



2021-22 NIU Men's Basketball

2021-22 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sat.	Oct. 30	St. Francis (Ill.) (Exhibition)	W, 80-57
Tues.	Nov. 9	at Washington (Pac-12 Network)	W, 71-64
Fri.	Nov. 12	at Indiana (BTN+)	L, 85-49

The Jacksonville Classic by Fabletics

Thurs.	Nov. 18	at Missouri (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 21	vs. Boston University	11 a.m.
Mon.	Nov. 22	Little Rock or Sam Houston State	TBD

Sat.	Nov. 27	at Marquette (Fox Sports 2)	7 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 1	Eastern Illinois (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 4	at Dayton	1 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 13	at Chicago State	12 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 19	at UIC (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 22	Indiana State (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Tues.	Dec. 28	Ball State* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 1	at Akron* (ESPN3/+)	6 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 4	Buffalo* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 8	at Toledo* (ESPN3/+)	1 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 11	at Kent State* (ESPN3/+)	TBA
Sat.	Jan. 15	Eastern Michigan* (ESPN3/+)	3:30 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 18	Bowling Green* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 22	at Miami* (ESPN3/+)	2:30 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 25	at Ohio* (ESPN3/+)	6 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 29	Central Michigan* (ESPN3/+)	3 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 1	at Western Michigan* (ESPN3/+)	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 5	at Bowling Green* (ESPN3/+)	4 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 8	Akron* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 12	Toledo* (ESPN3/+)	3:30 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 15	at Ball State* (ESPN3/+)	6 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 19	Miami* (ESPN3/+)	3:30 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 22	at Eastern Michigan* (ESPN3/+)	6 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 26	at Buffalo* (ESPN3/+)	1 p.m.
Tues.	March 1	Kent State* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.
Fri.	March 4	Ohio* (ESPN3/+)	7 p.m.

Mid-American Conference Tournament

Thurs.	March 10	Quarterfinals (ESPN+)	TBA
Fri.	March 11	Semifinals (CBS Sports Network)	4/6:30 p.m.
Sat.	March 12	Final (ESPN2)	TBA

Home games in bold, all times central

* - denotes Mid-American Conference game

NIU Huskies (1-1) at Missouri Tigers (1-1)

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 7 p.m. CT

Location: Columbia, Mo.

Arena: Mizzou Arena

TV: SEC Network Plus/ESPN+

TV: Ben Arnet (pxp) and Kevin Puryear (color)

NIU Radio: WLKB (1360-AM, 98.9-FM, DeKalb), The Varsity Network

Radio Talent: Bill Baker (pxp) and Rodney Davis (color)



HUSKIE QUICK HITS

- NIU is playing its third consecutive true road game to start the season as it travels to Missouri. The Huskies opened at Washington before heading to Indiana.
- Thursday's contest is the first game of The Jacksonville Classic by Fabletics. Both the Huskies and Tigers will head to Jacksonville, Fla., following the contest. NIU will face Boston University and then either Little Rock or Sam Houston State in the "Jax Bracket" while Missouri will play SMU and then either Florida State or Loyola Marymount in the "Duval Bracket."
- Last time out against Indiana, Keshawn Williams scored a career-high 21 points, including 9-of-11 from the free-throw line. His previous career-high was 20 points against Southwestern Christian (Dec. 23, 2020) while at Tulsa.
- This will be the third all-time meeting between NIU and Missouri. The Tigers won each of the first two contests in 2010 and 2015.
- NIU's season-opening victory against Washington was NIU's first against a "Power Five" opponent since downing Kansas State, 75-70, in overtime on Dec. 20, 2005, in DeKalb.
- This is just NIU's fifth all-time game against a current member of the SEC. The Huskies are 0-2 against Missouri, 0-1 against South Carolina and 1-1 against Texas A&M. NIU beat the Aggies, 79-66, on Jan. 5, 1994, in DeKalb.
- NIU recorded a school record 14 blocks against Washington, led by four from Chinedu Kingsley Okanu. NIU's previous high was 12 on Feb. 4, 1991, against Western Illinois.
- NIU will play its first six regular season games away from home before hosting Eastern Illinois on Dec. 1.

TALE OF THE TAPE

NIU	2021-22 Stats	Missouri
1-1	Record	1-1
0-0	Conference Record	0-0
60.0	Points Per Game	72.0
74.5	Opponents Points Per Game	74.0
34.0	Rebounds Per Game	37.0
7.5	Assists Per Game	12.0
7.5	Blocks Per Game	3.5
7.0	Steals Per Game	6.5
.372	Field Goal Percentage	.455
.412	Three Point Percentage	.317
.692	Free Throw Percentage	.630
.359	Opponents Field Goal Percentage	.457
.268	Opponents Three-Point Percentage	.377

NIU POSSIBLE STARTERS



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Keshawn Williams

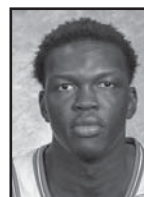
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RPG 3.0
FT%818



G • 1 • SR

Trendon Hankerson

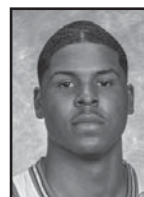
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RPG 5.5
3PT%467



C • 13 • SR

Adong Makuoi

PPG 4.0
RPG 2.0
BPG 1.0



G • 24 • JR

Darweshi Hunter

PPG 3.0
RPG 2.0
3PT%667



G • 50 • SR

Anthony Crump

PPG 8.5
RPG 7.5
APG 4.0

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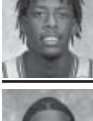
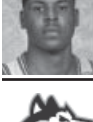
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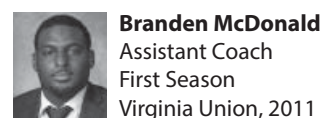
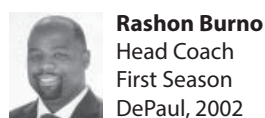


vs. Boston University
Jacksonville, Fla.
Sunday, Nov. 21
11 a.m. CT

NIU Huskies (1-1, 0-0 MAC)
Last Game: Nov. 12 at Indiana (L, 85-49)

Head Coach: Rashon Burno, First Season (1-1)
Next Game: Nov. 21 vs. Boston University (Jacksonville, Fla.)

	0	Keshawn Williams 6-3 • 175 • G • Sophomore Chicago Heights, Ill. Tulsa	PPG 13.5 RPG 3.0 APG 0.0 FG% .381 3-PT% .333 FT% .818 Career Highs Reb: 6 (12/23/20)	FG% .381 3-PT% .333 FT% .818 Pts: 21 (11/12/21) Ast: 9 (12/23/20)	Notes: Had a career-high 21 pts at Indiana (Nov. 12), including 9-of-11 from FT line ... Played 19 games last season at Tulsa, shot 92.3% FTs ... Prepped at Bloom HS in Chicago Heights.
	1	Trendon Hankerson 6-2 • 185 • G • Senior Novi, Mich. Novi	PPG 15.5 RPG 5.5 APG 0.0 FG% .435 3-PT% .467 FT% .667 Career Highs Reb: 8 (twice)	FG% .435 3-PT% .467 FT% .667 Pts: 28 (11/9/21) Ast: 6 (1/11/20)	Notes: Had a career-high 28 in the opener at Washington, 9-15 FGs, 6-11 3s ... Ranked fourth in MAC in 3PT% last yr (36.9%) and 16th in scoring (13.9 ppg) ... Has started 52 straight gms (2+ seasons).
	2	Kaleb Thornton 6-0 • 175 • G • Junior Bolingbrook, Ill. Iowa Western CC	PPG 4.5 RPG 1.0 APG 2.5 FG% .200 3-PT% .400 FT% .750 Career Highs Reb: 6 (12/8/20)	FG% .200 3-PT% .400 FT% .750 Pts: 10 (twice) Ast: 7 (2/23/21)	Notes: Had eight points and four assists in opener at Washington (Nov. 9) ... Led NIU in assists 10 times last season ... Ranked 13th in MAC last yr with 2.9 assists per game.
	3	Noah Kon 6-1 • 180 • G • Freshman Houston, Texas Houston Christian	PPG 3.5 RPG 1.0 APG 0.5 FG% .333 3-PT% .000 FT% .833 Career Highs Reb: 1 (twice)	FG% .333 3-PT% .000 FT% .833 Pts: 4 (11/12/21) Ast: 1 (11/9/21)	Notes: Went 3-of-4 FTs in opener at Washington (11/9) ... Started the exhibition with St. Francis, playing 14 minutes with three points ... Averaged 18.8 pts, 5.4 reb, 4.4 ast, 2.1 stl last yr at Houston Christian HS.
	4	Montavious Myrick 6-8 • 215 • F • Freshman Atlanta, Ga. North Atlanta	PPG RPG APG FG% 3-PT% FT% Career Highs Reb: n/a	Pts: n/a Ast: n/a	Notes: Yet to see action in the regular season ... Played a pair of minutes in exhibition against St. Francis ... Prepped at North Atlanta HS, where he averaged 12.1 pts and 10.4 reb per game.
	5	Chris Osten 6-9 • 215 • F • Senior Crowley, La. Arizona State	PPG 0.0 RPG 1.0 APG 0.0 FG% .000 3-PT% .000 FT% .000 Career Highs Reb: 8 (2/23/21)	FG% .000 3-PT% .000 FT% .000 Pts: 12 (1/16/21) Ast: 1 (5x)	Notes: Joins the Huskies with HC Rashon Burno from Arizona State ... Played in 24 gms last yr at ASU, with six starts ... 8 pts, 8 reb v. Washington (2/23/21), 0 pts, 1 reb v. Washington (2/25/21).
	10	Zion Russell 6-0 • 185 • G • Freshman Upper Marlboro, Md. National Christian Academy	PPG RPG APG FG% 3-PT% FT% Career Highs Reb: n/a	Pts: n/a Ast: n/a	Notes: Yet to see action in regular season ... Played four minutes in exhibition against St. Francis, recorded one assist ... Averaged 23 pts, 5.2 reb, 3.9 ast, 2.0 stl last season at National Christian Academy.
	11	Chinedu Kingsley Okanu 6-7 • 225 • F • Senior Lynwood, Ill. Vincennes University	PPG 4.0 RPG 4.0 APG 0.0 FG% .286 3-PT% .000 FT% .444 Career Highs Reb: 7 (2/13/21)	FG% .286 3-PT% .000 FT% .444 Pts: 12 (1/9/21) Ast: 2 (twice)	Notes: Goes by middle name "Kingsley" rather than given first name "Chinedu" ... Had a career-best 4 blocks in opener at Washington (11/9) ... Ranked 8th in MAC last season with 0.8 blocks per game.
	12	Zool Kueth 6-7 • 210 • F • Senior Gallatin, Tenn. Pratt CC	PPG 0.0 RPG 0.5 APG 0.0 FG% .000 3-PT% .000 FT% .000 Career Highs Reb: 7 (1/5/21)	FG% .000 3-PT% .000 FT% .000 Pts: 22 (1/5/21) Ast: 3 (1/9/21)	Notes: Shot 47.7 percent from three over the final 11 games of last season ... Scored 20-plus points twice in 2020-21 ... Ranked fourth in MAC in 3PT% in league play (43.8%).
	13	Adong Makuoi 6-9 • 220 • C • Senior Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Daytona State College	PPG 4.0 RPG 2.0 APG 0.5 FG% .300 3-PT% .000 FT% .500 Career Highs Reb: 8 (12/18/20)	FG% .300 3-PT% .000 FT% .500 Pts: 14 (12/13/20) Ast: 2 (12/5/20)	Notes: Scored five points last time out at Indiana (Nov. 12) ... His career-high 14 pts came against Luka Garza and Iowa a season ago (12/13/20) ... Shot 55 percent from the field last season.
	22	Edward Manuel 6-6 • 190 • G • Junior Lake Charles, La. Navarro College	PPG 3.5 RPG 2.0 APG 0.0 FG% 1.000 3-PT% .000 FT% 1.000 Career Highs Reb: 3 (11/12/21)	FG% 1.000 3-PT% .000 FT% 1.000 Pts: 4 (11/12/21) Ast: n/a	Notes: Has made all five shots he has taken this season (2 FGs, 3 FTs) ... Averaged 9.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game last season at Navarro College.
	24	Darweshi Hunter 6-5 • 200 • G • Junior Cincinnati, Ohio Weber State	PPG 3.0 RPG 2.0 APG 0.0 FG% .667 3-PT% .667 FT% .000 Career Highs Reb: 4 (11/9/21)	FG% .667 3-PT% .667 FT% .000 Pts: 17 (1/16/21) Ast: 5 (1/16/21)	Notes: Has started each of the first two games this season ... Appeared in 7 gms at Weber State last season ... Avg. 20.8 ppg at Central State in 2019-20, SIAC Fr & Newcomer of the Yr.
	25	Drew Wiemers 6-4 • 200 • F • Junior Coal Valley, Ill. Benedictine University	PPG RPG APG FG% 3-PT% FT% Career Highs Reb: n/a	Pts: n/a Ast: n/a	Notes: Walk-on, began as a student manager with the Huskies ... Yet to see game action ... Played at DIII Benedictine as a freshman in 2019-20, appearing in four games.
	50	Anthony Crump 6-8 • 210 • G • Senior Inkster, Mich. Middle Tennessee State	PPG 8.5 RPG 7.5 APG 4.0 FG% .500 3-PT% .500 FT% .667 Career Highs Reb: 11 (11/9/21)	FG% .500 3-PT% .500 FT% .667 Pts: 13 (1/5/21) Ast: 6 (11/9/21)	Notes: Posted first career double-double with 11 pts & career-high 11 reb at Washington (11/9) ... Also had career-high 6 asts at Washington ... Played two seasons at Middle Tennessee.



