

2017 FOOTBALL



2017 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

2017 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Fri., Sept. 1	BOSTON COLLEGE (CBSSN)	L, 23-20
Sat., Sept. 9	EASTERN ILLINOIS (ESPN3)	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 16	at Nebraska (FS1)	W, 21-17
Sat., Sept. 30	at San Diego State (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	KENT STATE* (<i>Homecoming</i>)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	at Buffalo*	TBA
Sat., Oct. 21	at Bowling Green*	TBA
Thur., Oct. 26	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN/E3)	6 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 2	at Toledo (ESPNU/CBSSN)*	5 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 9	BALL STATE (CBSSN)*	6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 15	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN/ESPN2/U)	6/7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 24	at Central Michigan* (CBSSN/ESPNU/3)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 2	MAC Championship (ABC/ESPN/2)	6 p.m.

Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



TV



Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 - 9:30 PM CT

San Diego, Calif.

San Diego County Credit Union Stadium (54,000)

RADIO



NIU HUSKIES

(2-1)

Head Coach: Rod Carey (38-20, Fifth Season)

VS



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

(3-0)

No. 19/21

Head Coach: Rocky Long (58-26, Seventh Season)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

2016 Record/MAC Record/Finish	5-7/5-3/3rd West
Head Coach	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years	38-20/5th
Career Record/Years	38-20/5th
Alma Mater/Year	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football	1899
All-Time Record	573-484-51
Last Bowl Game	2015 SDCCU Poinsettia Bowl
	Boise State 55, NIU 7
MAC Championship Appearances, Last	7, 2015
Last Championship Game	NIU 14, Bowling Green 34
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	50/31
Starters Returning	15 (5 offense, 8 defense, 2 specialist)
Starters Lost	12 (5 offense, 6 defense, 1 specialist)

NIU FACTS

Location	DeKalb, Illinois
Founded	1895
Enrollment	19,015
Affiliation	NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision
Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors	Cardinal and Black
Stadium	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf /23,595
Acting President	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director	Sean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year	Alabama '92
Ticket Information	815-753-PACK (7225)

HUSKIE BITES

- After enjoying its first true open date since 2014, NIU returns to action Saturday as the Huskies take on No. 19/21 San Diego State at San Diego County Credit Union Stadium.
- The Huskies last faced the Aztecs in San Diego in 1971, but are no strangers to the stadium as NIU played in three Poinsettia Bowl games at what was formerly Qualcomm Stadium in 2006, 2013 and 2015.
- Following NIU's win over Nebraska, Huskies' Head Coach Rod Carey is 4-1 versus teams from the Big Ten in his four seasons at the helm. Under Carey, NIU now has wins over Iowa, Purdue, Northwestern and Nebraska with the only loss a 20-13 decision at No. 1 Ohio State in 2015.
- NIU is 6-30 all-time against teams ranked in the AP Top 25 with the Huskies' most recent win over a ranked team a 32-27 decision over No. 20 Toledo on Nov. 3, 2015. NIU's last win over a Top 25 team from outside the MAC was a 19-16 win over No. 21 Alabama in 2003.
- The Huskie defense has surrendered just 50 points through three games, has scored twice on interception returns and has picked off six passes, a number NIU did not reach last year until its eighth game of the season.
- Sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith leads the country in tackles for loss with 9.5 through three games and has collected three quarterback sacks, broken up two passes and caused and recovered a fumble. Smith has already matched his 12-game tackle total from a year ago.
- Sophomore Daniel Santacaterina is 3-0 as the Huskies' starting quarterback, including a win over Kent State last year. Santacaterina, who was narrowly beaten out for the starting job by junior Ryan Graham to start the year, stepped into the starting role when Graham was injured versus Boston College.
- NIU played in a MAC record eight straight bowl games from 2008-15 and played in six straight league championship games (2010-15) before falling to 5-7 a year ago, including a pair of triple overtime defeats.



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— WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE —

MONDAY MAC COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

- NIU Coach Rod Carey will be available on the MAC Coaches' Call every Monday from 8:46-8:54 a.m. (CT).
- Replay available Monday on MAC-sports.com.
- For schedule and media call-in number, contact NIU or the Mid-American Conference.

NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

- NIU will host a weekly press conference with Rod Carey and several Huskie players on Tuesdays in 2017.
- Remaining dates are Sept. 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 13 (Mon.)
- The press conference will begin at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- Telephone access is available. Contact NIU for the number.
- Quotes and video from the press conference will be uploaded to NIUHuskies.com.

NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY

- In general, Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews through Wednesday of game week.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange in-person or phone interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for phone requests.
- Contact Joe Summins (players) or Donna Turner (coaches) to arrange interviews.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

- NIU practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, held at Huskie Stadium and/or the Chessick Practice Center, are open to the media.
- Practices will be held in the evenings in 2017.
- Media are asked to remain in the end zone and to inform NIU Athletics Communications in advance if you plan to attend.
- Video shooting times may be limited.

INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS

- To be added to the NIU AthComm e-mail distribution list (media only), contact Donna Turner.
- Contact Joe Summins to request photos and/or video.
- Information on all MAC teams, including releases, depth charts and photos, are available online at CollegePressBox.com.
- Media can contact NIU or the MAC Office to obtain login information.

SERIES HISTORY: Saturday night's contest with No. 19/21 San Diego State will be the sixth meeting all-time between the two schools, and the second in as many years. The Aztecs own a 5-0 record in the all-time series, winning the last meeting, 42-28, Sept. 17, 2016 at Huskie Stadium. The series dates back to Oct. 21, 1967, a 47-6 victory by San Diego State in DeKalb. San Diego State defeated NIU, 30-10, Oct. 2, 1971 in the last meeting played in San Diego.

