



IDAHO STATE

FOOTBALL
2025 GAME NOTES

BENGALS

0-2

Record

0-0

Big Sky

VS

LOBOS

0-1

Record

0-0

Mountain West

CODY HAWKINS

8-17

Record at ISU

3rd

Season



JASON ECK

0-1

Record at UNM

1st

Season



TALE OF THE TAPE

SERIES RECORD	4TH MEETING
OVERALL	ISU 0-3, 0-3 Away
LAST MEETING	L, 38-9 | Sept. 5 1998



27.50	POINTS PER GAME	17
49	FIRST DOWNS	21
91.5	RUSHING YARDS PER GAME	50.0
366.50	PASSING YARDS PER GAME	217.0
458.80	TOTAL OFFENSE	267.0
3	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	2
5	PASSING INTERCEPTIONS	3
3	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	0
2/2	FIELD GOALS	1/1
25:48	TIME OF POSSESSION	33:02
1-11	SACKS ALLOWED / YARDS	3-25
5-7	RED ZONE ATTEMPTS / SCORES	3-4
42.0	SCORING DEFENSE	34
311.5	RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED	201.0
236.0	PASSING YARDS ALLOWED	251.0
547.5	TOTAL DEFENSE (YARDS)	452.0
4-38	SACKS - YARDS	2-5
0	INTERCEPTIONS	0
2-2	FUMBLES FORCED / RECOVERED	2-1
55.0	PENALTY YARDS PER GAME	5.00

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2025 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

OVERALL RECORD.....	0-2
BIG SKY.....	0-0
NON-CONF.....	0-2
HOME.....	0-0
AWAY.....	0-2



UNLV

L, 38-31



SOUTHERN UTAH

L, 46-24



NEW MEXICO

Sept. 20, 2025 | 1:00 PM
Mountain West Network | KISU 91.1 FM
UNIVERSITY STADIUM | ALBUQUERQUE, NM



LINCOLN

Sept. 6, 2025 | 4:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
ICCU DOME | POCATELLO, IDAHO



NORTHERN COLORADO

Sept. 27, 2025 | 1:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
NOTTINGHAM FIELD | GREELEY, CO



MONTANA

Oct. 4, 2025 | 6:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
ICCU DOME | POCATELLO, IDAHO



MONTANA STATE

Oct. 11, 2025 | 1:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
BOBCAT STADIUM | BOZEMAN, MT



NORTHERN ARIZONA

Oct. 25, 2025 | 4:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
ICCU DOME | POCATELLO, IDAHO



UC DAVIS

Nov. 1, 2025 | 1:00 PM PT
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
UC DAVIS HEALTH STADIUM | DAVIS, CA



CAL POLY

Nov. 8, 2025 | 4:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
ICCU DOME | POCATELLO, IDAHO



WEBER STATE

Nov. 15, 2025 | 4:00 PM
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
ICCU DOME | POCATELLO, IDAHO



IDAHO

Nov. 22, 2025 | 1:00 PM PT
ESPN+ | KISU 91.1 FM
PIFCU KIBBIE DOME | MOSCOW, IDAHO





Offensive Line

Led by All-Big Sky standout Stryker Rashid, the Idaho State offensive line emerged as one of the program's most improved units in 2024. The Bengals allowed just 10 sacks all season, a major improvement from 31 the year before, and cut down tackles for loss to just 42 total, down from 69 in 2023.

The line's protection helped Idaho State average 298.4 passing yards per game, ranking among the top units in the FCS. In a signature performance at Cal Poly on Oct. 5, the line didn't allow a sack while the offense racked up 531 total yards and 425 passing yards.

Up front, Rashid anchored the group with consistent play, while fellow transfers Ty Hyde and Jake Hellmann made immediate impacts. Hellmann appeared in 10 games and contributed to the interior run game, where Idaho State improved its yards per carry to 4.7, up from 3.3 in 2023.

The unit's discipline was also a factor, Idaho State ranked among the lowest in offensive penalties in the Big Sky, committing just 66 penalties for 566 yards, compared to opponents' 77 for 751.

Quarterbacks & Receivers

The Bengals' aerial attack remained the program's identity in 2024, and the connection between Idaho State's quarterbacks and receivers made the unit one of the most dangerous in the Big Sky.

Quarterback Kobe Tracy led the way, finishing the year with 3,077 passing yards and 24 touchdowns while completing over 60% of his passes. Tracy threw for over 300 yards in five games, including a season-high 425 yards at Cal Poly. He also tied the program's single-game touchdown mark with four TD passes in three different contests: Western Oregon, Weber State, and Eastern Washington.

Hunter Hays served as a versatile offensive weapon. The dual-threat quarterback threw for 344 yards and 7 touchdowns, ran for another 224 yards, and added 6 rushing scores. Hays' most complete performance came at North Dakota, where he totaled four touchdowns.

The receiving corps was headlined by Jeff Weimer, a transfer from UNLV, and Christian Fredericksen, who returned after a breakout 2023. Weimer hauled in 75 receptions for 1,016 yards and 6 touchdowns, including a 236-yard game at Cal Poly, the second-highest single-game total in the FCS during the season. Fredericksen added 67 catches for 936 yards and a team-high 9 touchdowns, finding the end zone in six different games.

Supporting receivers like Ian Duarte (504 yards, 3 TD), Raiden Brown (339 yards, 3 TD), and Tsion Nunnally (182 yards, 2 TD) helped the Bengals sustain offensive depth. Fredericksen and Weimer each had games with 10+ receptions, while five different receivers recorded multiple touchdown games across the season.

Idaho State closed the season averaging 298.4 passing yards per game,

second-best in the Big Sky and top 10 nationally. The offense threw for 31 total touchdowns, nearly double the number allowed by the defense (19), underscoring the unit's explosiveness.

with the loss of both contributing quarterbacks and the top-two receivers, the Bengals will have shoes to fill.

Defensive Growth

The unit recorded 20 sacks and 61 tackles for loss, both improvements over 2023, and made those plays count in key moments. Idaho State's defense tallied 8 forced fumbles and recovered 7, turning two into touchdowns. Nathan Reynolds and Janari Boone each returned a fumble for a score, including Reynolds' electrifying 53-yard return.

Linebacker Logan George anchored the front seven with a breakout season, leading the team with 19.5 tackles for loss, including a program-best 4 TFLs vs. Idaho. He finished the season with 57 total tackles and 6.5 sacks, offering constant pressure in the backfield.

At the point of attack, David Rowe and Kris Sanchez provided power on the defensive line. Rowe posted 5.5 TFLs and a sack, while Sanchez added 6.5 TFLs and 3 sacks along with 10 quarterback hurries.

In the secondary, Nathan Reynolds led the team in total tackles with 92, including 14 in the win over Cal Poly, showcasing his sideline-to-sideline range. Mason Young followed with 77 tackles and forced a fumble in the Sacramento State win. The Bengals allowed just 3 interceptions all season, but that was balanced by sharp tackling and frequent pass breakups — the team recorded 37 total breakups, including 5 from corner Josh Alford. The defense's best statistical outing came in the home opener, when they held Western Oregon to 221 total yards, just 114 rushing, and registered 4 sacks and 9 TFLs — both season highs.

Running Backs: Turning the Corner

Idaho State's running back room made a decisive leap forward in 2024, showing increased efficiency, versatility, and scoring production after a challenging 2023 campaign.

The Bengals rushed for 1,511 total yards in 2024, a 36% increase from 1,109 yards in 2023, and improved their yards per carry from 3.3 to 4.7. The team also doubled its rushing touchdowns from 9 in 2023 to 18 in 2024, adding a much-needed ground presence to complement its Air Raid passing identity.

Hunter Hays, playing a dual-role as quarterback and runner, led the team with 6 rushing touchdowns, often operating out of red zone and short-yardage formations. His ability to extend plays and finish drives became a crucial dimension of the offense.

The traditional backs also stepped up. Donald Austin, a transfer from Southwest Minnesota State, emerged as a reliable downhill option with 461 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. His breakout game came at Cal Poly, where he posted 94 yards on 11 carries, averaging 8.5 yards per rush.

In one of the most unique and impactful transitions of the 2024 season, Dason Brooks made the rare leap from defense to offense — and thrived. After starting his career as a linebacker, Brooks shifted to running back and immediately became one of Idaho State's most dynamic weapons out of the backfield.

Brooks finished the year with 345 rushing yards and 4 touchdowns on just 52 carries, averaging an impressive 6.6 yards per attempt, the highest among Bengal running backs. His physicality and vision translated seamlessly to offense, where he routinely broke tackles and picked up chunk gains.

Brooks' breakout game came in the Oct. 21 win over Sacramento State, where he rushed 12 times for 96 yards and a touchdown, powering a second-half surge that helped seal the Bengals' only road win of the season. A week later, he added 74 rushing yards and another score in a gritty battle against Weber State.

His defensive instincts also translated into his running style, downhill, decisive, and tough in short-yardage. He finished the year with the team's longest rush of the season, a 41-yard burst against Northern Arizona, and became a go-to option in red zone packages.

In 2023, no Bengal running back surpassed 300 rushing yards. In 2024, three players topped that mark, and the team averaged 137.4 rushing yards per game, up from 100.8 the year before. The running back group also contributed 11 receptions for 122 yards, with Austin and Hussey both involved in pass protection and check-down routes.

This revitalized rushing attack gave Idaho State greater offensive balance, helped sustain drives, and contributed to the team's red zone efficiency improvement — the Bengals converted 82% of red zone chances in 2024, up from 69% in 2023.

Notable Game Highs – 2024 Season

The 2024 season was filled with explosive performances and momentum-shifting plays. Idaho State players posted several individual and team game highs that ranked among the best in the Big Sky and across the FCS.

Jeff Weimer – 236 Receiving Yards vs. Cal Poly (Oct. 5) Weimer exploded for a career-high 236 receiving yards on 10 receptions against Cal Poly — the second-highest single-game total in the FCS in 2024. His performance powered Idaho State to 531 total yards in the road win and showcased the Bengals' vertical threat.

Kobe Tracy – 425 Passing Yards vs. Cal Poly (Oct. 5) Tracy orchestrated Idaho State's most prolific passing performance of the year, throwing for 425 yards and 4 touchdowns while completing 73% of his passes. It was one of five 300+ yard games for Tracy in 2024.

Hunter Hays – 4 Total Touchdowns vs. North Dakota (Sept. 30) In a versatile showing, Hays accounted for 4 total touchdowns — 2 passing and 2 rushing — in a tight road contest at North Dakota. He totaled 216 all-purpose yards, displaying his value as a dual-threat quarterback.

Logan George – 4.0 Tackles for Loss vs. Idaho (Nov. 23) George delivered one of the most dominant defensive performances of the Big Sky season, recording 4 TFLs in the rivalry game against Idaho. He finished with 7 total stops and added a sack, disrupting the Vandals' run game throughout the night.

Dason Brooks – 96 Rushing Yards vs. Sacramento State (Oct. 21) In just his second game since switching from linebacker to running back, Brooks rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries, averaging 8.0 yards per carry. He gave the Bengals a physical edge down the stretch.

Team Game High – 531 Total Yards at Cal Poly (Oct. 5) Idaho State's offense fired on all cylinders with 425 passing yards, 106 rushing yards, and zero sacks

ISU BIG SKY CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK 2025



08/25/2025

Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week - **Dason Brooks**
18/132, 2 TD, 27 yd long TD run

Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week - **Rylan Leathers**
12 tackles, 4 solo, 1 TFI, forced strong 3&out

Big Sky ST Player of the week - **Trajan Sinatra**
1 FG, 4 PAT, 5/5 on kicks in the game. Kept game 1 score

allowed. The 531-yard output was the highest single-game total for the Bengals in 2024.

Team Defensive High – 9 Tackles for Loss vs. Western Oregon (Sept. 2) The Bengals opened the season with a statement on defense, racking up 9 TFLs and 4 sacks while holding Western Oregon to just 221 total yards in the 64-28 home win.

Special Teams Highlight – Justice Jackson 57-yard Kick Return vs. Eastern Washington (Oct. 14) Jackson gave Idaho State a jolt in the return game, breaking loose for a 57-yard kickoff return.

Coaching Changes

Grant Duff – Defensive Coordinator

Grant Duff enters his first season as Idaho State's Defensive Coordinator in 2025 following an 11-year stint at Weber State, where he served as Co-Defensive Coordinator and defensive line coach. During his time with the Wildcats, Duff helped lead the program to four Big Sky championships, six FCS Playoff appearances, and nine winning seasons.

He coached multiple All-Big Sky and All-American defenders, including stand-out linemen Adam Rodriguez and George Tarlas. In 2024, three of his defensive players earned All-Big Sky honors. Duff also played a key role in Weber State's top-tier defensive rankings in categories like total defense, sacks, and interceptions during multiple seasons.

Before his on-field roles, Duff served as Weber State's Director of Football Operations and worked previously at the University of Utah, contributing to four bowl teams including the 2009 Sugar Bowl win over Alabama.

A native of Blackfoot, Idaho, Duff holds degrees from BYU-Idaho and the University of Utah. He and his wife Lyndi have four children.

Ricky Ali'ifua – Defensive Line Coach

Ricky Ali'ifua joins Idaho State's staff in 2025 as Defensive Line Coach, bringing NFL experience and proven collegiate success.

Ali'ifua is a 2016 Utah State standout, where he earned All-Mountain West honors after totaling 29 tackles, 8 TFLs, and 3.5 sacks in his senior season

Following his playing career, he spent two seasons coaching at Snow College before spending the last year on the Bengal staff

A former NFL defensive end, Ali'ifua returns to Idaho State after working at Snow College, where he helped develop the defensive front. He's also an active recruiter, covering the Bay Area and Salt Lake City region

New Assistants

The Bengals also added new assistant position coaches in some needed areas.

Tipa Galeai joins Ali'ifua coaching the defensive line

Samson Anguay comes on to assist with the wide receivers while also spearheading the Bengals' recruiting efforts

Mason Randall comes to the Bengals to assist in coaching the quarterbacks group

Kamden Garrett joins Idaho State coaching the Corners with Devin Holiday

The Offensive line is joined by Anthony Morales who is assisting John Hughes up front

Preseason Coaches and Media Polls

Idaho State football was picked to finish 7th in both the 2025 media and coaches preseason polls, this is the highest pick for the Bengals since the 2019 season. Idaho State is coming off of a 5-7 2024 season with a 3-5 Big Sky Conference record.

Coaches Poll

1. Montana State (7) - 117
2. UC Davis (1) - 100
3. Montana (2) - 96
4. Northern Arizona (1) - 94
5. Idaho - 81
6. Sacramento State (1) - 73
7. Idaho State - 56
8. Weber State - 55
9. Eastern Washington - 48
10. Portland State - 32
11. Cal Poly - 25
12. Northern Colorado - 15

Parentheses denotes first-place vote // Coaches could not vote for their own team

Media Poll

1. Montana State (30) - 488
2. Montana (6) - 434
3. UC Davis (4) - 399
4. Idaho (1) - 364
5. Northern Arizona - 354
6. Sacramento State (1) - 282
7. Idaho State - 247
8. Eastern Washington - 225
9. Weber State - 192
10. Portland State - 140
11. Cal Poly - 94
12. Northern Colorado - 57

Parentheses denotes first-place vote

Preseason All-Big Sky

Three Bengals were selected to the preseason all-Big Sky team the weekend of the football kickoff in Spokane, WA. Stryker Rashid was selected as a preseason lineman after earning 2nd team all-big sky honors last season.

New to the list was Nathan Reynolds and Mason Young. Reynolds was a top-10 tackler in the league at linebacker in 2024 and Young led the Bengals' safety room as a top-five tackler for the Bengals last year.

Massey Strength of Schedule

Per Sam Herder and Massey, the Idaho State Bengals are coming into the 2025 season with the 12th toughest SOS in the FCS. the top-15 being;

1. UND
2. Weber St
3. Montana St
4. Murray St
5. South Dakota
6. UNI
7. Portland St
8. EWU
9. UC Davis
10. Indiana St
11. Idaho
12. Idaho St
13. SDSU
14. Northern Arizona
15. SIU

Doing it His Way

Idaho State Place Kicker Trajan Sinatra is having a season of firsts, he has scored his first two DI career field goals and is perfect on his PATs two games into the season.

Sinatra is also finding family history for the first time in his life. After being asked multiple times if there is any relation to the famous musician, Sinatra didn't have the answer, but was determined to find out.

After some research, it was found that his Great Great Grandfather is from the same hometown as the Rat Pack leader and now we are awaiting a DNA Test to prove once and for all if the link is there.

Familiar Foes

While the Bengals have not played the Lobos many times in the team's history, New Mexico is led by a familiar foe to the Bengals. Head Coach Jason Eck took over the UNM program this summer, coming to the Lobos from the Idaho Vandals, whom he led to multiple FCS playoff spots. Along with Coach Eck, multiple Vandals made the switch to Albuquerque, including all-Big Sky Conference and All-American linebacker Jaxton Eck who had 8 tackles against Michigan this past weekend.

GAME BY GAME NOTES

GAME 1 ISU AT UNLV

Hot Starts

Idaho State opened the 2025 season with several first-time moments across the roster. Kicker Trajan Sinatra delivered the Bengals' first points of the year with a 26-yard field goal in the opening quarter, the first of his career.

On defense, Mason Young forced a fumble at the goal line that rolled through the end zone for a touchback, marking the third forced fumble of his career.

The Bengals also found the end zone on a trick-play pass, as Wide Receiver Michael Shulikov connected with Jordan Cooke for a 15-yard touchdown, giving Shulikov his first career scoring throw and Cooke his first touchdown reception.

In the backfield, Robert Freeman IV added spark with career-long plays both rushing (30 yards) and on a 35-yard kick return, finishing the night with 94 all-purpose yards.

On the defensive line, Noa Calaycay recorded his first career sack while Cam'ron Willis added his sixth career sack and followed it up with a drive-ending tackle for loss.

Running back Dason Brooks broke loose for a 27-yard touchdown late in the second quarter, his fifth career rushing score, before adding another touchdown in the fourth. Brooks finished with 132 rushing yards, his best outing since a 136-yard performance against Southern Utah in 2024.

More Highlights

The passing game continued to produce explosive plays, highlighted by Ian Duarte's 64-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter, the longest reception of his career and one of the longest offensive plays for Idaho State since 2000.

Special teams also made their presence felt, as Mason Lindberg notched the second tackle of his career on kickoff coverage, while Rylan Leathers opened the second half with a booming hit on the return team that helped pin UNLV at its own seven-yard line after a penalty.

Defensively, Bronson Childs joined Calaycay and Willis in the sack column, giving the Bengals three on the day, while linebacker Teilor Tuioti paced the defense with 13 total tackles.

Team Notes

Idaho State finished the opener with 555 yards of total offense, outgaining UNLV's 532 behind 395 passing yards and 160 on the ground.

