212 | 16 |
| 23. | Texas A&M | 2-1 | 202 | 9 |
| 24. | Mississippi State* | 3-0 | 179 | RV |
| 25. | Houston | 2-1 | 127 | 22 |

**Others receiving votes:** Washington 107*, Kentucky 98, West Virginia 93, Oklahoma 91, Oklahoma State 50, Boise State 48, Virginia Tech 46, Western Michigan 27, Duke 20, Tulsa 18, Arizona 12, Pittsburgh 10, UCLA 10*, James Madison 7, North Dakota State 6, Kansas State 3, Nebraska 2.

* - 2026 Opponent

**US LBM Coaches Poll Top 25 (Sept. 13)**

| Rnk | Team (1st) | Record | Pts. | Pvs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Texas (46) | 3-0 | 1807 | 1 |
| 2. | Georgia (16) | 3-0 | 1742 | 2 |
| 3. | Notre Dame (2) | 3-0 | 1636 | 3 |
| 4. | Indiana (9)* | 3-0 | 1613 | 4 |
| 5. | Miami (FL) (1) | 3-0 | 1552 | 5 |
| 6. | Ole Miss | 3-0 | 1501 | 9 |
| 7. | Ohio State | 2-1 | 1473 | 6 |
| 8. | Alabama | 3-0 | 1309 | 10 |
| 9. | BYU | 3-0 | 1089 | 13 |
| 10. | Texas Tech | 3-0 | 1079 | 12 |
| 11. | LSU | 2-1 | 1067 | 7 |
| 12. | USC | 4-0 | 1057 | 11 |
| 13. | Tennessee | 3-0 | 833 | 14 |
| 14. | Penn State* | 3-0 | 814 | 15 |
| 15. | Utah | 3-0 | 743 | 17 |
| 16. | Oregon | 2-1 | 594 | 18 |
| 17. | Iowa* | 3-0 | 580 | 20 |
| 18. | Michigan* | 3-0 | 545 | 19 |
| 19. | Louisville | 2-1 | 519 | RV |
| 20. | Texas A&M | 2-1 | 447 | 8 |
| 21. | Missouri | 3-0 | 382 | 22 |
| 22. | Florida | 3-0 | 370 | RV |
| 23. | Washington* | 3-0 | 251 | 24 |
| 24. | Oklahoma | 2-1 | 213 | 21 |
| 25. | SMU | 2-1 | 162 | 16 |

**Others receiving votes:** Houston 116, Mississippi State 114*, Duke 70, West Virginia 55, Kentucky 54, Oklahoma State 36, Pittsburgh 35, Virginia Tech 30, Vanderbilt 29, Boise State 29, Tulsa 20, UCLA 18*, Kansas State 18, Western Michigan 17, Nebraska 11, North Dakota State 8, Northwestern 4*, Clemson 3, Massachusetts 2, James Madison 2, Arizona 1.

* - 2026 Opponent

▶ A fifth-year senior, Turner spent the previous three seasons (2022-24) at Marshall where he played in 22 games and rushed 127 times for 984 yards and six touchdowns and also caught 13 passes for 94 yards and three touchdowns. In 2024, Turner rushed 104 times for 864 yards and six touchdowns, while also catching eight passes for 68 yards and two scores to earn All-SBC Second Team honors.

▶ Turner's 8.3 rush yards per carry was the best for any FBS player with at least 70 carries in 2024, thanks in part to two touchdown runs of more than 80 yards. In addition, he had four 100-yard rushing games.

▶ **Xavier Ford** is now a sophomore after playing in two games in 2025 and rushing 10 times for 35 yards. This season, he's third on the team in both rushing attempts (13) and rushing yards (63). He scored the first touchdown of his career in the season opener against Eastern Illinois.

▶ Joining the returning trio is a pair of transfers in **TJ Thomas** and **Jaron Thomas**.

▶ TJ Thomas leads the team in rushing yards (173), attempts (23) and average (7.5). He's also caught nine passes for 55 yards, ranking fourth on the team in receptions, receiving yards and targets (16).

▶ Against Akron, he ran for 122 yards on 13 carries, including a 71-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. It was his fourth career 100-yard game, and first since rushing for 138 yards at Albany on Oct. 19, 2024, when he played for Elon.

▶ The 71-yard run was the longest for a Gopher since **Darius Taylor** had a 71-yarder against Nebraska last season. Thomas' score was the third longest touchdown run of the **P.J. Fleck** era and tied for the fourth longest run overall.

▶ TJ Thomas spent 2024-25 at Elon where he played in 17 games (16 starts) and rushed 180 times for 972 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also caught 28 passes for 232 yards and a score, and returned 28 kickoffs for 686 yards and two punts for 36 yards.

▶ Jaron Thomas, a sophomore, was at Purdue in 2025. He played in one game, rushing two times for 15 yards and catching one pass against Indiana. He had a five-yard run in the season opener.

▶ From the high school ranks, a pair of freshmen are battling to break through for playing time.

▶ **Niko Castillo** attended Schuykill Haven High School in Schuykill Haven, Pa. In his career, he recorded 2,756 all-purpose yards (including 1,743 rushing yards and 603 receiving yards), 40 touchdowns. He was a three-star prospect by 247 and ESPN.

▶ In the season opener, Castillo gained two yards on three carries.

▶ A native of Haverford, Pa., **Zeke Bates** graduated from Malvern Prep. A consensus three-star prospect and No. 48 running in the class by ESPN, he averaged 15.3 yards per rush and tallied 909 yards and 13 touchdowns as senior. He did not play in the season opener.

▶ Bates has not played yet this season.

## MOST 100/200-YARD RUSHERS

▶ Since 2021, Minnesota has had 10 different running backs combine for 39 100-yard rushing games: **Darius Taylor** (13), Mohamed Ibrahim (10), Ky Thomas (5), Bucky Irving (3), Trey Potts (3), Fame Ijeboi (1), Jordan Nubin (1), **TJ Thomas** (1), **Grant Washington** (1) and Bryce Williams (1).

▶ Within the Big Ten, Minnesota's 10 different players to rush for 100 yards are tied with UCLA for the most in the conference since 2021, while the 39 100-yard performances are second only to Michigan (44) in that span.

▶ Ibrahim (2), Taylor (1) and Nubin (1) have also combined for four 200-yard games since 2021.

▶ No other Big Ten school has had more than two 200-yard games since 2021 and Michigan (2) and Rutgers (2) are the only other B1G school to have multiple players rush for 200+ yards.

## TRACY, SMITH LEAD WR ROOM

▶ Minnesota returns three of its top four pass catchers from a year ago, including receivers **Javon Tracy** and **Jalen Smith**.

▶ Three games into the season, Tracy leads the Gophers in receptions (17), receptions per game (5.7), receiving yards (240), receiving yards per game (80.0), yards after catch (129) and YAC per game (43.0)

▶ As noted on Page 1, Tracy has also returned nine punts for an FBS-high 251 yards and two touchdowns, tied for the most in the nation. He leads the Big Ten and ranks third in the country with his average of 27.89 yards per return, while his nine returns are second in the conference and tied for third nationally.

▶ His 163.67 all-purpose yards per game rank fourth nationally and second in the Big Ten.

▶ The season-opening win against Eastern Illinois featured an incredible performance by Tracy. Entering the game with zero career punt returns, he became the first Gopher ever to score two punt return touchdowns in a game. In fact, the only other Gophers with two punt return touchdowns in one season are Jermaine Mays (2002) and Douglas Roalstad (1968).

▶ Tracy also set a school record with 167 punt return yards on four returns. As a result, he was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week, the first Gopher to win the honor since Dragan Kesich in 2024 and the first Minnesota returner to do so since Demetrius Douglas in 2018.

▶ Tracy brought back his first career return 87 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter against EIU. He then added a 69-yard return score in the third. He became just the fifth player in Big Ten history to have two punt return touchdowns in a game along with Wisconsin's Earl Girard vs. Iowa in 1947, Ohio State's Garcia Lane vs. Purdue in 1983, Iowa's Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. Western Michigan in 2013 and Penn State's Daequan Hardy vs. UMass in 2023.

▶ In addition, Tracy caught five passes for 98 yards, his most as a Gopher, to tally a career-high 265 all-purpose yards. The all-purpose yardage total ranked 12th in program history and was the highest total since current Gopher running backs coach **Mohamed Ibrahim** gained 270 AP yards vs. Iowa in 2022.

▶ Tracy was the top target in the passing game in the Gophers' season opener, recording team highs in targets (7), receptions (5), receiving yards (98) and yards after catch (60). He added a 55-yard catch in the contest.

▶ Tracy recorded 95 of his receiving yards in the second quarter against EIU. Since 2016, that total tied for fifth in any quarter by a Gopher and was the highest total since Daniel Jackson had 97 yards in the second quarter versus Michigan State in 2023.

▶ With 98 receiving yards and 95 punt return yards in the opening half, Tracy tallied 193 all-purpose yards in the first 30 minutes. That was the highest AP yardage total for a Gopher wide receiver in any half in at least the last 10 seasons and was third highest by any Gopher in one half.

▶ Tracy led the team a year ago with six touchdown catches and was second on the roster with 37 receptions, 454 receiving yards, 34.9 receiving yards per game and 62 targets. He was also third with 4.77 targets and 2.8 receptions per game.

▶ At Northwestern, Tracy caught four passes for 87 yards and a career-high three touchdowns. He became the first Gopher with three touchdown receptions in a game since Rashod Bateman had three at Northwestern on Nov. 23, 2019.

## PFF GRADES

A list of Minnesota's top-graded players, according to Pro Football Focus *(Min. 30 overall snaps unless noted):*

**Overall Offensive Grade**
- Nathan Roy, OL ..... 85.1
- Greg Johnson, OL ..... 81.1
- Darius Taylor, RB ..... 78.1

**Rushing Grade (Min. 10 carries)**
- TJ Thomas, RB ..... 77.8
- Xavier Ford, RB ..... 73.6
- Darius Taylor, RB ..... 72.4

**Receiving Grade (Min. 4 targets)**
- Darius Taylor, RB ..... 86.2
- Noah Jennings, WR ..... 73.9
- Javon Tracy, WR ..... 73.3

**OL Offensive Grade**
- Nathan Roy ..... 85.1
- Greg Johnson ..... 81.1
- Ashton Beers ..... 75.8

**Overall Run Blocking Grade (Min. 20 run block snaps)**
- Quayd Hendryx, WR ..... 88.8
- Greg Johnson, OL ..... 88.0
- Nathan Roy, OL ..... 79.9

**OL Run Blocking Grade (Min. 10 run block snaps)**
- Greg Johnson ..... 88.0
- Nathan Roy ..... 79.9
- Tony Nelson ..... 74.2

**Overall Pass Blocking Grade (Min. 30 pass block snaps)**
- Ashton Beers, OL ..... 86.1
- Nathan Roy, OL ..... 85.8
- Tony Nelson, OL ..... 75.5

**OL Pass Blocking Grade (Min. 30 pass block snaps)**
- Ashton Beers ..... 86.1
- Nathan Roy ..... 85.8
- Tony Nelson ..... 75.5

**Overall Defensive Grade**
- John Nestor, DB ..... 80.2
- Aydan West, DB ..... 77.0
- Maverick Baranowski, LB ..... 73.1

**Tackling Grade**
- TJ Bush Jr., DL ..... 83.0
- Naiim Parrish, DB ..... 80.9
- John Nestor, DB ..... 78.5

**Rush Defense Grade (Min. 10 rush defense snaps)**
- Joey Gerlach, LB ..... 86.8
- Maverick Baranowski, LB ..... 80.2
- Theorin Randle, DL ..... 76.1

**Pass Rush Grade (min. 5 pass rush snaps)**
- Maverick Baranowski, LB ..... 76.3
- Jaylin Hicks, DL ..... 72.8
- Karter Menz, DL ..... 70.4

**Pass Coverage Grade (min. 10 coverage snaps)**
- John Nestor, DB ..... 81.2
- Aydan West, DB ..... 80.3
- Matt Kingsbury, LB ..... 73.7

## PENALTIES DRAWN/FORCED*

| Player | Pos. | PI | FM | H | IG | BB | PF | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Theorin Randle | DL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Anthony Smith | DL | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TJ Thomas | RB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Javon Tracy | WR | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kerry Brown | DB | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Naquan Crowder | DL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Quayd Hendryx | WR | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mo Saine | DL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ethan Stendel | LB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Riley Sunram | DL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

**Includes declined penalties; PI - Pass Interference; FM - Facemack; H - Holding; IG - Intentional Grounding; BB - Block in the Back; PF - Personal Foul (includes hands to the face, targeting, chop block, roughing the passer, unneccesary roughness and unsportsmanlike conduct)*

▶ Prior to coming to Minnesota, Tracy played three seasons at Miami (OH), appearing in 29 career games and making 79 catches for 1,166 yards and nine scores. In 2024, he played in 13 games and had 57 receptions for 818 yards and seven touchdowns to earn First Team All-MAC recognition.

▶ Minnesota has also seen big-play ability from Smith, who entered 2026 as a Third Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by Phil Steele.

▶ Smith caught all three passes thrown his way in the season opener, recording 26 receiving yards. Against Mississippi State, he saw a career-high 11 targets and finished with five catches for 51 yards.

▶ On the year, Smith is tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions (1) and is third in targets (19), targets per game (6.3), receptions (10), receptions per game (3.3), receiving yards (104) and receiving yards per game (34.7).

▶ Last season, Smith finished with 419 receiving yards (fourth-most by a Gopher freshman) and four touchdowns on 28 catches with an average of 15.0 yards per reception as a redshirt freshman.

▶ Among all players with at least 10 receptions, he led the team in yards per reception and yards per target (7.6). He was also second in TD receptions, yards after catch (200) and YAC per game (15.4), and ranked third in receiving yards, receiving yards per game (32.2) and targets (55).

▶ He had two receptions of 60+ yards last year, tied for the most in the Big Ten and tied for 16th in the country.

▶ Smith ended the season with arguably his top performance in the 2025 Rate Bowl win over New Mexico. He led the team with a career-high six receptions for 64 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning catch in OT. The two TD receptions tied a Gopher bowl record and marked the first multi-touchdown game of his career.

▶ Against Rutgers on Sept. 27, Smith finished with four catches for a career-high 103 yards and a touchdown. His 78-yard reception in the second quarter was the longest since an 86-yard pass from Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois in 2018. It was also Minnesota's longest pass play in Huntington Bank Stadium history and the second longest overall at the facility.

▶ Smith made his first career start and led the team with 76 yards on two receptions against Buffalo in the season opener, including a 60-yard scoring strike that was his first career touchdown.

## ROUNDING OUT THE RECEIVERS

▶ Minnesota's receiver room has been revamped in 2026 with eight newcomers joining top wideouts **Jalen Smith** and **Javon Tracy**, plus returners **Bradley Martino** and **Donielle Hayes**, neither of whom caught a pass a year ago, though Martino did have a six-yard catch in the season opener.

▶ Among the transfers looking to make an immediate impact are **Noah Jennings** and **Zion Steptoe**.

▶ Minnesota is the third stop for Jennings after he spent 2025 at Cincinnati and 2023-24 at Charleston Southern.

▶ He leads Minnesota in targets (26) and targets per game (8.7) and is second on the team in receptions (15), receptions per game (5.0), receiving yards (217), receiving yards per game (72.3) and yards after catch (70).

▶ Versus Akron, Jennings caught five passes for 72 yards and had his first touchdown as a Gopher. It was the fifth score of his career and first since Oct. 5, 2024, when he played at Charleston Southern. His 11 targets matched a season high and were one off a career best.

▶ Against Mississippi State, Jennings posted seven catches for 88 yards on 11 targets, including Minnesota's game-long 34-yard gain. Both his catch and target totals were one off his career highs. It was highest catch and yardage total since recording seven catches for 97 yards against Furman in 2024 while he was at Charleston Southern.

▶ Against the Bulldogs, Jennings went over 100 career catches, with his current total at 110. He recorded 23 previously at Cincinnati and 72 at Charleston Southern.

▶ Like Jennings, Steptoe is also on his third school after playing the last two seasons at Tulsa following two years at Purdue.

▶ He had 36 catches for 475 yards with the Golden Hurricane, while at Purdue he played receiver as a freshman (redshirted, played in one game) before moving to defensive back as a sophomore where he made 11 tackles with a forced fumble.

▶ Steptoe has played in all three games with one start and had a six-yard catch in the season opener.

▶ True freshman **Quayd Hendryx** has also found a role. He caught a 13-yard pass in the season opener and has developed into the team's top kick returner, taking three kicks back for 93 yards, an average of 31.0 yards.

▶ Hendryx attended Winslow Township High School in Atco, N.J. In his senior season, he caught 43 passes for 880 yards and 14 touchdowns. A consensus three-star prospect, was ranked by 247Composite as the No. 108 wide receiver in the recruiting class. Hendryx was a state champion in track and field in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100 relay.

## O-LINE CORE BACK IN 2026

▶ Minnesota has used the same starting lineup through the first two games of the season with **Ashton Beers**, **Greg Johnson** and **Nathan Roy** returning to starting spots at center, left guard and left tackle, respectively, while **Tony Nelson** has started at right guard and **Daniel Shipp** is a first-year starter at right tackle.

▶ The offensive line did not allow a sack in the opener, its first such game with no sacks allowed since 2024 against Maryland. In the process, Beers, Johnson and Roy were all named to Pro Football Focus' Big Ten Team of the Week.

▶ According to PFF, neither Johnson or Beers have been credited with allowing a pressure this season.

▶ Roy owns the sixth best overall offensive grade from PFF in the nation among offensive linemen at 85.1, while the number ranks second in the Big Ten and fifth among tackles. Roy's run blocking grade of 79.9 is second in the Big Ten only to his teammate, Johnson, while it is the best among B1G tackles.

▶ Roy's pass blocking grade of 85.8 is 15th best nationally and fourth in the Big Ten at his position.

▶ Johnson currently owns an offensive grade of 81.1 this season from Pro Football Focus, ranking 17th overall in the nation and fourth in the Big Ten among offensive linemen. He's the top-ranked Big Ten guard and is third among all FBS guards.

▶ Johnson's run-blocking grade of 88.0 is second in the nation among all offensive linemen, 4.7 points higher than any other guard and 8.1 points higher than any other B1G lineman, which is his teammate, Roy.

▶ Beers is 12th nationally among centers, and fourth at the position within the Big Ten, with his overall PFF grade of 75.8. Beers' pass blocking grade of 86.1 is tied for eighth among FBS centers and is third at the position in the B1G.

▶ Beers, Johnson and Roy each started all 13 games for the Gophers in 2025. Beers made all 13 starts at center, while Johnson saw 11 starts at left guard, and one each at left and right tackle, and Roy started 12 games at left tackle and one at right tackle.

▶ Johnson's overall offensive grade of 75.1 from PFF last season rated as the best among any lineman -- and second for any offensive position -- on the 2026 Minnesota roster entering the season. In addition, his run-blocking grade of 73.4 in 2025 was also best among the current o-linemen. For his efforts a year ago, Johnson was named Honorable Mention All-Big Ten by the conference media.

## GOPHER UNIFORM TRACKER

Since **P.J. Fleck's** first season in 2017, Minnesota has worn the following uniform combinations:

| Helmet | Jersey | Pants | Record |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gold | Gold | Gold | 3-0 |
| Gold | Gold | Maroon | 0-0 |
| Gold | White | White | 1-0 |
| Gold | White | Gold | 6-1 |
| Gold | White | Maroon | 5-4 |
| Gold | Anthracite | Anthracite | 3-1 |
| Gold | Maroon | Maroon | 5-4 |
| Gold | Maroon | Gold | 3-1 |
| Maroon | Maroon | Maroon | 13-8@ |
| Maroon | Maroon | Gold | 6-1~ |
| Maroon | Maroon | White | 0-1 |
| Maroon | Gold | Maroon | 3-2! |
| Maroon | Black | Black | 1-1 |
| Maroon | White | White | 0-6 |
| Maroon | White | Gold | 1-2 |
| Maroon | White | Maroon | 6-4 |
| White | White | White | 4-5 |
| White | White | Maroon | 0-2 |
| White | White | Anthracite | 0-1 |
| White | Maroon | Gold | 1-0 |
| White | Maroon | White | 2-1 |
| White | Black | Black | 2-0 |
| Black | Black | Black | 2-0 |

***Worn in 2026:*** *~ vs. Eastern Illinois; ! vs. Mississippi State; @ vs. Akron*

## BEST NON-CON RECORDS

Since **P.J. Fleck** arrived in Minnesota in 2017, the Gophers have gone 29-5 against non-conference opponents, including bowl games, which is the sixth-best win percentage in the FBS in that span.

| Team | W-L | Win Pct. |
|---|---|---|
| Georgia | 41-2 | .954 |
| Penn State | 33-4 | .892 |
| Alabama | 39-6 | .867 |
| Maryland | 26-4 | .867 |
| Ole Miss | 35-6 | .854 |
| **Minnesota** | **29-5** | **.853** |

## ALL-TIME IN OVERTIME

Minnesota is 8-10 all-time in overtime games, including a 3-3 mark under **P.J. Fleck**. The Gophers are 4-9 in a single overtime, 2-1 in double overtime and 2-0 when going to a third.

| Date | W/L | Score | #OT | Venue | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12/26/25 | W | 20-17 | 1 | Neutral | New Mexico |
| 11/1/25 | W | 23-20 | 1 | Home | Michigan State |
| 9/23/23 | L | 34-37 | 1 | Away | Northwestern |
| 12/19/20 | L | 17-20 | 1 | Away | Wisconsin |
| 10/30/20 | L | 44-45 | 1 | Away | Maryland |
| 9/7/19 | W | 38-35 | 2 | Away | Fresno State |
| 10/1/16 | L | 26-29 | 1 | Away | Penn State |
| 9/12/15 | W | 23-20 | 1 | Away | Colorado St. |
| 8/30/12 | W | 30-27 | 3 | Away | UNLV |
| 9/5/09 | W | 23-20 | 1 | Away | Syracuse |
| 10/13/07 | L | 48-49 | 2 | Away | Northwestern |
| 9/8/07 | W | 41-35 | 3 | Home | Miami (OH) |
| 9/1/07 | L | 31-32 | 1 | Home | Bowling Green |
| 12/29/06 | L | 41-44 | 1 | Neutral | Texas Tech |
| 10/7/06 | L | 27-28 | 1 | Home | Penn State |
| 9/24/05 | W | 42-35 | 2 | Home | Purdue |
| 9/29/01 | L | 28-35 | 1 | Home | Purdue |
| 10/9/99 | L | 17-20 | 1 | Home | Wisconsin |

▶ The hype train has continued this season for Johnson as he was been named to the Outland Trophy Watch List and was a Preseason First Team All-American and First-Team All-Big Ten honoree by Phil Steele.

▶ Beers, who is on the Preseason Watch List for the Rimington Trophy, was one of the best pass-blocking centers in all of the FBS last season according to PFF, grading out at 86.1. That mark was tied for eighth in the country and ranked second in the Big Ten.

▶ Beers was credited with just seven pressures and no sacks allowed on 441 pass-blocking snaps. Of all FBS centers with at least that many pass-blocking snaps, his seven pressures allowed tied for the second fewest.

▶ Roy was named a Freshman All-American last season by The Athletic. He allowed only three sacks and 12 pressures on 440 pass-blocking snaps.

▶ Entering 2026, he was named a Third Team All-Big Ten Preseason honoree by both The Athletic and Athlon.

▶ Nelson started each of the final two games of the 2025 season at right guard for Minnesota, highlighted by a pass-blocking grade of 85.6 against Wisconsin.

▶ He's got a grade of 73.8 overall this season from PFF, plus 74.2 in run blocking and 75.5 in pass blocking.

## OFFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

▶ In addition to the previously mentioned newcomers at running back and wide receiver, Minnesota also welcomed in TE **Kaden Helms**, QB **Michael Merdinger** and OL **Bennett Warren**.

▶ Helms spent four seasons (2022-25) at Oklahoma where he had eight catches for 58 yards and two touchdowns in 21 games. He has two catches for 13 yards this season.

▶ Merdinger played one season each at Liberty (2025) and North Carolina (2024). With the Flames, he played in five games (two starts) and completed 12-of-21 passes for 350 yards and one touchdown while rushing 19 times for 28 yards and a score. With the Tar Heels, Merdinger played in one game, completing 9-of-12 passes for 86 yards.

▶ Merdinger has not played this season.

▶ Warren, who played 36 snaps in the season opener according to PFF, played two seasons (2024-25) at Tennessee. A year ago he played in all 13 games, seeing action as a reserve on the offensive line at tackle and on special teams.

▶ Coming out of high school, Warren was a consensus four-star prospect and ranked as the No. 73 recruit and No. 6 tackle prospect in the nation according to ESPN.

▶ Warren has played in all three games this season, seeing 67 snaps total according to PFF.

## THE BALL IS THE PROGRAM

▶ Minnesota has two giveaways this season, a lost fumble in the season opener and interception versus Akron. Turning the ball over was not something that happened much in 2025.

▶ Last season, the Gophers only committed nine turnovers, tied for fifth fewest in the country and the second fewest in the Big Ten. Only two of those turnovers were fumbles lost, the second fewest in the nation.

▶ Minnesota had seven games in 2025 with no turnovers, tied for the second most such games among Power 4 schools and tied for fourth most overall.

▶ From Nov. 1 through the end of the 2025 season, the Gophers committed just one turnover, the only Power 4 team in the country that could make that claim.

▶ Minnesota had 16 takeaways against nine turnovers in 2025. According to ESPN, Minnesota has gone seven straight years without a negative turnover differential, the longest active streak among Power 4 programs. In the playoff era, only three others have had longer streaks.

▶ Highlighting the importance of taking care of the ball, since P.J. Fleck took over in 2017 only Oklahoma has more wins in one-possession games than the Gophers, according to Big Ten Network's Dave Revsine. Minnesota is 27-17 in such games over that span.

## BOOSTING THE SACK NUMBERS

▶ Minnesota has four sacks through three games, but the Gophers are set to build off of last season's success.

▶ One big reason is the addition of transfer **TJ Bush Jr**. He currently has 14.0 career sacks, which ranks 13th among active FBS players. Meanwhile, **Anthony Smith** has 20.0, which ranks fourth.

▶ As noted on Page 10, Bush Jr. is in the top 20 among active FBS players in career tackles for loss (29.5), sacks, TFL yards (124) and sack yards (90).

▶ Minnesota was one of the best teams in the country at getting after the quarterback last season, posting 39 sacks in 13 games. The rate of 3.00 sacks per game was highest in the Big Ten and tied for sixth in the country. The total of 39 sacks tied for the third most in the Minnesota record book (dating to 1984) and was the highest since a program-record 45 sacks in 1999.

▶ The Golden Gophers had three games last year with 7+ sacks, tying six other teams for the most in a season in the FBS since 2005.

▶ In addition, Minnesota averaged 7.08 tackles for loss last season, ranking 11th nationally and second in the B1G. With 92 TFLs on the season, the 2025 total ranked third in program history.

▶ In the Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, the Golden Gophers finished with 8.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks. The TFL total tied for fourth most in a bowl game in team history, while the sacks tied for third.

▶ The defense was relentless in the team's 24-6 win over No. 25 Nebraska on Oct. 17, recording 9.0 sacks, the most in Gopher records dating to 1977. That also tied for the most by an FBS program last season.

▶ **Karter Menz** and Smith each tallied 2.5 sacks against the Huskers, tying each other for the most by a Gopher player in the **P.J. Fleck** era and the most by a Gopher at Huntington Bank Stadium. With **Jaxon Howard** adding 2.0 sacks, it marked the first time since at least 1995 that Minnesota had three players record 2.0 sacks or more in one game.

▶ Against Michigan State on Nov. 1, Minnesota logged 7.0 sacks, tied for fourth-most in school history and tied for second-most in the Fleck era. Six of those sacks came in the first half, the team's most in any half since at least 2019.

▶ The team also finished with 12.0 TFLs against the Spartans, which stands as the most in the Fleck era and tied for sixth all-time (records date to 1977). Eight of the tackles for loss came in the first half, the team's most in any half since at least 2019.

▶ Against Rutgers on Sept. 27, Minnesota's defense posted 7.0 sacks and 11.0 tackles for loss. The TFL number was the most in the Fleck era at the time prior to the Michigan State game.

## AGENT ZERO

▶ **Anthony Smith**, a fifth-year senior who is on watch lists for the Nagurski Trophy and Lombardi Award and is a First Team Preseason All-American by Phil Steele, burst onto the scene last year with team highs in tackles for loss (17.5) and sacks (12.5), plus 38 tackles and three PBUs, earning First Team All-Big Ten honors as a result.

▶ A primary focus of offensive game plans in 2026, Smith has five tackles with 2.0 TFLs, 0.5 sacks and a pass breakups in three games so far this year.

## ACTIVE FBS CAREER LEADERS

| Player | Stat | Value | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maverick Baranowski | Tackles | 242 | 12th |
| Maverick Baranowski | Tackles/Game | 5.90 | 41st |
| TJ Bush Jr. | Sacks | 14.0 | 13th |
| TJ Bush Jr. | Tackles for Loss | 29.5 | 14th |
| TJ Bush Jr. | TFL Yards | 124 | 14th |
| TJ Bush Jr. | Sack Yards | 90 | 20th |
| TJ Bush Jr. | TFL/Game | 0.70 | 34th |
| TJ Bush Jr. | Sacks/Game | 0.33 | 44th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Field Goal Attempts | 69 | 7th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Field Goals Made | 55 | 9th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Points Scored | 291 | 10th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Extra Point Percentage | .984 | 15th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Extra Point Attempts | 126 | 14th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Extra Points Made | 124 | 15th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Points/Game | 6.2 | 22nd |
| Luke Drzewiecki | FG Percentage | .797 | 35th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | FG Made/Game | 1.17 | 37th |
| Luke Drzewiecki | FG Att./Game | 1.47 | 41st |
| Luke Drzewiecki | Games Played | 47 | 45th |
| Drake Lindsey | Completions/Game | 16.68 | 24th |
| Drake Lindsey | Passes/Game | 26.16 | 25th |
| Karter Menz | Sacks/Game | 0.36 | 36th |
| John Nestor | INT Return TDs | 1 | 18th |
| John Nestor | Interceptions | 6 | 21st |
| John Nestor | Interception Yards | 113 | 24th |
| John Nestor | Interceptions/Game | 0.18 | 41st |
| Anthony Smith | TFL Yards | 192 | 1st |
| Anthony Smith | Sack Yards | 154 | 2nd |
| Anthony Smith | Sacks | 20.0 | 4th |
| Anthony Smith | Tackles for Loss | 33.0 | 6th |
| Anthony Smith | Sacks/Game | 0.45 | 15th |
| Anthony Smith | TFL/Game | 0.75 | 25th |
| Anthony Smith | Forced Fumbles | 3 | 42nd |
| Darius Taylor | AP Plays/Game | 20.30 | 2nd |
| Darius Taylor | Rushes/Game | 16.87 | 2nd |
| Darius Taylor | AP Plays | 609 | 3rd |
| Darius Taylor | AP Yards/Game | 108.30 | 6th |
| Darius Taylor | Total Rushes | 506 | 7th |
| Darius Taylor | Rush Yards | 2,526 | 10th |
| Darius Taylor | AP Yards | 3,249 | 11th |
| Darius Taylor | Yards/Rush | 5.0 | 17th |
| Darius Taylor | Rush TDs | 22 | 22nd |
| Darius Taylor | TDs Scored | 24 | 23rd |
| Javon Tracy | Punt Return TDs | 2 | 2nd |
| Javon Tracy | TD Receptions | 15 | 10th |
| Javon Tracy | Non-Offensive TDs | 2 | 10th |
| Javon Tracy | Receiving Yards | 1,860 | 13th |
| Javon Tracy | Receptions | 133 | 14th |
| Javon Tracy | Yards/Catch | 14.0 | 17th |
| Javon Tracy | Receptions/Game | 2.96 | 19th |
| Javon Tracy | Punt Return Yards | 251 | 32nd |
| Tom Weston | Punts/Game | 4.75 | 8th |
| Tom Weston | Punts | 127 | 46th |
| Tom Weston | Punt Yards | 3,241 | 48th |

## ON THIS DATE

**Minnesota is 13-4 all-time when playing on Sept. 26. The .765 win percentage is tied for second best on a given date in program history (min. 10 games played on the date), while the 13 wins are tied for third most overall.**

- 2015 W 27-24 vs. Ohio
- 2009 W 35-24 at Northwestern
- 1992 L 33-41 at Pittsburgh
- 1987 W 30-10 vs. Central Michigan
- 1981 W 42-12 vs. Oregon State
- 1970 W 49-7 vs. Ohio
- 1964 L 21-26 vs. Nebraska
- 1959 L 12-32 vs. Nebraska
- 1953 L 7-17 at #8 USC
- 1942 W 50-7 vs. Pittsburgh
- 1936 W 14-7 at Washington
- 1931 W 30-0 vs. Ripon
- 1931 W 13-7 vs. North Dakota State
- 1903 W 29-0 vs. Carleton
- 1900 W 66-0 vs. Macalester
- 1899 W 20-0 vs. MPLS Central HS
- 1896 W 50-0 vs. MPLS Central HS

▶ With 33.0 career TFLs and 20.0 sacks, Smith needs 10.5 TFLs and 9.0 sacks to tie program records in each category.

▶ Among active FBS players, Smith is first in career TFL yards (192), second in sack yards (154), fourth in sacks, sixth in tackles for loss and 15th in sacks per game (0.45).

▶ He was one of four players in the country last year, and the only one returning this year, to reach those sack and TFL totals. Two of the others were Miami's Akheem Mesidor and Texas Tech's David Bailey, both of whom were first-round picks in the 2026 NFL Draft.

▶ Smith's 17.5 TFLs ranked second in the Big Ten, fifth in the country and sixth all-time in Gopher history. His 121 TFL yards led the conference and were third in the FBS. Smith's 12.5 sacks led the Big Ten, tied for third in the country and were fourth in Gopher history.

▶ In the 2025 Rate Bowl, Smith posted six tackles with a career-high 4.0 TFLs, 2.0 sacks, and a career-best two pass breakups in Minnesota's win over New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl. No FBS player had posted that stat line in any game since 2018.

▶ Smith had six games last season with at least 1.5 TFLs and five games with 1.5 sacks or more.

▶ Dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl after the 2024 regular season through the Rutgers game last season, Smith had a sack in five straight games. That tied for the third longest sack streak in program history and was one off the school record of six straight games with a sack.

▶ He's led the team in TFLs and sacks in each of the last two seasons. The last player to lead in TFLs in three straight seasons was Carter Coughlin from 2017-19, while no player has led the Gophers in sacks for three seasons in a row (records date to 1982).

▶ Smith checked in at No. 40 on Bruce Feldman's Freaks List in 2026. "The former standout high school basketball player, who also excelled in track as a shot putter and discus thrower, Smith is his teammates' pick for the biggest Freak in the program," Feldman wrote. "He ran 21 mph and vertical jumped 34 inches. The testing number Smith is most proud of is his shuttle time, which he clocked in the high 4.1s, crediting his basketball background. He's also fond of other sports like soccer, tennis and ping-pong."

## BARANOWSKI BACK

▶ Fifth-year linebacker **Maverick Baranowski**, who is on the Butkus Award Watch List, is looking to do something at Minnesota that hasn't been done in nearly 20 years: lead the Gophers in tackles in back-to-back seasons. The last Gopher to do so was Lee Campbell in 2008 and 2009.

▶ Through three games in 2026, Baranowski leads Minnesota with 21 tackles, including 1.0 for loss.

▶ This season, he ranks sixth among Big Ten linebackers in PFF's pass rush grade (76.3), 14th for rush defense (80.2) and 11th in tackling (78.4).

▶ He led the team in tackles in four games last season and picked up right where he left off with a team-high six tackles in the 2026 season opener versus Eastern Illinois. He was then second on the roster with nine stops against Mississippi State.

▶ Baranowski, who was named Preseason Second Team All-Big Ten by Athlon, Phil Steele and Pick Six Previews, has recorded at least six tackles in each of the last 14 games.

▶ He had a team-high 103 tackles to lead Minnesota last season, becoming the first Gopher to record more than 100 tackles in a season since Blake Cashman had 104 in 2018. Baranowski added 9.0 tackles for loss (second on the roster), 3.0 sacks, a pass breakup and a forced fumble in 2025 to earn consensus Honorable Mention All-Big Ten honors.

▶ Among B1G linebackers last season, Baranowski's PFF grades ranked seventh for overall defense and pass coverage, and 14th in rush defense (76.3).

▶ In the 2025 Rate Bowl win over New Mexico, Baranowski recorded a career-high 17 tackles and tied his career high with 1.0 sacks. His tackle total was one shy of Tyrone Carter's program bowl game record of 18 set in the 1999 Sun Bowl versus Oregon and was the most by a Gopher since linebackers coach **Mariano Sori-Marin** had 18 at Nebraska in 2020.

## NESTOR HAS A NOSE FOR THE BALL

▶ A season after tying for the Big Ten lead in interceptions, **John Nestor** entered 2026 as a member of the Lott Trophy Watch List and a Third Team Preseason All-American by Pro Football Network. Athlon and Phil Steele both dubbed him a Second Team All-Big Ten honoree.

▶ He has 11 tackles with 2.0 TFLs and two pass breakups in three games this season.

▶ Against Akron, he had a season-high eight tackles, one off his career high, and tied a career high with 2.0 tackles for loss. He also had his first career game with multiple pass breakups.

▶ Despite missing two games last season, Nestor led the team with six interceptions, a number that tied for second nationally and tied for the most in the Big Ten. The total also tied for the third most in a season in Gopher history -- one off the record of 7 set by Jeff Wright in 1970 and matched by Antoine Winfield Jr., in 2019 -- and was the most ever by a Minnesota junior.

▶ Nestor's 113 interception return yards also led the Big Ten and were 11th nationally. The figure ranked seventh in the team record book and was the highest since Jimmy Wyrick returned two picks for 115 yards in 1999.

▶ Nestor also had a team-best six pass breakups last season, which tied for 18th in the conference. It all added up to a team-high 12 passes defended total. His 1.09 passes defended per game were the most in the Big Ten and tied for 15th in the FBS.

▶ In addition, Nestor was fifth on the team with 50 tackles and had 6.0 tackles for loss to go with his six interceptions and six PBUs. Nestor was the first FBS player since 2022 to post the stat line for a season and the first Power 4 player to do so since 2017.

▶ In the regular season finale against Wisconsin, Nestor had one of the best individual defensive performances the sport has seen in some time. He recorded a career-high nine tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss in a 17-7 win that helped Minnesota win Paul Bunyan's Axe for the fourth time in the last five years. He also had two interceptions (76 return yards; tied for fourth highest in school history) and recovered one fumble.

▶ According to Stathead, no FBS player since at least 2005 has had a game like Nestor's with at least nine tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

▶ Both of Nestor's interceptions against the Badgers came in the third quarter, making him the first Gopher with multiple picks in a quarter since Tyler Nubin versus Rutgers in 2022.

▶ For his efforts against the Badgers, Nestor was named both the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and the Bednarik Award Player of the Week.

▶ Nestor also had two interceptions earlier in the year against Northwestern State, joining him with Winfield Jr. (2019) as the only Gophers since at least 2000 to have multiple games in a season with two interceptions.

## WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?

▶ Defensive back **Kerry Brown** has put together two elite seasons in the Maroon and Gold. As a result, entering 2026 he was named Fourth Team Preseason All-Big Ten by Phil Steele.

▶ He had two tackles in the season-opening win and followed with a team-high 10 tackles against Mississippi State, his second career game with double-digit stops.

▶ He's second on the team this year with 17 tackles and had 1.0 for loss.

▶ Last season, Brown had 56 tackles with 4.0 TFLs, while his two interceptions and four pass breakups both rank second on the team. For his efforts, he was named a consensus Honorable Mention All-Big Ten honoree.

▶ Among regulars on the Gophers defense a year ago, Brown had the best rush defense grade (81.4) from PFF, a number which ranked eighth among B1G safeties. He was also second on the Gophers in tackling grade (70.5) and fourth in overall defensive grade (69.9).