PULLING RANK: The Huskies are looking for their first win over a ranked foe since Nov. 3, 2015, when NIU defeated then-No. 20 ranked Toledo, 32-27, in the Glass Bowl at Toledo. NIU is 6-30 versus team ranked in Associated Press Poll.

WHEN LAST WE MET: Darnell Pumphrey rushed for 220 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries as San Diego State handed NIU a 42-28 loss at Huskie Stadium in the home opener last season. San Diego State raced out to a 28-0 lead before NIU responded by scoring the next 21 points of the game. Ryan Graham threw for three touchdowns and 213 yards on 17-of-35 passing. Pumphrey then scored on runs of 33 and 79 yards to propel the Aztecs to victory.

NIU vs. THE MOUNTAIN WEST: The Huskies' record versus teams that currently comprise the Mountain West Conference fell to 9-12 following NIU's 42-28 loss to San Diego State in the 2016 home opener. NIU has played a team from the Mountain West in each of the last three seasons. In addition to playing San Diego State, NIU traveled to Wyoming last year and suffered a 40-34 setback to the Cowboys in triple overtime Sept. 3, 2016. In 2015, NIU defeated UNLV in the season opener and lost to Boise State in the 2015 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl. NIU owns winning records against UNLV, Fresno State and San Jose State.

School	NIU vs.	Last Meeting
Boise State	0-1	BSU W, 55-7, Dec. 23, 2015 (Bowl Game)
Fresno State	3-2	NIU, W, 40-17, Dec. 18, 2010 (Bowl Game)
Nevada	1-1	UNR, W, 35-31, Oct. 1, 1994
San Diego State	0-5	SDSU, W, 42-28, Sept. 17, 2016
San Jose State	1-0	NIU, W, 18-17, Sept. 16, 1995
UNLV	5-0	NIU, W, 38-30, Sept. 5, 2015
Utah State	0-2	USU, W, 21-14, Dec. 26, 2013 (Bowl Game)
Wyoming	0-1	WYO, W, 40-34, Sept. 3, 2016

NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED: The Huskies will be making their third of at least six nationally televised appearances when they face San Diego State on CBS Sports Network Saturday night. NIU's season opener versus Boston College was also televised by CBSSN, as is the Huskies' Nov. 9 home contest versus Ball State. The Eastern Michigan (Oct. 26), Toledo (Nov. 2) and Western Michigan (Nov. 15) contests are slated for either CBS Sports Network or one of the ESPN family of networks (ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3). NIU's last televised game was its 21-17 victory over Nebraska, which was aired by FS1.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Saturday night's game with the Aztecs is the second of a two-game road trip for NIU that began with the Huskies' 21-17 victory over Nebraska. It is also part of a stretch of four of the next five away from Huskie Stadium. NIU's lone home game during this stretch is Oct. 7 when the Huskies face Kent State in its 111th Homecoming game. The Huskies will then travel to MAC East foes Buffalo (Oct. 14) and Bowling Green (Oct. 21).

ADDING TO THE BONEYARD: NIU improved to 15-61-1 all-time versus teams that were in an autonomous conference (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC & Pac-12) at the time the Huskies played them with its 21-17 victory at Nebraska. Of those 15 wins, nine have come in the last 15 years, beginning with NIU's 42-41 victory over Wake Forest Aug. 29, 2002. The Huskies have played a team from one of those five conferences 34 of the last 35 years. The only year the Huskies didn't face one of those teams was 2016.

FAMILIAR TERRITORY: The Huskies will be making their sixth trip to San Diego County Credit Union Stadium when NIU takes on San Diego State Saturday. NIU is 0-5 in its previous trips to the venue that includes two games against San Diego State (1968 and 1971) and three Poinsettia Bowls (2006, 2013 and 2015). The Huskies last visit, to then-Qualcomm Stadium, was a 55-7 setback to Boise State, Dec. 23, 2015.

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NIU HEAD COACH ROD CAREY



Now in his fifth season leading the NIU football program, Head Coach Rod Carey has seen the Huskies achieve at the highest levels both athletically and academically, while ensuring that NIU's long-standing winning tradition continues.

The Huskies' victory at Nebraska this year gives the former Big Ten center (Indiana '93) a 4-1 record at NIU versus teams from that league with the only loss a seven-point decision at No. 1 Ohio State in 2015.

Carey's 38-20 record as NIU's head coach and .655 winning percentage rank the Midwest native among the best to ever lead the Huskie program as he ranks fourth on NIU's all-time lists both in wins and winning percentage.

Carey also is climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his win percentage puts him in the Top 15 in the league all-time. With a 26-6 record (.813) in MAC games, Carey is set to climb into the Top 25 for league wins in 2017.

Under Carey, NIU has claimed three MAC West titles and won the 2014 MAC Championship. Overall, the Huskies have played in the league title game five times, with three wins, since Carey arrived in DeKalb as NIU's offensive coordinator in 2011. He also was a part of five of NIU's MAC-record eight consecutive bowl appearances between 2008-15.

NIU posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2013 behind quarterback Jordan Lynch, who Carey helped develop into the first Heisman Trophy finalist in NIU and MAC history. The Huskies spent 12 weeks in the Top 25 rankings and went on to the MAC Championship game. Carey was named the MAC Coach of the Year, and was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year Award.