The Bengals recorded 30 first downs, converted five third downs, and built a 10-0 lead in the first quarter before holding a 31-24 advantage early in the fourth.

Nine different receivers caught passes, with Cooke throwing for 380 yards and Shulikov adding his touchdown strike on the trick play.

Despite four turnovers, the Bengals showed a balanced and explosive offense and a defense that produced timely stops with sacks, forced fumbles, and tackles for loss.

NOTEWORTHY

Idaho State's offense generated three plays of 30 yards or more, including Duarte's 64-yard touchdown reception, Brooks' 27-yard touchdown run, and Freeman IV's 35-yard kick return.

The Bengal attack featured completions to nine different receivers, and the defense combined for three sacks and a forced fumble.

GAME 2 – ISU AT SOUTHERN UTAH

Idaho State showed flashes in the passing game and on defense despite a 46–24 loss in Cedar City.

Quarterback Jordan Cooke threw for 334 yards and a touchdown, spreading completions to eight different receivers.

Wideouts Michael Shulikov (7 catches, 115 yards) and Damien Morgan (5 catches, 98 yards, 19-yard TD) paced the aerial attack, while Tsion Nunnally added a career-high 82 receiving yards, including a 33-yard grab that set up a score.

The Bengals produced a key momentum shift in the second quarter when Rylan Leathers forced a fumble that Mason Young scooped and returned 15 yards for a touchdown, cutting the deficit to one possession.

Young finished with six tackles, while Leathers and line-backer Nathan Reynolds tied for the team lead with 11 stops each. Cam'ron Willis notched his seventh career sack, and Bronson Childs added a tackle for loss.

Kicker Trajan Sinatra hit a 40-yard field goal in the fourth quarter and converted all three PATs. Returner Robert Freeman IV provided a boost with a 41-yard kickoff return, and Ian Duarte added two returns for 37 yards. Punter Gabriel Russo averaged 46.6 yards on five punts, including a career-long 74-yarder.

Idaho State finished with 361 yards of total offense, highlighted by 338 through the air.

The Bengals converted 4-of-14 third downs and went 2-for-3 in the red zone. Nine players recorded receptions, with Cooke completing passes of 47, 33, and 31 yards. The defense forced two turnovers, including Young's fumble return touchdown, and registered five tackles for loss and one sack.

Noteworthy

Shulikov (115 yards) and Morgan (98 yards) gave ISU two 90+ yard receivers in the same game for the first time this season.

Nunnally's 82 yards marked a career best.

Freeman IV's 41-yard kickoff return was ISU's first in the 40–49 yard range since Benji Omayebu's 47-yarder vs. Central Arkansas in 2022, and the program's first return of 40+ yards since Justice Jackson's 85-yard runback at Eastern Washington on Nov. 16, 2024.

Russo's 74-yard punt was his career long and the longest by an ISU player since Kevin Ryan's 65-yarder at BYU on Nov. 6, 2021.

SCORIGAMI

The 46-24 final score is the first scorigami of the 2025 season for the Bengals. the previous scorigami occurring at Eastern Washington in 2024.

IDAHO STATE TWO-DEEP AT UNM (09/06/2025)

OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE (LT)

#62 WILL DAVIS, R-SO. | 6-3 | 318
#67 BROOX MCGIVEN, SO. | 6-5 | 333

LEFT GUARD (LG)

#53 MESSIAH MOYE, SR. | 5-9 | 279
#77 OSIEL MORENO, JR. | 6-3 | 300

CENTER (C)

#50 ALEX RAMIREZ, SR. | 6-1 | 298
#53 MESSIAH MOYE, SR. | 5-9 | 279

RIGHT GUARD (RG)

#76 JAEDON GARCIA, R-JR. | 6-3 | 304
#77 OSIEL MORENO, JR. | 6-3 | 300

RIGHT TACKLE (RT)

#51 STRYKER RASHID, R-JR. | 6-5 | 295
#71 MESSIAH JOHNSON, R-FR. | 6-3 | 317

WIDE RECEIVER (X)

#9 TSION NUNNALLY, R-SR. | 6-4 | 231
#22 AIDEN GARCIA, R-JR. | 6-3 | 192

RECEIVER (Z)

#14 MIKE SHULIKOV, SR. | 6-6 | 226
#80 JULIAN MASON, R-JR. | 5-10 | 185

TAILBACK (TB)

#28 DASON BROOKS, R-JR. | 5-11 | 228
#5 ROBERT FREEMAN IV, R-JR. | 5-7 | 169

SLOT RECEIVER (H)

#0 DAMIEN MORGAN, R-JR. | 5-10 | 181
#4 JONAH BURTON, R-JR. | 5-11 | 201

SLOT RECEIVER (Y)

#11 IAN DUARTE, R-SO. | 5-10 | 176
#13 RAIDEN BROWN, R-SO. | 5-11 | 175

QUARTERBACK (QB)

#8 JACKSON SHARMAN, R-SO. | 6-2 | 201
#1 JORDAN COOKE, R-JR. | 6-4 | 234

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

#10 MAKU TU'AKOI, SR. | 6-6 | 236
#96 BRONSON CHILDS, JR. | 6-4 | 258

NOSE GUARD (NG)

#97 COLLIN LEWIS, R-SO. | 6-1 | 312
#99 GRANT HESSLER, SR. | 6-2 | 291

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)

#98 JAKE EAST, SO. | 6-4 | 283
#90 BEAU JAKUES, R-SO | 6-2 | 255

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

#0 CAM'RON WILLIS, SR. | 6-0 | 218
#37 LUKE BERRY, R-SO | 6-2 | 236

LINEBACKER (LB)

#7 NATHAN REYNOLDS, JR. | 6-3 | 245
#44 JACOB PEREZ, SO. | 6-3 | 229

LINEBACKER (LB)

#8 TEILOR TUIOTI, SR. | 6-1 | 227
#5 JAYDEN BELL, R-JR. | 6-2 | 230

SAFETY (S)

#21 RYLAN LEATHERS, R.FR. | 6-0 | 188
#6 TROY WILKEY, JR. | 5-9 | 171

SAFETY (S)

#22 MASON YOUNG, SR. | 5-10 | 199
#3 JANARI BOONE JR | 6-0 | 206

NICKEL (N)

#23 TRE SHORTY, FR. | 5-10 | 180
#12 DAVION ROSS GR. | 5-11 | 195

CORNERBACK (CB)

#1 GABE TAHIR, R-SO. | 6-1 | 190
#30 MIKE LINDSAY, R-FR. | 6-1 | 181

CORNERBACK (CB)

#15 NOA CALAYCAY, R-SO. | 6-1 | 173
#31 BRYCE MCCRAY, FR. | 6-3 | 177

PRONUNCIATIONS/(NICKNAMES)

1 GABE TAHIR - TAH-HEER

7 JAVONI GARDERE - GAR-DEER

8 TEILOR TUIOTI - TAYLOR TOO-EE-O-TEE

9 TSION NUNNALLY - ZION NONE-UH-LEE

10 MAKU TU'AKOI - MAH-KAH TWO-AH-KOY

11 JUNIOR DAMUNI - DA-MOON-EE

14 MICHAEL SHULIKOV - SHOE-LICK-KOV (MIKE)

15 NOA CALAYCAY - KA-LAY-KAY

16 AMARI MAZEKE - MAH - ZEEK

18 MAKEO SNEDDON - MA-KAY-OH

31 MATTHEW SEBADE - SEH-BADE-EE

34 GABE RUSSO - ROO-SEW

36 TRAJAN SINATRA - TREY SINATRA

38 LEKA TU'AKOI - LEH-KAH TWO-AH-KOY

56 KANIGH SNYDER - KAH-NYE

61 ZACHARY SHIROMA - SHIR-OH-MAH

65 JAXSEN TUIA - TOO-EE-AH

77 - OSIEL MORENO - O-SEE-EL MORE-EH-NO

80 JULIAN MASON - (JUICE)

83 GARED WOOD - GARE-ED (HARD G)W

90 BEAU JAKUES - JAKES

92 ZION TO'OTO'O - ZION TOE-OH-TOE-OH

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER (P)

#34 GABE RUSSO, R-SO | 6-0 | 232
#36 TRAJAN SINATRA, SO | 5-10 | 193

KICKER (K)

#36 TRAJAN SINATRA, SO | 5-11 | 193
#26 MASON LINDBERG, R-FR | 6-1 | 174

HOLDER (H)

#34 GABE RUSSO, R-SO | 6-0 | 232
#31 MATT SEBADE, SR. | 6-0 | 196

LONG SNAPPER (LS)

#45 RYAN CARTER, R-SO. | 5-10 | 210
#18 JACKSON IRWIN, JR. | 6-3 | 232

KICK RETURN (KO)

#5 ROBERT FREEMAN IV, R-JR. | 5-7 | 169
#11 IAN DUARTE, R-SO | 5-10 | 176

PUNT RETURN (PR)

#11 IAN DUARTE, R-SO | 5-10 | 176
#4 JONAH BURTON, R-JR | 5-11 | 201

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JERSEY_NUMBER	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	YEAR	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS_SCHOOL
0	DAMIEN	MORGAN	WR	5'10"	178	R-JR.	MODESTO, CA	CHABOT COLLEGE
0	CAMRON	WILLIS	DL	6'0"	218	SR.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	DAVIDSON COLLEGE
1	JORDAN	COOKE	QB	6'4"	234	SR.	SANTA ROSA, CA	DIABLO VALLEY CC
1	GABE	TAHIR	CB	6'1"	187	R-SO.	KENNEWICK, WA	BOISE STATE
2	ADONIJAH	RICHARDS	CB	5'9"	177	R-SR.	SAN DIEGO, CA	RIDLEY COLLEGE
2	BRETT	SPENCER	QB	6'0"	206	SO.	WEISER HS	WEISER ID
3	JANARI	BOONE	S	6'0"	209	JR.	VALLEJO, CA	COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO
4	JONAH	BURTON	WR	5'11"	196	R-JR.	SIMI VALLEY, CA	BAYLOR
4	JACKSON	DANIELS	CB	6'2"	152	SO.	SAN DIEGO, CA	HELIIX HS
5	JAYDEN	BELL	S	6'3"	224	R-JR.	POCATELLO, ID	HIGHLAND HS
5	JEREMIAH	CRUM	WR	5'8"	185	GR.	KAHULUI, HI	CITY COLLEGE SAN FRAN
5	ROBERT	FREEMAN IV	RB	5'63"	169	R-JR.	EL CERRITO, CA	UTAH STATE
6	CARSON	SUDBURY	RB	5'11"	197	R-FR.	SOUTH JORDAN UT	BINGHAM HS
6	TROY	WILKEY	S	5'87"	171	JR.	MERIDIAN, ID	BOISE STATE
7	JAVONI	GARDERE	WR	6'0"	195	R-JR.	DUBLIN, CA	UTEP
7	NATHAN	REYNOLDS	LB	6'3"	245	JR.	MERIDIAN, ID	MERIDIAN HS
8	JACKSON	SHARMAN	QB	6'2"	202	R-SO.	TORRANCE, CA	WEST TORRANCE HS
8	TEILOR	TUOTI	LB	6'1"	222	GR.	LINCOLN, NE	NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE
9	TSION	NUNNALLY	WR	6'4"	228	SR.	SANTA ROSA, CA	WASHINGTON STATE
9	DEVIN	RODRIGUEZ	LB	6'1"	222	SO.	POCATELLO, ID	POCATELLO HS
10	LOGAN	GONZALEZ	QB	6'1"	193	JR.	ORANGE, CA	MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
10	MAKA	TU'AKOI	DL	6'6"	240	SR.	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	UTAH STATE
11	JUNIOR	DAMUNI	S	6'0"	231	SR.	PROVIDENCE, UT	RIDGELINE HS
11	IAN	DUARTE	WR	5'10"	175	R-SO.	SANTA CLARA, CA	EAGLE HS
12	DOMONICK	RUIZ	WR	5'9"	191	FR.	TEMPE, AZ	CORONA DEL SOL HS
12	DAVION	ROSS	DB	5'11"	195	GR.	SACRAMENTO, CA	SACRAMENTO STATE
13	RAIDEN	BROWN	WR	5'11"	158	R-SO.	LONG BEACH, CA	LONG BEACH POLY
13	DEKKER	HAGLER	S	6'0"	204	R-SO.	MIDDLETON, ID	MIDDLETON HS
14	MICHAEL	SHULIKOV	WR	6'6"	225	SR.	BOISE, ID	CENTENNIAL HS
14	LEKA	TU'AKOI	DL	6'3"	218	SO.	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	ALTA HS
15	NOA	CALAYCAY	CB	6'1"	172	JR.	VIENNA, AUSTRIA	VIKINGS FOOTBALL ACADEMY
15	WYATT	HORTON	QB	5'11"	185	FR.	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	PINNACLE HS
16	DAVIS	HARSIN	QB	6'1"	192	R-FR.	EAGLE, ID	EAGLE HS
16	AMARI	MAZEKE	LB	5'10"	205	SO.	CLOVIS, CA	REEDLEY COLLEGE
17	JOSH	BALL	WR	5'10"	166	R-FR.	LEAGUE CITY, TX	CARLSBAD HS
17	MAKEO	SNEDDON	S	6'0"	201	SO.	EAGLE, ID	EAGLE HS
18	ELIJAH	BEAMON	WR	5'11"	180	FR.	QUEEN CREEK AZ	CASTEEL HS
18	JACKSON	IRWIN	LB	6'4"	230	R-JR.	MISSION VIEJO, CA	SADDELEBACK CC
20	JAYLON	BROWN	CB	6'1"	186	SR.	CHANDLER, AZ	COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS
20	TYTAN	MASON	RB	5'9"	213	ST.	GEORGE, UT	DESERT HILLS HS
21	RYLAN	LEATHERS	S	5'11"	185	SO.	AMARILLO, TX	AMARILLO HS
21	JACOB	MARTIN	WR	6'7"	182	FR.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	EDISON HS
22	AIDEN	GARCIA	WR	6'3"	190	R-JR.	QUEEN CREEK AZ	HIGLEY HS
22	MASON	YOUNG	S	5'10"	201	SR.	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	SADDELEBACK CC
22	AIDAN	GARCIA	WR	6'3"	192	R-JR.	QUEEN CREEK, AZ	HIGLEY HS
23	TRE	SHORTY	CB	5'10"	180	FR.	GILBERT, AZ	WILLIAMS FIELD HS

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23	ROBBIE	MASCHERONI JR	WR	6'4"	209	SO.	MORAGA, CA	UC DAVIS
24	ISAIAH	COOK	S	5'10	182	FR.	VISTA, CA	MATER DEI CATHOLIC HS
24	ZACK	HOMAN	RB	5'115"	211	FR.	SANTA ROSA, CA	CARDINAL NEWMAN HS
25	JACKSON	RIDDLE	RB	5'11"	205	SO.	POCATELLO, ID	HIGHLAND HS
26	MASON	LINDBERG	K	6'1	171	SO.	MESA, AZ	MOUNTAIN VIEW HS
26	SANBORNE	MELSON	CB	6'0"	185	R-SQ.	PORTLAND, OR	
27	JAYLIN	WILSON	CB	5'11	183	FR.	LANCASTER, CA	PARACLETE HS
28	DASON	BROOKS	RB	5'11"	240	JR.	CHANDLER, AZ	CHANDLER HS
28	TREY	JACOBSEN	LB	6'11"	208	FR.	MERIDIAN, ID	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HS
29	AIDEN	BROWN	RB			FR.	KALAMA, WA	KALAMA HS
29	ELFRED	SEGBE	DB	5'7"	166	JR.	REISTERTOWN, MD	EDINBORO UNIVERSITY
30	MIKE	LINDSAY	CB	6'1	180	SO.	LOS ANGELES, CA	BISHOP ALEMANY HS
30	HUNTER	RODDY	RB	5'11"	215	R-SQ.	MURIETTA, CA	ARMY
31	BRYCE	MCCRAY	CB	6'3	177	FR.	LAKEWOOD, WA	LAKES HS
31	MATT	SEBADE	K	6'0"	196	SR.	GAINESVILLE, TX	CENTRAL COLLEGE
32	TY	BEADLE	LB	6'2"	228	FR.	EASTVALE, CA	ROOSEVELT HS
34	PORTER	LEE	LB	6'5"	222	FR.		
34	GABE	RUSSO	P/K	6'0"	232	R-SQ.	MONTGOMERY, AL	AUBURN
35	JONATHAN	WATTS	S	6'3	182	SO.	UNION CITY, CA	LANEY COLLEGE
36	SANBOURNE	MELSON	CB	6'0"	184	R-FR.	PORTLAND, OR	JEERSON HS
36	TRAJAN	SINATRA	P/K	5'10"	193	SO.	SAN JOSE, CA	FOOTHILL COLLEGE
37	SCOTT	ATKINSON	LS	5'9"	191	GR.	BURLINGAME, CA	HAWAII
37	LUKE	BERRY	DL	6'17"	236	R-SQ.	SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA	TULSA
38	TREY	BROADBENT	S	5'101"	185	FR.	MERIDIAN, ID	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HS
39	JASON	SWIGGER	LS	6'1"	222	SO.	LAKE FOREST, CA	SADDEBACK CC
40	PARKER	GRAHAM	LB	5'9"	189	FR.	RIGBY, ID	RIGBY HS
42	EASTON	COOK	DL	6'2"	242	JR.	SALEM, UT	SNOW COLLEGE
43	ELIJAH	ANDERSON	S	6'2"	194			
44	JACOB	PEREZ	LB	6'3"	229	R-FR.	IDAHO FALLS, ID	BONNEVILLE HS
45	RYAN	CARTER	LS	5'10"	219	R-SQ.	PEORIA, AZ	ARIZONA CHRISTIAN
46	RYDER	HOLT	LB	6'3"	215	FR.	LEHI, UT	SKYRIDGE HS
48	JINHYUN	KANG	P	6'2"	198	JR.	ARLINGTON, TX	PANTEGO CHRISTIAN
50	ALEX	RAMIREZ	OL	6'1"	287	R-SR.	MODESTO, CA	MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
51	STRYKER	RASHID	OL	6'5"	270	JR.	WEBER, UT	UTAH TECH
52	PO	MAMA	DL	6'21"	252	FR.	LEHI, UT	LEHI HS
53	MESSIAH	MOYE	OL	5'9"	285	GR.	WEBER, UT	COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO
54	JORGEN	MILLER	OL	6'3"	288	JR.	SAN MATEO, CA	MOUNTAIN CREST HS
55	GUNNAR	CLARK	OL	6'2"	292	JR.	MOUNTAIN HOME, ID	MOUNTAIN HOME HS
56	KANIGH	SNYDER	DL	6'2"	261	R-FR.	RENO, NV	BYU
57	FRANK	KISSICK	LB	6'2	236	R-FR.	FALL CITY, WA	MOUNT SI HS
57	EXANDER	MILLER	OL	6'4	271	R-FR.	HYRUM, UT	MOUNTAIN CREST HS
58	LUKAS	JACKSON	OL	6'17"	276			
59	BRADY	PHILLIPS	DL	6'3"	270	R-FR.	KELSO, WA	AIR FORCE PREP
60	WYATT	ORTON	OL	6'5"	371	FR.	KANAB, UT	KANAB HS
61	ZACHARY	SHIROMA	OL	6'0"	260	SR.	MILILANI, HI	MILILANI, HAWAII
62	WILLIAM	DAVIS	OL	6'3"	322	SO.	PORTLAND, OR	FRANKLIN HS
63	LOGAN	SHEARING	OL	6'2"	251	FR.	MERIDIAN, ID	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HS