▶ Playing in 12 of 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2024, he was third on the team in tackles (63) and tied for third in interceptions (2). He also has 3.0 TFLs and four pass breakups. For his efforts, he was touted as a Second Team All-American by Sports Info Solutions and was a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

▶ Brown was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week following his standout performance against Nevada in 2024. He recorded two interceptions – the first two of his career – and added four tackles as Minnesota shut out the Wolf Pack, 27-0.

## DEFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

▶ Minnesota welcomed in nine transfers on the defensive side of the ball, including four along the line and four in the secondary.

▶ The Golden Gophers are the third program for edge rusher **TJ Bush Jr.**, who played one season at Cal (2025) and two at Liberty (2023-24). With the Bears last season, Bush started all 13 games and made 40 tackles. He led the team with 5.5 sacks and was second with 11.5 tackles for loss while also breaking up one pass.

▶ In two seasons with the Flames, Bush tallied 16.5 TFLs and 7.5 sacks with nine pass breakups. He was named to the 2023 FWAA Freshman All-American team and Conference USA All-Freshman Team.

▶ Bush has 12 tackles this season and is tied for the team lead in both tackles for loss (2.5) and sacks (1.0). His tackling grade from PFF of 83.0 is best on the team, second among all Big Ten edge rushers, and tied for sixth nationally at the position.

▶ Minnesota is also the third stop for **Naquan Crowder**, who was at Marshall last season and California (PA) from 2023-24. For the Thundering Herd, Crowder played in 11 games (two starts) and made 26 tackles with 1.0 sacks, 3.0 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.

▶ He boasted the highest 2025 rush defense grade on the 2026 Gopher roster at 82.8. That number tied for third in the Sun Belt a year ago. In addition, his tackling grade of 72.7 ranks third among current Gophers.

▶ Crowder has played in all three games with two starts and has five tackles.

▶ **Xion Chapman** comes to the Gophers via Florida International (2025) and Lackawanna College (2023-24). Last year with the Panthers, Chapman played in 12 games (four starts) and had 15 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.

▶ Chapman's PFF pass rush grade of 79.3 ranked third in Conference USA last season among interior defensive linemen and was the best of any member of the current Gophers roster.

▶ Chapman has played in two games with 1.0 tackles for loss and two QB hurries.

▶ Like his fellow transfer linemen, Minnesota is the third home for **Sid Kaba**, who was teammates at Marshall last season with Crowder and also spent two years at Western Michigan before that. He played in nine games and made 18 tackles with 3.0 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks for Marshall in 2025. His tackling grade of 74.2 last season ranks second among 2026 Golden Gophers, while his 79.9 grade on rush defense is third best.

▶ Kaba has two tackles, including 0.5 for loss, in two games this season.

▶ In the secondary, **Mekhai Smith** spent the last two seasons (2024-25) at Lehigh where he had 96 tackles, four interceptions, seven pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 26 games (13 starts). Last season, he played in 13 games (12 starts) and made 56 tackles with 0.5 tackles for loss, four interceptions, seven pass breakups, one forced fumble and recovered fumble.

▶ He earned a defensive grade of 89.8 from PFF, which ranked 27th overall and seventh among safeties in the FCS last season. That grade, plus his tackling grade (77.3) and pass coverage grade (89.0) served as the highest marks in 2025 among all 2026 Gophers.

▶ Smith is fourth on the team with 13 tackles and has 0.5 TFLs.

▶ Defensive back **Aydan West** is the younger brother of fellow DB **Elisha West**, both of whom transferred in this offseason from Michigan State. Their cousin is, Jordan Addison, who played college football at Pittsburgh -- where he won the Biletnikoff Award -- and USC and is currently a receiver for the Minnesota Vikings.

▶ Aydan played in all 12 games (four starts) last season for the Spartans and made 19 tackles with 1.0 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks and one pass breakup.

▶ Aydan has started all three games and has nine tackles, two pass breakups and a fumble recovered for a touchdown against Mississippi State.

▶ Sartell, Minn., native **Parker Knutson** makes the jump from Division II to FBS as he joins the Gophers from Southwest Minnesota State. He was with the Mustangs for three seasons, playing in 25 games (22 starts) and making 86 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, 13 interceptions, 32 pass breakups, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick.

▶ With eight interceptions in 11 games last season, Knutson's 0.73 interceptions per game were the most in all of D-II, while his 1.27 passes defended per game were 15th best at the level.

▶ Knutson has played in all three games on special teams but has not recorded any stats.

## PUNTER FROM DOWN UNDER

▶ Senior **Tom Weston**, a native of Perth, Australia, is back for his second year with the Gophers are taking over the punting duties last season. He came to the Gophers after two years at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

▶ Entering this season as a Preseason Fourth Team All-Big Ten honoree by Athlon, Weston has punted 11 times and averaged 43.0 yards per punt, good for fifth in the Big Ten.

▶ He's recorded three 50-yard punts this season, all of which came against Akron, and has put five inside the 20-yard line.

▶ Among all Gophers with at least 50 career punts, Weston's average of 42.6 yards ranks third.

▶ Weston averaged 42.6 yards on 65 punts last year with 15 covering 50-yards, including a season-long of 59 yards. He put 23 punts inside the 20-yard line, forced 18 fair catches and had only four punts go for a touchback. For his efforts, Weston was named Third Team All-Big Ten by the league's media.

▶ His average of 42.58 yards per punt ranked fifth in the Big Ten and was the ninth-best average in program history for one season. In addition, Weston's yardage total of 2,768 yards was 10th most in program single-season annals.

▶ Weston's 15 50-yard punts were the most by a Gopher punter since Ryan Santoso had 16 in 2017.

▶ At Ohio State last year, Weston punted seven times for an average of 50.9 yards per punt, with a long of 58, four punts of 50+ yards, and two downed inside the 20. His average of 50.9 ranked as the 10th best for a single game at Minnesota since at least 1977 (minimum of three punts). Prior to the game, the last Gopher to even have three 50-yard punts was Mark Crawford at Penn State in 2022.

▶ After not seeing game action as a true freshman in 2023 at Ouachita Baptist, Weston punted 51 times and averaged 44.2 yards per kick in 2024. He had 11 punts of 50 yards or more, including a career long of 76 yards, placed 23 punts inside the 20-yard line and had 21 punts fair caught.

## KICKER COMPETITION

▶ Minnesota boasts three kickers on its 2026 roster, including the return of sophomore **Daniel Jackson**, as well as transfers **Luke Drzewiecki** from New Mexico and **Beckham Sunderland** from Michigan.

▶ After playing four seasons in four years at New Mexico, Drzewieki was made eligible based on a Louisiana court ruling after spending time in the Baltimore Ravens' rookie minicamp in April.

▶ After sitting out the season opener, he's played in each of the last two games and is 4-of-4 on field goals, including three makes from beyond 40 yards. Last year, the Gophers were 2-of-7 on such kicks.

▶ He's made at least one field goal in 12 straight games and two or more in each of the last three.

## THIRD DOWN TRACKER

**Minnesota**

| Yds | EIU | MSST | AKR | WASH | MICH | PUR | IOWA | IND | UCLA | PSU | NU | UW | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-3 | 5-6 | 3-5 | 3-5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11-16 |
| 4-6 | 2-5 | 1-1 | 1-2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4-8 |
| 7-9 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 0-2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2-6 |
| 10-14 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 0-4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1-9 |
| 15+ | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1-3 |
| **Total** | **10-15** | **4-13** | **5-14** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **19-42** |
| **Yds to Go** | **71** | **100** | **96** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **267** |
| **Avg. to Go** | **4.7** | **7.7** | **6.9** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **6.4** |

**Opponents**

| Yds | EIU | MSST | AKR | WASH | MICH | PUR | IOWA | IND | UCLA | PSU | NU | UW | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-3 | 0-1 | 4-5 | 2-2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6-8 |
| 4-6 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 0-2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5-12 |
| 7-9 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1-4 |
| 10-14 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0-8 |
| 15+ | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0-4 |
| **Total** | **3-13** | **6-10** | **3-13** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **12-36** |
| **Yds to Go** | **125** | **36** | **137** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **298** |
| **Avg. to Go** | **9.6** | **3.6** | **10.5** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **8.3** |

## GOPHERS IN THE NFL

There were 24 former Gophers on an NFL roster or practice squad, as of Sept. 8.

| Player | At Minn. | Pos. | NFL Team |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rashod Bateman | 2018-20 | WR | Baltimore |
| Kyler Baugh (PS) | 2022-23 | DT | Pittsburgh |
| Max Brosmer (PS) | 2024 | QB | Minnesota |
| Blake Cashman | 2015-18 | LB | Minnesota |
| Deven Eastern (PS) | 2021-25 | NT | Seattle |
| Aireontae Ersery | 2020-24 | OT | Houston |
| Daniel Faalele | 2018-21 | OL | Jacksonville |
| Jameson Geers (R/I) | 2021-25 | TE | Arizona |
| Jack Gibbens | 2021 | LB | Arizona |
| Jordan Howden | 2018-22 | DB | New Orleans |
| Nick Kallerup | 2019-24 | TE | Seattle |
| Ko Kieft | 2017-21 | TE | Tampa Bay |
| Cody Lindenberg | 2020-24 | LB | Las Vegas |
| Boye Mafe | 2018-21 | DE | Cincinnati |
| Eric Murray | 2012-15 | S | Jacksonville |
| Tyler Nubin | 2019-23 | S | N.Y. Giants |
| Esezi Otomewo (PS) | 2018-21 | DT | Pittsburgh |
| John Michael Schmitz | 2018-22 | C | N.Y. Giants |
| Terell Smith (PS) | 2018-22 | DB | Washington |
| Brevyn Spann-Ford | 2018-23 | TE | Dallas |
| Benjamin St-Juste | 2019-20 | CB | Green Bay |
| Danny Striggow | 2020-24 | DE | Jacksonville |
| Justin Walley | 2021-24 | CB | Indianapolis |
| Antoine Winfield, Jr. | 2016-19 | S | Tampa Bay |

*(R/I) - Reserve/Injured // (PS) Practice Squad*

## WHAT RETURNS IN 2026

| Stat | Ret. Total | 2025 Total | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rush Attempts | 233 | 376 | 62.0% |
| Rush Yards | 777 | 1,342 | 57.9% |
| Rush TDs | 10 | 15 | 66.7% |
| Pass Completions | 251 | 251 | 100.0% |
| Pass Attempts | 399 | 399 | 100.0% |
| Pass Yards | 2,469 | 2,469 | 100.0% |
| Pass TDs | 19 | 19 | 100.0% |
| Receptions | 102 | 251 | 40.6% |
| Receiving Yards | 1,140 | 2,469 | 46.2% |
| Receiving TDs | 10 | 19 | 52.6% |
| Touchdowns Scored | 22 | 37 | 59.5% |
| Points Scored | 134 | 299 | 44.8% |
| Total Offense Yards | 3,239 | 3,811 | 85.0% |
| All-Purpose Yards | 2,071 | 4,669 | 44.4% |
| OL Starts | 41 | 65 | 63.1% |
| Tackles | 436 | 802 | 54.4% |
| Tackles for Loss | 61.5 | 92.0 | 66.8% |
| Sacks | 29.5 | 39.0 | 75.6% |
| Interceptions | 8 | 9 | 88.9% |
| Pass Breakups | 21 | 31 | 67.7% |
| Forced Fumbles | 4 | 7 | 57.1% |
| Fumble Recoveries | 7 | 7 | 100.0% |
| Punt Returns | 0 | 20 | 0.0% |
| Punt Return Yards | 0 | 120 | 0.0% |
| Kick Returns | 1 | 25 | 0.04% |
| Kick Return Yards | 13 | 570 | 0.02% |
| Field Goals Made | 0 | 14 | 0.0% |
| Punts | 65 | 65 | 100.0% |
| Kickoffs | 3 | 61 | 0.05% |

▶ Since the start of 2025, Drzewiecki has connected on 23-of-24 field goals and all 42 extra point attempts.

▶ A three-time Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week, Drzewiecki was 18-of-19 on field goals a year ago for the Lobos under the tutelage of current Gophers special teams coordinator **Daniel Da Prato**. Drzewiecki's percentage of 94.7 percent tied for the nation's lead.

▶ Drzewiecki finished as New Mexico's all-time leader in scoring by a kicker (275) and career extra points made (120). He was also second in points scored and field goals made (51) and placed fourth in field goal accuracy (.797, 51-of-64).

▶ The Gophers saw Drzewiecki's ability first-hand in the 2025 Rate Bowl when he went 3-of-3 on field goals in Minnesota's 20-17 overtime win.

▶ Jackson handled place-kicking duties in the season opener, converting all seven of his extra point attempts and making a 31-yard field goal, the first of his career.

▶ He appeared in one game last year, making two extra points and kicking off three times against Northwestern State. Coming out of Alexandria (Minn.) High School, Jackson rated as a three-star prospect and the No. 29 kicker in the nation by ESPN.

▶ Sunderland has handled kickoff duties this season, recording 18 touchbacks on 21 kickoffs. He added an extra point in the fourth quarter of the season opener.

▶ He is tied for 12th in the country in touchbacks.

▶ Sunderland came to Minnesota after playing at both Michigan and Texas State. He was with the Wolverines in 2025 where he recorded 44 touchbacks on 71 kickoffs. At Texas State in 2024, where he played under Gophers special teams coach **Daniel Da Prato**, he had six touchbacks on eight kickoffs with one PAT made.

▶ Sunderland is a former soccer goalkeeper who signed with FC Cincinnati of Major League Soccer (MLS) after graduating high school in 2020 and was on their first-team roster but did not see game action. He was with Cincinnati from 2020-22.

## AMONG LEAST PENALIZED

▶ Historically, Minnesota has been one of the least penalized teams in the country under **P.J. Fleck**.

▶ In the season opener, Minnesota only had two penalties for a total of 10 yards. However, the game against Mississippi State saw the Gophers commit 12 penalties for 115 yards, both of which were the most ever for the Gophers under Fleck.

▶ For the season, Minnesota is eighth in the Big Ten and 47 nationally with 6.0 penalties per game. The Gophers are also 67th in the country and ninth in the conference at 56.67 penalty yards per game.

▶ In Fleck's previous nine seasons as head coach, the Gophers led the country in fewest penalties per game three times, including two of the last four years, and the team has never finished lower than 18th.

▶ Under Fleck, Minnesota has ended the season averaging fewer than 4.0 penalties per game five times.

▶ In addition, the Gophers have placed 10th or better in penalty yards per game in seven of Fleck's seasons, including five finishes in the top five and leading the country in 2017. They finished second in 2023 and third in 2022.

▶ Seven times Minnesota has ended a Fleck season averaging fewer than 40 penalty yards per game.

▶ Last season, Minnesota continued that strong tradition as it ranked fifth in the country by committing 31.23 penalty yards per game, while the average of 3.77 penalties per game ranked sixth in the FBS.

## RECAPPING 2025

▶ The Golden Gophers are coming off an 8-5 season in 2025, marking the fourth time in the last five seasons that they've finished the regular season with that record or better. Minnesota was also 8-5 in 2024 and posted 9-4 marks in 2021 and 2022.

▶ The last time Minnesota posted four eight-win seasons in a five-year span was 1900-05 when it did it six years in a row.

▶ It was the team's fifth eight-win season all-time under **P.J. Fleck**, joining him with Henry L. Williams (6) as the only Gopher coaches to reach that number.

▶ The Gophers also finished with a 5-4 record in Big Ten play. The team has posted a winning record in the conference in four of the past five seasons.

▶ Minnesota closed out the season with a 20-17, overtime win against New Mexico in the 2025 Rate Bowl, improving to 7-0 under Fleck in bowl games.

## PROMOTIONS/ADDITIONS TO COACHING STAFF

▶ **P.J. Fleck** made changes and additions to his coaching staff in the offseason.

▶ **C.J. Robbins**, who served as Minnesota's rush ends Coach in 2025, was named defensive line coach, while **Daniel Da Prato** joins the program as special teams Coordinator.and **Steve Stanard** is the rush ends coach.

▶ Fleck also announced Minnesota alums **Isaac Fruechte** as the wide receivers coach and **Mohamed Ibrahim** as the running backs coach.

▶ Robbins was named defensive line coach after one season serving as the Rush Ends Coach at Minnesota. Robbins coached **Karter Menz** (6.5 sacks) and **Jaxon Howard** (4.0 sacks) and worked with **Anthony Smith** (12.5 sacks) in 2025. That trio combined for 23 of Minnesota's 39 sacks and added a combined 32 tackles for loss.

▶ Robbins joined the Minnesota football program in February 2025 after a brief stint leading the defensive line at Central Michigan. He also spent the 2023-24 seasons at Kent state. In 2022, he coached the outside linebackers at the University of South Dakota.

▶ Robbins was a graduate assistant at Minnesota during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. He graduated from Northwestern in 2015 after being a three-year starter and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with Miami (Ohio) in 2019.

▶ Da Prato comes to Minnesota from New Mexico where he served as the associate head coach and special teams coordinator in 2025.

▶ Prior to New Mexico, he was at Texas State from 2023-24 and was the associate head coach and special teams coordinator. Da Prato was at USF from 2020-22. He was the special teams coordinator all three seasons and served as the interim head coach at the end of his tenure. He spent the 2019 season at Arkansas where he started as special teams quality control before being elevated to special teams coordinator near the end of the season.

▶ Da Prato was also at Colorado from 2016-18 and was the director of quality control / offense, and he was the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach from 2013-15 at Montana State. Da Prato spent six seasons at Sacramento State from 2007-12. He was the wide receivers coach all six seasons and was the special teams coordinator the final three.

▶ Da Prato started his college coaching career at his alma mater, ULM, where he was from 2004-06. He was a graduate assistant for offense for two seasons before being named director of operations and recruiting coordinator.

▶ Stanard has nearly 40 years of coaching experience on his resume and has also served as a head coach and defensive coordinator. He spent the previous six seasons coaching linebackers at Kansas State.

▶ Prior to Kansas State, Stanard coached defensive ends at Syracuse from 2017-19. Stanard served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Wyoming from 2014-16, and prior to that he was at North Dakota State in 2012-13 as linebackers coach.

▶ Stanard's experience as a defensive coordinator includes running defenses at six schools. In addition to his three years running the Wyoming defense, he spent three seasons as the DC/linebackers coach at Tulane (2009-11), five years in the same role at Colorado State (2003-07), three years as the DC at New Mexico State (2000-02), one season as the DC at South Dakota (1996) and five years as the DC at Nebraska Wesleyan (1991-95).

▶ Fruechte returns to his alma mater after coaching stints at North Dakota, Winona State, Northern State, Northern Iowa and Wisconsin-La Crosse.

▶ He was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Dakota for the 2024-25 seasons. Prior to North Dakota, Fruechte spent two seasons at Winona State as the offensive coordinator. He was elevated to associate head coach and quarterbacks coach in March 2023 after guiding the Warriors to the NCAA Division II playoffs.

▶ Fruechte was the offensive coordinator at Northern State from December 2019 through the 2021 season. He managed all offensive personnel and coached both the quarterbacks and wide receivers. He led the wide receivers at Northern Iowa in 2019 and was on the coaching staff that led the Panthers to the quarterfinal round of the FCS playoffs. He also oversaw the punt and kickoff return units for Northern Iowa that season.

▶ Before Northern Iowa, Fruechte was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2018. He was hired in March 2018 and coached wide receivers before transitioning in the fall to lead the offense and quarterbacks.

▶ Fruechte played receiver at Minnesota from 2012-2014, recording 50 receptions for 702 receiving yards and three touchdowns. From 2015-17, he played two seasons for the Minnesota Vikings. In 2016, he also had a six-game stint as a wide receiver for the Detroit Lions before returning to the Vikings.

▶ Ibrahim spent the 2025 season coaching running backs at Kent State after working with the Minnesota program in 2024. Ibrahim spent part of the 2024 NFL preseason with the Minnesota Vikings after being with the Detroit Lions for the 2023 season.

▶ Ibrahim played at Minnesota from 2017-22. He competed in 41 career games and set school records as he became one of the most productive backs in Big Ten history. In 2022, he set school single-season records for rushing attempts (320), rushing yards (1,665), rushing touchdowns (20), total touchdowns (20), total points (120) and 100-yard rushing games (10). He also set a school record by averaging 153.7 rushing yards per game in 2020.

▶ Ibrahim is Minnesota's career record holder for rushing yards (4,668), rushing and total touchdowns (53), 100-yard rushing games (24) and 200-yard rushing games (5).

## YEARLY SPANS

▶ As noted on Page 1, the Gophers are in their 10th season under **P.J. Fleck**. Entering the 2026 campaign, Fleck was 66-44 overall and 39-40 in the Big Ten. He had the most Big Ten wins, the second most overall wins and the third-best overall winning percentage (.596) of any Minnesota coach through his first nine seasons. Below is a look at how his yearly spans compare in Gopher history.

▶ *Last 9 Years (2017-25; 66-44 overall, 39-40 B1G, 7 bowl trips, 7 bowl wins):* The 66 wins are tied for 11th in program history for a nine-year span, and are the third most since 1910. The only better stretches since 1910 were from 2016-24 and 2014-22 when they won 67 games each time ... the 39 B1G wins are tied for third most in a nine-year span in program history and tied for the most since winning 40 from 1961-69 ... **the seven bowl wins are tied for the most in a nine-year span in team history (done two other times)** ... **the seven bowl trips are also tied for the most, done 12 other times**.

▶ *Last 8 Years (2018-25; 61-37 overall, 37-33 B1G, 7 bowl trips, 7 bowl wins):* The 61 wins are tied for seventh most overall in an eight-year span, and are the most since also winning 61 games from 1902-09 ... the .622 overall win percentage is best in an eight-year span since 1967 ... **the 37 B1G wins are tied for the most in an eight-year span in program history along with 37 wins from 1960-67** ... the .529 B1G win percentage is the team's best in an eight-year span since 1974 ... **the seven bowl wins are the most in an eight-year span in team history** ... **the seven bowl trips in eight years are tied for the most in team history, done three other times.**

▶ *Last 7 Years (2019-25; 54-31 overall, 34-27 B1G, 6 bowl trips, 6 bowl wins):* The 54 wins are tied for seventh most in a seven-year span in program history and tied for the most since winning 55 from 1902-08 (also won 54 games from 2013-19) ... the .635 overall win percentage is the team's best over seven years since 1946 ... **the 34 B1G wins are the most in a seven-year span in program history (next closest is 32 wins from 2018-24)** ... the .557 B1G win percentage is the best in a 7-year span since 1973 ... **the six bowl wins in seven years are tied for the most in program history (also done from 2018-24) while the six bowl trips are tied for the most (done seven other times).**

▶ *Last 6 Years (2020-25; 43-29 overall, 27-25 B1G, 5 bowl trips, 5 bowl wins):* The 27 Big Ten wins are tied for the third most in a six-year span at Minnesota ... **the five bowl wins and bowl trips in six years are tied for the most in program history.**

▶ *Last 5 Years (2021-25; 40-25 overall, 24-21 B1G, 5 bowl trips, 5 bowl wins):* The 40 overall wins are the sixth most in program history in a five-year span and are the most since winning 43 games from 1903-07 ... **the 24 Big Ten wins are tied for the most in a five-year span at Minnesota in program history (other two instances also came under Fleck, doing so from 2018-22 and 2019-23)** ... **the five bowl wins in five years are the most in school history. The five bowl trips in five years are tied for the most, done two other times.**

▶ *Last 4 Years (2022-25; 31-21 overall, 18-18 B1G, 4 bowl trips, 4 bowl wins):* The 31 wins are tied for the 10th most in a 4-year span in program history ... the 18 B1G wins are tied for the seventh most in a 4-year span in program history (most is 21 from 2019-22) ... the .500 win percentage in conference games is tied for fourth best since 1970 ... **it's the second time Minnesota has won four bowl games in four years (also from 2021-24). The four bowl trips are tied for the most in a four-year span (done five other times).**

▶ *Last 3 Years (2023-25; 22-17 overall, 13-14 B1G, 3 bowl trips, 3 bowl wins):* Minnesota has made a bowl game three straight years for the ninth time in program history ... it's the fourth time in program history Minnesota has three bowl games in three years (also from 2022-24, 2021-23 and 2002-04).

▶ *Last 2 Years (2024-25; 16-10 overall, 10-8 B1G, 2 bowl trips, 2 bowl wins):* Minnesota's 16 wins are tied for the 10th most in back-to-back years in team history ... it's the 10th time in program history Minnesota totalled 10 or more B1G wins in a two-year span; it's tied for the second highest total since 1968 ... Minnesota has won back-to-back bowl games for the eighth time in program history and appeared in back-to-back bowls for the 12th time.

## GOPHER GRADUATES

▶ Minnesota's 2026 roster features eight student-athletes who have already graduated: **Maverick Baranowski, TJ Bush, Brady Denaburg, Joey Gerlach, Aidan Gousby, Kaden Helms, Tony Nelson,** and **Beckham Sunderland.**

## EASTERN TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT

▶ Former Minnesota defensive lineman Deven Eastern was selected in the seventh round of the 2026 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks. He was the 242nd overall pick.

▶ Eastern became the 20th Gopher drafted who played for head coach **P.J. Fleck** and he was the 284th Gopher drafted all-time. He was the fourth Gopher to be drafted by the Seahawks and first since Boye Mafe in 2022.

▶ Minnesota has now had at least one draft pick in the last eight drafts (2019-26). The last time that happened was 2001-08.

## SCORIGAMI

▶ Scorigami is a concept developed by Jon Bois at SB Nation that tracks unique scores in NFL history.

▶ In Minnesota's 1,349 all-time games, there have been 572 unique scores.

▶ The most common overall score for Minnesota is 6-0, which has happened 25 times, though none have taken place since 1963. The next most common is 13-7, which has occurred 18 times, most recently in 1985.

▶ Minnesota's most common victory is 13-7, which it has done 13 times.

▶ Below are the Scorigami results for Minnesota football last season:

▶ *Minnesota 59, Eastern Illinois 7*. Scorigami achieved! First such score in 1,347 games in program history.

▶ *Mississippi State 38, Minnesota 13*. No Scorigami; second such score and second Gopher loss (Wisconsin in 2012).

▶ *Minnesota 41, Eastern Illinois 7*. No Scorigami; third such score and second Gopher win (South Dakota State in 1916).

# MILESTONE GAMES

## 300+ Passing Yards

**Drake Lindsey (1)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | C-A | TD-INT | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/27/25 | vs. Rutgers | W, 31-28 | 31-41 | 3-0 | 324 |

## 100+ Rushing Yards

**Darius Taylor (13)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Att. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12/26/25 | vs. New Mexico | W, 20-17 (ot) | 24 | 1 | 116 |
| 11/29/25 | vs. Wisconsin | W, 17-7 | 19 | 1 | 100 |
| 10/17/25 | vs. Nebraska | W, 24-6 | 24 | 1 | 148 |
| 8/28/25 | vs. Buffalo | W, 23-10 | 30 | 0 | 141 |
| 1/3/25 | vs. Virginia Tech | W, 24-10 | 20 | 1 | 113 |
| 11/29/24 | at Wisconsin | W, 24-7 | 32 | 0 | 143 |
| 11/2/24 | at Illinois | W, 25-17 | 22 | 1 | 131 |
| 10/5/24 | vs. USC | W, 24-17 | 25 | 0 | 144 |
| 9/14/24 | vs. Nevada | W, 27-0 | 11 | 2 | 124 |
| ***12/26/23*** | ***vs. Bowling Green*** | ***W, 30-24*** | ***35*** | ***1*** | ***208*** |
| 9/23/23 | at Northwestern | L, 34-37 (ot) | 31 | 2 | 198 |
| 9/16/23 | at North Carolina | L, 13-31 | 22 | 1 | 138 |
| 9/9/23 | vs. Eastern Michigan | W, 25-6 | 33 | 1 | 193 |

**T.J. Thomas (4; ~ recorded at Elon)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Att. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/19/26 | vs. Akron | W, 41-7 | 13 | 1 | 122 |
| 10/19/24 | at Albany~ | W, 30-14 | 19 | 1 | 138 |
| 9/14/24 | vs. Western Carolina~ | L, 17-24 | 14 | 1 | 101 |
| ***9/7/24*** | ***at N.C. Central~*** | ***W, 41-19*** | ***11*** | ***1*** | ***152*** |

**A.J. Turner (4; all recorded at Marshall)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Att. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***10/17/24*** | ***vs. Georgia State*** | ***W, 35-20*** | ***15*** | ***3*** | ***177*** |
| 9/28/24 | vs. Western Michigan | W, 27-20 | 9 | 0 | 124 |
| 9/7/24 | at Virginia Tech | L, 14-31 | 6 | 0 | 103 |
| 8/31/24 | vs. Stony Brook | W, 45-3 | 8 | 1 | 119 |

**Grant Washington (1)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Att. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/6/25 | vs. Northwestern State | W, 66-0 | 20 | 0 | 126 |

## 100+ Receiving Yards

**Javon Tracy (3; all recorded at Miami (OH))**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Rec. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/26/24 | vs. Central Michigan | W, 46-7 | 5 | 1 | 118 |
| 10/5/24 | at Toledo | L, 20-30 | 10 | 1 | 119 |
| ***11/15/23*** | ***vs. Buffalo*** | ***W, 23-10*** | ***5*** | ***0*** | ***123*** |

**Noah Jennings (1; recorded at Charleston Southern)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Rec. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/11/23 | at Robert Morris | L, 12-14 | 8 | 1 | 204 |

**Jalen Smith (1)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Rec. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/27/25 | vs. Rutgers | W, 31-28 | 4 | 1 | 103 |

## 10+ Receptions

**Javon Tracy (1; recorded at Miami (OH))**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Rec. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/5/24 | at Toledo | L, 20-30 | 10 | 1 | 119 |

**Darius Taylor (1)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Rec. | TD | Yds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/28/24 | at Michigan | L, 24-27 | 10 | 0 | 52 |

## 10+ Tackles

**Maverick Baranowski (6)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Sk | TFL | Tkls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***12/26/25*** | ***vs. New Mexico*** | ***W, 20-17 (ot)*** | ***1.0*** | ***1.0*** | ***17*** |
| 10/11/25 | vs. Purdue | W, 27-20 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10 |
| 8/28/25 | vs. Buffalo | W, 23-10 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 10 |
| 9/21/24 | vs. Iowa | L, 14-31 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 10 |
| 8/29/24 | vs. North Carolina | L, 17-19 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 10 |
| 9/16/23 | at North Carolina | L, 13-31 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10 |

**Andrew Marshall (4; ^ recorded at Eastern Michigan, *recorded at Lackawanna College)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Sk | TFL | Tkls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/18/25 | at Miami (OH)^ | L, 30-44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11 |
| 10/11/25 | vs. Northern Illinois^ | W, 16-10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10 |
| ***11/9/24*** | ***vs. Georgia Military College**** | ***L, 33-35*** | ***0.0*** | ***1.0*** | ***14*** |
| 9/21/24 | vs. Georgia Military College* | L, 35-40 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 11 |

**Kerry Brown (2)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Sk | TFL | Tkls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/12/26 | vs. Mississippi State | L, 13-38 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10 |
| ***9/21/24*** | ***vs. Iowa*** | ***L, 14-31*** | ***0.0*** | ***0.5*** | ***11*** |

**TJ Bush, Jr. (1; recorded at Liberty)**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Sk | TFL | Tkls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/23/24 | at Kennesaw State | L, 24-27 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 11 |

**Naquan Crowder (1; recorded at California (PA))**

| Date | Opponent | Result | Sk | TFL | Tkls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/30/24 | vs. Ashland | W, 34-33 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 10 |

***career highs in bold italic***

# IN THE RECORD BOOKS

## MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

**Punt Return Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Marion Barber III, 2003 | 405 |
| 2. | Tyrone Carter, 1999 | 356 |
| 3. | Tellis Redmon, 2000 | 315 |
| 4. | Rick Upchurch, 1973 | 305 |
| 5. | Tutu Atwell, 1997 | 296 |
| 6. | Paul Giel, 1953 | 288 |
| 7. | Danny Upchurch, 2002 | 287 |
| 8. | Terrence Henderson, 1982 | 264 |
| 9. | Luke Leverson, 1998 | 257 |
| 10. | Bob Thompson, 1950 | 255 |
| **...** | **Javon Tracy, 2026** | **251** |

**Punt Return Touchdowns**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **Javon Tracy, 2026** | **2** |
| | Jermaine Mays, 2002 | 2 |

## MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

**Coaching Wins**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry L. Williams, 1900-21 | 136 |
| 2. | Bernie Bierman, 1932-41, '45-50 | 93 |
| 3. | Murray Warmath, 1954-71 | 87 |
| **4.** | **P.J. Fleck, 2017-** | **68** |

**Passing Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Adam Weber, 2007-10 | 10,917 |
| ... | | |
| 10. | Tim Schade, 1993-94 | 3,986 |
| 11. | Tony Dungy, 1973-76 | 3,515 |
| 12. | Billy Cockerham, 1996-99 | 3,483 |
| 13. | Scott Schaffner, 1987-91 | 3,472 |
| **14.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024** | **3,179** |

**Passing Yards/Game (Min. 15 Games)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Adam Weber, 2007-10 | 218.3 |
| 2. | Mike Hohensee, 1981-82 | 217.8 |
| 3. | Bryan Cupito, 2003-06 | 196.0 |
| 4. | Tanner Morgan, 2018-22 | 185.4 |
| 5. | Tim Schade, 1993-94 | 181.2 |
| 6. | Cory Sauter, 1994-97 | 175.2 |
| **7.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **167.3** |

**Completions**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Adam Weber, 2007-10 | 909 |
| ... | | |
| 8. | Mike Hohensee, 1981-82 | 392 |
| 9. | Tim Schade, 1993-94 | 322 |
| **10.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024** | **317** |

**Completion Percentage (Min. 300 att.)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Max Brosmer, 2024 | (268 c.-403 a.) .665 |
| **2.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **(317-497) .638** |

**Pass Efficiency Rating (Min. 300 att.)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tanner Morgan, 2018-22 | 151.05 |
| 2. | Bryan Cupito, 2003-06 | 138.34 |
| 3. | Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2000-03 | 138.13 |
| 4. | Max Brosmer, 2024 | 137.21 |
| **5.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **129.97** |

**TD-to-INT Ratio (Min. 15 TD passes)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **(23 TD, 7 INT) 3.29** |
| 2. | Max Brosmer, 2024 | (18, 6) 3.00 |

**Interception Percentage (Min. 300 att.)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **(7 INT-497 att.) .0141** |
| 2. | Max Brosmer, 2024 | (6-403) .0148 |

**300-Yard Passing Games**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Cory Sauter, 1994-97 | 7 |
| ... | | |
| 8. | Mitch Leidner, 2013-16 | 2 |
| **9.** | **Done 8x, MR: Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **1** |

**250-Yard Passing Games**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Adam Weber, 2007-10 | 14 |
| ... | | |
| 6. | Mitch Leidner, 2013-16 | 6 |
| | Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 2000-03 | 6 |
| | Tim Schade, 1993-94 | 6 |
| **9.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **5** |

**Starting QB Win Pct. (since 1959; min. 15 starts)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tanner Morgan, 2018-22 | (33 W-14 L-0 T) 70.2 |
| 2. | Sandy Stephens, 1959-61 | (16-9-0) 64.0 |
| **3.** | **Drake Lindsey, 2024-** | **(10-6-0) 62.5** |

**Rushing Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22 | 4,668 |
| 2. | Darrell Thompson, 1986-89 | 4,654 |
| 3. | Rodney Smith, 2015-19 | 4,122 |
| 4. | Laurence Maroney, 2003-05 | 3,933 |
| 5. | Thomas Hamner, 1996-99 | 3,810 |
| 6. | Marion Barber III, 2001-04 | 3,276 |
| 7. | Chris Darkins, 1992-95 | 3,235 |
| 8. | Marion Barber, 1977-80 | 3,094 |
| 9. | David Cobb, 2011-14 | 2,893 |
| **10.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **2,526** |

**Rushing Yards Per Game (Min. 200 att.)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22 | 113.9 |
| 2. | Laurence Maroney, 2003-05 | 109.3 |
| 3. | Darrell Thompson, 1986-89 | 105.8 |
| 4. | Marion Barber III, 2001-04 | 86.2 |
| **5.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **84.2** |

**100-Yard Rushing Games**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22 | 24 |
| 2. | Darrell Thompson, 1986-89 | 23 |
| 3. | Laurence Maroney, 2003-05 | 21 |
| 4. | Rodney Smith, 2015-19 | 16 |
| 5. | Thomas Hamner, 1996-99 | 15 |
| 6. | Marion Barber III, 2001-04 | 14 |
| **7.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **13** |
| | David Cobb, 2001-04 | 13 |
| | Tellis Redmon, 1999-01 | 13 |

**Running Back Receptions**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chuck Rios, 1990-94 | 132 |
| **2.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **103** |

**Running Back Receiving Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chuck Rios, 1990-94 | 1,146 |
| 2. | Duane Bennett, 2007-11 | 806 |
| 3. | Chris Darkins, 1993-96 | 737 |
| **4.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **723** |

**Receptions (Min. 100 receptions)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Eric Decker, 2006-09 | 227 |
| ... | | |
| 9. | Luke Leverson, 1996-99 | 132 |
| | Chuck Rios, 1990-94 | 132 |
| 11. | Chris Autman-Bell, 2018-23 | 131 |
| 12. | Drew Wolitarsky, 2013-16 | 130 |
| | Omar Douglas, 1990-93 | 130 |
| 14. | Da'Jon McKnight, 2008-11 | 119 |
| 15. | Jared Ellerson, 2002-05 | 111 |
| | Aaron Osterman, 1990-94 | 111 |
| 17. | Matt Spaeth, 2003-06 | 109 |
| 18. | KJ Maye, 2012-15 | 107 |
| **19.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **103** |

**Games with 200+ All-Purpose Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tutu Atwell, 1994-97 | 6 |
| 2. | Mohamed Ibrahim, 2018-22 | 5 |
| | Chris Darkins, 1992-95 | 5 |
| **4.** | **Darius Taylor, 2023-** | **4** |
| | David Cobb, 2011-14 | 4 |
| | Laurence Maroney, 2003-05 | 4 |
| | Telis Redmon, 1999-01 | 4 |
| | Darrell Thompson, 1986-89 | 4 |

**Tackles for Loss**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Willie VanDeSteeg, 2005-08 | 43.5 |
| 2. | John Schlecht, 1998-2000 | 42.5 |
| 3. | Karon Riley, 1999-2000 | 42.0 |
| 4. | Carter Coughlin, 2016-19 | 40.0 |
| 5. | Darrell Reid, 2001-04 | 38.0 |
| 6. | Ben Mezera, 1997-2000 | 34.5 |
| **7.** | **Anthony Smith, 2022-** | **33.0** |
| | Steve Neils, 1971-73 | 33.0 |

**Quarterback Sacks**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Karon Riley, 1999-2000 | 29.0 |
| 2. | Lamanzer Williams, 1994-97 | 23.5 |
| 3. | Carter Coughlin, 2016-19 | 22.5 |
| 4. | Ben Mezera, 1997-2000 | 22.0 |
| 5. | Willie VanDeSteeg, 2005-08 | 21.5 |
| **6.** | **Anthony Smith, 2022-** | **20.5** |

**Punt Return Yards**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tellis Redmon, 1999-01 | 571 |
| 2. | Chris Gaiters, 1987-89 | 541 |
| 3. | Rodney Heath, 1993-96 | 525 |
| 4. | Marion Barber III, 2001-04 | 515 |
| 5. | Rick Upchurch, 1973-74 | 430 |
| 6. | Luke Leverson, 1996-99 | 423 |
| 7. | Lewis Garrison, 1992-95 | 388 |
| 8. | Tyrone Carter, 1996-99 | 356 |
| 9. | Dominic Jones, 2005-06 | 338 |
| 10. | Lewis Garrison, 1991-94 | 335 |
| **...** | **Javon Tracy, 2025-** | **251** |

**Punt Return Touchdowns**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **Javon Tracy, 2025-** | **2** |
| | Jermaine Mays, 1999-02 | 2 |
| | Tellis Redmon, 1999-01 | 2 |
| | Luke Leverson, 1996-99 | 2 |
| | Doug Roalstad, 1967-68 | 2 |

**Punting Average (Min. 50 punts)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mortell, 2012-15 (203-8927) | 44.0 |
| 2. | Adam Kelly, 1983-85 (136-5883) | 43.3 |
| **3.** | **Tom Weston, 2025- (71-2998)** | **42.6** |

# P.J. FLECK

## HEAD COACH // TENTH SEASON

P.J. Fleck was named head football coach at Minnesota on January 6, 2017. Fleck, 45, is the 30th head coach in the program's history. He has a career record of 98-67 and is 68-45 at Minnesota.