Lynch is one of six NIU players to achieve All-America recognition under Carey, while five Huskies have been drafted, including wide receiver Kenny Golladay, the record-setting receiver who was a third-round selection of the Detroit Lions in 2017. In all, 16 Huskies who played for Carey at NIU have gone on to play professional football, including San Francisco 49ers 2014 first round draft pick Jimmie Ward and New Orleans' Saints receiver Tommylee Lewis.

Cornerback Shawun Lurry became the sixth NIU player to be named an All-American under Carey's guidance when he earned first team honors from the FWAA in 2015. Huskies won the Vern Smith Award, presented annually to the MAC MVP, in each of Carey's first three years.

Over a four-month period in the fall of 2012, Rod Carey went from coaching NIU's offensive line, to offensive coordinator of one of the most explosive offenses in the country, to head coach of the first Mid-American Conference team to play in a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl game.

Carey's promotion to head coach was announced on December 2, 2012, just minutes before NIU earned a historic bid to face Florida State in the 2013 Discover Orange Bowl. NIU became the first MAC team to play in a BCS game.

Carey joined the Huskies in 2011 after three seasons leading the offensive line at North Dakota. Prior to that, he spent the 2007 season at Illinois State. From 2000-06, Carey served on the coaching staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where he was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. In all, Carey coached 26 all-conference selections and seven All-Americans during his time at UW-Stout.

Carey began his collegiate coaching career at Minnesota (1998-99).

— FOLLOW THE HUSKIES —

TV: NIU-SDSU ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK

- NIU's game at San Diego State will air on CBS Sports Network, the Huskies' second of at least three, and potentially seven, appearances on the network.
- Find the CBSSN channel in your area by using the Channel Finder at CBSSportsNetwork.com.
- CBS Sports Network does not stream or offer games via mobile app.
- The announce crew for the NIU-San Diego State game is Dave Ryan (play-by-play), Corey Chavous (color analyst) and Melanie Collins (sidelines).

RADIO: NIU SPORTS NETWORK

- The NIU Sports Network broadcast for the SDSU game begins at 9 p.m. CT, 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLKB AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb), SportsFan Radio AM 1330 (Rockford) and AM 560 The Answer (Chicago).
- Hear the broadcast online via NIU All-Access (subscription), and on mobile devices via TuneIn. Download the app free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is in his 38th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 32nd season, while Andy Garcia is in his fifth season on the sidelines.

INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the one-hour show every Monday at Noon at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy).
- Listen live with the TuneIn app; hear it Monday at 7 p.m. on WLKB AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb, 8 pm Mondays on 560 AM The Answer in Chicago and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SportsFan Radio 1330 AM in Rockford.
- The weekly show features host Bill Baker, NIU Head Coach Rod Carey, Huskie players and athletic department guests.

NIU WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

- Airs Friday at 10 p.m. CT in Chicago on AM 560 The Answer, Saturday at 8:30 a.m. on WLKB AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb and on Sports Fan Radio 1330 in Rockford at 6:30 a.m Saturdays.
- Also hear it on NIUTube (subscription).
- Hosts are Andy Garcia and Sean T. Frazier, NIU Associate Vice-President and Director of Athletics.
- The 30-minute show features interviews with football coach Rod Carey, other NIU head coaches and guests.

NIUTUBE (HUSKIE ALL-ACCESS)

- See weekly and post-game press conferences, video features, Huskie Olympic sports and special events.
- Hear all NIU live radio broadcasts, including football and basketball games and NIU radio shows.
- Purchase a daily, monthly or annual subscription.
- Go to NIUHuskies.com for rates and information.

GETTING SOCIAL

- Twitter: @NIUAthletics, @NIUScores, @NIU_Football
- Facebook: NIU Huskies, NIU Football
- Instagram: niuhuskies, niufotball
- YouTube: niuhuskiesdotcom
- See NIU Athletics' social media hub online to see all of the Huskie team and coaching staff accounts.

2017 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

Off.Coord./Asst. HC/TEs/FBs	Mike Uremovich	Field
Defensive Coord./Safeties	Kevin Kane	Coaches' Booth
Quarterbacks	Craig Harmon	Coaches' Booth
Defensive Line/Recruiting Coord	Brett Diersen	Field
Offensive Line/Run Game Coord	Joe Tripodi	Field
Linebackers	Jeff Knowles#	Field
RBs	Jordan Lynch#	Field
WRs	Steve Crutchley#	Field
Cornerbacks	Melvin Rice	Field
Director of Sports Performance	Brad Ohrt	Field

#New to NIU in 2017

2017 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Aztecs
26.3	Points/G	29.0
8 (3-5)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	13 (8-5)
57	First Downs	81
359.7	Total Yards/G	396.2
159.7	Rush Yards/G	227.0
200.0	Pass Yards/G	169.2
5	Turnovers Lost	3
26:28	Time of Possession/G	35:01
33.0%	3rd Down Conversions	45%
50%	4th Down Conversions	0%
40.0	Net Punting Avg.	31.4
20.1	Kickoff Return Avg.	32.8
1.0	Punt Return Avg.	7.3
26-289	Penalties-Yards/G	29-242
16.7	Points Allowed/G	19.5
(10-12) 83%	Red Zone Scores	(12-14) 86%
(7-12) 58%	Red Zone TDs	(8-14) 57%
5 (3-2)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	10 (6-4)
55	First Downs Allowed	55
303.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	291.0
97.7	Rush Yards/G Allowed	123.8
205.7	Pass Yards/G Allowed	167.2
33%	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	38%
57%	4th Down Conv. Allowed	0%
7	Turnovers Gained	8