ABOUT MISSOURI

- The Tigers bring a 1-1 overall record into Thursday's contest following an 80-66 setback against Kansas City on Monday night (Nov. 15).
- Four players are scoring in double figures for the Tigers through two games, led by 15.0 points per game from Kobe Brown. Javon Pickett and Ronnie DeGray III are both averaging 13.5 points per game and Jarron Coleman, a transfer from Ball State, is adding 10.0 points per contest.
- Cuonzo Martin is in his fifth season as head coach at Missouri, having guided the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament twice.
- Last season, Missouri posted a 16-10 overall record, including an 8-8 mark in SEC play. The Tigers advanced to the NCAA Tournament where they fell to Oklahoma, 72-68, in the first round.

THE SERIES WITH THE TIGERS

- Thursday's contest will be the third all-time between NIU and Missouri. The Tigers have won each of the first two meetings, both played in Columbia.
- The first meeting between the two schools came on Dec. 27, 2010, as 10th-ranked Missouri topped NIU, 97-61. Marcus Denmon led five Tigers in double figures with 24 points. Tim Toler had 13 to pace the Huskies.
- The most recent meeting between the Tigers and Huskies came on Dec. 4, 2015, when Missouri snapped NIU's seven-game win streak to start the 2015-16 campaign. Kevin Puryear scored a team-high 17 points for Missouri, Marshawn Wilson led NIU with 24 points.

INDIANA RECAP

- NIU fell at Indiana, 85-49, last Friday (Nov. 12) in the first meeting between the two programs for nearly 50 years.
- Keshawn Williams led the Huskies with a career-high 21 points, including 9-of-11 from the free-throw line.
- Trayce Jackson-Davis scored 19 points to pace the Hoosiers while Race Thompson added a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.
- NIU recorded 10 steals in the contest, with Trendon Hankerson posting a game-high three. Three other Huskies, Anthony Crump, Adong Makuoi and Edward Manuel, each had two steals.

HUSKIES WIN IN BURNO'S DEBUT

- NIU opened the 2021-22 season with a 71-64 victory over Washington on Nov. 9.
- Trendon Hankerson scored a game-high 28 points on 9-of-15 shooting, including a career-best 6-of-11 from three-point range.
- Hankerson's 28 points is tied for the most by a Huskie in a season opener in the last 30 years. Levi Bradley had 28 in the 2017-18 opener against Green Bay (Nov. 14, 2017) while T.J. Lux also scored 28 points in the opener in 1999-2000 against Boston University (Nov. 19, 1999).
- Anthony Crump posted his first career double-double with 11 points and a career-best 11 rebounds. He also had a career-best, and game-high, six assists.
- NIU recorded a school record 14 blocks against Washington, led by four from Chinedu Kingsley Okanu. NIU's previous high was 12 on Feb. 4, 1991, against Western Illinois.
- The win was the first for Huskie head coach Rashon Burno, who becomes the first NIU head coach to win his debut since Tom Jorgensen defeated Wisconsin-Whitewater, 109-83, on Dec. 1, 1966.
- NIU held Washington to just 26.7 percent (20-of-75) shooting from the field, and 16.7 percent (3-of-18) shooting from three-point range.
- The victory was NIU's first over a "high-major" opponent defeating Kansas State, 75-70, in overtime on Dec. 20, 2005, in DeKalb.
- It was also NIU's first win over a Pac-12 opponent, NIU had previously had setbacks against Arizona (twice), Utah and Washington.
- Terrell Brown Jr. scored a team-high 22 points for Washington, while Nate Roberts pulled down a game-high 19 rebounds.

A FIRST SINCE 2005

- Last Tuesday's win over Washington was the first for the Huskies over a "high-major" (the football "Power Five" and Big East) since downing Kansas State, 75-70, in overtime on Dec. 20, 2005, in DeKalb.
- NIU's last road win over a current member of the Power Five Plus Big East came on Nov. 27, 2004, when the Huskies won at DePaul, 84-69. The Blue Demons were a member of Conference USA at the time.
- Other road wins over "major" opponents include a 70-65 win at Notre Dame on Dec. 12, 1981 (the Fighting Irish were independent at the time) and a 76-75 win at Michigan State on Dec. 1, 1970.
- Prior to the win over Washington, NIU's last victory in a "buy game" came on Dec. 20, 2016, when the Huskies won at South Florida, 59-48.

BLOCK PARTY

- NIU set a new school record with 14 blocks in the season opener against Washington (Nov. 9, 2021). NIU's previous high was 12 on Feb. 4, 1991, against Western Illinois.
- Chinedu Kingsley Okanu had a team-high, and career-best, four blocks.
- Anthony Crump, Chris Osten, Adong Makuoi and Kaleb Thornton each had two blocks. Trendon Hankerson and Keshawn Williams each had a block.

ROAD WARRIORS

- NIU will play its first six regular season games away from home before hosting Eastern Illinois on Dec. 1.

NIU Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of School.....	Northern Illinois University
Location	DeKalb, Ill.
Founded	1895
Enrollment	16,234
Nickname	Huskies
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors.....	Cardinal and Black
Arena.....	NIU Convocation Center (9,100)
President.....	Dr. Lisa C. Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director	Sean T. Frazier

NIU BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball	1900-01
All-time Record.....	1287-1334
First Year of Division I Basketball.....	1968-69
All-time Division I Record	670-845
Postseason Appearances.....	4 (1982, 1991, 1996, 2016)
NCAA Appearances	3 (1982, 1991, 1996)
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	3 (1982, '91, '96)
Record in the NCAA Tournament	0-3
NCAA Tournament Games	
.....	March 12, 1982: L, 77-68 v. Kansas State
.....	March 8, 1991: L, 75-68 v. St. John's
.....	March 15, 1996: L, 74-73 v. Texas Tech
Vegas 16 Game.....	
.....	March 28, 2016: L, 70-63, v. UC Santa Barbara

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE HISTORY

Seasons in the MAC	34 (1975-86, 1997-pres.)
Record in the MAC Tournament.....	14-24
MAC Tournament Titles	1 (1982)

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Rashon Burno
Alma Mater	DePaul, 2002
Career Record/Years	First
NIU Record/Years.....	Same
Best Time to Reach Coach	Contact SID
Assistant Coach.....	Steve Christiansen
Alma Mater	North Central, 1999
Assistant Coach.....	Drew Gladstone
Alma Mater	DePaul, 2009
Assistant Coach.....	Branden McDonald
Alma Mater	Virginia Union, 2011
Director of Basketball Operations	Matt Fleming
Graduate Assistant.....	Devyn Baranauskas
Athletic Trainer	Leah Oliver-Pataki
Basketball Sports Performance Coach.....	Rhonda Watts

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Record	3-16
2020-21 MAC Record.....	2-12 (12th)
Starters Returning/Lost.....	3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	6/5

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DIVISION I TOTALS FOR CURRENT HUSKIES

POINTS

Trendon Hankerson	574
Anthony Crump (73 at Middle Tennessee)	165
Zool Kueth	121
Kaleb Thornton	100
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	100
Adong Makuoi	90
Keshawn Williams (59 at Tulsa)	86
Chris Osten (65 at Arizona State)	65
Darweshi Hunter (20 at Weber State)	26
Noah Kon	7
Edward Manuel	7
Montavious Myrick	0
Zion Russell	0
Drew Wiemers	0

REBOUNDS

Trendon Hankerson	233
Anthony Crump (84 at Middle Tennessee)	164
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	74
Chris Osten (56 at Arizona State)	58
Adong Makuoi	57
Zool Kueth	53
Kaleb Thornton	51
Keshawn Williams (18 at Tulsa)	24
Darweshi Hunter (4 at Weber State)	8
Edward Manuel	4
Noah Kon	2
Montavious Myrick	0
Zion Russell	0
Drew Wiemers	0

ASSISTS

Trendon Hankerson	121
Anthony Crump (41 at Middle Tennessee)	64
Kaleb Thornton	55
Keshawn Williams (25 at Tulsa)	25
Zool Kueth	9
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	9
Darweshi Hunter (7 at Weber State)	7
Adong Makuoi	6
Chris Osten (5 at Arizona State)	5
Noah Kon	1
Edward Manuel	0
Montavious Myrick	0
Zion Russell	0
Drew Wiemers	0

STEALS

Trendon Hankerson	69
Anthony Crump (14 at Middle Tennessee)	25
Kaleb Thornton	18
Keshawn Williams (10 at Tulsa)	10
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	5
Adong Makuoi	5
Chris Osten (4 at Arizona State)	4
Zool Kueth	3
Edward Manuel	2
Darweshi Hunter (2 at Weber State)	2
Noah Kon	0
Montavious Myrick	0
Zion Russell	0
Drew Wiemers	0

BLOCKS (TOP FIVE ONLY)

Trendon Hankerson	27
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	21
Chris Osten (17 at Arizona State)	19
Zool Kueth	14
Adong Makuoi	11
Anthony Crump (7 at Middle Tennessee)	11

- The Huskies open the campaign with trips to Washington (Nov. 9) and Indiana (Nov. 12) in the first week of the season.
- The following week sees NIU travel to Missouri (Nov. 18) before a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., for the Jacksonville Classic where the Huskies will meet Boston University (Nov. 21) and either Little Rock or Sam Houston State (Nov. 22).
- A short trip to Milwaukee (just 115 miles from DeKalb) to face Marquette follows on Nov. 27 before the Huskies return home to host Eastern Illinois (Dec. 1).
- NIU will leave the State of Illinois just once in December, for a trip to Dayton on Dec. 4, although the month will include road dates against in-state foes Chicago State (Dec. 13) and UIC (Dec. 19).

BURNO BEGINS FIRST SEASON

- On March 6, 2021, Rashon Burno was announced as the 29th head coach in NIU men's basketball history. Burno is one of 36 minority head coaching hires in Division I men's basketball this season.
- Burno joins the Huskies following six seasons at Arizona State under Bobby Hurley. During those six years, the Sun Devils had three 20-win seasons and reached the NCAA Tournament twice (2018, '19).
- Prior to his time at Arizona State, Burno spent three years at Florida under Billy Donovan (2012-15). The Gators won the SEC and reached the Elite Eight in 2013, the following season, Florida won the SEC again and reached the Final Four.
- Burno began his collegiate coaching career at Towson in 2010-11 before spending a year at Manhattan (2011-12), where he helped the Jaspers advance to the Collegiansider.com Tournament.
- Burno was the head coach at Marmion Academy in Aurora, Ill., from 2007-10.
- As a player, Burno attended St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, N.J., playing for Hall of Famer Bob Hurley Sr. He then played four years at DePaul (1998-2002), where he still ranks third in program history in steals and sixth in assists.

EXHIBITION RECAP

- NIU topped St. Francis (Ill.), 80-57, in its lone exhibition game (Oct. 30) behind 15 points and four assists off the bench from Kaleb Thornton.
- Keshawn Williams and Trendon Hankerson also scored in double figures as Williams had 14, along with three assists, and Hankerson added 10, with a team-high five assists.
- Zool Kueth finished just shy of double figures with nine points while Anthony Crump grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.
- The Huskies scored 49 points in the second half and outscored St. Francis, 49-27, in the second half. NIU shot 56.7 percent (17-of-30) in the second half while holding St. Francis to just 29.2 percent (7-of-24) shooting after the intermission.
- NIU held a 42-14 advantage in second chance points as well as a 27-10 edge in points off turnovers. The Huskies forced 22 turnovers by the Fighting Saints.

THE HUSKIES AT A GLANCE

- NIU's roster includes six returnees from last season and seven newcomers among its 13 scholarship players. The seven newcomers are made up of three Division I transfers, one junior college transfer and three freshmen.
- All six returnees from last season started at least three games in 2020-21, including leading returning scorer Trendon Hankerson who averaged 13.9 points per game last year and started all 19 contests.
- Among the three Division I transfers, Chris Osten comes with head coach Rashon Burno from Arizona State. Osten played in 24 games for the Sun Devils in 2020-21, making six starts. NIU's other Division I transfers are Darweshi Hunter (Weber State) and Keshawn Williams (Tulsa).
- NIU's junior college transfer, Edward Manuel, comes to DeKalb from Navarro College, where he averaged 9.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game last season.
- The three freshmen on the NIU roster come from three different states. Noah Kon hails from Houston, Texas, Montavious Myrick is from Atlanta, Ga., and Zion Russell comes from Upper Marlboro, Md.

HUSKIES PICKED 12TH IN MAC PRESEASON POLL

- NIU was picked to finish 12th in the Mid-American Conference Preseason Coaches Poll. Buffalo was selected as the preseason favorite in the league, followed by 2) Ohio, 3) Toledo, 4) Kent State, 5) Akron, 6) Bowling Green, 7) Miami, 8) Ball State, 9) Western Michigan, 10) Central Michigan, 11) Eastern Michigan and 12) NIU.
- The Preseason All-MAC First Team is made up of: Daeqwon Plowden (Bowling Green), Josh Mballa (Buffalo), Jeenathan Williams (Buffalo), Ben Vander Plas (Ohio) and Ryan Rollins (Toledo). While the Second Team is comprised of K.J. Walton (Akron), Sincere Carry (Kent State), Dae Dae Grant (Miami), Jason Carter (Ohio) and B. Artis White (Western Michigan).

