

4 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS // 6 FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

2025 NSU SCHEDULE

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AUG. 28	ALCORN STATE	W, 20-10
Sept. 6	at Minnesota	L, 66-0
Sept. 13	at Cincinnati	3:30 p.m. EDT
Sept. 20	at Prairie View A&M	6 p.m.
OCT. 4	*EAST TEXAS A&M (HC)	6 p.m.
0ct. 11	*at HCU	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	*at Southeastern Louisiana	4 p.m.
OCT. 25	*LAMAR	4 p.m.
Nov. 1	*at McNeese	6 p.m.
NOV. 8	*UIW	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	*at Nicholls	3 p.m.
NOV. 20	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	6:30 p.m.
* — den	otes Southland Conference game	

2025 CINCINNATI SCHEDULE

Home games in **BOLD**

Aug. 28 SEPT. 6	at Nebraska BOWLING GREEN	L, 20-17 W, 34-20
SEPT. 13	NORTHWESTERN STATE	3:30 P.M. EDT
Sept. 27	at Kansas	TBA
OCT. 4	IOWA STATE	TBA
OCT. 11	UCF	TBA
Oct. 18	at Oklahoma State	TBA
OCT. 25	BAYLOR	TBA
Nov. 1	at Utah	TBA
NOV. 15	ARIZONA	TBA
NOV. 22	BYU	TBA
Nov. 29	at TCU	TBA
Home gam	es in BOLD	

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Natchitoches, Louisiana
Founded	1884
Enrollment	8,402
Nickname	Demons
Colors	Purple and White (Orange Trim)
Affiliation	Division I - FCS
Conference	Southland
President	James T. "Jimmy" Genovese
Athletic Director	Kevin Bostian
NCAA Faculty Rep.	Dr. Tara Tietjen-Smith

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach	Blaine McCorkle
Alma Mater	LSU, 2000
Career Record	32-38/8th season
NSU Record	1-13
SLC Record	0-7
2024 Record	0-12
2024 SLC Record	0-7
NSU All-Time Record	549-519-35
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	56/40
SLC Championships/Last	4, 2004
NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances/La	st 6, 2004



NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS 1-1, 0-0





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3:30 p.m. EDT // Sept. 13, 2025 // Nippert Stadium (37,500) // Cincinnati, Ohio

TV: ESPN+ // Shawn Kenney, PXP // Jeff Woody, Analyst Radio: 100.7 KZBL/Demon Sports Network // Chris Salim, PXP

MATCHUP YARDSTICK

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NSU (FCS Rank)	Category (NCAA Rank)	CINCINNATI (FBS Rank)
10.0 (T-102)	Scoring Offense	25.5 (T-82)
38.0 (90)	Scoring Defense	20.0 (66)
100.5 (80)	Rushing Offense	154.0 (80)
168.0 (72)	Rushing Defense	104.0 (52)
54.0 (118)	Passing Offense	201.0 (85)
204.0 (55)	Passing Defense	258.5.0 (110)
154.5 (114)	Total Offense	355.0 (90)
372.0 (57)	Total Defense	362.5 (89)

OPENING DRIVE

- Northwestern State continues its three-game, three-week road swing today against Cincinnati following last week's trip to Minnesota. It is the longest true road stretch for NSU since 2014. With a bye week following this three-game stretch, the Demons will not play a home game during the entire month of September.
- Today's game marks the first time in program history the Demons play consecutive power conference opponents.
- Through the first two weeks of the season, the Demons lead the Southland with the fewest total penalties (10) and penalty yards per game (36.5). NSU was the second least penalized team in the conference a season ago.

NSU COMMUNICATIONS

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DEMON COACHING STAFF

Blaine McCorkle	Head Coach
Norman Joseph	Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks
Carson Stewart *	Offensive Coordinator
Matt Conner	Defensive Coordinator
Tyson Wachenheim	Special Teams Coordinator
Isaac Bails	Defensive Line
Cade Camp	Offensive Line
Tylan Martin	Running Backs
Maurice Stewart	Receivers
Kendrick Van Ackeren*	Defensive Backs
Justin Williamson	Linebackers
Kendrioun Boatman*	Graduate Assistant/Offensive Line
TJ Hersey	Graduate Assistant/Defensive Backs
Blake Kirby*	Graduate Assistant/Quarterbacks
* - in booth on game da	ays

NSU-CINCY HISTORY

Cincinnati leads 2-0

Series in Natchitoches: --

Series in Cincinnati: Cincy leads 2-0

Current Streak: Cincy W2

Sept. 10, 1977 L, 41-0 at Cincy Sept. 14, 2013 L, 66-9 at Cincy

2025 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	SLC	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Nicholls	1-0	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	L2
UTRGV	0-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	W2
HCU	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
McNeese	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Northwestern State	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Lamar	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Southeastern	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	L1
East Texas A&M	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2
Stephen F. Austin	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	L2
UIW	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1

UPCOMINGING SOUTHLAND SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 13

HCU at Nebraska, 11 a.m.

Northwestern State at Cincinnati, 2:30 p.m.

UIW at UTSA, 2:30 p.m.

Mississippi Valley State at Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Weber State at McNeese, 6 p.m. Lamar at Texas Southern, 6 p.m. Langston at UTRGV, 7 p.m.

Sul Ross State at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

UIW at Northern Arizona, 12 p.m.

McNeese at Utah State, 5 p.m.

Northwestern State at Prairie View A&M, 6 p.m.

East Texas A&M at Grambling, 6 p.m.

Northern Colorado at HCU, 6 p.m.

Southeastern at LSU, 6:45 p.m.

Texas Wesleyan at UTRGV, 7 p.m.

Cal Poly at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.

Nicholls at Texas State, 7 p.m.

MEDIA INFORMATION

Weekday Interview Policy

Primary media availailty for coaches and players occurs at 4 p.m. on Mondays. Player and coach interviews must be set up through either Associate Athletic Director for External Relations Jason Pugh or assistant sports information director Brad Welborn at least one day in advance.

The Demon Huddle

Presented by Cross Financial Group, The Demon Huddle will appear on Northwestern State's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/demonathletics) weekly throughout the year. Head coach Blaine McCorkle and coordinators Carson Stewart and Matt Conner will discuss all facets of Demon football on the show.

Television Services

Northwestern State provides weekly interviews with head coach Blaine McCorkle and select players each week on www.YouTube.com/DemonAthletics. New content is available between 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays.

BLAINE McCORKLE



Head Coach
LSU, 2000
2nd season as NSU HC
1-13 Overall at NSU
32-38 Career
0-7 SLC record
0-0 vs. Cincinnati

In Blaine McCorkle's family, college football is the chosen profession.

In less than two decades in the family business, McCorkle has worked his way through the industry, proving the ability to connect with student-athletes while building a program.

It was that skill set that brought McCorkle to Northwestern State as the program's 16th head coach Nov. 28, 2023, following in the footsteps of his father, Sam, a former head coach at West Alabama and at UT Martin.

McCorkle came to Natchitoches after a successful six-season run as the head coach at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. In that time, McCorkle turned the Blazers into a conference champion that earned the school's first NCAA Division III playoff berth.

McCorkle led Belhaven to the outright 2023 USA South Conference championship — the first such title in program history. Belhaven went 9-2 in 2023, capping a three-year run in which the Blazers posted a 24-7 mark under McCorkle.

In McCorkle's first three seasons laying the foundation at Belhaven, the Blazers won seven total games — including a 3-2 mark in the pandemic-affected 2021 spring season. That marked the first winning season for Belhavensince 2012.

That success came after McCorkle inherited a Belhaven program that had not won more than three games in a season since 2013.

At Belhaven, McCorkle coached 47 all-conference athletes, 10 all-region selections and All-Americans Kendrioun Boatman (offensive line) and Carlton Brown (defensive line). Belhaven running back Kolbe Blunt was named a 2023 semifinalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, awarded to Division III's most outstanding player.

McCorkle has coached at six FCS schools — Delaware, Richmond, Liberty, Tennessee Tech, Chattanooga and UT Martin — and has spent 19 of his 27 coaching seasons at FCS schools.

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20 for 20

In its own poetic way, Northwestern State snapped its 20-game losing streak that spanned 1,027 days by scoring 20 points in its 20-10 win against Alcorn State to open the 2025 season. The streak was the longest in the country at the time, which is now shared by Charleston Southern, Delaware State and North Carolina A&T who have lost 12 games in a row.

The Demons' last win before the opener against Alcorn came on Nov. 5, 2022 at Texas A&M-Commerce, a 41-14 road romp of the Lions. That win also gave the Demons the opportunity to win a share of the Southland Conference title that season, making them 4-0 in the league at the time. NSU lost the final two games of the 2022 season, starting the streak that ended this past Thursday.

Prior to August 28 of this year, the last time NSU won a football game Travis and Taylor weren't even dating, Barbenheimer wasn't a thing, Moo Deng had not been born and Kendrick Lamar and Drake were still friends.

Moore's scores mirror 2024 opener

One of the few seniors on this year's Demon team made a monsterous impact to set NSU up for a big season-opening win.

Receiver **Ty Moore**, the son of Baylor head softball coach and NSU alum **Glenn Moore**, scored the first two touchdowns of his career within six minutes of each other in the first quarter against Alcorn State.

He caught a 15-yard pass on the third play of the game for his first career receiving score. Marking the second straight season the Demons scored on their opening possesion of the season

Just over six minutes later, in a little more unconventional way, Moore tallied his second career touchdown, this one coming on special teams.

On a wild snap that sailed over the head of the

Alcorn State punter, Moore corralled a fortuitous bounce at the 8-yard line and flipped into the end zone for the score.

It also marked the second straight season NSU scored its second touchdown of the season on special teams. Cornerback **Antonio Hall** returned a blocked field goal for a score in the opener at Tulsa in 2024.

End zone = no fly zone for Demons

The Northwestern State defense has made a habit of making big plays in tight spaces. There has been a trend of putting stops to opponent drives with not only turnovers, but specifically interceptions in the end zone.

In the season opener against Alcorn State, **Christian Williams** ended a Braves' drive on a tip drill interception five-yards deep on the far left side of the south end zone near the sideline. He was right-place, right time after **Antonio Hall** batted the ball into the air for Williams to snag.

On the very next Alcorn State drive, **Kaden Mackey** picked off a pass with a twisting
one-handed effort in the exact same spot of the
end zone.

Williams' interception earned the No. 6 play on Sportscenter that night.