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 NIU's rank among MAC teams in total defense this year
- 3.2 Tackles for loss per game by NIU's Sutton Smith, tops in the nation
- 4 MAC Championships in school history
- 5 Number of games played by NIU in San Diego County Credit Union (formerly Qualcomm) Stadium, including three bowl games
- 6.8 Career yards per carry for Jordan Huff
- 12 Career TD catches by TE Shane Wimann, most by a tight end in NIU history
- 16 States represented on the Huskies' 2017 roster
- 36 Interception returns for touchdowns all-time by NIU defenders as an FBS institution
- 43 Career games played by defenders William Lee and Mycial Allen, tops on the team
- 53 Consecutive PATs made by Christian Hagan
- 84 MAC-leading Graduation Success Rate of NIU Football program, Top 10 nationally among public institutions
- 85 Wins for NIU since 2008, tied for 15th nationally among FBS teams
- 116 Seasons of Huskie Football
- 390 Career interception return yards for Shawun Lurry, which ranks first among all active FBS players
- 1,108 Intercollegiate football games played by Northern Illinois, beginning in 1899

ON THE WATCH

Four 2017 Huskies were named to one or more of the preseason Watch Lists released by members of the National College Football Awards Association.

Shawun Lurry, CB, Sr.	Jim Thorpe Award
.....Bronko Nagurski Award	
Max Scharping, LT, Jr.-R.	Outland Trophy
.....Wuerffel Trophy	
Luke Shively, C, Jr.-R.	Rimington Trophy
Shane Wimann, TE, Sr.-R.	Mackey Award

GOING BACK TO CALL: The Huskies are 5-9 in games played in California, with their last victory in The Golden State coming Dec. 30, 2004. NIU defeated Troy, 34-21, in the Silicon Valley Bowl in San Jose, Calif. Of those 14 games, five have been bowl games – 1983 California Bowl, 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl, 2006, 2013 and 2015 Poinsettia Bowls.

THE DEFENSE DOES NOT REST: NIU's defense leads the MAC and ranks 26th nationally in total defense, allowing 303.3 yards per game. NIU's 97.7 yards rushing allowed also leads the league and ranks 19th in the country. Last year, NIU finished the season ranked 98th nationally in total defense, ninth in the MAC and 88th in rushing defense, 10th in the league.

SACK IT TO ME: NIU's defense has tallied eight sacks through the first three games this season, two against both Boston College and Eastern Illinois, and three at Nebraska. The Huskies didn't record their eighth sack of the season last year until Oct. 8 at Western Michigan. It is the most sacks by the Huskie defense in the first three games since NIU tallied 11 in 2014.

AT A LOSS: The Huskie defense, which recorded a season-high 12 tackles for loss against Boston College in the season opener, now has 26 TFLs on the season, lead the MAC in that category and are sixth in the nation averaging 8.7 tackles for loss a game.

MR. SMITH GOES OFF: Redshirt sophomore Sutton Smith added three-and-a-half tackles for loss and two sacks, in NIU's 21-17 victory over Nebraska. The Huskie defensive end leads the nation with 3.2 tackles for loss a game. He recorded a career-high five TFLs in NIU's contest with Boston College.

GETTING OFF THE FIELD: The Huskie defense ranks 21st in the country in forcing three and outs, averaging 5.0 a game. NIU has either forced teams to punt or forced a turnover in the first three plays of a drive in 15 of 46 drives by their opponents, tallying four in the season opener against Boston College, six versus Eastern Illinois and five at Nebraska.

THREE OF A KIND: For the second time this season, three Huskie defenders finished in double digits in tackles at Nebraska. Bobby Jones IV led the way with a game-high 14 stops, while Kyle Pugh finished with 11 and safety Mykelti Williams tallied a career best 10 tackles. Linebackers Kyle Pugh (17), Bobby Jones IV (16) and Jawuan Johnson (10) accomplished the same feat in the season opener against Boston College.

CONVERTING INTs INTO TDs: With his 87-yard interception return for a touchdown, Shawun Lurry tied the school record for career interception returns for a touchdown with two. His first came in the 2015 MAC Championship game against Bowling Green (Dec. 4) when he ran a Matt Johnson pass back 64 yards for a score.

TURNING OVER POINTS: The Huskies have converted five of the seven turnovers forced on the season into 31 points. Last season, NIU tallied 33 points off 15 turnovers. The Huskies scored a field on the first turnover forced this season by NIU, a Kyle Pugh interception against Boston College. The Huskies converted two interceptions into touchdowns in each of the last two games, returning a pair of interceptions for scores at Nebraska.

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

The list of NIU's former players currently on an active rosters in either the NFL or CFL stands at seven. Rashaan Melvin continued the Huskies' interception trend when he made two interceptions in the Colts' victory over Cleveland this past Sunday.

National Football League

Detroit Lions.....	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Indianapolis Colts.....	Rashaan Melvin (CB)
New Orleans Saints.....	Tommylee Lewis (WR)
San Francisco 49ers.....	Jimmie Ward (S)
Tennessee Titans.....	Tim Semisch (TE) - PS

Canadian Football League

Calgary Stampeders.....	Juwan Brescacin (WR)
Hamilton Tiger-Cats.....	Courtney Stephen (S)
Toronto Argonauts.....	Ken Bishop (DT)

BYE WEEK SUCCESS: NIU is 2-0 under Rod Carey following a bye week. The Huskies defeated Kent State, 17-14 Oct. 4, 2014, following their last bye week. Following its bye week after defeating Iowa in 2013, NIU scored a 45-35 win at Idaho (Sept. 14). The Huskies are facing San Diego State after having last week off.