2020-21 SEASON REVIEW

- NIU posted a 3-16 overall record a season ago, including a 2-12 mark in Mid-American Conference play.
- The Huskies made a coaching change on Jan. 3, 2021, as Mark Montgomery, in his 10th season at NIU, was replaced by associate head coach Lamar Chapman for the remainder of the 2020-21 campaign.
- NIU had a nearly month-long COVID pause. Following a Jan. 16 contest at Ball State, the Huskies were unable to return to action until Feb. 13 at Kent State.
- On March 6, 2021, Rashon Burno was announced as the 29th head coach in NIU men's basketball history.



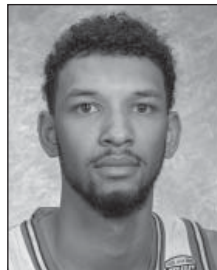
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KESHAWN WILLIAMS



0 Sophomore Guard

TRENDON HANKERSON



1 Senior Guard

KALEB THORNTON



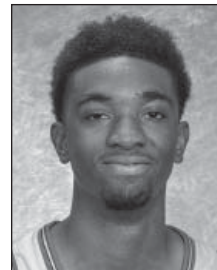
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NOAH KON



3 Freshman Guard

MONTAVIOUS MYRICK



4 Freshman Forward

CHRIS OSTEN



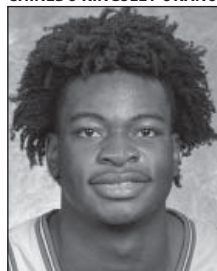
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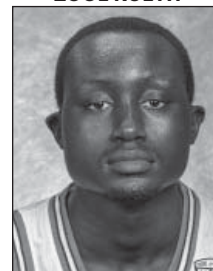
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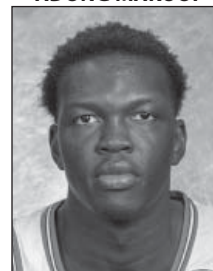
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ZOOL KUETH



12 Senior Forward

ADONG MAKUOI



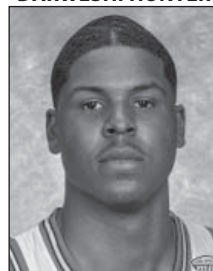
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EDWARD MANUEL



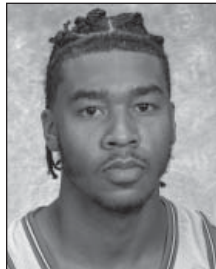
22 Junior Guard

DARWESHI HUNTER



24 Junior Guard

ANTHONY CRUMP



50 Senior Guard

RASHON BURNO



Head Coach
First Season

STEVE CHRISTIANSEN



Assistant Coach
First Season

DREW GLADSTONE



Assistant Coach
First Season

BRANDEN McDONALD



Assistant Coach
First Season

2021-22 NIU HUSKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (Last School)	First Name	Last Name
0	Keshawn Williams	G	6-3	175	So.	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Tulsa)	common	common
1	Trendon Hankerson	G	6-2	185	Sr.	Novi, Mich. (Novi)	tren - don	common
2	Kaleb Thornton	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Iowa Western CC)	kay - lib	common
3	Noah Kon	G	6-1	180	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Houston Christian)	common	kahn
4	Montavious Myrick	F	6-8	215	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (North Atlanta)	mont - A - vee - us	my - rick
5	Chris Osten	F	6-9	215	Sr.	Crowley, La. (Arizona State)	common	austin
10	Zion Russell	G	6-0	185	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md. (National Christian Academy)	common	common
11	Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	F	6-7	225	Sr.	Lynwood, Ill. (Vincennes University)	chin - ado	oh - kahn - new
12	Zool Kueth	F	6-7	210	Sr.	Gallatin, Tenn. (Pratt CC)	rhymes with cool	queth
13	Adong Makuoi	C	6-9	220	Jr.	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Daytona State College)	ah - dong	ma - coy
22	Edward Manuel	G	6-6	190	Jr.	Lake Charles, La. (Navarro College)	common	common
24	Darweshi Hunter	G	6-5	200	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Weber State)	dar - WE - she	common
25	Drew Wiemers	F	6-4	200	Jr.	Coal Valley, Ill. (Moline)	common	we - mers
50	Anthony Crump	G	6-8	210	Sr.	Inkster, Mich. (Middle Tennessee State)	common	common

Head Coach: Rashon Burno

Assistant Coaches: Steve Christiansen, Drew Gladstone, Branden McDonald

Director of Basketball Operations: Matt Fleming

Graduate Assistant: Devyn Baranauskas (devin, bara - now - skiss)

SPECIALTY STATS

		Result	Pts in Paint (NIU/Opp)	Pts off TO (NIU/Opp)	2nd Chance (NIU/Opp)	Fast Break (NIU/Opp)	Bench Pts (NIU/Opp)	Largest Lead	Largest Deficit	Lead Changes	Ties
N9	at Washington	W, 71-64	14/28	9/16	3/16	4/11	20/12	16	1	6	4
N12	at Indiana	L, 85-49	18/36	8/26	12/11	11/17	11/37	1	41	2	2
N18	at Missouri										
N21	vs. Boston University										
N22	vs. Little Rock/Sam Houston State										
N27	at Marquette										
D1	Eastern Illinois										
D4	at Dayton										
D13	at Chicago State										
D19	at UIC										
D22	Indiana State										
D28	Ball State*										
J1	at Akron*										
J4	Buffalo*										
J8	at Toledo*										
J11	at Kent State*										
J15	Eastern Michigan*										
J18	Bowling Green*										
J22	at Miami*										
J25	at Ohio*										
J29	Central Michigan*										
F1	at Western Michigan*										
F5	at Bowling Green*										
F8	Akron*										
F12	Toledo*										
F15	at Ball State*										
F19	Miami*										
F22	at Eastern Michigan*										
F26	at Buffalo*										
M1	Kent State*										
M4	Ohio*										
TOTALS			32/64	17/42	15/27	15/28	31/49				
AVERAGES			16.0/32.0	8.5/21.0	7.5/13.5	7.5/14.0	15.5/24.5				

MISC. STATS

Largest halftime lead	9, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Largest halftime deficit	27, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Largest halftime lead surrendered to lose	
Largest halftime deficit overcome to win.....	
Largest lead at any time.....	16, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Largest deficit at any time.....	41, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Largest lead surrendered to lose	1, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Largest deficit overcome to win	1, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Largest margin of victory	7, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Largest margin of defeat	36, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Most points scored in a half.....	36, at Washington -- first half (Nov. 9, 2021)
Fewest points scored in a half.....	20, at Indiana -- first half (Nov. 12, 2021)
Most points allowed in a half	47, at Indiana -- first half (Nov. 12, 2021)
Fewest points allowed in a half	27, at Washington -- first half (Nov. 9, 2021)

ABOUT THE STAFF

Head Coach Rashon Burno

- First season as a collegiate head coach. Served as head coach at Marmon Academy in Aurora, Ill., from 2007-10.
- Comes to NIU following six seasons on staff at Arizona State (2016-21).
- Worked under Billy Donovan at Florida for three seasons (2012-15), helping the Gators to the 2014 Final Four.
- Also spent one season at Towson and one at Manhattan.
- Played for Bob Hurley Sr. at St. Anthony's in Jersey City, N.J.

Assistant Coach Steve Christiansen

- First season as an assistant coach at NIU.
- Joins the Huskies following 17 years as head coach at Triton College in River Grove, Ill. (2004-21).
- Won over 400 games at Triton, including the 2018 NJCAA Division II National Championship.
- Named 2018 NABC Junior College Coach of the Year.
- Making his return to NIU after working as Director of Basketball Operations for the Huskies from 2001-04.

Assistant Coach Drew Gladstone

- First season as an assistant coach at NIU.
- Comes to NIU following four years on the men's basketball staff at Indiana (2017-21).
- Spent last two seasons with the Hoosiers as a Team and Recruitment Analyst.
- Worked as head coach at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Conn., prior to Indiana (2014-17).
- Led St. Luke's to a pair of league championships and was twice named New England Class C Coach of the Year.

Assistant Coach Branden McDonald

- First season as an assistant coach at NIU.
- Joins the Huskies following four seasons at Towson (2017-21).
- Helped the Tigers to an 18-win season in 2017-18 and a 19-win campaign in 2019-20.
- Worked for two years at Manhattan (2015-17) prior to moving to Towson.
- Also worked as a graduate assistant at Pittsburgh and coach Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

2021-22 NIU BASKETBALL STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN

TEAM	GAMES	FG-FGA	PCT.	3F-3PA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	O-D	TOT	AVG.	FOUL	DQ	AST	AVG	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
OVERALL (0-2)	2	35-94	.372	14-34	.412	36-52	.692	13-55	68	34.0	53	2	15	7.5	43	15	14	120	60.0
HOME																			
AWAY (0-2)	2	35-94	.372	14-34	.412	36-52	.692	13-55	68	34.0	53	2	15	7.5	43	15	14	120	60.0
NEUTRAL																			
NON-CONF (0-2)	2	35-94	.372	14-34	.412	36-52	.692	13-55	68	34.0	53	2	15	7.5	43	15	14	120	60.0
CONFERENCE																			

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RECORD BY VENUE	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
Overall	1-1	
Home (NIU Convocation Center)		
Away	1-1	
Neutral		
RECORD BY HALFTIME	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
When NIU leads at halftime	1-0	
When NIU trails at halftime	0-1	
When NIU is tied at halftime		
RECORD BY SCORING OFFENSE	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
When NIU scores 100+ points		
When NIU scores 90-99 points		
When NIU scores 80-89 points		
When NIU scores 70-79 points	1-0	
When NIU scores 60-69 points		
When NIU scores 50-59 points		
When NIU scores 40-49 points	0-1	
When NIU scores less than 40 points		
RECORD BY SCORING DEFENSE	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
When opponent scores 100+ points		
When opponent scores 90-99 points		
When opponent scores 80-89 points	0-1	
When opponent scores 70-79 points		
When opponent scores 60-69 points	1-0	
When opponent scores 50-59 points		
When opponent scores 40-49 points		
When opponent scores less than 40 points		
MARGIN OF VICTORY	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
Game decided by 1-5 points		
Game decided by 6-10 points	1-0	
Game decided by 11-20 points		
Game decided by 21+ points	0-1	
OVERTIME RECORD	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
Overtime		
Double Overtime		
RECORD BY MONTH	2021-22 Overall	2021-22 MAC
November	0-2	
December		
January		
February		
March		

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FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	2021-22
When NIU leads in FG%, NIU is	1-0
When opponent leads in FG%, NIU is	0-1
When game ends tied in FG%, NIU is	
3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	2021-22
When NIU leads in 3FG%, NIU is	1-0
When opponent leads in 3FG%, NIU is	0-1
When game ends tied in 3FG%, NIU is	
FREE THROW SHOOTING	2021-22
When NIU attempts more FT, NIU is	
When opponent attempts more FT, NIU is	1-1
When game ends tied in FT attempts, NIU is	
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	2021-22
When NIU leads in FT%, NIU is	1-0
When opponent leads in FT%, NIU is	0-1
When game ends tied in FT%, NIU is	
REBOUNDING	2021-22
When NIU leads in rebounds, NIU is	
When opponent leads in rebounds, NIU is	1-1
When game ends tied in rebounds, NIU is	
ASSISTS	2021-22
When NIU leads in assists, NIU is	1-0
When opponent leads in assists, NIU is	0-1
When game ends tied in assists, NIU is	
BLOCKS	2021-22
When NIU leads in blocks, NIU is	1-0
When opponent leads in blocks, NIU is	0-1
When game ends tied in blocks, NIU is	
STEALS	2021-22
When NIU leads in steals, NIU is	0-1
When opponent leads in steals, NIU is	1-0
When game ends tied in steals, NIU is	
TURNOVERS	2021-22
When NIU has more turnovers, NIU is	1-1
When opponent has more turnovers, NIU is	
When game ends tied in turnovers, NIU is	
FOULS	2021-22
When NIU has more fouls, NIU is	1-1
When opponent has more fouls, NIU is	
When game ends tied in fouls, NIU is	

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

TIME ON THE COURT

PLAYER	CAREER GAMES	CAREER STARTS	CONSEC GAMES	CONSEC STARTS
Trendon Hankerson	73	54	73	52
Anthony Crump (34 gms at MTSU)	53	20	2	2
Chris Osten (24 gms at ASU)	26	6	2	0
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	21	5	21	0
Keshawn Williams (19 gms at Tulsa)	21	3	2	2
Zool Kueth	20	9	8	0
Adong Makuoi	19	16	4	2
Kaleb Thornton	19	3	9	0
Darweshi Hunter (7 gms at Weber St.)	9	2	2	2
Noah Kon	2	0	2	0
Edward Manuel	2	0	2	0
Montavious Myrick	0	0	0	0
Zion Russell	0	0	0	0
Drew Wiemers	0	0	0	0

LED NIU IN ... SCORING

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	0	0	8	1	9
Zool Kueth	--	--	3		3
Adong Makuoi	--	--	1		1
Keshawn Williams	--	--	--	1	1