Late in the third quarter against Minnesota, it was **Troy Santa Marina** that picked off a Golden Gopher pass in the end zone, this time on the right side of the field, but still near the boundary.

All three interceptions this season were the first career picks for Williams, Mackey and Santa

The Demons have had at least one interception in five straight games dating back to last season. Five of the past six interceptions for NSU have come in the end zone.

OPPONENT WATCH							
Opponent	Record	Rank	Last Game	Next Game			
Alcorn State	0-2		L, 41-31 at Alabama A&M	at Mississippi State (9/13)			
Minnesota	2-0		W, 66-0 vs. Northwestern State	at Cal (9/13)			
Cincinnati	1-1		W, 34-20 vs. Bowling Green	vs. Northwestern State (9/13)			
Prairie View A&M	1-1		L, 27-21 vs. UTRGV	at Rice (9/13)			
East Texas A&M	0-2		L, 77-3 at Florida State	at Grambling (9/20)			
HCU	1-1		L, 20-10 at Eastern Kentucky	at Nebraska (9/13)			
Southeastern	1-1	/RV	W, 45-24 at Murray State	vs. Mississippi Valley State (9/13)			
Lamar	1-1	24/RV	W, 20-13 vs. South Dakota	at Texas Southern (9/13)			
McNeese	1-1		L, 34-10 at UL Lafayette	vs. Weber State (9/13)			
UIW	1-1	14/8	OPEN WEEK	at UTSA (9/13)			
			L, 34-10 vs. West Georgia				
Stephen F. Austin	0-2	RV/RV	L, 28-20 at Abilene Christian	vs. Sul Ross State (9/13)			

START CHART

	22	23	24	25	Stk.	Career
Offense						
Chris Allen	-	-	8	-	4	8
Caleb Billiot	-		9	2	6	11
Logan Brady	-	-	2	2	2	4
Matthew Broad		-	1	-	-	1
Ben Buisson			-	1	1	1
Kolbe Burrell	-	-	1	-	-	4
Guadalupe Cedillo		-	6	-	-	6
Lawson Champagne			1	-	-	1
Camryn Davis	-	-	-	1	1	1
Zay Davis			3	-	2	3
Amaaz Eugene	-	-	3	-	-	3
Myion Hicks			-	1	1	1
Ralee Jackson			-	2	2	2
Abram Johnston		-	2	2	2	4
Ryan Larson		-	4	-	-	4
Ty Moore			1	1	1	2
Joseph Moreland			6	-	1	6
Garrett Morphis	-	-	-	2	2	2
<u>Tyler Siddons</u>			-	1	1	1
Ryan Tyler			1	1	1	2
Dane Wallace			-	2	2	2
Brendan Webb		-	-	2	2	2
<u>Isaiah Ybarra</u>		-	11	2	13	13
	22	23	24	25	C+l/	Career

	22	23	24	25	Stk.	Career
Defense						
Jeremiah Bodwin	-	-	2	-	-	2
Kolbe Cage	-	-	-	2	2	2
Cam George	-	-	11	2	13	13
Antonio Hall	-	-	10	2	7	12
Preston Hickey	-	-	-	2	2	2
Landry Huddleston	-	-	6	-	6	6
Jeremiah Keppard	-	-	5	-	5	5
Jackson King	-	-	-	2	2	2
Je'Careon Lathan	-	-	-	1	1	1
Kaden Mackey	-	-	3	2	5	5
Caesar Magee III	8	-	7	2	9	17
Ke'Shawn Reed	-	-	-	2	2	2
Troy Santa Marina	-	-	1_	-		1
Danny Sears	-	-	7	2	4	9
Fernando Washington	-	-	-	2	2	2
Christian Williams	-		7	1	1	8

2025 Captains

vs. Alcorn: Cam George, Danny Sears, Ryan Tyler, Caleb Billiot at Minnesota: Cam George, Danny Sears, Ryan Tyler, Caleb Billiot

at Cincinnati:

at Prairie View A&M:

vs. East Texas A&M: at HCU:

at Southeastern:

vs. Lamar:

at McNeese:

vs. UIW:

at Nicholls:

vs. SFA:

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Young and hungry

The core of Blaine McCorkle's plan to rebuild Northwestern State's football program started from the ground floor.

Part of that process includes an emphasis on high school recruiting and their development over four, or sometiomes more, years in Natchitoches. The makeup of the 2025 roster is a direct reflection of that development mindset.

The 2025 Demon football team is among the youngest in all of FCS football with 68.7 percent of the roster comprised of either freshmen or sophomore players. There are 20 true freshmen and 29 redshirt freshmen on the roster, making up half of the team's full team total.

The largest class on the roster, the group of redshirt freshmen with 29 total players, are just two shy from the amount of total upperclassmen on the team (31). Of the 29 redshirt freshmen on the roster this year, 27 of them spent the 2024 season at NSU.

Washington, Evans earn weekly honors

After their first games as NSU Demons, line-backer **Fernando Washington** (defensive) and punter **Cooper Evans** (special teams) each earned Southland Conference Player of the Week honors on Sept. 1.

Washington led the Demons with 8 tackles, including 6 solo stops, with a sack, two TFLs, a pass breakup and a QB hurry. He led an NSU defense that did not allow an offensive TD for the first time since 2022.

Evans averaged 44.7 yards per punt, controlling the field position game. He boomed a pair of 50-yard kicks and placed three inside the 20 yard line. He was the first NSU punter to earn weekly SLC honors since April of 2021.

Big runs lead to big scores

With an former offensive lineman as a head coach its no surprise Northwestern State has produced some big plays in the running game.

A pair of 30+ yard runs against Alcorn State led to both successful NSU scoring drives.

Myion Hicks took the second play of the season 51 yards to the right side, setting up the 15-yard passing touchdown on the next play.

Kolbe Burrell scampered 32 yards in the fourth quarter on a 3rd and 4 play after bouncing to the edge to set up the NSU touchdown that all but sealed the team's first win, making it a 20-10 game.

NSU had just three rushes of 30+ yards a year ago. Two went for touchdowns - a 75-yarder at Tulsa, and 45-yarder against Prairie View A&M from **Kennieth Lacy**.

Demons have enjoyed past FBS success

Since Division I football split into then-Division I-A and I-AA in 1978, Northwestern State has collected 11 wins against upper-division foes.

The Demons hold an 11-45 mark against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents with the most recent win coming in 2014 at Louisiana Tech.

Among the Demons' FBS hit list were the eventual 2014 Conference USA champion Bulldogs, TCU in 2001 and Boise State in 1996. Northwestern State owns multiple wins against three Sun Belt Conference teams — ULM (3), UL Lafayette (2) and Arkansas State (2).

Today's matchup against Cincinnati is the second of two for the Demons' against FBS opponents this season (L, 66-0 at Minnesota, 9/6). It will be the the third straight season for NSU to face two upper-division foes.

NSU players have FBS ties as well

As Northwestern State faces its first Football Bowl Subdivision team of the 2025 season, the Demons do so with their share of FBS transfers on the roster.

Northwestern State players who played at FBS programs earlier in their careers are linebacker Cam George (UL Lafayette), wide receiver Ty Moore (Baylor), defensive end Jeremiah Bodwin (Nevada), tight end Luke Carter (North Texas), defensive end Clinton Anokwuru (Coastal Carolina), safety Je'Careon Lathan (Texas State), linebacker **Barrett Newman** (Liberty), linebacker Kolbe Cage (Southern Miss), kicker/punter Cooper Evans (South Florida), defensive back Pierre Goree (SMU), linebacker KB Anderson-Dale (North Texas), linebacker Ben Bienvenu (UL Lafayette), offensive lineman Garrett Morphis (Texas Tech), defensive lineman Preston Hickey (LSU), defensive lineman Javian Council (North Texas), running back **Kolbe Burrell** (Buffalo), kicker **Brett Money** (New Mexico State), offensive lineman Caleb Billiot (Louisiana Tech) and tight end Joseph Moreland (Texas State).

Additionally, safety **Christian Williams** played at Sam Houston before the Bearkats transitioned to the FBS.

In all, the 2025 Northwestern State roster features 37 players who began their college careers somewhere other than in Natchitoches

TOP 25 POLLS

Stats Perform Top 25						
Rank	Team (1st)	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.		
1.	North Dakota State	2-0	1,393	1		
2.	South Dakota State	2-0	1,351	2		
3.	Tarleton State	3-0	1,260	5		
4.	Montana State	0-2	1,202	3		
5.	Montana	1-0	1,123	6		
6.	Rhode Island	2-0	1,050	9		
7.	Illinois State	1-1	1,049	7		
8.	Idaho	1-1	937	10		
9.	UC Davis	1-1	885	8		
10.	Lehigh	2-0	836	11		
11.	Villanova	1-0	743	13		
12.	South Dakota	0-2	649	4		
13.	Abilene Christian	1-1	648	16		
14.	UIW	1-1	568	12		
15.	Tennessee Tech	2-0	560	17		
16.	North Dakota	1-1	535	20		
17.	Southern Illinois	1-1	510	14		
18.	Northern Arizona	1-1	409	19		
19.	Jackson State	1-1	381	15		
20	Monmouth	2-0	373	21		
21.	Sacramento State	0-2	253	18		
22.	Austin Peay	1-1	233	NR		
23.	New Hampshire	2-0	132	NR		
24.	Lamar	1-1	121	NR		
25.	West Georgia	2-0	110	NR		

AFCA FCS Coaches Top 25

AFCA FCS Coaches lop 25						
Rank	Team (1st)	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.		
1.	North Dakota State (24)	2-0	648	1		
2.	South Dakota State (2)	2-0	623	2		
3.	Tarleton State	3-0	594	T3		
4.	Illinois State	1-1	516	7		
5.	Rhode Island	2-0	509	8		
6.	Montana State	0-2	494	T3		
7.	Montana	1-0	481	10		
<i>8</i> .	UIW	1-1	422	9		
9.	UC Davis	1-1	421	5		
10.	Idaho	1-1	389	11		
11.	Villanova	1-0	374	12		
12.	Lehigh	2-0	354	13		
13.	Abilene Christian	1-1	297	17		
14.	Southern Illinois	1-1	266	15		
15.	Jackson State	1-1	236	14		
16.	Tennessee Tech	2-0	233	20		
17.	North Dakota	1-1	230	22		
18.	Monmouth	2-0	227	18		
19.	Northern Arizona	1-1	184	19		
20.	South Dakota	0-2	172	6		
21.	Sacramento State	0-2	129	16		
22.	Mercer	0-1	82	21		
23.	Austin Peay	1-1	73	NR		
24.	New Hampshire	2-0	72	NR		
25.	Youngstown State	2-0	56	NR		
Bold italics denote a 2025 NSU opponent						

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NSU v Big 12

Today's game marks the third meeting for Northwestern State with Cincinnati in program history. It is the 10th for the Demons against an opponent in the Big 12 at the time of the game.