In nine years, Fleck has established himself as one of the most successful coaches ever to lead the Minnesota program.

Fleck is the fifth-longest tenured coach in program history and the second-longest active tenured coach in the Big Ten. Fleck's record stands at 66-44, putting him fourth in program history in overall wins. He's also fourth at Minnesota in Big Ten wins (39) and fifth in games coached (110). Fleck's overall win percentage of .600 is third best among Minnesota coaches with more than 40 games under their helm behind only Henry L. Williams (.786, 1900-21) and Bernie Bierman (.716, 1932-41, '45-50). In his 13th season overall as a college head coach, Fleck is 96-66 (.592).

Fleck and Williams are the only two Gopher coaches to record nine or more wins in a season three times, as Minnesota posted 11 wins in 2019 and nine in 2021 and 2022 under Fleck (Williams posted at least nine wins in six straight seasons from 1900-1905). Minnesota has won eight games in a season five times under Fleck (2019, 2021, 2022, 2024 and 2025), which is tied for the most with Williams in program history under one coach. Minnesota has had four 8-win seasons in the last five years, which happened for the first time since 1901-05.

The 11 wins in 2019 were the most for a Minnesota team since 1904 when that year's team went 13-0 under Williams. Fleck is 7-0 in bowl games, and his seven bowl wins are the most in school history by a coach. His seven bowl wins represent 50% of Minnesota's overall 14 bowl wins as a program.

Fleck guided the Gophers to a 6-3 Big Ten record in 2021 and a 7-2 mark in 2019, making him the first Minnesota coach since Murray Warmath (1960, 1961 and 1967; six wins each) to win at least six conference games more than once.

At Minnesota, Fleck has coached eight All-Americans (Antoine Winfield Jr., Rashod Bateman, John Michael Schmitz, Tyler Nubin, Aireontae Ersery, Koi Perich and Mohamed Ibrahim twice), 10 Academic All-Americans (Blaise Andries three times, Sam Renner twice, Ashton Beers, John Michael Schmitz, Jack Gibbens, Payton Jordahl and Gary Moore) and 488 Academic All-Big Ten performers.

He was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2019, guided Minnesota to two top-10 wins (Penn State and Auburn) in the same season since 1956 and led Minnesota to its first New Year's Day bowl win (2020 Outback Bowl against Auburn) since 1962.

Fleck has had 19 players selected in the NFL Draft while at Minnesota and Minnesota is one of only nine schools in the nation that can claim the distinction of having a first or second round draft pick in each of the last six years (2020-2025).

In 2025, Fleck led Minnesota to an 8-5 overall record and a 5-4 mark in Big Ten play. The Gophers ended the regular season with a border battle win against Wisconsin to retain Paul Bunyan's Axe and then defeated New Mexico in overtime in the Rate Bowl.

Minnesota finished the regular season 7-0 at Huntington Bank Stadium, which included a Top-25 win against No. 25 Nebraska. It was the team's first undefeated season at home since going 6-0 in 1967, the fourth undefeated home season in the modern era (since 1946) and 26th undefeated season at home all-time. It was the first time Minnesota had gone 7-0 at home since 1931 (7-0), while the seven home wins tied for sixth-most in a single season. The only season in history that saw Minnesota go undefeated at home with more wins was in 1904 (11-0).

In addition to New Mexico, Minnesota also beat Michigan State in overtime, making the 2025 season the first time ever that the Gophers have won two overtime games in one season.

Minnesota was led on offense by redshirt-freshman Drake Lindsey, who won eight games and set a program record for wins by a freshman quarterback. Lindsey was stellar in his first year leading the Maroon and Gold. He completed 249-of-386 passes for 2,382 yards and 18 touchdowns against only six interceptions. In program program single-season history, his TD-to-INT ratio (3.00) tied for third, completions total (249) and completion percentage (.632) ranked fourth, attempts total (386) ranked fifth, passing touchdown total (18) tied for eighth, and passing yardage total (2,382) ranked 14th.

Darius Taylor rushed 143 times for 688 yards and four touchdowns and four different players caught all 18 of Lindsey's touchdown passes. Javon Tracy led the way with six and was followed by Le'Meke Brockington, Jameson Geers and Jalen Smith, who each had four. Brockington (484), Tracy (454) and Smith (419) all recorded more than 400 receiving yards, which last happened in 2018 when Tyler Johnson (1,169), Rashod Bateman (704) and Chris Autman-Bell (449) all eclipsed 400 receiving yards.

On defense, linebackers Maverick Baranowski and Devon Williams led the way in tackles, with 103 and 89 respectively. Baranowski became the first Gopher to record more than 100 tackles in a season since Blake Cashman had 104 in 2018. On the line, Anthony Smith recorded 38 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss and a Big Ten-best 12.5 sacks to become the first Gopher to lead the conference in sacks since Karon Riley had 13.0 in 2000. In the secondary, John Nestor had 50 tackles, six interceptions, six pass breakups and one fumble recovery. His six interceptions tied for the third-most in program history. Kerry Brown added 56 tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions.

In 2024, Minnesota went 8-5 overall, 5-4 in the Big Ten and defeated Virginia Tech in the Duke's Mayo Bowl. The Gophers reclaimed Paul Bunyan's Axe with a road win at Wisconsin and posted ranked wins at home against No. 11 USC and on the road at No. 24 Illinois. Minnesota also won at UCLA to earn a victory at the historic Rose Bowl Stadium.

Quarterback Max Brosmer left his mark during his one season in the Maroon and Gold. The signal-caller threw for 2,828 yards and 18 touchdowns and completed a school record 268 passes. With Brosmer at the helm, Minnesota had three players catch more than 40 passes in a season for the first since 1956 (far back as specific records exist) as Daniel Jackson (75), Darius Taylor (54 and a single-season program record for a running back) and Elijah Spencer (52) all eclipsed the 50-catch mark.

Offensive lineman Aireontae Ersery was named an All-American and was the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. He helped anchor a line that allowed Minnesota to average 26.15 points per game, 115.6 rushing yards per game and 222.15 passing yards per game. The balanced Gopher offense rushed for 18 touchdowns and threw for 20.

Minnesota fielded a staunch defense, which was ended the season ranked in the top 15 in the nation in the following categories: Passes Defended/Game, Total Yards Allowed, Passes Defended, Interceptions/Game, Total Defense, Pass Breakups, Touchdowns Allowed, Opp. Pass Efficiency Rating, Interceptions Recorded, First Downs Allowed/Game, Scoring Defense, Passing TDs Allowed, Passing Yards Allowed, Pass Yards Allowed/Attempt and Yards Per Play Allowed.

Defensive back Koi Perich was recognized as an All-American and was named All-Big Ten First Team (first Gopher freshman to be named All-Big Ten First Team since running back Darrell Thompson in 1986) after leading the Big Ten with five interceptions and making 46 tackles. Since 1976, Perich was the only freshman in all of FBS to have recorded more than 100 punt return yards, 100 kick return yards and five interceptions in a season. He was just one of 23 players overall since 1976 to hit his current total of punt return yards, kick return yards and interceptions in one season.

Perich was named a finalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award, while fellow defensive back Kerry Brown was named a semifinalist (Minnesota was the only school to have two players named a semifinalist).

The 2023 season saw Minnesota beat rival Iowa on the road to reclaim Floyd of Rosedale and win its fifth straight bowl game under Fleck (beat Bowling Green in the Quick Lane Bowl). Defensive back Tyler Nubin was named an All-American as he set a school record for most career interceptions with 13 and Dragan Kesich was recognized as the Big Ten Kicker of the Year.

Minnesota set a program record as nine Gophers were named Big Ten Player of the Week (previous record of eight was set in 2018 and tied in 2019) and then-true freshman Darius Taylor established himself as one of the best running backs in the nation. Taylor rushed 138 times for 799 yards and five touchdowns in six games of action. He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week three times and set a school record for most yards by a true freshman when he ran for 208 yards in the Quick Lane Bowl victory.

The 2022 season saw Minnesota post nine wins as the Gophers went 9-4 overall, which included a bowl win against Syracuse and a road win at rival Wisconsin. Minnesota, which went 5-2 at home, 3-2 on the road and 1-0 in neutral site games, was paced by a stout, family-room defense and a bruising offense that featured two All-Americans.

Minnesota ended the season ranked No. 4 in the nation in scoring defense (13.85), No. 5 in third-down conversion defense (.279) and No. 9 in the nation in total defense (295.1 yards per game).

The 13.85 points allowed per game were the fewest that Minnesota has permitted since 1967 when it allowed 10.6 points per game during the 10-game season. Minnesota posted two shutouts during the season (38-0 against New Mexico State and 31-0 against Rutgers), which it had not done since 2006 and the Gophers were the only team in the nation to shutout two FBS teams in 2022 (Alabama, Georgia and Kansas State each had two shutouts, but one each came against an FCS foe).

First-Team All-American center John Michael Schmitz and Second-Team All-American running back Mohamed Ibrahim led the Gopher offense, which ranked No. 17 in the nation with 207.3 rushing yards per game. With Schmitz anchoring an offensive line that featured four new starters, Ibrahim set single season records in rushing attempts (320), rushing yards (1,665), rushing touchdowns (20), total touchdowns (20), total points (120) and 100-yard rushing games (10).

The 2022 season also saw three Gophers named either a semifinalist, finalist or winner of a national award. Ibrahim was named Comeback Player of the Year and was also a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award. Schmitz was a finalist for the Rimington Trophy and was also a semifinalist for the Outland Trophy and the Rotary Lombardi Award. Quarterback Tanner Morgan was a finalist for the Wuerffel Trophy and was a semifinalist for the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Award.

On the field in 2021, Fleck led Minnesota to a 9-4 record and a 6-3 Big Ten mark. The Gophers beat Wisconsin for the first time at home since 2003 to reclaim Paul Bunyan's Axe and picked up a postseason win against West Virginia in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl.

Minnesota's dominant defense and offensive depth were the stories of the season, as the Gophers won their final three games of the year for the first time since 1973.

The Gophers ended the season with the nation's No. 3 total defense (278.8 yards per game) and the nation's No. 6 scoring defense (17.3 points per game). Minnesota also ended the year ranked fourth in first downs defense (202), eighth in rushing defense (97.5) and eighth in passing yards allowed (181.2). Minnesota held eight opponents to 14 points or less and recorded its first shutout (30-0 road win at Colorado) since 2006 (62-0 against Temple) and its first road shutout of a Power 5 opponent since 1977 (21-0 at Illinois).

On offense, the Gophers boasted the most experienced offensive line in the nation and were a force rushing the ball, despite losing All-American Ibrahim in the first game of the season and playing much of the season without five scholarship running backs. Still, the Gophers were the only team in the nation to have five different running backs all record at least one 100-yard rushing game. In total, Minnesota rushed for 2,575 yards and 27 touchdowns and passed for 2,106 yards and 12 scores.

In 2021, Fleck also became a Wall Street Journal best-selling author when his Row The Boat book, which was co-authored with Jon Gordon, peaked at No. 2 on the list in June.

In 2020, Fleck guided the Gophers to a 3-4 record as Minnesota played

## FLECK AT A GLANCE

**Born:** November 29, 1980 (age: 44)
**Hometown:** Sugar Grove, Ill.
**High School:** Kaneland High School, 1999
**Alma Mater:** Northern Illinois, 2004 (elementary education)
**Playing Experience:** Northern Illinois (wide receiver), 1999-2003, San Francisco 49ers (wide receiver), 2004-05

**Coaching History:**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2017- | Minnesota, Head Coach |
| 2013-16 | Western Michigan, Head Coach |
| 2012 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Wide Receivers |
| 2010-11 | Rutgers, Wide Receivers Coach |
| 2009 | Northern Illinois, Recruiting Coord, WRs |
| 2007-08 | Northern Illinois, Wide Receivers |
| 2006 | Ohio State, Graduate Assistant |

**Coaching Honors:**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2019 | Big Ten Coach of the Year, AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, George Munger Award Finalist, Dodd Trophy Finalist, Eddie Robinson Award Finalist, Bear Bryant Award Finalist, AFCA National Coach of the Year Finalist |
| 2016 | Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, Eddie Robinson Award finalist, George Munger Award finalist |
| 2014 | Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year |

**Bowl Games:** 2025 Duke's Mayo Bowl, 2023 Quick Lane, 2022 Pinstripe, 2021 Guaranteed Rate, 2020 Outback, 2018 Quick Lane, 2017 Cotton, 2015 Bahamas, 2014 Famous Idaho Potato

**NFL Draft Picks Who Played For Fleck**

*Minnesota (head coach)*
2026 - Deven Eastern, DL, Round 7, Pick 242, Seattle
2025 - Aireontae Ersery, OL, Round 2, Pick 48, Houston
2025 - Justin Walley, CB, Round 3, Pick 80, Indianapolis
2025 - Cody Lindenberg, LB, Round 7, Pick 222, Las Vegas
2024 - Tyler Nubin, DB, Round 2, Pick 47, New York Giants
2023 - John Michael Schmitz, OL, Round 2, Pick 57, New York Giants
2023 - Jordan Howden, DB, Round 5, Pick 146, New Orleans
2023 - Terell Smith, DB, Round 5, Pick 165, Chicago
2022 - Boye Mafe, DL, Round 2, Pick 40, Seattle
2022 - Daniel Faalele, OL, Round 4, Pick 110, Baltimore
2022 - Esezi Otomewo, DL, Round 5, Pick 165, Minnesota
2022 - Ko Kieft, TE, Round 6, Pick 218, Tampa Bay
2021 - Rashod Bateman, WR, Round 1, Pick 27, Baltimore
2021 - Benjamin St-Juste, DB, Round 3, Pick 74, Washington
2020 - Antoine Winfield Jr., DB, Round 2, Pick 45, Tampa Bay
2020 - Tyler Johnson, WR, Round 5, Pick 161, Tampa Bay
2020 - Kamal Martin, LB, Round 5, Pick 175, Green Bay
2020 - Carter Coughlin, LB, Round 7, Pick 218, New York Giants
2020 - Chris Williamson, DB, Round 7, Pick 247, New York Giants
2019 - Blake Cashman, LB, Round 5, Pick 157, New York Jets

*Western Michigan (head coach)*
2018 - Chukwuma Okorafor, OT, Round 3, Pick 92, Pittsburgh
2018 - Darius Phillips, DB, Round 5, Pick 170, Cincinnati
2017 - Corey Davis, WR, Round 1, Pick 5, Tennessee
2017 - Taylor Moton, OT, Round 2, Pick 64, Carolina
2017 - Keion Adams, LB, Round 7, Pick 248, Pittsburgh
2016 - Willie Beavers, OT, Round 4, Pick 121, Minnesota
2016 - Daniel Braverman, WR, Round 7, Pick 230, Chicago

*Rutgers (wide receivers coach)*
2012 - Mohamed Sanu, WR, Round 3, Pick 83, Cincinnati

an all-Big Ten schedule in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic. The Gophers posted road wins at Nebraska and Illinois and beat Purdue at home. They suffered overtime setbacks at Maryland and at Wisconsin. The season was highlighted by Big Ten Running Back of the Year Ibrahim, who set school records in season rushing yards per game (153.7) and touchdowns in consecutive games (8). He tied school records in most rushing touchdowns in a game (4), most rushing touchdowns in a first half (4), most rushing touchdowns in one half (4) and consecutive 200-yard rushing games (2).

Ibrahim, who was named Third-Team All-America, rushed 201 times for 1,076 yards and 15 touchdowns (most ever for a junior at Minnesota) in the abbreviated and unusual season. He led the Big Ten in the following categories: rushing attempts (201), rushing yards (1,076), rushing yards per game (153.7), rushing touchdowns (15), scoring (90), points per game (12.9) and all-purpose yards per game (168.4).

In 2019, Fleck led Minnesota to historic heights as the Gophers won 11 games for the first time since 1904. Minnesota also won seven Big Ten games for the first time in school history, beat two top-10 teams, won a Jan. 1 bowl game and ended the season ranked No. 10.

Fleck was voted Big Ten Coach of the Year by his fellow conference head coaches and was named AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year. He was also named a finalist for the George Munger Award, Dodd Trophy, Eddie Robinson Award, Bear Bryant Award and AFCA National Coach of the Year.

Minnesota won four Big Ten games by at least 20 points for the first time since 1934 and beat No. 5 Penn State at home and No. 9 Auburn in the Outback Bowl. That was the first time that Minnesota beat two top 10 teams in the same season since 1956. It was also the first time that Minnesota won a Jan. 1 bowl game since 1962.

The Penn State win was Minnesota's first win against a top-five team since it beat No. 2 Penn State on the road in 1999. It was Minnesota's first home win against a top-five team since it beat No. 1 Michigan 16-0 in 1977. The Outback Bowl victory against Auburn was Minnesota's best-ranked non-conference win in school history.

The Gophers ascended to No. 7 in the AP Poll, which was the team's highest ranking since it was No. 5 on Nov. 19, 1962. Minnesota was also ranked No. 8 in the College Football Playoffs, which is its highest CFP ranking in school history. The Gophers ended the year ranked No. 10, which was their best ranking to end a season since 1962.

Minnesota averaged 34.1 points per game, which was the third most in school history, while the defense allowed only 306.6 yards per game.

On offense, Minnesota was led by quarterback Tanner Morgan (All-Big Ten Second Team), running back Rodney Smith (All-Big Ten Second Team) and receivers Tyler Johnson (All-Big Ten First Team) and Rashod Bateman (All-Big Ten First Team). Johnson and Bateman became the first teammates ever to both be named All-Big Ten First Team wide receivers.

Morgan set a slew of single-season school records, including passing yards, passing touchdowns and consecutive games with a touchdown. Smith rushed for more than 1,000 yards and became Minnesota's career leader in all-purpose yards. Johnson set single-season school records in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns and left Dinkytown as the school's career record holder in receiving yards and touchdowns. Bateman was named Big Ten Receiver of the Year and was one of 12 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award as he set program records for a sophomore in receiving yards and touchdowns.

Minnesota's defense was anchored by Antoine Winfield Jr. (All-Big Ten First Team) and Carter Coughlin (All-Big Ten Second Team). Winfield was named the program's seventh Unanimous All-American and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award, which is presented to the best defensive player in the nation. He led Minnesota in tackles and tied a school modern-era record with seven interceptions. Coughlin ended his career as one of the best to ever wear the Maroon and Gold, and he ranks third all-time in sacks and fourth in tackles for loss.

In 2018, Fleck led Minnesota to a 7-6 record and regular-season wins against Wisconsin, Purdue, Indiana, Fresno State, Miami (Ohio) and New Mexico State. The Gophers beat Georgia Tech 34-10 in the Quick Lane Bowl and the 24-point margin of victory was the largest bowl win in school history.

Minnesota also made history when it won the final game of the regular season (Wisconsin) and its bowl game (Georgia Tech), as that was the first time ever that the Gophers won the final game of the season and a bowl game.

Under Fleck, a young Minnesota team beat rival Wisconsin for the first time since 2003 and for the first time on the road since 1994 to claim Paul Bunyan's Axe. The Gophers also downed Purdue's potent offense, as they held the Boilers to a season low in points (10) and yards (233). Minnesota also beat Fresno State, which finished the season ranked No. 18, to give the Bulldogs one of their two defeats on the season. The win against Fresno State also marked the first time that Minnesota beat a team ranked in the final AP poll since 1999.

The Gophers had 112 players on the roster and 58 (51.7%) were freshmen, which was the most in the nation in 2018. The Gophers had 78 underclassmen (69.6%), which ranked tenth in college football.

Fleck played two freshmen quarterbacks (Zack Annexstad, Tanner Morgan) and both threw for more than 1,200 yards and seven touchdowns. Minnesota's two leading rushers were both freshmen and three of Minnesota top-four receivers were freshmen. On defense, freshman Terell Smith led Minnesota with eight pass breakups.

In 2017, Fleck led a young and inexperienced Gopher squad, as 49 of Minnesota's 110 players (44.5%) were freshmen or redshirt freshmen and 76 (69%) were underclassmen. Fleck guided Minnesota to a 5-7 record and those five wins were the most by a first-year Gopher head coach new to the program since the legendary Murray Warmath won seven games in 1954.

Fleck won his Gopher debut against Buffalo, which made him the school's first head coach to win his debut since John Gutekunst in 1986 (before Fleck, Minnesota's six most recent head coaches all lost their first game). Minnesota then posted a dominating 48-14 win at Oregon State, which made Fleck the first Gopher coach to win a true road opener since 1954 when Warmath and the Gophers won 46-7 at Pittsburgh.

Minnesota's 34-point win at Oregon State was the Gophers' 11th largest margin of victory in a road game since 1920 and largest since 2006. The 48 points were the most the Gophers scored on the road since they beat Northwestern 49-21 in 1980.

Minnesota posted three 30-point wins in 2017, as it beat Oregon State by 34, Nebraska by 33 and Middle Tennessee by 31. The last time Minnesota won three games by 30 points in the same season was 2005 when it started the year with three straight 30-point wins.

The Gophers beat Nebraska 54-21 in Fleck's first season. The 54 points were the most that the Gophers scored in a Big Ten game since they beat Indiana 63-26 in 2006. The 54 points were the 14th most scored by Minnesota since 1946 and were the fifth most against a Big Ten opponent in the same timeframe.

Off the field, Fleck and his team can often be found supporting the M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital and the program also hosts an annual diaper drive during training camp and an annual turkey drive during the week of Thanksgiving. Minnesota has also hosted a canned food drive and school supplies drive under Fleck. In the classroom, Minnesota has posted program record GPAs under Fleck.

Fleck came to Minnesota after spending four years as the head coach at Western Michigan, where he was 30-22 overall and 21-11 in the Mid-American Conference. While leading the Broncos, Fleck authored one of the most memorable turnarounds in college football history. The Broncos were 1-11 in his first year in 2013, but ended the 2016 season with a No. 12 ranking, a 13-1 record, a conference championship and a berth in the Cotton Bowl.

The Broncos were 12-0 in the 2016 regular season and posted wins against Big Ten opponents Northwestern and Illinois. Fleck then led his team to a 29-23 win against Ohio in the Mid-American Conference championship game before ending the season with a narrow bowl game defeat to Wisconsin.

Fleck was named MAC Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2016 and in 2016 he the Broncos to their first MAC Championship since 1988.

Earning FBS Region 3 Coach of the Year from the American Football Coaches Association, Fleck was also named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award and the George Munger Award after Western Michigan became the first team in MAC history to win each of its eight league games by 14 or more points.

Fleck turned Western Michigan into a pipeline for the NFL as well, as seven of his players were taken in NFL Drafts.

Fleck coached receiver Corey Davis and offensive lineman Taylor Moton while at Western Michigan. Davis, who was the first Consensus All-American in Western Michigan history, caught 91 passes for 1,427 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2016. He ended his career with 5,212 yards in four seasons, which made him the Football Bowl Subdivision all-time career receiving record holder. Davis, who was selected fifth overall in the 2017 NFL Draft, joined Randy Moss as the only Mid-American Conference receiver to be drafted in the first round. Moton signed one of the NFL's most lucrative contracts (four-year, $72 million) for an offensive lineman in July 2021.

Off the field, Western Michigan had a program-record seven student-athletes named to the 2016 MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete team and the Bronco team posted a 3.14 program GPA in Fleck's last semester at the school.

Prior to his time at Western Michigan, Fleck served as the wide receivers coach for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2012 and coached the receivers at Rutgers from 2010-11. He coached receivers and was the recruiting coordinator at Northern Illinois in 2009 and tutored the receivers for the Huskies from 2007-08. Fleck's coaching career began at Ohio State as a graduate assistant in 2006.

Fleck played receiver at Northern Illinois from 1999-2003 and helped lead the Huskies to a No. 10 ranking, a 10-2 record and wins against Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State in his final season. He ranks in the top five in Northern Illinois history in career receptions (179) and receiving yards (2,162). Fleck holds the school record for punt returns (87) and ranks second in punt return yards (716). He earned First Team All-Mid-American Conference in 2003 and was named Academic All-MAC and Second Team CoSIDA Academic All-American. He graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Fleck played the 2004-05 seasons with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers. He signed with the 49ers as a free agent in 2004 and spent most of his time on the practice squad before seeing action against New England late in the season. He spent the 2005 season on the injured reserve roster and in 2006 he stopped playing professionally and started his coaching career.

Fleck and his wife, Heather, have four children, Gavin, Carter, Paisley (P.J.) and Harper.

## GOPHERS RECORD...

| | 2026 | Under Fleck | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | 2-1 | 68-45 | .602 |
| Big Ten | 0-0 | 39-40 | .494 |
| Non-conference | 2-1 | 29-5 | .853 |
| Home | 2-1 | 42-20 | .677 |
| Away | 0-0 | 19-25 | .432 |
| Neutral | 0-0 | 7-0 | 1.000 |
| As AP Top-25 Team | 0-0 | 5-3 | .625 |
| Against AP Top 25 | 0-0 | 7-18 | .280 |
| Against Non-Ranked FBS Teams | 1-1 | 56-27 | .675 |
| Against FCS | 1-0 | 5-0 | 1.000 |
| Day Game | 1-1 | 48-30 | .615 |
| Night Game | 1-0 | 20-15 | .571 |
| Scoring First | 2-0 | 50-12 | .806 |
| Opponent Scores First | 0-1 | 18-33 | .353 |
| Leading After 1st Quarter | 2-0 | 41-9 | .820 |
| Trailing After 1st Quarter | 0-1 | 11-33 | .250 |
| Tied After 1st Quarter | 0-0 | 16-3 | .842 |
| Leading at Halftime | 2-0 | 57-10 | .851 |
| Trailing at Halftime | 0-1 | 9-33 | .214 |
| Tied at Halftime | 0-0 | 2-2 | .500 |
| Leading After 3rd Quarter | 2-0 | 59-5 | .922 |
| Trailing After 3rd Quarter | 0-1 | 7-36 | .163 |
| Tied After 3rd Quarter | 0-0 | 2-4 | .333 |
| Overtime | 0-0 | 3-3 | .500 |
| Scoring 0-14 Points | 0-1 | 2-23 | .080 |
| Scoring 15-28 Points | 0-0 | 26-15 | .634 |
| Scoring 29+ Points | 2-0 | 40-7 | .851 |
| Allowing 0-14 Points | 2-0 | 39-3 | .929 |
| Allowing 15-28 Points | 0-0 | 24-14 | .632 |
| Allowing 29+ Points | 0-1 | 5-28 | .152 |
| Games Decided by 1-8 Points | 0-0 | 27-17 | .614 |
| Games Decided by 9-19 Points | 0-0 | 13-12 | .520 |
| Games Decided by 20+ Points | 2-1 | 28-16 | .636 |
| More Rushing Yards | 2-0 | 56-12 | .824 |
| Fewer Rushing Yards | 0-1 | 12-33 | .267 |
| With 100-Yard Rusher | 1-0 | 46-14 | .767 |
| Allow 100-Yard Rusher | 0-1 | 8-23 | .258 |
| More Passing Yards | 2-1 | 40-20 | .667 |
| Fewer Passing Yards | 0-0 | 28-25 | .528 |
| With 300-Yard Passer | 0-0 | 6-1 | .857 |
| Allow 300-Yard Passer | 0-0 | 5-8 | .385 |
| More Total Offense | 2-0 | 51-7 | .879 |
| Less Total Offense | 0-1 | 17-38 | .309 |
| Total Offense 300+ Yards | 2-0 | 56-21 | .727 |
| Allow 300+ Yards Total Offense | 0-1 | 21-37 | .362 |
| Total Offense 400+ Yards | 1-0 | 30-6 | .833 |
| Allow 400+ Yards Total Offense | 0-1 | 8-25 | .242 |
| No Turnovers | 0-1 | 29-9 | .763 |
| Less Than Three Turnovers | 2-1 | 59-36 | .621 |
| Three or More Turnovers | 0-0 | 4-8 | .333 |
| No Takeaways | 1-0 | 10-15 | .400 |
| Three or More Takeaways | 0-0 | 17-5 | .773 |
| Commit Fewer Turnovers | 1-1 | 41-12 | .774 |
| Commit More Turnovers | 1-0 | 13-24 | .351 |
| Equal Turnovers | 0-0 | 15-9 | .625 |
| Win Time of Possession | 2-0 | 56-22 | .718 |
| Lose Time of Possession | 0-1 | 12-23 | .343 |
| ABC | 0-0 | 3-4 | .429 |
| BTN | 1-0 | 29-14 | .674 |
| CBS | 0-1 | 1-3 | .250 |
| CBS Sports Network | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1.000 |
| FOX | 0-0 | 3-7 | .300 |
| FS1 | 0-0 | 11-5 | .688 |
| ESPN | 0-0 | 8-3 | .727 |
| ESPN2 | 0-0 | 7-3 | .700 |
| ESPNU | 0-0 | 1-1 | .500 |
| NBC | 0-0 | 1-5 | .167 |
| Pac-12 Network | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1.000 |
| Peacock | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1.000 |
| August | 0-0 | 5-1 | .833 |
| September | 2-1 | 21-10 | .677 |
| October | 0-0 | 18-14 | .563 |
| November | 0-0 | 16-19 | .457 |
| December | 0-0 | 6-1 | .857 |
| January | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1.000 |
| Artificial Turf | 2-1 | 57-40 | .588 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 11-5 | .688 |
| Outdoors | 2-1 | 64-45 | .587 |
| Indoors | 0-0 | 4-0 | 1.000 |

## ROW THE BOAT

**The OAR = The ENERGY!** The symbol of strength and purpose. The amount one brings to their life Academically, Athletically, Socially and Spiritually! The only tool that can move the boat forward!

**The BOAT = The SACRIFICE!** What are you willing to give up for something that you've never had? The more you serve and give, the bigger your boat gets. The bigger your boat gets, the more people you can actually influence. Influence is about the messengers, not just the message.

**The COMPASS = The DIRECTION!** This is set by the leader of the boat! Whomever you surround yourself with is who and what you will become. Where is the bow of your boat pointed? Your boat will go where you have directed your energy towards!

The **"NEVER GIVE UP"** mantra known as ROW THE BOAT came to life from tragedy, sorrow and heartbreak. This mantra can apply to all walks of life and can be used in every aspect of your life. Everyone, not just athletes and athletic teams can share, use and live the ROW THE BOAT lifestyle in their personal and professional lives. By applying ROW THE BOAT, one can have the proper perspective to overcome adversity and humble success by living a lifestyle dedicated to serving and giving.

**FUTURE:** When rowing a boat, as in life, you aren't able to see what is coming your way. Your back is actually facing the future, unable to see what's coming next. Facing the opposite direction can be a very scary and uncomfortable position to be in. However, as in life, worrying about the future only prohibits you from being your absolute best in the present. You aren't able to control the future, but you can control how you react and prepare for it with every stroke you take.

**PRESENT:** You are rowing in the present, which is the ONLY thing you can actually control while rowing a boat. You determine whether you take your oar out of the water or keep rowing. You control whether you ROW fast or slow, confident or hesitant, efficient or rushed and whether you ROW for yourself or others! If you stop rowing, you will not go anywhere. As a team, you control whether all of you want to ROW together with purpose, or ROW because you have to. If you ROW on just one side of the boat, you will go in circles. ROW in unison with everyone else in the boat, no matter the circumstance (chaotic storms or calm seas), you will come out on the other end better and more experienced for never quitting. Getting everyone in the boat to ROW, no matter what circumstances life throws you, can be very difficult, however… keep ROWING!

**PAST:** When rowing the boat, the only thing you can actually learn from, but can't change, is the horizon you are looking at. With every passing stroke you learn, but can never go back! You aren't able to change the past, only learn from it and take with you the lessons to make you better today. You must embrace and learn from your past to create your future! Changing your best daily will take you places you thought were impossible!

## HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

Minnesota is 74-44 all-time at Huntington Bank Stadium, including a 42-20 record under head coach P.J. Fleck. There have been 24 sellouts in HBS history, including eight under Fleck.

| Year | Att. | Gm. | Avg. | Home Record |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2009 | 355,635 | 7 | 50,805 | 4-3 |
| 2010 | 346,593 | 7 | 49,513 | 1-6 |
| 2011 | 333,996 | 7 | 47,714 | 3-4 |
| 2012 | 326,456 | 7 | 46,637 | 4-3 |
| 2013 | 334,581 | 7 | 47,797 | 5-2 |
| 2014 | 335,056 | 7 | 47,865 | 6-1 |
| 2015 | 366,484 | 7 | 52,355 | 3-4 |
| 2016 | 306,697 | 7 | 43,814 | 6-1 |
| 2017 | 310,506 | 7 | 44,358 | 4-3 |
| 2018 | 265,407 | 7 | 37,915 | 5-2 |
| 2019 | 323,330 | 7 | 46,190 | 6-1 |
| 2020* | 1,953 | 3 | 651 | 1-2 |
| 2021 | 322,978 | 7 | 46,140 | 4-3 |
| 2022 | 315,130 | 7 | 45,019 | 5-2 |
| 2023 | 339,169 | 7 | 48,543 | 4-3 |
| 2024 | 332,268 | 7 | 47,467 | 4-3 |
| 2025 | 325,635 | 7 | 46,519 | 7-0 |
| 2026 | 129,264 | 3 | 43,088 | 2-1 |
| **Totals** | **5,368,185** | **118** | **45,493** | **74-44** |

** Only family members were able to attend games due to Covid-19*

## LARGEST GOPHER CROWDS AT HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

| Rank | Date | Opponent | Crowd | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 9/3/15* | TCU | 54,147 | L |
| 2. | 10/17/15 | Nebraska | 54,062 | L |
| 3. | 9/26/15 | Ohio | 53,917 | W |
| 4. | 11/30/19 | Wisconsin | 53,756 | L |
| 5. | 8/31/23* | Nebraska | 53,629 | W |
| 6. | 11/23/13 | Wisconsin | 53,090 | L |
| 7. | 11/28/15 | Wisconsin | 52,850 | L |
| 8. | 9/19/15 | Kent State | 52,823 | W |
| 9. | 10/7/23 | Michigan | 52,179 | L |
| 10. | 9/21/24 | Iowa | 52,048 | L |

** Season Opener*

## KICKOFF TEMPERATUES AT HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

| Warmest Games | Degrees | W/L |
|---|---|---|
| UNLV (8/29/13 at 6 p.m.)* | 92 | W |
| Miami (OH) (9/15/18 at 2:30 p.m.) | 91 | W |
| New Mexico State (9/10/11 at 2:30 p.m.)* | 88 | L |
| Eastern Illinois (9/3/26 at 7 p.m.)* | 86 | W |
| New Mexcio State (9/1/22 at 8 p.m.)* | 83 | W |
| TCU (9/3/15 at 8 p.m.)* | 82 | L |
| Air Force (9/12/09 at 6 p.m.)* | 80 | W |
| Nebraska (8/31/23 at 7 p.m.)* | 79 | W |
| New Mexico State (8/30/18 at 6:00 p.m.)* | 77 | W |
| Iowa (9/21/24 at 6:30 p.m.) | 76 | L |
| Louisiana (9/30/23 at 11 a.m.) | 76 | W |
| Colorado (9/17/22 at 2:30 p.m.) | 76 | W |
| Ohio (9/26/15 at 2:30 p.m.) | 76 | W |

**Coldest (all games at or below freezing listed)**

| Game | Degrees | W/L |
|---|---|---|
| Ohio State (11/15/14 at 11 a.m.) | 15 | L |
| Iowa (11/19/22 at 3 p.m.) | 17 | L |
| Wisconsin (11/23/13 at 2:30 p.m.) | 18 | L |
| Purdue (11/10/18 at 2:30 p.m.) | 21 | W |
| Illinois (11/21/15 at 11 a.m.) | 22 | W |
| Wisconsin (11/29/25 at 2:30 p.m.) | 23 | W |
| Northwestern (11/17/18 at 11 a.m.) | 23 | L |
| Iowa (11/27/10 at 2:30 p.m.) | 23 | W |
| Michigan State (11/24/12 at 2:30 p.m.) | 25 | L |
| Michigan (10/24/20 at 6:30 p.m.)* | 30 | L |
| Northwestern (11/19/16 at 2:30 p.m.) | 30 | W |
| Northwestern (11/12/22 at 2:30 p.m.) | 30 | W |
| Wisconsin (11/25/23 at 2:30 p.m.) | 31 | L |
| Purdue (10/10/09 at 11 a.m.) | 31 | W |
| Wisconsin (11/28/15 at 2:30 p.m.) | 32 | L |

** Season Opener*

## HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM

### STADIUM SEATING

| | |
|---|---|
| 50,805 | Capacity of stadium |
| 25,000 | Approximate number of seats with permanent chairbacks |
| 37 | Private Suites |
| 57 | Loge Boxes |
| 1,250 | Outdoor Club seats |
| 250 | Indoor Club seats |
| 20,000 | Square-foot Club Room for game day and non-game day usage |

### STADIUM BY THE NUMBERS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1,300,000 | Total number of on-site work hours to complete stadium |
| 24,000 | Cubic yards of cast-in-place concrete, enough to make a five-foot-wide sidewalk from Minneapolis to Rochester, MN (74 miles) |
| 8,800 | Tons of structural steel, 97% of which is from recycled steel |
| 4,019,760 | LED lights make up the video boards at the stadium. The main video scoreboard is the third-largest in college sports. |
| 740,000 | Units of brick |
| 2,020,000 | Feet of cable for telecom, broadcast, sound, fire alarm and security systems (382 miles) |
| 2,210,000 | Feet of electrical wire/cable for power (418 miles) |
| 900,000 | Square feet of finished space |
| 7,500 | Light fixtures |
| 350 | LCD televisions |
| 38 | Miles of Aquatherm Blue Pipe filled with Glycol-based heat to keep the field from freezing |
| 21 | Gopher football sellouts to date, including five under P.J. Fleck |
| 12 | Elevators and two escalators |

### STADIUM FACTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Playing Surface | FieldTurf |
| Architect | Populous (formerly HOK Sport) |
| General Contractor | Mortenson (in partnership with Thor) |
| Construction Cost | $288.5 million |

### OTHER STADIUM NOTES

- When completed, Huntington Bank Stadium became the first new football stadium in the Big Ten since 1960 and the first in NCAA FBS since 2006 (additional NCAA FBS stadiums have since been built).
- The Gophers locker room is a state-of-the-art 60 x 25-yard area, shaped like a football with 120 custom-built lockers and 10 LCD televisions.
- The Gophers have a private recruiting room that can accommodate 150 people.
- The main high-definition video display in the stadium is one of the largest in college sports at approximately 48 feet high by 108 feet wide. It boasts Daktronics HD-16 technology and was the first of its kind in the Big Ten Conference.
- The University achieved LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Huntington Bank Stadium, making it the first LEED certified college football stadium in America. The certification is achieved by accumulating credits for various environmentally and sustainable efforts in design and construction.
- In addition to Minnesota college football games, Huntington Bank Stadium has hosted Gopher hockey games, Monday Night Football (Minnesota vs. Chicago), NHL Stadium Series (Minnesota vs. Chicago), an international soccer match (Manchester City vs. Olympiacos), the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games, the MLB All-Star concert, U2, Rolling Stones, Beyonce, One Direction, Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line. The Minnesota Vikings (2014-15) and Minnesota United (2017-18) also played seasons at Huntington Bank Stadium while their new stadiums were being built.