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65	JAXSEN	TUIA	OL	6'2"	267	R-SQ.	POCATELLO, ID	SNOW COLLEGE
66	JUSTIN	FROST	OL	6'5	289	R-FR.	MILILANI, HI	IMBLER HS
67	BROOX	MCGIVIN	OL	6'5"	333	SQ.	MORGAN, UT	SNOW COLLEGE
68	MIGUEL	SANTOS	OL	6'3	272	R-FR.	OGDEN, UT	BEN LOMOND HS
70	TREVOR	HAMMOND	OL	6'4"	273	FR.	KIMBERLY, ID	KIMBERLY HS
71	MESSIAH	JOHNSON	OL	6'3	312	SQ.	KAPOLEI, HI	EVERE' ALVARES HS
72	DAVID	GREEN	OL	6'1"	298	FR.	VICTORVILLE, CA	SERRANO HS
75	JAKE	HELLMANN	OL	6'5"	310	SR.	PORTLAND, OR	UTAH STATE
76	JAEDON	GARCIA	OL	6'3"	312	R-JR.	WAIANAE, HI	WAIANAE HS
77	OSIEL	MORENO	OL	6'3"	290	JR.	CATHEDRAL CITY, CA	MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
79	REX	SALAS	OL	6'4	301	FR.	REXBURG, ID	MADISON HS
80	JULIAN	MASON	WR	5'10"	187	R-JR.	SALINAS, CA	GRAHAM-KAPOWSIN HS
81	BRADEN	ALBRECHT	WR	6'3	197	R-FR.	TACOMA, WA	MAUI HS
82	TOMMY	POE	WR	6'4"	196	R-FR.	PENRYN, CA	SACRAMENTO STATE
83	GARED	WOOD	WR	5'8"	176	FR.	ITALY, TX	ITALY HS
84	TAYLOR	FREEMAN	WR	6'1"	186	R-FR.	CARLSBAD, CA	RIGBY HS
85	SIMEON	BROWN	WR	6'4"	200	FR.	CARMEL, CA	CARMEL HS
86	ROBBIE	MASCHERONI	WR	6'4"	204	SQ.	MORAGA, CA	UC DAVIS
88	KAI	WHEELER	WR	6'2"	207	FR.	COEUR D'ALENE, ID	COEUR D'ALENE HS
89	ADAM	WATTS	WR	5'9"	182	R-SQ.	VANCOUVER, WA	COLOMBIA RIVER
90	BEAU	JAQUES	DL	6'2"	245	SQ.	MERIDIAN, ID	OWYHEE HS
92	ZION	TO'OTO'O	DL	6'2"	257	R-JR.	KAPOLEI, HI	KAPOLEI HS
93	JAGGER	CHILDS	DL	6'4'	279	R-SQ.	KENNEWICK, WA	WEBER STATE
94	MALIK	RICHARDSON	DL	6'2"	275	SQ.	OAKLAND, CA	MCCLYMONDS HS
95	CADE	CLYDE	DL	6'3"	278	FR.	CONNELL, WA	CONNELL HS
96	BRONSON	CHILDS	DL	6'4"	254	JR.	KENNEWICK, WA	WEBER STATE
97	COLLIN	LEWIS	DL	6'1"	317	R-SQ.	PRICE, UT	SNOW COLLEGE
98	JAKE	EAST	DL	6'4	276	SQ.	OGDEN, UT	BEN LOMOND HS
99	GRANT	HESSLER	DL	6'2"	291	SR.	TEMECULA, CA	UNLV

Pronunciations

1 GABE TAHIR - TAH-HEER	38 LEKA TU'AKOI - LEH-KAH TWO-AH-KOI
7 JAVONI GARDERE - GAR-DEER	56 KANIGH SNYDER - KAH-NYE
8 TEILOR TUIOTI - TAYLOR TOO-EE-O-TEE	61 ZACHARY SHIROMA - SHIR-OH-MAH
9 TSION NUNNALLY - ZION NONE-UH-LEE	65 JAXSEN TUIA - TOO-EE-AH
10 MAKI TU'AKOI - MAH-KAH TWO-AH-KOI	77 - OSIEL MORENO - O-SEE-EL MORE-EH-NO
11 JUNIOR DAMUNI - DA-MOON-EE	80 JULIAN MASON - (JUICE)
14 MICHAEL SHULIKOV - SHOE-LICK-KOV (MIKE)	83 GARED WOOD - GARE-ED (HARD G)W
15 NOA CALAYCAY - KA-LAY-KAY	90 BEAU JAKUES - JAKES
16 AMARI MAZEKE -	92 ZION TO'OTO'O - ZION TOE-OH-TOE-OH
18 MAKEO SNEDDON - MA-KAY-OH	
31 MATTHEW SEBADE - SEH-BADE-EE	
34 GABE RUSSO - ROO-SEW	
36 TRAJAN SINATRA - TREY SINATRA	

Roster Weight Comparisons

Idaho State Football: Position Group Weight Comparisons

- Defensive Backs (DB)** – 3,686 lbs
Roughly the weight of 75 medium pepperoni pizzas.
- Defensive Line (DL)** – 4,126 lbs
Like a small parade float filled with watermelons.
- Linebackers (LB)** – 2,693 lbs
Equal to 10 full-grown Saint Bernards.
- Offensive Line (OL)** – 5,613 lbs
Comparable to a bakery truck full of bagels.
- Quarterbacks (QB)** – 1,213 lbs
About the same as 3 vending machines.
- Running Backs (RB)** – 1,434 lbs
Roughly a double-scoop ice cream truck.
- Specialists (SPEC)** – 1,203 lbs
Like a drumline carrying instruments.
- Wide Receivers (WR)** – 3,249 lbs
Close to 20 bowling balls and a tuba.
- Idaho State Football Team Total** – 23,217 lbs
That's the weight of a full-size tour bus.

Staff

HEAD COACHCODY HAWKINS

Jeff Pitman.....	Associate Head Coach
Grant Duff.....	Defensive Coordinator
Buddy Blevins.....	Co-Offensive Coordinator
Scott Thiessen.....	Special Teams/Safeties
Jacob Thomas.....	Running Backs
John Hughes.....	Offensive Line
Devin Holiday.....	Corners
Keith Price.....	Wide Receivers
Bobby Jay.....	Safeties
Ricky Ali'ifua.....	Defensive Line
Tipa Galeai.....	Defensive Line Assistant
Samson Anguay.....	Wide Receiver Assistant
Dan Hawkins.....	Assistant Coach/ Senior Advisor
Mason Randall.....	Assistant Quarterbacks
Kamden Garrett.....	Assistant Corners
Anthony Morales.....	Assistant Offensive Line



ON THE FIELD



HC - CODY HAWKINS



DC - GRANT DUFF



S/SP - SCOTT THIESSEN



WR - KEITH PRICE



QB - MASON RANDALL



OL - JOHN HUGHES



DL - RICKY ALI'IFUA



DB - DEVIN HOLIDAY



WR - SAMSON ANGUAY



SP - DAN HAWKINS

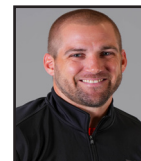
IN THE PRESSBOX



QC - BUDDY BLEVINS



RB - JAKE THOMAS



S - BOBBY JAY



ST - SCOTT ATKINSON



QC - KENTON BARTLETT



QC - KAM GARRETT



DL - TIPA GALEAI



DL - ANTHONY MORALES

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	#	Name	Pos.	#	Name	Pos.
81	Braden Albrecht	WR	34	Porter Lee	LB	42	Maka Tu'Akoi	DL
43	Elijah Anderson	S	97	Collin Lewis	DL	89	Adam Watts	WR
37	Scott Atkinson	LS	26	Mason Lindberg	K	31	Jonathan Watts	S
83	Josh Ball	WR	30	Mike Lindsay	CB	88	Kai Wheelier	WR
85	Elijah Beamon	WR	52	Po Mama	DL	6	Troy Wilkey	S
5	Jayden Bell	S	82	Jacob Martin	WR	39	Cam'Ron Willis	D27
91	Luke Berry	DL	86	Robbie Mascheroni	WR		Jaylin Wilson	CB
12	Janari Boone	S	80	Julian Mason	WR	27	Gared Wood	WR
32	Trey Broadbent	S	20	Tytan Mason	RB	22	Mason Young	S
28	Dason Brooks	RB	26	Bryce McCray	CB	38	Zerek Younis	K
29	Aiden Brown	RB	73	Broox McGivin	OL			
20	Jaylon Brown	CB	36	Sanbourne Melson	CB			
13	Raiden Brown	WR	57	Exander Miller	OL			
85	Simeon Brown	WR	54	Jorgen Miller	OL			
17	Jonah Burton	WR	77	Osiel Moreno	OL			
15	Noa Calaycay	CB	0	Damien Morgan	WR			
43	Ryan Carter	LS	53	Messiah Moya	OL			
96	Bronson Childs	DL	9	Tsion Nunnally	WR			
69	Jagger Childs	DL	60	Wyatt Orton	OL			
55	Gunnar Clark	OL	44	Jacob Perez	LB			
95	Cade Clyde	DL	59	Brady Phillips	DL			
93	Easton Cook	DL	87	Tommy Poe	WR			
24	Isaiah Cook	S	50	Alex Ramirez	OL			
1	Jordan Cooke	QB	51	Stryker Rashid	OL			
5	Jeremiah Crum	WR	7	Nathan Reynolds	LB			
11	Junior Damuni	S	2	Adonijah Richards	CB			
13	Jackson Daniels	CB	94	Malik Richardson	DL			
62	William Davis	OL	5	Jackson Riddle	RB			
11	Ian Duarte	WR	32	Hunter Roddy	RB			
98	Jake East	DL	16	Devin Rodriguez	LB			
4	Robert Freeman	RB	21	Domonick Ruiz	WR			
84	Taylor Freeman	WR	79	Rex Salas	OL			
66	Justin Frost	OL	68	Miguel Santos	OL			
22	Aiden Garcia	WR	40	Matthew Sebade	K			
76	Jaedon Garcia	OL	29	Elfred Segbe	DB			
16	Javoni Gardere	WR	8	Jackson Sharman	QB			
10	Logan Gonzalez	QB	63	Logan Shearing	OL			
40	Parker Graham	LB	61	Zachary Shiroma	OL			
72	David Green	OL	23	Tre Shorty	CB			
14	Dekker Hagler	S	14	Michael Shulikov	WR			
78	Trevor Hammond	OL	49	Trajan Sinatra	P/K			
18	Davis Harsin	QB	24	Andre Skelton	RB			
75	Jake Hellmann	OL	18	Makeo Sneddon	S			
31	Zack Homan	RB	56	Kanigh Snyder	DL			
15	Wyatt Horton	QB	2	Brett Spencer	QB			
18	Jackson Irwin	LB	23	Carson Sudbury	RB			
58	Lukas Jackson	OL	34	Jason Swigger	LS			
28	Trey Jacobsen	LB	1	Gabe Tahir	CB			
90	Beau Jaques	DL	25	Rylen Thomson	K			
71	Messiah Johnson	OL	92	Zion To'oto'o	DL			
48	Jinhyun Kang	P	65	Jaxsen Tuia	OL			
57	Frank Kissick	LB	8	Teilor Tuioti	LB			
21	Rylan Leathers	S	38	Leka Tu'Akoi	DL			

2025 OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Game	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
UNLV	Cooke	Brooks	Burton	Mason	Duarte	Shulikov	Davis	Miller	Moye	Hellmann	Rashid
SUU	Cooke	Freeman IV	Morgan	Nunnally	Duarte	Shulikov	Davis	Moye	Ramirez	Hellmann	Rashid
New Mexico											
Lincoln											
UNC											
Montana											
Montana State											
NAU											
UC Davis											
Cal Poly											
Weber State											
Idaho											

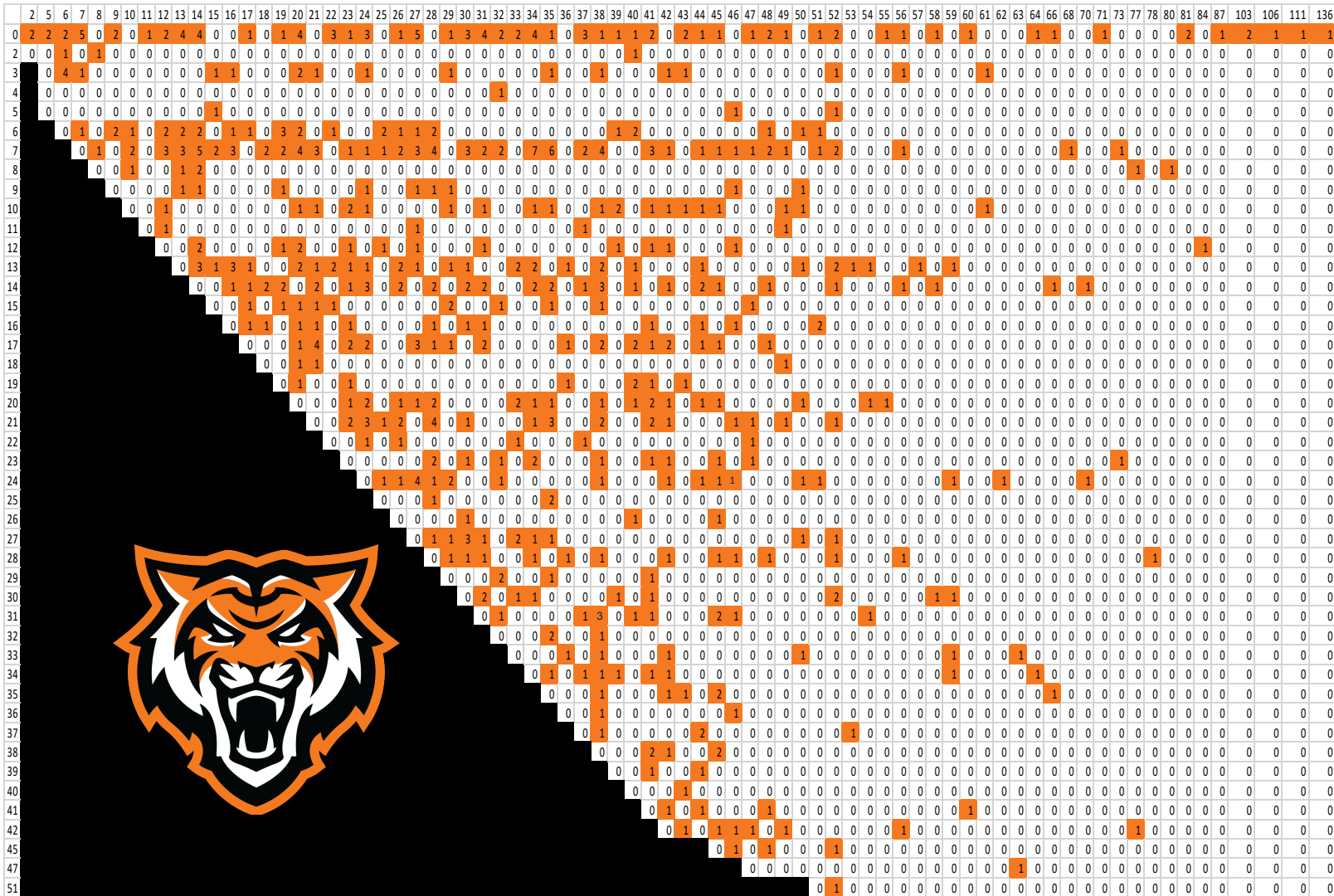
2025 DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Game	DE	NG	DT	DE	LB	LB	S	S	Nickel	CB	CB+
UNLV	Tu'Akoi	Lewis	East	Willis	Reynolds	Tuioti	Leathers	Young	Shorty	Tahir	Calaycay
SUU	Tu'Akoi	Lewis	East	Willis	Reynolds	Tuioti	Leathers	Young	Shorty	Tahir	Calaycay
New Mexico											
Lincoln											
UNC											
Montana											
Montana State											
NAU											
UC Davis											
Cal Poly											
Weber State											
Idaho											

FINAL 2024 BIG SKY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CONF %	OVERALL	CONF %	PF-PA	HOME	AWAY	Neutral	STREAK
Cal Poly	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	41-17	0-0	1-0		W1
Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	17-3	1-0	0-0		W1
UC Davis	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	31-24	0-0	1-0		W1
Montana	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0		
Eastern Washington	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	21-31	0-0	0-1		L1
Idaho	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	10-13	0-0	0-1		L1
Montana State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	13-59	0-0	0-1		L1
Northern Arizona	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	19-38	0-0	0-1		L1
Sacramento State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3-20	0-0	0-1		L1
Weber State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	10-45	0-0	0-1		L1
Idaho State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	55-84	0-0	0-2		L2
Portland State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-111	0-1	0-1		L2

BENGAL SCORIGAMI



WHAT IS SCORIGAMI?

Scorigami is the art of building final scores that have never happened before. The Concept was thought of by Jon Bois who sought to find unique scores in NFL history. In this case, we use it to see how often a score or range of points scored occurs, essentially creating a heat map of results across ISU football's history. Each data point is the final

HOW DO I READ THIS CHART?

The winning team's score is along the top (Horizontal axis) and the losing team's score is along the left (vertical axis). Scores marked in orange have happened, scores in white have not yet happened, scores in black are impossible. The bottom half is all black because the losing team can not score more points than the winning team. The numbers inside the green squares are the amount of times that score has happened. The higher the number in the green square, the more common the score.

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Unique Scores
in ISU Football History

46-24

Most Recent
ISU at SUU
Aug. 30, 2025

38

Most Common Winning Score
29 Occurrences

34-7

Most Common Score
7 Times in ISU Football History

Top-10 Common Winning Scores

Winning Score	Occurrences
38	28
35	22
28	22
41	20
34	19
20	18
42	17
45	16
24	16
27	16

20

Most Common Losing Score
25 Occurrences



CODY HAWKINS HEAD COACH



3RD SEASON
ALL TIME AT ISU | 8-16
ALL TIME CONFERENCE | 6-10

Cody Hawkins was named the 20th Head Coach of the Idaho State football program in the winter of 2022.