The Demons are 0-9 in games played against teams in the Big 12.

NSU's most recent meeting against the conference came in 2016 at Baylor, the most common Big 12 opponent for the Demons with five meetings between 2006 and 2016.

The Demons do hold a victory against a current member of the conference - TCU. It came in 2001 when the Horned Frogs were a member of Conference-USA. The Demons' Clint Sanford kicked a 19-yard field goal in overtime and Ahmad Willis blocked TCU's potential tying field goal to secure the 27-24 win on Sept. 22, 2001.

Louisiana legacies abound on roster

As the son of a former college football coach, Demon head coach **Blaine McCorkle** knows a thing or two about legacies, so it is fitting seven players on his first Northwestern State roster are sons of former players at Louisiana colleges.

Five of those — defensive lineman Ford Clark, wide receiver Jackson Hedrick, linebacker Danny Sears and wide receivers Ty Moore Andrew Fields — all are sons of former Demon players.

Moore and Sears have additional Northwestern athletic ties as Moore's mother, Janice Miller Moore, is a Lady Demon track and field standout who was inducted into the N-Club Hall of Fame in October of 2024, while Sears' older brother, Kenny, lettered at quarterback for the Demons.

Two more Demons — offensive linemen

Lawson Champagne and **Rory Lambert**— are sons of former LSU football players.

Champagne's father, Trey, and Lambert's father, Myron, were both teammates with McCorkle at LSU.

New season, new QB1

When **Abram Johnston** took the first snap at quarterback against Alcorn State on Aug. 28, Northwestern State trotted out its fifth difference season-opening starting QB in as many seasons.

The last Demon quarterback to start consecutive season openers was **Kaleb Fletcher**, who started a pair of openers within one caldender year - the postponed 2020 season that was played in the spring of 2021 and the 2021 fall opener a few months later.

Milestone Games

300-Yard Passing Games Abram Johnston (1)

• 301, vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, Oct. 12, 2024

Fletcher and **Shelton Eppler**, NSU's single-season and career passing yards and touchdowns leader, combined to start four straight season openers from 2018-21.

A season of firsts

With so many young players and new faces on the field for the Demons this year it is no surprise there have been quite a few firsts for NSU this year. So far this season there have been 16 players take the field for NSU for the first time at the Division I level.

Firsts vs. Alcorn – Aug. 28

<u>TOUCHDOWN</u> - Ty Moore (rec), Ty Moore (def), Ryan Tyler (rush)

<u>INTERCEPTION</u> - Christian Williams, Kaden Mackey <u>CATCH</u> - Ben Buisson, Luke Carter, Matt Gower <u>PAT</u> - Grayson Lytton

Firsts vs. Minnesota — Sept. 6

INTERCEPTION - Troy Santa Marina

SACK - Braden Woods

TACKLE - Javion Council, Jackson King, Joe Natali

Transfers bring notable experience

Head coach Blaine McCorkle's emphasis on building the program through growth and development of young players doesn't mean saying no to the transfer portal.

This year the Demons brought in 12 transfers with playing experience at their previous schools, five of which that have seen action in 10 or more games at the Division I level in their careers.

Clinton Anokwuru (Coastal Carolina), Kolbe Cage (Southern Miss), Myion Hicks (Furman), Je'Careon Lathan (Old Dominion/Texas State) and Tyler Siddons (Central Arkansas) were all key contributers at their previous schools for at least a full season's worth of competition.

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The Natty-Cincy connection

The football coaching and playing world is small and although Northwestern State and Cincinnati have only played each other twice before Saturday and are separated by nearly 900 miles, two Demons have direct connections to the Bearcats.

Offensive coordinator Carson Stewart is the cousin of Chad Wilt, a former Cincinnati assistant coach.

Chad, in his second season as a defensive line coach at Michigan State, was on Luke Fickell's Bearcat staff, in the same role he has with the Spartans, in 2019. Wilt has also coached at Minnesota, Indiana and Maryland.

Senior running back Kolbe Burrell's brother, Chris Burrell, also spent some time in the Queen City from 2012-14. He transfered from Temple and played for both Butch Jones and Tommy Tuberville during their time with the Bearcats.

Coaching consistency

Much like the roster and the amount of turnover from year to year, a football coaching staff often sees that same type of turnover year to year. That however is not the case for Blaine McCorkle in his second year at NSU.

The Demons return nine staff members from the 2024 season, the majority of which have worked with McCorkle since his days at Belhaven before coming to NSU.

Both coordinators Matt Conner (defense) and Carson Stewart (offense), assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach Norman Joseph, receivers coach Maurice Stewart, linebackers coach Justin Williamson, offensive line coach Cade Camp, offensive line graduate assistant Kendrioun Boatman, defensive backs graduate assistant TJ Hersey, director of football operationa Dan Korn and former special teams graduate assistant/current director of equipment Andrew Norton all worked on the NSU football staff a year ago.

Preseason honors for Magee and Sears

A pair of Northwestern State defenders earned some love this preseason with spots on the Phil Steele Preseason All-Southland team.

Cornerback **Caesar Magee III** was chosen to the first team while linebacker **Danny Sears** earned a second-team spot.

Magee III, in his first year playing corner, led the Demons in interceptions in 2024 with three.

UNDER BLAINE McCORKLE

NSU's Record When	2024	2025	Totals
All Games	0-12	1-1	1-13
Scoring first	0-3	1-0	1-3
Leading after the first quarter	0-1	1-0	1-1
Tied after the first quarter	0-2	0-0	0-2
<u>Trailing after the first quarter</u>	0-9	0-1	0-10
Leading at halftime	0-0	1-0	1-0
Tied at halftime	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trailing at halftime	0-12	0-1	0-13
Leading after the third quarter	0-0	1-0	1-0
Tied after the third quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0
<u>Trailing after the third quarter</u>	0-12	0-1	0-13
<u>Tied at the end of the fourth quarter</u>	0-0	0-0	0-0
Outgaining opponent	0-0	0-0	0-0
Outrushing opponent	0-0	1-0	1-0
Outpassing opponent	0-2	0-0	0-2
More first downs than opponent	0-0	0-0	0-0
Winning time of possession	0-4	0-0	0-4
Winning turnover margin	0-4	1-0	1-4
Tying turnover margin	0-4	0-0	0-4
Losing turnover margin	0-4	0-1	0-5
Rushing for 200+ yards	0-0	0-0	0-0
Having a 100+ yard rusher	0-0	0-0	0-0
Passing for 300+ yards	0-2	0-0	0-2
Record in August	0-1	1-0	1-1
Record in September	0-4	0-1	0-5
Record in October	0-4	0-0	0-4
Record in November	0-3	0-0	0-3

2025 SCORING DRIVES **Opponent** Qtr. **Plays Yards TOP Scoring Play Obtained** Alcorn State 1 3 66 1:07 Moore 15-yd reception Kickoff Alcorn State 3 12 68 6:17 Tyler 1-yd rush Kickoff

NON-OFFENSIVE TDS								
Opponent	Qtr.	Time	Yards	Scoring Play				
Alcorn State	1	7:44	Ty Moore	8-yd fumble return - bad snap on punt				

He had a two-pick game with eight tackles against McNeese for a career-best performance. Magee III tied for third on the team with 63 tackles a year ago, despite missing two games, and had eight PBUs and 11 total passes defended, good enough to lead the SLC at 1.1 per game and rank 23rd nationally.

Sears had a career-best 52 tackles in eight games after missing four games due to an injury. He had a pair of double-figure tackling games with a best 13 in the season finale against HCU.

Demons name captains for 2025

Northwestern State's three permanent captains for the 2025 seasons were chosen by the team's coaches and the team itself.

Captaining the Demons in 2025 are redshirt senior linebacker **Cam George**, redshirt senior offensive lineman **Caleb Billiot**, and redshirt junior linebacker **Danny Sears**. On the Monday of week one, senior full back **Ryan Tyler** was also chosen as one of this year's captains. He scored his first career touchdown in the fourth quarter of the game to give the Demons the 20-10 lead.

NOTABLE

Non-conference road dogs

Northwestern State's four-game 2025 non-conference schedule is one of the most challenging in FCS this season and among the toughest in program history.

Following the opener against Alcorn State in Turpin Stadium, the Demons play three straight road games, including a program first back-to-back matchups with power-conference opponents. The trips to Minnesota (Big Ten) and Cincinnati (Big 12) begin a three-game road stretch for the Demons, the first time they will play three consecutive true road games in a season since 2014. That year the Demons went to #9 Baylor, Southern and Louisiana Tech.

This year's road swing will be the first threegame full non-conference set where the Demons leave the state of Louisiana for all three games since 1991 (Arkansas State, Nevada, UTEP).

The Demons played three consecutive games away from Turpin Stadium in 2022 when they traveled to #2 Montana, played a neutral site game against Grambling in Shreveport's Independence Stadium before closing the stretch by going to Southern Miss.

Home state products bolster roster

Northwestern State's 2024 roster features 66 players from Louisiana, hailing from 37 different hometowns within the Pelican State.

New Orleans produced six members of the 2025 Demon roster while Baton Rouge and Shreve-port each had four players on the team. Other Louisiana cities represented more than once on the 2025 Demon roster are Alexandria (3), Bossier City (3), Covington (3), Monroe (3), Natchitoches (3), New Iberia (3), Hammond (2), Lafayette (2), Lake Charles (2), Mandeville (2), New Roads (2), and Prairieville (2).

The influx of local talent, from one of the best high school football states in the country, was purely by design for McCorkle and his staff. In their first two full recruiting classes since coming to NSU, more than 80 percent of their classes call Louisiana home.

NSU nickname stands alone

Northwestern State may share a piece of its name with the Big Ten's Northwestern University, but another part of NSU's identity is its alone.

Northwestern State's use of Demons is unique among NCAA Division I football teams.