## ALPHA ROSTER

| ## | NAME | POSITION |
|---|---|---|
| 88 | Josiah Anyansi | DL |
| 47 | Enoch Atewogbola | DL |
| 48 | Aaden Aytch | DL |
| 58 | Jaden Ball | OL |
| 6 | Maverick Baranowski | LB |
| 26 | Zeke Bates | RB |
| 78 | Ashton Beers | OL |
| 97 | Jeremiah Benson | DL |
| 85 | Rico Blassingame | WR |
| 14 | Kerry Brown | DB |
| 3 | TJ Bush, Jr. | DL |
| 46 | Mason Carrier | LB |
| 56 | Brett Carroll | OL |
| 28 | Niko Castillo | RB |
| 90 | Xion Chapman | DL |
| 41 | Anthony Charles | DL |
| 35 | Nate Cleveland | LB |
| 70 | Naquan Crowder | DL |
| 81 | Josiah Dozier | WR |
| 12 | Luke Drzewiecki | K |
| 16 | Hudson Dunn | LB |
| 20 | Ryan Estrada | RB |
| 9 | Xavier Ford | RB |
| 8 | Mike Gerald | DB |
| 19 | Joey Gerlach | LB |
| 7 | Aidan Gousby | DB |
| 23 | Lamont Hamilton | DB |
| 75 | Mark Handy | OL |
| 95 | Colin Hansen | DL |
| 4 | Zack Harden | DB |
| 18 | Donielle Hayes | WR |
| 87 | Kaden Helms | TE |
| 89 | Quayd Hendryx | WR |
| 55 | Jaylin Hicks | DL |
| 33 | Rhett Hlavacka | DL |
| 25 | Justin Hopkins | DB |
| 1 | Jaxon Howard | DL |
| 36 | Daniel Jackson | K |
| 13 | Noah Jennings | WR |
| 65 | Greg Johnson | OL |
| 91 | Howie Johnson | DL |
| 82 | Julian Johnson | TE |
| 92 | Sid Kaba | DL |
| 2 | Emmanuel Karmo | LB |
| 49 | Matt Kingsbury | LB |
| 98 | Adam Kissayi | DL |
| 20 | Parker Knutson | DB |
| 31 | Jordan Lampkins | DB |
| 15 | Owen Lansu | QB |
| 60 | Kaveon Lee | OL |
| 5 | Drake Lindsey | QB |
| 32 | Angel Luciano | LB |
| 53 | Jakob Lutz | LS |
| 45 | Sam Macy | DL |
| 15 | Samuel Madu | DB |
| 29 | Andrew Marshall | LB |
| 7 | Bradley Martino | WR |
| 69 | Gavin Meier | OL |
| 11 | Karter Menz | DL |
| 12 | Michael Merdinger | QB |
| 9 | Garrison Monroe | DB |
| 84 | Hayden Moore | WR |
| 59 | Tony Nelson | OL |
| 17 | John Nestor | DB |
| 16 | Brady Palmer | QB |
| 21 | Naiim Parrish | DB |
| 24 | Chance Payne | DB |
| 83 | Sam Peters | TE |
| 13 | Zahir Rainer | DB |
| 99 | Theorin Randle | DL |
| 28 | Trason Richardson | DB |
| 37 | Zachary Robbins | P |
| 44 | George Rohl | TE |

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yrs/at Minn. | Elig. | Hometown / Previous School(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Anthony Smith | DL | 6'6 | 280 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Shippensburg, Pa. / Shippensburg |
| 1 | Jaxon Howard | DL | 6'4 | 260 | 4 / 3 | Sr. | Crystal, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper / LSU |
| 1 | Darius Taylor | RB | 6'0 | 215 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Detroit, Mich. / Walled Lake Western |
| 2 | Emmanuel Karmo | LB | 6'2 | 235 | 2 / 2 | So. | Minneapolis, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper |
| 2 | A.J. Turner | RB | 6'0 | 200 | 5 / 2 | 5th | Hampton, Va. / Life Christian Academy / Marshall |
| 3 | TJ Bush Jr. | DL | 6'3 | 265 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Woodbridge, Va. / Freedom / Liberty / California |
| 3 | Perry Thompson | WR | 6'3 | 220 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Foley, Ala. / Foley / Auburn |
| 4 | Zack Harden | DB | 6'1 | 210 | 2 / 2 | So. | Covington, Ga. / Newton |
| 4 | Roman Voss | TE | 6'4 | 235 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Lakefield, Minn. / Jackson County Central |
| 5 | Drake Lindsey | QB | 6'5 | 230 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville |
| 5 | Aydan West | DB | 6'0 | 195 | 2 / 1 | So. | Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard / Michigan State |
| 6 | Maverick Baranowski | LB | 6'2 | 230 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Ponce Inlet, Fla. / Spruce Creek |
| 6 | Max Shikenjanski | QB | 6'2 | 185 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Stillwater, Minn. / Stillwater |
| 7 | Aidan Gousby | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Lehigh Acres, Fla. / Lehigh Senior |
| 7 | Bradley Martino | WR | 6'3 | 190 | 2 / 2 | So. | Naples, Fla. / First Baptist Academy |
| 8 | Mike Gerald | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Houston, Texas / Morton Ranch |
| 8 | Jalen Smith | WR | 6'1 | 210 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Mankato, Minn. / Mankato West |
| 9 | Xavier Ford | RB | 5'10 | 210 | 2 / 2 | So. | Leesville, La. / Leesville |
| 9 | Garrison Monroe | DB | 6'0 | 205 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee |
| 11 | Karter Menz | DL | 6'5 | 240 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Horace, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne |
| 11 | Javon Tracy | WR | 6'0 | 205 | 5 / 2 | 5th | Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central / Miami (OH) |
| 12 | Luke Drzewiecki | K | 6'0 | 186 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Shelby Township, Mich. / Utica Eisenhower / New Mexico |
| 12 | Michael Merdinger | QB | 6'1 | 205 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons / North Carolina / Liberty |
| 13 | Noah Jennings | WR | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Columbia, S.C. / Westwood / Charleston Southern / Cincinnati |
| 13 | Zahir Rainer | DB | 5'9 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal |
| 14 | Kerry Brown | DB | 5'10 | 190 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Naples, Fla. / Naples |
| 14 | Dylan Wittke | QB | 6'1 | 215 | 4 / 3 | Sr. | Buford, Ga. / Buford / Virginia Tech |
| 15 | Owen Lansu | QB | 6'1 | 195 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Downers Grove, Ill. / Downers Grove North |
| 15 | Samuel Madu | DB | 6'1 | 180 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Bronx, N.Y. / Archbishop Stepinac |
| 16 | Hudson Dunn | LB | 6'0 | 220 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty |
| 16 | Brady Palmer | QB | 6'2 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic |
| 17 | John Nestor | DB | 6'1 | 210 | 4 / 2 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. / Marist / Iowa |
| 18 | Donielle Hayes | WR | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Pensacola, Fla. / Pine Forest |
| 19 | Joey Gerlach | LB | 6'3 | 225 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury |
| 19 | Pierce Walsh | TE | 6'4 | 250 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Downers Grove, Ill. / Benet Academy |
| 20 | Ryan Estrada | RB | 5'10 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | El Paso, Texas / El Dorado |
| 20 | Parker Knutson | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Sartell, Minn. / Sartell / Southwest Minnesota State |
| 21 | Naiim Parrish | DB | 5'11 | 180 | 2 / 2 | So. | Freehold, N.J. / Bergen Catholic |
| 21 | Grant Washington | RB | 5'10 | 205 | 2 / 2 | So. | Avon, Ohio / St. Ignatius |
| 22 | Mekhai Smith | DB | 6'2 | 215 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Lower Merion, Pa. / Lower Merion / Lehigh |
| 22 | Jaron Thomas | RB | 6'0 | 225 | 2 / 1 | So. | Elkhart, Ind. / Concord / Purdue |
| 23 | Lamont Hamilton | DB | 5'10 | 170 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Racine, Wis. / St. Catherine's |
| 23 | TJ Thomas | RB | 5'8 | 190 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Thomasville, Ga. / Brookwood / Elon |
| 24 | Chance Payne | DB | 5'10 | 185 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson |
| 24 | Braiden Stevens | WR | 5'8 | 170 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Platte City, Mo. / Platte County |
| 25 | Justin Hopkins | DB | 5'11 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth |
| 25 | Zion Steptoe | WR | 5'11 | 190 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Little Elm, Texas / Memorial / Purdue / Tulsa |
| 26 | Zeke Bates | RB | 6'0 | 220 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Haverford, Pa. / Malvern Prep |
| 26 | Elisha West | DB | 5'10 | 195 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Germantown, Md. / Quince Orchard / Merrimack / Michigan State |
| 27 | Simon Seidl | DB | 5'10 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Hugo, Minn. / Hill-Murray |
| 28 | Niko Castillo | RB | 6'1 | 235 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Schuylkill Haven Area |
| 28 | Trason Richardson | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Houston, Texas / Almeta Crawford |
| 29 | Andrew Marshall | LB | 6'2 | 235 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Ohio / Lackawanna / Eastern Michigan |
| 31 | Jordan Lampkins | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Germantown, Md. / Bolingbrook |
| 32 | Angel Luciano | LB | 6'1 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Steelton, Pa. / Steelton-Highspire |
| 33 | Rhett Hlavacka | DL | 6'5 | 260 | 2 / 2 | So. | Fond du Lac, Wis. / Fond du Lac |
| 35 | Nate Cleveland | LB | 6'2 | 225 | 2 / 2 | So. | Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Hoffman Estates |
| 36 | Daniel Jackson | K | 5'10 | 175 | 2 / 2 | So. | Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria |
| 36 | Tavian White | DB | 5'11 | 180 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Waukee, Iowa / Waukee |
| 37 | Zachary Robbins | P | 6'3 | 220 | 2 / 1 | So. | Santaquin, Utah / Payson / Utah State |
| 41 | Anthony Charles | DL | 6'5 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. / South Fayette |
| 42 | Tom Weston | P | 6'3 | 220 | 4 / 2 | Sr. | Perth, Australia / CBC Fremantle / Ouachita Baptist |
| 44 | George Rohl | TE | 6'6 | 245 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Ellsworth, Wis. / Ellsworth |
| 44 | Ethan Stendel | LB | 6'3 | 240 | 2 / 2 | So. | Caledonia, Minn. / Caledonia |
| 45 | Sam Macy | DL | 6'5 | 250 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Chanhassen, Minn. / Chanhassen |
| 46 | Mason Carrier | LB | 6'3 | 235 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes |
| 47 | Enoch Atewogbola | DL | 6'4 | 255 | 2 / 2 | So. | Avon, Ind. / Avon |
| 48 | Aaden Aytch | DL | 6'3 | 240 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson |
| 49 | Matt Kingsbury | LB | 6'3 | 235 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. / St. Rita |
| 50 | Nathan Roy | OL | 6'5 | 305 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago |
| 51 | Daniel Shipp | OL | 6'5 | 295 | 2 / 2 | So. | Eastvale, Calif. / Centennial |
| 52 | Alan Soukup | LS | 6'1 | 210 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Phoenix, Ariz. / Pinnacle |
| 53 | Jakob Lutz | LS | 6'0 | 205 | 2 / 2 | So. | Peachtree City, Ga. / McIntosh |

| ## | NAME | POSITION |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | Nathan Roy | OL |
| 94 | Mo Saine | DL |
| 66 | Beckett Schreiber | OL |
| 27 | Simon Seidl | DB |
| 6 | Max Shikenjanski | QB |
| 51 | Daniel Shipp | OL |
| 88 | Jacob Simpson | TE |
| 0 | Anthony Smith | DL |
| 8 | Jalen Smith | WR |
| 22 | Mekhai Smith | DB |
| 52 | Alan Soukup | LS |
| 77 | Nick Spence | OL |
| 44 | Ethan Stendel | LB |
| 25 | Zion Steptoe | WR |
| 24 | Braiden Stevens | WR |
| 56 | Jay'Quan Stubbs | DL |
| 92 | Beckham Sunderland | K |
| 93 | Riley Sunram | DL |
| 96 | Abu Tarawallie | DL |
| 1 | Darius Taylor | RB |
| 57 | Aaron Thomas | OL |
| 22 | Jaron Thomas | RB |
| 23 | TJ Thomas | RB |
| 3 | Perry Thompson | WR |
| 71 | Lucas Tielsch | OL |
| 11 | Javon Tracy | WR |
| 79 | Andrew Trout | OL |
| 2 | A.J. Turner | RB |
| 4 | Roman Voss | TE |
| 19 | Pierce Walsh | TE |
| 68 | Bennett Warren | OL |
| 21 | Grant Washington | RB |
| 86 | Gabe Weaver | TE |
| 5 | Aydan West | DB |
| 26 | Elisha West | DB |
| 42 | Tom Weston | P |
| 36 | Tavian White | DB |
| 55 | Jerome Williams | OL |
| 14 | Dylan Wittke | QB |

**Players By Country (2 countries)**

| | |
|---|---|
| United States | 111 |
| Australia | 1 |

**Players By State (30 states)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Minnesota | 22 |
| Florida | 8 |
| Pennsylvania | 8 |
| Illinois | 7 |
| Wisconsin | 7 |
| Georgia | 6 |
| Ohio | 6 |
| Texas | 6 |
| Arizona | 4 |
| Indiana | 4 |
| Maryland | 3 |
| Michigan | 3 |
| Virginia | 3 |
| Alabama | 2 |
| California | 2 |
| Iowa | 2 |
| Missouri | 2 |
| New Jersey | 2 |
| New York | 2 |
| North Dakota | 2 |
| Arkansas | 1 |
| Kansas | 1 |
| Kentucky | 1 |
| Louisiana | 1 |
| Nebraska | 1 |
| New Mexico | 1 |
| South Carolina | 1 |
| Tennessee | 1 |
| Utah | 1 |
| Washington | 1 |

| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yrs/at Minn. | Elig. | Hometown / Previous School(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | Jaylin Hicks | DL | 6'3 | 270 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Harlem, N.Y. / Iona Preparatory |
| 55 | Jerome Williams | OL | 6'4 | 325 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Osseo, Minn. / Osseo |
| 56 | Brett Carroll | OL | 6'5 | 320 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Olathe, Kan. / Olathe East |
| 56 | Jay'Quan Stubbs | DL | 6'4 | 285 | 2 / 2 | So. | Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights |
| 57 | Aaron Thomas | OL | 6'6 | 300 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Phoenix, Ariz. / Mountain Pointe |
| 58 | Jaden Ball | OL | 6'5 | 310 | 3 / 2 | Jr. | Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Purdue |
| 59 | Tony Nelson | OL | 6'6 | 325 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Tracy, Minn. / Tracy-Milroy-Balaton |
| 60 | Kaveon Lee | OL | 6'5 | 320 | 2 / 2 | So. | Chicago, Ill. / Central |
| 65 | Greg Johnson | OL | 6'6 | 325 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake |
| 66 | Beckett Schreiber | OL | 6'5 | 295 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Madison, Wis. / Madison Memorial |
| 68 | Bennett Warren | OL | 6'7 | 300 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Christian Academy / Tennessee |
| 69 | Gavin Meier | OL | 6'5 | 305 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Janesville, Wis. / Janesville Parker |
| 70 | Naquan Crowder | DL | 6'2 | 330 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Aliquippa, Pa. / Aliquippa / California (PA) / Marshall |
| 71 | Lucas Tielsch | OL | 6'7 | 320 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Copley, Ohio / Copley |
| 75 | Mark Handy | OL | 6'7 | 320 | 2 / 2 | So. | Albuquerque, N.M. / La Cueva |
| 77 | Nick Spence | OL | 6'6 | 300 | 2 / 2 | So. | Phoenix, Ariz. / Liberty |
| 78 | Ashton Beers | OL | 6'6 | 320 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Slinger, Wis. / Slinger |
| 79 | Andrew Trout | OL | 6'7 | 300 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori |
| 81 | Josiah Dozier | WR | 6'1 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Moody, Ala. / Moody |
| 82 | Julian Johnson | TE | 6'6 | 260 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Aurora, Ill. / Waubonsie Valley |
| 83 | Sam Peters | TE | 6'4 | 250 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove |
| 84 | Hayden Moore | WR | 6'1 | 205 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Gainesville, Fla. / Newberry |
| 85 | Rico Blassingame | WR | 6'1 | 185 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Auburn, Wash. / Tolleson Union |
| 86 | Gabe Weaver | TE | 6'5 | 240 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo. / MICDS |
| 87 | Kaden Helms | TE | 6'5 | 240 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue West / Oklahoma |
| 88 | Josiah Anyansi | DL | 6'3 | 260 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Atlanta, Ga. / Murrieta Valley |
| 88 | Jacob Simpson | TE | 6'4 | 245 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Johnston, Iowa / Johnston |
| 89 | Quayd Hendryx | WR | 5'11 | 180 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Burlington Township, N.J. / Winslow Township |
| 90 | Xion Chapman | DL | 6'3 | 305 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Allentown, Pa. / Dieruff / Lackawanna / FIU |
| 91 | Howie Johnson | DL | 6'3 | 300 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Forest Lake, Minn. / Forest Lake |
| 92 | Sid Kaba | DL | 6'2 | 305 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Columbus, Ohio / KIPP Columbus / Western Michigan / Marshall |
| 92 | Beckham Sunderland | K | 6'2 | 215 | 3 / 1 | Sr. | Newport, Ky. / Sycamore (Ohio) / Texas State / Michigan |
| 93 | Riley Sunram | DL | 6'5 | 305 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Kindred, N.D. / Kindred |
| 94 | Mo Saine | DL | 6'4 | 275 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie |
| 95 | Colin Hansen | DL | 6'7 | 265 | 2 / 2 | So. | Byron, Minn. / Byron |
| 96 | Abu Tarawallie | DL | 6'3 | 290 | 2 / 2 | So. | New Hope, Minn. / Heritage Christian Academy |
| 97 | Jeremiah Benson | DL | 6'3 | 280 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Detroit, Mich. / West Bloomfield |
| 98 | Adam Kissayi | DL | 6'8 | 255 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Palm Bay, Fla. / Heritage / Clemson |
| 99 | Theorin Randle | DL | 6'2 | 300 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Houston, Texas / Shadow Creek |

*On June 23, 2026, the Division I Cabinet unanimously approved a sweeping overhaul of eligibility rules for student-athletes, permitting Division I student-athletes up to five years of eligibility if they enroll in college no later than the academic year after their 19th birthday. Athletes that were on a roster in 2025-26 were reviewed under the old rules or new eligibility model to determine which model is most beneficial to them. Those athletes could have been eligible for a waiver if submitted by July 31, 2026. The new rule streamlined a significant portion of the Division I rule book by eliminating season-of-competition limits, sport-specific eligibility and redshirt rules, and eligibility extension waivers. As a result, and based on recommendation from the College Sports Communicators, the following class year designations for the 2026-27 academic year are being used: Fr., So., Jr., Sr., 5th.*

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### Players

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|---|---|
| **Josiah Anyansi** | eye-ON-see |
| **Enoch Atewogbola** | EE-nock uh-TOE-gwuh-luh |
| **Aaden Aytch** | AY-den H (like the letter H) |
| **Maverick Baranowski** | BARE-eh-now-skee |
| **Rico Blassingame** | BLASS-ing-game |
| **Xion Chapman** | ZYE-in |
| **Naquan Crowder** | NAY-kwan |
| **Josiah Dozier** | DOZE-yer |
| **Luke Drzewiecki** | driz-WICK-ee |
| **Xavier Ford** | ex-ZAVE-yer |
| **Mike Gerald** | JARE-old |
| **Joey Gerlach** | GER-lock |
| **Aidan Gousby** | GOOZ-bee |
| **Donielle Hayes** | DON-yell |
| **Quayd Hendryx** | KWAYD |
| **Rhett Hlavacka** | luh-VAH-kuh |
| **Sid Kaba** | COBB-uh |
| **Adam Kissayi** | kuh-SY |
| **Parker Knutson** | kuh-NOOT-son |
| **Owen Lansu** | LAN-soo |
| **Kaveon Lee** | KAY-vee-on |
| **Jakob Lutz** | LUTTS |
| **Samuel Madu** | muh-DOO |
| **Gavin Meier** | MY-er |
| **Karter Menz** | menz |
| **Michael Merdinger** | MER-din-JUR |
| **John Nestor** | NEST-er |
| **Naiim Parrish** | NY-eem |
| **Zahir Rainer** | ZY-eer RAY-ner |
| **Theorin Randle** | THARE-in |
| **George Rohl** | ROLE |
| **Simon Seidl** | SY-dle |
| **Max Shikenjanski** | SHICK-in-JAN-skee |
| **Mekhai Smith** | muh-KYE |
| **Alan Soukup** | SOOK-up |
| **Ethan Stendel** | stendle |
| **Zion Steptoe** | ZYE-in |
| **Beckham Sunderland** | BECK-ham SUN-der-land |
| **Riley Sunram** | SUN-RAM |
| **Abu Tarawallie** | uh-BOO TARE-uh-WALL-ee |
| **Jaron Thomas** | juh-RON |
| **Lucas Tielsch** | TILSH |
| **Javon Tracy** | juh-VON |
| **Aydan West** | AY-den |
| **Elisha West** | ee-LYE-shuh |
| **Tavian White** | TAY-vee-in |
| **Dylan Wittke** | WIT-kee |

### COACHES

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|---|---|
| **Daniel Da Prato** | duh PROTTO |
| **Isaac Fruechte** | FRICK-tee |
| **Greg Harbaugh, Jr.** | HAR-bo |
| **Mohamed Ibrahim** | I-bruh-him |
| **Eric Koehler** | KAY-ler |
| **Mariano Sori-Marin** | MAR-ee-on-oh SORE-ee MARE-in |
| **Steve Stanard** | stuh-NARD |
| **Mike Sypniak (trainer)** | SIP-nee-ack |

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yrs/at Minn. | Acad. Yr. | Hometown / Previous School(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Drake Lindsey | QB | 6'5 | 230 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville |
| 6 | Max Shikenjanski | QB | 6'2 | 185 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Stillwater, Minn. / Stillwater |
| 12 | Michael Merdinger | QB | 6'1 | 205 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Cardinal Gibbons / North Carolina / Liberty |
| 14 | Dylan Wittke | QB | 6'1 | 215 | 4 / 3 | Sr. | Buford, Ga. / Buford / Virginia Tech |
| 15 | Owen Lansu | QB | 6'1 | 195 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Downers Grove, Ill. / Downers Grove North |
| 16 | Brady Palmer | QB | 6'2 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic |
| 1 | Darius Taylor | RB | 6'0 | 215 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Detroit, Mich. / Walled Lake Western |
| 2 | A.J. Turner | RB | 6'0 | 200 | 5 / 2 | 5th | Hampton, Va. / Life Christian Academy / Marshall |
| 9 | Xavier Ford | RB | 5'10 | 210 | 2 / 2 | So. | Leesville, La. / Leesville |
| 20 | Ryan Estrada | RB | 5'10 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | El Paso, Texas / El Dorado |
| 21 | Grant Washington | RB | 5'10 | 205 | 2 / 2 | So. | Avon, Ohio / St. Ignatius |
| 22 | Jaron Thomas | RB | 6'0 | 225 | 2 / 1 | So. | Elkhart, Ind. / Concord / Purdue |
| 23 | TJ Thomas | RB | 5'8 | 190 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Thomasville, Ga. / Brookwood / Elon |
| 26 | Zeke Bates | RB | 6'0 | 220 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Haverford, Pa. / Malvern Prep |
| 28 | Niko Castillo | RB | 6'1 | 235 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Schuylkill Haven Area |
| 3 | Perry Thompson | WR | 6'3 | 220 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Foley, Ala. / Foley / Auburn |
| 7 | Bradley Martino | WR | 6'3 | 190 | 2 / 2 | So. | Naples, Fla. / First Baptist Academy |
| 8 | Jalen Smith | WR | 6'1 | 210 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Mankato, Minn. / Mankato West |
| 11 | Javon Tracy | WR | 6'0 | 205 | 5 / 2 | 5th | Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central / Miami (OH) |
| 13 | Noah Jennings | WR | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Columbia, S.C. / Westwood / Charleston Southern / Cincinnati |
| 18 | Donielle Hayes | WR | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Pensacola, Fla. / Pine Forest |
| 24 | Braiden Stevens | WR | 5'8 | 170 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Platte City, Mo. / Platte County |
| 25 | Zion Steptoe | WR | 5'11 | 190 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Little Elm, Texas / Memorial / Purdue / Tulsa |
| 81 | Josiah Dozier | WR | 6'1 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Moody, Ala. / Moody |
| 84 | Hayden Moore | WR | 6'1 | 205 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Gainesville, Fla. / Newberry |
| 85 | Rico Blassingame | WR | 6'1 | 185 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Auburn, Wash. / Tolleson Union |
| 89 | Quayd Hendryx | WR | 5'11 | 180 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Burlington Township, N.J. / Winslow Township |
| 4 | Roman Voss | TE | 6'4 | 235 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Lakefield, Minn. / Jackson County Central |
| 19 | Pierce Walsh | TE | 6'4 | 250 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Downers Grove, Ill. / Benet Academy |
| 44 | George Rohl | TE | 6'6 | 245 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Ellsworth, Wis. / Ellsworth |
| 82 | Julian Johnson | TE | 6'6 | 260 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Aurora, Ill. / Waubonsie Valley |
| 83 | Sam Peters | TE | 6'4 | 250 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Maple Grove, Minn. / Maple Grove |
| 86 | Gabe Weaver | TE | 6'5 | 240 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo. / MICDS |
| 87 | Kaden Helms | TE | 6'5 | 240 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue West / Oklahoma |
| 88 | Jacob Simpson | TE | 6'4 | 245 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Johnston, Iowa / Johnston |
| 50 | Nathan Roy | OL | 6'5 | 305 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago |
| 51 | Daniel Shipp | OL | 6'5 | 295 | 2 / 2 | So. | Eastvale, Calif. / Centennial |
| 55 | Jerome Williams | OL | 6'4 | 325 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Osseo, Minn. / Osseo |
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| 58 | Jaden Ball | OL | 6'5 | 310 | 3 / 2 | Jr. | Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Purdue |
| 59 | Tony Nelson | OL | 6'6 | 325 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Tracy, Minn. / Tracy-Milroy-Balaton |
| 60 | Kaveon Lee | OL | 6'5 | 320 | 2 / 2 | So. | Chicago, Ill. / Central |
| 65 | Greg Johnson | OL | 6'6 | 325 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Prior Lake, Minn. / Prior Lake |
| 66 | Beckett Schreiber | OL | 6'5 | 295 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Madison, Wis. / Madison Memorial |
| 68 | Bennett Warren | OL | 6'7 | 300 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Houston, Texas / Fort Bend Christian Academy / Tennessee |
| 69 | Gavin Meier | OL | 6'5 | 305 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Janesville, Wis. / Janesville Parker |
| 71 | Lucas Tielsch | OL | 6'7 | 320 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Copley, Ohio / Copley |
| 75 | Mark Handy | OL | 6'7 | 320 | 2 / 2 | So. | Albuquerque, N.M. / La Cueva |
| 77 | Nick Spence | OL | 6'6 | 300 | 2 / 2 | So. | Phoenix, Ariz. / Liberty |
| 78 | Ashton Beers | OL | 6'6 | 320 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Slinger, Wis. / Slinger |
| 79 | Andrew Trout | OL | 6'7 | 300 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Cold Spring, Minn. / Rocori |
| 12 | Luke Drzewiecki | K | 6'0 | 186 | 5 / 1 | 5th | Shelby Township, Mich. / Utica Eisenhower / New Mexico |
| 36 | Daniel Jackson | K | 5'10 | 175 | 2 / 2 | So. | Alexandria, Minn. / Alexandria |
| 92 | Beckham Sunderland | K | 6'2 | 215 | 3 / 1 | Sr. | Newport, Ky. / Sycamore (Ohio) / Texas State / Michigan |
| 37 | Zachary Robbins | P | 6'3 | 220 | 2 / 1 | So. | Santaquin, Utah / Payson / Utah State |
| 42 | Tom Weston | P | 6'3 | 220 | 4 / 2 | Sr. | Perth, Australia / CBC Fremantle / Ouachita Baptist |
| 52 | Alan Soukup | LS | 6'1 | 210 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Phoenix, Ariz. / Pinnacle |
| 53 | Jakob Lutz | LS | 6'0 | 205 | 2 / 2 | So. | Peachtree City, Ga. / McIntosh |

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| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Yrs/at Minn. | Acad. Yr. | Hometown / Previous School(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Anthony Smith | DL | 6'6 | 280 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Shippensburg, Pa. / Shippensburg |
| 1 | Jaxon Howard | DL | 6'4 | 260 | 4 / 3 | Sr. | Crystal, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper / LSU |
| 3 | TJ Bush Jr. | DL | 6'3 | 265 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Woodbridge, Va. / Freedom / Liberty / California |
| 11 | Karter Menz | DL | 6'5 | 240 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Horace, N.D. / West Fargo Sheyenne |
| 33 | Rhett Hlavacka | DL | 6'5 | 260 | 2 / 2 | So. | Fond du Lac, Wis. / Fond du Lac |
| 41 | Anthony Charles | DL | 6'5 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. / South Fayette |
| 45 | Sam Macy | DL | 6'5 | 250 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Chanhassen, Minn. / Chanhassen |
| 47 | Enoch Atewogbola | DL | 6'4 | 255 | 2 / 2 | So. | Avon, Ind. / Avon |
| 48 | Aaden Aytch | DL | 6'3 | 240 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Lafayette, Ind. / Jefferson |
| 55 | Jaylin Hicks | DL | 6'3 | 270 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Harlem, N.Y. / Iona Preparatory |
| 56 | Jay'Quan Stubbs | DL | 6'4 | 285 | 2 / 2 | So. | Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights |
| 70 | Naquan Crowder | DL | 6'2 | 330 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Aliquippa, Pa. / Aliquippa / California (PA) / Marshall |
| 88 | Josiah Anyansi | DL | 6'3 | 260 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Atlanta, Ga. / Murrieta Valley |
| 90 | Xion Chapman | DL | 6'3 | 305 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Allentown, Pa. / Dieruff / Lackawanna / FIU |
| 91 | Howie Johnson | DL | 6'3 | 300 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Forest Lake, Minn. / Forest Lake |
| 92 | Sid Kaba | DL | 6'2 | 305 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Columbus, Ohio / KIPP Columbus / Western Michigan / Marshall |
| 93 | Riley Sunram | DL | 6'5 | 305 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Kindred, N.D. / Kindred |
| 94 | Mo Saine | DL | 6'4 | 275 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie |
| 95 | Colin Hansen | DL | 6'7 | 265 | 2 / 2 | So. | Byron, Minn. / Byron |
| 96 | Abu Tarawallie | DL | 6'3 | 290 | 2 / 2 | So. | New Hope, Minn. / Heritage Christian Academy |
| 97 | Jeremiah Benson | DL | 6'3 | 280 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Detroit, Mich. / West Bloomfield |
| 98 | Adam Kissayi | DL | 6'8 | 255 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Palm Bay, Fla. / Heritage / Clemson |
| 99 | Theorin Randle | DL | 6'2 | 300 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Houston, Texas / Shadow Creek |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Emmanuel Karmo | LB | 6'2 | 235 | 2 / 2 | So. | Minneapolis, Minn. / Robbinsdale Cooper |
| 6 | Maverick Baranowski | LB | 6'2 | 230 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Ponce Inlet, Fla. / Spruce Creek |
| 16 | Hudson Dunn | LB | 6'0 | 220 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty |
| 19 | Joey Gerlach | LB | 6'3 | 225 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Woodbury, Minn. / Woodbury |
| 29 | Andrew Marshall | LB | 6'2 | 235 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Carroll, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll / Ohio / Lackawanna / Eastern Michigan |
| 32 | Angel Luciano | LB | 6'1 | 210 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Steelton, Pa. / Steelton-Highspire |
| 35 | Nate Cleveland | LB | 6'2 | 225 | 2 / 2 | So. | Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Hoffman Estates |
| 44 | Ethan Stendel | LB | 6'3 | 240 | 2 / 2 | So. | Caledonia, Minn. / Caledonia |
| 46 | Mason Carrier | LB | 6'3 | 235 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Detroit Lakes, Minn. / Detroit Lakes |
| 49 | Matt Kingsbury | LB | 6'3 | 235 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. / St. Rita |
| | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Zack Harden | DB | 6'1 | 210 | 2 / 2 | So. | Covington, Ga. / Newton |
| 5 | Aydan West | DB | 6'0 | 195 | 2 / 1 | So. | Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard / Michigan State |
| 7 | Aidan Gousby | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 5 / 5 | 5th | Lehigh Acres, Fla. / Lehigh Senior |
| 8 | Mike Gerald | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Houston, Texas / Morton Ranch |
| 9 | Garrison Monroe | DB | 6'0 | 205 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee |
| 13 | Zahir Rainer | DB | 5'9 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal |
| 14 | Kerry Brown | DB | 5'10 | 190 | 4 / 4 | Sr. | Naples, Fla. / Naples |
| 15 | Samuel Madu | DB | 6'1 | 180 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Bronx, N.Y. / Archbishop Stepinac |
| 17 | John Nestor | DB | 6'1 | 210 | 4 / 2 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. / Marist / Iowa |
| 20 | Parker Knutson | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 4 / 1 | Sr. | Sartell, Minn. / Sartell / Southwest Minnesota State |
| 21 | Naiim Parrish | DB | 5'11 | 180 | 2 / 2 | So. | Freehold, N.J. / Bergen Catholic |
| 22 | Mekhai Smith | DB | 6'2 | 215 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Lower Merion, Pa. / Lower Merion / Lehigh |
| 23 | Lamont Hamilton | DB | 5'10 | 170 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Racine, Wis. / St. Catherine's |
| 24 | Chance Payne | DB | 5'10 | 185 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Jefferson, Ga. / Jefferson |
| 25 | Justin Hopkins | DB | 5'11 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth |
| 26 | Elisha West | DB | 5'10 | 195 | 3 / 1 | Jr. | Germantown, Md. / Quince Orchard / Merrimack / Michigan State |
| 27 | Simon Seidl | DB | 5'10 | 190 | 3 / 3 | Jr. | Hugo, Minn. / Hill-Murray |
| 28 | Trason Richardson | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Houston, Texas / Almeta Crawford |
| 31 | Jordan Lampkins | DB | 6'0 | 190 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Germantown, Md. / Bolingbrook |
| 36 | Tavian White | DB | 5'11 | 180 | 1 / 1 | Fr. | Waukee, Iowa / Waukee |

# 2026 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

**BREAKDOWN BY YEAR (112)**

| | |
|---|---|
| First Year | 31 |
| Second Year | 22 |
| Third Year | 25 |
| Fourth Year | 23 |
| Fifth Year | 11 |

**BREAKDOWN BY PREVIOUS SCHOOL (112)**

| | |
|---|---|
| High School | 84 |
| Transfer Portal | 28 |

**BREAKDOWN BY HOME STATE/COUNTRY (112)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Minnesota | 22 |
| Florida/Pennsylvania | 8 |
| Illinois/Wisconsin | 7 |
| Georgia/Ohio/Texas | 6 |
| Arizona/Indiana | 4 |
| Maryland/Michigan/Virginia | 3 |
| Alabama/California/Iowa/Missouri/ New Jersey/New York/North Dakota | 2 |
| Arkansas/Australia/Kansas/Kentucky/Louisiana/ Nebraska/New Mexico/South Carolina/Tennessee/ Utah/Washington | 1 |

**STARTERS RETURNING (13)**

**Offense (6)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Ashton Beers | OL |
| Greg Johnson | OL |
| Nathan Roy | OL |
| Drake Lindsey | QB |
| Darius Taylor | RB |
| Jalen Smith | WR |

**Defense (5)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Kerry Brown | DB |
| John Nestor | DB |
| Jaxon Howard | DL |
| Anthony Smith | DL |
| Maverick Baranowski | LB |

**Specialists (2)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Alan Soukup | LS |
| Tom Weston | P |

**STARTERS LOST (12)**

**Offense (5)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank Bierman | TE |
| Jameson Geers | TE |
| Le'Meke Brockington | WR |
| Marcellus Marshall | OL |
| Dylan Ray | OL |

**Defense (6)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Za'Quan Bryan | DB |
| Darius Green | DB |
| Koi Perich | DB |
| Deven Eastern | DL |
| Jalen Logan-Redding | DL |
| Devon Williams | LB |

**Specialists (1)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Brady Denaburg | K |

**LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (47)**

**Offense (21)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Jaden Ball | OL |
| Ashton Beers | OL |
| Brett Carroll | OL |
| Greg Johnson | OL |
| Tony Nelson | OL |
| Nathan Roy | OL |
| Jerome Williams | OL |
| Drake Lindsey | QB |
| Max Shikenjanski | QB |
| Dylan Wittke | QB |
| Xavier Ford | RB |
| Darius Taylor | RB |
| A.J. Turner | RB |
| Grant Washington | RB |
| Julian Johnson | TE |
| Sam Peters | TE |
| Jacob Simpson | TE |
| Pierce Walsh | TE |
| Donielle Hayes | WR |
| Jalen Smith | WR |
| Javon Tracy | WR |

**Defense (23)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Kerry Brown | DB |
| Mike Gerald | DB |
| Aidan Gousby | DB |
| Zack Harden | DB |
| Samuel Madu | DB |
| Garrison Monroe | DB |
| John Nestor | DB |
| Naiim Parrish | DB |
| Zahir Rainer | DB |
| Simon Seidl | DB |
| Jaylin Hicks | DL |
| Jaxon Howard | DL |
| Adam Kissayi | DL |
| Karter Menz | DL |
| Anthony Smith | DL |
| Riley Sunram | DL |
| Maverick Baranowski | LB |
| Mason Carrier | LB |
| Nate Cleveland | LB |
| Joey Gerlach | LB |
| Emmanuel Karmo | LB |
| Matt Kingsbury | LB |
| Ethan Stendel | LB |

**Specialists (3)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Daniel Jackson | K |
| Alan Soukup | LS |
| Tom Weston | P |

**LETTERWINNERS LOST (33)**

**Offense (16)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Marcellus Marshall | OL |
| Aluma Nkele | OL |
| Dylan Ray | OL |
| Kahlee Tafai | OL |
| Reese Tripp | OL |
| Cam Davis | RB |
| Fame Ijeboi | RB |
| Drew Biber | TE |
| Frank Bierman | TE |
| Jack DiSano | TE |
| Jameson Geers | TE |
| Le'Meke Brockington | WR |
| Malachi Coleman | WR |
| Kenric Lanier II | WR |
| Logan Loya | WR |
| Quentin Redding | WR |

**Defense (16)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Jaylen Bowden | DB |
| Harrison Brun | DB |
| Za'Quan Bryan | DB |
| Darius Green | DB |
| Rhyland Kelly | DB |
| Jai'onte'McMillan | DB |
| Koi Perich | DB |
| Evan Redding | DB |
| Nate Becker | DL |
| Deven Eastern | DL |
| Lucas Finnessy | DL |
| Rushawn Lawrence | DL |
| Jalen Logan-Redding | DL |
| Derik LeCaptain | LB |
| Jeff Roberson | LB |
| Devon Williams | LB |

**Specialists (1)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Brady Denaburg | K |

**TRANSFER NEWCOMERS (20)**

| Offense (8) | Year | School | Pos. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bennett Warren | Jr. | Tennessee | OL |
| Michael Merdinger | Jr. | Liberty | QB |
| Jaron Thomas | So. | Purdue | RB |
| TJ Thomas | Jr. | Elon | RB |
| Kaden Helms | 5th | Oklahoma | TE |
| Noah Jennings | Sr. | Cincinnati | WR |
| Zion Steptoe | 5th | Tulsa | WR |
| Perry Thompson | Jr. | Auburn | WR |

**Defense (9)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Parker Knutson | Sr. | SW Minnesota St. | DB |
| Mekhai Smith | Jr. | Lehigh | DB |
| Aydan West | So. | Michigan State | DB |
| Elisha West | Jr. | Michigan State | DB |
| TJ Bush, Jr. | Sr. | Cal | DL |
| Xion Chapman | Sr. | FIU | DL |
| Naquan Crowder | Sr. | Marshall | DL |
| Sid Kaba | Sr. | Marshall | DL |
| Andrew Marshall | Sr. | Eastern Michigan | LB |

**Specialists (3)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Luke Drzewiecki | 5th | New Mexico | K |
| Beckham Sunderland | Sr. | Michigan | K |
| Zachary Robbins | So. | Utah State | P |