LED NIU IN ... REBOUNDING

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	CAREER
Anthony Crump	--	--	4	1	5
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	2		2
Trendon Hankerson	0	0	2		2
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	1		1
Keshawn Williams	--	--	--	1	1

LED NIU IN ... ASSISTS

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	1	12	3		16
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	10		10
Anthony Crump	--	--	1	2	3
Zool Kueth	--	--	1		1

LED NIU IN ... BLOCKS

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	6	9	2		17
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	8	2	10
Zool Kueth	--	--	8		8
Adong Makuoi	--	--	4		4
Anthony Crump	--	--	2		2
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	1		1

LED NIU IN ... STEALS

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	3	9	9	2	23
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	5		5
Anthony Crump	--	--	3		3
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	3		3
Adong Makuoi	--	--	1		1
Zool Kueth	--	--	1		1

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DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	0	9	15	1	25
Zool Kueth	--	--	5		5
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	3		3
Anthony Crump	(0)	(1)	2	1	3 (4)
Adong Makuoi	--	--	2		2
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	2		2
Keshawn Williams	--	--	(2)	1	1 (3)
Chris Osten	--	--	(1)		0 (1)
Darweshi Hunter	--	--	(1)		0 (1)

20+ POINT GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	0	0	2	1	3
Zool Kueth	--	--	2		2
Keshawn Williams	--	--	(1)	1	1 (2)

30+ POINT GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
none					

7+ REBOUND GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	0	0	3	1	4
Anthony Crump	(0)	(1)	2	1	3 (4)
Adong Makuoi	--	--	1		1
Zool Kueth	--	--	1		1
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	1		1
Chris Osten	--	--	(3)		0 (3)

10+ REBOUND GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Anthony Crump	--	--	0	1	1

15+ REBOUND GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
none					

5+ ASSIST GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	5		5
Trendon Hankerson	0	2	0		2
Anthony Crump	(1)	(1)	0	1	1 (3)
Keshawn Williams	--	--	(2)		0 (2)
Darweshi Hunter	--	--	(1)		0 (1)

10+ ASSIST GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
none					

3+ STEAL GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Trendon Hankerson	2	2	1	2	7
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	2		2
Anthony Crump	--	--	1		1

5+ STEAL GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Kaleb Thornton	--	--	1		1

3+ BLOCK GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
Chinedu Kingsley Okanu	--	--	2	1	3
Chris Osten	--	--	(2)		0 (2)

5+ BLOCK GAMES

	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	CAREER
none					

Numbers in parentheses denote accomplishments at other schools and overall career totals.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES IN 2021-22

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

NIU	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	71, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	49, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Field Goals	21, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	14, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Field Goal Attempts	48, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	46, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Field Goal Percentage	.438, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	.304, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Three-Point Field Goals	12, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	2, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Three-Point Attempts	23, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	11, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Three-Point Percentage	.522, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	.182, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Free Throws	19, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	17, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Free Throw Attempts	27, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	25, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Free Throw Percentage	.704, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	.680, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Rebounds	37, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	31, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Offensive Rebounds	9, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	4, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Defensive Rebounds	33, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	22, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Personal Fouls	30, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	23, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Assists	12, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	3, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Turnovers	23, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	20, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Blocked Shots	14, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	1, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Steals	10, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	4, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)

OPPONENTS	HIGHS	LOWS
Points	85, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	64, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Field Goals	27, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	20, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Field Goal Attempts	75, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	56, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Field Goal Percentage	.482, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	.267, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Three-Point Field Goals	8, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	3, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Three-Point Attempts	23, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	18, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Three-Point Percentage	.348, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	.167, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Free Throws	23, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	21, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Free Throw Attempts	36, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	30, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Free Throw Percentage	.767, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	.583, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Rebounds	51, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	37, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Offensive Rebounds	27, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	11, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Defensive Rebounds	26, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	24, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Personal Fouls	22, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	21, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Assists	14, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	5, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Turnovers	15, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	12, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Blocked Shots	9, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	6, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Steals	12, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	6, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUALS	NIU	OPPONENTS
Points	28, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	22, Terrell Brown Jr., at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Field Goals	9, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	9, Terrell Brown Jr., at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Field Goal Attempts	15, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	24, Terrell Brown Jr., at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 5 Made)	.600, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	.667, Trayce Jackson-Davis, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Three-Point Field Goals	6, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	1, 11 times
Three-Point Attempts	11, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	4, three times, last: Parker Stewart, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Three-Point Percentage (Min. 3 Made)	.545, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	
Free Throws	9, Keshawn Williams, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	7, Trayce Jackson-Davis, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Free Throw Attempts	11, Keshawn Williams, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	11, Trayce Jackson-Davis, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 7 Made)	.818, Keshawn Williams, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	.636, Trayce Jackson-Davis, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Rebounds	11, Anthony Crump, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	19, Nate Roberts, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Assists	6, Anthony Crump, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	3, three times, last: Johnson/Galloway, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Turnovers	5, three times, last: Crump/Williams, at Indiana (11/12/21)	4, Daejon Davis, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
Blocked Shots	4, Chinedu Kingsley Okanu, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	7, Trayce Jackson-Davis, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)
Steals	3, Trendon Hankerson, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)	3, Daejon Davis, at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)
	3, Trendon Hankerson, at Indiana (Nov. 12, 2021)	3, Terrell Brown Jr., at Washington (Nov. 9, 2021)

THE LAST TIME...

IN THE FINAL SECONDS

NIU won in the final seconds: Jan. 12, 2021, Akron: Darius Beane 18-foot pullup jumper, 1.0 seconds

NIU lost in the final seconds: Jan. 7, 2020, at Central Michigan: Kevin McKay layup, 0.2 seconds

NIU played in overtime: Dec. 8, 2020, Ball State: NIU lost 79-70

NIU played in double overtime: Nov. 9, 2018, Northern Kentucky: NIU lost 88-85

NIU won an overtime game: Feb. 22, 2020, Central Michigan: NIU won 82-81

NIU lost an overtime game: Dec. 8, 2020, Ball State: NIU lost 79-70

TEAM SCORING

NIU scored 80 or more points: Feb. 22, 2020, Central Michigan: NIU won 82-81 (ot)

NIU scored 90 or more points: Nov. 16, 2019, Rockford: NIU won 96-48

NIU scored 100 or more points: Dec. 22, 2018, Chicago State: NIU won 100-59

NIU scored fewer than 50 points: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana: Indiana won 85-49

An opponent scored 100 point or more points: Feb. 23, 2021, Buffalo: Buffalo won 102-74

An opponent scored fewer than 50 points: Nov. 18, 2019, Longwood: NIU won 65-48

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

A player had 20 or more points: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana: Keshawn Williams (21)

A player had 30 or more points: March 15, 2019, vs. Bowling Green: Eugene German (31)

A player had 40 or more points: Dec. 14, 2010, Illinois-Chicago: Xavier Silas (40)

A player had 50 or more points: Feb. 15, 1958, at Eastern Michigan: Larry Wilke (52)

An opponent had 20 or more points: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington: Terrell Brown Jr. (22)

An opponent had 30 or more points: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan: Meikkel Murray (30)

MULTIPLE DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING

NIU had three double-digit scorers: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan: Trendon Hankerson (27), Darius Beane (16), Nathan Scott (13)

NIU had four double-digit scorers: March 2, 2021, Western Michigan: Tyler Cochran (19), Trendon Hankerson (16), Nathan Scott (12), Kaleb Thornton (10)

NIU had five double-digit scorers: Nov. 6, 2018, Rockford: Lacey James (17), Jaylen Key (15), Noah McCarty (14), Levi Bradley (11), Anastasios Demogerontas (10)

NIU had six double-digit scorers: Dec. 14, 2016, Olivet Nazarene: Marin Maric (22), Aaric Armstead (16), Levi Bradley (12), Justin Thomas (11), Eugene German (10), Dontel Highsmith (10)

NIU had two players with 20 or more points: Feb. 16, 2021, at Akron: Zool Kueth (21), Tyler Cochran (20)

REBOUNDING

A player had 10 or more rebounds: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington: Anthony Crump (11)

A player had 15 or more rebounds: March 5, 2019, at Central Michigan: Lacey James (19)

A player had 20 or more rebounds: Nov. 27, 2002, Loyola-Chicago: Marcus Smallwood (21)

NIU had two players with 10 or more rebounds: Nov. 18, 2019, Longwood: Lacey James (10), Noah McCarty (10)

NIU had three players with 10 or more rebounds: Feb. 20, 2014, Eastern Michigan: Jordan Threlloff (18), Darrell Bowie (12), Aaric Armstead (10)

NIU had more than 30 rebounds: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (31)

NIU had more than 40 rebounds: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan (42)

NIU had more than 50 rebounds: Nov. 16, 2019, Rockford (51)

NIU had fewer than 25 rebounds: Feb. 13, 2018, Central Michigan (24)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

A player had a double-double (points-rebounds): Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington: Anthony Crump (11 points, 11 rebounds)

A player had a double-double (points-assists): Jan. 13, 2010, Western Michigan: Mike DiNunno (21 points, 10 assists)

A player had a triple-double: Nov. 30, 1991, Aurora: Mike Hidden (18 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists)

An opponent had a double-double: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana: Race Thompson (12 points, 10 rebounds)

An opponent had a triple-double: Feb. 27, 2018, Toledo: Tre'Shaun Fletcher (20 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists)

A player had consecutive double-doubles: Levi Bradley (two straight): Nov. 6, 2018, Rockford (11 points, 10 rebounds), Nov. 9, 2018, Northern Kentucky (25 points, 12 rebounds)

NIU had two players with double-doubles: Nov. 18, 2019, Longwood: Lacey James (11 points, 10 rebounds), Noah McCarty (10 points, 10 rebounds)

ASSISTS

A player had five or more assists: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington: Anthony Crump (6)

A player had 10 or more assists: Nov. 21, 2015, Eureka: Laytwan Porter (10)

NIU had two players with five or more assists: Dec. 21, 2019, Green Bay: Eugene German (6), Trendon Hankerson (5)

NIU had more than 10 assists: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (12)

NIU had more than 20 assists: Nov. 25, 2018, at Oakland (23)

NIU had more than 30 assists: Nov. 21, 2015, Eureka (32)

NIU had less than 10 assists: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (3)

BLOCKS

A player had five or more blocks: March 2, 2019, Eastern Michigan: Noah McCarty (5)

A player had 10 or more blocks: yet to happen

NIU had more than five blocks: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (14)

NIU had 10 or more blocks: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (14)

NIU had less than five blocks: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (1)

STEALS

A player had five or more steals: March 2, 2021, Western Michigan: Kaleb Thornton (6)

A player had 10 or more steals: yet to happen

NIU had more than five steals: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (10)

NIU had more than 10 steals: March 2, 2021, Western Michigan (11)

NIU had more than 15 steals: March 10, 2014, Bowling Green (17)

NIU had fewer than five steals: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (4)

FIELD GOALS

NIU had more than 20 field goals made: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (21)

NIU had more than 30 field goals made: Feb. 16, 2021, at Akron (31)

NIU had more than 40 field goals made: Nov. 24, 2013, Saint Joseph's (Ind.) (41)

NIU had fewer than 20 field goals made: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (14)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

NIU had more than 50 field goal attempts: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan (66)

NIU had more than 60 field goal attempts: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan (66)

NIU had more than 70 field goal attempts: Feb. 23, 2021, Buffalo (71)

NIU had more than 80 field goal attempts: Nov. 19, 2016, at Cal State Northridge (82)

NIU had fewer than 40 field goal attempts: Feb. 21, 2015, Eastern Michigan (39)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

NIU shot over 50 percent from the field: Jan. 4, 2020, at Buffalo, 53.7 percent (29-of-54)

NIU shot over 60 percent from the field: Dec. 17, 2018, Western Illinois, 60.7 percent (34-of-56)

NIU shot less than 40 percent from the field: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana, 30.4 percent (14-of-46)

NIU shot over 70 percent from the field in a half: Jan. 23, 2018, Bowling Green -- second half, 75.9 percent (22-of-29)

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

A player had five or more three-point field goals: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington: Trendon Hankerson (6)

NIU had more than 5 three-point field goals: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (12)

NIU had more than 10 three-point field goals: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (12)

NIU had more than 15 three-point field goals: yet to happen

NIU had fewer than 5 three-point field goals: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (2)

NIU did not make a three-point field goal: March 2, 2011, Eastern Michigan (0)

3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

NIU had more than 20 3-point field goal attempts: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington (23)

NIU had more than 30 3-point field goal attempts: Feb. 25, 2020, at Eastern Michigan (33)

NIU had fewer than 10 3-point field goal attempts: March 6, 2017, at Eastern Michigan (9)

3-POINT PERCENTAGE

NIU shot over 40 percent on 3-pointers: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington, 52.2 percent (12-of-23)

NIU shot over 50 percent on 3-pointers: Nov. 9, 2021, at Washington, 52.2 percent (12-of-23)

NIU shot over 60 percent on 3-pointers: Nov. 25, 2018, at Oakland, 61.1 percent (11-of-18)

NIU shot less than 30 percent on 3-pointers: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana, 18.2 percent (2-of-11)

FREE THROWS

NIU had more than 20 free throws made: Dec. 19, 2019, at Chicago State (24)