2025 BIG PLAY TRACKER

PASSING (15 YARDS OR	MORE) TOTAL: 2		RUSHING (10 YARD	S OR MORE) Total: 5	
Players	Opponent	Yardage	Player	Opponent	Yardage
Johnston/Moore	Alcorn State	15 (TD)	Hicks	Alcorn State	51
Johnston/Finley	Alcorn State	26	Johnston	Alcorn State	12
			Johnston	Alcorn State	20
			Burrell	Alcorn State	32
			Johnston	Alcorn State	14
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New name, new position for Magee III

For the first four seasons of his Northwestern State career, **Jaheim Walters** was a wide receiver who started eight games and recorded 25 catches for 274 yards and a touchdown in the 2022 season.

Starting in 2024, the same student-athlete became cornerback **Caesar Magee III**. Magee made the name change to honor his late father, who passed away between the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

In the first two games at his new home, Magee recorded 12 tackles (7 solo) and his first career interception, which came against Weber State and handed Wildcat quarterback Richie Munoz just his second career pick in more then 200 pass attempts.

It also made Magee, who made his first career start at corner at SEMO, the only active Demon to have both a receiving touchdown and an interception in his career.

Magee enjoyed his best all-around game as a cornerback against McNeese, intercepting a pair of passes and collecting eight tackles.

He finished his first year at corner with 63 total tackles, fourth most on the team, and led the team in interceptions and pass break ups.

He was named Phil Steele Preseason First-Team All-SLC prior to the start of this year.

Joseph back in the Demon saddle

Assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach **Norman Joseph** made his return to Natchitoches when he joined Blaine McCorkle's coaching staff a year ago as the offensive coordinator.

It signaled a return to the City of Lights for the first time since coaching with Sam Goodwin at NSU in 1989

This season, Joseph has taken on the role as assistant head coach, passing coordinator duties to Carson Stewart, while still being able to keep his focus on the quarterbacks as that position's

primary coach.

Despite the time between his Northwestern tenures, there was some familiarity for Joseph as he inherited the same office he had in his previous stop in Natchitoches.

Graduates popluate Demon roster

Northwestern State has eight players who haved earned their undergraduate degrees, five of which are officially in the ranks of NSU alumni.

Offensive lineman Jeremiah Bodwin, running back Kolbe Burrell, cornerback Caesar Magee III and wide receivers Ty Moore and Dane Wallace already have completed their first degrees.

Additionally, defensive lineman **Clinton Anokwuru** (Coastal Carolina), linebacker **Kolbe Cage** (Southern Miss), running back **Miyon Hicks**(Furman) and defensive back **Je'careon Lathan**(Texas State) earned their undergraduate degrees before arriving in Natchitoches.

NOTABLE

Blaine's Belhaven brothers

When **Blaine McCorkle** was named the 16th head coach in Northwestern State football history, he brought a staff full of familiar faces with him to Natchitoches.

Their commitment to working with McCorkle has kept the NSU coaching staff largley intact going into the second year in Natchitoches.

A combination of six coaches and graduate assistancts joined McCorkle from his final Belhaven staff and are, like McCorkle, entering their second year on the Demon staff.

Defensive coorindator **Matt Conner**, offensive coordinator **Carson Stewart**, receivers coach **Maurice Stewart**, linebackers coach/recruiting coordinator **Justin Williamson** and graduate assistants **Kendrioun Boatman**, and **TJ Hersey**.

New NSU Director of Equipment Operations, **Andrew Norton**, was also on the 2024 staff as a graduate assistant.

Linebacker **Landry Huddleston** was the only player to make the move to NSU with McCorkle.

Huddleston played in all 12 games in his first year as a Demon and finished third on the team with 63 tackles, tackles for loss (5.0) and sacks (1.5). He tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries.

NSU's pro legacy a lengthy one

Northwestern State has produced eight NFL Pro Bowlers: WR Charlie Hennigan (5x, Oilers); TE Jackie Smith (5x, Cardinals); WR Mark Duper (3x, Dolphins); FB Charlie Tolar (2x, Oilers); RB Joe Delaney (1981, Chiefs); RB John Stephens (1988, Patriots); QB Bobby Hebert (1993, Falcons); KR Terrence McGee (2004, Bills).

Thirty-four Demons have been drafted, including seven since 2000. RB John Stephens (1988, Patriots) is the Demons' lone first-round pick while six former Demons have been second-round selections: RB Sidney Thornton (1976, Steelers); OL Petey Perot (1979, Eagles); RB Joe Delaney (1981,

Chiefs); WR Mark Duper (1982, Dolphins); CB Adrian Hardy (1993, 49ers); OT Marcus Spears (1994, Bears). A three-time All-American, linebacker Gary Reasons and Thornton each won two Super Bowl titles while cornerback Jeremy Lane collected a Super Bowl championship with Seattle.

Former Demon tight end Barry Rubin capped his career as an NFL strength and conditioning coach by earning his third Super Bowl ring in the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl LVII win against Philadelphia in February 2023. Rubin also won Super Bowl rings with the Chiefs (LIV, LVII) and the Green Bay Packers (XXXI).

Demons' history includs 2 CFB HOFers

Northwestern State has placed a pair of players in the College Football Hall of Fame. Running back Joe Delaney (1977-80) and linebacker Gary Reasons (1980-83) are enshrined in Atlanta.

Former Demon earns prestigous honor

There is a long list of former NSU football players and student-athletes that have made huge impacts on society following their time in Demonland.

One of those entrants, **Rob Robertson**, received the most notable honor possible in early August of this year.

The former Demon fullback, who played four season in the late 90s and helped NSU to a 1997 co-Southland Conference championship, was awarded the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest civilian recognition in America for service and volunteerism.

As a player, Robertson helped pave the way for a trio of 1,000 yard rushing seasons -- Clarence Matthews (1994-95) and Anthony Williams (1996). He was an undrafted free agent with the Baltimore Ravens and played there for two seasons.

Off the field Robertson is the current chair of the NFL Player's Association Advisory Board and alos serves on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters National Capital Area and MENTOR.

He penned a memoir titled, "Perservering Through Purpose" which highlights his journey from Baton Rouge and Istrouma High School to Natchitoches and his current home in northern Virginia.

The "Link" that binds

Northwestern State has a rich football tradition dating back more than 100 years. That tradition inclused players like Joe Delaney (77-80), Gary Reasons (80-83), John Stephens (84-87), Bobby Hebert (79-82) and coaches



like Jack Clayton (57-66), Scott Stoker (02-08) and Sam Goodwin.

Goodwin spent 17 seasons as NSU's head coach from 1983-1999. During that time his love for the program and his players prompted him to introduce "The Link" as a symbol of connection between 100+ years of NSU football and its players.

Just outside the Demon locker room and located right at the edge of the Turpin Stadium playing surface stands a link statue that reads, "All NSU Demons who have battled together on this field are linked together forever. Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow and Always!"

Coach Blaine McCorkle wears a link necklace every day as a symbol of that connection and a reminder to alums of the fight and hard work his teams put in daily for them and the program.

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7-9	0-2	0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-5	7-9	1-6	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-9
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2025 NORTHWESTERN STATE ROSTER