**FRESHMAN NEWCOMERS (31)**

| Offense (18) | Hometown | Pos. |
|---|---|---|
| Gavin Meier* | Janesville, Wis. | OL |
| Beckett Schreiber | Madison, Wis. | OL |
| Aaron Thomas* | Phoenix, Ariz. | OL |
| Lucas Tielsch* | Copley, Ohio | OL |
| Andrew Trout* | Cold Spring, Minn. | OL |
| Owen Lansu* | Downers Grove, Ill. | QB |
| Brady Palmer* | San Diego, Calif. | QB |
| Zeke Bates* | Haverford, Pa. | RB |
| Niko Castillo | Schuylkill Haven, Pa. | RB |
| Ryan Estrada | El Paso, Texas | RB |
| George Rohl | Ellsworth, Texas | TE |
| Roman Voss | Lakefield, Minn. | TE |
| Gabe Weaver | St. Louis, Mo. | TE |
| Rico Blassingame* | Auburn, Wash. | WR |
| Josiah Dozier | Moody, Ala. | WR |
| Quayd Hendryx | Burlington Township, N.J. | WR |
| Hayden Moore* | Gainesville, Fla. | WR |
| Braiden Stevens | Platte City, Mo. | WR |

**Defense (13)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lamont Hamilton | Racine, Wis. | DB |
| Justin Hopkins* | Nashville, Tenn. | DB |
| Jordan Lampkins* | Germantown, Md. | DB |
| Chance Payne* | Jefferson, Ga. | DB |
| Trason Richardson* | Houston, Texas | DB |
| Tavian White | Waukee, Iowa | DB |
| Josiah Anyansi* | Atlanta, Ga. | DL |
| Aaden Aytch | Lafayette, Ind. | DL |
| Jeremiah Benson* | Detroit, Mich. | DL |
| Anthony Charles* | Pittsburgh, Pa. | DL |
| Howie Johnson | Forest Lake, Minn. | DL |
| Hudson Dunn* | Peoria, Ariz. | LB |
| Angel Luciano | Steelton, Pa. | LB |

**Early enrollee*

# SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

## QUARTERBACKS

### #5 Drake Lindsey

**2026 Season**
TDs responsible for: 3 (pass), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Pass completions: 31, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass attempts: 48, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass yards: 279, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass TDs: 3, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long pass: 55, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Times sacked: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Rush attempts: 3, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
Long rush: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense plays: 50 (48 p, 2 r), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Total offense yards: 272 (264 p, 6 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
TDs responsible for: 4 (pass) at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Pass completions: 31, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass attempts: 48, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass yards: 324, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
Pass TDs: 4, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Long pass: 78, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
Interceptions thrown: 3, at Iowa, 10/25/25
Times sacked: 4, at Iowa, 10/25/25
Rush attempts: 5, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
Rush yards: 6, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
Long rush: 6, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
Total offense plays: 50 (48 pass, 2 rush), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Total offense yards: 317 (324 p, -7 r), vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

### #6 Max Shikenjanski

**2026 Season**
TDs responsible for: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass completions: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass attempts: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass yards: 50, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long pass: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense plays: 4 (3 pass, 1 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense yards: 52 (50 p, 2 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
TDs responsible for: 2 (1 pass, 1 rush) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass completions: 4, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass attempts: 5, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass yards: 80, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass TDs: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Long pass: 52, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Rush attempts: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
Rush TDs: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 8, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Total offense plays: 7 (5 pass, 2 rush), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Total offense yards: 80 (80 p), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

### #12 Michael Merdinger

**Career**
TDs responsible for: 2 (1 pass, 1 rush), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Pass completions: 12, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Pass attempts: 21, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Pass yards: 212, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Pass TDs: 1, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Long pass: 59, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Interceptions thrown: 1, vs. UConn, 12/28/24*
Rush attempts: 8, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Rush yards: 18, vs. James Madison, 9/20/25^ (4 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Long rush: 20, vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Total offense plays: 29 (21 p, 8 r), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
Total offense yards: 225 (212 p, 13 r), vs. Kennesaw State, 11/29/25^
** recorded while playing at North Carolina*
*^ recorded while playing at Liberty*

### #14 Dylan Wittke

**Career**
Pass completions: 1 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass attempts: 3 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass yards: 7 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Long pass: 7 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Interceptions thrown: 1 vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Total offense plays: 3 (3 pass) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Total offense yards: 7 (7 p) vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

### #16 Brady Palmer

**2026 Season/Career**
Pass completions: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass attempts: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass yards: 34, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long pass: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 2 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 8 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 carries)
Long rush: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense plays: 8 (6 p, 2 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense yards: 42 (34 p, 8 r), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

## RUNNING BACKS

### #1 Darius Taylor

**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 3 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 14 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 56 vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (14 carries)
Rush TDs: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Targets: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 receptions)
Receptions: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 receptions)
Long reception: 19, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 87 (56 rush, 31 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Total offense yards: 56 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 3, 2x, MR: (3 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 35, vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
Rush yards: 208, vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23 (35 carries)
Rush TDs: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 80, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24
Targets: 14, at Michigan, 9/28/24 (10 receptions)
Receptions: 10, at Michigan, 9/28/24
Receiving yards: 67, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25 (6 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, MR: at UCLA, 10/12/24
Long reception: 40, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25
Pass completions: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Pass attempts: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Pass yards: 10, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Pass TDs: 1, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Long pass: 10, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
All-purpose yards: 219 (208 rush, 11 rec), vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23
Total offense yards: 208 (208 rush), vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23

### #2 A.J. Turner

**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush attempts: 8, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush yards: 40, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (8 carries)
Long rush: 17, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (0 receptions)
Receptions: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
All-purpose yards: 40 (rush), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 4 (3 rush, 1 rec), vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Rush attempts: 15, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Rush yards: 177, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24 (15 carries)*
Rush TDs: 3, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Long rush: 88, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Targets: 1, 15x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (0 receptions)
Receptions: 1, 14x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 30, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24 (1 reception)*
Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Long reception: 30, vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
Kick returns: 3, at South Alabama, 11/18/23*
Kick return yards: 32, at South Alabama, 11/18/23 (3 returns)*
Long kick return: 20, at South Alabama, 11/18/23*
All-purpose yards: 207 (177 rush, 30 rec), vs. Georgia State, 10/17/24*
** recorded while playing at Marshall*

### #9 Xavier Ford

**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 8, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush yards: 41, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (8 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 11, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)
All-purpose yards: 41 (rush), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush attempts: 8, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush yards: 41, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (13 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long rush: 11, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)
All-purpose yards: 41 (rush), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #20 Ryan Estrada

**2026 Season/Career**
Rush attempts: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (3 carries)
Long rush: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Targets: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 12, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick returns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick return yards: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long kick return: 11, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 33 (12 rec, 11 kr, 10 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #21 Grant Washington

**Career**
Rush attempts: 20, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Rush yards: 126, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25 (20 carries)
Long rush: 16, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
All-purpose yards: 126 (rush), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

### #22 Jaron Thomas

**2026 Season**
Rush attempts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 carry)
Long rush: 5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 5 (5 rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career (all recorded while playing at Purdue)**
Rush attempts: 2, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
Rush yards: 15, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (2 carries)
Long rush: 8, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
Targets: 1, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
Receiving yards: -3, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25 (1 reception)
Long reception: -3, vs. Indiana, 11/28/25
All-purpose yards: 12 (15 rush, -3 rec), vs. Indiana, 11/28/25

### #23 TJ Thomas

**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (rush), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush attempts: 13, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Rush yards: 122, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (13 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long rush: 71, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
Receptions: 4, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 40, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
Long reception: 18, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 114 (122 rush, -9 rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

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**Career (all recorded while playing at Elon)**
Total TDs: 2 (2 rush), MR: vs. Villanova, 10/11/25
Rush attempts: 19, at Albany, 10/19/24
Rush yards: 152, at N.C. Central, 9/7/24 (11 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Villanova, 10/11/25
Long rush: 74, at N.C. Central, 9/7/24
Targets: 7, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (4 receptions)
Receptions: 5, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24
Receiving yards: 57, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Richmond, 9/28/24
Long reception: 33, vs. New Hampshire, 10/12/24
Kick returns: 4, at Maine, 10/25/25
Kick return yards: 123, at Maine, 10/25/25 (4 returns)
Long kick return: 52, at Maine, 10/25/25
Punt returns: 2, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25
Punt return yards: 36, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25 (2 returns)
Long punt return: 19, vs. Hampton, 9/27/25
All-purpose yards: 207 (163 rush, 40 kr, 4 rec), at N.C. Central, 9/7/24

### #28 Niko Castillo
**2026 Season/Career**
Rush attempts: 4, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Rush yards: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 carries)
Long rush: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 2 (rush), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

## WIDE RECEIVERS

### #3 Perry Thompson
**Career (all recorded while playing at Auburn)**
Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
Targets: 7, 3x, MR: at Vanderbilt, 11/8/25 (4 receptions)
Receptions: 4, 2x, MR: at Vanderbilt, 11/8/25
Receiving yards: 82, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24 (2 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
Long reception: 70, vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24
All-purpose yards: 82 (rec), vs. Alabama A&M, 8/31/24

### #7 Bradley Martino
**2026 Season/Career**
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 6 (6 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #8 Jalen Smith
**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 11, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
Receptions: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 51, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long reception: 20, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
All-purpose yards: 51 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 2 (2 rec), vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Targets: 11, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (5 receptions)
Receptions: 6, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Receiving yards: 103, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 (4 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Long reception: 78, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
All-purpose yards: 103 (rec), vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

### #11 Javon Tracy
**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 2 (2 pr) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Targets: 10, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (7 receptions)
Receptions: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving Yards: 98, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (5 receptions)
Long reception: 55, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punt returns: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Punt return yards: 167, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
Punt return TDs: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long punt return: 87, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 265 (167 pr, 98 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 3 (3 rec) at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Targets: 12, at Toledo, 10/5/24 (10 receptions)*
Receptions: 10, at Toledo, 10/5/24*
Receiving Yards: 123, vs. Buffalo, 11/15/23 (5 receptions)*
Receiving TDs: 3, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Long reception: 72, at Bowling Green, 11/29/24*
Rush attempts: 1, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Rush yards: 15, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25 (1 carry)
Long rush: 15, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Pass completions: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
Pass attempts: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
Pass yards: 30, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
Pass TDs: 1, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
Long pass: 30, vs. Northern Illinois, 11/19/24*
Punt returns: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Punt return yards: 167, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
Punt return TDs: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long punt return: 87, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 265 (167 pr, 98 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
** recorded while playing at Miami (OH)*

### #13 Noah Jennings
**2026 season**
Total TDs: 1 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 11, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (5 receptions)
Receptions: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 88, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (7 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long reception: 34, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
All-purpose yards: 88 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

**Career (all recorded while playing at Charleston Southern)**
Total TDs: 2 (rec), at Furman, 9/7/24
Targets: 12, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23 (8 receptions)
Receptions: 8, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23
Receiving yards: 204, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23 (8 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, at Furman, 9/7/24
Long reception: 58, at Robert Morris, 11/11/23
Rush attempts: 1, 3x, MR: vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24
Rush yards: 29, vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24 (1 carry)
Long rush: 29, vs. SE Missouri State, 10/19/24
Punt returns: 3, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24
Punt return yards: 83, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24 (3 returns)
Long punt return: 47, at Eastern Illinois, 11/16/24
All-purpose yards: 204 (rec), at Robert Morris, 11/11/23

### #18 Donielle Hayes
**2026 Season/Career**
Targets: 2, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Receiving Yards: 22, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 13, vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
All-purpose yards: 22 (rec), vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25
Tackles: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #24 Braiden Stevens
**2026 Season/Career**
Punt returns: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punt return yards: 26, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (4 returns)
Long punt return: 26, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 26 (pr), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #25 Zion Steptoe
**2026 Season**
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 6 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Targets: 9, vs. Tulane, 9/27/25* (3 receptions)
Receptions: 5, 2x, MR: at Army, 11/22/25*
Receiving yards: 88, vs. Northwestern State, 8/29/24* (5 receptions)
Long reception: 42, vs. UAB, 11/29/25*
Rush attempts: 3, vs. Temple, 10/25/25*
Rush yards: 32, at East Carolina, 10/16/25* (1 carry)
Long rush: 32, at East Carolina, 10/16/25*
All-purpose yards: 89 (57 rec, 32 rush), at East Carolina, 10/16/25
Tackles: 5, vs. Indiana, 11/25/23^
Fumbles forced: 1, at Northwestern, 11/18/23^
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Arkansas State, 9/7/24*
** recorded while playing at Tulsa | ^ recorded while playing at Purdue*

### #84 Hayden Moore
**2026 Season/Career**
Targets: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 42, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 42 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #89 Quayd Hendryx
**2026 Season/Career**
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 receptions)
Long reception: 13, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick returns: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Kick return yards: 51, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 returns)
Long kick return: 42, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
All-purpose yards: 51 (kr), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

## TIGHT ENDS

### #4 Roman Voss
**2026 Season/Career**
Total TDs: 1 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Targets: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Receiving yards: 16, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long reception: 16, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
All-purpose yards: 16 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #19 Pierce Walsh
**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Targets: 3, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving Yards: 28, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 28 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Targets: 3, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving Yards: 28, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 27, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick returns: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Kick return yards: 13, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 (1 return)
Long kick return: 13, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
All-purpose yards: 28 (rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #44 George Rohl
**2026 Season/Career**
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Receiving yards: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
All-purpose yards: 6 (6 rec), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #82 Julian Johnson
**2026 Season**
Targets: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Receiving Yards: 6, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
All-purpose yards: 6 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Targets: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Receptions: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Receiving Yards: 6, vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
All-purpose yards: 6 (rec), vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #87 Kaden Helms
**2026 Season**
Targets: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
Receptions: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving Yards: 13, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
All-purpose yards: 13 (rec), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

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**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (1 rec), 2x, MR: vs. Kent State, 10/4/25*
Targets: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (2 reception)
Receptions: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Receiving yards: 16, vs. LSU, 11/29/25 (1 reception)*
Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Kent State, 10/4/25*
Long reception: 16, vs. LSU, 11/29/25*
All-purpose yards: 16 (rec), vs. LSU, 11/29/25*
** recorded while playing at Oklahoma*

### #88 Jacob Simpson
**2026 Season**
Targets: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)

**Career**
Targets: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26 (0 receptions)

## DEFENSIVE LINE

### #0 Anthony Smith
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 6, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Sacks: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Fumbles forced: 1, 3x, MR: at Rutgers, 11/9/24
Kicks blocked: 1, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24

### #1 Jaxon Howard
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 4, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
Sacks: 2.0, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25

### #3 TJ Bush Jr.
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 11, at Kennesaw State, 10/23/24^
Tackles for loss: 2.0, 3x, MR: at Louisville, 11/8/25*
Sacks: 2.0, at New Mexico State, 9/7/24^
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Pass breakups: 2, 2x, MR: vs. UTEP, 9/14/24^
** recorded while playing at Cal | ^ recorded while playing at Liberty*

### #11 Karter Menz
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
Sacks: 2.5, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Oregon, 11/14/25

### #45 Sam Macy
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #48 Aaden Aytch
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #55 Jaylin Hicks
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Tackles: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #70 Naquan Crowder
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 10, vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
Tackles for loss: 2.0, 2x, MR: vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
Sacks: 1.0, vs. East Stroudsburg, 11/23/24^
Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: at Coastal Carolina, 10/30/25*
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Georgia Southern, 11/29/25*
Blocked kicks: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Ashland, 11/30/24^
** recorded while playing at Marshall*
*^ recorded while playing at California (PA)*

### #90 Xion Chapman
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24^
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24^
Sacks: 1.0, 4x, MR: vs. UTSA, 12/26/25*
Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Liberty, 11/15/25*
Fumbles forced: 1, at Western Kentucky, 10/14/25*
Blocked kicks: 1, vs. Jacksonville State, 11/22/25*
** recorded while playing at Florida International*
*^ recorded while playing at Lackawanna College*

### #92 Sid Kaba
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career (all recorded while playing at Marshall)**
Tackles: 4, vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9/13/25
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9/13/25
Sacks: 0.5, at Georgia State, 11/15/25

### #93 Riley Sunram
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

### #98 Adam Kissayi
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass breakups: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Pass breakups: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #99 Theorin Randle
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 3, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

## LINEBACKERS

### #2 Emmanuel Karmo
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Tackles: 3, 3x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at California, 9/13/25
Sacks: 1.0, at California, 9/13/25
Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Purdue, 10/11/25

### #6 Maverick Baranowski
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 9, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Tackles: 17, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Tackles for loss: 2.5, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Sacks: 1.0, 4x, MR: vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Pass breakups: 1, 5x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Illinois, 11/2/24

### #19 Joey Gerlach
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 8, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Forced fumbles: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #29 Andrew Marshall
**Career (all recorded while playing at Lackawanna College)**
Tackles: 14, vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24
Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs. Sussex County CC, 10/19/24
Sacks: 2.5, vs. Louisburg College, 9/7/24
Interceptions: 1, at Hocking College, 10/26/24
Long INT return: 0, at Hocking College, 10/26/24
Pass breakups: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Georgia Military College, 11/9/24

### #35 Nate Cleveland
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

### #44 Ethan Stendel
**Career**
Tackles: 1, at Oregon, 11/14/25

### #46 Mason Carrier
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Tackles: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Oregon, 11/14/25
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25

### #49 Matt Kingsbury
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (fumble return), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Tackles: 8, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Iowa, 10/25/25
Sacks: 1.0, 2x, MR: at Iowa, 10/25/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Fumbles recovered: 2, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Long fumble return: 25, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Fumble return TD: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

### #4 Zack Harden
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 4, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Pass Breakups: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

### #5 Aydan West
**2026 Season**
Total TDs: 1 (fumble recovery), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles: 6, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

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**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (fumble recovery), vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles: 8, vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
Tackles for loss: 0.5, 2x, MR: vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
Sacks: 0.5, vs. Maryland, 11/29/25*
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Fumble return TD: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
** recorded while playing at Michigan State*

### #7 Aidan Gousby
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

**Career**
Tackles: 7, at Northwestern, 11/22/25
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25
Interceptions: 1, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
Long INT return: 0, vs. Rhode Island, 9/7/24
Pass breakups: 1, vs. USC, 10/5/24
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Nebraska, 8/31/23

### #8 Mike Gerald
**Career**
Tackles: 4, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

### #9 Garrison Monroe
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

### #14 Kerry Brown
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 10, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Tackles: 11, vs. Iowa, 9/21/24
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 7x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Interceptions: 2, vs. Nevada, 9/14/24
Long INT return: 28, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25

### #17 John Nestor
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 8, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Total TDs: 1 (1 INT return), vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Tackles: 9, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Tackles for loss: 2.0, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Interceptions: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Interception return TD: 1, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25
Long INT Return: 68, vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25
Pass breakups: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Fumbles recovered: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25

### #20 Parker Knutson
**Career (all recorded while playing at SW Minnesota State)**
Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 10/5/24
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 10/5/24
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 11/8/25
Interceptions: 2, 2x, MR: at Jamestown, 9/13/25
Long INT return: 36, vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 9/21/24
Pass breakups: 4, vs. Wayne State, 10/12/24
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Sioux Falls, 11/16/24
Punt returns: 1, 4x, MR: at Winona State, 11/15/25
Punt return yards: 9, at Winona State, 11/15/25 (1 return)
Long punt return: 9, at Winona State, 11/15/25

### #21 Naiim Parrish
**2026 Season/Career**
Tackles: 3, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Blocked kicks: 1, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

### #22 Mekhai Smith
**2026 Season**
Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26

**Career**
Tackles: 7, 5x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Tackles for loss: 0.5, 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Interceptions: 1, 4x, MR: vs. Penn, 9/27/25*
Long INT return: 13, at Bucknell, 9/20/25*
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, MR: at Colgate, 11/15/25*
Fumbles forced: 1, vs. Georgetown, 11/1/25*
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs. Georgetown, 11/1/25*
** recorded while playing at Lehigh*

### #27 Simon Seidl
**Career**
Tackles: 1, vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25

### #28 Trason Richardson
**Career**
Tackles: 2, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

## SPECIAL TEAMS

### #12 Luke Drzewiecki - K
**2026 Season**
Points scored: 11 (2 FG/5 PAT), vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Field goals made: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Field goals attempted: 2, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long field goal made: 44, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Long field goal attempted: 44, vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26
Kick PATs made: 5, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Points scored: 11 (2 FG, 5 PAT), 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Field goals made: 3, 3x, MR: vs. Minnesota, 12/26/25*
Field goals attempted: 3, 5x, MR: vs. Minnesota, 12/26/25*
Long field goal made: 47, at Nevada, 10/28/23*
Long field goal attempted: 53, at Utah State, 11/5/22*
Kick PATs made: 8, vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/9/23*
Kickoffs: 9, vs. Air Force, 10/12/24*
Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Air Force, 10/12/24*
Tackles: 1, vs. Wyoming, 11/2/24*
** recorded while playing at New Mexico*

### #36 Daniel Jackson - K
**2026 Season**
Points scored: 10 (1 FG, 7 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Field goals made: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Field goals attempted: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long field goal made: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long field goal attempted: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick PATs made: 7, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Points scored: 10 (1 FG, 7 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Field goals made: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Field goals attempted: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long field goal made: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long field goal attempted: 31, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick PATs made: 7, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoffs: 3, vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25

### #37 Zachary Robbins - P
**2026 Season**
Punts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punt yards: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long punt: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punts inside 20: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Punts: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punt yards: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Long punt: 33, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punts inside 20: 1, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoffs: 8, 2x, MR: vs. McNeese State, 9/20/25*
Kickoff Touchbacks: 6, vs. Air Force, 9/13/25*
Tackles: 1, 3x, MR: vs. Nevada, 11/8/25*
** recorded while playing at Utah State*

### #42 Tom Weston - P
**2026 Season**
Punts: 5, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Punt yards: 243, vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Long punt: 55, 2x, MR: vs. Akron, 9/19/26
Punts inside 20: 3, vs. Akron, 9/19/26

**Career**
Punts: 9, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
Punt yards: 425, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
Long punt: 76, at Southeastern Oklahoma State, 10/5/24*
Punts of 50+ yards: 4, at Ohio State, 10/4/25
Punts inside 20: 5, vs. Michigan State, 11/1/25
** recorded while playing at Ouachita Baptist*

### #52 Alan Soukup - LS
**Career**
Tackles: 1, 2x, MR: at Iowa, 10/25/25
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Northwestern, 11/22/25

### #92 Beckham Sunderland - K
**2026 Season**
Points scored: 1 (1 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoffs: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26

**Career**
Points scored: 1, 2x, MR: (1 PAT), vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kick PATs made: 1, 2x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoffs: 10, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Kickoff touchbacks: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26
Punts: 1, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
Punt yards: 35, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
Long punt: 35, vs. Texas, 12/31/25*
Tackles: 1, vs. Purdue, 11/1/25*
** recorded while playing at Michigan*

## MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rushes | 14 | Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Rush Yards | 122 | TJ Thomas vs. Akron (9/19) |
| TD Rushes | 3 | Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Long Rush | 71 | TJ Thomas vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Long TD Rush | 71 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Pass Att. | 48 | Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Pass Comp. | 31 | Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Pass Yards | 279 | Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Passes | 3 | Drake Lindsey vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Long Pass | 55 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Long TD Pass | 18 | Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Total Offense | 270 | Drake Lindsey vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Targets | 11 | Noah Jennings vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 11 | Noah Jennings vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 11 | Jalen Smith vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Receptions | 7 | Noah Jennings vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 7 | Javon Tracy vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Rec. Yards | 98 | Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| TD Rec. | 1 | Noah Jennings vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Jalen Smith vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Roman Voss vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Pierce Walsh vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| FG Made | 2 | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2 | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| FG Attempts | 2 | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2 | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long FG | 44 | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Punts | 5 | Tom Weston vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 5 | Tom Weston vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long Punt | 55 | 2x, MR: Tom Weston vs. Akron (9/19) |
| PR Yards | 167 | Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Long PR | 87 | Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| KR Yards | 51 | Quayd Hendryx vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long KR | 42 | Quayd Hendryx vs. Akron (9/19) |
| AP Yards | 265 | Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Tackles | 10 | Kerry Brown vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TFLs | 2.0 | John Nestor vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2.0 | Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 2.0 | Riley Sunram vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Sacks | 1.0 | Karter Menz vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1.0 | Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 1.0 | TJ Bush Jr. vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| INTs | N/A | |
| PBUs | 2 | Zack Harden vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2 | John Nestor vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2 | Aydan West vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 2 | Matt Kingsbury vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Forced Fum. | 1 | Joey Gerlach vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Joey Gerlach vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 1 | Nate Cleveland vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Fumble Rec. | 1 | TJ Bush Jr. vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Joey Gerlach vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Aydan West vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |

## MINNESOTA TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Points | 59 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 13 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Total Plays | 71 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 63 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Total Offense | 495 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 292 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Yards/Play | 7.0 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 4.6 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| First Downs | 24 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 18 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Rushes | 38 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 15 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Rush Yards | 191 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 13 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Yards/Rush | 5.8 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 0.9 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Rushes | 5 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 0 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Pass Att. | 48 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 31 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Pass Comp. | 31 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 17 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Yards Passing | 348 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 204 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| Yards/Pass | 10.5 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 5.8 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Yards/Comp. | 13.4 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 9.0 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Passes | 3 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TFL Recorded | 9 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 7 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Sacks Recorded | 2 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | 2x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| INT Made | 0 | 3x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| PBUs | 8 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| FF | 1 | 3x, MR: vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| FR | 2 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| TO Forced | 2 | vs. Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| TOP | 36:21 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 29:45 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Penalties | 12 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 2 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Penalty Yards | 115 | vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 10 | vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |

## OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rushes | 18 | Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Rush Yards | 113 | Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Rushes | 2 | Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long Rush | 30 | Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long TD Rush | 10 | Marquese Williams, Akron (9/19) |
| Pass Att. | 25 | Brayden Roggow, Akron (9/19) |
| Pass Comp. | 16 | Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Pass Yards | 227 | Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Passes | 3 | Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long Pass | 39 | Anthony Evans III from Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long TD Pass | 20 | Sanfrisco Magee from Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Total Offense | 313 | Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Targets | 11 | Kyan Mason, Akron (9/19) |
| Receptions | 7 | Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Rec. Yards | 121 | Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TD Rec. | 1 | Done 4x, MR: Anthony Evans III, Sanfrisco Magee and Zion Ragins, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| FG Made | 1 | Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| FG Attempts | 2 | Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Long FG | 52 | Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Punts | 10 | Cade Cox, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Long Punt | 62 | Ethan Pulliam, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| PR Yards | 9 | Sean Patrick, Akron (9/19) |
| Long PR | 16 | Sean Patrick, Akron (9/19) |
| KR Yards | 31 | Jacarre Fleming-Page, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Long KR | 17 | Done 2x, MR: Brandon Hills, Akron (9/19) |
| AP Yards | 127 | Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Tackles | 12 | Donelius Johnson, Akron (9/19) |
| TFLs | 2.5 | Lonnie Burt, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Sacks | 1.0 | Done 3x, MR: Cyrus Durham, Akron (9/19) |
| INTs | 1 | Omari Abor, Akron (9/19) |
| PBUs | 1 | Done 9x, MR: Aamii Branch, Daunte Curtis, Dahvon Frazier, Jon'Trell Mixon and Catrell White, Akron (9/19) |
| Forced Fum. | 1 | Mafielo Tupou, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Fumble Rec. | 1 | Nick Vecchiarelli, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |

## OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Points | 38 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 7 | 2x, MR: Akron (9/19) |
| Total Plays | 68 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 43 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Total Offense | 479 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 110 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Yards/Play | 7.0 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 2.6 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| First Downs | 28 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 4 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Rushes | 46 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 21 | Akron (9/19) |
| Rush Yards | 252 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 48 | Akron (9/19) |
| Yards/Rush | 5.5 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 1.8 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| TD Rushes | 2 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 0 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Pass Att. | 39 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 15 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Pass Comp. | 21 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 9 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Yards Passing | 227 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 59 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Yards/Pass | 10.3 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 3.9 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Yards/Comp. | 14.2 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 6.6 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| TD Passes | 3 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 0 | Akron (9/19) |
| TFL Recorded | 7 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 4 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Sacks Recorded | 2 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 0 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| INT Made | 1 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | 2x, MR: Mississippi State (9/12) |
| PBUs | 5 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 1 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| FF | 1 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 0 | 2x, MR: Akron (9/19) |
| FR | 1 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| | 0 | 2x, MR: Akron (9/19) |
| TO Forced | 1 | 2x, MR: Akron (9/19) |
| | 0 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| TOP | 30:15 | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| | 23:39 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| Penalties | 7 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 6 | 2x, MR: Mississippi State (9/12) |
| Penalty Yards | 74 | Akron (9/19) |
| | 35 | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |

## MINNESOTA LONGEST PLAYS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Completion:** | 55 yards | Drake Lindsey to Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| **TD Pass:** | 18 yards | Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith vs. Akron (9/19) |
| **Rush:** | 71 yards | TJ Thomas vs. Akron (9/19) |
| **TD Rush:** | 71 yards | TJ Thomas vs. Akron (9/19) |
| **Field Goal:** | 44 yards | Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **Punt:** | 55 yards | 2x, MR: Tom Weston vs. Akron (9/19) |
| **Kick Return:** | 42 yards | Quayd Hendryx vs. Akron (9/19) |
| **Punt Return:** | 87 yards | Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| **INT Return:** | N/A | |
| **Fumble Return:** | 0 yards | 3x, MR: TJ Bush Jr., and Joey Gerlach vs. Akron (9/19) |

## OPPONENT LONGEST PLAYS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Completion:** | 39 yards | Kamario Taylor to Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **TD Pass:** | 30 yards | Kamario Taylor to Sanfrisco Magee, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **Rush:** | 30 yards | Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **TD Rush:** | 10 yards | Marquese Williams, Akron (9/19) |
| **Field Goal:** | 52 yards | Kyle Ferrie, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **Punt:** | 62 yards | Ethan Pulliam, Mississippi State (9/12) |
| **Kick Return:** | 17 yards | 2x, MR: Brandon Hills, Akron (9/19) |
| **Punt Return:** | 16 yards | Sean Patrick, Akron (9/19) |
| **INT Return:** | 21 yards | Omari Abor, Akron (9/19) |
| **Fumble Return:** | 0 yards | Nick Vecchiarelli, Eastern Illinois (9/3) |

## MINNESOTA LONGEST RUSHES

| Yards | Qtr. | Player | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71* | 4 | TJ Thomas | Akron (9/19) |
| 27* | 2 | Darius Taylor | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 20 | 4 | TJ Thomas | Akron (9/19) |
| 20 | 3 | TJ Thomas | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 17 | 4 | A.J. Turner | Akron (9/19) |
| 12 | 1 | TJ Thomas | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 11 | 4 | Xavier Ford | Akron (9/19) |
| 10 | 4 | Ryan Estrada | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 10 | 4 | Xavier Ford | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |

## MINNESOTA LONGEST PASS COMPLETIONS

| Yards | Qtr. | Players | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 2 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 44 | 1 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 34 | 3 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 33 | 4 | Hayden Moore from Max Shikenjanski | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 30 | 1 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 28 | 1 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 27 | 3 | Pierce Walsh from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 22 | 2 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 21 | 2 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 20 | 1 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 20 | 2 | Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 19 | 1 | Darius Taylor from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 18* | 3 | Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 18 | 3 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 18 | 3 | TJ Thomas from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 17 | 2 | Pierce Walsh from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 17 | 2 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 17 | 2 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 16 | 3 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 16 | 1 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 16* | 1 | Roman Voss from Drake Lindsey | Akron (9/19) |
| 15 | 3 | Jalen Smith from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 14 | 2 | T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 13 | 3 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 13 | 4 | Quayd Hendryx from Brady Palmer | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 11 | 3 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 11 | 1 | T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 11 | 4 | Ryan Estrada from Max Shikenjanski | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 11 | 2 | Noah Jennings from Drake Lindsey | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 10 | 3 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 10 | 3 | T.J. Thomas from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 10 | 3 | Javon Tracy from Drake Lindsey | Mississippi State (9/12) |

** Touchdown scored on play*

## MINNESOTA LONGEST RETURNS

| Yards | Qtr. | Player (Play Type) | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87* | 1 | Javon Tracy (Punt Return) | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 69* | 3 | Javon Tracy (Punt Return) | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 64 | 2 | Javon Tracy (Punt Return) | Akron (9/19) |
| 42 | 1 | Quayd Hendryx (Kick Return) | Akron (9/19) |
| 36 | 1 | Quayd Hendryx (Kick Return) | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 24 | 4 | Braiden Stevens (Kick Return) | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 15 | 1 | Quayd Hendryx (Kick Return) | Mississippi State (9/12) |
| 11 | 2 | Ryan Estrada (Kick Return) | Eastern Illinois (9/3) |
| 10 | 3 | Javon Tracy (Punt Return) | Akron (9/19) |

** Touchdown scored on play*

## OPENING DRIVES - OFFENSE

| | 1st Half | | | 2nd Half | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Game** | **Plays-Yds** | **TOP** | **Result** | **Plays-Yds** | **TOP** | **Result** |
| EIU | 6-16 | 3:09 | Punt | 5-72 | 2:57 | Fumble |
| MSST | 16-58 | 10:11 | Made FG | 9-36 | 3:33 | Punt |
| AKRON | 5-58 | 2:39 | TD Pass | 3-(-1) | 1:00 | Punt |
| WASH | | | | | | |
| MICH | | | | | | |
| PUR | | | | | | |
| IOWA | | | | | | |
| IND | | | | | | |
| UCLA | | | | | | |
| PSU | | | | | | |
| NU | | | | | | |
| WIS | | | | | | |

## OPENING DRIVES - DEFENSE

| | 1st Half | | | 2nd Half | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Game** | **Plays-Yds** | **TOP** | **Result** | **Plays-Yds** | **TOP** | **Result** |
| EIU | 3-2 | 1:36 | Punt | 3-2 | 1:30 | Punt |
| MSST | 5-75 | 1:48 | TD Pass | 2-(-4) | 0:26 | Fumble |
| AKRON | 4-19 | 1:38 | Fumble | 4-16 | 1:13 | Punt |
| WASH | | | | | | |
| MICH | | | | | | |
| PUR | | | | | | |
| IOWA | | | | | | |
| IND | | | | | | |
| UCLA | | | | | | |
| PSU | | | | | | |
| NU | | | | | | |
| WIS | | | | | | |

## MINNESOTA SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

| Opponent | Plays-Yds | TOP | Qtr. | Time Remaining | Scoring Play |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Illinois | 9-51 | 5:46 | 1 | 4:29 | Darius Taylor 1-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | - | - | 1 | 2:14 | Javon Tracy 87-yard punt return (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | 3-66 | 1:11 | 2 | 14:20 | Darius Taylor 27-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | 9-73 | 5:41 | 2 | 3:15 | Darius Taylor 3-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | 10-53 | 1:37 | 2 | 0:06 | Pierce Walsh 1-yard pass from Drake Lindsey (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | - | - | 3 | 13:26 | Javon Tracy 69-yard punt return (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | 7-45 | 3:49 | 3 | 3:17 | Daniel Jackson 31-yard field goal |
| Eastern Illinois | 7-52 | 3:44 | 4 | 12:29 | Max Shikenjanski 2-yard rush (Daniel Jackson kick good) |
| Eastern Illinois | 9-34 | 3:46 | 4 | 0:25 | Xavier Ford 1-yard rush (Beckham Sunderland kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 16-58 | 10:11 | 1 | 2:58 | Luke Drzewiecki 44-yard field goal |
| Mississippi State | 11-52 | 4:32 | 2 | 0:00 | Luke Drzewiecki 41-yard field goal |
| Mississippi State | - | - | 3 | 11:01 | Ayden West fumble recovery in end zone (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |
| Akron | 5-58 | 2:39 | 1 | 12:14 | Roman Voss 16-yard pass from Drake Lindsey (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |
| Akron | 6-69 | 3:07 | 1 | 1:34 | Luke Drzewiecki 24-yard field goal |
| Akron | 3-7 | 0:41 | 2 | 11:31 | Noah Jennings 6-yard pass from Drake Lindsey (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |
| Akron | 12-36 | 4:42 | 2 | 0:02 | Luke Drzewiecki 43-yard field goal |
| Akron | 3-13 | 1:04 | 3 | 7:37 | Jalen Smith 18-yard pass from Drake Lindsey (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |
| Akron | 11-90 | 8:12 | 4 | 11:34 | A.J. Turner 4-yard rush (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |
| Akron | 1-71 | 0:11 | 4 | 9:38 | TJ Thomas 71-yard rush (Luke Drzewiecki kick good) |

## MINNESOTA SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

| Yards | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 0-9 | 1 | 0 |
| 10-19 | 1 | 0 |
| 20-29 | 0 | 0 |
| 30-39 | 1 | 1 |
| 40-49 | 0 | 1 |
| 50-59 | 4 | 2 |
| 60-69 | 1 | 1 |
| 70-79 | 2 | 0 |
| 80-89 | 0 | 0 |
| 90-99 | 1 | 0 |

| Plays | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 3 | 0 |
| 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | 0 | 1 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 1 |

| Time | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 0:00-0:59 | 2 | 0 |
| 1:00-1:59 | 3 | 0 |
| 2:00-2:59 | 1 | 0 |
| 3:00-3:59 | 2 | 2 |
| 4:00-4:59 | 0 | 2 |
| 5:00-5:59 | 2 | 0 |
| 6:00-6:59 | 0 | 0 |
| 7:00-7:59 | 0 | 0 |
| 8:00-8:59 | 1 | 0 |
| 9:00-9:59 | 0 | 0 |
| 10:00-10:59 | 0 | 1 |

**Most Yards on Scoring Drive:** 90 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Most Yards on TD Drive:** 90 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Fewest Yards on Scoring Drive:** 7 vs. Akron (2Q, 9/19)
**Fewest Yards on TD Drive:** 7 vs. Akron (2Q, 9/19)
**Most Plays on Scoring Drive:** 16 vs. Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
**Most Plays on TD Drive:** 11 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Fewest Plays on Scoring Drive:** 1 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Fewest Plays on TD Drive:** 1 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Most Time on Scoring Drive:** 10:11 vs. Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)
**Most Time on TD Drive:** 8:12 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Shortest Time on Scoring Drive:** 0:11 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Shortest Time on TD Drive:** 0:11 vs. Akron (4Q, 9/19)

## OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES/PLAYS

| Opponent | Plays-Yds | TOP | Qtr. | Time Remaining | Scoring Play |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Illinois | 11-75 | 5:20 | 2 | 9:00 | Tyren Buggs 8-yard pass from Cole LaCrue (Drew Schiller kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 5-75 | 1:48 | 1 | 13:12 | Zion Ragins 22-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 9-75 | 2:36 | 1 | 0:22 | Fluff Bothwell 5-yard run (Kyle Ferrie kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 7-72 | 2:38 | 2 | 11:27 | Sanfrisco Magee 30-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 12-76 | 5:03 | 2 | 4:32 | Anthony Evans III 15-yard pass from Kamario Taylor (Kyle Ferrie kick good) |
| Mississippi State | 6-41 | 1:08 | 3 | 9:53 | Kyle Ferrie 52-yard field goal |
| Mississippi State | 10-96 | 4:58 | 4 | 12:32 | Fluff Bothwell 3-yard run (Kyle Ferrie kick good) |
| Akron | 5-75 | 1:54 | 4 | 7:44 | Marquese Williams 10-yard rush (Matthew Schramm kick good) |

## OPPONENT SCORING DRIVE SUMMARY

| Yards | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 0-9 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-19 | 0 | 0 |
| 20-29 | 0 | 0 |
| 30-39 | 0 | 0 |
| 40-49 | 0 | 1 |
| 50-59 | 0 | 0 |
| 60-69 | 0 | 0 |
| 70-79 | 7 | 0 |
| 80-89 | 0 | 0 |
| 90-99 | 1 | 0 |

| Plays | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 2 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | 2 | 0 |
| 12 | 1 | 0 |

| Time | TD Drives | FG Drives |
|---|---|---|
| 0:00-0:59 | 0 | 1 |
| 1:00-1:59 | 2 | 0 |
| 2:00-2:59 | 2 | 0 |
| 3:00-3:59 | 0 | 0 |
| 4:00-4:59 | 1 | 0 |
| 5:00-5:59 | 3 | 0 |