POINT TAKEN: NIU's opponents have scored 50 points through the first three games of 2017, the fewest points allowed by a Huskie defense through three games since 2003, when NIU held its opponents to 46 points. NIU allowed 40 points or more in each of the first three games last season before holding MAC opponents to 24 points or less six times.

STREAKING: The Huskies extended their streak of games with an interception to nine when Shawun Lurry intercepted Tanner Lee and ran it back 87 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter of NIU's 21-17 victory at Nebraska. The streak dates back to Oct. 15, 2016 when the Huskies picked off two passes against Central Michigan.

MAKING HISTORY: The NIU defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns for the first time in school history in its victory at Nebraska. Shawun Lurry ran the first interception of the day back 87 yards in the first quarter, while Jawuan Johnson followed suit with a 25-yard interception return for a touchdown later in the quarter.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE: Josh Corcoran's interception of Tanner Lee on Nebraska's final possession was the sixth by the NIU defense this season. The Huskies, who finished 2016 with 14 INTs, didn't tally their sixth interception of last year until Oct. 22, 2016 at Buffalo, the eighth game of the season.

WORKING ON THE LINE: There are multiple new faces on the NIU defensive line with Josh Corcoran (DE) and William Lee (DT) the only returnees who saw significant time in the top-eight rotation a year ago. Tackle Ben LeRoy, who played a back-up role as a true freshman in 2016, end Sutton Smith and redshirt freshman Jack Heflin are all first-time starters. Corcoran and Lee, senior Joe Sanders and newcomers Drequan Brown, Matt Lorbeck, Devin Webster and Weston Kramer make up the Huskies' defensive line rotation.

SANTA AS A STARTER: Daniel Santacaterina improved to 3-0 as a starter, after helping rally NIU to a 21-17 victory over Nebraska. He won his first career start, a 31-21 decision over Kent State (Nov. 25) last year. It was a week after Santacaterina came off the bench in the second quarter for an injured Ryan Graham against Eastern Michigan (Nov. 16) and led NIU from a 21-0 halftime deficit to a 31-21 win over the Eagles. He led NIU to its first win of 2017, a 38-10 decision over Eastern Illinois in the second game of the season.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN: In his second career start, sophomore quarterback Daniel Santacaterina established new career highs for completions (23), attempts (34) and touchdown passes (3) while throwing for 258 yards in the Huskies' 38-10 win over Eastern Illinois.

STREAK BUSTER: While the Huskie defense extended their streak of consecutive games with an interception, the NIU offense broke an interception streak of their own. At Nebraska, the Huskies did not throw an interception for the first time in 12 games. The last time an NIU QB did not throw and interception was Sept. 10, 2016 at South Florida.

IN A HUFF: Jordan Huff recorded his fifth career 100-yard rushing game when he amassed 105 yards on 16 carries, including a rushing touchdown, against Nebraska. It is his first 100-yard game against a team from an autonomous conference. It was his first 100-yard game since Nov. 16, 2016 when he rushed for a career-best 173 yards versus Eastern Michigan. Huff's game-winning touchdown was the 17th rushing TD of his career.

FILLING THE VOID: With the graduations of Kenny Golladay and Aregeros Turner, the Huskie receiving corps lost 58.4 percent of its total yardage from last season. Golladay led the Huskies with 1,156 yards on 87 receptions, while Turner tallied 40 catches for 415 yards. The Huskies have three players in triple digits in receiving yards this season. Junior D.J. Brown, who had nine catches for 91 yards a year ago, leads the Huskies with 137 yards on 12 receptions. Senior Chad Beebe (currently injured) is second on the squad with 125 yards on 10 catches. Christian Blake, who tallied a team-high 77 yards on five receptions at Nebraska, has 101 yards on eight receptions.

TEARS OF JOY: Wide receiver Spencer Tears turned in a career day in NIU's 38-10 win over Eastern Illinois. Tears scored his first career touchdown on a 39-yard bomb from Daniel Santacaterina. He finished the day with four catches for 61 yards, surpassing his previous career bests of three receptions and 29 yards set in the season opener against Boston College. he ranks third on the team with nine catches in 2017.

TE FOR THE TD: Shane Wimann, who entered the season as the school record holder for career touchdown receptions by a tight end, added to his total with a one-yard touchdown reception in NIU's 38-10 victory over Eastern Illinois. It was his 12th career touchdown reception and second of the season. He scored his first touchdown on a seven-yard catch against Boston College. The Huskie senior is the only player on the current roster to have caught a touchdown pass from each of the last four NIU starting quarterbacks.

QUARTERBACK SIX PACK: Ryan Graham became only the sixth different season-opening signal-caller for NIU since 2008 when he took the first snap from center of 2017. Chandler Harnish started the initial games of the 2008, 2009 and 2011 seasons, while DeMarcus Grady started the 2010 season opener. Jordan Lynch took the first snaps of the year in 2012 and 2013, and Matt McIntosh started the 2014 season. Drew Hare started both the 2015 and 2016 campaigns. Lynch (2013) was the last Huskie QB to start and finish the year as the starter.