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown / Previous School(s)	No.	Name	Pos.
0	Cameron George	DL	6-1	251	Sr.	Lafayette, La./UL Lafayette	65	Chris Allen	0L
0	Myion Hicks	RB	5-11	210	Gr.	DeSoto, Texas/Furman	20	Trevor Allen Jr.	RB
1	Dylan Rhodes	WR	6-2	200	So.	McKinney, Texas/Texas State	14	Eli Anderson	QB
1	Christian Williams	S	5-10	180	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La./Sam Houston	25	KB Anderson-Dale	<u>LB</u>
2	Eli Anderson	QB	6-2	200	Sr.	Philadephia, Miss./Miss College	<u>16</u>	Kyron Angeletti	RB
2	Antonio Hall	СВ	6-1	165	So.	Fort Worth, Texas/Nolan Catholic HS	13	Clinton Anokwuru	DL
3	Kolbe Burrell	RB	5-9	205	Gr.	Jenkintown, Pa./Buffalo	24	Brian Banks II	RB
3	Caesar Magee III	СВ	6-2	194	Gr.	New Orleans, La./St. Augustine HS	11	Nehemiah Barrett	<u>LB</u>
4	Kaden Mackey	S	5-11	180	So.	Prairieville, La./Dutchtown HS	<u>45</u>	Ben Bienvenu	LB
5	Amaaz Eugene Rahmaan Rinkin	WR CB	<u>5-8</u> 5-11	170 158	So. Jr.	New Iberia, La./Westgate HS Bartlett, Tenn./Coahoma CC	50	Caleb Billiot Jason Blackwell II	OL CB
5	Ty Moore	WR	6-2	205	Gr.	Lorena, Texas/Baylor	<u>38</u>	Jeremiah Bodwin	DE
<u>6</u> 7	Jeremiah Bodwin	LB	6-4	203	Gr.	Dallas, Texas/HS/Nevada		Ja'Marion Bonner	CB
7	Zay Davis	RB	5-11	195	Sr.	Jackson, Miss./NW Mississippi CC	<u>21</u> 71	Logan Brady	OL
8	Luke Carter	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Katy, Texas/North Texas	42	Matthew Broad	FB
8	Gylen Ford	5	6-0	180	RFr.	Lafayette, La./Teurlings Catholic HS	32	Ben Buisson	WR
9	Camryn Davis	WR	5-10	170	RFr.	Clarence, La./Natchitoches Central HS	3	Kolbe Burrell	RB
9	Danny Sears	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Covington, La./St. Paul's HS	 16	Kolbe Cage	LB
10	Abram Johnston	QB	6-1	195	RFr.	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist HS	57	Colby Carranza	LS
10	Fernando Washington	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Macon, Ga./Copiah-Lincoln CC	8	Luke Carter	TE
11	Nehemiah Barrett	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	Shreveport, La./Huntington HS	77	Guadalupe Cedillo	0L
11	Dane Wallace	WR	5-8	180	Gr.	Broussard, La./Lafayette Christian Academy	70	Lawson Champagne	0L
13	Clinton Anokwuru	LB	6-3	250	Gr.	Houston, Texas/Coastal Carolina	86	Jackson Chiasson	WR
13	Joseph Moreland	TE	6-4	225	So.	Austin, Texas/Texas State	39	Ford Clark	DL
14	Je'Careon Lathan	S	6-0	180	Gr.	Minden, La./Texas State	29	Liam Cohen	<u>FB</u>
<u>15</u>	Barrett Newman	LB	6-1	225	So.	Bossier City, La./Liberty	30	Brock Comeaux	WR
<u>15</u>	Ben Taylor	QB	6-1	180	Fr.	Bossier City, La./Airline HS	46	Jayden Cook	LB
16	Kyron Angeletti	RB	5-10	202	So.	Chalmette, La./Chalemette HS	93	Quintin Cook	DL
<u>16</u>	Kolbe Cage	S	6-0	210	Gr.	New Orleans, La./Southern Miss	<u>96</u>	Javian Council	DL
<u>17</u>	Cooper Evans	K	6-2	210	RFr.	Athens, Ga./South Florida	9	Camryn Davis	WR
17	Nico Victorian	QB	5-10	170	Fr.	New Roads, La./Plaquemine HS	_ 7	Zay Davis	RB
18	Kody Finley	WR	6-5	200	Jr.	Hammond, La./Southeastern La.	<u>67</u>	Jack Devens	LS
18	Tyler Welch	CB	6-1	188	Fr.	Shreveport, La./Huntinton HS	84	Jimmie Duncan	WR
<u>19</u>	Garrett Graves Brennon Thompson	QB CB	6-3 6-0	190 185	RFr. RFr.	Baton Rouge, La./University Lab Bertrandville, La./East Ascension HS	<u>5</u> 17	Amaaz Eugene	WR
19 20	Trevor Allen Jr.	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Shreveport, La./Spring Hill HS	87	Cooper Evans Jojo Fagin	K TE
20	Jeremiah Keppard	S	6-3	170	So.	LaPlace, La./Saint Augustine HS	82	Andrew Fields	WR
21	Ja'Marion Bonner	CB	6-1	190	So.	Bastrop, La./Sterlington HS	18	Kody Finley	WR
22	Pierre Goree	DB	6-2	225	Jr.	Duncanville, Texas/Texas A&M	<u>10</u> 8	Gylen Ford	S
23	Jackson King	LB	6-0	215	RFr.	Monroe, La./Sterlington HS	0	Cam George	LB
24	Brian Banks	RB	5-11	220	So.	Stonewall, La./North Desoto	 51	Chad Gooden Jr.	DL
25	KB Anderson-Dale	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Harker Heights, Texas/North Texas	22	Pierre Goree	DB
25	Jeremiah James	RB	5-9	203	RFr.	Many, La./Many HS	88	Matt Gower	TE
27	lan Vigo	RB	5-9	175	RFr.	Lake Charles, La./Grand Lake HS	19	Garrett Graves	QB
28	Jacob Miranda	S	6-0	185	Fr.	Alexandria, La./Pineville HS	2	Antonio Hall	СВ
29	Liam Cohen	FB	6-0	200	So.	New Orleans, La./Milsaps College	45	Jackson Hedrick	WR
30	Brock Comeaux	WR	5-6	165	Fr.	Prairieville, La./Parkview Baptist	94	Preston Hickey	DL
30	Troy Santa Marina Jr.	CB	5-11	175	So.	Slidell, La./Brother Martin HS	0	Myion Hicks	RB
32	Ben Buisson	WR	5-10	185	RFr.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's HS	33	Landry Huddleston	<u>LB</u>
33	Landry Huddleston	LB	5-10	210	Sr.	Mobile, Ala./Belhaven	54	Kemarion Ivory	DE
35	DJ Johnson	CB	6-0	192	Jr.	New Orleans, La./St. Augustine HS	<u>75</u>	Ralee Jackson	<u> </u>
38	Jason Blackwell II	СВ	5-9	150	RFr.	Alexandria, La./Alexandria Senior HS	25	Jeremiah James	RB
39	Ford Clark	DL	6-1	240	RFr.	Madison, Miss./Madison Ridgeland Academy	35	DJ Johnson	СВ
40	BJ Young	<u>S</u>	6-0	200	So.	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS	10	Abram Johnston	QB
42	Matthew Broad	FB DE	6-2	245	Sr.	Antioch, Calif./Los Medanos College	90	Ben Jump	<u>K</u>
42	Braden Woods	DE	6-3	230	RFr.	Natchitoches, La./Natchitoches Central HS	20	Jeremiah Keppard	<u>S</u>
43	Tyler Siddons	TE	6-5	250	Jr.	Salem, Ark./Central Arkansas	<u>23</u>	Jackson King	<u>LB</u>
<u>45</u>	Ben Bienvenu	LB	6-2	220	RFr.	Natchitoches, La./UL Lafayette	58	Rory Lambert	<u> </u>
45	Jackson Hedrick	WR LP	5-10	180	RFr.	Pollock, La./Grant HS	<u>74</u>	Ryan Larson	<u>OL</u>
46	Jayden Cook	LB FR	6-0	193	RFr.	Baton Rouge, La./Scotland Magnet HS	<u>14</u>	Je'Careon Lathan	<u>S</u>
47	Ryan Tyler	FB S	6-3	250	Sr.	Pass Christian, Miss./Jones College	<u>90</u>	Tyler Lewis	DL OL
48	Joe Natali)	6-1	185	RFr.	Lake Charles, La./Iowa HS	62	Eli Little	<u> </u>

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	nie Duncan	WR 5-	-11 180	Fr.	Alexandria, La./Alexandria Senior HS	47	Ryan Tyler	TE
		WR 6-		Fr.	Gilmer, Texas/Gilmer HS	63	Landon Vallee	OL
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		TE 6-		RFr.	Covington, La./St. Paul's HS	11	Dane Wallace	WR
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90 Ben Ji		K 6-		Fr.	Bossier City, La./Airline HS	85	Brendan Webb	WF
90 Tyler I	-	DL 6-		Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Stetson	49	Jadon Weber	LB
		DL 6-		Fr.	Monroe, La./St. Frederick HS	18	Tyler Welch	CB
		DL 6-		Jr.	New Iberia, La./Texas Southern	52	Andre Williams	LE
		DL 6-		Jr.	Mandeville, La./LSU	1	Christian Williams	5
		DL 6-		RFr.	Dallas, Texas/North Texas	42	Braden Woods	DE
		DL 6-		Fr.	Hammond, La./Hammond HS	55	Isaiah Ybarra	OL
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PLAYERS

Clinton ANOKWURU = ah-nuh-K00-roo Ben BIENVENU = bee-IN-vuh-new Caleb BILLIOT = bill-YACHT Ben BUISSON = BWEE-sawn Kolbe BURRELL = buh-RELL Guadalupe CEDILLO = suh-DEE-o Lawson CHAMPAGNE = SHAM-pain Jackson CHIASSON = SHAY-sawn Brock COMEAUX = COE-moe

Pronunciation Guide

AMAAZ Eugene = AH-mahz
GYLEN Ford = JY-lynn
Matt GOWER = Rhymes with "NOW"-er
MYIOIN Hicks = MY-yawn
KEMARION Ivory = kuh-MAR-ee-on
RALEE Jackson = RAW-lee
Ja'Careon LATHAN = LAY-thun
Joe NATALI = nuh-TALL-ee
RAHMANN Rinkin = ruh-MAHN
SANPLICE Simien = SAN-please

Nicholas **SOILEAU** = Swallow Landon **VALLEE** = VALL-ee lan **VIGO** = VEE-go Isaiah **YBARRA** = E-bar-uh

PLACES
BOSSIER City = BOH-zher
NATCHITOCHES = NACK-uh-dish
PLAQUEMINE = PLACK-uh-men

DEMON DEPTH CHART

	0	FFENSE (PRO STYLE)			DEFENSE (3-3-5)
WR	6	Ty Moore (6-2, 205, Sr.)	EDGE	0	Cam George (6-1, 245, RSr.)
	18	Kody Finley (6-5, 200, RJr.)		42	Braden Woods (6-3, 230, RFr.)
LT	73	Garrett Morphis (6-6, 305, Sr.)		13	- OR - Clinton Anokwuru (6-3, 250, Gr.)
	62	Eli Little (6-4, 263, RFr.)	NT	94	Preston Hickey (6-1, 300, RJr.)
LG	71	Logan Brady (6-4, 265, RFr.)		90	Tyler Lewis (6-1, 295, RSr.)
	74	Ryan Larson (6-4, 290, RFr.)	-OR-	96	Javion Council (6-0, 304, RFr.)
C	50	Caleb Billiot (6-2, 295, RSr.)	DT	99	Ke'shawn Reed (6-3, 280, RSo.)
	63	Landon Vallee (6-0, 290, RFr.)		93	Quintin Cook (6-4, 253, Jr.)
RG	55	Isaiah Ybarra (6-3, 295, Jr.)	Beast	23	Jackson King (6-0, 215, RFr.)
	77	Guadalupe Cedillo (6-5, 330, Sr.)		33	Landry Huddleston (5-10, 210, Sr.)
RT	75	Ralee Jackson (6-3, 270, RFr.)	MLB	9	Danny Sears (6-0, 225, RJr.)
	65	Chris Allen (6-3, 315, RSo.)		15	Barrett Newman (6-1, 225, So.)
TE	43	Tyler Siddons (6-5, 250, Jr.)	Sam	10	Fernando Washington (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	8	Luke Carter (6-4, 240, RJr.)		25	KB Anderson-Dale (6-0, 220, Fr.)
QB	10	Abram Johnston (6-1, 195, RFr.)	СВ	2	Antonio Hall (6-1, 165, RSo.)
	14	Eli Anderson (6-2, 200, Sr.)		5	Rahmaan Rinkin (5-11, 180, Jr.)
RB	0	Myion Hicks (5-11, 210, Gr.)	S	16	Kolbe Cage (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	7	Zay Davis (5-11, 195, Sr.)		48	Joe Natali (6-1, 185, RFr.)
FB	47	Ryan Tyler (6-3, 250, Sr.)	FS	1	Christian Williams (5-10, 180, RSr.)
	42	Matthew Broad (6-2, 245, Sr.)		21	Ja'Marion Bonner (6-1, 190, RSo.)
WR	85	Brendan Webb (6-0, 175, Fr.)	-OR-	22	Pierre Goree (6-1, 225, Jr.)
	11	Dane Wallace (5-8, 180, Gr.)	Nickel	4	Kaden Mackey (5-11, 180, So.)
				14	Je'Careon Lathan (6-0, 180, Sr.)
			СВ	3	Caesar Magee III (6-2, 192, Gr.)
				19	Brennon Thompson (6-0, 185, RFr.)
			-OR-	18	Tyler Welch (6-1, 188, Fr.)
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SPECIALISTS

K	89	Grayson Lytton (5-10, 155, Fr.)	КО	17	Cooper Evans (6-2, 210, RFr.)
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P	17	Cooper Evans (6-2, 210, RFr.)	KR	7	Zay Davis (5-11, 195, Sr.)
-OR-	81	Zack Stone (6-3, 185, RJr.)		22	Pierre Goree (6-1, 225, Jr.)
Н	32	Ben Buisson (5-10, 185, RFr.)	-OR-	3	Caesar Magee III (6-2, 192, Gr.)
	81	Zack Stone (6-3, 185, RJr.)	PR	32	Ben Buisson (5-10, 185, RFr.)
LS	8	Luke Carter (6-4, 240, RFr.)		6	Kaden Mackey (5-11, 180, RFr.)
	57	Colby Carranza (6-2, 195, Jr.)	-OR-	5	Amaaz Eugene (5-8, 170, RSo.)