NIU had more than 30 free throws made: Dec. 14, 2010, UIC (39)

NIU had less than 10 free throws made: March 2, 2021, Western Michigan (4)

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

NIU had more than 20 free throw attempts: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (27)

NIU had more than 30 free throw attempts: Dec. 19, 2019, at Chicago State (36)

NIU had more than 40 free throw attempts: March 6, 2015, at Ball State (42)

NIU had fewer than 10 free throw attempts: Feb. 16, 2021, at Akron (7)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

NIU shot over 70 percent on free throws: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana, 70.4 percent (19-of-27)

NIU shot over 80 percent on free throws: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan, 93.8 percent (15-of-16)

NIU shot over 90 percent on free throws: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan, 93.8 percent (15-of-16)

NIU shot less than 50 percent on free throws: March 2, 2021, Western Michigan, 30.8 percent (4-of-13)

FOULS

NIU had more than 10 fouls: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (23)

NIU had more than 20 fouls: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (23)

NIU had more than 30 fouls: Jan. 7, 2017, Central Michigan (31)

NIU had fewer than 10 fouls: Nov. 26, 2017, Rockford (7)

TURNOVERS

NIU had more than 10 turnovers: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (23)

NIU had more than 20 turnovers: Nov. 12, 2021, at Indiana (23)

NIU had fewer than 10 turnovers: March 5, 2021, at Central Michigan (9)

NIU had fewer than 5 turnovers: Feb. 18, 2017, Toledo (2)

IN THE RANKINGS

NIU was ranked: Jan. 25, 1972 poll: NIU No. 19

NIU defeated a ranked opponent: Jan. 22, 2019, No. 14 Buffalo: NIU won 77-75

NIU lost to a ranked opponent: Dec. 13, 2020, at No. 3 Iowa: Iowa won 106-53

NIU defeated a ranked opponent at home: Jan. 22, 2019, No. 14 Buffalo: NIU won 77-75

NIU defeated a ranked opponent on the road: yet to happen

NIU faced a No. 1 ranked team: Dec. 8, 1980, at No. 1 DePaul: DePaul won 93-56

NIU defeated a No. 1 ranked team: yet to happen



Rashon BURNNO

Head Coach First Season

Rashon Burno, who has spent the last six seasons at Arizona State, including the last five as associate head coach, was announced as the new Northern Illinois University men's basketball head coach by NIU Associate Vice-President and Director of Athletics Sean T. Frazier on Saturday, March 6.

"What a great day for NIU Men's Basketball," said Frazier. "When we started this process, it was about the right fit and matching up with our core values at NIU. Rashon Burno brings significant experience within Illinois, Chicagoland and other basketball powerhouse regions. This is vital in growing the NIU basketball brand."

"I am extremely excited by his level of professionalism and overall basketball pedigree. He has matured quickly in the coaching circles and we feel that his time is now to take NIU men's basketball to the next level. We are extremely appreciative of the hard work put in by the search committee during our hiring process."

NIU President Dr. Lisa Freeman echoed Frazier's excitement for a new era in Huskie men's basketball.

"It's my pleasure to welcome Rashon Burno and his family to Northern Illinois University as the new head coach of the Huskie men's basketball program," said Freeman. "His proven record of success at the highest levels of college basketball, and commitment to the athletic, academic and social development of his student-athletes all make him a great choice for NIU. I'm excited for the future of NIU men's basketball under his leadership."

The 43-year-old Burno was named one of The Athletic's 25 Next Head Coaches in November 2020 and was also ranked as the third-best assistant coach in the Pac-12 by Stadium's Jeff Goodman in July 2020. He was also on Silver Waves Media's 50 Impactful High Major Assistant Coaches list in April 2020.

"I am extremely excited about this opportunity," Burno said. "Going through the process and having a chance to meet with Sean (Frazier), (Senior Associate Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Sport AD) Courtney (Vinson), President Freeman and the Board of Trustees made it that much more desirable for me. I believe I am aligned with what their vision is for the future, not only for men's basketball but also for the entire student body. I was very impressed with the overall vision and that made it easy for me to want to be at NIU."

In six seasons at Arizona State, Burno has helped the Sun Devils to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances as ASU played in the First Four in 2018 and the First Round in 2019. Arizona State had 20 wins and was on track for its third-straight tournament appearance in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic ended the season. Three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances would have been a first for the Sun Devils in 60 seasons.

During Burno's time in Tempe, the Sun Devils matched the highest ranking in program history as they ascended to number three in the AP Poll for two consecutive weeks in December 2017. Arizona State won 20 games in 2017-18, 23 games in 2018-19 and 20 games in 2019-20, marking just the third time in program history that the Sun Devils posted three-straight 20-win seasons.

Burno has helped mentor eight all-conference honorees over his six seasons at Arizona State, including first team recipients Tra Holder (2018), Zylan Cheatham (2019) and Remy Martin (2020). Luguentz Dort was named the 2019 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year while Martin and Alonzo Verge Jr. earned Pac-12 Sixth Man of the Year honors in 2018 and 2020, respectively.

Prior to his time at Arizona State, Burno was an assistant coach for three seasons at the University of Florida under current Chicago Bulls head coach Billy Donovan, helping the Gators reach the Final Four in 2014 and the Elite Eight in 2013. Burno and the Gators won SEC regular season titles in both 2012-13 and 2013-14, posting a perfect 18-0 conference mark in 2013-14 while also winning the conference tournament that season. Burno helped develop All-SEC guards Kenny Boynton, Mike Rosario and Scottie Wilbekin, who became the first Gator guard to win SEC Player of the Year honors in 2014.

Burno was an assistant coach at Manhattan College in 2011-12, working under head coach Steve Masiello as the Jaspers won 21 games, a 15-win turnaround from the prior year. Burno began his collegiate coaching career at Towson in 2010-11, where he reunited with his college head coach, Pat Kennedy.

Before joining the collegiate coaching ranks, Burno was the head coach at Marmion Academy in Aurora, Illinois, from 2007-10.

As a player, Burno earned 58 starts in four seasons at DePaul (1998-2002), helping the Blue Demons to the NCAA Tournament in 2000 and the NIT in 1999. He was named to the 2000 Conference USA All-Tournament Team and still ranks third in DePaul history in steals (201) and sixth in assists (439).

Burno attended St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, N.J., and played for Basketball Hall of Fame head coach Bob Hurley Sr., winning high school national championships in 1996 and 1997. He was an executive producer for the 2010 documentary, "The Street Stops Here," which chronicled Hurley and his St. Anthony's program.



Keshawn WILLIAMS

6-3 | 175 | Sophomore | Guard
Chicago Heights, Ill. | Tulsa

THE WILLIAMS FILE

- Scored a career-high 21 point at Indiana (Nov. 12), going 9-of-11 from the free-throw line while also grabbed five rebounds.
- Comes to NIU following one season at Tulsa, where he appeared in 19 games last season, including one start. Shot 92.3 percent (24-of-26) from the free-throw line during his season with the Golden Hurricane.
- A three-year starter at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, Ill. Averaged 14 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals during his senior season. Led Bloom to a 28-6 record as a senior.
- Entered his senior year at Bloom as the third-ranked player in the State of Illinois by *Prep Hoops*.
- Majoring in general studies.

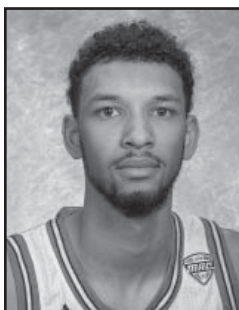
2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	21	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	6	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	13	at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	9	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	11	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals		
Minutes	31	at Indiana (11/12/21)

CAREER HIGHS		
Points	21	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	8	Southwestern Christian (12/23/20)
Field Goal Attempts	13	at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals	2	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	9	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	11	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	6	Southwestern Christian (12/23/20)
Offensive Rebounds	1	Memphis (1/17/21)
Defensive Rebounds	6	Southwestern Christian (12/23/20)
Assists	9	Southwestern Christian (12/23/20)
Turnovers	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	1	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	2	Northwestern State (12/18/20)
Minutes	31	at Indiana (11/12/21)

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21*	19	1	200	10.5	16	57	.281	3	13	.231	24	26	.923	1	17	18	0.9	9	0	25	1.3	24	1.3	1	0.1	10	0.5	59	3.1
2021-22	2	2	56	28.0	8	21	.381	2	6	.333	9	11	.818	0	6	6	3.0	5	0	0	0.0	9	4.5	1	0.5	0	0.0	27	13.5
Career	21	3	256	12.2	24	78	.308	5	19	.263	33	37	.892	1	23	24	1.1	14	0	25	1.2	33	1.6	2	0.1	10	0.5	86	4.1

* denotes season played at Tulsa



Trendon HANKERSON

6-2 | 185 | Senior | Guard
Novi, Mich. | Novi

THE HANKERSON FILE

- Had a career-high 28 points in the season opener at Washington (Nov. 9), including a career-best six triples. His previous career-high of 27 came in the season finale last year at Central Michigan (March 5, 2021).
- Ranked fourth in the MAC in three-point percentage a season ago, shooting 36.9 percent and 16th in scoring, averaging 13.9 points per game.
- Has started 52 consecutive games dating back to the start of the 2019-20 season.
- Made seven consecutive three-point attempts between Jan. 18-25, 2020, tied for the third-longest streak in program history.
- Had the assist on the game-winning basket by Noah McCarty with 0.6 seconds left in NIU's 77-75 victory over 14th-ranked Buffalo on Jan. 22, 2019.
- Father, Kevin, played Division II basketball at Saginaw Valley State. Mother, Tricia, played volleyball at the University of New Orleans and Saginaw Valley State, brother, Kameron, played basketball at Green Bay and currently plays professionally in Portugal.
- Majoring in kinesiology.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	28	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goals	9	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goal Attempts	15	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goals	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	11	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
Rebounds	7	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds	7	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	3	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	3	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	36	at Washington (11/9/21)

CAREER HIGHS		
Points	28	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goals	9	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goal Attempts	20	twice, last: at Toledo (12/22/20)
3-Point Field Goals	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	11	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	5	at Central Michigan (3/5/21)
Free Throw Attempts	6	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Rebounds	8	twice, last: at Central Michigan (3/5/21)
Offensive Rebounds	2	six times, last: at Toledo (12/22/20)
Defensive Rebounds	7	three times, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	6	Eastern Michigan (1/11/20)
Turnovers	8	at Iowa (12/13/20)
Blocks	2	four times, last: Miami (2/20/21)
Steals	3	seven times, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	44	Ball State (12/8/20)

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2018-19	21	2	391	18.6	17	54	.315	8	32	.250	3	4	.750	5	42	47	2.2	55	2	19	0.9	22	1.0	9	0.4	12	0.6	45	2.1
2019-20	31	31	976	31.5	84	180	.467	41	89	.461	25	30	.833	12	80	92	3.0	66	0	61	2.0	46	1.5	10	0.3	29	0.9	234	7.5
2020-21	19	19	664	34.9	99	250	.396	48	130	.369	18	26	.692	9	74	83	4.4	54	2	41	2.2	53	2.8	7	0.4	22	1.2	264	13.9
2021-22	2	2	64	32.0	10	23	.435	7	15	.467	4	6	.667	0	11	11	5.5	4	0	0	0.0	6	3.0	1	0.5	6	3.0	31	15.5
Career	73	54	2095	28.7	210	507	.414	104	266	.391	50	66	.758	26	207	233	3.2	179	4	121	1.7	127	1.7	27	0.4	69	0.9	574	7.9



Kaleb THORNTON

6-0 | 175 | Junior | Guard
Bolingbrook, Ill. | Iowa Western CC

THE THORNTON FILE

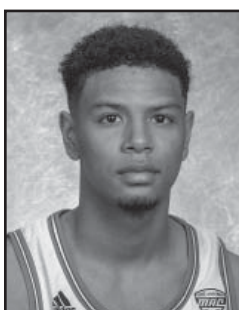
- Had eight points and four assists in the season opener at Washington (Nov. 9).
- Led NIU in assists 10 times last season, including a career-best seven against Buffalo (Feb. 23, 2021). Averaged 4.8 assists per game over the final five games of the 2020-21 season.
- Ranked 13th in the MAC last season with 2.9 assists per game.
- Came to NIU following one season at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- Averaged 10.8 points, 3.4 assists, 3.2 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game at Iowa Western, earning NJCAA Division I Region XI All-Region Second Team honors
- Prepped at Bolingbrook High School, where he helped the Raiders to a third-place state finish in Illinois Class 4A in 2016-17.
- Majoring in business administration with a minor in sport management.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	8	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goals	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goal Attempts	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goals	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	2	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds		
Assists	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	5	at Washington (11/9/21)
Blocks	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	24	at Washington (11/9/21)

DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS		
Points	10	twice, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Field Goals	4	twice, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Field Goal Attempts	11	twice, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
3-Point Field Goals	2	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	3	Buffalo (2/23/21)
Free Throw Attempts	4	three times, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Rebounds	6	Ball State (12/8/20)
Offensive Rebounds	2	Ball State (12/8/20)
Defensive Rebounds	4	four times, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Assists	7	Buffalo (2/23/21)
Turnovers	5	three times, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Blocks	1	twice, last: Buffalo (2/23/21)
Steals	6	Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Minutes	34	Western Michigan (3/2/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21	17	3	416	24.5	35	88	.398	8	26	.308	13	21	.619	8	41	49	2.9	27	0	50	2.9	46	2.7	2	0.1	17	1.0	91	5.4
2021-21	2	0	44	22.0	2	10	.200	2	5	.400	3	4	.750	2	0	2	1.0	3	0	5	2.5	6	3.0	2	1.0	1	0.5	9	4.5
Career	19	3	460	24.2	37	98	.378	10	31	.323	16	25	.640	10	41	51	2.7	30	0	55	2.9	52	2.7	4	0.2	18	0.9	100	5.3