2024 saw a marked improvement in the Bengal program. Picked 10th in the Big Sky preseason poll, Hawkins led the Bengals to a 5-7 overall record and a 6th-place finish in the Big Sky Conference, the highest win total for the Bengals since the 2018 season.



**HAWKINS HUGS PLAYERS AFTER BENGALS 42-41 COMEBACK
VICTORY OVER #22 EASTERN WASHINGTON ON 10/14/23**

On November 9, 2024 Cody Hawkins led the Bengals to a 43-35 win over Weber State in Ogden and bring the Train Bell Trophy back to Pocatello. Hawkins became the first ISU Head Coach to win in Ogden since Jim Koetter in the 1984 season.

Under Hawkins, the Bengals earned seven Player of the Week awards, five coming from Bengal kickers Ross Bolger and Gabe Panikowski. The Bengals finished the 2024 season with one of the top kicking squads in the nation. Panikowski finished perfect on the year in field goals and was named a first-team All-American and the recipient of the Fred Mitchell Outstanding place-kicker award.

Hawkins also coached two of the top receivers in the Big Sky in the 2024 season. Jeff Weimer and Christian Fredericksen were both named 1st team all-conference for their efforts during the season. Weimer became just the 9th Bengal receiver in program history with over 1,000 receiving yards, ending the season with 1,016. Fredericksen was also on track to pass the 1,000 mark before being sidelined for the final game of the season with a lower-body injury.

Idaho state finished the 2024 season a top-10 passing offense in the nation averaging 298.4 yards per game. 15th in the nation in total offense at 427.9 yards per game, T-9th in 4th down conversion percentage at .333 and 13th in the nation in first down offense. On special teams, the Bengals finished 14th in the nation in net punting. The Bengal offensive line finished the season number 6 in

the nation in sacks allowed with only .83 allowed per game and number 7 in tackles for loss allowed.

His first year at the helm of the Bengal program 2023, Hawkins finished 3-8, with a 42-41 win over #22 Eastern Washington.

During the regular season, the Idaho State Bengals held the No. 1 passing offense in the FCS 330.1 passing yards per game. The Bengal passing game was led by first-team All-Big Sky, and Walter Payton Award Finalist wide receiver Chedon James. James finished the 2023 season with 1,045 receiving yards, 7th best all-time in Idaho State team history.

Hawkins also earned two other all-conference nods in 2023. Bengal linebacker Calvin Pitcher was named 2nd team all-Big Sky and Defensive Lineman David Rowe was named honorable mention.

Hawkins came to the Bengals after serving five seasons as a member of the UC Davis Aggie coaching staff, and three years as the offensive coordinator. He brought an extensive and successful coaching career at the youth, high school, collegiate, professional and international levels prior to his arrival at UC Davis in 2017.

Hawkins also brings an extensive knowledge of the game after learning from Washington head coach Chris Petersen, Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer, Texas head coach Tom Herman, former Boise State head coach Dirk Koetter, and former Montreal Alouettes head coach Marc Trestman.

Hawkins began his coaching journey at UC Davis as a volunteer assistant but was elevated to the position of Assistant Director of Football Operations and Recruiting following the team's historic 2018 season. Under his guidance, Aggie wideouts played a crucial role in the team's success, helping UC Davis ranking third nationally in passing offense and eighth in scoring offense.

Said current UC Davis Head Coach Tim Plough, "Cody was instrumental to the team's success during the 2017 season. He has a great knowledge of the game, and more importantly, cares about developing young men off the field by creating a successful culture. I'm very happy for him and excited to see him put his spin on this talented group of wide receivers, and our offense as a whole."

That year, UC Davis finished as the top offense in the Big Sky Conference, which helped the Aggies set 46 new Big Sky-era records, faced more ranked teams (or teams receiving votes) since joining the league, won five games against Division I competition, equal to the combined total from the previous three seasons, and won five Big Sky Player of the Week awards, matching the total from the last four years.

Junior organizational studies major Keelan Doss highlighted UC Davis' receiving group by ending his season with 115 receptions, 10.5 receptions per game and 136.3 receiving yards, top numbers among all players at the FBS and Football Championship Subdivision levels when the Aggies' season ended. Doss, the Big Sky's Offensive Player of the Year and finalist for the Walter Payton Award which is presented to the most outstanding offensive player in the nation, all FCS players with 1,499 receiving yards.

Hawkins joined UC Davis after leading Los Angeles Valley College to its best record in school history (11-0), a conference and state championship at its offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. Under his tutelage, LAVC averaged 43.3 points per game, with numerous players continuing their playing career at the Division I level.

Team USA also experienced a similar level of offensive success and averaged 54 points a game throughout Hawkins' career as its quarterback coach and play caller.

Prior to his tenure with the National Team, Hawkins led Westview High School's offense as its coordinator, and helped develop Ohio State's wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks.



HAWKINS COACHING DURING PRACTICE

also led

At WHS (Beaverton, Ore.), Hawkins helped it earned its first playoff appearance in seven years thanks to a new offensive system that he installed. Thanks to his coaching, the team experienced a deep postseason run after leading all Oregon high schools with 3,254 passing yards, in addition to its 36 passing touchdowns.

As a member of the Buckeyes' football staff, Hawkins assisted with the mental and physical development of its offensive players, developed a comprehensive social media strategy, and content, as part of the program's elite recruiting process.

Hawkins' coaching career began in 2011 as a player/coach for the Stockholm Mean Machines, the country's oldest and most successful football organization. When he returned the U.S., he led Bishop Kelly High School (Boise, Idaho), to a 9-2 record and a berth in the state semifinals. That season, the Knights' offense enjoyed one of its most prolific seasons in school history by scoring a conference-high 42 points per game.

Success earned by those teams lead to an opportunity to coach elite quarterbacks from across the country as the quarterback coach for Elite 11/The Opening, where he became the only quarterback in the history of Nike's program to attend as an invitee, college counselor and coach.

It was this experience that led to his opportunity at Ohio State.

An elite quarterback himself, Hawkins compiled a 40-0 record as a starter at Bishop Kelly High School. In addition to leading his school to consecutive state championships, he earned Idaho Statesman State Player of the Year (2004 and 2005) and Gatorade Player of the Year (2005) accolades before continuing his playing career at Colorado.

While competing for the Buffaloes, he earned the Kordell Stewart Career Achievement Award, the Eddie Crowder Award for outstanding leadership twice, and the Derek Singleton Award (leadership, enthusiasm and dedication) on three occasions

THE HAWKINS FILE

OVERALL RECORD AT ISU : 8-17

HOME: 5-6

AWAY: 3-11

BIG SKY RECORD: 6-10

HOME: 3-5

AWAY: 3-5

SCORING 41+ POINTS: 4-1

SCORING 30-40 POINTS: 4-2

SCORING 20-29 POINTS: 0-8

SCORING 0-19 POINTS: 0-6

ALLOWING 20+ POINTS: 7-16

<u>WIN MARGIN</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
<u>1-7 POINTS</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2023 VS EASTERN WASH. (42-41)</u> <u>2024 VS SACRAMENTO ST. (30-27 OT)</u> <u>2024 AT CAL POLY (41-38)</u>
<u>8-14 POINTS</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2023 VS NORTHERN CALIF. (35-21)</u>
<u>15-21 POINTS</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2024 VS SOUTHERN UTAH (38-28)</u>
<u>22+ POINTS</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2024 VS WESTERN OREGON (50-10)</u> <u>2024 AT WEBER ST. (43-35)</u>

<u>LOSS MARGIN</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
<u>1-8 POINTS</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>2023 AT MONTANA (20-28)</u> <u>2024 AT NORTHERN ARIZONA (26-30)</u> <u>2024 VS PORTLAND STATE (38-42)</u> <u>2023 VS UC DAVIS (14-21)</u> <u>2025 AT UNLV (38-31)</u>
<u>9-14 POINTS</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2023 VS WEBER STATE (21-33)</u> <u>2024 VS MONTANA STATE (17-37)</u>
<u>15-21 POINTS</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2023 VS NORTHERN IOWA (17-41)</u> <u>2023 AT SACRAMENTO ST. (16-51)</u> <u>2024 AT OREGON ST. (15-38)</u>
<u>22+ POINTS</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>2025 AT SOUTHERN UTAH (46-24)</u> <u>2023 AT UTAH ST. (28-78)</u> <u>2023 AT IDAHO (21-63)</u> <u>2024 AT NORTH DAKOTA (28-52)</u> <u>2024 AT EASTERN WASH. (42-77)</u> <u>2024 VS IDAHO (17-40)</u>

HAWKINS YEAR BY YEAR

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>AWAY</u>	<u>NEUTRAL</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>IDAHO STATE</u>	<u>3-8 (3-5)</u>	<u>T-5TH</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>0-0</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>IDAHO STATE</u>	<u>5-7 (3-5)</u>	<u>T-5TH</u>	<u>3-3</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>0-0</u>
<u>2025</u>	<u>IDAHO STATE</u>	<u>0-2</u>		<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-0</u>

ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS: 7

ALL-AMERICANS: 3

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

GABE PANIKOWSKI, FRED MITCHELL PLACE KICKING AWARD

2025 BENGALFOOTBALL SCORING DRIVES AND TOP

2025 IDAHO STATE SUPERLATIVES

ISU at UNLV | 08/23/2025 (5 Scoring Plays, avg TOP 2:42)

1st	11:14	ISU - Sinatra,Trajan 26 yd field goal 10 plays, 67 yards, TOP 03:46
1st	05:49	ISU - Cooke,Jordan 15 yd pass from Shulikov,Michael (Sinatra,Trajan kick) 6 plays, 80 yards, TOP 02:54
2nd	02:06	ISU - Brooks,Dason 27 yd run (Sinatra,Trajan kick), 4 plays, 50 yards, TOP 01:31
3rd	04:15	ISU - Duarte,Ian 64 yd pass from Cooke,Jordan (Sinatra,Trajan kick) 5 plays, 81 yards, TOP 01:38
4th	13:40	ISU - Brooks,Dason 2 yd run (Sinatra,Trajan kick), 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 03:42

ISU at SUU | 08/230/2025 (4 Scoring Plays, avg TOP 2:51)

2nd	10:35	ISU - Morgan,Damien 19 yd pass from Cooke,Jordan (Sinatra,Trajan kick) 7 plays, 75 yards, TOP 02:44
2nd	10:20	ISU - Young,Mason 15 yd fumble recovery (Sinatra,Trajan kick)
3rd	02:59	ISU - Spencer,Brett 1 yd run (Sinatra,Trajan kick), 9 plays, 75 yards, TOP 04:02
4th	14:45	ISU - Sinatra,Trajan 40 yd field goal 9 plays, 57 yards, TOP 01:48

Overall Record	0-2
Current Streak	-2
Home Record	0-0
Current Home Streak	0
Road Record	0-2
Current Road Streak	-2
Day Games	0-1
Night Games	0-1
ISU Wins Toss	0-0
ISU Loses Toss	0-2
ISU Scores First	0-1
Opp. Scores First	0-1
ISU Leads After 1Q	0-1
ISU Trails After 1Q	0-1
ISU Leads at Half	0-1
ISU Trails at Half	0-1
Tied at half	0-0
ISU Leads after 3Q	0-0
ISU Trails After 3Q	0-1
OT Games	0-0
ISU Has More Yards	0-1
Opp Has More Yards	0-1
Yards Even	0-0
ISU has More Turnovers	0-2
Opp Has More Turnovers	0-0
Turnovers are Equal	0-0
Record In August	0-2
Streak	-2
Record in September	0-0
Streak	0
Record in October	0-0
Streak	0
Record in November	0-0
Streak	0
Vs Top 25 Teams (FCS)	0-0
Vs Receiving Votes (FCS)	0-0
Vs non ranked Teams (FCS)	0-1
Vs FBS Opponents	0-1
Vs Non-DI Opponents	0-0

54 YEARS OF TRADITION IDAHO STATE'S FOOTBALL DOME

Originally named the ASISU Minidome—named after the Associated Students of Idaho State University, who funded construction with a student fee increase—it opened 54 years ago in 1970 at the north end of the ISU campus. The indoor facility replaced the outdoor “Spud Bowl”, now known as Davis Field, as the Bengals’ home football stadium. Its first event was the Bengals’ spring football game on May 9, held on a rainy Saturday night.



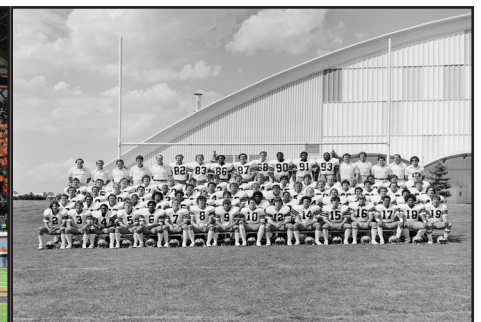
The venue was renamed in 1988 to honor Milton W. “Dubby” Holt (1914–2007), ISU’s athletic director from 1967 to 1989. As assistant athletic director, Holt conceived the indoor arena in 1966 and it was designed by architect Cedric M. Allen. Although a controversial design proposal for the time, ISU students voted to appropriate not more than \$2.8 million to the project two years later. The arena was built entirely with these voluntary student funds. With over 56% in favor, ISU students approved a \$12 increase in semester fees to fund the stadium in early 1968.

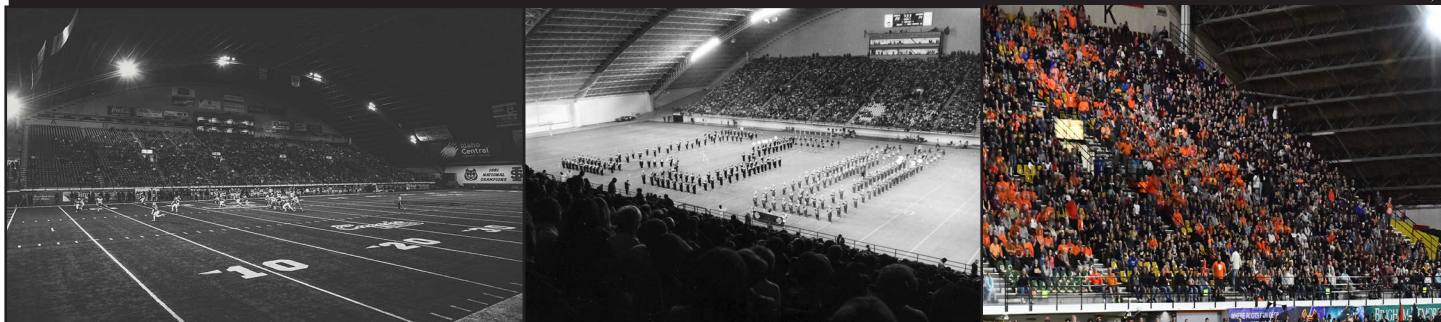


Holt Arena is the oldest enclosed stadium on a college campus in the United States and the second-oldest overall. Only the Astrodome in Houston, completed in 1965, predates it. Since the Astrodome’s closure in 2006, Holt Arena has been the oldest enclosed stadium in use. The football field is aligned east-west and the arched roof runs length-wise; maximum height is above midfield and decreases toward the endzones.

Holt Arena also serves as home for the ISU indoor track and field team and men’s basketball team. It also hosts high school football games, the famous Simplot Games high school indoor track meet, along with other sporting events, rodeos, concerts, and other activities.

During ISU’s run in basketball to the Elite Eight in 1977, they won the Big Sky regular season title, which allowed them to host the four-team conference tournament, which they also won. The Bengals were allowed to stay home for the first round of the 32-team NCAA tournament, as the Minidome





had a pair of first round games (sub-regionals) on Saturday, March 12. UCLA defeated Louisville and hometown ISU beat Long Beach State. (Five days later, Idaho State stunned UCLA in the Sweet Sixteen at the West regional in Provo, Utah.)

It is one of three indoor football stadiums currently in use in the Big Sky Conference, along with the Kibbie Dome and Walkup Skydome. During the final six seasons of Idaho's absence from Big Sky football (2012–2017), the Alerus Center at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks was another indoor stadium used in Big Sky football, but UND left the Big Sky after the 2017 football season for the Missouri Valley Football Conference

In early 2024, Idaho State University and Idaho Central Credit Union announced a landmark naming-rights partnership to rename the facility the 'ICCU Dome' for six million dollars over the course of the next 12 years. The money received from the naming rights will allow the Bengals football team to only play one FBS opponent each year over the next decade, leaving room on the schedule for more home games and more FCS level opponents.



ALL-TIME TOP ATTENDANCE

1. 13,895 - NOV. 22, 1980 VS BOISE STATE
2. 13,444 - 1981 VS WEBER STATE
3. 13,000 - 1971 VS BOISE STATE
4. 12,983 - 1983 VS IDAHO
5. 12,500 - 1970 VS IDAHO
6. 12,400 - 1970 VS BOISE STATE
7. 12,176 - 1984 VS BOISE STATE
8. 12,153 - 1981 VS RHODE ISLAND (PLAYOFF)
9. 12,101 - 1982 VS BOISE STATE
10. 12,008 - 1981 VS SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
11. 12,000 - 1975 VS BOISE STATE
12. 12,000 - 1972 VS IDAHO
13. 12,000 - 1970 VS MONTANA

*POST 2022 RENOVATION CAPACITY OF THE ICCU DOME IS JUST OVER 10,000

TOP ATTENDANCE SINCE 2000

- 1- 11,015 - OCT. 6, 2018, VS. IDAHO, W, 62-28
- 2- 10, 273 - OCT. 8, 2005 VS. NO. 3 MONTANA, L, 32-10
- 3 - 10,0032 - NOV. 23, 2024 VS NO. 7 IDAHO, L, 40-17 *
- 4- 10,016 - SEPT. 23, 2006 VS. NAU, L 33-27
- 5- 9, 405 - SEPT. 24, 2005 VS. NO. 5 EASTERN WASHINGTON, W, 34-30
- 6- 9,323 - NOV. 8, 2014 VS. NO. 21 CAL POLY, W, 30-28
- 7- 9,129 - SEPT. 29, 2018 VS. NAU, W., 56-42
- 8- 9,124 - OCT. 8, 2011 VS. NO. 14 MONTANA, L, 33-0
- 9- 8,942 - OCT. 17, 2015 VS. NO. 8 EASTERN WASHINGTON, L 45-28
- 10- 8,851 - OCT. 27, 2018 VS. MONTANA STATE, W, 24-17
- 11- 8,731 - OCT. 12, 2019 VS. NORTH DAKOTA, W, 55-20
- 12- 8, 645 - NOV. 10, 2007 VS. NO. 3 MONTANA, L, 27-14
- 13 - 8,301 - NOV. 4, 2023 VS WEBER STATE, L 33-21
- 14- 8,288 - OCT. 1, 2011 VS. PORTLAND STATE, L, 42-35
- 15 - 8012 - SEPT. 22, 2023 VS NORTHERN COLORADO, W, 35-21

* - SELLOUT

CACCIA FIELD

On Saturday afternoon, October 6, 2007 on Homecoming against Northern Colorado, Idaho State University dedicated the Holt Arena playing surface to ISU's all-time winningest coach, Italo J. "Babe" Caccia. The field is now known as Caccia Field.