THE LAST TIME ...

100-YARD RUSHER

By NSU: 107, Kennieth Lacy, at Houston Christian, 10/15/2022 By Opponent: 126, Grant Washington, at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

TWO 100-YARD RUSHERS IN A GAME

By NSU: De'Mard Llorens (211) and Ronald Green (126), at Lamar, 10/15/2016 By Opponent: Joshn Barbie (139) and Bryce Strong (106), McNeese, 11/16/2024

200-YARD RUSHING GAME

By NSU: Scooter Adams at UIW (208 yards, 20 attempts), 4/10/2021 By Opponent: 254, Marcus Cooper, UIW, 11/19/2022

60-YARD RUSH PLAY

By NSU: Scooter Adams, at UIW, 64 and 65 yards, 4/10/2021 By Opponent: Jaylen Jenkins, 60 yards, at Stephen F. Austin, 10/6/2024

70-YARD RUSH PLAY

By NSU: Kennieth Lacy, 75 yards (TD), at Tulsa, 8/29/2024 By Opponent: Deantre Jackson, 81 yards (TD), Southeastern, 10/19/2023

80-YARD RUSH PLAY

By NSU: Aubrey Scott, vs. Nicholls, 80 yards, 3/6/2021 By Opponent: Deantre Jackson, 81 yards (TD), Southeastern, 10/19/2023

3+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (PLAYER)

By NSU: Scooter Adams, 3, at Incarnate Word, 4/10/2021 By Opponent: Geno Hess, 3, SEMO, 10/22/2022

TEAM RUSHED FOR 300+ YARDS

By NSU: 390, at Lamar, 10/15/2016 By Opponent: 321, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024

50+ YARD SCORING PASS

By NSU: Myles Kitt-Denton from JT Fayard, 60 yards, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024 By Opponent: Justin Bowick from Pierce Holley, 52 yards, vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/30/2023

25 COMPLETIONS (PLAYER)

By NSU: Tyler Vander Waal, 27, vs. Southeastern, 10/19/2023 By Opponent: Cameron Ward, 25, UIW, 10/2/2021

50+ PASS ATTEMPTS IN A GAME (PLAYER)

By NSU: Zachary Clement, 52, UIW, 11/19/2022 By Opponent: Cameron Ward, 59, UIW, 4/10/2021

3 OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME (PLAYER)

By NSU: Zachary Clement, 4, at East Texas A&M, 11/5/2022 By Opponent: Cutter Stewart, 3, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024

4 OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME (PLAYER)

By NSU: Zachary Clement, 4, at East Texas A&M, 11/5/2022 By Opponent: Sam Vidlak, 4, at Stephen F. Austin, 10/5/2024

100-YARD RECEIVING GAME

By NSU: 103, Myles Kitt-Denton, vs. Prairie View A&M, 9/7/2024 By Opponent: 133, AJ Wilson, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024

TWO 100-YARD RECEIVERS IN A GAME

By NSU: Javon Antonio (192) and Gavin Landry (131) at UIW, 4/10/2021 By Opponent: Terian Goree (138) and Tamrick Pace (128), Stephen F. Austin, 11/15/2018

10+ RECEPTIONS IN A GAME

By NSU: Zach Patterson, 15, at East Texas A&M, 11/5/2022 By Opponent: Terian Goree/Remi Simmons, 10, Stephen F. Austin, 11/15/2018

3+ RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME

By NSU: Jazz Ferguson, 3, at Abilene Christian. 11/3/2018 By Opponent: Davion Davis, 4, Sam Houston State, 10/13/2018

300-YARD PASSING GAME

By NSU: 301 (14-22-1TD-2 INT), Abram Johnston, vs. East Texas A&M, 10/12/2024 By Opponent: 327 (19-31-3 TD-1INT), Richie Munoz, Weber State, 9/21/2024

400-YARD PASSING GAME

By NSU: 477 (34-61-3TD-1 INT), Bryce Rivers, at UIW, 4/10/2021 By Opponent: 431 (33-59-2 TD, 1 INT), Cameron Ward, UIW, 4/10/2021

200-YARD RECEIVING GAME

By NSU: 212 (13 rec.), Ed Eagan, vs. Abilene Christian, 11/7/2015 By Opponent: 247 (8 rec), Nathan Stewart, Sam Houston State, 10/14/2017

AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS IN A GAME

By NSU: 25, at East Texas A&M, 11/5/2022 By Opponent: 25, at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

By NSU: at Houston Christian, 561, 10/15/2022 By Opponent: at Houston Christian, 617, 11/23/2024

SCORED 50+ POINTS IN A GAME

By NSU: 51, vs. Southern, 9/13/2014 By Opponents: 66, at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

2+ INTERCEPTIONS IN A GAME

By NSU: Caesar Magee III, 2, vs. McNeese, 11/16/2024 By Opponent: John Nestor, 2, at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

15+ TACKLES IN A GAME

By NSU: Chancellor Owens, 17, Blake Gotcher, 16, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024 By Opponent: Myles Heard, 15, at Louisiana Tech, 9/9/2023

3+ FIELD GOALS IN A GAME

By NSU: Eddie Godina, 3, at UIW, 4/10/2021 By Opponent: Guillermo Garcia Rodriguez, 3, Prairie View A&M, 9/7/2024

50+ YARD FIELD GOAL

By NSU: Chris Moore, 52, vs. Abilene Christian, 11/7/2015 By Opponent: DC Pippin, 54, SEMO, 10/22/2022

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Ed Eagan, 80 yards, at Stephen F. Austin, 11/22/2014 By Opponent: Jamaal Pritchett, 62 yards, at South Alabama, 9/12/2024

THE LAST TIME ...

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Myles Ward, 94 yds, at Stephen F. Austin, 11/15/2018 By Opponent: Jesse Valenzuela, 98 yds, at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024

INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Cadillac Rhone, 16 yds., vs. Prairie View A&M, 9/7/2024 By Opponent: John Nestor, 29 yds., at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Kedon Franklin, 0 yards off blocked punt, at Texas State, 10/23/2010 By Opponent: Tyler Flink, Montana, 32 yards off blocked punt, 9/3/2022

FUMBLE RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Javonis Isaac, vs. Houston Baptist, 11/6/2021 By Opponent: Corione Harris, McNeese, 10/16/2021

FUMBLE RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

By NSU: Ty Moore, 8 yards, vs. Alcorn State, 8/28/2025 By Opponent: Matt Kingsbury, 25 yds., at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

SAFETY RECORDED

By NSU: Team (blocked punt) vs. UIW, 9/8/2016 By Opponent: Team (QB fell in end zone), Weber State, 9/21/2024

BLOCKED A KICK

By NSU: Cam Hardy, at Tulsa, 8/29/2024 (FG)
By Opponent: Jaquez Dews, Alcorn State, 8/28/2025 (XP)

BLOCKED A PUNT

By NSU: Ke'Nard King, at Lamar, 10/7/2023 By Opponent: Levi Janacaro, at Montana, 9/3/2022

60-YARD PUNT

By NSU: Reed Honshtein, 67, at Nicholls, 10/19/2024 By Opponent: Oscar Doyle, 60, Weber State, 9/21/2024

70-YARD PUNT

By NSU: Scotty Roblow, 71, vs. SEMO, 10/22/2022 By Opponent: Winston Jones, 70, Nicholls, 10/6/2018

3+TDS IN A GAME (RUSH, PASS, RECEVING)

By NSU: 4, Zachary Clement (4 pass), at East Texas A&M, 11/15/2022 By Opponent: 3, Cutter Stewart (3 pass), at Houston Christian, 11/23/2024

4+TDS IN A GAME (RUSH, PASS, RECEVING)

By NSU: 4, Zachary Clement (4 pass), at East Texas A&M, 11/15/2022 By Opponent: 5, Robert Coleman (3 pass, 2 rush), Lamar, 10/26/2024

SHUT OUT AT TURPIN STADIUM

By NSU: vs. Langston, 37-0, 9/28/2013 By Opponent: by Weber State, 39-0, 9/21/2024

SHUT OUT ON THE ROAD

By NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0, 9/24/2011 By Opponent: at Minnesota, 66-0, 9/6/2025

SHUT OUT D-I OPPONENT

By NSU: at Nicholls, 34-0,9/24/2011
By Opponent: at Southeastern, 41-0, 11/9/2024

SHUT OUT CONSECUTIVE OPPONENTS

By NSU: West Alabama (64-0)/Southeastern Louisiana (7-0), 11/15-11/22, 1958) By Opponents: Weber State (39-0)/SEMO (19-0), 9-21-9/28, 2024

30-POINT MARGIN OF VICTORY

By NSU: 37 over UIW, 49-12, 10/11/2014 By Opponent: 66, at Minnesota, 9/6/2025

ONSIDE KICK RECOVERY

By NSU: Zach Patterson, vs. Nicholls, 10/1/2022 By Opponent: Bryce Norman, SEMO, 10/22/2022

COMPLETED 10 CONSECUTIVE PASSES

By NSU: 11, Kaleb Fletcher, vs. McNeese, 3/20/2021 By Opponent: 11, Kirk Francis, at Tulsa, 8/29/2024

TEAM FAILED TO RUSH FOR 100 YARDS

By NSU: at Minnesota, 19, 9/6/2025 By Opponent: Eastern Illinois, 75, 9/30/2023

TEAM FAILED TO PASS FOR 100 YARDS

By NSU: at Minnesota, 23, 9/6/2025 By Opponent: Eastern Illinois, 48, 10/8/2022

COMMITTED 10 OR MORE PENALTIES

By NSU: 10, vs. Grambling, 9/10/2022 By Opponent: 15, Alcorn State, 8/28/2025

100+ PENALTY YARDS

By NSU: 110, at Montana, 9/3/2022 By Opponent: 123, Alcorn State, 8/28/2025

PLAYED TO A TIE

NSU vs. Stephen F. Austin, 17-17, 11/18/1989

PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME

Win: at UIW, 44-41, 10/26/2019 Loss: vs. McNeese, 29-26, 11/11/2006

DEFEATED A RANKED TEAM

April 10, 2021, at No. 14 UIW, 49-47

2025 RECAPS



Aug. 28, 2025 // Natchitoches Turpin Stadium // 9,436

NATCHITOCHES – The Northwestern State football team exploded out of the gates in its 2025 season opener against Alcorn State on Thursday night only to see its momentum momentarily delayed by a lightning delay that lasted longer than an hour.