FROSH FACES: Six redshirt and four true freshmen have made their Huskie debuts this season. Quarterback Marcus Childers and tailback Tre Harbison saw their first action as Huskies in NIU's win over Eastern Illinois. They join fellow redshirt freshmen Jack Heflin (DT), Andrew Parchment (WR), Benn Olson (OL) and Austin Warner (OL) in seeing their first playing time this year. Freshmen Matt Ference (P), Isaac Hawn (OL), Matt Lorbeck (DE) and Weston Kramer (DT) have all seen action as well, with Hawn (OT) and Ference (P) earning starting roles.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS: NIU has also had six newcomers see their first action as Huskies in 2017. Grad transfer Jonathan Parker and transfers Drequan Brown (DE), Jalen Embry (CB), Devin Webster (DT), Jauan Wesley (WR) and Mykelti Williams (S) have all stepped in to play significant roles. Williams, who starts at one of the safety spots had a career-best 10 tackles at Nebraska.

MEET THE "NEW" GUYS: Two-time NIU All-American and 2013 Heisman Trophy finalist Jordan Lynch is one of three new members of the coaching staff for 2017. One of the top FBS running quarterbacks of all-time, Lynch is coaching the Huskie running backs. Jeff Knowles (linebackers) and Steve Crutchley (wide receivers) are the other new additions.

SUNSHINE STATERS: The 2017 Huskie roster includes 12 players from the state of Florida. Freshmen Jalen McKie, Dennis Robinson and Jordan Robinson, no relation, join nine returning Florida Huskies – seniors Christian Blake, Shawun Lurry and Ezra Saffold, redshirt senior Bobby Jones IV, redshirt junior Albert Smalls, redshirt sophomores Antonio Davis-Jones and Trequan Smith and redshirt freshman Andrew Parchment. The 12 – all from the southeast coast of the state – represent nine different Florida high schools.

2017 NIU FOOTBALL

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Jackson Abresch, S	Sr.-R	18	-
Myccial Allen, S	Sr.-R	43	15
Chad Beebe, WR	Sr.-R	37	10
Christian Blake, WR	Sr.	37	12
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	So.	11	5
Dale Brown, OL	Jr.-R	15	-
D.J. Brown, WR	Jr.	28	2
Drequan Brown, DE	Jr.-R	3	-
Adam Buirge, S	So.-R	12	-
Marcus Childers, QB	Fr.-R	2	-
Josh Corcoran, DE	Jr.	29	9
Herlandez Corley, DT	Jr.-R	11	-
Daniel Crawford, TE	So.-R	14	1
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	So.	11	2
Jalen Embry, CB	Jr.-R	3	-
Matt Ference, P	Fr.	3	-
Aaron Fischer, FB	Jr.-R	8	-
Trayshon Foster, S	So.-R	14	-
Ryan Graham, QB	Jr.-R	18	9
Christian Hagan, K	Sr.	35	-
Tre Harbison, RB	Fr.-R	1	-
Ty Harmston, TE	Jr.-R	11	-
Isaac Hawn, OL	Fr.	3	1
Jack Heflin, DT	Fr.-R	3	3
Jordan Huff, TB	Sr.-R	40	5
Vince Hughes, OL	So.-R	1	-
Tifonte Hunt, CB	Jr.-R	17	-
Daniel Isom, CB	So.	10	6
Jawuan Johnson, LB	Jr.-R	20	6
Bobby Jones IV, LB	Sr.-R	39	13
Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.	17	1
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	So.-R	12	-
Marcus Kelly, DT	So.-R	5	-
Weston Kramer, DT	Fr.	3	-
William Lee, DT	Sr.-R	43	28
Ben LeRoy, DT	So.	11	3
Matt Lorbeck, DE	Fr.	3	-
Shawun Lurry, CB	Sr.	41	22
Dwayne Milton, TB	Jr.-R	11	-
Tommy Mister, TB	Jr.-R	15	-
Benn Olson, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Mayomi Olootu, CB	Sr.	34	7
Josh Orne, K	Sr.-R	21	-
Brayden Patton, OL	Fr.-R	1	-
Andrew Parchment, WR	Fr.-R	3	-
Jonathan Parker, TB	Sr.-R	3	-
Kyle Pugh, LB	So.-R	13	3
Ryan Roberts, OL	So.-R	15	2
Jimmy Russell, S	Sr.-R	6	-
Ezra Saffold, WR	Sr.	25	-
Hayden Sak, LS	Jr.	27	-
Joe Sanders, DE	Sr.-R	14	4
Daniel Santacaterina, QB	So.-R	5	3
Max Scharping, OL	Jr.-R	29	29
Alex Schwab, LB	Sr.-R	27	-
Luke Shively, OL	Jr.-R	22	15
Albert Smalls, CB	Jr.-R	32	14
Sutton Smith, LB	So.-R	15	3
Trequan Smith, S	So.-R	11	6
Jordan Steckler, OL	So.-R	15	11
Spencer Tears, WR	So.-R	14	3
Maalik Todd, WR	Jr.-R	2	-
Nathan Veloz, OL	So.-R	5	3
Austin Warner, OL	Fr.-R	2	-
Devin Webster, DT	Jr.	3	-
Jauan Wesley, WR	Jr.-R	3	-
Mykelti Williams, S	So.-R	3	3
Shane Wimann, TE	Sr.-R	42	22
Quintin Wynne, DL	So.-R	15	1

Christian Blake	Sr.	WR	Ft. Lauderdale (Cardinal Gibbons)
Lance Deveaux, Jr.	So.	LB	Pompano Beach (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Antonio Jones-Davis	So.-R	LB	Vero Beach (Vero Beach)
Bobby Jones IV	Sr.-R	LB	Miami Gardens (Monsignor Pace)
Shawun Lurry	Sr.	CB	West Palm Beach (W.T. Dwyer)
Jalen McKie	Fr.	CB	Ft. Lauderdale (Waukegan)
Andrew Parchment	Fr.-R	WR	Ft. Lauderdale (Cypress Bay)
Dennis Robinson	Fr.	WR	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
Jordan Robinson	Fr.	WR	Miami, Fla. (Norland)
Ezra Saffold	Sr.	WR	Riviera Beach (W.T. Dwyer)
Albert Smalls	Jr.-R	CB	Miramar (Monsignor Pace)
Trequan Smith	So.-R	S	Boynton Beach (Boynton Beach)

FINISHING AT NIU: NIU welcomed two graduate transfers for 2017. Tailback Jonathan Parker comes to NIU after spending the previous four seasons at Iowa. Jaden Huff transferred to NIU from St. Cloud State, where he was a team captain for the St. Cloud State Huskie in 2016.