The ceremony took place on the field prior to the nationally televised game with the Bears, a long standing former Rocky Mountain Conference rival that Caccia's squads went 9-1 against over his coaching tenure. Flanked by his wife and family, Caccia, who celebrated his 90th birthday during the week of the festivities, was called by then ISU President Dr. Arthur C. Vailas "an institution, and a true Bengal".

Caccia, who was the Athletic Director for ISU's 1981 National Championship season and worked hand in hand with his best friend and Dome namesake Milton "Dubby" Holt, had the Holt Arena crowd in stitches at the ceremony, commenting that, "had I known all this would have happened, I'd be happy to turn 90 again next year!"

Babe coached the Bengals from 1952 through the 1965 season, compiling an alltime mark of 79-38-2. Babe's teams won Rocky Mountain Conference championships in 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957, and 1959, and he also won the first ever Big Sky Conference title in 1963. Caccia's legendary teams include a pair of undefeated squads in 1952 (8-0, 5-0 RMC) and in 1957 (9-0, 6-0 RMC). The 1957 team outscored their opponents 280-85, with only one game decided by 13 points or less.

Caccia's teams also went 11-3 on Homecoming, and fittingly, Idaho State scored a decisive 26-14 victory to commemorate the occasion and the christening of Caccia Field.



Babe Caccia being hoisted by his Idaho State Players

1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The 1981 Bengal squad went 12-1 on the way to the NCAA I-AA National Championship

In the fall of 1981, the Idaho State University football team shocked the nation, as the Bengals capped an improbable season with a I-AA national championship. The season was all the more remarkable because in 1979 the Bengals went 0-11, and the championship came just 14 months after ending the longest losing streak in I-AA history at 19 games.

After an opening win over Eastern Washington, the Bengals took out defending national champion Boise State in Boise 21-10. They followed that with home wins over a strong Nevada team and Northern Arizona, and a road win at Portland State.

ISU lost at Montana 24-21, but they would not falter again. They knocked off Idaho on the road 24-14, and then scored impressive home wins over Montana State 21-3, and Utah State, 50-24, setting up a winner-take-all showdown with Weber State for the Big Sky title and a berth in the NCAA playoffs. The game went to three overtimes, with ISU surviving a missed 32-yard field goal in the second overtime by WSU's Roger Ruzek that would have won the game. In the third overtime, Case deBruijn nailed a 33-yard field goal for a 33-30 win.

Idaho State then waltzed to the championship game after home wins against Rhode Island 51-0, and South Carolina State 41-12.

In the Pioneer Bowl, as the I-AA game was called, ISU went up against perennial power Eastern Kentucky, but the Bengals would not be denied, winning the title with a 34-23 victory



Head coach Dave Kragthorpe is carried off the field in Wichita Falls, Texas

STORIES OF NOTE

Hawkins feeling great about program as challenging season approaches

Brad Bugger for the Journal

The Idaho State football team lost a lot of experience through graduation and, to a lesser degree, the transfer portal after last season.

And ISU faces probably the toughest schedule its had since Cody Hawkins came aboard as coach prior to the 2023 season. So as the Bengals have been engaged in summer workouts over the last several weeks, there are no guarantees they're working to a better win-loss record than last year's 5-7 mark.

But while winning is always, ultimately, the name of the game, you probably couldn't find Hawkins in a better state of mind than where he is right now.

"We're going to be young and inexperienced, but deep in culture," said Hawkins during a recent interview. "But that's what I'm excited about seeing. Our guys have worked really hard. I think I've told most everyone that experience is a real thing. I don't know how we're going to react when we get punched in the mouth... But man, I don't know if I've ever felt better about the program. If I got hit by a bus, I feel like we'd be in good shape, just because we have a lot of competent guys here, pulling their weight. And a lot of really competent players that know how things should look."

There are several indicators scattered around the Bengal football program that are all pointing up, particularly in comparison with where Idaho State was when Hawkins took over. For example, ISU expects to have 121 players in camp before summer workouts end.

"Which is the most we've had since I've been here, and I can't imagine anybody (previous ISU coaches) have had more than that," said Hawkins. "We actually have four guys working in strength and conditioning. When I got here, it was Pit (Jeff Pitman) working by himself."

Hawkins quickly notes that ISU will need all those bodies, and all those strength coaches working on bodies, because the Bengals lost a lot of experienced talent from last season. He's not afraid to say, however, that he thinks this year's team may actually be more talented than last year's version. Whether they can achieve similar results, however, will likely depend on how quickly the inexperienced talent matures.

"We know with two money games (against New Mexico and UNLV), and the way our schedule lays out this year, and with the inexperience — this year is going to be tough," said Hawkins. "But I'm telling you if we continue to do the right things off the field, these kids are going to rise to the challenge and they're going to be special on the field."

One area where Idaho State expects to be better than last season is on defense, where the Bengals gave up 37 points and 467 yards per game last season. ISU brought in new defensive coordinator, Grant Duff from Weber State and added Bobby Jay from the University of Idaho as the defensive pass game coordinator. Jay also served a stint as defensive coordinator at San Diego.

"Grant Duff has done an unbelievable job relating to guys, pushing guys..." said Hawkins. "The willingness to connect with these guys and teach them and empower them, and then having Bobby Jay to work with him... There's nobody better than Grant Duff, and having two brain trusts rather than one has created a lot more understanding with our guys. Because there are more people who know exactly what's going on with our defense."

In addition to the coaching changes, ISU brought in some new player talent on the defensive side of the football since the end of spring workouts. Newcomers include Luke Berry (6-foot-3-inch, 235 pounds) from Tulsa and Grant Hessler (6-3, 300) from UNLV, two former high school teammates who will add depth to the defensive line rotation.

After spring football, Hawkins said adding experience in the secondary was a priority, and he believes that has been accomplished as well with two transfers from Big Sky Conference schools with starting experience in the defensive backfield. Hawkins can't announce those players until they formally enroll in school next month.

All but three of ISU's incoming freshmen have engaged in the summer workout program, and one who has captured Hawkins' attention is defensive back TreShawn Shorty, 5-10, 170, out of Gilbert, Ariz.

"You need to circle the name Trey Shorty," said Hawkins, who compared him to former Bengal defensive back Josh Alford. "He's got a ton of stuff to him, a lot of confidence, but a humility so that it doesn't come off as arrogance. He loves to work, loves to compete... He's a darn good player, and he will play."

On the offensive side of the football, Hawkins is excited about the addition of slotback Robert Freeman IV, 5-7, 150, from Utah State. Freeman was used primarily as a kick returner by the Aggies, but Hawkins expects him to play all over the field for the Bengals.

"He'll be a jack of all trades for us," Hawkins said of the California native. "If you went out on the field and watched him with the ball in his hands, you'd immediately say, 'Who's that guy?' He's an impressive young man."

The Bengals also added Tommy Poe, a rangy, 6-foot-4 redshirt freshman receiver from Sacramento State, and Hawkins likes what he saw during spring football from Jovani Gardere, a UTEP transfer, before he got injured.

"I think the thing I'm most impressed with is (returning receivers) Aiden Garcia and Julian Mason — the progression they've made," said Hawkins. "They look like starter caliber guys."

If he had to pick one position group that outshines all the others right now, it would be the offensive line. There were 13 offensive linemen on the roster when Hawkins arrived at Idaho State. Now there are 21, and they are all "eating well," in Hawkins words.

"Most of them are over 300 pounds. If you look at the numbers of what those guys are pushing, it'll look like Boise State," he said. "I love that room. (Coach) John Hughes has done a great job with them."

Not surprisingly, the one position where Hawkins and Bengal fans both are most focused is quarterback. Returners Jordan Cooke and Jackson Sharman remain neck-and-neck in competition for the starting job, and junior college transfer Logan Gonzalez is not far behind. Hawkins wanted to name a starter after spring football was over, but felt the continued competition was an opportunity for growth for the quarterback candidates.

"I think the culture is fantastic. I think the way they compete is fantastic," said Hawkins. "But we know for us to be successful, it's going to take a guy playing at an all-conference level for us to have the success that we want. I think we have multiple guys in that room who can do that."

Hawkins rounded up two more kickers since spring football ended: Trajan Sinatra, a high school recruit out of California, who will compete with returner Mason Lindberg for the placekicking position; and Gabe Russo, a transfer from Auburn, who Hawkins expects to take over the punter position.

Sinatra is "someone who is very, very capable of kicking field goals," said Hawkins, who expressed concern about Lindberg's reliability during spring drills.

"Maybe he doesn't have the leg power Mason has, but he's super consistent," Hawkins said.

Russo, meanwhile, was attracted from the SEC to Pocatello by the opportunity to kick at elevation in a domed stadium.

"He's got a leg on him," said Hawkins.

Idaho State made the decision not to immediately opt into the House settlement, a resolution to litigation that would impose new roster regulations on a number of sports, including football. As a result, ISU will probably have about 110 players on the roster when the season begins Aug. 30 at Southern Utah.

Next season, if ISU opts into the new rules as expected, they'll be limited to a total of 105 players on the roster. The Big Sky has chosen to continue to impose a limit of 63 scholarship equivalents on its members. Those scholarships can be split up and spread across the roster if schools so choose.

"We're really hopeful that if we can continue to recruit the types of student athletes that we have, the quality high school students and transfers who have come in and are high academic performers, then between the federal grants and the academic grants they're able to get, we'll be able to hopefully have somewhere between 90 and 100 guys on scholarship," said Hawkins. "That will be big for the program."

If Idaho State does opt into the new rules next year, that will open the door for the school to begin paying athletes directly. Hawkins isn't sure how ISU will approach that opportunity if it comes, but he knows that his program will have to keep moving forward in all aspects of facilities, coaching and player compensation if it wants to be competitive over the long term.

"I don't want to put the cart before the horse and start saying things that we're going to do when we haven't had final approval," said Hawkins. "But those are things we're talking about, we're monitoring them, and they are part of every fundraising conversation we have now. Whether we like it or not... we've got to keep changing. Whether it's taking staff pool money and giving it to players, or having a separate fund raising pool that we can give directly to the guys, we'll keep finding out what's going to work best for the Bengals and we'll keep marching forward."

Built for the Brotherhood: Damuni Anchors Bengals with Heart and Grit

Jonathan Match, Idaho State Media Relations

POCATELLO, Idaho - In the ever-changing world of college football, consistency is a rare commodity. But for Idaho State linebacker Junior Damuni, consistency isn't just a trait, it's a calling card.

The senior from Logan, Utah, enters his final season with the Bengals as one of the team's emotional leaders, a steady presence in a locker room that's seen its share of transformation. Over the past four years, Damuni has played under multiple head coaches and even more defensive coordinators. But through it all, he's remained planted, focused, and ready.

"Junior's a guy I get to rely on a lot," said defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Grant Duff. "He's gone through a lot, three, maybe four head coaches, who the heck knows. Lots of different position coaches. He's persevered. That guy's a true Bengal."

A Family of Competitors

Damuni comes from a family where sports weren't just encouraged, they were expected. One of seven siblings, Junior's household reads like a recruiting hotbed. His older brother Levani is a linebacker at Utah, his younger brother Jovesa plays running back at BYU, and his sister Nia sets volleyballs at Gonzaga. The rest? Still in high school and still competing.

"It's pretty competitive. Whether it's pickleball or board games, we're at each other's throats," he laughed. "Growing up, it was always older siblings versus younger siblings. It helped us grow. It helped us compete."

That competitive edge helped shape Damuni into the player he is today. From driveway basketball games to backyard football, he learned how to win and how to lose with grace. "We never gave each other an inch," he said. "And I think that toughness, that drive, is something that translates well to football."

Raised across Memphis, Boulder, Fayetteville, and Logan, Damuni credits much of his football DNA to his father's career in college athletics. In Arkansas, he had sideline access to SEC games under then-head coach Bobby Petrino. "We grew up around football. Being on those sidelines during games, watching some of the best football in the world, it made me fall in love with it early," Damuni said.

Finding Himself, On and Off the Field

Damuni played high school ball at Ridgeline High in Millville, Utah, under head coach Christopher Howell. It was there he blossomed into a varsity contributor, finding his rhythm as a late bloomer during his junior year. "Coach Howell ran the program like a college team. Practices, schedules, film, it felt like D1," Damuni said. "So I think I was ready when the opportunity came."

That opportunity was put on pause when Damuni chose to serve a two-year religious mission in Mexico City. He left weighing 180 pounds and returned at 230, a transformation that led to his move from safety to linebacker.

"My maturity level jumped a lot," he said. "I learned how to take care of myself, how to lead, how to be accountable. That experience changed me."

During his mission, Damuni leaned into personal discipline. "You don't have parents, no coaches, no support system except your companion and the people you're serving. It taught me a lot about patience and purpose," he said.

Through Change, a Leader Emerges

Damuni arrived at Idaho State in 2021 and has weathered just about every kind of program overhaul. From staff turnover to scheme changes, he's been a constant, even when playing time was limited by injuries. Despite battling setbacks, he remained vocal in meetings, active in the film room, and supportive on the sidelines.

"From my freshman year until now, it's been a complete 180," he said. "It feels so much more organized. We're not all over the place."

This season, under Coach Duff, Damuni sees a new energy. A championship mindset. A defense that flies around and has fun.

"The scheme is great. So fun to play in," Damuni said. "We're doing everything, blitzing, covering, flying around. But it's more than that. Coach Duff preaches doing everything like a champion, on and off the field."

Duff, for his part, sees the perfect example in No. 11. "He's Mr. Consistent. Highest-graded linebacker in our first scrimmage. Throw him into any situation and he won't let you down," Duff said. "He won't let himself down."

Even though he appeared in only eight games in 2024, Damuni still made an impression with 18 total tackles. While he doesn't fill up the stat sheet, his impact is measured in communication, positioning, and dependability, a coach's dream.

A New Legacy

As Damuni prepares for his senior year, he does so with renewed urgency. Not only is he aiming for a starting role and a Big Sky title, but he's also preparing to become a father. His wife is due with their first child, a son, on December 26.

"At first, I was nervous," he admitted. "But it's the best motivation I've had. I want to be the best version of myself for them. It's pushing me on the field, too."

That sense of purpose has redefined Damuni's approach to everything, his sleep, his diet, his preparation. "You start thinking about the example you want to set," he said. "Not just for your teammates, but for your son."

Damuni is studying public relations and leadership at Idaho State, with hopes of one day working in college athletics, perhaps as a director of football operations.

"I just want to win this year," he said. "Be a leader, play hard, and leave something behind."

He may not have the flashiest stat line, but Junior Damuni embodies something more enduring: a rock-solid presence forged through movement, mission, mentorship, and maturity.

And if the Bengals do make a run in 2025, don't be surprised if the heart of that defense is a senior linebacker who's seen it all, stuck through it all, and plays like he has everything to fight for, because now, he does.

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Bengal tackle Collin Lewis followed unique path to Division I opportunity

Brad Bugger for the Journal

The great thing about football is that every player comes with his own unique story.

Perhaps none more than that of Idaho State defensive lineman Collin Lewis.

Having graduated from Carbon High School in Price, Utah in 2019, Lewis was a cocksure 18-year-old who two weeks after graduation, headed for boot camp and an experience with the Marines that would forever mold his outlook on life.

"I was a cocky kid in high school — not proud of that," said Lewis, who signed with Idaho State out of Snow College last December. "After joining the military, it really humbled me. I'm thankful for that. What I learned from the military is that nobody's better than anybody. Everybody comes from different walks of life, and you've just got to respect them."

Lewis' "walk" was a circuitous route through four years in the Marines. He went from surviving a suicide bomber attack in the Middle East to walking onto the football team at Snow College and earning a Division I scholarship at a position he's only played for one year.

In his first spring camp at Idaho State, he's already earned a leadership role in the Bengal defensive line room.

"The reason why I love Collin so much is that he brings a mentality you can't replicate," said Ricky Ali'ifua, who coached Lewis at Snow College and is the new defensive line coach at ISU. "He's been through things, he's seen some things that some of these guys could never imagine. He's just built a little bit differently, he's wired a little bit differently and his experiences play a role in that."

Lewis began his football career as a 200-pound running back and middle linebacker at Carbon High School in Price, Utah. He weighed about 220 pounds through his early years in the service, where he worked as a motor transport operator, driving and maintaining semi-trucks. Then he was deployed to Kuwait for five months, and then spent a month in Kabul as part of the U.S. evacuation of Afghanistan.

It was in Kabul on Aug. 26, 2021 that a suicide bomber attacked the airport, killing 182 people, including 13 U.S. military personnel.

"I was probably like 100 yards or 200 yards away, so I wasn't in the initial blast, but I did see the aftermath and it wasn't pretty," said Lewis. "After that, I'm kind of like, 'I'm done with this. I want to go and play football.'"

After leaving Afghanistan, Lewis spent the final year and a half of his military service at Camp Pendleton in California, all the while planning on how to resume his football career. In August of 2023, he took leave from the Marines and traveled to Ephraim, Utah, where he tried out for the Snow College football team. He made the squad, but missed three weeks of fall camp because he still had to complete his military obligation.

"I got out of the military on Aug. 12, 2023, and the next morning I had football practice at Snow," Lewis said. "So it was pretty crazy."

Now up to about 250 pounds, Lewis played guard his first season at Snow. Then Ali'ifua entered the picture.

A four-year defensive lineman for Utah State, Ali'ifua spent four years on NFL rosters before taking a "pause" in his football career. He worked as an account executive for a Utah software company before deciding he wanted to get into coaching. He arrived at Snow in the spring of 2024 and saw potential in Lewis as a defensive lineman.

Meanwhile, Lewis took the advice of his coaches, who told him he needed to bulk up further if he wanted to play at the next level.

"It was tough at first," said Lewis, who now weighs about 315 pounds on his 6-foot-1-inch frame. "My body reacted a little bit differently, my knees hurt a lot. But I was never going to make it to the D-1 level as a running back. They (his coaches) told me I was quick enough to get to the next level if I played D-line, so I was like, 'OK.' I was lucky enough to get a great coach like Coach Ricky (Ali'ifua). He was able to teach me the right way the first time."

After his initial season on the defensive line, Lewis was committed to another four-year school when Ali'ifua called and told him he was taking the job at Idaho State.

"I said, 'Oh dang, that puts me in a predicament because I want to play for you,'" Lewis said. "So I ended up switching over to come here. It was a great decision because Coach Rick is a great coach."