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Still, the Demons delivered the type of tough-minded performance second-year head coach Blaine McCorkle sought as Northwestern doubled up the visiting Braves, 20-10, to snap a

Northwestern (1-0) earned its first season-opening win since 2013 and its first victory overall since Nov. 5, 2022, by demonstrating its toughness – especially in the second half.

The Demons authored a near-perfect first guarter before a lightning delay hit with 13:47 to play in the second quarter.

Northwestern needed just three plays to score on its first drive of the game as Myion Hicks busted free for a 51-yard run on the second play from scrimmage to set up Abram Johnston's 15-yard scoring pass to Ty Moore.

The grab was just the start for Moore, who later returned a bad snap of an Alcorn State (0-1) punt 8 yards for his second touchdown of the quarter.

Moore's fumble recovery was part of a three-takeaway first half for Northwestern, which snuffed consecutive Alcorn State drives with end-zone interceptions.

The first came when Christian Williams was in perfect position to play a carom off an Antonio Hall breakup while sophomore safety Kaden Mackey came away with a highlight-reel one-handed pick in nearly the same spot as Williams' interception.

The consecutive interceptions allowed the Demons to maintain their 13-point advantage until momentum shifted to the visiting sideline in a four-play stretch.

Orlandus McLaurin's 72-yard pick-six put Alcorn on the board before a Myion Hicks fumble on the Demons' second play from scrimmage following the score set up a Braves field goal to pull Alcorn within three with 23 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

From there, the Demon offensive line put the game on its collective back.

Northwestern answered the 51-yard field goal with a 12-play, 68-yard drive that took 6:17 off the clock and finished with a 1-yard touchdown from fullback Ryan Tyler, who earlier in the week had been announced as a team captain.

That toughness allowed the Demons to end a 20-game losing streak that covered 1,027 days between victories, and it flipped over because of a defense that surrendered only three points to a Braves team that averaged 24.4 points against FCS competition a season ago.

ALCORN (0-1)	0	0	10	0	-	10
NSU (1-0)	13	0	0	7	-	20

1	13:53 NSU-Ty Moore 15-yd pass from Abram Johnston (Lytton XP blocked), 3-66, 1:0	07 0-6
1	7:44 NSU-Ty Moore 8-yd fumble return (Lytton kick)	0-13
3	2:25 ALC-Orlandus McLaurin 72-yd interception (Willcox kick)	7-13
3	0:34 ALC-Willcox 51-yd field goal, 4-(-8), 0:56	10-13
4	9:06 NSU-Ryan Tyler 1-yd run (Lytton kick), 12-68, 6:17	10-20

Yardstick	Alcorn	NSU
First Downs	18	12
Rushing Yards	119	182
Passing Yards	182	85
CompAttInt.	19-44-2	9-18-1
Total Offense	301	267
Total Offensive Plays	77	59
Average Gain Per Play	3.9	4.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	15-123	8-60
Punts-Yards-Avg.	7-205	7-313-44.7
Punt Returns-AvgTD	2-11.0-0	3-6.0-1
Kickoff Return AvgTD	4-5.3-0	3-19.3-0
Interceptions-Yards-TD	1-72-1	2-0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	30:03	29:57
Third-Down Conversions	5-17	3-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-4	1-1
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	2-2
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-9
PAT Kicks	1-1	2-3
Field Goals	1-1	0-1

Rushing: Abram Johnston 17-69; Myion Hicks 7-53; Kolbe Burrell 9-44; Zay Davis 6-18; Ryan Tyler 1-1, TD.

Passing: Abram Johnston 9-18-1, 85, TD.

Receiving: Kody Finley 1-26; Ty Moore 1-15, TD; Ben Buisson 2-11; Joseph Moreland 1-10; Luke Carter 1-9; Kolbe Burrell 2-8; Matt Gower 1-6:

Defense: Fernando Washington 8 tackles, 2 TFL-11 vds, 1 sack-7 yds, 1 PBU, 1 QB hurry; Christian Williams 6 tackles, 1 INT-0; Kaden Mackey 6 tackles, 1 INT-0; Kolbe Cage 6 tackles: JeCareon Lathan 4 tackles, 1 TFL-2 yds; Caesar Magee III 3 tackles, 1 PBU; Danny Sears 3 tackles: Clinton Anokwuru 3 tackles, 1TFL-2 yds, 1 sack-2 yds, 1 FF, 1 QB hurry; Preston Hickey 3 tackles; Ke'Shawn Reed 3 tackles, 1 TFL-1 yd, 1 FR, 2 QB hurry; Antonio Hall 2 tackles, 1 PBU; Barrett Newman 2 tackles; Landry Huddleston 2 tackles; Cam George 1 tackle, 2 PBU: KB Anderson-Dale 1 tackle: Troy Santa Marina 1 tackle, Ryan Tyler 1 tackle; Tyler Lewis 1 tackle: Ountin Cook 1 tackle.

Captains: Caleb Billiot, Cam



Northwestern State Minnesota

Sept. 6, 2025 // Minneapolis, Minn. Huntington Bank Stadium // 42,447



MINNEAPOLIS – The fast start the Northwestern State football team experienced in their season opener flipped sides in Week 2.

The Demons' first trip to face a Big Ten opponent saw homestanding Minnesota score on the first play of scrimmage and use that momentum to deliver a 66-0 victory inside Huntington Bank Stadium in a game that ended with 6:15 remaining because of a combination of a looming weather delay and Northwestern's return trip to Natchitoches.

"The score is what it is," second-year head coach Blaine McCorkle said. "You play these games, and sometimes these things get sideways in a hurry, but we didn't do anything to help ourselves. Of all the things you take away from the day, 28 points in the first half came directly from turnovers. Then we have a really selfish penalty that hurt us in the red zone and put them in scoring position.

One week after winning the turnover battle with a plus-2 margin, Northwestern (1-1) committed two first-quarter turnovers that resulted in touchdowns for the Golden Gophers (2-0).

John Nestor's 29-yard interception return on the first play of the game was the first of two first-quarter defensive touchdowns for Minnesota, which capped its 35-point opening-quarter surge with a 25-yard fumble return score by Matt Kingsbury.

Two more turnovers deep inside Northwestern territory helped the Golden Gophers extend the lead to 59-0 at halftime. The Demons were minus-four in the turnover battle in the first half, which tied their worst final-game margin of the 2024 season.

After committing four first-half turnovers, the Demons collected their third end-zone interception in the first two games of the season in the third quarter when Troy Santa Marina snagged a Dylan Wittke pass. Dating to the 2024 season, five of the Demons' past six interceptions have come in the end zone.

Northwestern's defense continued to build on the momentum started by Santa Marina's interception, keeping the Golden Gophers off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter.

Included in the stronger fourth-quarter defensive performance were the first career sack from Natchitoches native Braden Woods and a fourth-down stop at the 2-yard line on the final play of the game before severe weather worked its way into the Twin Cities.

NSU (1-1) 0 0 Minnesota (2-0) 35 24 66

1	14:54 UMN-John Nestor 29 yd interception return (Denaburg kick)	0-7
1	9:33 UMN-AJ Turner 1 yd run (Denaburg kick), 7-50, 3:40	0-14
1	5:32 UMN-Lemeke Brockington 7 yd run (Denaburg kick), 7-44, 3:00	0-21
1	1:07 UMN-Drake Lindsey 1 yd run (Denaburg kick), 4-41, 2:05	0-28
1	0:27 UMN-Matt Kingsbury 25 yd fumble recovery (Denaburg kick)	0-35
2	12:20 UMN-Javon Tracy 45 yd pass from Drake Lindsey (Denaburg kick), 4-67, 1:45	0-42
2	10:43 UMN-Cam Davis 7 yd run (Denaburg kick), 4-31, 1:24	0-49
2	5:40 UMN-Fame ljeboi 22 yd pass from Max Shikenjanski (Jackson kick), 5-48, 2:48	0-56
2	2:38 UMN-Brady Denaburg 27 yd field goal, 4-(-3), 2:03	0-59
3	11:47 UMN - Max Shikenjanski 8 yd run, 6-75, 3:13	0-66

<u>Yardstick</u>	NSU	UMN
First Downs	2	25
Rushing Yards	19	258
Passing Yards	23	226
CompAttInt.	9-15-2	13-17-1
Total Offense	42	484
Total Offensive Plays	37	63
Average Gain Per Play	1.1	7.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-13	4-45
Punts-Yards-Avg.	8-235-29.4	1-40-40.0
Punt Returns-AvgTD	0-0-0	5-35-7.0
Kickoff Return AvgTD	4-39-9.8	0-0-0
Interceptions-Yards-TD	1-0-0	2-29-1
Fumble Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-25-1
Time of Possession	20:32	33:13
Third-Down Conversions	2-10	2-6
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	1-2
Red Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	6-8
Sacks-Yards	1-8	2-9
PAT Kicks	0-0	9-9
Field Goals	0-0	1-1

DEMONS INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing: Jeremiah James 3-8; Mvion Hicks 6-7: Rvan Tyler 1-5; Eli Anderson 2-4; Kolbe Burrell 6-3; Zay Davis 2-1; Abram Johnston 2-(-9)

Passing: Eli Anderson 3-4-0,13; Abram Johnton 6-11-2, 10

Receiving: Myion Hicks 2-10; Kolbe Burrell 2-4; Tyler Siddons 1-4: Kody Finley 1-3: Luke Carter 1-2: 7av Davis 1-0: Ben Buisson 1-0:

Defense: Kaden Mackey 11 tackles; Caesar Magee III 7 tackles: Danny Sears 7 tackles Antonio Hall 4 tackles: Kolbe Cage 4 tackles; Tyler Lewis 4 tackles; Quintin Cook 4 tackles; Fernando Washington 3 tackles, 1 TFL-5 vds: Landry Huddleston 3 tackles Preston Hickey 3 tackles, 1 TFL-1 yd; Javian Council 3 tackles; Ke'Shawn Reed 3 tackles, Clinton Anokwuru 2 tackles, 1 TFL-4 yds; Jackson King 2 tackles; Troy Santa Marina 2 tackles, 1 INT; Kolbe Burrell 1 tackle: JeCareon Lathan 1 tackle; KB Anderson-Dale 1 tackle: Braden Woods 1 tackle. 1 sack-8 yds; Joe Natali 1 tackle; Cam George 1 QB hurry

Captains: Caleb Billiot, Cam George, Danny Sears, Ryan Tyler



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
Г	08/28/2025	Alcorn	W	20-10	9434
	09/06/2025	at Minnesota	L	0-66	42447

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Myion Hicks	2	13	66	6	60	4.6	0	51	30.0
Abram Johnston	2	19	82	22	60	3.2	0	20	30.0
Kolbe Burrell	2	15	54	7	47	3.1	0	32	23.5
Zay Davis	2	8	20	1	19	2.4	0	7	9.5
Jeremiah James	1	3	8	0	8	2.7	0	8	8.0
Ryan Tyler	2	2	6	0	6	3.0	1	5	3.0
Eli Anderson	1	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	4	4.0
Team	2	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	2	63	240	39	201	3.2	1	51	100.5
Opponents	2	80	409	73	336	4.2	5	17	168.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Abram Johnston	2	69.9	15-29-3	51.7	95	1	26	47.5
Eli Anderson	1	102.3	3-4-0	75.0	13	0	9	13.0
Total	2	73.9	18-33-3	54.5	108	1	26	54.0
Opponents	2	109.6	32-61-3	52.5	408	2	52	204.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kolbe Burrell	2	4	12	3.0	0	6	6.0
Ben Buisson	2	3	11	3.7	0	9	5.5
Myion Hicks	2	2	10	5.0	0	9	5.0
Kody Finley	2	2	29	14.5	0	26	14.5
Luke Carter	2	2	11	5.5	0	9	5.5
Tyler Siddons	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Joseph Moreland	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Zay Davis	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Matt Gower	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Ty Moore	2	1	15	15.0	1	15	7.5
Total	2	18	108	6.0	1	26	54.0
Opponents	2	32	408	12.8	2	52	204.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	NW	OPP
First Downs	14	43
Rushing	9	23
Passing	4	16
Penalty	1	4
Rushing Yardage	201	336
Rushing attempts	63	80
Average per rush	3.2	4.2
Average per game	100.5	168.0
TDs Rushing	1	5
Passing Yardage	108	408
Comp-Att-Int	18-33-3	32-61-3
Average per pass	3.3	6.7
Average per catch	6.0	12.8
Average per game	54.0	204.0
TDs Passing	1	2
Total offense	309	744
Average per play	3.2	5.3
Average per game	154.5	372.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	7-97	4-21
Punt returns: #-Yards	2-10	7-57
Int returns: #-Yards	3-0	3-101
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-73	19-168
Punts-Avg	15-36.5	7-40.9
Time of possession / game	25:14	31:38
3rd-down conversion	5/23	7/23
4th-down conversion	1/1	2/6
PAT-attempts	(2-3) 67%	(10-10) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Christian Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Troy Santa Marina	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kaden Mackey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	101	33.7	2	72



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg l	blk
Cooper Evans	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	51	0

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Ty Moore	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ryan Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Grayson Lytton	-	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	3	0-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0	20
Opponents	10	2-2	10-10	0	0	0	0	0	76

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	тот
Northwestern St.	13	0	0	7	0	20
Opponents	35	24	17	0	0	76

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Cooper Evans	10	400	40.0	55	0	2	3	2	0
Zack Stone	5	148	29.6	40	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	548	36.5	55	0	2	3	2	0
Opponents	7	286	40.9	49	1	3	1	0	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ben Buisson	2	10	5.0	0	9
Total	2	10	5.0	0	9
Opponents	7	57	8.1	0	21

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zay Davis	5	95	19.0	0	30
KB Anderson-Dale	1	0	0.0	0	0
Pierre Goree	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	7	97	13.9	0	30
Opponents	4	21	5.3	0	16

All Purpose

Player	a	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
	g			_				
Zay Davis	2	19	0	0	95	0	114	57.0
Myion Hicks	2	60	10	0	0	0	70	35.0
Abram Johnston	2	60	0	0	0	0	60	30.0
Kolbe Burrell	2	47	12	0	0	0	59	29.5
Kody Finley	2	0	29	0	0	0	29	14.5
Ben Buisson	2	0	11	10	0	0	21	10.5
Ty Moore	2	0	15	0	0	0	15	7.5
Luke Carter	2	0	11	0	0	0	11	5.5
Joseph Moreland	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
Jeremiah James	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Matt Gower	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	3.0
Ryan Tyler	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
Tyler Siddons	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	2.0
Eli Anderson	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Pierre Goree	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	1.0
Total	2	201	108	10	97	0	416	208.0
Opponents	2	336	408	57	21	101	923	461.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Abram Johnston	2	48	60	95	155	77.5
Myion Hicks	2	13	60	0	60	30.0
Kolbe Burrell	2	15	47	0	47	23.5
Zay Davis	2	8	19	0	19	9.5
Eli Anderson	1	6	4	13	17	17.0
Jeremiah James	1	3	8	0	8	8.0
Ryan Tyler	2	2	6	0	6	3.0
Total	2	96	201	108	309	154.5
Opponents	2	141	336	408	744	372.0



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Team Defense

				Та	ckles		Sacks	Pass	defen	se	Fumbl	es	blk	(d
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
4	Kaden Mackey	2	9	8	17			1-0						
10	Fernando Washington	2	9	2	11	3-16	1-7		1	1				
3	Caesar Magee III	2	8	2	10				1					
16	Kolbe Cage	2	6	4	10									
9	Danny Sears	2	3	7	10									
1	Christian Williams	1	3	3	6			1-0						
94	Preston Hickey	2	5	1	6	1-1								
2	Antonio Hall	2	4	2	6				1					
99	Ke'Shawn Reed	2	2	4	6	1-1				2	1-0			
13	Clinton Anokwuru	2	4	1	5	2-6	1-2			1		1		
90	Tyler Lewis	2	3	2	5									
14	JeCareon Lathan	2	4	1	5	1-2								
33	Landry Huddleston	2	3	2	5									
93	Quintin Cook	2	1	4	5									
30	Troy Santa Marina	2	3		3			1-0						
96	Javian Council	2	1	2	3									
15	Barrett Newman	1	1	1	2									
23	Jackson King	2	2		2									
25	KB Anderson-Dale	2		2	2									
3	Kolbe Burrell	2	1		1									
0	Cam George	2	1		1				2	1				
48	Joe Natali	2	1		1	•								
47	Ryan Tyler	2	1		1									
42	Braden Woods	2	1		1	1-8	1-8							
6	Ty Moore	2									1-8			
89	Grayson Lytton	1												
	Totals	2	76	48	124	9-34	3-17	3-0	5	5	2-8	1	0	0
	Opponents	2	66	36	102	13-36	2-9	3-101	3	2	3-0	3	1	0



2025-26 Northwestern St. Football Team Game-by-Game All games

		Rushing			Receiving			9	Pass	ing			Kic	k Re	etu	rns	Pur	nt Retu	rns	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
08/28/2025	Alcorn	41	182	1	51	9	85	1	26	9-18-1	85	1	26	3	58	0	30	2	10 0	9	267
09/06/2025	at Minnesota	22	19	0	8	9	23	0	9	9-15-2	23	0	9	4	39	0	23	0	0 0	0	42
Northwest	ern St.	63	201	1	51	18	108	1	26	18-33-3	108	1	26	7	97	0	30	2	10 0	9	309
Opponents	3	80	336	5	17	32	408	2	52	32-61-3	408	2	52	4	21	0	16	7	57 0	21	744

Northwestern St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	3.2	6.0	73.9	13.9	5.0	208.0	154.5

			1	Fackle	es	Sacks	Fu	umble	Pass I	Defe	nse	blkd	PAT at	ttempts		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
08/28/2025	Alcorn	39	18	57	5.0-16	2-9	1	2-8	2-0	4	5	0	2-3	0 0	0	7 20
09/06/2025	at Minnesota	37	30	67	4.0-18	1-8	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0
Northwest	ern St.	76	48	124	9.0-34	3-17	1	2-8	3-0	5	5	0	2-3	0 0	0	7 20
Opponents	Opponents		36	102	13.0-36	2-9	3	3-0	3-101	2	3	1	10-10	0 0	0	34 76

		Punting								Field	Kickoffs						
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/28/2025 Alcorn	7	313	44.7	55	0	0	1	2	3	0-1	0	0	4	196	49.0	0	0
09/06/2025 at Minnesota	8	235	29.4	40	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0
Northwestern St.	15	548	36.5	55	0	0	2	2	3	0-1	0	0	5	261	52.2	1	0
Opponents	7	286	40.9	49	0	1	3	0	1	2-2	51	0	14	833	59.5	6	1



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	First Downs			Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-		
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-AttInt	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Alcorn	20-10	12 / 18	8/8	3/7	1/3	41-182 / 34-78	9-18-1 / 19-44-2	85 / 182	59-267 / 78-260	76 / 115	2/4
Minnesota	0-66	2 / 25	1 / 15	1/9	0/1	22-19 / 46-258	9-15-2 / 13-17-1	23 / 226	37-42 / 63-484	39 / 64	4/1
Totals	20-76	14 / 43	9 / 23	4 / 16	1/4	63-201 / 80-336	18-33-3 / 32-61-3	108 / 408	96-309 / 141-744	115 / 179	6/5

	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	ТОР	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	
Opponents	Conversion	Conversion	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	Sacks
Alcorn	3-13 / 5-17	1-1 / 1-4	29:57 / 30:03	-00:06	4.4 / 2.3	4.7 / 4.1	4.5 / 3.3	7-44.7 / 6-41.0	8-60.0 / 15-123.0	2/0
Minnesota	2-10 / 2-6	0-0 / 1-2	20:32 / 33:13	-12:41	0.9 / 5.6	1.5 / 13.3	1.1 / 7.7	8-29.4 / 1-40.0	2-13.0 / 4-45.0	1/2
Totals	5-23 / 7-23	1-1 / 2-6	50:29 / 63:16	-12:47	3.2 / 4.2	3.3 / 6.7	3.2 / 5.3	15-36.5 / 7-40.9	10-73.0 / 19-168.0	3 / 2

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category