Noah KON

6-1 | 180 | Freshman | Guard
Houston, Texas | Houston Christian

THE KON FILE

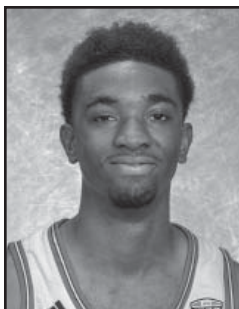
- Made his official collegiate debut off the bench against Washington (Nov. 9), scoring three points with one assist.
- Started in the exhibition against St. Francis (Ill.), playing 14 minutes with three points.
- Comes to NIU from Houston Christian High School in Houston, Texas, where he averaged 18.8 points, 5.4 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 2.1 steals per game as a senior last season.
- Was a finalist for the Guy V. Lewis Award as the Greater Houston Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year.
- Led Houston Christian to a 25-2 overall record while earning Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Private School All-State honors.
- Majoring in psychology.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	4	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throws	3	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals		
Minutes	15	at Indiana (11/12/21)

CAREER HIGHS		
Points	4	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throws	3	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals		
Minutes	15	at Indiana (11/12/21)

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2021-22	2	0	23	11.5	1	3	.333	0	2	.000	5	6	.833	0	2	2	1.0	6	0	1	0.5	2	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	3.5
Career	2	0	23	11.5	1	3	.333	0	2	.000	5	6	.833	0	2	2	1.0	6	0	1	0.5	2	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	3.5



Montavious MYRICK

6-8 | 215 | Freshman | Forward
Atlanta, Ga. | North Atlanta

THE MYRICK FILE

- Played a pair of minutes in the exhibition game against St. Francis (Ill.), recording one assist.
- Comes to NIU from North Atlanta High School in Atlanta, Ga., where he averaged 12.1 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.
- Was named to the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class 6A South All-State Team.
- Helped lead North Atlanta to the Second Round of the Class 6A State Playoffs.
- Major is undecided.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Field Goals	
Field Goal Attempts	
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	
Free Throw Attempts	
Rebounds	
Offensive Rebounds	
Defensive Rebounds	
Assists	
Turnovers	
Blocks	
Steals	
Minutes	

CAREER HIGHS

Points	
Field Goals	
Field Goal Attempts	
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	
Free Throw Attempts	
Rebounds	
Offensive Rebounds	
Defensive Rebounds	
Assists	
Turnovers	
Blocks	
Steals	
Minutes	

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2021-22																													
Career																													



Chris OSTEN

6-9 | 215 | Senior | Forward
Crowley, La. | Arizona State

THE OSTEN FILE

- Played seven minutes in the exhibition opener against St. Francis (Ill.).
- Comes to NIU with head coach Rashon Burno from Arizona State, where he appeared in 24 games a season ago, including six starts.
- Shot 59.6 percent (28-of-47) from the field in his one season as a Sun Devil.
- Played at Lee College in 2019-20, averaging 11.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game.
- Began his collegiate career at LSU-Alexandria, where he redshirted his first season before averaging 3.9 points and 1.9 rebounds per game in 2018-19.
- Majoring in general studies.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Field Goals	
Field Goal Attempts	3 at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	
Free Throw Attempts	
Rebounds	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds	
Defensive Rebounds	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists	
Turnovers	1 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	2 at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	
Minutes	11 at Indiana (11/12/21)

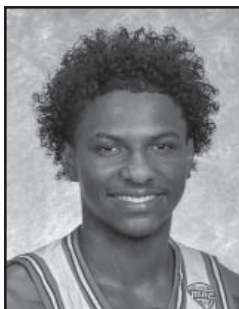
DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS

Points	12 at Oregon State (1/16/21)
Field Goals	6 at Oregon State (1/16/21)
Field Goal Attempts	7 at Oregon State (1/16/21)
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	2 twice, last: Washington (2/23/21)
Free Throw Attempts	5 vs. Villanova (1/26/20)
Rebounds	8 Washington (2/23/21)
Offensive Rebounds	5 Washington (2/23/21)
Defensive Rebounds	5 at Oregon State (1/16/21)
Assists	1 five times, last: Washington (2/25/21)
Turnovers	2 twice, last: Southern California (1/9/21)
Blocks	3 twice, last: Washington (2/23/21)
Steals	1 four times, last: vs. Oregon (3/11/21)
Minutes	32 at Oregon State (1/16/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21*	24	6	384	16.0	28	47	.596	0	0	.000	9	23	.391	26	30	56	2.3	54	2	5	0.2	9	0.4	17	0.7	4	0.2	65	2.7
2021-22	2	0	18	9.0	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	4	0	0	0.0	1	0.5	2	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Career	26	6	402	15.5	28	50	.560	0	0	.000	9	23	.391	26	32	58	2.2	58	2	5	0.2	10	0.4	19	0.7	4	0.2	65	2.5

* denotes season played at Arizona State



Zion RUSSELL

6-0 | 185 | Freshman | Guard
Upper Marlboro, Md. | Nat'l Christian Academy

THE RUSSELL FILE

- Played four minutes in the exhibition game against St. Francis (Ill.), recording one assist.
- Comes to NIU from National Christian Academy in Fort Washington, Md., where he averaged 23 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.9 assists and two steals per game last season.
- Attended Hargrave Military Academy in 2019-20, where he averaged 13.8 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.
- Majoring in business.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

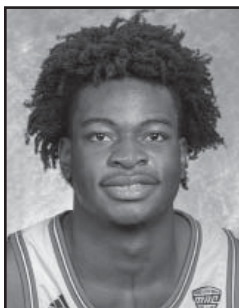
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CAREER HIGHS

Points
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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21																													
Career																													



Chinedu Kingsley OKANU

6-7 | 225 | Senior | Forward
Lynwood, Ill. | Vincennes University

THE OKANU FILE

- Commonly goes by his middle name "Kingsley," rather than his given first name, "Chinedu."
- Had a career-best four blocks in the opener against Washington (Nov. 9).
- Averaged 4.8 points and 3.5 rebounds per game, along with 0.8 blocks per contests, eighth in the MAC.
- Came to NIU from Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind.
- Averaged 10.5 points and 5.6 rebounds per game as a sophomore at Vincennes in 2019-20, earning NJCAA Division I District 24 All-Region honors.
- Helped Vincennes the NJCAA Division I national championship as a freshman in 2018-19, the school's first since 1972. Averaged 2.3 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.
- Majoring in finance.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

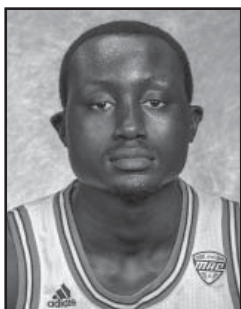
Points	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goals	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goal Attempts	5	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts		
Free Throws	2	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	5	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds	5	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
Blocks	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals		
Minutes	21	at Washington (11/9/21)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	12	at Miami (1/9/21)
Field Goals	5	twice, last: Akron (1/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	11	Miami (2/20/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts		
Free Throws	6	at Pittsburgh (12/5/20)
Free Throw Attempts	7	at Pittsburgh (12/5/20)
Rebounds	7	at Kent State (2/13/21)
Offensive Rebounds	4	three times, last: Western Michigan (3/2/21)
Defensive Rebounds	5	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	2	twice, last: Miami (2/20/21)
Turnovers	2	Bowling Green (1/2/21)
Blocks	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	1	five times, last: at Ball State (1/16/21)
Minutes	28	at Miami (1/9/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21	19	5	332	17.5	33	82	.402	0	0	.000	26	39	.667	34	32	66	3.5	45	3	9	0.5	17	0.9	16	0.8	5	0.3	92	4.8
2021-22	2	0	37	18.5	2	7	.286	0	0	.000	4	9	.444	1	7	8	4.0	8	1	0	0.0	1	0.5	5	2.5	0	0.0	8	4.0
Career	21	5	369	17.6	35	89	.393	0	0	.000	30	48	.625	35	39	74	3.5	53	4	9	0.4	18	0.9	21	1.0	5	0.2	100	4.8



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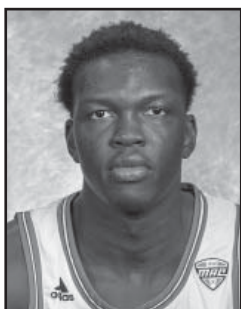
6-7 | 210 | Senior | Forward
Gallatin, Tenn. | Pratt CC

THE KUETH FILE

- Averaged 6.7 points and 2.9 rebounds per game last season, scoring 20-plus points twice (22 at Ohio on Jan. 5 and 21 at Akron on Feb. 16).
- Started last season 1-of-15 from three-point range, before finishing the season making 21-of-44 (47.7 percent) beginning on Jan. 5, 2021 at Ohio.
- Shot 43.8 percent (21-of-48) from three in league play, fourth-best in the MAC.
- Came to NIU following one year at Pratt (Kan.) Community College, where he averaged 14.5 points, 4.9 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game, earning All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Second Team honors.
- Began his collegiate career at Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College, where he averaged 6.1 points and 3.0 rebounds per game in 2018-19.
- Majoring in leadership and management with a sport management minor.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS	
Points	
Field Goals	
Field Goal Attempts	1 twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	1 at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws	
Free Throw Attempts	
Rebounds	1 at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds	
Defensive Rebounds	1 at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	
Turnovers	
Blocks	
Steals	
Minutes	5 at Indiana (11/12/21)
DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS	
Points	22 at Ohio (1/5/21)
Field Goals	8 twice, last: at Akron (2/16/21)
Field Goal Attempts	13 at Ohio (1/5/21)
3-Point Field Goals	6 at Ohio (1/5/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	9 at Ohio (1/5/21)
Free Throws	2 twice, last: Miami (2/20/21)
Free Throw Attempts	3 Ball State (12/8/20)
Rebounds	7 at Ohio (1/5/21)
Offensive Rebounds	2 seven times, last: at Eastern Mich. (2/27/21)
Defensive Rebounds	5 at Ohio (1/5/21)
Assists	3 at Miami (1/9/21)
Turnovers	2 five times, last: at Eastern Michigan (2/27/21)
Blocks	2 twice, last: Miami (2/20/21)
Steals	1 three times, last: at Akron (2/16/21)
Minutes	31 at Ohio (1/5/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS																													
Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21	18	9	392	21.8	46	102	.451	22	59	.373	7	10	.700	22	30	52	2.9	28	0	9	0.5	12	0.7	14	0.8	3	0.2	121	6.7
2021-22	2	0	9	4.5	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Career	20	9	401	20.1	46	104	.442	22	60	.367	7	10	.700	22	31	53	2.7	31	0	9	0.5	12	0.6	14	0.7	3	0.2	121	6.1



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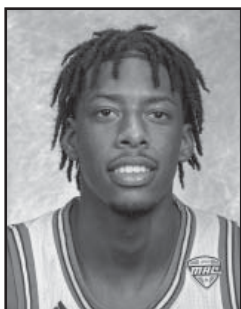
6-9 | 220 | Senior | Center
Edmonton, Alberta | Daytona State

THE MAKUOI FILE

- Averaged 4.8 points and 3.1 rebounds per game a season ago, shooting 55 percent from the field.
- Came to NIU from Daytona State College in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he averaged 6.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game as a sophomore, shooting 69.8 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line, while earning All-Mid-Florida Conference Second Team honors.
- Began his collegiate career at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth, Fla., where he averaged 8.1 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in 2018-19.
- Spent his final prep season at the RISE Centre Academy in Brantford, Ontario, Canada and was selected to play in the 2018 BioSteel All-Canadian High School Basketball Game.
- Majoring in general studies.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS	
Points	5 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	6 at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	1 twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	2 twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	2 twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds	1 at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	1 at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	1 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	2 at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	16 at Indiana (11/12/21)
DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS	
Points	14 at Iowa (12/13/20)
Field Goals	7 at Iowa (12/13/20)
Field Goal Attempts	10 at Iowa (12/13/20)
3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws	3 twice, last: at Pittsburgh (12/5/20)
Free Throw Attempts	5 Akron (1/12/21)
Rebounds	8 Chicago State (12/18/20)
Offensive Rebounds	4 three times, last: at Ball State (1/16/21)
Defensive Rebounds	4 Chicago State (12/18/20)
Assists	2 at Pittsburgh (12/5/20)
Turnovers	2 three times, last: Bowling Green (1/2/21)
Blocks	2 four times, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	2 at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	28 Chicago State (12/18/20)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS		G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21		17	14	305	17.9	33	60	.550	0	0	.000	16	25	.640	27	26	53	3.1	48	3	5	0.3	11	0.6	9	0.5	3	0.2	82	4.8
2021-22		2	2	26	13.0	3	10	.300	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	3	1	4	2.0	9	1	1	0.5	1	0.5	2	1.0	2	1.0	8	4.0
Career		19	16	331	17.4	36	70	.514	0	0	.000	18	29	.621	30	27	57	3.0	57	4	6	0.3	12	0.6	11	0.6	5	0.3	90	4.7