With practically all of Idaho State's experienced defensive linemen leaving after last season, and the Bengals switching to a four-down lineman base defense from last year's three-man front, Ali'ifua has a complete rebuilding job in front of him.

"Certainly when you lose the experience that the d-line room lost that's hard to replace," Ali'ifua said. "To be honest, that's almost impossible to replace. The only way to get experience is to just get thrown in the fire and let's see what happens and how you're molded. From that standpoint, we're not going to have that experience, so there are going to be some growing pains."

Ali'ifua is grateful for the structure of ISU's spring practices, which is giving his inexperienced charges multiple live game repetitions against an Idaho State offensive line that is expected to be one of the best in the Big Sky Conference this season.

"The reason why I like the set-up we have right now in terms of spring ball, is we are playing a lot of football," Ali'ifua said. "A lot of live reps, which is only to the benefit of my guys. We are probably the group that needs it the most. Is it real game experience? It's not, but that is as close as you can get to it, especially here in April."

So far, Ali'ifua is excited about the potential of his young defensive linemen. He praises the pass rush potential of senior defensive end Maka Tu'Akoi, Snow College trans-

fer Easton Cook, and Davidson transfer Cam Willis, the run-stopping ability of Weber State transfer Bronson Childs, and the young athleticism of sophomore Jake East. And then there is Lewis as the rock in the middle of the defensive front.

"He's still young in the position, he hasn't played it very long," said Ali'ifua. "Literally, it's been a year to this month that he's been playing defensive line. I like what's he done. It think it's really impressive, but it only excites me more for the future because the more reps he gets, the more opportunities he gets to play, to apply the teaching, the more he'll grow within the game and within the position."

Lewis and the rest of Ali'ifua's charges will get the chance to show their stuff in ISU's Spring Game that will be played Saturday at 2 p.m. in the ICCU Dome. Lewis, who is studying secondary education and wants to be a teacher and a coach, is looking forward to some real hitting on Saturday.

"I think there are going to be some good hits," said Lewis. "I think we're going to get after it. It's going to be full live so everybody is going to be ready to hit. There are going to be some good tackles, so everybody should come out and watch."

That physicality is just what Ali'ifua is looking for from his defensive linemen on Saturday.

"I think my biggest emphasis to them was, No. 1, I gotta see you flying to the ball," Ali'ifua said. "No matter where the ball is, no matter whether you think you're going to make the play, we need to be swarming. So that's the biggest thing we're pushing, along with violence and urgency showing up in every rep we take. ... Each rep that we take that we put on film should be screaming, 'I'm violent and I'm urgent.' Effort, violence and urgency are really the biggest things that I've been promoting to my guys."

Idaho State Journal:**Michael Shulikov finally fulfilling his childhood dream of playing football with the Bengals**

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Sometimes obvious things aren't obvious.

Take Michael Shulikov, for example. The 6-foot-6-inch Idaho State junior wide receiver, has the wing span of a pterodactyl, holds the school record for the high jump at just over 7 feet and has great ball skills. Off the field, he's smart, engaging and personable. Pretty obvious you want this kid on your football team, right?

To add to all that, it's been Shulikov's dream since he was a little boy playing quarterback in his parents' back yard in Boise to compete in college football.

But Shulikov has had to take a circuitous route to his dream of earning a college football scholarship, a route that included an almost fluke trial with track and field, which led to a full scholarship at Idaho State, which later opened the door to returning to his first love of football.

To make sense of all that, let's go back to Shulikov's high school days at Centennial in Boise, where he played football and basketball before stumbling upon the sport of high jumping.

During his junior season in football, Cody Hawkins, now Idaho State's head coach, then offensive coordinator for Cal-Davis, began a rather casual recruiting relationship with him.

"I definitely remember watching his film, and if you watched him on film he looked like 6-6, a buck fifty (150 pounds)," said Hawkins during a recent interview. "I mean he was skinny. He had great ball skills, but didn't necessarily run great. It was probably one of those things where maybe out-of-state schools weren't ready to spend a scholarship on him. I knew we (at Cal-Davis) only had a couple of out-of-state scholarships, and he wasn't a guy who was necessarily in the conversation."

Complicating matters was the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I remember April was when all the junior day invites were and I had junior day invites to a lot of the Big Sky schools, Boise State, a whole bunch of other schools," Shulikov said. "And right when I was about to go, that's when the NCAA had the shutdown period. I couldn't go on any visits, I couldn't meet with any coaches. They couldn't see my frame, my height. I couldn't go to those camps so they could see the big frame that also has the athleticism."

Without a football offer to consider in the spring of his senior year, Shulikov instead was talked into giving the high jump a shot. He joined the Centennial track team with just three meets left in the season and, with very little training or technique, he qualified for the state meet, winning a championship with a jump of 6 feet, 8 inches.

His story and his mark both started making the rounds in the track world, and colleges started getting interested in Shulikov — not for football, the sport he loved — but for high jumping, a brand new endeavor in his life.

"He was green," said Idaho State track coach Hillary Merkley. "For him, track was a completely new sport. I knew from the beginning football was something he wanted to do. He talked to me about it his freshman year, when I signed him. But his second year on the track team, he breaks the long-standing high jump record for me, and at every single track meet, the other coaches, parents, competitors are all, 'Where did you get this guy?'"

Shulikov finished second in the Big Sky Conference Indoor high jump competition and fifth in the outdoor meet in 2023. Merkley also talked him into competing in the multi-events, further showcasing his athleticism.

As Shulikov was preparing for that record-breaking indoor track season, Idaho State football coach Charlie Ragel resigned after only one season on the job, and Hawkins was hired as his replacement. And Shulikov starting having those dreams again of playing college football.

"Those first two years I was doing track, football was always on my mind," he said. "Even in high school, it was always on my mind. My goal all along was to go to college and play football. Chase those dreams."

Shulikov was rooming with Cortland Horton, a defensive end on the football team, at the time and Horton put him in touch with Hawkins.

"We talked about his desire to play football," Hawkins said. "So he decided to come out for a couple of practices that spring. He wanted to work around his track schedule, because I understand anytime you're a school-record high jumper, you want to make sure you allow him to prioritize that during the season."

Shulikov said he'd complete a three-hour training session for track, grab a granola bar and a bottle of water and then head to spring football practice for another three hours.

He made an immediate impression on Hawkins and the rest of the football coaching staff.

"His athleticism obviously pops," said Hawkins. "Even though he wasn't necessarily refined with his football movements. But his athleticism popped, he had good ball skills and he just had a ton of length."

At the end of spring football, Hawkins met with Shulikov and offered him a full scholarship to play football.

"When he told me that, it almost brought tears to my eyes," said Shulikov. "For him, I don't know if he knew how much it meant to me, but for me it was everything I was praying for and everything I was wanting the last two years of my life."

For Merkley, meanwhile, it meant that further refining that green but abundant track talent of Shulikov's was probably going to take a back seat to football.

"He's somebody I've really connected with," Merkley said. "He's a kid you want around, you want to coach him, you want him around other people in your program. ... But Mike was pretty honest. We were pretty real with each other about wanting him to follow his dream. I can't say no to that. I want nothing but the best for him. I support him 100%."

Shulikov, who doesn't know if he'll rejoin the track team in the spring, found an immediate niche in the Bengal passing game as a "jump ball," red zone target. He caught five passes in his first

four games for two touchdowns, and averaged more than 19 yards a catch. Not a high volume receiver yet, but definitely a big play guy.

Then he felt a “pop” while making a cut, but the doctors thought it was just a bruise. He took a few days off, then started playing on it again and felt pretty good. He went into the fifth game of the season to give a starting receiver a breather and, after three plays, he felt another “pop” after another non-contact cut. This time it was louder and more intense.

An MRI that week revealed a torn ACL, MCL and meniscus. Surgery followed two weeks later and Shulikov has been in rehab mode until just recently, when he was cleared for most football activity. The rest of his football season — and any thought of continuing track competition last winter — were gone.

Now Shulikov, who has bulked up to 225 pounds and is working hard for an opportunity to replace the departed Cyrus Wallace at outside receiver, will have to prove himself all over again on the football field.

“He’s been ahead of the curve for his rehab the entire year, which is a huge credit to him for the way he’s attacked and approached it, both mentally and physically,” said Hawkins. “But he’s got to have a good fall camp. We’re not handing Mike anything. Right now, Mike has got to earn every snap he’s going to take. He’s got a role on this team and we love Mike. He has all the potential in the world, but he still has to come back and prove, not only that his knee is healthy enough to play, but that his mindset is able to go out and play full speed.”

If it’s up to Shulikov, who will graduate this fall with a double-major in business marketing and management, there is no doubt he’ll be ready to compete when camp opens Aug. 1. Even if he won’t be allowed to have full contact right away.

“I’ve talked to Dustin (Enslinger), our head trainer, and he said there are going to be some limitations there,” said Shulikov. “But he’s been telling me since October, ‘we need you in August, we don’t need you now.’ I’m a busybody. I’m always playing basketball, I’m always running. Even with Hillary, she would always tell me, ‘Less is more for you Mike.’

“But with my recovery almost completely back, I’ve been feeling really great, honestly.”

Idaho State JournalIan Duarte has emerged as the Bengals' go-to receiver through the first two games

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When Chedon James, who led the nation in receiving last season, left the Idaho State football team after spring football, head coach Cody Hawkins felt like he had the talent to replace James.

What he didn't know was if he had the one player who could replace the consistent production James brought in catching 102 passes last year. While he's not ready to pronounce Ian Duarte as the answer after just two games, Hawkins is starting to see many of the same traits James possessed in the redshirt freshman out of Eagle High School.

"One week does not make a season," Hawkins said after Duarte scored his first and second touchdowns of his collegiate career in ISU's 50-10 win over Western Oregon on Saturday. "We've had so much competition in that (receiver) room, that he probably hasn't gotten as many reps. I would say we were not as deep last year. So Chedon probably took the flag and ran with it. But Ian has emerged as that guy."

After two weeks of the season, Duarte, at 5-foot-10-inches and 175 pounds, is tied for second in the Big Sky Conference in receiving with 13 catches for 167 yards and two touchdowns. Against Western Oregon, he hauled in nine passes for 123 yards and scored twice in the first quarter.

In the season opener against Oregon State, he caught four passes for 44 yards.

While it may be premature to designate Duarte as the next Chedon James, he's certainly laying his claim into being one of the receivers that starting quarterback Kobe Tracy can rely on with consistency.

"The thing about Ian that you really love, is he's got a fantastic attitude," said Hawkins. "He's super consistent. I think all the quarterbacks feel that. Ian is a really good athlete — he's not electric, but he's so consistent. The quarterbacks just have a ton of faith in him and the coaching staff has a ton of faith in him."

Duarte grew up in Santa Clarita, Calif., but graduated from Eagle, which is 10 miles outside of Boise.

"During COVID, my parents wanted to switch sceneries and wanted me and my younger brother to live a more normal life," said Duarte. "We decided to pack it up and move to Eagle, Idaho. I finished my last two years there."

Hawkins stumbled on Duarte shortly after landing the Idaho State job in December of 2022. As he made his rounds introducing himself to coaches in the Treasure Valley and looking for players, several prep coaches told him that if he was sincere about wanting to throw the football at Idaho State, he should give Duarte a call.

Duarte was a first-team all-state wide receiver his senior year with 79 touches for 923 yards and eight touchdowns.

"You're thinking, 'OK, we're going to throw the ball and we need slot receivers, he's the perfect guy for that,'" said Hawkins. "It's awesome to see just the type of person he is when you get those recommendations. Again, a guy with great high school tape gets you excited, but he's definitely been a massive culture boon for us."

Already committed to Bryant College, an FCS school in Rhode Island, Duarte hadn't been recruited by Idaho State before Hawkins' arrival.

"A couple of days after (Hawkins) got the job, we got in contact," Duarte said. "We had a zoom call and I was offered. I visited here and committed right afterward."

Duarte redshirted last season, and remained behind James during spring football. But he kept working and that attitude paid off with an opportunity when James announced his transfer to Fresno State right after spring football ended.

"We knew when Chedon left that somebody had to fill that role and in my head, I wanted to fill the role," said Duarte. "I put in the work, day in and day out, to try to fill that role, but even then we don't have a drop-off in the slot room. We have many tremendous slots."

Which means Duarte may not get as many reps or as many opportunities to catch passes as James did. Only two games into the season, he still has to prove he can provide that consistent production.

"It remains to be seen how it goes out through the course of the season," said Hawkins. "Because athletically, people are going to play it differently every week. Is he going to be as effective against man as he is against zone, and vice-versa? But I'm really proud of him. I love having him, our quarterbacks really appreciate him, and he'll be a big factor for us."

No matter what kind of production Duarte provides on the field, he's already made a major impact in the locker room.

"The thing you love about Ian, is he's just the quintessential Idaho kid," said Hawkins. "He snowboards, he fishes, he's a great teammate, whether he plays 100 snaps or one snap. He's the same guy every single day. He's been a joy to coach and we're really lucky to have him on the football team. ... I'm really excited about his development, really excited to see his growth throughout the season."

Idaho State JournalThanks to administrative support, ISU football in a much better place, but there's still work to do

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Idaho State football coach Cody Hawkins had a habit of dropping bread crumbs at his weekly press conferences, attempting to lead us down a path related to administrative support for his football program.

The three or four of us there each week would noddingly acknowledge Hawkins' inference, and then move on to whatever subject we were interested in. Finally, after several weeks of noting Cody's bread crumbs, I decided it was time to follow them to where they led.

Administrative support for your program — what does that mean, Cody?

"Being good is 100% an administrative decision," Hawkins said. "My son can coach this team and be good if the administration is supporting it. Programs decide to be good. It takes great coaches and great players to have a special, magical run. To be a playoff team, that's coaches and players. But to win more than you lose? That's scheduling."

Hawkins actually went on for several more minutes about how important administrative support is to a college football program, but his main message was this:

He has administrative support at Idaho State. The coaches here before him did not.

"Idaho State never fully funded the football scholarship roster, and everybody was upset that they weren't winning more games," Hawkins said. "But how many times in 2022 or 2021 or 2019 did one injury just totally derail a season. Don't get me wrong, having key injuries like losing Calvin Pitcher and Cortland Horton and Alex Ramirez is devastating. But is it going to ruin your season, or is it going to be a piece of adversity that you're going to have to handle?"

After Idaho State beat Weber State in Ogden Saturday for the first time in 40 years to level their record at 5-5, you can say all the injuries the Bengals have dealt with this year have just been those pieces of adversity. They certainly have not derailed ISU's most successful football season since 2018.

Why?

Because the ISU administration has allowed Hawkins and his staff to completely allot their 63 scholarships to 85 athletes. They have allowed Hawkins and his staff to completely fill their 115-man roster, including walk-ons. They allowed Hawkins to hire a full complement of coaches. They have increased the strength and conditioning staff from three coaches for the entire athletic department to six, including two allotted solely to football. They have allowed Hawkins to reduce the number of FBS "money games" the program has to play this season to one, and they've allowed him to buy a lower-division opponent, so that ISU can have six home games this year. And they found the resources and made the commitment to improve the ICCU Dome and the weight training facilities, so that they are at least up to Big Sky Conference standards.

All of those were conscious decisions made by Athletic Director Pauline Thiros, former ISU President Kevin Satterlee and current President Robert Wagner.

The result is that when the starting offensive line was decimated by injury, the Bengals had enough depth to replace those starters with enough quality that ISU has given up only a total of seven sacks in 10 games so far.

The expanded roster allowed ISU to bring in an "extra quarterback" in Kobe Tracy to a QB room that already had six players in it, including two that split time as starters last season. Even though Hawkins thought Tracy was probably just going to be an "insurance policy" in that room, he has instead developed into a highly-productive starter.

The added coaching numbers have allowed Hawkins to bring in his dad as an assistant, who has focused on the kicking specialists, turning ISU's special teams into one of the best in the conference. It has also added depth to all the positional coaching groups, significantly reducing the "student to teacher ratio," to use Hawkins' metaphor.

And the renovation of the weight room and finding additional funding have allowed ISU to keep Jeff Pitman, widely considered by ISU coaches and players as one of the best strength and conditioning coaches in the conference.

So no matter how ISU does in its final two games, at Eastern Washington and home to Idaho, it's been a successful second act for Hawkins and his program here in Pocatello, and the ISU administration can dutifully take its own bow for helping to make that happen.

What next?

Well, there is no guarantee that ISU growth and improvement will be directly linear. The schedule next year is decidedly more difficult — the Bengals open with three straight road games, at Southern Utah, and then to two FBS opponents, New Mexico and UNLV. While the renaming deal for the ICCU Dome is designed to eliminate the need for a second FBS opponent each season, there were some remaining contractual obligations that ISU has to fulfill next season. They also have to pay back Southern Utah's visit to Pocatello this season, so the Bengals will have seven road games next year to only five at home.

Then there is the wolf that always seems to be lurking at the door these days for lower-level football programs like ISU's — the transfer portal. ISU got nicked by the portal last spring, when All-American wide receiver Chedon James departed for Fresno State. But the Bengals have enough depth at wide receiver to overcome James' loss. But what if they lose Logan George, a likely first-team all-conference defensive end and a player that Hawkins' calls, "the best defensive lineman in the conference," at a position where recruiting talent is extremely difficult?

Then comes the problem of replacing Tracy, who essentially fell into the Bengals' lap this past summer, but will be out of eligibility after this season. Hunter Hays, the Bengals' designated "red zone" quarterback is also done after this season. Jordan Cooke has yet to firmly grasp the starting position despite being given multiple opportunities to do so after the last two seasons. Will Hawkins look for another portal solution to the most important position on the football team?

ISU is typically near the bottom of the pay scale for assistant coaches, and Hawkins has already had to replace a handful of assistants during his two years at ISU. What if somebody recognizes the incredible job offensive line coach John Hughes has done this year, for example, and offers to double his salary?

Money is always an ongoing concern for the ISU program, and it may get more pressing. The NCAA has said it's going to withhold about \$300,000 a year in payments to Idaho State and the rest of the Big Sky schools in order to settle the House case, which concerns back name, image and likeness payments to past NCAA athletes. It is possible ISU may have to return to scheduling two FBS games a season to replace that lost funding.

And then there is the question of when, or if, Eastern Idaho will rediscover Idaho State football. The Bengals' average attendance this season is 6,651, which ranks ninth in the 12-team Big Sky Conference. The Idaho game at the end of the season will surely boost that average a bit, but locals have been slow to embrace Hawkins and his "Throwin' Idahoans."

The attendance numbers also firmly put an end to the long-running theory that if ISU just recruited more Idaho kids, the fans would flock to the ICCU Dome. There are 28 Idahoans on the roster, including highly-visible starters like Tracy, George, Christian Fredericksen, David Rowe, Nathan Reynolds and Jayden Bell. If it were true that all ISU needed to do was put Eastern Idaho kids on the roster, the dome should be packed.