DEGREES IN HAND: Eight players on the NIU roster are college graduates. Six have earned their degrees from NIU, while two others came to DeKalb as graduate transfers.

Jackson Abresch	S	Operations and Information Management	NIU
Ty Harmston	TE	Biology	NIU
Jordan Huff	TB	Pre-Computer Science	NIU
Bobby Jones IV	LB	Kinesiology	NIU
William Lee	DT	Journalism	NIU
Max Scharping	LT	Kinesiology	NIU
Jaden Huff	LB	Finance	St. Cloud State
Jonathan Parker	CB	Business	Iowa

MAKING THE GRADE: The NIU football team continues to excel in the classroom. NIU again leads the MAC and ranks in the Top 20 nationally with a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 84 percent, which is 10 points above the national FBS average. Additionally, the Huskies' 976 in the most recent Academic Progress Rate (APR) report from the NCAA, is the third-highest score in school history.

HALL CALL: Huskie football greats, Steve Azar and Garrett Wolfe, will be inducted into the NIU Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. The Huskies' all-time leading rusher with 5,164 career rushing yards, Wolfe led the nation in rushing with 1,928 yards and TDs with 18 in 2006 and was named the league's MVP. NIU's all-time leading scorer, Azar is the only player in NIU football history to earn all-conference honors four times. He also earned first team All-America honors from Football News and Second Team Freshman All-America accolades from the Sporting News.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS: NIU was picked to finish in third place in the MAC West Division in 2017 by both the MAC media and MAC Coaches. Toledo was picked to win the league by both polls.

It is the fourth straight year the MAC Media Poll has not picked NIU to win its division. Ohio was picked to win the East in both polls. NIU opens MAC play next week when the Huskies play host to Kent State.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS			
MEDIA		COACHES	
WEST		WEST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Toledo (22)	142	1. Toledo (7)	66
2. Western Michigan (1)	107	2. Western Michigan (2)	58
3. NIU (1)	89	3. NIU (1)	45
4. Eastern Michigan	74	4. Eastern Michigan	35
5. Central Michigan	62	5. Central Michigan (1)	31
6. Ball State	30	6. Ball State	17
EAST		EAST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Ohio (11)	131	1. Ohio (9)	69
2. Miami (12)	129	2. Miami (3)	61
3. Bowling Green (1)	88	3. Bowling Green	45
4. Akron	79	4. Akron	41
5. Buffalo	41	5. Buffalo	20
6. Kent State	36	6. Kent State	16

SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

2016 Record11-3
 Mountain West Record/Finish 6-2/1st
 Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....Rocky Long
 (New Mexico/1974)
 Record at SDSU /Years.....58-26/7th
 Career Record/Years.....123-95/18th
 Location San Diego, Calif.
 Enrollment.....33,726
 Conference Mountain West
 Colors.....Scarlet and Black
 Stadium.....San Diego County Credit Union Stadium
 Surface/Capacity Natural Grass /54,000
 President.....Dr. Elliott Hirshman
 Athletic Director.....John David Wicker
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2017 SAN DIEGO STATE SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 2	UC DAVIS (FB Live)	W, 38-17
Sat., Sept. 9	at Arizona State (Pac-12 Networks)	W, 30-20
Sat., Sept. 16	STANFORD (Pac-12 Networks)	W, 20-17
Sat., Sept. 23	at Air Force* (CBSSN)	W, 28-24
Sat., Sept. 30	NIU (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	at UNLV* (ESPN Networks)	TBA
Sat., Oct. 14	BOISE STATE* (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21	FRESNO STATE* (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	at Hawaii* (ESPN Networks)	TBA
Sat., Nov. 4	at San Jose State* (ESPN Networks)	TBA
Sat., Nov. 18	NEVADA* (CBSSN)	9:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 24	NEW MEXICO* (CBSSN)	2:30 p.m.

*Mountain West Conference Game

NIU-SDSU SERIES HISTORY

OverallSDSU leads 5-0
 In San Diego.....SDSU leads 2-0
 In DeKalb.....SDSU leads 3-0
 StreakSDSU, 5
 First Meeting.....October 21, 1967: SDSU 47, NIU 6 (H)
 Last MeetingSeptember 17, 2017: SDSU 42, NIU 28 (H)
 Series History.....
 1967SDSU 47, NIU 6 (H)
 1968.....SDSU 40, NIU 21 (A)
 1970.....SDSU 35, NIU 3(H)
 1971.....SDSU 30, NIU 10 (A)
 2016.....SDSU 42, NIU 28 (H)

THE LAST MEETING

San Diego State 42, NIU 28

Sept. 17, 2016

DeKalb, Ill. | Huskie Stadium | 14,513

Quarterback Ryan Graham threw for three second half touchdowns but NIU was unable to erase a 21-point halftime deficit as they fell, 42-28, to San Diego State at Huskie Stadium. Graham finished 17-of-35 passing for 213 yards.