Edward MANUEL

6-6 | 190 | Junior | Guard
Lake Charles, La. | Navarro College

THE MANUEL FILE

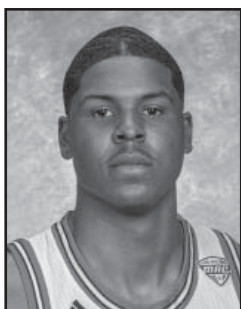
- Made his official Division I debut off the bench against Washington (Nov. 9), scoring three points with one rebound.
- Played 14 minutes off the bench in the exhibition game against St. Francis (Ill.), scoring four points on 2-of-4 from the field with three rebounds.
- Comes to NIU following two seasons at Navarro College, where he averaged 9.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game last season.
- Shot 48.8 percent from the field, including 40.3 percent from three-point range, last year while earning NJCAA All-Region XIV honorable mention recognition.
- Averaged 4.5 points and 2.3 rebounds per game as a freshman at Navarro in 2019-20.
- Majoring in general studies.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	4	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts		
Free Throws	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	12	at Indiana (11/12/21)

DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS		
Points	4	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goals		
3-Point Field Goal Attempts		
Free Throws	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throw Attempts	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Rebounds	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Offensive Rebounds	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	1	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	12	at Indiana (11/12/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2021-22	2	0	20	10.0	2	2	1.000	0	0	.000	3	3	1.000	2	2	4	2.0	3	0	0	0.0	1	0.5	0	0.0	2	1.0	7	3.5
Career	2	0	20	10.0	2	2	1.000	0	0	.000	3	3	1.000	2	2	4	2.0	3	0	0	0.0	1	0.5	0	0.0	2	1.0	7	3.5



Darweshi HUNTER

6-5 | 200 | Junior | Guard
Cincinnati, Ohio | Weber State

THE HUNTER FILE

- Played 12 minutes off the bench in the exhibition game against St. Francis (Ill.), scoring three points with three rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Comes to NIU from Weber State, where he appeared in seven games last season, averaging 2.9 points per contest.
- Began his collegiate career at Division II Central State in Dayton, Ohio in 2019-20, where he led the conference in scoring at 20.8 points per game, second-best in Division II among freshmen. Also averaged 6.1 rebounds, 1.9 steals and 1.8 assists per game.
- Earned All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) First Team honors and was also named the SIAC Freshman of the Year and Newcomer of the Year.
- Majoring in general studies.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS		
Points	3	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goals	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Field Goal Attempts	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goals	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throws		
Free Throw Attempts		
Rebounds	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists		
Turnovers	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals		
Minutes	21	at Washington (11/9/21)

DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS		
Points	17	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Field Goals	6	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Field Goal Attempts	8	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
3-Point Field Goals	4	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Free Throws	1	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Free Throw Attempts	2	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Rebounds	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds	1	Northern Arizona (2/20/21)
Defensive Rebounds	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	5	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Turnovers	3	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks		
Steals	1	twice, last: Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)
Minutes	22	Yellowstone Christian (1/16/21)

DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21*	7	0	45	6.4	7	15	.467	5	7	.714	1	2	.500	1	3	4	0.6	8	0	7	1.0	2	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.3	20	2.9
2021-22	2	2	38	19.0	2	3	.667	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	3	0	0	0.0	4	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	3.0
Career	9	2	83	9.2	9	18	.500	7	10	.700	1	2	.500	1	7	8	0.9	11	0	7	0.8	6	0.7	0	0.0	2	0.2	26	2.9

* denotes season played at Weber State



Drew WIEMERS

6-4 | 200 | Junior | Forward
Coal Valley, Ill. | Benedictine

THE WIEMERS FILE

- Began the preseason as a student manager with the Huskies before being elevated to the roster as a walk-on.
- Played at Division III Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., as a freshman in 2019-20, appearing in four games.
- A three-year starter at Moline High School where he averaged 14.8 points and 5.0 rebounds per game as a senior, earning Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Class 4A Special Mention All-State honors.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

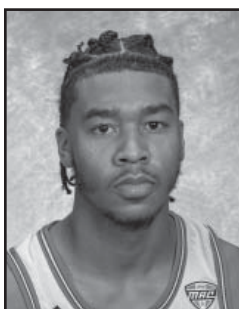
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Assists	
Turnovers	
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DIVISION I CAREER HIGHS

Points	
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DIVISION I CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2020-21																													
Career																													



Anthony CRUMP

6-8 | 210 | Senior | Guard
Inkster, Mich. | Middle Tennessee

THE CRUMP FILE

- Scored 11 points with a career-high 11 rebounds and a career-best six assists at Washington (Nov. 6). It was his first career double-double.
- Averaged 4.4 points and 3.8 rebounds a season ago, playing in 17 games with 11 starts.
- Came to NIU following two seasons at Middle Tennessee State.
- Appeared in 25 games for the Blue Raiders in 2019-20, averaging 2.1 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game. Played in nine games as a freshman at Middle Tennessee in 2018-19, making seven starts.
- Father, Vernon Sr., played basketball at North Dakota State and professionally overseas.
- Majoring in general studies with a sport management minor.

2021-22 SEASON HIGHS

Points	11	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goals	3	at Washington (11/9/21)
Field Goal Attempts	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goals	1	at Washington (11/9/21)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Free Throws	4	at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
Rebounds	11	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds	1	twice, last: at Indiana (11/12/21)
Defensive Rebounds	10	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	5	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Blocks	2	at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	2	at Indiana (11/12/21)
Minutes	36	at Washington (11/9/21)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	13	at Ohio (1/5/21)
Field Goals	6	at Ohio (1/5/21)
Field Goal Attempts	12	at Iowa (12/13/20)
3-Point Field Goals	2	vs. Tulane (11/22/19)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	3	at Akron (2/16/21)
Free Throws	4	three times, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Free Throw Attempts	7	UAB (2/15/20)
Rebounds	11	at Washington (11/9/21)
Offensive Rebounds	5	Columbia International (12/3/19)
Defensive Rebounds	10	at Washington (11/9/21)
Assists	6	at Washington (11/9/21)
Turnovers	6	at Miami (1/9/20)
Blocks	2	twice, last: at Washington (11/9/21)
Steals	3	at Miami (1/9/20)
Minutes	36	at Washington (11/9/21)

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	S	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	3FG	3FGA	3FG%	FT	FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Reb	Avg	Foul	DQ	Ast	Avg	TO	Avg	Blk	Avg	Stl	Avg	Pts	Avg
2018-19*	9	7	155	17.2	8	25	.320	0	2	.000	4	10	.400	0	22	22	2.4	23	1	11	1.2	19	2.1	0	0.0	2	0.2	20	2.2
2019-20*	25	0	306	12.2	15	32	.469	2	3	.667	21	40	.525	16	46	62	2.5	43	1	30	1.2	19	0.8	7	0.3	12	0.5	53	2.1
2020-21	17	11	383	22.5	31	90	.344	5	16	.313	8	23	.348	15	50	65	3.8	30	1	15	0.9	37	2.2	2	0.1	8	0.5	75	4.4
2021-22	2	2	65	32.5	5	10	.500	1	2	.500	6	9	.667	2	13	15	7.5	5	0	8	4.0	8	4.0	2	1.0	3	1.5	17	8.5
Career	53	20	909	17.2	59	157	.376	8	23	.348	39	82	.476	33	131	164	3.1	101	3	64	1.2	83	1.6	11	0.2	25	0.5	165	3.1

* denotes seasons played at Middle Tennessee State

PLAYER GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#0 KESHAWN WILLIAMS

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9	*	25	2	8	.250	2	4	.500	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	4	0	0	4	1	0	6	6.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12	*	31	6	13	.462	0	2	.000	9	11	.818	0	5	5	3.0	1	0	0	5	0	0	21	13.5
Totals			2	56	8	.381	2	6	.333	9	11	.818	0	6	6	3.0	5	0	0	9	1	0	27	13.5

#1 TRENDON HANKERSON

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9	*	36	9	15	.600	6	11	.545	4	6	.667	0	7	7	7.0	1	0	0	3	1	3	28	28.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12	*	28	1	8	.125	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	0	4	4	5.5	3	0	0	3	0	3	3	15.5
Totals			2	64	10	.435	7	15	.467	4	6	.667	0	11	11	5.5	4	0	0	6	1	6	31	15.5

#2 KALEB THORNTON

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		24	2	6	.333	2	4	.500	2	2	1.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	4	5	2	0	8	8.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		20	0	4	.000	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	1	0	1	1.0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	4.5
Totals			0	44	2	.200	2	5	.400	3	4	.750	2	0	2	1.0	3	0	5	6	2	1	9	4.5

#3 NOAH KON

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		8	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	0	1	1	1.0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	3.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		15	1	3	.333	0	2	.000	2	2	1.000	0	1	1	1.0	4	0	0	2	0	0	4	3.5
Totals			0	23	1	.333	0	2	.000	5	6	.833	0	2	2	1.0	6	0	1	2	0	0	7	3.5

#5 CHRIS OSTEN

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		7	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		11	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Totals			0	18	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.0

#11 CHINEDU KINGSLEY OKANU

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		21	2	5	.400	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	0	5	5	5.0	5	1	0	1	4	0	6	6.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		16	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	2	5	.400	1	2	3	4.0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	4.0
Totals			0	37	2	.286	0	0	.000	4	9	.444	1	7	8	4.0	8	1	0	1	5	0	8	4.0

#12 ZOOL KUETH

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		4	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		5	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals			0	9	0	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

#13 ADONG MAKUOI

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9	*	10	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	1	1	2	2.0	5	1	1	0	2	0	3	3.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12	*	16	2	6	.333	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	2	0	2	2.0	4	0	0	1	0	2	5	4.0
Totals			2	26	3	.300	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	3	1	4	2.0	9	1	1	1	2	2	8	4.0

#22 EDWARD MANUEL

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9		8	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	1	1	1.000	0	1	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12		12	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	2	1	3	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	3.5
Totals			0	20	2	1.000	0	0	.000	3	3	1.000	2	2	4	2.0	3	0	0	1	0	2	7	3.5

PLAYER GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#24 DARWESHI HUNTER

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9	*	21	1	2	.500	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	3.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12	*	17	1	1	1.000	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	3.0
Totals		2	38	2	3	.667	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	3	0	0	4	0	0	6	3.0

#50 ANTHONY CRUMP

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	O	D	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Washington	Nov. 9	*	36	3	6	.500	1	1	1.000	4	6	.667	1	10	11	11.0	4	0	6	3	2	1	11	11.0
at Indiana	Nov. 12	*	29	2	4	.500	0	1	.000	2	3	.667	1	3	4	7.5	1	0	2	5	0	2	6	8.5
Totals		2	65	5	10	.500	1	2	.500	6	9	.667	2	13	15	7.5	5	0	8	8	2	3	17	8.5

2021-22: RESULTS

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	1-1	0-0	1-1	
Conference Games				
Non-Conference Games	1-1	0-0	1-1	

Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance	Top Scorer	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
Oct. 30	St. Francis (Ill.) (Exh.)	W, 80-57	403	Thornton (15)	Crump (9)	Hankerson (5)	Hankerson (3) Thornton (3)	Makuoi (1) Okanu (1)
Nov. 9	at Washington	W, 71-64	6,356	Hankerson (28)	Crump (11)	Crump (6)	Hankerson (3)	Okanu (4)
Nov. 12	at Indiana	L, 85-49	17,222	Williams (21)	Williams (5)	Crump (2)	Hankerson (3)	Okanu (1)
Nov. 18	at Missouri							
Nov. 21	vs. Boston University							
Nov. 22	vs. Little Rock or Sam Houston State							
Nov. 27	at Marquette							
Dec. 1	Eastern Illinois							
Dec. 4	at Dayton							
Dec. 13	at Chicago State							
Dec. 19	at UIC							
Dec. 22	Indiana State							
Dec. 28	Ball State*							
Jan. 1	at Akron*							
Jan. 4	Buffalo*							
Jan. 8	at Toledo*							
Jan. 11	at Kent State*							
Jan. 15	Eastern Michigan*							
Jan. 18	Bowling Green*							
Jan. 22	at Miami*							
Jan. 25	at Ohio*							
Jan. 29	Central Michigan*							
Feb. 1	at Western Michigan*							
Feb. 5	at Bowling Green*							
Feb. 8	Akron*							
Feb. 12	Toledo*							
Feb. 15	at Ball State*							
Feb. 19	Miami*							
Feb. 22	at Eastern Michigan*							
Feb. 26	at Buffalo*							
March 1	Kent State*							
March 4	Ohio*							

* denotes Mid-American Conference games

2021-22: BOX SCORES



EXHIBITION

NIU: 80

St. Francis (Ill.): 57

October 30, 2021 • NIU Convocation Center
DeKalb, Ill.



DeKALB, Ill. – Kaleb Thornton, Keshawn Williams and Trendon Hankerson scored in double figures and the Northern Illinois University Huskies outscored St. Francis (Ill.) by 22 points in the second half to earn a 80-57 exhibition victory over the Fighting Saints Saturday at the NIU Convocation Center.