So as Hawkins also always likes to remind us, there is still plenty of work to do, for his staff, the administration, and the community. There are no guarantees that next year's win-loss record will be better than this year's. But there is certainly a sense of commitment and positivity around the program that hasn't existed for years.

Built for the Brotherhood: Damuni Anchors Bengals with Heart and Grit

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POCATELLO, Idaho - In the ever-changing world of college football, consistency is a rare commodity. But for Idaho State linebacker Junior Damuni, consistency isn't just a trait, it's a calling card.

The senior from Logan, Utah, enters his final season with the Bengals as one of the team's emotional leaders, a steady presence in a locker room that's seen its share of transformation. Over the past four years, Damuni has played under multiple head coaches and even more defensive coordinators. But through it all, he's remained planted, focused, and ready.

"Junior's a guy I get to rely on a lot," said defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Grant Duff. "He's gone through a lot, three, maybe four head coaches, who the heck knows. Lots of different position coaches. He's persevered. That guy's a true Bengal."

A Family of Competitors

Damuni comes from a family where sports weren't just encouraged, they were expected. One of seven siblings, Junior's household reads like a recruiting hotbed. His older brother Levani is a linebacker at Utah, his younger brother Jovesa plays running back at BYU, and his sister Nia sets volleyballs at Gonzaga. The rest? Still in high school and still competing.

"It's pretty competitive. Whether it's pickleball or board games, we're at each other's throats," he laughed. "Growing up, it was always older siblings versus younger siblings. It helped us grow. It helped us compete."

That competitive edge helped shape Damuni into the player he is today. From driveway basketball games to backyard football, he learned how to win and how to lose with grace. "We never gave each other an inch," he said. "And I think that toughness, that drive, is something that translates well to football."

Raised across Memphis, Boulder, Fayetteville, and Logan, Damuni credits much of his football DNA to his father's career in college athletics. In Arkansas, he had sideline access to SEC games under then-head coach Bobby Petrino. "We grew up around football. Being on those sidelines during games, watching some of the best football in the world, it made me fall in love with it early," Damuni said.

Finding Himself, On and Off the Field

Damuni played high school ball at Ridgeline High in Millville, Utah, under head coach Christopher Howell. It was there he blossomed into a varsity contributor, finding his rhythm as a late bloomer during his junior year. "Coach Howell ran the program like a college team. Practices, schedules, film, it felt like D1," Damuni said. "So I think I was ready when the opportunity came."

That opportunity was put on pause when Damuni chose to serve a two-year religious mission in Mexico City. He left weighing 180 pounds and returned at 230, a transformation that led to his move from safety to linebacker.

"My maturity level jumped a lot," he said. "I learned how to take care of myself, how to lead, how to be accountable. That experience changed me."

During his mission, Damuni leaned into personal discipline. "You don't have parents, no coaches, no support system except your companion and the people you're serving. It taught me a lot about patience and purpose," he said.

Through Change, a Leader Emerges

Damuni arrived at Idaho State in 2021 and has weathered just about every kind of program overhaul. From staff turnover to scheme changes, he's been a constant, even when playing time was limited by injuries. Despite battling setbacks, he remained vocal in meetings, active in the film room, and supportive on the sidelines.

"From my freshman year until now, it's been a complete 180," he said. "It feels so much more organized. We're not all over the place."

This season, under Coach Duff, Damuni sees a new energy. A championship mindset. A defense that flies around and has fun.

"The scheme is great. So fun to play in," Damuni said. "We're doing everything, blitzing, covering, flying around. But it's more than that. Coach Duff preaches doing everything like a champion, on and off the field."

Duff, for his part, sees the perfect example in No. 11. "He's Mr. Consistent. Highest-graded linebacker in our first scrimmage. Throw him into any situation and he won't let you down," Duff said. "He won't let himself down."

Even though he appeared in only eight games in 2024, Damuni still made an impression with 18 total tackles. While he doesn't fill up the stat sheet, his impact is measured in communication, positioning, and dependability, a coach's dream.

A New Legacy

As Damuni prepares for his senior year, he does so with renewed urgency. Not only is he aiming for a starting role and a Big Sky title, but he's also preparing to become a father. His wife is due with their first child, a son, on December 26.

"At first, I was nervous," he admitted. "But it's the best motivation I've had. I want to be the best version of myself for them. It's pushing me on the field, too."

That sense of purpose has redefined Damuni's approach to everything, his sleep, his diet, his preparation. "You start thinking about the example you want to set," he said. "Not just for your teammates, but for your son."

Damuni is studying public relations and leadership at Idaho State, with hopes of one day working in college athletics, perhaps as a director of football operations.

He may not have the flashiest stat line, but Junior Damuni embodies something more enduring: a rock-solid presence forged through movement, mission, mentorship, and maturity.

And if the Bengals do make a run in 2025, don't be surprised if the heart of that defense is a senior linebacker who's seen it all, stuck through it all, and plays like he has everything to fight for, because now, he does.

Last Time Up

A Bengal rushed for 100 yards

Dason Brooks vs UNLV, 132, 08/23/2025

Dason Brooks vs Southern Utah, 139, 09/21/2024

Raiden Hunter, at N. Colorado, 111, at N. Colorado 9/24/22

A Bengal rushed for 200 yards or more

James Madison, 253 on 34 carries and two touchdowns at Northern Colorado, Sept. 23, 2017

A Bengal had a rush of 40+ yards

Keoua Kauhi at Weber State on 11/09/2024, 45 yard rush

A Bengal had a Rush of 50+ yards

Dason Brooks vs Southern Utah, 09/21/2024, 75 yard rushing TD

A Bengal had a 100-yard receiving game

Michael Shulikov, 115 yads, 7 receptions ISU at SUU on 08/30/2025

Ian Duarte, 105 yards, 6 receptions, 08/23/2025 at UNLV

Jeff Weimer, 134 yards, 14 receptions, 11/16/2024 at Eastern Washington

Christian Fredericksen, 130 yards on 9 receptions, 2 tds, 11/16/24 at Eastern Washington

A Bengal had a 200 plus yard receiving game

Jeff Weimer, ISU at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024 - 236 yards, 12 Rec. , 1 TD, 84 yd Long

Chedon James, ISU vs EWU on 10/14/23 - 206 yards

A Bengal Had a Reception longer than 70 yards

Jeff Weimer at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024 - 84 yards, TD

A Bengal threw for four touchdown passes

Kobe Tracy at Eastwern Washington on 11/16/2024

Kobe Tracy at Weber State on 11/09/2024

A Bengal threw for five touchdown passes

Matt Struck, vs. North Dakota, 10-12-19

A Bengal threw six or more touchdown passes in a game:

Matt Struck, 6 vs. Portland State 9/28/19

A Bengal had 500+ yards passing

Kevin Yost, 529 vs. Sacramento State, Sept. 29, 2012

A Bengal had 400+ yards passing

Kobe Tracy at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024 - 30/44 for 425 yds, 3 TD

Tyler Vander Waal, vs. Eastern Washington 3/13/21

A Bengal had 300+ yards passing

Jordan Cooke at Southern Utah on 08/30/2025, 334 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

Jordan Cooke at UNLV on 08/23/2025, 380 yards, 30/50/3

Kobe Tracy at Eastern Washington on 11/16/2024, 370 yds, 37/54, 4 TDs, 1 Int.

A Bengal had three rushing touchdowns

Hunter Hays, 3 TD vs Portland State on 10/12/2024

Aug. 31, 2018, James Madison vs. Western State.

A Bengal had four rushing touchdowns

Ty Flanagan, Oct. 21, 2017 vs. Portland State

A Bengal had four touchdown receptions in a game

Chris Corp vs. Utah State on Nov. 14, 1981

Michael Dean vs. Idaho 10/6/18

A Bengal had three touchdown receptions in a game

Tanner Conner, vs. Portland State, 9/28/19

A Bengal had 30 carries or more in a game

James Madison, 30 at Montana State, Oct. 28, 2017

A Bengal had 50-59 pass attempts

Matt Struck, 52, at Idaho Oct. 19, 2019

A Bengal had 60 or more pass attempts

Justin Arias, 64, vs. Eastern Washington, Nov. 2, 2013

A Bengal had a 70-79 yard completion

Xavier Guillory, 71 vs. Cal Poly, 10/15/22

A Bengal had an 80-89 yard completion

Kobe Tracy, 84 to Jeff Weimer at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024

Tanner Gueller, 87 vs. Idaho, Oct. 6, 2018

A Bengal had a 90-99 yard completion

Tanner Gueller, 97 vs. Portland State, 10/21/2017

A Bengal had 11 or more receptions

Jeff Weimer, 14 at Eastern Washington on 11/16/2024

Jeff Weimer, 12 at Cal Poly on 10/05/2024

Mitch Gueller, 11, at Idaho, 10/19/19

A Bengal threw 4 interceptions

Tanner Gueller, at Oregon State, Sept. 17, 2016

A Bengal threw 3 interceptions

Jordan Cooke at UNLV on 08/23/2025

Sagan Gronauer at Montana State, 10/8/2022

A Bengal had over 500 yards of total offense

Tanner Gueller, 573, vs. Idaho, Oct. 6, 2018

A Bengal kicked 4 field goals in a game

Gabe Panikowski at Northern Arizona on 10/19/2024 (4 Field Goals)

Campbell Sheidow, at North Dakota, Sept. 22, 2018

A Bengal made a field goal 45-50 yards

Gabe Painikowski, 48 yards vs Portland State on 10/12/2024

Last Time Up

Thomas Kopcho, 49 yards, ISU vs UNI on 9/16/2023

A Bengal made a field goal 50 yards or longer

Gabe Panikowski, 55 Yards vs Northern Arizona on 10/19/2024

Gabe Panikowski, 51 yards vs Western Oregon on 9/7/2024

A Bengal Kicked a Walk-Off Field Goal

Gabe Panikowski, 25 yards at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024 - ISU 41-38

Kevin Ryan, 30 yard Field Goal at Southern Utah on 03/06/2021 - ISU 26-24

A Bengal attempted 10 punts or more in a game

CJ Reyes, 11, at Utah, August, 28, 2014

A Bengal had a punt 60 yards or longer

Gabe Russo, 75 at SUU on 08/30/2025

Kevin Ryan, 65, at BYU, 11/6/21

A Bengal had a punt return longer than 40 yards

Kieran Yancy, 58, vs. Western State, August 31, 2018

Aaron Blancas, 40 vs Portland State October 21, 2023

A Bengal Blocked a punt for a Touchdown

Jayden Bell, recoverd by Junior Damuni for TD vs WOU 9/7/2024

Sterling Mennear, blocked and recovered 76 yards for TD vs Portland State 10/20/07

A Bengal Converted a Fake Punt for a first down

Ross Bolger, 9 yard fake punt rushing play against Sacramento State on 10/26/2024

Nathan Reynolds, direct snap on the NAU 40, 32 yard first down run, ISU at NAU on 10/19/2024

A Bengal had an interception return 80 yards or longer

Adkin Aguirre, 83, at UC Davis, Oct. 13, 2018

A Bengal had an interception return between 50-79 yards

Jayden Dawson, 61 vs. UC Davis, 10/9/21

A Bengal had a fumble recovery return for longer than 20 yards

Nathan Reynolds, 53 vs Sacramento State on 10/26/2024 (Touchdown)

Janari Boone, 28 vs Western Oregon on 9/7/2024 (Touchdown)

PJ Gremaud, 53, at Northern Colorado, Oct. 25, 2014

A Bengal had a kickoff return longer than 50 yards

Justice Jackson, 85 at EWU, 11/16/2024

Benji Omayebu, 89 at BYU, 11/6/21

Last Time Up

A Bengal had a kickoff return between 40-49 yards

Robert Freeman IV, 41 Yards at SUU on 08/30/2025
Benji Omayebu, 47, vs. Central Arkansas,

A Bengal had over 100 kick return yards

Trey Bell, 100, at Liberty, Oct. 20, 2018

A Bengal recovered an onside kick

Tylor Bohanon vs EWU on 10/14/23

A Bengal returned a kickoff for a touchdown

Justice Jackson, 85 Yard TD Return on 10/16/2024 vs Eastern Washington
Benjamin Omayebu 99 yard TD return on 09/25/2021 vs Sacramento State

A Bengal had 4 tackles for loss in a game

Tate Razor, vs. Weber State, Nov. 19, 2016

A Bengal had 3 quarterback sacks in one game

Tate Razor, vs. Weber State, Nov. 19, 2016

A Bengal had 2 quarterback sacks in one game

David Rowe at Portland State, 10/21/2023

A Bengal had 5 pass break ups in a game

Koby Lowe vs. Portland State, Oct. 21, 2017

A Bengal Strip Sacked a Quarterback

Janari Boone vs Sacramento State on 10/26/2024
Cortland Horton vs Western Oregon, 09/07/2024

The Bengals had a drive longer than 6 minutes

Idaho State at Eastern Washington, TD, 11/16/2024, TOP 6:49 seconds.

The Bengals forced a safety

Idaho State at Oregon State, 08/31/2024, Snap over punters head out of endzone.

A Bengal returned an interception for a TD

Jayden Dawson, 45 yards, vs. Weber State, 10/30/21

A Bengal recovered a fumble for a touchdown

Nathan Reynolds, 53 yard TD Return on 10/26/2024 vs Sacramento State
Janari Boone, 28 yard TD return, 09/7/2024 vs Western Oregon
Kainoa Fuiava, 9 yard Sept. 29, 2018 at NAU

Last Time Up

A Bengal had 13+ tackles in a Game

Jayden Bell vs Sacramento State on 10/26/2024 - 13 Tackles

Nathan Reynolds at Cal Poly on 10/5/2024 - 14 Tackles

A Bengal had 20+ tackles

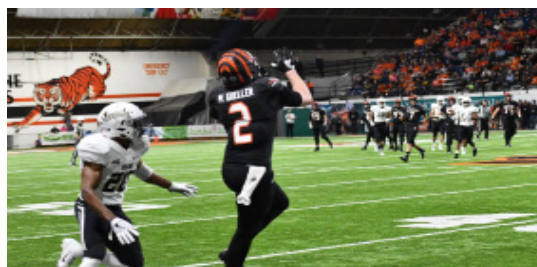
Joe Martin, 20 at Utah State: Sept. 7, 2017

A Bengal had two interceptions in a game:

Charles Ike, vs. Cal Poly, 10/15/2022

LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS SINCE 2000

- 1- 97- Mitch Gueller 97 pass from Tanner Gueller (2017 vs. Portland State) *school record for longest passing play
- 2- 91- Michael Dean 91 yard run vs. Sac State (2016)
- 3- 87- Demonte Horton pass from Tanner Gueller vs. Idaho (2018)
- 4 84 - Jeff Weimer Pass from Kobe Tracy at Cal Poly (10/05/2024)
- 5- 80- Chad Hansen 80 yard pass from Justin Arias (vs. PSU 2013)
- 6 - 75 - Dason Brooks 75 yard rushing touchdown (vs SUU on 9/21/2024)
- 7- 75- Xavier Guillory 75 pass from Tyler Vander Waal (at SDSU 2022)
- 8- 75- Ty Flanagan 75 run vs. North Dakota (2019)
- 9- 75- Mitch Gueller 75 pass from Tanner Gueller (vs. UM, 10/7/17)
- 10- 75- Jakori Ford 75 run at Oregon State (2016)
- 11-75- Daniel McSurdy 75 run vs. Weber State (Nov. 22, 2014)
- 12- 74- Tanner Conner 74 pass from Tyler Vander Waal (2/27/21)
- 13- 74- Luke Austin 74 yard pass from Justin Arias (vs. N. Col. in 2013)
- 14- 73- Tanner Conner 73 pass from Matt Struck (vs. UND in 2019)
- 15- 73- Derek Graves 73 yard pass from Kevin Yost (at Montana State in 2011)
- 16- 72- KW Williams 72 pass from Justin Arias (Simon Fraser in 2014)
- 17- 72- Jakori Ford 69 run vs. Simon Fraser (2014)
- 18- 71- Xavier Guillory 71 pass from Hunter Hays (vs. Cal Poly 2022)
- 19- 71- Tanner Conner 71 pass from Hays vs. UC Davis (10/9/21)
- 20- 71- Michael Dean 71 pass from Matt Struck at Montana (2019)
- 21- 71- Ty Flanagan 71 run at Montana (2019)
- 22- 71- Austin Campbell 71 pass from Tanner Gueller vs. W. Oregon (2017)
- 23- 70 - Mitch Gueller 70 pass from Tanner Gueller vs. Cal Poly (2017)
- 24- 69- Jakori Ford 69 run vs. Simon Fraser (2014)
- 25- 69- Josh Cook 69-yard pass from Justin Arias (at E. Wash. in 2014)
- 26- 68- Josh Cook 61 pass from Tanner Gueller (vs. Sac State in 2016)
- 27- 67- Mitch Gueller 67 pass from Tanner Gueller (at UND in 2018)
- 28- 67- Rodrick Rumble 67 yard pass from Kevin Yost (vs. UC Davis in 12)
- 29-66- Tanner Conner 66 pass from Matt Struck (vs. Portland State in 2019)
- 30 - 65 Chedon James 65 yards pass from Jordan Cooke (vs EWU on 10/14/2023)
- 31- 65- Rodrick Rumble 65 yard pass from Kevin Yost (vs. Weber St. in 2011)
- 32 - 64 - Ian Duarte 65 yard TD reception from Jordan Cooke (at UNLV on 08/23/2025)
- 33- 63- KW Williams 63 pass from Tanner Gueller (vs. Simon Fraser in 2016)|
- 34- 63- Mitch Gueller 63 pass from Tanner Gueller (at Cal 2018)
- 35- 63 Michael Dean 63 pass from Tanner Gueller (at PSU 2018)
- 36- 63 Tanner Conner 63 pass from Matt Struck (vs. Western Colorado 2019)



Mitch Gueller vs Idaho in 2018

TOP TEAM RUSHING YARDS SINCE 2000

Here is a look at the most rushing yards Idaho State has had in a game since the turn of the century.