**Most Yards on Scoring Drive:** 96, Mississippi State (4Q, 9/12)
**Most Yards on TD Drive:** 96, Mississippi State (4Q, 9/12)
**Fewest Yards on Scoring Drive:** 41, Mississippi State (3Q, 9/12)
**Fewest Yards on TD Drive:** 72, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
**Most Plays on Scoring Drive:** 12, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
**Most Plays on TD Drive:** 12, Mississippi State (2Q, 9/12)
**Fewest Plays on Scoring Drive:** 5, 2x, MR: Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Fewest Plays on TD Drive:** 5, 2x, MR: Akron (4Q, 9/19)
**Most Time on Scoring Drive:** 5:20, Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
**Most Time on TD Drive:** 5:20, Eastern Illinois (2Q, 9/3)
**Shortest Time on Scoring Drive:** 1:08, Mississippi State (3Q, 9/12)
**Shortest Time on TD Drive:** 1:48, Mississippi State (1Q, 9/12)

# CAREER GAMES PLAYED / STARTS

## OFFENSE

| No. | Player | Pos. | Cons. Starts | Starts | GP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #65 | Greg Johnson | OL | 29 | 31 | 40 |
| #1 | Darius Taylor | RB | 0 | 27 | 30 |
| #78 | Ashton Beers | OL | 17 | 25 | 42 |
| #11 | Javon Tracy[1] | WR | 0 | 24 | 46 |
| #13 | Noah Jennings[2] | WR | 3 | 23 | 38 |
| #25 | Zion Steptoe[3] | WR | 1 | 18 | 38 |
| #23 | TJ Thomas[4] | RB | 2 | 18 | 20 |
| #5 | Drake Lindsey | QB | 16 | 16 | 19 |
| #50 | Nathan Roy | OL | 16 | 16 | 18 |
| #8 | Jalen Smith | WR | 4 | 12 | 17 |
| #2 | A.J. Turner[5] | RB | 0 | 9 | 27 |
| #59 | Tony Nelson | OL | 5 | 6 | 22 |
| #3 | Perry Thompson[6] | WR | 0 | 5 | 22 |
| #19 | Pierce Walsh | TE | 3 | 5 | 16 |
| #51 | Daniel Shipp | OL | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| #12 | Michael Merdinger[7] | QB | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| #88 | Jacob Simpson | TE | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| #82 | Julian Johnson | TE | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| #87 | Kaden Helms[8] | TE | - | 0 | 24 |
| #68 | Bennett Warren[9] | OL | - | 0 | 21 |
| #18 | Donielle Hayes | WR | - | 0 | 10 |
| #58 | Jaden Ball[10] | OL | - | 0 | 7 |
| #9 | Xavier Ford | RB | - | 0 | 5 |
| #6 | Max Shikenjanski | QB | - | 0 | 4 |
| #89 | Quayd Hendryx | WR | - | 0 | 3 |
| #44 | George Rohl | TE | - | 0 | 3 |
| #24 | Braiden Stevens | WR | - | 0 | 3 |
| #22 | Jaron Thomas[11] | RB | - | 0 | 3 |
| #4 | Roman Voss | TE | - | 0 | 3 |
| #55 | Jerome Williams | OL | - | 0 | 3 |
| #56 | Brett Carroll | OL | - | 0 | 2 |
| #81 | Josiah Dozier | WR | - | 0 | 2 |
| #75 | Mark Handy | OL | - | 0 | 2 |
| #60 | Kaveon Lee | OL | - | 0 | 2 |
| #7 | Bradley Martino | WR | - | 0 | 2 |
| #84 | Hayden Moore | WR | - | 0 | 2 |
| #83 | Sam Peters | TE | - | 0 | 2 |
| #21 | Grant Washington | RB | - | 0 | 2 |
| #14 | Dylan Wittke | QB | - | 0 | 2 |
| #28 | Niko Castillo | RB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #20 | Ryan Estrada | RB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #69 | Gavin Meier | OL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #16 | Brady Palmer | QB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #77 | Nick Spence | OL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #71 | Lucas Tielsch | OL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #79 | Andrew Trout | OL | - | 0 | 1 |

*[1] Includes 30 games with 18 starts at Miami (OH)*
*[2] Includes 13 games with 3 starts at Cincinnati and 22 games with 17 starts Charleston Southern*
*[3] Includes 22 games with 15 starts at Tulsa and 13 games with 2 starts at Purdue*
*[4] Includes 17 games with 16 starts at Elon*
*[5] Includes 22 games with 8 starts at Marshall*
*[6] Includes 22 games with 5 starts at Auburn*
*[7] Includes 5 games with 2 starts at Liberty and 1 game with 0 starts at North Carolina*
*[8] Includes 21 games with 0 starts at Oklahoma*
*[9] Includes 18 games with 0 starts at Tennessee*
*[10] Includes 2 games with 0 starts at Purdue*
*[11] Includes 1 game with 0 starts at Purdue*

## DEFENSE

| No. | Player | Pos. | Cons. Starts | Starts | GP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #3 | TJ Bush Jr.[12] | DL | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| #6 | Maverick Baranowski | LB | 22 | 36 | 41 |
| #14 | Kerry Brown | DB | 22 | 26 | 33 |
| #20 | Parker Knutson[13] | DB | 0 | 22 | 27 |
| #0 | Anthony Smith | DL | 17 | 19 | 44 |
| #70 | Naquan Crowder[14] | DL | 1 | 16 | 28 |
| #29 | Andrew Marshall[15] | LB | 0 | 16 | 23 |
| #7 | Aidan Gousby | DB | 0 | 15 | 33 |
| #17 | John Nestor[16] | DB | 5 | 14 | 34 |
| #22 | Mekahi Smith[17] | DB | 0 | 13 | 29 |
| #1 | Jaxon Howard[18] | DL | 0 | 10 | 31 |
| #90 | Xion Chapman[19] | DL | 0 | 8 | 23 |
| #5 | Aydan West[20] | DB | 6 | 7 | 15 |
| #49 | Matt Kingsbury | LB | 0 | 4 | 30 |
| #11 | Karter Menz | DL | 0 | 4 | 21 |
| #19 | Joey Gerlach | LB | 1 | 3 | 38 |
| #4 | Zack Harden | DB | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| #99 | Theorin Randle | DL | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| #9 | Garrison Monroe | DB | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| #2 | Emmanuel Karmo | LB | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| #55 | Jaylin Hicks | DL | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| #46 | Mason Carrier | LB | - | 0 | 17 |
| #44 | Ethan Stendel | LB | - | 0 | 14 |
| #35 | Nate Cleveland | LB | - | 0 | 11 |
| #92 | Sid Kaba[21] | DL | - | 0 | 11 |
| #98 | Adam Kissayi | DL | - | 0 | 11 |
| #8 | Mike Gerald | DB | - | 0 | 10 |
| #93 | Riley Sunram | DL | - | 0 | 10 |
| #27 | Simon Seidl | DB | - | 0 | 9 |
| #21 | Naiim Parrish | DB | - | 0 | 8 |
| #15 | Samuel Madu | DB | - | 0 | 5 |
| #13 | Zahir Rainer | DB | - | 0 | 3 |
| #26 | Elisha West[22] | DB | - | 0 | 3 |
| #48 | Aaden Aytch | DL | - | 0 | 2 |
| #23 | Lamont Hamilton | DB | - | 0 | 2 |
| #28 | Trason Richardson | DB | - | 0 | 2 |
| #94 | Mo Saine | DL | - | 0 | 2 |
| #16 | Hudson Dunn | LB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #33 | Rhett Hlavacka | DL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #25 | Justin Hopkins | DB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #31 | Jordan Lampkins | DB | - | 0 | 1 |
| #45 | Sam Macy | DL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #56 | Jay'Quan Stubbs | DL | - | 0 | 1 |
| #36 | Tavian White | DB | - | 0 | 1 |

*[12] Includes 13 games with 13 starts at Cal and 26 games with 26 starts at Liberty*
*[13] Includes 25 games with 22 starts at Southwest Minnesota State*
*[14] Includes 11 games with 2 starts at Marshall and 14 games with 12 starts at California (PA)*
*[15] Includes 12 games with 6 starts at Eastern Michigan, 10 games with 10 starts at Lackawanna and 1 game with 0 starts at Ohio*
*[16] Includes 20 games with 0 starts at Iowa*
*[17] Includes 26 games with 13 starts at Lehigh*
*[18] Includes 5 games with 0 starts at LSU*
*[19] Includes 12 games with 4 starts at FIU and 9 games with 4 starts at Lackawanna*
*[20] Includes 12 games with 4 starts at Michigan State*
*[21] Includes 9 games with 0 starts at Marshall*
*[22] Includes 2 games with 0 starts at Michigan State and 1 game with 0 starts at Merrimack*

## SPECIAL TEAMS

| No. | Player | Pos. | Cons. Starts | Starts | GP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #12 | Luke Drzewiecki[23] | K | - | - | 47 |
| #52 | Alan Soukup | LS | - | - | 29 |
| #42 | Tom Weston[24] | P | - | - | 28 |
| #92 | Beckham Sunderland[25] | K | - | - | 18 |
| #37 | Zachary Robbins[26] | P | - | - | 11 |
| #36 | Daniel Jackson | K | - | - | 2 |
| #53 | Jakob Lutz | LS | - | - | 1 |

*[23] Includes 45 games played at New Mexico*
*[24] Includes 12 games played at Ouachita Baptist*
*[25] Includes 13 games played at Michigan and 2 games played at Texas State*
*[26] Includes 10 games played at Utah State*

# OFFENSIVE STARTERS

| Opponent | QB | RB | WR | WR | TE | RB/WR/TE | LT | LG | C | RG | RT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Illinois | Lindsey | Taylor | J. Smith | Jennings | Walsh | J. Johnson (TE) | Roy | G. Johnson | Beers | Nelson | Shipp |
| Mississippi State | Lindsey | Taylor | J. Smith | Jennings | Walsh | TJ Thomas (RB) | Roy | G. Johnson | Beers | Nelson | Shipp |
| Akron | Lindsey | TJ Thomas | J. Smith | Jennings | Walsh | Steptoe (WR) | Roy | G. Johnson | Beers | Nelson | Shipp |
| at Washington | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Purdue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UCLA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Penn State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwestern | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Wisconsin | | | | | | | | | | | |

# DEFENSIVE STARTERS

| Opponent | DE | DT | DT | DE | LB | LB | NB | CB | CB | S | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Illinois | A. Smith | Randle | Crowder | Bush Jr. | Baranowski | Kingsbury | Gousby | Nestor | A. West | Brown | Harden |
| Mississippi State | Menz | A. Smith | Hicks | Bush Jr. | Baranowski | Kingsbury | Gousby | Nestor | A. West | Brown | Harden |
| Akron | A. Smith | Randle | Crowder | Bush Jr. | Baranowski | Gerlach | Monroe | Nestor | A. West | Brown | Harden |
| at Washington | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Purdue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UCLA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Penn State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwestern | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Wisconsin | | | | | | | | | | | |

## MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL - LAST TIME

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|---|---|
| **100+ yards rushing:** | **122, TJ Thomas vs. Akron (9/19/26)** |
| 150+ yards rushing: | 208, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23 |
| 200+ yards rushing: | 208, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23 |
| 250+ yards rushing: | 263, Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa, 11/19/22 |
| 100+ yards rushing in one qtr: | 120 (2nd), Darius Taylor at Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| 100+ yards rushing in one half: | 124 (2nd), Grant Washington vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25 |
| 150+ yards rushing in one half: | 175 (2nd), Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa, 11/19/22 |
| 100+ yards rushing in first career game: | 126, Grant Washington vs. Northwestern State, 9/6/25 |
| QB with 100+ yards rushing: | 183, Demry Croft vs. Nebraska, 11/11/17 |
| QB with 100 rushing/200 passing: | 110 r/211 p, MarQueis Gray vs. New Mexico St., 9/10/11 |
| 2 players with 100+ yards rushing: | Ky Thomas (144), Mar'Keise Irving (129) vs. West Virginia, 12/28/21 |
| 3 players with 100+ yards rushing: | Garry White (129), Duane Gregory (128) and Marion Barber (118) vs. Northwestern, 10/4/80 |
| Consecutive 100-yd rush games: | 2 games, Darius Taylor, 100 vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25, 116 vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 25+ rushing attempts: | 30, Darius Taylor vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25 |
| 30+ rushing attempts: | 30, Darius Taylor vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25 |
| 35+ rushing attempts: | 35, Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green, 12/26/23 |
| 40+ rushing attempts: | 40, Jordan Nubin vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23 |
| 45+ rushing attempts: | 46, Laurence Maroney vs. Purdue, 9/24/05 |
| 50+ rushing attempts: | 57, Kent Kitzmann, at Illinois, 11/12/77* |
| **Three+ TDs rushing:** | **3, Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| Four+ TDs rushing: | 4, Mohamed Ibrahim, at Ilinois, 11/7/20* |
| Four+ TDs rushing in one half: | 4, Mohamed Ibrahim, at Maryland, 10/30/20 (1st half)* |
| Two players with 3+ rushing TDs | 3, Demry Croft, Kobe McCrary vs. Nebraska, 11/11/17 |
| **Rushing TD in consecutive games:** | **4 games, Darius Taylor (11/22/25-9/3/26)** |
| **50+ yard rush play:** | **71, TJ Thomas vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **60+ yard rush play:** | **71, TJ Thomas vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **70+ yard rush play:** | **71, TJ Thomas vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| 80+ yard rush play: | 80, Darius Taylor vs. Nevada, 9/14/24 |
| 90+ yard rush play: | 93, Laurence Maroney vs. Wisconsin, 10/15/05 |
| 300+ yards passing: | 324, Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 350+ yards passing: | 368, Tanner Morgan at Iowa, 11/16/19 |
| 400+ yards passing: | 416, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09 |
| 450+ yards passing: | 478, Tim Schade vs. Penn State, 9/4/93* |
| Consecutive 300-yard passing gms: | 2 games, Tanner Morgan, 339 vs. Penn State, 11/9/19, 368 at Iowa, 11/16/19 |
| **Consecutive games with passing TD:** | **5 games, Drake Lindsey (11/14/25-9/3/26)** |
| Consecutive games with 2+ Passing TDs: | 2 games, Max Brosmer (10/12/24-10/26/24) |
| Consecutive games with 3+ Passing TDs: | 2 games, Athan Kaliakmanis (11/4/23-11/11/23) |
| **Three+ TDs passing:** | **3, Drake Lindsey vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| Four+ TDs passing: | 4, Drake Lindsey at Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| Five+ TDs passing: | 5, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09 |
| Six+ TDs passing: | 6, Scott Eckers vs. Purdue, 10/9/93* |
| TD Pass by a non-QB: | Darius Taylor (RB) 10 yard pass to Elijah Spencer (WR) vs. Virginia Tech, 1/3/25 |
| **30+ passing attempts:** | **31, Drake Lindsey vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **35+ passing attempts:** | **48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| **40+ passing attempts:** | **48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| **45+ passing attempts:** | **48, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 50+ passing attempts: | 51, Adam Weber vs. Northwestern, 11/1/08 |
| 55+ passing attempts: | 66, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93 |
| 60+ passing attempts: | 66, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93 |
| **20+ completions:** | **31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| **25+ completions:** | **31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| **30+ completions:** | **31, Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 35+ completions: | 35, Marquel Fleetwood vs. Pitt, 9/26/92 |
| 100+ yards receiving: | 103, Jalen Smith vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 150+ yards receiving: | 154, Rashod Bateman, at Illinois, 11/7/20 |
| 200+ yards receiving: | 204, Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn, 1/1/20 |
| 100+ yards receiving in one half: | 102 (1st), Daniel Jackson vs. Maryland, 10/26/24 |
| Consecutive games 100+ yards rcvg: | 2 games, Daniel Jackson (101 at Iowa, 10/21/23 and 120 vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23) |
| Three straight 100+ yards rcvg games: | 3 games, Tyler Johnson (104 vs. Penn State, 11/9/19, 170 at Iowa, 11/16/19, 125 at Northwestern, 11/23/19 |
| Four straight 100+ yards rcvg games: | 4 games, Tyler Johnson (107 vs. Iowa, 10/6/18, 119 at Ohio State, 10/13/18, 184 at Nebraska, 10/20/18 and . 102 vs. Indiana, 10/26/18) |
| 2 players with 100+ yards rcvg: | WR Rashod Bateman (203) and WR Tyler Johnson . . (104) vs. Penn State, 11/9/19 |
| 10+ receptions: | 10, Daniel Jackson at UCLA, 10/12/24 |
| Two+ TDs receiving: | 2, Jalen Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| Three+ TDs receiving: | 3, Javon Tracy at Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| Four+ TDs receiving: | 4, Logan Payne vs. Temple, 9/16/06 |
| Five+ TDs receiving: | 5, Omar Douglas vs. Purdue, 10/9/93* |
| Two players with 2+ receiving TDs: | 2, Daniel Jackson and 2, Elijah Spencer vs. Maryland, 10/26/24 |
| Rec. TDs in consecutive games: | 2 games, Javon Tracy (11/14/25-11/22/25) |
| **50+ yard pass play:** | **55, Drake Lindsey to Javon Tracy, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| 60+ yard pass play: | 78, Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 70+ yard pass play: | 78, Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith, vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 80+ yard pass play: | 86, Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois, 11/3/18 |
| 90+ yard pass play: | 96, Asad Abdul Khaliq to Jared Ellerson at Northwestern, 10/4/03* |
| Two 50+ yard catches in one game: | 51 and 54, Michael Brown-Stephens at Purdue, 10/2/21 |
| Two 60+ yard catches in one game: | 61 and 86, Rashod Bateman at Illinois, 11/3/18 |
| 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver: | Jordan Nubin (204 rush) and Daniel Jackson (120 rec) vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23 |
| 200-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver: | Jordan Nubin (204 rush) and Daniel Jackson (120 rec) vs. Michigan State, 10/28/23 |
| 2 100-yard rushers & 100-yard receiver: | Rodney Smith (153 rush), Mohamed Ibrahim (101 rush), and Tyler Johnson (100 rec), vs. New Mexico State, 8/30/18 |
| 100-yard rusher & 2 100-yard receivers: | Shannon Brooks (154 rush), Rashod Bateman (108 rec) and Tyler Johnson (102 rec), vs. Indiana, 10/26/18 |
| 300+ yds. total offense: | 317, Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 400+ yds. total offense: | 411, Adam Weber vs. Michigan State, 10/31/09 |
| 500+ yds. total offense: | 536, Tim Schade at Penn State, 9/4/93* |
| **200+ all-purpose yards:** | **265, Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| 300+ all-purpose yards: | 333, Laurence Maroney vs. Purdue, 9/24/05 |
| **3+ TDs scored:** | **3, Darius Taylor (3 rush) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| 3+ made field goals: | 3, Brady Denaburg vs. Buffalo, 8/28/25 |
| Four+ made field goals: | 4, Dragan Kesich at Illinois, 11/2/24 |
| Five+ made field goals: | 5, Dan Nystrom vs. Arkansas, 12/30/02* |
| Made a 50-yard field goal: | 51, Dragan Kesich at Rutgers, 11/9/24 |
| **Two or more 40+ yard field goals:** | **2, Luke Drzewiecki vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26 (44, 41)** |
| Three or more 40+ yard field goals: | 3, Emmit Carpenter vs. Indiana State 9/10/16 (42, 44, 45) |
| Made a walk-off field goal: | 47 yards, Dragan Kesich vs. Nebraska, 8/31/23 |
| Recorded a punt of 60+ yards: | 60, Mark Crawford at Purdue, 10/2/21 |
| Two 60+ yard punts: | 2, Mark Crawford at Purdue, 10/2/21 (60, 60) |
| **Three or more 50+ yard punts:** | **3, Tom Weston vs. Akron, 9/19/26 (55, 54, 55)** |
| 15+ tackles: | 17, Maverick Baranowski vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 20+ tackles: | 20, Blake Cashman vs. Northwestern, 11/17/18 |
| 25+ tackles: | 26, Pete Najarian vs. Purdue, 9/22/84 |
| 30+ tackles: | 32, Bill Light vs. Iowa, 10/31/70* |
| 2.0+ sacks: | 2.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 2.5+ sacks: | 2.5, Karter Menz and Anthony Smith vs. Nebraska, 10/17/25 |
| 3.0+ sacks: | 3.0, Willie VanDeSteeg at Illinois, 10/11/08 |
| 4.0+ sacks: | 4.0, Willie VanDeSteeg vs. Michigan State, 11/11/06* |
| **2.0+ tackles for loss:** | **2.0, John Nestor vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| 2.5+ tackles for loss: | 4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 3.0+ tackles for loss: | 4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 4.0+ tackles for loss: | 4.0, Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 5.0+ tackles for loss: | 6.0, Sean Hoffman vs. Northwestern, 10/2/99* |
| Two+ interceptions: | 2, John Nestor vs. Wisconsin, 11/29/25 |
| Three interceptions: | 3, Keith Edwards vs. Indiana, 11/4/78* |

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| Intereceptions in consecutive games: | 2 games, John Nestor (11/29/25-12/26/25) |
| Interception by a defensive lineman: | Chris Collins at North Carolina, 9/16/23 |
| Interception by a linebacker: | Cody Lindenberg at UCLA, 10/12/24 |
| Interception return for TD: | Koi Perich (27 yards) vs. Purdue, 10/11/25 |
| Fumble return for TD: | Matt Kingsbury (25 yards) vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25 |
| **Fumble recovered for TD:** | **Aydan West vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| Two or more forced fumbles: | 2, Kamal Martin vs. Illinois, 10/5/19 |
| Two or more fumbles recovered: | 2, Matt Kingsbury vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25 |
| **Forced & recovered fumble (same game)** | **Joey Gerlch vs. Akron, 9/19/26** |
| TD on first play of game: | John Nestor 29-yard pick-6 vs. Northwestern St., 9/6/25 |
| Blocked punt: | Derik LeCaptain vs. Penn State, 11/23/24 |
| Blocked punt return for TD: | Logan Hutton vs. Eastern Illinois, 8/28/14 |
| **Blocked field goal:** | **Naiim Parrish vs. Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| Blocked FG return for TD: | Martez Shabazz (51 yards) vs. UNLV, 8/29/13 |
| Blocked PAT: | Jack Henderson vs. Penn State, 11/23/24 |
| PAT Return for Defensive PAT: | Ethan Robinson (88 yards), vs. Penn State, 11/23/24 |
| **Punt return for TD:** | **Javon Tracy (87, 69 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26*** |
| **2 Punt return for TD:** | **Javon Tracy (87, 69 yards) vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26*** |
| Kickoff return for TD: | Rodney Smith (100 yards) vs. Nebraska, 11/11/19 |
| PR TD/KR TD same season: | Marcus Jones, 2013 (KR vs. UNLV, PR at New Mexico State) |
| Safety: | Eli Mau blocked punt through back of end zone vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/9/23 |
| Safety (on defense): | Esezi Otomewo sack, intentional grounding penalty vs. Nebraska, 10/16/21 |
| Made 2-pt. conversion: | Brock Annexstad fake PAT rush, vs. West Virginia, 12/28/21 |
| Missed 2-pt. conversion: | Max Brosmer pass to Nick Kallerup failed at Illinois, 11/2/24 |
| Missed PAT: | Dragan Kesich at Rutgers, 11/9/24 |

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## MINNESOTA TEAM - LAST TIME

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| Scored 100+ points: | 146 vs. Grinnell (W, 146-0), 10/22/1904* |
| Scored 80+ points: | 81 vs. Butler (W, 81-0), 11/13/1926 |
| Scored 70+ points: | 81 vs. Butler (W, 81-0), 11/13/1926 |
| Scored 60+ points: | 66 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| **Scored 50+ points:** | **59 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| **Scored 40+ points:** | **41 vs. Akron (W, 41-7), 9/19/26** |
| **Scored 30+ points:** | **41 vs. Akron (W, 41-7), 9/19/26** |
| Won by 60+ points: | 66 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| **Won by 50+ points:** | **52 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| **Won by 40+ points:** | **52 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| **Won by 30+ points:** | **34 vs. Akron (W, 41-7), 9/19/26** |
| Scored 50+ points in a half: | 59 (1st) vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| Scored 35+ points in a quarter: | 35 (1st) vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| Scored 0 points: | vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17 |
| Scored 0 points on the road: | at Northwestern (L, 0-39), 11/18/17 |
| Scored 0 points at home: | vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17 |
| Scored 0 points in 1st half: | at UCLA (W, 21-17), 10/12/24 |
| Scored 0 points in 2nd half: | vs. Iowa (L, 14-31), 9/21/24 |
| **No offensive TDs in 1st half:** | **vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26** |
| **No offensive TDs in 2nd half:** | **vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26** |
| **No offensive TDs in game:** | **vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26** |
| No offensive TDs in win: | at Iowa (W, 12-10), 10/21/23 |
| No TDs in win: | at Iowa (W, 12-10), 10/21/23 |
| Shut out an opponent: | vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| Shut out opponent on the road: | at Colorado (W, 30-0), 9/18/21 |
| Shut out opponent at home: | vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| Back-to-back shutouts: | vs. Rhode Island (W, 48-0), 9/7/24; vs. Nevada (W, 27-0), 9/14/24 |
| Touchdowns on O, D and ST: | at New Mexico State (W, 44-21), 9/7/13 |
| 30+ first downs: | 32 at Michigan State (W, 34-7), 9/24/22 |
| <10 first downs: | 8, vs. Wisconsin (L, 0-31), 11/25/17 |
| 200+ rushing yards: | 258 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| 250+ rushing yards: | 258 vs. Northwestern State (W, 66-0), 9/6/25 |
| 300+ rushing yards: | 312 vs. Iowa (L, 10-13), 11/19/22 |
| 350+ rushing yards: | 409 vs. Nebraska (W, 54-21), 11/11/17 |
| 400+ rushing yards: | 409 vs. Nebraska (W, 54-21), 11/11/17 |
| 500+ rushing yards: | 530 at Iowa (W, 10-61), 11/19/83 |
| <100 net rushing yards: | 24 at Iowa (L, 3-41), 10/25/25 |
| **4+ rushing touchdowns:** | **5 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| 4+ rushing touchdowns on road: | 4 at Colorado (W, 30-0), 9/18/21 |
| **5+ rushing touchdowns:** | **5 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| 6+ rushing touchdowns: | 7 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| 7+ rushing touchdowns: | 7 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| <100 net passing yards: | 90 vs. Wisconsin (W, 17-7), 11/29/25 |
| **300+ passing yards:** | **348 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| 350+ passing yards: | 372 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| 400+ passing yards: | 416 vs. Michigan State (W, 42-34), 10/31/09 |
| **10+ players with a catch:** | **12 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| **400+ total net yards:** | **495 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| **450+ total net yards:** | **495 vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| 500+ total net yards: | 508 at Michigan State (W, 34-7), 9/24/22 |
| 550+ total net yards: | 679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| 600+ total net yards: | 679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| 650+ total net yards: | 679 vs. Western Illinois (W, 62-10), 9/10/22 |
| 700+ total net yards: | 704 vs. Toledo (W, 63-21), 9/4/04 |
| <100 total net yards: | 96 vs. Michigan State (L, 10-26), 11/24/12 |
| <200 total net yards: | 133 at Iowa (L, 3-41), 10/25/25 |
| **No sacks allowed:** | **vs. Eastern Illinois (W, 59-7), 9/3/26** |
| 5+ sacks recorded: | 7.0 vs. Michigan State (W, 23-20 OT), 11/1/25 |
| 10+ TFL recorded: | 12.0 vs. Michigan State (W, 23-20 OT), 11/1/25 |
| Forced 4+ turnovers: | 4 vs. Purdue (W, 27-20), 10/11/25 |
| Forced 3+ fumbles: | 4 (1 FR), at Wisconsin (W, 37-15), 11/24/18 |
| 3+ fumble recoveries: | 3 at Oregon State (W, 48-14), 9/9/17 |
| Two Defensive TDs in same game: | 2 vs. Northwestern State (66-0), 9/6/2025 |
| Recorded 3+ interceptions: | 3 vs. Purdue (W, 27-20), 10/11/25 |
| Consecutive games with 3+ INTs: | 3 vs. Rhode Island (W, 48-0), 9/7/24; 3 vs. Nevada (W, 27-0), 9/14/24 |
| Multiple Pick-6's same season: | 2025: John Nestor (29 yards) vs. Northwestern State (9/26), Koi Perich (27) vs. Purdue (10/11) |
| Committed 5+ turnovers: | 5 at Northwestern (L, 0-39), 11/18/17 |
| Two blocked kicks same game: | Jack Henderson (blocked PAT), Derik LeCaptain (blocked punt), vs. Penn State, 11/23/24 |
| Attempted an onside kick: | at Rutgers (L, 19-26), 11/9/24 (did not recover) |
| Recovered own onside kick: | vs. Iowa, 10/29/10 (Jordan Wettstein kick, Kim Royston recovery) |
| Recovered opp. onside kick: | vs. Bowling Green (W, 30-24), 12/26/23 (Corey Crooms Jr. recovery) |
| Attempted a fake field goal: | vs. Michigan, 11/3/12 (did not convert) |
| Attempted a fake punt: | at Illinois, 11/2/24 (Mark Crawford rush failed) |
| No punts: | vs. Eastern Michigan (W, 25-6), 9/9/23 |
| No penalties committed: | vs. Iowa (L, 10-13), 11/19/22 |
| **100+ yards in penalties:** | **115 vs. Mississippi State (L, 13-38), 9/12/26** |
| **Scoring drive of 90+ yards:** | **90 (TD, 11 plays) vs. Akron (W, 41-7), 9/19/26** |
| Scoring drive of 99 yards: | 19 plays vs. Rutgers (W, 31-0), 10/29/22 |
| Played an overtime game: | vs. New Mexico (W, 20-17 in OT), 12/26/25 |
| Played a double overtime game: | at Fresno State (W, 38-35 in 2OT), 9/7/19 |
| Won an overtime game: | vs. New Mexico (W, 20-17 in OT), 12/26/25 |
| Lost an overtime game: | at Northwestern (L, 34-37 in OT), 9/23/23 |
| Beat AP No. 1 Team | vs. No. 1 Michigan (W, 16-0), 10/22/77 |
| Beat AP Top 5 Team | vs. No. 5 Penn State (W, 31-26), 11/9/19 |
| Beat AP Top 10 Team | vs. No. 9 Auburn (W, 31-24), 1/1/20 |
| Beat AP Top 15 Team | vs. No. 11 USC (W, 24-17), 10/5/24 |
| Beat AP Top 20 Team | vs. No. 11 USC (W, 24-17), 10/5/24 |
| Beat AP Top 25 Team | vs. No. 25 Nebraska (W, 24-6), 10/17/25 |
| Beat AP Top 25 Team (Road): | at No. 24 Illinois (W, 25-17), 11/2/24 |
| Beat AP Top 25 Team (Neutral): | vs. No. 9 Auburn (W, 31-24), 1/1/20 |

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## OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL - LAST TIME

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| **100+ yards rushing:** | **113, Fluff Bothwell, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 150+ yards rushing: | 161, Antwan Raymond, Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 200+ yards rushing: | 206, Kaleb Johnson, Iowa, 9/21/24 |
| 250+ yards rushing: | 266, Le'Veon Bell, Michigan State, 11/24/12 |
| 300+ yards rushing: | 301, Anthony Davis, Wisconsin, 11/23/02 |
| 2 players with 100+ yards rushing: | Devin Mockobee (153) and Tyrone Tracy Jr. (122), Purdue, 11/11/23 |
| 3 players with 100+ yards rushing: | Devine Ozigbo (152), Adrian Martinez (125), and Maurice Washington (109), Nebraska, 10/20/18 |
| Three or more TDs rushing: | 3, LeShun Daniels, Iowa, 11/14/15 |
| 50+ yard rush play: | 85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25 |
| 60+ yard rush play: | 85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25 |
| 70+ yard rush play: | 85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25 |
| 80+ yard rush play: | 85, Elijah Tau-Tolliver, Michigan State, 11/1/25 |
| 25+ rushing attempts: | 26, Antwan Raymond, Rutgers, 9/27/25 |
| 30+ rushing attempts: | 30, Omarion Hampton, North Carolina, 8/29/24 |
| 40+ rushing attempts: | 41, Chase Brown, Illinois, 10/15/22 |
| 300+ yards passing: | 305, Preston Stone, Northwestern , 11/22/25 |
| 400+ yards passing: | 414, Drake Maye, North Carolina, 9/16/23 |
| 50+ yard pass play: | 67, Hunter Simmons to Vinny Anthony II, Wisconsin, 11/29/25 |
| 60+ yard pass play: | 67, Hunter Simmons to Vinny Anthony II, Wisconsin, 11/29/25 |
| 70+ yard pass play: | 71, Alessio Milivojevic to Rodney Bullard Jr., Michigan State, 11/1/25 |
| 80+ yard pass play: | 80, Ben Bryant to Bryce Kirtz, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| 30+ pass attempts: | 30, Preston Stone, Northwestern , 11/22/25 |
| 35+ pass attempts: | 40, Ryan Browne, Purdue, 10/11/25 |
| 40+ pass attempts: | 40, Ryan Browne, Purdue, 10/11/25 |
| 45+ pass attempts: | 49, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| 50+ pass attempts: | 51, Garrett Shrader, Syracuse, 12/29/22 |
| 20+ completions: | 25, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 25+ completions: | 25, Preston Stone, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 30+ completions: | 33, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| **3+ TD passes:** | **3, Kamario Taylor, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 4+ TD passes: | 4, Ben Bryant, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| **100+ yards receiving:** | **121, Anthony Evans III, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 150+ yards receiving: | 183, Carnell Tate, Ohio State, 10/4/25 |
| 200+ yards receiving: | 215, Bryce Kirtz, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| 10+ receptions: | 11, Griffin Wilde, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 3+ TD receptions: | 3, Robert Tonyan, Indiana State, 9/10/16 |
| 3+ field goals: | 3, Luke Drzewiecki, New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| 4+ field goals: | 4, Noah Burnette, North Carolina, 8/29/24 |
| Recorded a safety: | Jordan Walker sack in end zone, Rutgers, 11/9/24 |
| Blocked a punt: | Kechaun Bennett, Michigan, 9/28/24 |
| Blocked a field goal: | Simeon Barrow, Michigan State, 10/28/23 |
| Blocked field goal returned for TD: | Monquavion Brinson (77 yards), Georgia Southern, 9/14/19 |
| Missed PAT: | Keith Duncan, Iowa, 11/13/20 (wide) |
| **Missed FG facing Dramatic Gopher:** | **Kyle Ferrie (20 yards), Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| Blocked a Minnesota PAT: | Simon Connette, San Jose State, 9/21/13 |
| Made 2-pt. conversion: | Henry Helms pass to Robby Preckel, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| Missed 2-pt. conversion: | MJ Morris pass failed, Maryland, 10/26/24 |
| Punt return for TD: | Kaden Wetjen (50 yds.), Iowa, 10/25/25 |
| Blocked punt return for TD: | Zach Domicone (rec. in end zone), Ohio State, 10/30/10 |
| Kickoff return for TD: | Damon Bankston, 100 yards, New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| Interception return for TD: | Zach Lutmer (34 yards) Iowa, 10/25/25 |
| Two Interception returns for TD: | Marcus Williams (52, 40 yards), North Dakota State, 9/24/11 |
| Fumble return for TD: | Haskell Garrett (32 yards), Ohio State, 9/2/21 |
| Fumble recovered for TD: | Richard Willock (rec. in end zone), Iowa, 11/23/96 |

## OPPONENT TEAM - LAST TIME

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| Scored 60+ points: | 63, Oklahoma, 9/20/86 |
| Scored 50+ points: | 52, Michigan, 10/7/23 |
| Scored 40+ points: | 42, Oregon, 11/14/25 |
| **Scored 30+ points:** | **38, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| Touchdowns on O, D and ST: | Iowa, 10/25/25 |
| 0 points: | Northwestern State, 9/6/25 |
| **0 points in first half:** | **Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **0 points in second half:** | **Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| **No offensive TDs in first half:** | **Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **No offensive TDs in second half:** | **Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| No offensive TDs entire game: | New Mexico, 12/26/25 |
| No offensive TDs entire B1G game: | Nebraska, 10/17/25 |
| **250+ yards rushing:** | **252, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 300+ yards rushing: | 353, Purdue, 11/11/23 |
| 400+ yards rushing: | 430, Illinois, 11/3/18 |
| **< 50 yards rushing:** | **48, Akron, 9/19/26** |
| **< 100 yards rushing:** | **48, Akron, 9/19/26** |
| 300+ yards passing: | 305, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 400+ yards passing: | 400, Northwestern, 9/23/23 |
| **<100 yards passing:** | **59, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| **400+ total net yards:** | **479, Mississippi State, 9/12/26** |
| 500+ total net yards: | 525, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 600+ total net yards: | 604, Purdue, 11/11/23 |
| < 50 total net yards: | 42, Northwestern State, 9/6/25 |
| < 100 total net yards: | 42, Northwestern State, 9/6/25 |
| **< 200 total net yards:** | **110, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| 30+ first downs: | 30, Wisconsin, 10/9/10 |
| **<10 first downs:** | **4, Eastern Illinois, 9/3/26** |
| Multiple INT returns for TD: | 2, Michigan, 10/7/23 |
| 10+ penalties: | 10, Northwestern, 11/22/25 |
| 100+ penalty yards: | 120 (12 penalties), Illinois, 11/7/20 |
| No penalties | Iowa, 11/19/22 |
| No third downs converted: | 0-for-12, Purdue, 11/10/18 |
| Attempted a fake punt | Penn State, 11/23/24 (converted) |

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## INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

### Rushing Yards

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 263 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa | 11/19/22 |
| 2. | 224 | Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| | 224 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Georgia Tech | 12/26/18 |
| 4. | 211 | Rodney Smith vs. Illinois | 10/5/19 |
| 5. | 208 | Darius Taylor vs. Bowling Green | 12/26/23 |

### Rushing Attempts

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 41 | Mohamed Ibrahim at Maryland | 10/30/20 |
| 2. | 40 | Jordan Nubin vs. Michigan State | 10/28/23 |
| 3. | 39 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa | 11/19/22 |
| 4. | 36 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Northwestern | 11/12/22 |
| | 36 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Rutgers | 10/29/22 |

### Rushing Touchdowns

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| | 4 | Mohamed Ibrahim at Maryland | 10/30/20 |
| **3.** | **3** | **Done 12x, MR: Darius Taylor vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |

### Passing Yards

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 396 | Tanner Morgan at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| 2. | 368 | Tanner Morgan at Iowa | 11/16/19 |
| 3. | 339 | Tanner Morgan vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| 4. | 324 | Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 5. | 320 | Max Brosmer vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |

### Pass Completions

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **31** | **Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State** | **9/12/26** |
| | 31 | Drake Lindsey vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 3. | 27 | Max Brosmer at Rutgers | 11/9/24 |
| | 27 | Max Brosmer at Michigan | 9/28/24 |
| 5. | 26 | Drake Lindsey vs. Michigan State | 11/1/25 |
| | 26 | Max Brosmer vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |
| | 26 | Max Brosmer at UCLA | 10/12/24 |

### Pass Attempts

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|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **48** | **Drake Lindsey vs. Mississippi State** | **9/12/26** |
| 2. | 45 | Drake Lindsey vs. Purdue | 10/11/25 |
| | 45 | Max Brosmer at Rutgers | 11/9/24 |
| 4. | 44 | Athan Kaliakmanis vs. Nebraska | 8/31/23 |
| 5. | 42 | Athan Kaliakmanis at Purdue | 11/11/23 |

### Passing Touchdowns

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | Drake Lindsey at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |
| | 4 | Max Brosmer vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |
| | 4 | Tanner Morgan at Northwestern | 11/23/19 |
| | 4 | Tanner Morgan at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| **5.** | **3** | **Done 13x, MR: Drake Lindsey vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |

### Receptions

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 12 | Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn | 1/1/20 |
| 2. | 11 | Chris Autman-Bell vs. Nebraska | 10/16/21 |
| | 11 | Tyler Johnson at Nebraska | 10/20/18 |
| 4. | 10 | Daniel Jackson at UCLA | 10/12/24 |
| | 10 | Darius Taylor at Michigan | 9/28/24 |
| | 10 | Rashod Bateman at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| | 10 | Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern | 9/14/19 |

### Receiving Yards

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 204 | Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn | 1/1/20 |
| 2. | 203 | Rashod Bateman vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| 3. | 184 | Tyler Johnson at Nebraska | 10/20/18 |
| 4. | 177 | Rashod Bateman at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| 5. | 175 | Rashod Bateman at Illinois | 11/3/18 |