NIU built a 13-5 lead in the first seven minutes of the game before St. Francis scored eight straight points on a pair of three-point shots, a layup and a fast break dunk by E.J. Charles to take a 15-13 lead. The teams traded baskets until a Hankerson three-pointer put the Huskies back on top at the 6:27 mark of the first half. Two Hankerson free throws after a steal extended NIU's lead to 26-20, and Thornton had a steal and a layup off a fast break to extend the lead to seven at 29-22 with 3:22 left in the half.

St. Francis came back to score the next seven points to force the fourth tie of the first half at 29-29 and led 30-29 on two Reihana Maxwell-Topiar free throws before a Kingsley Okanu dunk off a Hankerson assist gave the Huskies a 31-30 halftime lead.

NIU committed seven of its 11 turnovers in the first half while shooting at a 40 percent clip (10-of-25), but were tied with USF with 17 rebounds. Hankerson scored eight points and Thornton seven in the first half.

The Huskies scored the first seven points of the second half – six by Thornton – and did not look back. After Okanu got an offensive rebound and was fouled on the put back, his free throw gave NIU a 41-31 lead with 15:48 to play. Zool Kueth made the first of his two three-pointers on the day to give NIU a 48-36 lead and extend the run to 17-6 to start the second half.

USF closed the gap to nine points, 52-43, on a layup by Darius Wright with 11:16 on the clock, the last time the Huskies held less than a double-digit margin. NIU answered with a 12-2 run to lead 64-45 with 7:46 to play and allowed the Saints just one more field goal in the next five minutes while taking a 75-47 lead.

Williams scored nine of his 14 points in the second half as the Huskies increased their shooting percentage to 56.7 percent (17-of-30) while holding USF to 7-of-24 shooting from the field in the half.

No.	NIU	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
13	Makuoi, A.	4-5	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	4	9	0	1	1	0	12
0	Williams, K.	4-9	1-2	5-6	0-2	2	1	14	3	1	0	2	27
1	Hankerson, T.	3-12	2-5	2-2	0-5	0	0	10	5	1	0	3	29
3	Kon, N.	1-3	0-0	1-3	0-0	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	14
50	Crump, A.	1-3	0-1	4-4	1-8	9	3	6	0	1	0	1	27
2	Thornton, K.	6-8	0-0	3-4	0-1	1	2	15	4	3	0	3	23
4	Myrick, M.	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	Osten, C.	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
10	Russell, Z.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
11	Okanu, C.	3-3	0-0	1-2	1-4	5	7	0	2	1	1	1	11
12	Kueth, Z.	2-4	2-4	3-4	1-0	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	16
22	Manuel, E.	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	15
24	Hunter, D.	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-3	3	2	3	1	0	0	1	13
TEAM		2-3 5											
TOTALS		27-55	6-14	20-27	5-29	34	21	80	15	11	2	11	200
TOTAL FG%:		1st: 10-25 .400	2nd: 17-30 .567	Game: 27-55 .491									
3-PT FG%:		1st: 2-7 .286	2nd: 4-7 .571	Game: 6-14 .429									
FT%:		1st: 9-12 .750	2nd: 11-15 .733	Game: 20-27 .741									

No.	St. Francis	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
1	Tillery, R.	2-4	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	5	2	4	0	2	26
10	Charles, E.J.	1-7	0-3	1-3	0-5	5	4	3	0	2	1	1	21
11	Tovias, C.	1-7	0-5	1-3	0-2	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	22
13	Holey, L.	1-2	0-1	4-6	2-3	5	3	6	0	1	0	0	16
23	Buggemi, J.	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	20
0	Maxwell-Topiar, R.	1-2	0-1	6-7	3-2	5	1	8	0	2	0	2	18
2	Forstmann, P.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	Bates, J.	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	13
4	Germer, N.	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	8
12	Kreitz, B.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Henry, J.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	Irvin, T.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	Karl, J.	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
31	Attard, M.	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
32	Fayhee, C.	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	10
33	McGlasson, L.	4-11	4-10	0-0	2-1	3	3	12	1	3	0	0	20
55	Wright, D.	3-9	2-6	0-0	0-4	4	1	8	2	3	0	0	20
TEAM		0-2 2											
TOTALS		17-50	9-30	14-21	8-26	34	20	57	9	22	2	6	200
TOTAL FG%:		1st: 10-26 .385	2nd: 7-24 .292	Game: 17-50 .340									
3-PT FG%:		1st: 4-14 .286	2nd: 5-16 .313	Game: 9-30 .300									
FT%:		1st: 6-8 .750	2nd: 8-13 .615	Game: 14-21 .667									

Technical Fouls: none

Attendance: 403

Score by Half

St. Francis	30-27	57
NIU	31-49	80



GAME 1

NIU: 71

Washington: 64

November 9, 2021 • Alaska Airlines Arena
Seattle, Wash.



SEATTLE, Wash. – Trendon Hankerson poured in a career-high 28 points to lead the Northern Illinois University men's basketball team to a 71-64 victory over Washington on Tuesday night (Nov. 9) at Alaska Airlines Arena. The victory was the first for NIU head coach Rashon Burno who was making his collegiate head coaching debut.

Washington took a 52-51 lead with 5:26 to play in the second half before NIU answered with a 15-2 run to put the game out of reach. Hankerson opened the run with a triple, Anthony Crump added a pair of free throws and Keshawn Williams knocked in a three to put the Huskies in front by five.

Hankerson knocked in a triple with just under two minutes to go to continue the run. Noah Kon then made a pair of free throws and Hankerson added another bucket to push the NIU advantage to a dozen, 66-54, with just under two minutes left. Washington would cut the NIU lead back to eight in the final seconds but never threatened to regain the lead.

Crump finished with 11 points and a team-high 11 rebounds, along with a game-high six assists.

The visitors took an early 9-4 lead as Crump and Hankerson each knocked down early triples to give the Huskies a five-point edge inside the opening four minutes of the contest.

Washington answered with the next six to take a one-point lead, but Hankerson put NIU back on top with a triple with 12 minutes left before the break, giving the visitors a 15-12 lead.

The Hankerson triple ignited a 13-1 NIU run, capped by a deep trifecta from Thornton, as the Huskies led 25-13 with just under eight minutes left before the intermission.

After a basket by Washington, NIU responded with an 8-2 burst, punctuated by a bucket from Chinedu Kingsley Okanu, as the visitors led 33-17, forcing a Washington timeout.

Washington scored the next 10 to cut the NIU lead back to a half-dozen, but Hankerson knocked in a triple at the horn to give NIU a 36-27 lead at the intermission.

NIU pushed its lead to 11 early in the second half but Washington used a 7-0 run to trim the NIU advantage to just four, 40-36, with 14:40 to play.

The NIU lead was still four when Williams canned a triple to give the visitors a 45-38 lead.

Washington pulled within one, 45-44, but threes from Thornton and Hankerson, sandwiched around a Washington basket, gave NIU a 51-46 lead with just under eight minutes left.

A 6-0 burst gave Washington a one-point edge, 52-51, but Hankerson knocked in his fifth triple of the contest to push NIU back in front, 54-52, with four-and-a-half minutes to play, igniting the final run that led NIU to the victory.

No.	NIU	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
13	Makuoi, A.	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	5	3	1	0	2	0	10
0	Williams, K.	2-8	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	4	6	0	4	1	0	25
1	Hankerson, T.	9-15	6-11	4-6	0-7	1	7	28	0	3	1	3	36
24	Hunter, D.	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-4	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	21
50	Crump, A.	3-6	1-1	4-6	1-10	11	4	11	6	3	2	1	36
2	Thornton, K.	2-6	2-4	2-2	1-0	1	2	8	4	5	2	0	24
3	Kon, N.	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	8
5	Osten, C.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
11	Okanu, C.	2-5	0-0	2-4	0-5	5	6	0	1	4	0	0	21
12	Kueth, Z.	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	Manuel, E.	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	8
TEAM		1-2 3											
TOTALS		21-48	12-23	17-25	4-33	37	30	71	12	20	14	4	200
TOTAL FG%:		1st: 12-24 .500	2nd: 9-25 .375	Game: 21-48 .438									
3-PT FG%:		1st: 6-13 .462	2nd: 6-10 .600	Game: 12-23 .522									
FT%:		1st: 6-9 .667	2nd: 11-16 .688	Game: 17-25 .680									

No.	Washington	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
0	Matthews Jr., E.	2-12	1-4	2-3	2-4	6	4	7	0	3	0	0	36
1	Roberts, N.	3-6	0-0	4-9	12-7	19	5	10	1	1	1	0	24
5	Bey, J.	3-11	1-3	3-7	3-1	4	2	10	0	1	3	2	27
11	Davis, D.	1-10	0-4	1-1	2-4	6	4	3	1	4	1	3	24
23	Brown Jr., T.	9-24	0-2	4-8	2-3	5	1	22	3	2	1	3	36
2	Fuller, P.J.	1-4	1-3	1-2	1-0	1	3	4	0	0	0	2	16
12	Grant, J.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
13	Wilson, L.	0-3	0-1	4-4	1-2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	13
22	Bajema, C.	1-5	0-1	2-2	1-3	4	1	4	0	1	0	2	21
TEAM		3-0 3											
TOTALS		20-75	3-18	21-36	27-24	51	21	64	5	12	6	12	200
TOTAL FG%:		1st: 8-30 .267	2nd: 12-45 .267	Game: 20-75 .267									
3-PT FG%:		1st: 2-7 .286	2nd: 1-11 .091	Game: 3-18 .167									
FT%:		1st: 9-15 .600	2nd: 12-21 .571	Game: 21-36 .583									

Technical Fouls: NIU - Crump

Officials: Bill Vinovich, Ryan Holmes, Tom Spitznagel

Attendance: 6,356

Score by Half

NIU	36-35	71
Washington	27-37	64



GAME 2

NIU: 49

Indiana: 85

November 12, 2021 • Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall
Bloomington, Ind.



BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Keshawn Williams scored a career-high 21 points as the Northern Illinois University men's basketball team fell to Indiana, 85-49, on Friday night (Nov. 12) at Assembly Hall.

With the contest knotted at seven in the early going, Indiana used a seven-point burst to take a 14-7 lead with 12:46 to play in the opening half.

The Indiana lead was still seven, 16-9, when the Hoosiers used a six-point spurt to push their advantage to 22-9 just past the midway point of the first stanza. Indiana then scored 12-straight to take its lead to 34-11 before Williams ended the run with a fastbreak layup.

Williams led NIU with seven first half points as Indiana was in front, 47-20, at the intermission. Trayce Jackson-Davis had 17 for the Hoosiers as Indiana shot 51.7 percent (15-of-29) from the field in the opening 2

Northern Illinois Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 13, 2021)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds								pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to			blk	stl
01	Trendon Hankerson	2-2	64	32.0	10-23	.435	7-15	.467	4-6	.667	0	11	11	5.5	4	0	0	6	1	6	31	15.5
00	Keshawn Williams	2-2	56	28.0	8-21	.381	2-6	.333	9-11	.818	0	6	6	3.0	5	0	0	9	1	0	27	13.5
50	Anthony Crump	2-2	65	32.5	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	6-9	.667	2	13	15	7.5	5	0	8	8	2	3	17	8.5
02	Kaleb Thornton	2-0	44	22.0	2-10	.200	2-5	.400	3-4	.750	2	0	2	1.0	3	0	5	6	2	1	9	4.5
13	Adong Makuoi	2-2	26	13.0	3-10	.300	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	1	4	2.0	9	1	1	1	2	2	8	4.0
11	Chinedu Kingsley Oka	2-0	37	18.5	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	4-9	.444	1	7	8	4.0	8	1	0	1	5	0	8	4.0
22	Edward Manuel	2-0	20	10.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	2	2	4	2.0	3	0	0	1	0	2	7	3.5
03	Noah Kon	2-0	23	11.5	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	5-6	.833	0	2	2	1.0	6	0	1	2	0	0	7	3.5
24	Darweshi Hunter	2-2	38	19.0	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	3	0	0	4	0	0	6	3.0
05	Chris Osten	2-0	18	9.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.0
12	Zool Kueth	2-0	9	4.5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	6	9				4					
Total.....		2	400		35-94	.372	14-34	.412	36-52	.692	13	55	68	34.0	53	2	15	43	15	14	120	60.0
Opponents.....		2	400		47-131	.359	11-41	.268	44-66	.667	38	50	88	44.0	43	-	19	27	15	18	149	74.5

TEAM STATISTICS	NIU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	120	149	11/09/21	at Washington	w 71-64	6356
Points per game	60.0	74.5	11/12/21	at Indiana	L 49-85	17222
Scoring margin	-14.5	-	* - Conference game			
FIELD GOALS-ATT	35-94	47-131				
Field goal pct	.372	.359				
3 POINT FG-ATT	14-34	11-41				
3-point FG pct	.412	.268				
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	5.5				
FREE THROWS-ATT	36-52	44-66				
Free throw pct	.692	.667				
F-Throws made per game	18.0	22.0				
REBOUNDS	68	88				
Rebounds per game	34.0	44.0				
Rebounding margin	-10.0	-				
ASSISTS	15	19				
Assists per game	7.5	9.5				
TURNOVERS	43	27				
Turnovers per game	21.5	13.5				
Turnover margin	-8.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.3	0.7				
STEALS	14	18				
Steals per game	7.0	9.0				
BLOCKS	15	15				
Blocks per game	7.5	7.5				
ATTENDANCE	0	23578				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	2-11789				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Northern Illinois	56	64	120
Opponents	74	75	149