- 1- 364 vs. Portland State (2017)
- 2- 355 at Northern Colorado (2017)
- 3- 348 at Northern Colorado (2014)
- 4- 333 vs. Weber State (2014)
- 5- 332 vs. Black Hills State (2015)
- 6- 315 vs. Northern Arizona (2018)
- 7- 315 vs. Simon Fraser (2014)
- 8- 302 vs. Northern Colorado (2019)
- 9- 293 vs. Cal Poly (2022)
- 10- 273 at North Dakota (2018)
- 11 - 262 vs Southern Utah (09/21/2024)
- 12- 245 vs. Southern Oregon (2007)
- 13- 243 at UC Davis (2018)
- 14- 236 vs. Idaho (2018)
- 15- 234 at Liberty (2018)
- 16- 234 vs. Western State (2018)
- 17- 230 at SUU (2019)
- 18- 232 vs. Chadron State (2014)
- 19- 227 at Cal Poly (2021)
- 20- 221 vs. Montana Western (2010)
- 21- 218 vs. Montana State (2014)
- 22 - 217 vs Portland State (10/12/2024)
- 23- 213 at Montana State (2021)
- 24- 213 vs. North Dakota (2019)

* ISU rushed for 393 yards vs. Portland State in 1974.
(Holt Arena record) *The school record is 448 rushing
yards vs. Western State in
1950 and 1953.



**BENGAL RUNNING BACK JAMES MADISON
VS NORTHERN ARIZONA IN 2018**

MOST TOTAL YARDS IN A GAME SINCE 2000

- 1- 770 vs. Simon Fraser (2014) School Record
- 2- 754 vs. Idaho (2018)
- 3- 710 vs. Black Hills State (2015)
- 4- 691 vs. Portland State (2017)
- 5- 670 vs. SUU (2014)
- 6- 655 vs. Weber State (2014)
- 7- 651 vs. Black Hills State (2012)
- 8- 651 at Northern Colorado (2014)
- 9- 639 vs. Sacramento State (2014)
- 10- 631 at Liberty (2018)
- 11- 619 at Northern Colorado (2017)
- 12- 614 at Eastern Washington (2014)
- 13- 609 vs. North Dakota (2019)
- 14- 580 vs. Dixie State (2013)
- 15 - 572 vs Eastern Washington (10/14/2023)
- 16- 566 at North Dakota (2018)
- 17- 566 vs. Eastern Washington (2013)
- 18- 562 at UC Davis (2018)
- 19 - 556 vs Western Oregon (09/07/2024)
- 20 - 555 at UNLV on 08/23/2025
- 20- 550 vs. Chadron State (2014)

TOP SCORING GAMES SINCE 2000

- 1- 66 vs. Simon Fraser, Oct. 11, 2014, W 66-14 (Most since beating Colorado College 77-8 in 1960)
- 2- 62 vs. Idaho, Oct. 6, 2018 (Most points against a Division I team since beating UNLV 64-34 in the first game in Holt Arena on Sept. 26, 1970).
- 3- 59 vs. Portland State, Oct. 21, 2017 (Most against a Division I team since beating Portland State, 59-33 on Sept. 27, 1980)
- 4- 56 vs. Northern Arizona, Sept. 29, 2018
- 5- 56 vs. SUU, Oct. 18, 2014, W 56-28
- 6- 55 vs. North Dakota, Oct. 12, 2019, W 55-20
- 7- 55 vs. Black Hills State, Sept. 5, 2015, W, 55-0
- 8- 55 vs. Eastern Washington, Oct. 4, 2003, W, 55-52 (2 OT)
- 9- 54 vs. Montana Western, Aug. 28, 2003, W, 54-20
- 10- 53 at No. 2 Eastern Washington, Oct. 4, 2014, L 56-53
- 11- 51 vs. Portland State, Sept. 28, 2019, W, 51-24
- 12 - 50 vs Western Oregon on Sept. 7, 2024, W 50-10
- 12- 50 vs. Northern Colorado, Sept. 17, 2011, W, 50-20
- 13- 49 at Northern Colorado, Sept. 18, 2004, W, 49-42 (2 OT)
- 14- 48 at Portland State, Nov. 3, 2018, W 48-45
- 15- 48 vs. Montana Western, Aug. 29, 2002, W, 48-7

TOP CROWDS AT THE ICCU DOME OF THE PAST 20 YEARS

- 1- 11,015, Oct. 6, 2018, vs. Idaho, W, 62-28
- 2- 10, 273, Oct. 8, 2005 vs. No. 3 Montana, L, 32-10
- 3- 10,016, Sept. 23, 2006 vs. NAU, L 33-27
- 4- 9, 405, Sept. 24, 2005 vs. No. 5 Eastern Washington, W, 34-30
- 5- 9,323, Nov. 8, 2014 vs. No. 21 Cal Poly, W, 30-28
- 6- 9,129, Sept. 29, 2018 vs. NAU, W., 56-42
- 7- 9,124, Oct. 8, 2011 vs. No. 14 Montana, L, 33-0
- 8- 8,942, Oct. 17, 2015 vs. No. 8 Eastern Washington, L 45-28
- 9- 8,851, Oct. 27, 2018 vs. Montana State, W, 24-17
- 10- 8,731, Oct. 12, 2019 vs. North Dakota, W, 55-20
- 11 - 8,688, Sept. 21, 2024 vs Southern Utah , W, 38-28
- 12- 8, 645, Nov. 10, 2007 vs. No. 3 Montana, L, 27-14
- 13 - 8,301, Nov. 4, 2023 vs Weber State, L 33-21
- 14- 8,288, Oct. 1, 2011 vs. Portland State, L, 42-35
- 15 - 8,012, Sept. 22, 2023 vs Northern Colorado, W, 35-21
- 16- 8,002, Sept. 10, 2011 vs. Western State, W, 44-7



**IDAHO STATE VS IDAHO
10/6/2018**

Top Attendance All-Time

1. 13,895 - Nov. 22, 1980 vs Boise State
2. 13,444 - 1981 vs Weber State
3. 13,000 - 1971 vs Boise State
4. 12,983 - 1983 vs Idaho
5. 12,500 - 1970 vs Idaho
6. 12,400 - 1970 vs Boise State
7. 12,176 - 1984 vs Boise State
8. 12,153 - 1981 vs Rhode Island (Playoff)
9. 12,101 - 1982 vs Boise State
10. 12,008 - 1981 vs South Carolina State
11. 12,000 - 1975 vs Boise State
12. 12,000 - 1972 vs Idaho
13. 12,000 - 1970 vs Montana

***POST 2022 RENOVATION CAPACITY OF THE ICCU DOME IS JUST OVER 10,000**



Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
08/23/2025	at UNLV	L	31-38	0-1	0-0	3:30	25723
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	L	24-46	0-2	0-0	3:19	5137



		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	
08/23/2025	at UNLV	25	160	2	30	31	395	2	64	31-52-4				395	2	64	2	53	0	35	1	7	0	7	555
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	16	23	1	16	24	338	1	47	24-50-1				338	1	47	3	78	0	41	0	0	0	0	361
Idaho St.		41	183	3	30	55	733	3	64	55-102-5				733	3	64	5	131	0	41	1	7	0	7	916
Opponents		94	623	7	72	37	472	4	47	37-49-0				472	4	47	4	67	0	29	0	0	0	0	1095

Idaho St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	4.5	13.3	114.2	26.2	7.0	527.0	458.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off	
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no	yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o pts
08/23/2025	at UNLV	34	42	76	7.0-37	3	31	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	0	4-4	0	0	0	7 31
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	45	38	83	5.0-20	1	7	1	1-15	0-0	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	7 24
Idaho St.		79	80	159	12.0-57	4	38	2	2-15	0-0	1	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	14 55
Opponents		60	54	114	10.0-31	1	11	0	0-0	5-41	10	13	0	10-10	0	1	0	24 84

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/23/2025	at UNLV	2	86	43.0	47	0	1	1	0	1	1-1	26	0	6	385	64.2	4	0
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	5	233	46.6	74	0	0	1	2	3	1-1	40	0	5	320	64.0	3	0
Idaho St.		7	319	45.6	74	0	1	2	2	4	2-2	40	0	11	705	64.1	7	0
Opponents		7	308	44.0	48	0	0	5	0	2	2-4	26	0	15	960	64.0	9	0



		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	
08/23/2025	at UNLV	44	300	4	70	18	232	1	47	18-24-0				232	1	47	2	43	0	29	0	0	0	0	532
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	50	323	3	72	19	240	3	29	19-25-0				240	3	29	2	24	0	18	0	0	0	0	563
Opponents		94	623	7	72	37	472	4	47	37-49-0				472	4	47	4	67	0	29	0	0	0	0	1095
Idaho St.		41	183	3	30	55	733	3	64	55-102-5				733	3	64	5	131	0	41	1	7	0	7	916

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
2	6.6	12.8	183.4	16.8	0.0	601.5	547.5

		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
08/23/2025	at UNLV	36	28	64	6.0-23	1-11	0	0-0	4-35	3	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	17	38
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	24	26	50	4.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	1-6	7	6	0	5-5	0	1	0	7	46
Opponents		60	54	114	10.0-31	1-11	0	0-0	5-41	10	13	0	10-10	0	1	0	24	84
Idaho St.		79	80	159	12.0-57	4-38	2	2-15	0-0	1	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	14	55

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/23/2025	at UNLV	4	179	44.8	48	0	0	2	0	0	1-3	26	0	7	451	64.4	4	0	
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	3	129	43.0	46	0	0	3	0	2	1-1	20	0	8	509	63.6	5	0	
Opponents		7	308	44.0	48	0	0	5	0	2	2-4	26	0	15	960	64.0	9	0	
Idaho St.		7	319	45.6	74	0	1	2	2	4	2-2	40	0	11	705	64.1	7	0	



Team Statistics

	ISU	OPP
Scoring	55	84
Points per game	27.5	42.0
Points Off Turnovers	14	24
First Downs	49	53
Rushing	14	27
Passing	29	23
Penalty	6	3
Rushing Yardage	183	623
Yards gained rushing	212	685
Yards lost rushing	29	62
Rushing attempts	41	94
Average per rush	4.5	6.6
Average per game	91.5	311.5
TDs Rushing	3	7
Passing Yardage	733	472
Comp-Att-Int	55-102-5	37-49-0
Average per pass	7.2	9.6
Average per catch	13.3	12.8
Average per game	366.5	236.0
TDs Passing	3	4
Total offense	916	1095
Total plays	143	143
Average per play	6.4	7.7
Average per game	458.0	547.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	5-131	4-67
Punt returns: #-Yards	1-7	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	5-41
Kick return average	26.2	16.8
Punt return average	7.0	0.0
Int return average	0.0	8.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	13-110	14-130
Average per game	55.0	65.0
Punts-Yards	7-319	7-308
Average per punt	45.6	44.0
Net punt average	42.7	43.0
Kickoffs-Yards	11-705	15-960
Average per kick	64.1	64.0
Net kick average	42.1	38.7
Time of possession / game	25:47	34:12
3rd-down conversion	9/27	11/26
3rd-down pct	33%	42%
4th-down conversion	2/6	2/2



	ISU	OPP
4th-down pct	33%	100%
Sacks by-Yards	4-38	1-11
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	7	11
Field goals - attempts	2-2	2-4
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(5-7) 71%	(8-11) 73%
Red-zone touchdowns	(4-7) 57%	(6-11) 55%
PAT-attempts	(7-7) 100%	(10-10) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	0	30860
Games / Avg per game	0/0	2/15430
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Idaho St.	10	21	14	10	0	55
Opponents	15	24	24	21	0	84



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
21	Rylan Leathers	2	13	10	23	2-4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
7	Nathan Reynolds	2	7	13	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Teilor Tuioti	2	5	13	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Bronson Childs	2	4	7	11	2-17	1-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Mason Young	2	6	5	11	.	.	.	1	.	1-15	1	.	.
5	Jayden Bell	2	4	5	9	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Mike Lindsay	2	3	4	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
0	Cam'ron Willis	2	4	2	6	4-20	2-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Gabe Tahir	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Davion Ross	2	3	2	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Noa Calaycay	2	3	1	4	1-8	1-8	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
13	Dekker Haggler	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Jacob Perez	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Grant Hessler	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jake East	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
2	Adonijah Richards	2	2	1	3	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	TreShawn Shorty	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Devin Rodriguez	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Isaiah Cook	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Collin Lewis	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Beau Jaques	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
62	Will Davis	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Janari Boone	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Jake Hellmann	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Maka Tu'akoi	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Carson Sudbury	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Mason Lindberg	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Jackson Irwin	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Michael Shulikov	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Zion To'oto'o	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Junior Damuni	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	79	80	159	12-57	4-38	0-0	5	1	2-15	2	0	0
Opponents		2	60	54	114	10-31	1-11	5-41	13	10	0-0	0	0	0



Idaho St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	25	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	160	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.4	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD RUSHES	2	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	52	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	31	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS PASSING	395	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	7.6	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD PASSES	2	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	77	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	555	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.2	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
POINTS	31	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
SACKS BY	3	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	30	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PENALTIES	10	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	80	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TURNOVERS	4	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PUNTS	5	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	46.6	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	74	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	7	at UNLV (08/23/2025)



Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	50	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	323	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.8	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD RUSHES	4	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	25	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	19	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	240	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	9.7	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD PASSES	3	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	75	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	563	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.8	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
POINTS	46	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	1	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	28	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PENALTIES	8	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	90	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TURNOVERS	1 1	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PUNTS	4	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PUNTING AVG	44.8	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
LONG PUNT	48	at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0	at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) at UNLV (08/23/2025)



Idaho St. - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	18	Dason Brooks at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	132	Dason Brooks at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD RUSHES	2	Dason Brooks at UNLV (08/23/2025)
LONG RUSH	30	Robert Freeman IV at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	50	Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	30	Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS PASSING	380	Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TD PASSES	1 1 1	Jordan Cooke at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025) Michael Shulikov at UNLV (08/23/2025)
LONG PASS	64	Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025)
RECEPTIONS	7 7	Michael Shulikov at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) Damien Morgan at UNLV (08/23/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	115	Michael Shulikov at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	1 1 1	Damien Morgan at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) Jordan Cooke at UNLV (08/23/2025) Ian Duarte at UNLV (08/23/2025)
LONG RECEPTION	64	Ian Duarte at UNLV (08/23/2025)
PUNTS	5	Gabriel Russo at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	46.6	Gabriel Russo at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	74	Gabriel Russo at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Gabriel Russo at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	7	Robert Freeman IV at UNLV (08/23/2025)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	41	Robert Freeman IV at Southern Utah (08/30/2025)
TACKLES	13	Teilor Tuioti at UNLV (08/23/2025)
SACKS	1 1 1 1	Cam'ron Willis at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) Cam'ron Willis at UNLV (08/23/2025) Noa Calaycay at UNLV (08/23/2025) Bronson Childs at UNLV (08/23/2025)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2	Cam'ron Willis at Southern Utah (08/30/2025) Cam'ron Willis at UNLV (08/23/2025)



Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	UNLV	SUU
Dason Brooks	19-129/2	18-132/2	1--3/0
Brett Spencer	7-4/1	DNP	7-4/1
Robert Freeman IV	4-40/0	3-40/0	1-0/0
Carson Sudbury	4-7/0	-	4-7/0
Jordan Cooke	4--12/0	4--12/0	-
Tytan Mason	3-15/0	DNP	3-15/0

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	UNLV	SUU
Damien Morgan	12-157/1	7-59/0	5-98/1
Ian Duarte	11-134/1	6-105/1	5-29/0
Michael Shulikov	10-187/0	3-72/0	7-115/0
Dason Brooks	6-38/0	6-38/0	-
Tsion Nunnally	5-82/0	DNP	5-82/0
Julian Mason	4-48/0	3-38/0	1-10/0
Jonah Burton	3-50/0	3-50/0	DNP
Raiden Brown	1-24/0	1-24/0	DNP
Jordan Cooke	1-15/1	1-15/1	-
Josh Ball	1-4/0	-	1-4/0
Robert Freeman IV	1--6/0	1--6/0	-



#1 Jordan Cooke	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
UNLV	30	50	3	60.0	380	1	64	1-11	118.4
Southern Utah	23	45	1	51.1	334	1	47	0-0	116.3
Totals	53	95	4	55.8	714	2	64	1-11	117.4

#8 Jackson Sharman	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
UNLV	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.0
Totals	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.0

#14 Michael Shulikov	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
UNLV	1	1	0	100.0	15	1	15	0-0	556.0
Totals	1	1	0	100.0	15	1	15	0-0	556.0

#16 Davis Harsin	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Southern Utah	1	5	0	20.0	4	0	4	0-0	26.7
Totals	1	5	0	20.0	4	0	4	0-0	26.7



Idaho St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/23/2025	at UNLV	L 31-38	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	L 24-46	3	2	14	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 5 of 7 (71.4%)			7	5	31	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Idaho St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/23/2025	UNLV	L 31-38	7	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
08/30/2025	Southern Utah	L 24-46	4	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 8 of 11 (72.7%)			11	8	48	6	3	3	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0



3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/23/2025	at UNLV	L 31-38	5-13 38.5	0-2 0.0	3-6 50.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	L 24-46	4-14 28.6	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
Idaho St.			9-27 33.3	1-6 16.7	3-8 37.5	3-6 50.0	2-7 28.6	0-0 0.0
Opponents			11-26 42.3	3-5 60.0	2-8 25.0	3-6 50.0	3-7 42.9	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/23/2025	at UNLV	L 31-38	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	L 24-46	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Idaho St.			2-6 33.3	0-2 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	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
08/23/2025	at UNLV	L 31-38	28:48	08:20	07:48	05:14	07:26	00:00
08/30/2025	at Southern Utah	L 24-46	22:47	04:33	07:43	04:33	05:58	00:00
Idaho St.			Total	51:35	12:53	15:31	09:47	13:24
			Avg.	25:47	06:27	07:45	04:53	06:42
Opponents			Total	68:25	11:33	20:03	16:18	20:31
			Avg.	34:12	05:46	10:01	08:09	10:15



Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
UNLV	31-38	30 / 25	11 / 13	15 / 10	4 / 2	25-160 / 44-300	31-52-4 / 18-24-0	395 / 232	77-555 / 68-532	60 / 78	4 / 1
Southern Utah	24-46	19 / 28	3 / 14	14 / 13	2 / 1	16-23 / 50-323	24-50-1 / 19-25-0	338 / 240	66-361 / 75-563	93 / 30	1 / 1
Totals	55-84	49 / 53	14 / 27	29 / 23	6 / 3	41-183 / 94-623	55-102-5 / 37-49-0	733 / 472	143-916 / 143-1095	153 / 108	5 / 2

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
UNLV	5-13 / 3-12	1-3 / 1-1	28:48 / 31:12	-02:24	6.4 / 6.8	7.6 / 9.7	7.2 / 7.8	2-43.0 / 4-44.8	10-80.0 / 8-90.0	3 / 1
Southern Utah	4-14 / 8-14	1-3 / 1-1	22:47 / 37:13	-14:26	1.4 / 6.5	6.8 / 9.6	5.5 / 7.5	5-46.6 / 3-43.0	3-30.0 / 6-40.0	1 / 0
Totals	9-27 / 11-26	2-6 / 2-2	51:35 / 68:25	-16:50	4.5 / 6.6	7.2 / 9.6	6.4 / 7.7	7-45.6 / 7-44.0	13-110.0 / 14-130.0	4 / 1

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