### Receiving Touchdowns

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 3 | Javon Tracy at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |
| | 3 | Rashod Bateman at Northwestern | 11/23/19 |
| | 3 | Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern | 9/14/19 |
| | 3 | Tyler Johnson vs. Miami (OH) | 9/15/18 |
| | 3 | Tyler Johnson vs. Michigan State | 10/14/17 |

### Total Offense

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 368 | Tanner Morgan at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| 2. | 345 | Tanner Morgan at Iowa | 11/16/19 |
| 3. | 339 | Tanner Morgan vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| 4. | 333 | Athan Kaliakmanis at Wisconsin | 11/26/22 |
| 5. | 320 | Max Brosmer vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |

### All-Purpose Yards

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 282 | Mohamed Ibrahim at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| 2. | 279 | Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| 3. | 270 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. Iowa | 11/19/22 |
| **4.** | **265** | **Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |
| 5. | 242 | Koi Perich at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |

## INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

### Tackles

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 20 | Blake Cashman vs. Northwestern | 11/17/18 |
| 2. | 18 | Mariano Sori-Marin at Nebraska | 12/12/20 |
| 3. | 17 | Maverick Baranowski vs. New Mexico | 12/26/25 |
| 4. | 16 | Thomas Barber vs. Michigan State | 10/14/17 |
| 5. | 15 | Mariano Sori-Marin at Penn State | 10/22/22 |
| | 15 | Kamal Martin vs. Nebraska | 10/12/19 |
| | 15 | Thomas Barber at Northwestern | 11/18/17 |
| | 15 | Jonathan Celestin vs. Maryland | 9/30/17 |

### Tackles for Loss

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4.0 | Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico | 12/26/25 |
| | 4.0 | Blake Cashman vs. New Mexico St. | 8/30/18 |
| 3. | 3.0 | Carter Coughlin vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| | 3.0 | Carter Coughlin at Ohio State | 10/13/18 |
| 5. | 2.5 | Done 7x, MR: Maverick Baranowski at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |

### Sacks

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2.5 | Karter Menz and Anthony Smith vs. Nebraska | 10/17/25 |
| 3. | 2.0 | Done 14x, MR: Anthony Smith vs. New Mexico | 12/26/25 |

### Interceptions

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2 | John Nestor vs. Wisconsin | 11/29/25 |
| | 2 | John Nestor vs. Northwestern St. | 9/6/25 |
| | 2 | Koi Perich at UCLA | 10/12/24 |
| | 2 | Kerry Brown vs. Nevada | 9/14/24 |
| | 2 | Tyler Nubin vs. Nebraska | 8/31/23 |
| | 2 | Tyler Nubin vs. Rutgers | 10/29/22 |
| | 2 | Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| | 2 | Antoine Winfield, Jr., at Rutgers | 10/19/19 |
| | 2 | Kamal Martin at Purdue | 9/28/19 |

### Pass Breakups

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | Justin Walley vs. USC | 10/5/24 |
| 2. | 3 | Done 6x MR: Cody Lindenberg at Illinois | 11/2/24 |

## INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL TEAMS

### Field Goals Made

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | Dragan Kesich at Illinois | 11/2/24 |
| | 4 | Dragan Kesich at Iowa | 10/21/23 |
| 3. | 3 | Done 8x, MR: Brady Denaburg vs. Buffalo | 8/28/25 |

### Kick Return Yards

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 230 | Koi Perich at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |
| 2. | 151 | Quentin Redding at Illinois | 10/15/22 |
| 3. | 135 | Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| 4. | 126 | Demetrius Douglas at Nebraska | 10/20/18 |
| 5. | 121 | Shannon Brooks vs. Michigan State | 10/14/17 |

### Punt Return Yards

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **167** | **Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |
| 2. | 82 | Koi Perich at Michigan | 9/28/24 |
| **3.** | **80** | **Javon Tracy vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |
| 4. | 79 | Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. New Mexico St. | 8/30/18 |
| 5. | 69 | Demetrius Douglas at Wisconsin | 11/24/18 |

## LONGEST PLAYS

### Rush

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 80 | Darius Taylor vs. Nevada^ | 9/14/24 |
| 2. | 74 | Mohamed Ibrahim vs. New Mexico St. | 8/30/18 |
| 3. | 73 | Demry Croft vs. Nebraska^ | 11/11/17 |
| **4.** | **71** | **TJ Thomas vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |
| | 71 | Darius Taylor vs. Nebraska | 10/17/25 |

### Pass Play

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 86 | Tanner Morgan to Rashod Bateman at Illinois^ | 11/3/18 |
| 2. | 78 | Drake Lindsey to Jalen Smith vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 3. | 73 | Tanner Morgan to Tyler Johnson vs. Auburn^ | 1/1/20 |
| | 73 | Tanner Morgan to Tyler Johnson vs. Georgia Southern^ | 9/14/19 |
| 5. | 70 | Tanner Morgan to Chris Autman-Bell at Purdue^ | 9/28/19 |

### Field Goal

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 54 | Dragan Kesich at Ohio State | 11/18/23 |
| | 54 | Dragan Kesich vs. Michigan | 10/7/23 |
| 3. | 53 | Dragan Kesich vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| | 53 | Emmit Carpenter vs. Fresno State | 9/8/18 |
| 5. | 52 | Dragan Kesich vs. Nevada | 9/14/24 |

### Punt

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 68 | Ryan Santoso vs. Michigan State | 10/14/17 |
| 2. | 64 | Ryan Santoso vs. Middle Tennessee | 9/16/17 |
| 3. | 61 | Ryan Santoso vs. Illinois | 10/21/17 |
| 4. | 60 | Mark Crawford at Purdue | 10/2/21 |
| | 60 | Mark Crawford at Purdue | 10/2/21 |

### Punt Return

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **87** | **Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois^** | **9/3/26** |
| 2. | 76 | Antoine Winfield, Jr., vs. New Mexico St.^ | 8/30/18 |
| **3.** | **69** | **Javon Tracy vs. Eastern Illinois^** | **9/3/26** |
| | 69 | Demetrius Douglas at Wisconsin^ | 11/24/18 |
| **5.** | **64** | **Javon Tracy vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |

**Kick Return**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 100 | Rodney Smith vs. Nebraska^ | 11/11/17 |
| 2. | 93 | Koi Perich at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |
| 3. | 92 | Quentin Redding at Illinois | 10/15/22 |
| 4. | 87 | Demetrius Douglas at Nebraska | 10/20/18 |
| 5. | 72 | Quentin Redding vs. Syracuse | 12/29/22 |

**Interception Return**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 72 | Coney Durr vs. Maryland^ | 10/26/19 |
| 2. | 70 | Justin Walley vs. North Carolina | 8/29/24 |
| | 70 | Coleman Bryson vs. Syracuse^ | 12/29/22 |
| 4. | 68 | John Nestor vs. Wisconsin | 11/29/25 |
| 5. | 67 | Jacob Huff vs. Middle Tennessee^ | 9/16/17 |

**Fumble Return**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 40 | Blake Cashman vs. Purdue^ | 11/10/18 |
| 2. | 25 | Matt Kingsbury vs. Northwestern St.^ | 9/6/25 |
| | 25 | Justin Walley at Northwestern^ | 10/30/21 |
| 3. | 6 | Kyler Baugh at Northwestern | 9/23/23 |
| 4. | 5 | Justin Walley at Michigan State | 9/24/22 |

^ Resulted in a Touchdown

## TEAM OFFENSE

**Points**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 66 | vs. Northwestern State | 9/6/25 |
| 2. | 62 | vs. Western Illinois | 9/10/22 |
| **3.** | **59** | **vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |
| 4. | 54 | vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| 5. | 52 | vs. Maryland | 10/26/19 |

**Total Offense**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 679 | vs. Western Illinois (307 R/372 P) | 9/10/22 |
| 2. | 541 | at Illinois (325/216) | 11/7/20 |
| 3. | 522 | vs. New Mexico State (295/227) | 8/30/18 |
| 4. | 514 | vs. Nebraska (409/105) | 11/11/17 |
| 5. | 508 | at Michigan State (240/268) | 9/24/22 |

**Rushing Yards**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 409 | vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| 2. | 334 | vs. Colorado | 9/17/22 |
| 3. | 332 | vs. Illinois | 10/5/19 |
| 4. | 326 | vs. Maryland | 10/23/21 |
| 5. | 325 | at Illinois | 11/7/20 |

**Rushing Attempts**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 58 | vs. Northwestern | 11/12/22 |
| | 58 | at Oregon State | 9/9/17 |
| 3. | 57 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| 4. | 56 | vs. Eastern Michigan | 9/9/23 |
| | 56 | vs. Maryland | 10/23/21 |

**Yards Per Rush**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 9.09 | vs. Nebraska (409/45) | 11/11/17 |
| 2. | 6.91 | at Illinois (325/47) | 11/7/20 |
| 3. | 6.57 | vs. Nebraska (322/49) | 10/12/19 |
| 4. | 6.46 | vs. Purdue (265/41) | 11/10/18 |
| 5. | 6.42 | vs. Colorado (334/52) | 9/17/22 |

**Rushing Touchdowns**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 7 | vs. Western Illinois | 9/10/22 |
| 2. | 6 | vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| **3.** | **5** | **Done 7x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |

**Passing Yards**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 396 | at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| 2. | 372 | vs. Western Illinois | 9/10/22 |
| 3. | 368 | at Iowa | 11/16/19 |
| 4. | 349 | at Nebraska | 10/20/18 |
| **5.** | **348** | **vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |

**Pass Completions**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **31** | **vs. Mississippi State** | **9/12/26** |
| | 31 | vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 3. | 27 | at Rutgers | 11/9/24 |
| | 27 | at Michigan | 9/28/24 |
| | 27 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |

**Pass Attempts**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | **48** | **vs. Mississippi State** | **9/12/26** |
| 2. | 45 | vs. Purdue | 10/11/25 |
| | 45 | at Rutgers | 11/9/24 |
| 4. | 44 | vs. Nebraska | 8/31/23 |
| 5. | 42 | at Purdue | 11/11/23 |

**Passing Touchdowns**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | at Northwestern | 11/22/25 |
| | 4 | vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |
| | 4 | at Northwestern | 11/23/19 |
| | 4 | at Purdue | 9/28/19 |
| **5.** | **3** | **Done 15x, MR: vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |

**First Downs**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 35 | vs. Western Illinois | 9/10/22 |
| 2. | 32 | at Michigan State | 9/24/22 |
| 3. | 31 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| 4. | 30 | at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| | 30 | vs. Maryland | 10/26/19 |

## TEAM DEFENSE

**Fewest Points Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 0 | vs. Northwestern State | 9/6/25 |
| | 0 | vs. Nevada | 9/14/24 |
| | 0 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| | 0 | vs. Rutgers | 10/29/22 |
| | 0 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| | 0 | at Colorado | 9/18/21 |

**Fewest Total Yards Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 42 | vs. Northwestern State! | 9/6/25 |
| 2. | 63 | at Colorado | 9/18/21 |
| 3. | 91 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| **4.** | **110** | **vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |
| 5. | 127 | at Iowa | 10/21/23 |

**Fewest Rush Yards Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | -19 | at Colorado | 9/18/21 |
| 2. | 11 | at Iowa | 10/21/23 |
| 3. | 18 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| 4. | 19 | vs. Northwestern State | 9/6/25 |
| 5. | 22 | vs. Bowling Green | 9/25/21 |

**Fewest Pass Yards Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 23 | vs. Northwestern State | 9/6/25 |
| 2. | 48 | at Rutgers | 10/19/19 |
| 3. | 53 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| 4. | 56 | at Michigan | 11/4/17 |
| **5.** | **59** | **vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |

**Fewest Pass Completions Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| 2. | 5 | vs. Georgia Southern | 9/14/19 |
| | 5 | vs. Georgia Tech | 12/26/18 |
| 4. | 6 | at Illinois | 11/7/20 |
| 5. | 7 | vs. Illinois | 11/6/21 |

**Most Tackles for Loss Recorded**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 12 | vs. Michigan State | 11/1/25 |
| 2. | 11 | vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 3. | 10 | vs. Nebraska | 10/17/25 |
| | 10 | vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| **5.** | **9** | **Done 5x, MR: vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |

**Most Sacks Recorded**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 9 | vs. Nebraska! | 10/17/25 |
| 2. | 7 | vs. Michigan State | 11/1/25 |
| | 7 | vs. Rutgers | 9/27/25 |
| 4. | 6 | vs. Nebraska | 11/11/17 |
| 5. | 5 | vs. Virginia Tech | 1/3/25 |
| | 5 | vs. Illinois | 11/4/23 |
| | 5 | vs. West Virginia | 12/28/21 |

**Most Interceptions Recorded**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 3 | vs. Purdue | 10/11/25 |
| | 3 | at UCLA | 10/12/24 |
| | 3 | vs. Nevada | 9/14/24 |
| | 3 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| | 3 | vs. Nebraska | 8/31/23 |
| | 3 | vs. Penn State | 11/9/19 |
| | 3 | at Rutgers | 10/19/19 |
| | 3 | at Wisconsin | 11/24/18 |

**Most Pass Breakups Recorded**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 10 | at Wisconsin | 11/29/24 |
| 2. | 9 | vs. Maryland | 10/26/24 |
| | 9 | vs. Colorado | 9/17/22 |
| | 9 | vs. New Mexico State | 8/30/18 |
| **5.** | **8** | **Done 5x, MR: vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |

**Most Fumbles Forced**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | at Wisconsin | 11/24/18 |
| 2. | 3 | vs. Illinois | 11/4/23 |
| | 3 | vs. Illinois | 10/21/17 |
| | 3 | at Oregon State | 9/9/17 |
| 5. | 2 | Done 11x, MR: vs. Northwestern St. | 9/6/25 |

**Most Fumbles Recovered**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 3 | at Oregon State | 9/9/17 |
| **2.** | **2** | **Done 11x, MR: vs. Akron** | **9/19/26** |

**Most Turnovers Forced**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 4 | vs. Purdue | 10/11/25 |
| | 4 | vs. Northwestern State | 9/6/25 |
| | 4 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| | 4 | vs. Nebraska | 8/31/23 |
| | 4 | at Wisconsin | 11/24/18 |
| | 4 | at Purdue | 10/7/17 |

**Fewest First Downs Allowed**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2 | vs. Northwestern State! | 9/6/25 |
| **2.** | **4** | **vs. Eastern Illinois** | **9/3/26** |
| 3. | 6 | vs. Rhode Island | 9/7/24 |
| | 6 | vs. New Mexico State | 9/1/22 |
| | 6 | at Colorado | 9/18/21 |

! School record

# RESULTS: OVERALL 2-1 | BIG TEN 0-0 | NON-CON 2-1 | HOME 2-1 | AWAY 0-0

| Date | Rank | Opponent | Result | Site | TV | Attendance | Top Passer | Top Rusher (Yds.) | Top Receiver (Rec./Yds.) | Top Tackler |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/3 | RV/-- | Eastern Illinois | W, 59-7 | Minneapolis | Peacock | 41,048 | Lindsey (19-24-0-264, 1 TD) | Taylor (14-56, 3 TD) | Tracy (5-98) | Baranowski (6) |
| 9/12 | RV/RV | Mississippi State | L, 13-38 | Minneapolis | CBS | 48,048 | Lindsey (31-48-0-279) | Taylor (6-15) | Jennings (7-88) & Tracy (7-51)/Jennings (7-88) | Brown (10) |
| 9/19 | --/-- | Akron | W, 41-7 | Minneapolis | BTN | 40,168 | Lindsey (17-31-1-204, 3 TD) | TJ Thomas (13-122, 1 TD) | Jennings (5-72) & Tracy (5-91)/Tracy (5-91) | Gerlach & Nestor (8) |
| 9/26 | --/-- | at Washington | | Seattle, Wash. | FOX | | | | | |
| 10/3 | --/-- | Michigan | | Minneapolis | | | | | | |
| 10/10 | --/-- | at Purdue | | West Lafayette, Ind. | | | | | | |
| 10/24 | --/-- | Iowa | | Minneapolis | | | | | | |
| 10/31 | --/-- | at Indiana | | Bloomington, Ind. | | | | | | |
| 11/7 | --/-- | UCLA | | Minneapolis | | | | | | |
| 11/14 | --/-- | at Penn State | | University Park, Pa. | | | | | | |
| 11/21 | --/-- | Northwestern | | Minneapolis | | | | | | |
| 11/27 | --/-- | at Wisconsin | | Madison, Wis. | NBC | | | | | |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Overall Team Statistics**
**All games**

**Team Statistics**

| | MINN | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| **Scoring** | **113** | **52** |
| Points per game | 37.7 | 17.3 |
| Points Off Turnovers | 7 | 0 |
| **First Downs** | **62** | **48** |
| Rushing | 21 | 21 |
| Passing | 34 | 19 |
| Penalty | 7 | 8 |
| **Rushing Yardage** | **351** | **351** |
| Yards gained rushing | 407 | 414 |
| Yards lost rushing | 56 | 63 |
| Rushing attempts | 86 | 95 |
| Average per rush | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| Average per game | 117.0 | 117.0 |
| TDs Rushing | 7 | 3 |
| **Passing Yardage** | **831** | **459** |
| Comp-Att-Int | 74-112-1 | 46-76-0 |
| Average per pass | 7.4 | 6.0 |
| Average per catch | 11.2 | 10.0 |
| Average per game | 277.0 | 153.0 |
| TDs Passing | 4 | 4 |
| **Total offense** | **1182** | **810** |
| Total plays | 198 | 171 |
| Average per play | 6.0 | 4.7 |
| Average per game | 394.0 | 270.0 |
| **Kick returns: #-Yards** | **4-104** | **3-48** |
| **Punt returns: #-Yards** | **10-277** | **3-9** |
| **Int returns: #-Yards** | **0-0** | **1-21** |
| **Kick return average** | **26.0** | **16.0** |
| **Punt return average** | **27.7** | **3.0** |
| **Int return average** | **0.0** | **21.0** |
| **Fumbles-Lost** | **4-1** | **5-3** |
| **Penalties-Yards** | **18-170** | **19-169** |
| Average per game | 56.7 | 56.3 |
| **Punts-Yards** | **12-506** | **20-886** |
| Average per punt | 42.2 | 44.3 |
| Net punt average | 41.4 | 30.5 |
| **Kickoffs-Yards** | **21-1359** | **11-698** |
| Average per kick | 64.7 | 63.5 |
| Net kick average | 41.0 | 38.1 |
| **Time of possession / game** | **33:23** | **26:37** |
| **3rd-down conversion** | **19/42** | **12/36** |
| 3rd-down pct | 45% | 33% |
| **4th-down conversion** | **4/5** | **1/2** |
| 4th-down pct | 80% | 50% |
| **Sacks by-Yards** | **4-27** | **3-22** |
| **Misc Yards** | **0** | **0** |
| **Touchdowns scored** | **14** | **7** |
| **Field goals - attempts** | **5-5** | **1-2** |
| **On-Side kicks** | **0-0** | **0-0** |
| **Red-zone scores** | **(13-14) 93%** | **(5-7) 71%** |
| **Red-zone touchdowns** | **(9-14) 64%** | **(5-7) 71%** |
| **PAT-attempts** | **(14-14) 100%** | **(7-7) 100%** |
| **2-point conversion-attempts** | **(0-0) 0%** | **(0-0) 0%** |
| **Attendance** | **129264** | **0** |
| Games / Avg per game | 3/43088 | 0/0 |
| Neutral site games | - | 0/0 |

**Score by Periods**

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | TOT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 27 | 34 | 24 | 28 | 0 | 113 |
| Opponents | 14 | 21 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 52 |

# 2026-27 Minnesota Football
# Individual Statistics
# All games

## Rushing

| Player | gp | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Thomas | 3 | 23 | 184 | 11 | 173 | 7.5 | 1 | 71 | 57.7 |
| Darius Taylor | 2 | 20 | 78 | 7 | 71 | 3.6 | 3 | 27 | 35.5 |
| Xavier Ford | 3 | 13 | 63 | 0 | 63 | 4.8 | 1 | 11 | 21.0 |
| A.J. Turner | 2 | 10 | 45 | 1 | 44 | 4.4 | 1 | 17 | 22.0 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 3.3 | 0 | 10 | 10.0 |
| Brady Palmer | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 4.0 | 0 | 8 | 8.0 |
| Jaron Thomas | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 | 1 | 2 | 1.0 |
| Niko Castillo | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 2.0 |
| Drake Lindsey | 3 | 7 | 8 | 22 | -14 | -2.0 | 0 | 4 | -4.7 |
| Team | 3 | 2 | 0 | 13 | -13 | -6.5 | 0 | 0 | -4.3 |
| **Total** | **3** | **86** | **407** | **56** | **351** | **4.1** | **7** | **71** | **117.0** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **95** | **414** | **63** | **351** | **3.7** | **3** | **30** | **117.0** |

## Passing

| Player | gp | effic | comp-att-int | pct | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drake Lindsey | 3 | 136.8 | 67-103-1 | 65.0 | 747 | 4 | 55 | 249.0 |
| Brady Palmer | 1 | 114.3 | 4-6-0 | 66.7 | 34 | 0 | 13 | 34.0 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 2 | 240.0 | 3-3-0 | 100.0 | 50 | 0 | 33 | 25.0 |
| **Total** | **3** | **138.4** | **74-112-1** | **66.1** | **831** | **4** | **55** | **277.0** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **128.6** | **46-76-0** | **60.5** | **459** | **4** | **39** | **153.0** |

## Receiving

| Player | gp | no. | yds | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 3 | 17 | 240 | 14.1 | 0 | 55 | 80.0 |
| Noah Jennings | 3 | 15 | 217 | 14.5 | 1 | 34 | 72.3 |
| Jalen Smith | 3 | 10 | 104 | 10.4 | 1 | 20 | 34.7 |
| TJ Thomas | 3 | 9 | 55 | 6.1 | 0 | 18 | 18.3 |
| Darius Taylor | 2 | 4 | 36 | 9.0 | 0 | 19 | 18.0 |
| Pierce Walsh | 3 | 4 | 46 | 11.5 | 1 | 27 | 15.3 |
| Hayden Moore | 2 | 3 | 49 | 16.3 | 0 | 33 | 24.5 |
| Kaden Helms | 3 | 2 | 13 | 6.5 | 0 | 7 | 4.3 |
| Julian Johnson | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 0 | 6 | 2.3 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 2 | 12 | 6.0 | 0 | 11 | 12.0 |
| Zion Steptoe | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| A.J. Turner | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Bradley Martino | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Roman Voss | 3 | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 1 | 16 | 5.3 |
| George Rohl | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Quayd Hendryx | 3 | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 0 | 13 | 4.3 |
| **Total** | **3** | **74** | **831** | **11.2** | **4** | **55** | **277.0** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **46** | **459** | **10.0** | **4** | **39** | **153.0** |

## Punt Returns

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 9 | 251 | 27.9 | 2 | 87 |
| Braiden Stevens | 1 | 26 | 26.0 | 0 | 26 |
| **Total** | **10** | **277** | **27.7** | **2** | **87** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **9** | **3.0** | **0** | **16** |

## Interceptions

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total** | **0** | **0** | **0.0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Opponents** | **1** | **21** | **21.0** | **0** | **21** |

## Kick Returns

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quayd Hendryx | 3 | 93 | 31.0 | 0 | 42 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 11 |
| **Total** | **4** | **104** | **26.0** | **0** | **42** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **48** | **16.0** | **0** | **17** |

## Fumbles Recovered

| Player | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aydan West | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| Joey Gerlach | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **3** | **0** | **0.0** | **1** | **0** |
| **Opponents** | **1** | **0** | **0.0** | **0** | **0** |

# 2026-27 Minnesota Football
## Individual Statistics
## All games

### Scoring

| | | | PAT | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Player** | **td** | **fg** | **kick** | **rush** | **rcv** | **pass** | **dxp** | **saf** | **pts** |
| Luke Drzewiecki | - | 4-4 | 6-6 | - | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Darius Taylor | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Javon Tracy | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Daniel Jackson | - | 1-1 | 7-7 | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| A.J. Turner | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Pierce Walsh | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Noah Jennings | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Jalen Smith | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| TJ Thomas | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Xavier Ford | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Aydan West | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Roman Voss | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Beckham Sunderland | - | - | 1-1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| **Total** | **14** | **5-5** | **14-14** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **113** |
| **Opponents** | **7** | **1-2** | **7-7** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **52** |

### Field Goals

| **Player** | **fg** | **pct.** | **01-19** | **20-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50-99** | **lg** | **blk** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Luke Drzewiecki | 4-4 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 44 | 0 |
| Daniel Jackson | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 31 | 0 |
| **Opponents** | **1-2** | **50.0** | **0-0** | **0-1** | **0-0** | **0-0** | **1-1** | **52** | **1** |

### FG Sequence

| **Team Name** | **Minnesota** | **Opponents** |
|---|---|---|
| Eastern Ill. | (31) | |
| Mississippi St. | (44),(41) | (52),20 |
| Akron | (24),(43) | |

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

### Total Offense

| **Player** | **g** | **plays** | **rush** | **pass** | **total** | **avg/g** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drake Lindsey | 3 | 110 | -14 | 747 | 733 | 244.3 |
| TJ Thomas | 3 | 23 | 173 | 0 | 173 | 57.7 |
| Darius Taylor | 2 | 20 | 71 | 0 | 71 | 35.5 |
| Xavier Ford | 3 | 13 | 63 | 0 | 63 | 21.0 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 2 | 4 | 2 | 50 | 52 | 26.0 |
| A.J. Turner | 2 | 10 | 44 | 0 | 44 | 22.0 |
| Brady Palmer | 1 | 8 | 8 | 34 | 42 | 42.0 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10.0 |
| Jaron Thomas | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Niko Castillo | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| Team | 3 | 0 | -13 | 0 | -13 | -4.3 |
| **Total** | **3** | **198** | **351** | **831** | **1182** | **394.0** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **171** | **351** | **459** | **810** | **270.0** |

### Punting

| **Player** | **no.** | **yds** | **avg** | **lg** | **tb** | **fc** | **i20** | **50+** | **blk** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tom Weston | 11 | 473 | 43.0 | 55 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Zachary Robbins | 1 | 33 | 33.0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **12** | **506** | **42.2** | **55** | **0** | **4** | **6** | **3** | **0** |
| **Opponents** | **20** | **886** | **44.3** | **62** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **6** | **0** |

### Kickoffs

| **Player** | **no.** | **yds** | **avg** | **tb** | **ob** | **retn** | **net** | **ydln** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beckham Sunderland | 21 | 1359 | 64.7 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| **Total** | **21** | **1359** | **64.7** | **18** | **0** | **3** | **41** | **24** |
| **Opponents** | **11** | **698** | **63.5** | **7** | **0** | **4** | **38.1** | **26** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Passing Game-by-Game**
**All games**

| #5 Drake Lindsey | Comp | Att | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | Long | Sacked | Effic. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Ill. | 19 | 24 | 0 | 79.2 | 264 | 1 | 55 | 0-0 | 185.3 |
| Mississippi St. | 31 | 48 | 0 | 64.6 | 279 | 0 | 34 | 2-12 | 113.4 |
| Akron | 17 | 31 | 1 | 54.8 | 204 | 3 | 44 | 1-10 | 135.6 |
| **Totals** | **67** | **103** | **1** | **65.0** | **747** | **4** | **55** | **3-22** | **136.8** |

| #6 Max Shikenjanski | Comp | Att | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | Long | Sacked | Effic. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Ill. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 100.0 | 50 | 0 | 33 | 0-0 | 240.0 |
| **Totals** | **3** | **3** | **0** | **100.0** | **50** | **0** | **33** | **0-0** | **240.0** |

| #16 Brady Palmer | Comp | Att | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | Long | Sacked | Effic. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Ill. | 4 | 6 | 0 | 66.7 | 34 | 0 | 13 | 0-0 | 114.3 |
| **Totals** | **4** | **6** | **0** | **66.7** | **34** | **0** | **13** | **0-0** | **114.3** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game**
**All games**

**Rushing**

| Player | No-Yds/TD | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Thomas | 23-173/1 | 7-52/0 | 3--1/0 | 13-122/1 |
| Darius Taylor | 20-71/3 | 14-56/3 | 6-15/0 | DNP |
| Xavier Ford | 13-63/1 | 3-15/1 | 2-7/0 | 8-41/0 |
| A.J. Turner | 10-44/1 | DNP | 2-4/0 | 8-40/1 |
| Drake Lindsey | 7--14/0 | 2-6/0 | 2--12/0 | 3--8/0 |
| Niko Castillo | 4-2/0 | 4-2/0 | DNP | DNP |
| Ryan Estrada | 3-10/0 | 3-10/0 | DNP | DNP |
| Brady Palmer | 2-8/0 | 2-8/0 | DNP | DNP |
| Jaron Thomas | 1-5/0 | 1-5/0 | DNP | - |
| Max Shikenjanski | 1-2/1 | 1-2/1 | DNP | - |

**Receiving**

| Player | No-Yds/TD | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 17-240/0 | 5-98/0 | 7-51/0 | 5-91/0 |
| Noah Jennings | 15-217/1 | 3-57/0 | 7-88/0 | 5-72/1 |
| Jalen Smith | 10-104/1 | 3-26/0 | 5-51/0 | 2-27/1 |
| TJ Thomas | 9-55/0 | 2-23/0 | 4-40/0 | 3--8/0 |
| Pierce Walsh | 4-46/1 | 2-28/1 | 2-18/0 | - |
| Darius Taylor | 4-36/0 | 3-31/0 | 1-5/0 | DNP |
| Hayden Moore | 3-49/0 | 2-42/0 | 1-7/0 | DNP |
| Kaden Helms | 2-13/0 | - | 2-13/0 | - |
| Ryan Estrada | 2-12/0 | 2-12/0 | DNP | DNP |
| Julian Johnson | 2-7/0 | - | 1-1/0 | 1-6/0 |
| Roman Voss | 1-16/1 | - | - | 1-16/1 |
| Quayd Hendryx | 1-13/0 | 1-13/0 | - | - |
| Bradley Martino | 1-6/0 | 1-6/0 | - | - |
| Zion Steptoe | 1-6/0 | 1-6/0 | - | - |
| George Rohl | 1-6/0 | 1-6/0 | - | - |
| A.J. Turner | 1-5/0 | DNP | 1-5/0 | - |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Individual Statistics**
**All games**

**All Purpose**

| Player | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr | ir | total | avg/g |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 3 | 0 | 240 | 251 | 0 | 0 | 491 | 163.7 |
| TJ Thomas | 3 | 173 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 76.0 |
| Noah Jennings | 3 | 0 | 217 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 72.3 |
| Darius Taylor | 2 | 71 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 53.5 |
| Quayd Hendryx | 3 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 106 | 35.3 |
| Jalen Smith | 3 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 34.7 |
| Xavier Ford | 3 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 21.0 |
| A.J. Turner | 2 | 44 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 24.5 |
| Hayden Moore | 2 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 24.5 |
| Pierce Walsh | 3 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 15.3 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 33 | 33.0 |
| Braiden Stevens | 3 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 8.7 |
| Roman Voss | 3 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 5.3 |
| Kaden Helms | 3 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 4.3 |
| Brady Palmer | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8.0 |
| Julian Johnson | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.3 |
| Zion Steptoe | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Bradley Martino | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| George Rohl | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Jaron Thomas | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.0 |
| Niko Castillo | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| Drake Lindsey | 3 | -14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -14 | -4.7 |
| Team | 3 | -13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -13 | -4.3 |
| **Total** | **3** | **351** | **831** | **277** | **104** | **0** | **1563** | **521.0** |
| **Opponents** | **3** | **351** | **459** | **9** | **48** | **21** | **888** | **296.0** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Returns Game-by-Game**
**All games**

**Punt Returns**

| Player | No-Yds | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 9-251 | 4-167 | 1-4 | 4-80 |
| Braiden Stevens | 1-26 | 1-26 | - | - |

**Kick Returns**

| Player | No-Yds | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quayd Hendryx | 3-93 | - | 2-51 | 1-42 |
| Ryan Estrada | 1-11 | 1-11 | DNP | DNP |

**Interceptions Returns**

| Player | No-Yds | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|

**Fumble Returns**

| Player | No-Yds | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Bush Jr. | 1-0 | - | - | 1-0 |
| Aydan West | 1-0 | - | 1-0 | - |
| Joey Gerlach | 1-0 | - | - | 1-0 |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Overall Defense Statistics**
**All games**

**Team Defense**

| | | | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Pass defense | | | Fumbles | | blkd | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ## | Player | gp | ua | a | tot | tfl/yds | no-yds | int-yds | brup | qbh | fr-yds | ff | kick | saf |
| 6 | Maverick Baranowski | 3 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1-2 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 14 | Kerry Brown | 3 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 1-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 19 | Joey Gerlach | 3 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 1.5-6 | 1-5 | . | . | . | 1-0 | 2 | . | . |
| 22 | Mekhai Smith | 3 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 0.5-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 3 | TJ Bush Jr. | 3 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 2.5-6 | 1-3 | . | . | 2 | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 17 | John Nestor | 3 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 2-5 | . | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 4 | Zack Harden | 3 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1.5-3 | . | . | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 5 | Aydan West | 3 | 5 | 4 | 9 | . | . | . | 2 | . | 1-0 | . | . | . |
| 99 | Theorin Randle | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1.5-4 | 0.5-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 49 | Matt Kingsbury | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | . | . | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 11 | Karter Menz | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2-17 | 1-16 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 0 | Anthony Smith | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2-4 | 0.5-1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 21 | Naiim Parrish | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| 70 | Naquan Crowder | 3 | . | 5 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 93 | Riley Sunram | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2.5-6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2 | Emmanuel Karmo | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0.5-1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1 | Jaxon Howard | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1-2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 46 | Mason Carrier | 3 | . | 3 | 3 | 1-2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 9 | Garrison Monroe | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| 18 | Donielle Hayes | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 35 | Nate Cleveland | 3 | 2 | . | 2 | 1-3 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . |
| 28 | Trason Richardson | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 98 | Adam Kissayi | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| 92 | Sid Kaba | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.5-0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 7 | Aidan Gousby | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 45 | Sam Macy | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 82 | Julian Johnson | 3 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 51 | Daniel Shipp | 3 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 55 | Jaylin Hicks | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 90 | Xion Chapman | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | 1-2 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| 48 | Aaden Aytch | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| | **Totals** | **3** | **93** | **86** | **179** | **24-67** | **4-27** | **0-0** | **10** | **13** | **3-0** | **3** | **1** | **0** |
| | Opponents | 3 | 119 | 72 | 191 | 16-53 | 3-22 | 1-21 | 9 | 2 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Total Tackles Game-by-Game**
**All games**

**Total Tackles**

| Player | S-A | Total | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maverick Baranowski | 8-13 | 21 | 1-5 | 7-2 | 0-6 |
| Kerry Brown | 12-5 | 17 | 1-1 | 6-4 | 5-0 |
| Joey Gerlach | 9-5 | 14 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 6-2 |
| Mekhai Smith | 7-6 | 13 | 2-1 | 4-3 | 1-2 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 5-7 | 12 | 2-2 | 3-4 | 0-1 |
| John Nestor | 7-4 | 11 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 5-3 |
| Zack Harden | 5-5 | 10 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 |
| Aydan West | 5-4 | 9 | 1-0 | 4-2 | 0-2 |
| Theorin Randle | 1-7 | 8 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 |
| Matt Kingsbury | 6-1 | 7 | 2-0 | 4-1 | DNP |
| Karter Menz | 4-2 | 6 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Naiim Parrish | 3-2 | 5 | 2-1 | - | 1-1 |
| Anthony Smith | 2-3 | 5 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-2 |
| Naquan Crowder | 0-5 | 5 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| Riley Sunram | 3-1 | 4 | - | 2-0 | 1-1 |
| Emmanuel Karmo | 1-3 | 4 | 1-2 | - | 0-1 |
| Jaxon Howard | 2-1 | 3 | - | 0-1 | 2-0 |
| Donielle Hayes | 2-1 | 3 | 1-0 | - | 1-1 |
| Garrison Monroe | 1-2 | 3 | - | 1-0 | 0-2 |
| Mason Carrier | 0-3 | 3 | 0-2 | 0-1 | - |
| Trason Richardson | 2-0 | 2 | - | DNP | 2-0 |
| Nate Cleveland | 2-0 | 2 | 1-0 | - | 1-0 |
| Aidan Gousby | 1-1 | 2 | - | 1-1 | DNP |
| Sid Kaba | 1-1 | 2 | 1-1 | DNP | - |
| Adam Kissayi | 1-1 | 2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | - |
| Aaden Aytch | 1-0 | 1 | 1-0 | DNP | - |
| Jaylin Hicks | 1-0 | 1 | 1-0 | - | - |
| Xion Chapman | 1-0 | 1 | - | DNP | 1-0 |
| Sam Macy | 0-1 | 1 | 0-1 | DNP | DNP |
| Daniel Shipp | 0-1 | 1 | - | - | 0-1 |
| Julian Johnson | 0-1 | 1 | - | - | 0-1 |

## TURNOVERS BY GAME

| | GIVEAWAYS | | | PTS. | TAKEAWAYS | | | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Game | FUM | INT | TOTAL | OFF TO | FUM | INT | TOTAL | OFF TO |
| EIU | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MSST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| AKRON | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| WASH | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MICH | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PUR | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| IOWA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| IND | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| UCLA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PSU | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NU | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WIS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **TOTAL** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **14** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Tackles For Loss Game-by-Game**
**All games**

| Player | UA-A | Total | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Riley Sunram | 2-1 | 2.5 | - | 2.0-5 | 0.5-1 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 1-3 | 2.5 | 1.5-4 | 0.5-2 | 0.5-0 |
| Karter Menz | 2-0 | 2.0 | - | 1.0-1 | 1.0-16 |
| John Nestor | 2-0 | 2.0 | - | - | 2.0-5 |
| Anthony Smith | 1-2 | 2.0 | 0.5-1 | 1.0-2 | 0.5-1 |
| Zack Harden | 1-1 | 1.5 | 1.5-3 | - | - |
| Joey Gerlach | 1-1 | 1.5 | - | 1.5-6 | - |
| Theorin Randle | 0-3 | 1.5 | 1.0-2 | - | 0.5-2 |
| Jaxon Howard | 1-0 | 1.0 | - | - | 1.0-2 |
| Kerry Brown | 1-0 | 1.0 | - | - | 1.0-1 |
| Naiim Parrish | 1-0 | 1.0 | 1.0-2 | - | - |
| Nate Cleveland | 1-0 | 1.0 | 1.0-3 | - | - |
| Xion Chapman | 1-0 | 1.0 | - | DNP | 1.0-2 |
| Maverick Baranowski | 0-2 | 1.0 | 1.0-2 | - | - |
| Mason Carrier | 0-2 | 1.0 | 0.5-2 | 0.5-0 | - |
| Emmanuel Karmo | 0-1 | 0.5 | 0.5-1 | - | - |
| Mekhai Smith | 0-1 | 0.5 | - | 0.5-1 | - |
| Sid Kaba | 0-1 | 0.5 | 0.5-0 | DNP | - |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Sacks Game-by-Game**
**All games**

| Player | UA-A | Total | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Bush Jr. | 1-0 | 1 | 1-3 | - | - |
| Karter Menz | 1-0 | 1 | - | - | 1-16 |
| Joey Gerlach | 1-0 | 1 | - | 1-5 | - |
| Anthony Smith | 0-1 | 0.5 | - | - | 0.5-1 |
| Theorin Randle | 0-1 | 0.5 | - | - | 0.5-2 |

## 2026-27 Minnesota Football
## Games Played
## All games

| ## | Player | GP-GS | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Anthony Smith | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 1 | Darius Taylor | 2/2 | START | START | ... |
| 1 | Jaxon Howard | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 2 | A.J. Turner | 2/0 | ... | XXX | XXX |
| 2 | Emmanuel Karmo | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 3 | TJ Bush Jr. | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 3 | Perry Thompson | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 4 | Zack Harden | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 4 | Roman Voss | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 5 | Drake Lindsey | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 5 | Aydan West | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 6 | Maverick Baranowski | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 6 | Max Shikenjanski | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 7 | Aidan Gousby | 2/2 | START | START | ... |
| 7 | Bradley Martino | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 8 | Jalen Smith | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 8 | Mike Gerald | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 9 | Garrison Monroe | 3/1 | XXX | XXX | START |
| 9 | Xavier Ford | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 11 | Javon Tracy | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 11 | Karter Menz | 3/1 | XXX | START | XXX |
| 12 | Luke Drzewiecki | 2/0 | ... | XXX | XXX |
| 12 | Michael Merdinger | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 13 | Noah Jennings | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 13 | Zahir Rainer | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 14 | Kerry Brown | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 14 | Dylan Wittke | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 | Samuel Madu | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 15 | Owen Lansu | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 16 | Hudson Dunn | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 16 | Brady Palmer | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 17 | John Nestor | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 18 | Rhyland Kelly | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 18 | Donielle Hayes | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 19 | Joey Gerlach | 3/1 | XXX | XXX | START |
| 19 | Pierce Walsh | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 20 | Parker Knutson | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 20 | Ryan Estrada | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 21 | Naiim Parrish | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 21 | Grant Washington | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 22 | Mekhai Smith | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 22 | Jaron Thomas | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 23 | TJ Thomas | 3/2 | XXX | START | START |
| 23 | Lamont Hamilton | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 24 | Braiden Stevens | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 24 | Chance Payne | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 | Zion Steptoe | 3/1 | XXX | XXX | START |
| 25 | Justin Hopkins | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 26 | Elisha West | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 26 | Zeke Bates | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 27 | Simon Seidl | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 28 | Niko Castillo | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 28 | Trason Richardson | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 29 | Andrew Marshall | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 31 | Jordan Lampkins | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 32 | Angel Luciano | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 33 | Rhett Hlavacka | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 35 | Nate Cleveland | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 36 | Daniel Jackson | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 36 | Tavian White | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |

## 2026-27 Minnesota Football
## Games Played
## All games

| ## | Player | GP-GS | EIU | MS | UA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | Zachary Robbins | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 41 | Anthony Charles | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 42 | Tom Weston | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 44 | Ethan Stendel | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 44 | George Rohl | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 45 | Sam Macy | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 46 | Mason Carrier | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 47 | Enoch Atewogbola | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 48 | Aaden Aytch | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 49 | Matt Kingsbury | 2/2 | START | START | ... |
| 50 | Nathan Roy | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 51 | Daniel Shipp | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 52 | Alan Soukup | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 53 | Jakob Lutz | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 55 | Jerome Williams | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 55 | Jaylin Hicks | 3/1 | XXX | START | XXX |
| 56 | Brett Carroll | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 56 | Jay'Quan Stubbs | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 57 | Aaron Thomas | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 58 | Jaden Ball | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 59 | Tony Nelson | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 60 | Kaveon Lee | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 65 | Greg Johnson | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 66 | Beckett Schreiber | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 68 | Bennett Warren | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 69 | Gavin Meier | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 70 | Naquan Crowder | 3/2 | START | XXX | START |
| 71 | Lucas Tielsch | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 75 | Mark Handy | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 77 | Nick Spence | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 78 | Ashton Beers | 3/3 | START | START | START |
| 79 | Andrew Trout | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 81 | Josiah Dozier | 2/0 | ... | XXX | XXX |
| 82 | Julian Johnson | 3/1 | START | XXX | XXX |
| 83 | Sam Peters | 1/0 | XXX | ... | ... |
| 84 | Hayden Moore | 2/0 | XXX | XXX | ... |
| 85 | Rico Blassingame | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 86 | Gabe Weaver | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 87 | Kaden Helms | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 88 | Jacob Simpson | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 88 | Josiah Anyansi | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 89 | Quayd Hendryx | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 90 | Xion Chapman | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 91 | Howie Johnson | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 92 | Sid Kaba | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 92 | Beckham Sunderland | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 93 | Riley Sunram | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 94 | Mo Saine | 2/0 | XXX | ... | XXX |
| 95 | Colin Hansen | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 96 | Abu Tarawallie | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 97 | Brady Denaburg | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 97 | Jeremiah Benson | 0/0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 98 | Adam Kissayi | 3/0 | XXX | XXX | XXX |
| 99 | Theorin Randle | 3/2 | START | XXX | START |

## 2026-27 Minnesota Football
## Team Game-by-Game
## All games

| | | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp-att-int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | off |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 38 | 147 | 5 | 27 | 26 | 348 | 1 | 55 | 26-33-0 | 348 | 1 | 55 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 193 | 2 | 87 | 495 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 15 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 279 | 0 | 34 | 31-48-0 | 279 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 51 | 0 | 36 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 292 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 33 | 191 | 2 | 71 | 17 | 204 | 3 | 44 | 17-31-1 | 204 | 3 | 44 | 1 | 42 | 0 | 42 | 4 | 80 | 0 | 64 | 395 |
| **Minnesota** | | **86** | **351** | **7** | **71** | **74** | **831** | **4** | **55** | **74-112-1** | **831** | **4** | **55** | **4** | **104** | **0** | **42** | **10** | **277** | **2** | **87** | **1182** |
| **Opponents** | | **95** | **351** | **3** | **30** | **46** | **459** | **4** | **39** | **46-76-0** | **459** | **4** | **39** | **3** | **48** | **0** | **17** | **3** | **9** | **0** | **16** | **810** |

### Minnesota Averages

| Games | Avg/ rush | Avg/ catch | Pass effic | KR avg | PR avg | All purpose avg/game | Total offense avg/game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4.1 | 11.2 | 138.4 | 26.0 | 27.7 | 521.0 | 394.0 |

| | | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd | PAT attempts | | | off | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | no-yds | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | kick | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 23 | 26 | 49 | 9.0-20 | 1-3 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 8-8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 42 | 28 | 70 | 7.0-17 | 1-5 | 1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 28 | 32 | 60 | 8.0-30 | 2-19 | 1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 41 |
| **Minnesota** | | **93** | **86** | **179** | **24.0-67** | **4-27** | **3** | **3-0** | **0-0** | **13** | **10** | **1** | **14-14** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **113** |
| **Opponents** | | **119** | **72** | **191** | **16.0-53** | **3-22** | **1** | **1-0** | **1-21** | **2** | **9** | **0** | **7-7** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **52** |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 2 | 70 | 35.0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-1 | 31 | 0 | 10 | 644 | 64.4 | 8 | 0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 5 | 193 | 38.6 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2-2 | 44 | 0 | 3 | 195 | 65.0 | 3 | 0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 5 | 243 | 48.6 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2-2 | 43 | 0 | 8 | 520 | 65.0 | 7 | 0 |
| **Minnesota** | | **12** | **506** | **42.2** | **55** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **3** | **6** | **5-5** | **44** | **0** | **21** | **1359** | **64.7** | **18** | **0** |
| **Opponents** | | **20** | **886** | **44.3** | **62** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **6** | **3** | **1-2** | **52** | **1** | **11** | **698** | **63.5** | **7** | **0** |

## 2026-27 Minnesota Football
## Opponents Game-by-Game
## All games

| | | Rushing | | | | Receiving | | | | Passing | | | | Kick Returns | | | | Punt Returns | | | | tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | cmp-att-int | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | no. | yds | td | lg | off |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 28 | 51 | 0 | 17 | 9 | 59 | 1 | 30 | 9-15-0 | 59 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 31 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 46 | 252 | 2 | 30 | 16 | 227 | 3 | 39 | 16-22-0 | 227 | 3 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 479 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 21 | 48 | 1 | 10 | 21 | 173 | 0 | 26 | 21-39-0 | 173 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 16 | 221 |
| **Opponents** | | **95** | **351** | **3** | **30** | **46** | **459** | **4** | **39** | **46-76-0** | **459** | **4** | **39** | **3** | **48** | **0** | **17** | **3** | **9** | **0** | **16** | **810** |
| **Minnesota** | | **86** | **351** | **7** | **71** | **74** | **831** | **4** | **55** | **74-112-1** | **831** | **4** | **55** | **4** | **104** | **0** | **42** | **10** | **277** | **2** | **87** | **1182** |

### Opponents Averages

| Games | Avg/ rush | Avg/ catch | Pass effic | KR avg | PR avg | All purpose avg/game | Total offense avg/game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3.7 | 10.0 | 128.6 | 16.0 | 3.0 | 296.0 | 270.0 |

| | | Tackles | | | | Sacks | Fumble | | Pass Defense | | | blkd | PAT attempts | | | off | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | ua | a | total | tfl-yds | no-yds | ff | fr-yds | int-yds | qbh | brup | kick | kick | rush | rcv | saf | t/o | pts |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 48 | 22 | 70 | 7.0-11 | 0-0 | 1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 36 | 24 | 60 | 4.0-17 | 2-12 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5-5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 35 | 26 | 61 | 5.0-25 | 1-10 | 0 | 0-0 | 1-21 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| **Opponents** | | **119** | **72** | **191** | **16.0-53** | **3-22** | **1** | **1-0** | **1-21** | **2** | **9** | **0** | **7-7** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **52** |
| **Minnesota** | | **93** | **86** | **179** | **24.0-67** | **4-27** | **3** | **3-0** | **0-0** | **13** | **10** | **1** | **14-14** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **113** |

| | | Punting | | | | | | | | | Field Goals | | | Kickoffs | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Opponent | no. | yds | avg | long | blkd | tb | fc | 50+ | i20 | md-att | long | blkd | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob |
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | 10 | 445 | 44.5 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 114 | 57.0 | 1 | 0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | 1 | 62 | 62.0 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1-2 | 52 | 1 | 7 | 454 | 64.9 | 5 | 0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | 9 | 379 | 42.1 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 130 | 65.0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Opponents** | | **20** | **886** | **44.3** | **62** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **6** | **3** | **1-2** | **52** | **1** | **11** | **698** | **63.5** | **7** | **0** |
| **Minnesota** | | **12** | **506** | **42.2** | **55** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **3** | **6** | **5-5** | **44** | **0** | **21** | **1359** | **64.7** | **18** | **0** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**By Quarter Statistics**
**All games**

### 3rd-Down Conversions

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Overall | | 1st Qtr | | 2nd Qtr | | 3rd Qtr | | 4th Qtr | | Overtime | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | W | 59-7 | 10-15 | 66.7 | 2-4 | 50.0 | 5-5 | 100.0 | 0-1 | 0.0 | 3-5 | 60.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | L | 13-38 | 4-13 | 30.8 | 1-3 | 33.3 | 0-3 | 0.0 | 3-6 | 50.0 | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | W | 41-7 | 5-14 | 35.7 | 1-3 | 33.3 | 1-4 | 25.0 | 3-5 | 60.0 | 0-2 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| | **Minnesota** | | | **19-42** | **45.2** | **4-10** | **40.0** | **6-12** | **50.0** | **6-12** | **50.0** | **3-8** | **37.5** | **0-0** | **0.0** |
| | **Opponents** | | | **12-36** | **33.3** | **2-8** | **25.0** | **7-10** | **70.0** | **1-10** | **10.0** | **2-8** | **25.0** | **0-0** | **0.0** |

### 4th-Down Conversions

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Overall | | 1st Qtr | | 2nd Qtr | | 3rd Qtr | | 4th Qtr | | Overtime | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | W | 59-7 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | L | 13-38 | 2-3 | 66.7 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | W | 41-7 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 1-1 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| | **Minnesota** | | | **4-5** | **80.0** | **1-1** | **100.0** | **2-2** | **100.0** | **0-1** | **0.0** | **1-1** | **100.0** | **0-0** | **0.0** |
| | **Opponents** | | | **1-2** | **50.0** | **0-0** | **0.0** | **0-1** | **0.0** | **0-0** | **0.0** | **1-1** | **100.0** | **0-0** | **0.0** |

### Time of Possession

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Overall | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Overtime |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | W | 59-7 | 36:21 | 08:55 | 08:33 | 06:46 | 12:07 | 00:00 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | L | 13-38 | 29:45 | 10:25 | 07:30 | 09:45 | 02:05 | 00:00 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | W | 41-7 | 34:04 | 08:25 | 06:27 | 04:31 | 14:41 | 00:00 |
| | **Minnesota** | | **Total** | **100:10** | **27:45** | **22:30** | **21:02** | **28:53** | **00:00** |
| | | | **Avg.** | **33:23** | **09:15** | **07:30** | **07:01** | **09:38** | **00:00** |

**2026-27 Minnesota Football**
**Red-Zone Results**
**All games**

### Minnesota Inside Opponent Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Times In RZ | Times Scored | Total Pts | TDs | Rush TDs | Pass TDs | FGs Made | Failed to score inside RZ FGA | Down | Int | Fumb | Half | Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | W | 59-7 | 6 | 6 | 38 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | L | 13-38 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | W | 41-7 | 6 | 6 | 34 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **Totals 13 of 14 (92.9%)** | | | **14** | **13** | **75** | **9** | **5** | **4** | **4** | **4** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

### Opponents Inside Minnesota Red-Zone

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Times In RZ | Times Scored | Total Pts | TDs | Rush TDs | Pass TDs | FGs Made | Failed to score inside RZ FGA | Down | Int | Fumb | Half | Game |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Eastern Ill. | W | 59-7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/12/2026 | Mississippi St. | L | 13-38 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09/19/2026 | Akron | W | 41-7 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **Totals 5 of 7 (71.4%)** | | | **7** | **5** | **35** | **5** | **3** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

## NCAA Statistics

Minnesota - 2026-27 Football Ranking Summary thru games 09/19/2026

| Statistic | National Rank | Conference Rank | Value | National Leader | Value | Conference Leader | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Down Conversion Pct (138 ranked) | 52 | 10 | 0.452 | Kansas St. | 0.674 | Southern California | 0.652 |
| 3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (138 ranked) | 51 | 9 | 0.333 | Oklahoma St.<br>Penn St. | 0.162<br>0.162 | Penn St. | 0.162 |
| 4th Down Conversion Pct (130 ranked) | 23 | 5 | 0.800 | 13 teams tied | 1.000 | Michigan<br>Northwestern | 1.000<br>1.000 |
| 4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (131 ranked) | 55 | 7 | 0.500 | 9 teams tied | 0.000 | Iowa | 0.000 |
| Blocked Kicks (12 ranked) | 12 | 2 | 1 | Wisconsin | 4 | Wisconsin | 4 |
| Blocked Kicks Allowed (137 ranked) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 108 teams tied | 0 | 16 teams tied | 0 |
| Blocked Punts (5 ranked) | | | | Wisconsin | 3 | Wisconsin | 3 |
| Blocked Punts Allowed (138 ranked) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 127 teams tied | 0 | 17 teams tied | 0 |
| Completion Percentage (138 ranked) | 62 | 13 | 0.661 | Miami (FL) | 0.888 | Southern California | 0.762 |
| Defensive TDs (10 ranked) | 10 | 2 | 1 | North Dakota St. | 3 | Illinois | 2 |
| Fewest Penalties (138 ranked) | 49 | 9 | 18 | Army West Point | 6 | Indiana | 9 |
| Fewest Penalties Per Game (138 ranked) | 47 | 8 | 6.00 | Kansas St. | 2.67 | Indiana | 3.00 |
| Fewest Penalty Yards (138 ranked) | 67 | 10 | 170 | Army West Point | 70 | Indiana | 78 |
| Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (138 ranked) | 67 | 9 | 56.67 | Indiana | 26.00 | Indiana | 26.00 |
| First Downs Defense (138 ranked) | 42 | 10 | 48 | Iowa | 25 | Iowa | 25 |
| First Downs Offense (138 ranked) | 72 | 12 | 62 | Southern California | 105 | Southern California | 105 |
| Fumbles Lost (137 ranked) | 28 | 9 | 1 | 27 teams tied | 0 | 8 teams tied | 0 |
| Fumbles Recovered (73 ranked) | 10 | 1 | 3 | Notre Dame<br>Old Dominion | 5<br>5 | 4 teams tied | 3 |
| Kickoff Return Defense (138 ranked) | 44 | 7 | 16.00 | 7 teams tied | 0.00 | Rutgers | 8.00 |
| Kickoff Returns (132 ranked) | 23 | 3 | 26.00 | Georgia Tech | 49.60 | Michigan St. | 27.25 |
| Net Punting (138 ranked) | 39 | 8 | 41.42 | Alabama | 48.60 | Oregon | 46.11 |
| Passes Had Intercepted (138 ranked) | 27 | 6 | 1 | 26 teams tied | 0 | 5 teams tied | 0 |
| Passes Intercepted (96 ranked) | | | | Colorado St.<br>New Mexico<br>North Dakota St. | 7<br>7<br>7 | Washington<br>Oregon | 5<br>5 |
| Passing Offense (138 ranked) | 38 | 9 | 277.0 | Oregon St. | 386.3 | Purdue | 366.7 |
| Passing Yards Allowed (138 ranked) | 21 | 7 | 153.0 | Kansas St. | 86.7 | Penn St. | 90.0 |
| Passing Yards per Completion (138 ranked) | 97 | 15 | 11.23 | West Virginia | 18.31 | Indiana | 17.56 |
| Punt Return Defense (138 ranked) | 46 | 10 | 3.00 | New Mexico | -4.00 | Ohio St. | -2.00 |
| Punt Returns (138 ranked) | 4 | 2 | 27.70 | Illinois | 39.50 | Illinois | 39.50 |
| Red Zone Defense (110 ranked) | 22 | 2 | 0.714 | New Mexico | 0.000 | Northwestern | 0.625 |
| Red Zone Offense (138 ranked) | 40 | 7 | 0.929 | 31 teams tied | 1.000 | 5 teams tied | 1.000 |
| Rushing Defense (138 ranked) | 59 | 14 | 117.0 | LSU | 33.0 | Iowa | 66.0 |
| Rushing Offense (138 ranked) | 117 | 17 | 117.0 | Army West Point | 394.0 | UCLA | 286.7 |
| Sacks Allowed (138 ranked) | 33 | 5 | 1.00 | Kansas St. | 0.00 | Iowa | 0.33 |
| Scoring Defense (138 ranked) | 42 | 10 | 17.3 | Iowa | 4.3 | Iowa | 4.3 |
| Scoring Offense (138 ranked) | 42 | 11 | 37.7 | Georgia | 59.3 | Oregon | 49.7 |
| Tackles for Loss Allowed (138 ranked) | 92 | 16 | 5.33 | Air Force<br>BYU | 1.00<br>1.00 | Illinois | 2.00 |
| Team Passing Efficiency (138 ranked) | 85 | 16 | 138.40 | Indiana | 247.51 | Indiana | 247.51 |
| Team Passing Efficiency Defense (138 ranked) | 79 | 11 | 128.63 | Penn St. | 80.91 | Penn St. | 80.91 |
| Team Sacks (136 ranked) | 96 | 14 | 1.33 | LSU<br>Virginia Tech | 4.67<br>4.67 | Maryland | 3.67 |
| Team Tackles for Loss (138 ranked) | 10 | 3 | 8.0 | Virginia Tech | 12.0 | Indiana | 8.7 |
| Time of Possession (138 ranked) | 19 | 2 | 33:23 | Boise St. | 37:24 | Southern California | 34:01 |

| Statistic | National Rank | Conference Rank | Value | National Leader | Value | Conference Leader | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Defense (138 ranked) | 27 | 8 | 270.0 | Iowa | 176.7 | Iowa | 176.7 |
| Total Offense (138 ranked) | 76 | 15 | 394.0 | Miami (FL) | 594.3 | Ohio St. | 523.3 |
| Turnover Margin (138 ranked) | 51 | 11 | 0.33 | New Mexico | 3.67 | Northwestern<br>Washington | 2.00<br>2.00 |
| Turnovers Gained (129 ranked) | 82 | 10 | 3 | New Mexico | 11 | UCLA<br>Washington | 7<br>7 |
| Turnovers Lost (138 ranked) | 25 | 8 | 2 | 6 teams tied | 0 | Maryland<br>Penn St. | 0<br>0 |
| Winning Percentage (132 ranked) | 37 | 10 | 0.667 | 35 teams tied | 1.000 | 9 teams tied | 1.000 |

| Statistic | Player | National Rank | Conference Rank | Value | National Leader | Value | Conference Leader | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Purpose (197 ranked) | Javon Tracy<br>TJ Thomas<br>Noah Jennings | 4<br>161<br>190 | 2<br>30<br>35 | 163.67<br>76.00<br>72.33 | Nate Sheppard, Duke | 196.67 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 168.67 |
| Blocked Kicks (1 ranked) | | | | | Chakai Scott, Sacramento St. | 2 | | |
| Combined Kick Returns (198 ranked) | Javon Tracy<br>Quayd Hendryx | 3<br>65 | 1<br>10 | 251<br>93 | Michael Scott, James Madison | 318 | Javon Tracy, Minnesota | 251 |
| Completion Percentage (121 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 63 | 14 | 0.650 | Darian Mensah, Miami (FL) | 0.899 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 0.757 |
| Completions Per Game (150 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 18 | 4 | 22.33 | Caden Veltkamp, Fla. Atlantic | 28.33 | Malik Washington, Maryland | 27.67 |
| Field Goal Percentage (106 ranked) | | | | | 33 players tied | 1.000 | Gavin Lahm, Wisconsin<br>Jackson Kleather, Northwestern<br>Gage Hurych, Oregon | 1.000<br>1.000<br>1.000 |
| Field Goals Per Game (129 ranked) | | | | | Nolan Hauser, Clemson | 3.00 | Jacobo Echeverria Lozano, Purdue<br>Gavin Lahm, Wisconsin | 2.33<br>2.33 |
| Forced Fumbles (23 ranked) | Joey Gerlach<br>Nate Cleveland | 3<br>23 | 2<br>5 | 0.67<br>0.33 | Sammy Omosigho, UCLA | 1.33 | Sammy Omosigho, UCLA | 1.33 |
| Fumbles Recovered (7 ranked) | TJ Bush Jr.<br>Joey Gerlach<br>Aydan West | 7<br>7<br>7 | 2<br>2<br>2 | 1<br>1<br>1 | 6 players tied | 2 | Sahir West, UCLA | 2 |
| Interceptions Per Game (42 ranked) | | | | | Kingston Lopa, California | 1.67 | 5 players tied | 0.67 |
| Kickoff Return TDs (1 ranked) | | | | | 9 players tied | 1 | | |
| Kickoff Returns (45 ranked) | | | | | Rahkeem Smith, Georgia Tech | 51.8 | Nate Palmer, Wisconsin | 28.2 |
| Passes Defended (43 ranked) | | | | | Josh Fussell, Northwestern | 2.50 | Josh Fussell, Northwestern | 2.50 |
| Passing Efficiency (121 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 81 | 17 | 136.8 | Gunner Stockton, Georgia | 259.3 | Josh Hoover, Indiana | 244.1 |
| Passing TDs (71 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 71 | 13 | 4 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 12 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 12 |
| Passing Yards (150 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 40 | 10 | 747 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 1,173 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 1,173 |
| Passing Yards Per Game (150 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 39 | 11 | 249.0 | Braden Atkinson, Oregon St. | 374.0 | Ryan Browne, Purdue | 341.3 |
| Passing Yards per Completion (121 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 85 | 15 | 11.15 | David McComb, Miami (OH) | 17.59 | Josh Hoover, Indiana | 17.54 |
| Points Responsible For (157 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 157 | 32 | 24 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 80 | Jayden Maiava, Southern California | 80 |
| Points Responsible For Per Game (158 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 158 | 32 | 8.0 | Kamario Taylor, Mississippi St. | 26.0 | Aidan Chiles, Northwestern | 21.0 |
| Punt Return TDs (5 ranked) | Javon Tracy | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 players tied | 2 | Javon Tracy, Minnesota | 2 |
| Punt Returns (77 ranked) | Javon Tracy | 3 | 2 | 27.9 | Vernell Brown III, Florida | 34.6 | Trent Mosley, Southern California | 31.6 |
| Punting (65 ranked) | Tom Weston | 36 | 5 | 43.0 | Kade Reynoldson, Duke | 50.9 | Hunter Green, Washington | 45.8 |
| Receiving TDs (54 ranked) | | | | | Collin Dixon, Illinois | 7 | Collin Dixon, Illinois | 7 |
| Receiving Yards (149 ranked) | Javon Tracy<br>Noah Jennings | 43<br>71 | 13<br>17 | 240<br>217 | Jesse Legree, Oregon St. | 476 | KJ Duff, Rutgers | 419 |
| Receiving Yards Per Game (196 ranked) | Javon Tracy<br>Noah Jennings | 41<br>68 | 13<br>17 | 80.0<br>72.3 | Jesse Legree, Oregon St. | 158.7 | KJ Duff, Rutgers | 139.7 |
| Receptions Per Game (184 ranked) | Javon Tracy<br>Noah Jennings<br>Jalen Smith | 36<br>57<br>184 | 9<br>12<br>33 | 5.67<br>5.00<br>3.33 | Gavin Freeman, Baylor | 9.67 | Chris Durr Jr., Maryland | 9.33 |
| Rush Yards Per Carry (151 ranked) | | | | | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 8.85 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 8.85 |
| Rushing TDs (36 ranked) | Darius Taylor | 36 | 8 | 3 | Jadan Baugh, Florida<br>Wayne Knight, UCLA | 8<br>8 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 8 |
| Rushing Yards (150 ranked) | TJ Thomas | 110 | 15 | 173 | Nate Sheppard, Duke | 528 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 345 |
| Rushing Yards Per Game (198 ranked) | TJ Thomas | 110 | 14 | 57.7 | Nate Sheppard, Duke | 176.0 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 115.0 |
| Sacks (108 ranked) | | | | | Xavier Lewis, North Carolina<br>Princewill Umanmielen, LSU | 2.00<br>2.00 | Sammy Omosigho, UCLA<br>Eli Coenen, Michigan St. | 1.00<br>1.00 |
| Scoring (154 ranked) | | | | | Jadan Baugh, Florida<br>Wayne Knight, UCLA<br>Nate Sheppard, Duke | 16.0<br>16.0<br>16.0 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 16.0 |
| Solo Tackles (24 ranked) | | | | | Curly Ordonez, Temple | 7.33 | Sammy Omosigho, UCLA | 7.00 |
| Tackles For Loss (73 ranked) | | | | | Xavier Lewis, North Carolina | 2.83 | Sammy Omosigho, UCLA | 2.17 |
| Total Interceptions (36 ranked) | | | | | Kingston Lopa, California | 5 | 6 players tied | 2 |
| Total Offense (200 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 62 | 13 | 244.3 | Braden Atkinson, Oregon St. | 360.7 | Demond Williams Jr., Washington | 346.7 |

| Statistic | Player | National Rank | Conference Rank | Value | National Leader | Value | Conference Leader | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Points Scored (149 ranked) | | | | | Jadan Baugh, Florida<br>Wayne Knight, UCLA<br>Nate Sheppard, Duke | 48<br>48<br>48 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 48 |
| Total Tackles (172 ranked) | Maverick Baranowski | 111 | 13 | 7.0 | Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern | 12.5 | Robert Fitzgerald, Northwestern | 12.5 |
| Total Touchdowns (67 ranked) | Darius Taylor | 67 | 14 | 3 | Jadan Baugh, Florida<br>Wayne Knight, UCLA<br>Nate Sheppard, Duke | 8<br>8<br>8 | Wayne Knight, UCLA | 8 |
| Yards per Pass Attempt (100 ranked) | Drake Lindsey | 85 | 17 | 7.25 | Gunner Stockton, Georgia | 12.96 | Josh Hoover, Indiana | 12.73 |
| Yards per Reception (199 ranked) | Noah Jennings<br>Javon Tracy | 173<br>185 | 29<br>31 | 14.47<br>14.12 | Damarion Witten, Miami (OH) | 30.67 | Koby Howard, Penn St. | 28.67 |

**Scoring Summary report**
**Eastern Illinois vs Minnesota (Sep 03, 2026)**

# Eastern Illinois (1-1) vs Minnesota (1-0)

Date: Sep 03, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 41048

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Illinois | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | **7** |
| Minnesota | 14 | 21 | 10 | 14 | **59** |

| FULL GAME | EIU | MINN |
|---|---|---|
| Score | 7 | 59 |
| **FIRST DOWNS** | 4 | 24 |
| **RUSHES-YARDS (NET)** | 28-51 | 38-147 |
| **PASSING YDS (NET)** | 59 | 348 |
| Passes Cmp-Att-Int | 9-15-0 | 26-33-0 |
| **TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS** | 43-110 | 71-495 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 5-193 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 2-31 | 1-11 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 10-44.5 | 2-35.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-35 | 2-10 |
| Possession Time | 23:39 | 36:21 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 3 of 13 | 10 of 15 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 0 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 1-1 | 6-6 |

## EASTERN ILLINOIS

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cole LaCrue | 5 | 25 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 17 | 4.4 |
| Charles Kellom | 7 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 7 | 2.9 |
| Jacarre Fleming-Page | 1 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 8.0 |
| Tyren Buggs | 6 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0.3 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cole LaCrue | 7-12-0 | 51 | 1 | 30 | 1 |
| Jeremiah Salem | 2-3-0 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 0 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Kellom | 5 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 5 |
| Tyren Buggs | 2 | 2 | 38 | 42 | 1 | 30 |
| Devin Whitlock | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Zeke Lewis | 2 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 10 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cade Cox | 10 | 445 | 44.5 | 55 | 0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jacarre Fleming-Page | 2 | 31 | 0 | 17 |

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lonnie Burt | 4-2 | 6 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Christopher Sharp | 3-2 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Josh Brown | 4-1 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Micah Valenzuela | 3-2 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

## MINNESOTA

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darius Taylor | 14 | 63 | 7 | 56 | 3 | 27 | 4.0 |
| TJ Thomas | 7 | 54 | 2 | 52 | 0 | 20 | 7.4 |
| Xavier Ford | 3 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 5.0 |
| Ryan Estrada | 3 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 3.3 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drake Lindsey | 19-24-0 | 264 | 1 | 55 | 0 |
| Max Shikenjanski | 3-3-0 | 50 | 0 | 33 | 0 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 7 | 5 | 98 | 60 | 0 | 55 |
| Noah Jennings | 4 | 3 | 57 | 16 | 0 | 28 |
| Darius Taylor | 3 | 3 | 31 | 23 | 0 | 19 |
| Jalen Smith | 3 | 3 | 26 | 8 | 0 | 15 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tom Weston | 1 | 37 | 37.0 | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| Zachary Robbins | 1 | 33 | 33.0 | 33 | 1 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 4 | 167 | 2 | 87 |
| Braiden Stevens | 1 | 26 | 0 | 26 |

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Estrada | 1 | 11 | 0 | 11 |

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maverick Baranowski | 1-5 | 6 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 2-2 | 4 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| Zack Harden | 2-2 | 4 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Emmanuel Karmo | 1-2 | 3 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

| Qtr | Time | Scoring Play | V-H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 04:29 | MINN - #1 D.Taylor 1 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 9-51, 05:46 | 0-7 |
| 1st | 02:14 | MINN - #11 J.Tracy 87 yd punt return (#36 D.Jackson kick), 02:15 | 0-14 |
| 2nd | 14:20 | MINN - #1 D.Taylor 27 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 3-66, 01:11 | 0-21 |
| 2nd | 09:00 | EIU - #22 T.Buggs 8 yd pass from #7 C.LaCrue (#47 D.Schiller kick), 11-75, 05:20 | 7-21 |
| 2nd | 03:15 | MINN - #1 D.Taylor 3 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 9-73, 05:41 | 7-28 |
| 2nd | 00:06 | MINN - #19 P.Walsh 1 yd pass from #5 D.Lindsey (#36 D.Jackson kick), 10-53, 01:37 | 7-35 |
| 3rd | 13:26 | MINN - #11 J.Tracy 69 yd punt return (#36 D.Jackson kick), 01:30 | 7-42 |
| 3rd | 03:17 | MINN - #36 D.Jackson 31 yd FG, 7-45, 03:49 | 7-45 |
| 4th | 12:29 | MINN - #6 M.Shikenjanski 2 yd rush (#36 D.Jackson kick), 7-52, 03:44 | 7-52 |
| 4th | 00:25 | MINN - #9 X.Ford 1 yd rush (#92 B.Sunderland kick), 9-34, 03:46 | 7-59 |

**Scoring Summary report**
**Mississippi St. vs Minnesota (Sep 12, 2026)**

# Mississippi St. (2-0) vs Minnesota (1-1)

Date: Sep 12, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 48048

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mississippi St. | 14 | 14 | 3 | 7 | **38** |
| Minnesota | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | **13** |

| FULL GAME | MSST | MINN |
|---|---|---|
| Score | 38 | 13 |
| **FIRST DOWNS** | 28 | 18 |
| **RUSHES-YARDS (NET)** | 46-252 | 15-13 |
| **PASSING YDS (NET)** | 227 | 279 |
| Passes Cmp-Att-Int | 16-22-0 | 31-48-0 |
| **TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS** | 68-479 | 63-292 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 2-51 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 1-62.0 | 5-38.6 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-60 | 12-115 |
| Possession Time | 30:15 | 29:45 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 6 of 10 | 4 of 13 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 1 of 1 | 2 of 3 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 3-4 | 1-2 |

## MISSISSIPPI ST.

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fluff Bothwell | 18 | 116 | 3 | 113 | 2 | 30 | 6.3 |
| Kamario Taylor | 13 | 94 | 8 | 86 | 0 | 26 | 6.6 |
| Kolin Wilson | 11 | 40 | 6 | 34 | 0 | 9 | 3.1 |
| Xavier Gayten | 3 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 4.3 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kamario Taylor | 16-22-0 | 227 | 3 | 39 | 1 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anthony Evans III | 9 | 7 | 121 | 47 | 1 | 39 |
| Sanfrisco Magee | 4 | 4 | 42 | 22 | 1 | 30 |
| Zion Ragins | 4 | 3 | 53 | 15 | 1 | 25 |
| Marquis Johnson | 3 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 8 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ethan Pulliam | 1 | 62 | 62.0 | 62 | 0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyler Lockhart | 4-3 | 7 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Jett Jefferson | 3-3 | 6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Marcus Williams | 6-0 | 6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Dre Riley | 3-2 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

## MINNESOTA

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darius Taylor | 6 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 |
| Xavier Ford | 2 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 3.5 |
| A.J. Turner | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 2.0 |
| TJ Thomas | 3 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 0 | 3 | -0.3 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drake Lindsey | 31-48-0 | 279 | 0 | 34 | 2 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Noah Jennings | 11 | 7 | 88 | 20 | 0 | 34 |
| Javon Tracy | 10 | 7 | 51 | 21 | 0 | 13 |
| Jalen Smith | 11 | 5 | 51 | 19 | 0 | 20 |
| TJ Thomas | 7 | 4 | 40 | 38 | 0 | 14 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tom Weston | 5 | 193 | 38.6 | 45 | 2 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 1 | 4 | 0 | 10 |

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quayd Hendryx | 2 | 51 | 0 | 36 |

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Brown | 6-4 | 10 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Maverick Baranowski | 7-2 | 9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mekhai Smith | 4-3 | 7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| TJ Bush Jr. | 3-4 | 7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

| Qtr | Time | Scoring Play | V-H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 13:12 | MSST - #7 Z.Ragins 22 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 5-75, 01:48 | 7-0 |
| 1st | 02:58 | MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 44 yd FG, 16-58, 10:11 | 7-3 |
| 1st | 00:22 | MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 5 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 9-75, 02:36 | 14-3 |
| 2nd | 11:27 | MSST - #13 S.Magee 30 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-72, 02:38 | 21-3 |
| 2nd | 04:32 | MSST - #3 A.Evans III 15 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 12-76, 05:03 | 28-3 |
| 2nd | 00:00 | MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 41 yd FG, 11-52, 04:32 | 28-6 |
| 3rd | 11:01 | MINN - #5 A.West 0 yd fumble return (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 00:26 | 28-13 |
| 3rd | 09:53 | MSST - #80 K.Ferrie 52 yd FG, 6-41, 01:08 | 31-13 |
| 4th | 12:32 | MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 3 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 10-96, 04:58 | 38-13 |

**Scoring Summary report**
**Akron vs Minnesota (Sep 19, 2026)**

# Akron (1-2) vs Minnesota (2-1)

Date: Sep 19, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 40168

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Akron | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | **7** |
| Minnesota | 10 | 10 | 7 | 14 | **41** |

| FULL GAME | AKRON | MINN |
|---|---|---|
| Score | 7 | 41 |
| **FIRST DOWNS** | 16 | 20 |
| **RUSHES-YARDS (NET)** | 21-48 | 33-191 |
| **PASSING YDS (NET)** | 173 | 204 |
| Passes Cmp-Att-Int | 21-39-0 | 17-31-1 |
| **TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS** | 60-221 | 64-395 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 3-9 | 4-80 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-17 | 1-42 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 1-21 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 9-42.1 | 5-48.6 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-2 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 7-74 | 4-45 |
| Possession Time | 25:56 | 34:04 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 3 of 13 | 5 of 14 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 1 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 1-2 | 6-6 |

## AKRON

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marquese Williams | 4 | 19 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 10 | 4.2 |
| Cibastian Broughton | 3 | 20 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 10 | 5.7 |
| Sean Patrick | 5 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 3.2 |
| Jordan Gant | 5 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 2.2 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brayden Roggow | 12-25-0 | 131 | 0 | 26 | 1 |
| Cibastian Broughton | 9-13-0 | 42 | 0 | 16 | 1 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kyan Mason | 11 | 5 | 32 | 14 | 0 | 17 |
| Marcel Williams | 7 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 0 | 5 |
| Gentz Hilburn | 3 | 3 | 49 | 24 | 0 | 26 |
| Sean Patrick | 3 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 5 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Castle | 9 | 379 | 42.1 | 52 | 3 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sean Patrick | 3 | 9 | 0 | 16 |

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brandon Hills | 1 | 17 | 0 | 17 |

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donelius Johnson | 8-4 | 12 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Dwight Nunoo | 2-4 | 6 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Tairan Davis | 3-2 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Rodrick Hunter | 2-2 | 4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

## MINNESOTA

| Rushing | No. | Gain | Loss | Net | TD | Lg | Avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Thomas | 13 | 127 | 5 | 122 | 1 | 71 | 9.4 |
| Xavier Ford | 8 | 41 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 11 | 5.1 |
| A.J. Turner | 8 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 17 | 5.0 |
| TEAM | 1 | 0 | 4 | -4 | 0 | 0 | -4.0 |

| Passing | C-A-I | Yds | TD | Long | Sack |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drake Lindsey | 17-31-1 | 204 | 3 | 44 | 1 |

| Receiving | TAR | No. | Yards | YAC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 6 | 5 | 91 | 48 | 0 | 44 |
| Noah Jennings | 11 | 5 | 72 | 34 | 1 | 30 |
| TJ Thomas | 6 | 3 | -8 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Jalen Smith | 5 | 2 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 18 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tom Weston | 5 | 243 | 48.6 | 55 | 3 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Javon Tracy | 4 | 80 | 0 | 64 |

| Kick Returns | No. | Yards | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quayd Hendryx | 1 | 42 | 0 | 42 |

| Tackles | UA-A | Total | Sacks | TFL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joey Gerlach | 6-2 | 8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| John Nestor | 5-3 | 8 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| Maverick Baranowski | 0-6 | 6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kerry Brown | 5-0 | 5 | 0.0 | 1.0 |

| Qtr | Time | Scoring Play | V-H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 12:14 | MINN - #4 R.Voss 16 yd pass from #5 D.Lindsey (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 5-58, 02:39 | 0-7 |
| 1st | 01:34 | MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 24 yd FG, 6-69, 03:07 | 0-10 |
| 2nd | 10:50 | MINN - #13 N.Jennings 6 yd pass from #5 D.Lindsey (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 3-7, 00:41 | 0-17 |
| 2nd | 00:02 | MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 43 yd FG, 12-36, 04:42 | 0-20 |
| 3rd | 07:37 | MINN - #8 J.Smith 18 yd pass from #5 D.Lindsey (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 3-13, 01:04 | 0-27 |
| 4th | 11:34 | MINN - #2 A.Turner 4 yd rush (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 11-90, 08:12 | 0-34 |
| 4th | 09:38 | MINN - #23 T.Thomas 71 yd rush (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 1-71, 00:11 | 0-41 |
| 4th | 07:44 | AKRON - #24 M.Williams 10 yd rush (#47 M.Schramm kick), 5-75, 01:54 | 7-41 |