The Aztecs raced out to a 28-0 lead in the opening half before the Huskies cut into the deficit with 3:52 remaining. Kenny Golladay finished the seven-play, 65-yard drive with a 12-yard touchdown run.

After the Huskie defense forced a San Diego State three-and-out on the first drive of the second half, it took NIU just two plays to go 54 yards, trimming the Aztec lead to 28-14. Jordan Huff rushed for five yards on the first play of the drive before Graham connected with Golladay from 49 yards out for the score.

Golladay had five catches for 72 yards in the contest and ran three times for 20 yards. Bobby Jones IV led the Huskie defense with 15 tackles, including a sack and two tackles for loss.

The NIU defense forced a second consecutive three-and-out and the offense cashed in. Graham went 3-for-3 on the drive, including a 30-yard connection to Huff and a 14-yard touchdown completion to tight end Shane Wimann as the Huskies cut the Aztec lead to 28-21 with 7:46 to play in the third quarter.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, tailback Donnel Pumphrey found the end zone from 33 yards out to give San Diego State a 35-21 lead.

NIU answered with a 16-play, 65-yard drive, capped by Graham's second touchdown pass to Wimann, this time from seven yards out. On a third-and-20 from the Aztec 40, Graham kept the drive alive with a 28-yard completion to Ezra Saffold. Six plays later, Graham found Wimann for the score as NIU trimmed the SDSU lead back to a touchdown, 35-28.

Two plays later, Pumphrey scored his third touchdown, bursting through the middle for a 79-yard score, giving the Aztecs a 42-28 lead with 7:40 left to play. He finished the contest with 220 yards rushing on 23 carries.

Pumphrey opened the scoring with a 46-yard scoring run to give San Diego State a 7-0 lead with 7:19 to play in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive, the Huskies turned the ball over on downs after missing on fourth-and-one at the San Diego State 31. The Aztecs used six plays to go 68 yards, capped by a 27-yard touchdown pass to Rashaad Penny.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
San Diego State	14	14	0	14	42
NIU	0	7	14	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

SDSU - Pumphrey 46 run (Baron kick), 1st 7:19 (1-46, 0:09)
 SDSU - Penny 27 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 1st 1:08 (6-68, 3:16)
 SDSU - Warring 5 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 2nd 14:09 (4-13, 1:43)
 SDSU - Holder 33 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 2nd 6:19 (3-45, 1:14)
 NIU - Golladay 12 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 3:52 (7-65, 2:27)
 NIU - Golladay 49 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 3rd 12:03 (2-54, 0:31)
 NIU - Wimann 14 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 3rd 7:46 (7-73, 3:08)
 SDSU - Pumphrey 33 run (Baron kick), 4th 14:54 (5-53, 1:44)
 NIU - Wimann 7 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 4th 8:02 (16-65, 3:56)
 SDSU - Pumphrey 79 run (Baron kick), 4th 7:40 (2-79, 0:17)

Team & Individual Statistics

	SDSU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	22 (11-6)	20 (10-6)	Rushing - SDS: Pumphrey 23-220, Penny 14-65, Team 3(-3), Chapman 5(-4); NIU: Huff 12-46, Bouagnon 7-37, Golladay 3-20, Blake 3-19, Turner 3-18, Graham 8-11, Maddie 1-6, Team 2(-2).
Rushes-Net Yards	45-278	39-155	Passing - SDS: Chapman 11-19-1, 126; NIU: Graham 17-35-2, 213;
Passing Yards	126	213	Receiving - SDS: Holder 4-67, Penny 2-37, Wells 1-11, Warring 1-5, Judge 1-5, Bawden 1-4, Pumphrey 1(-3); NIU: Golladay 5-72, Wimann 3-25, Blake 3-19, Huff 2-39, Turner 2-11, Saffold 1-28, Brown 1-19.
Passes (C-A-I)	11-19-1	17-35-2	Tackles - SDS: Munson 9, M. Smith 9; NIU: Jones 15, Mayes 8, Lurry 6.
Plays-Total Yards	64-404	74-368	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yards	11-109	8-103	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-93	5-137	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-7	1-12	
3rd Down Conversions	5-13	3-14	
4th Down Conversions	1-1	3-5	
Punts-Average	5-42.4	5-29.4	
Possession Time	32:10	27:50	
Sacks By-Yards	1-10	1-13	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-3	

PLAYERS TO WATCH

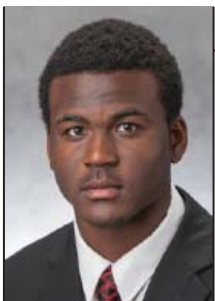


35 SHANE WIMANN

TE | 6-4 | 252 | Jr.-R | 2L
Wisconsin Dells, Wis. | Wisconsin Dells HS

• Added to his NIU career record for TD catches by a tight end with a one-yard grab vs. Eastern Illinois. Caught four passes for 37 yards vs. Boston College with a seven-yard TD. Excellent blocker was part of offense that held potent BC D-line without a sack. His 24 catches in 2016 were the most by an NIU tight end since 2005. Recorded at least one catch in 11 of 12 games. Tied the NIU single season record for TD catches by a tight end with six. Had a season-best 65 receiving yards vs. Kent State with a career-long 32-yard gain. Earned Academic All-MAC honors for the third time and was named a MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete for the second straight year.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	3/3	5	38	7.6	2	19
Career	42/22	40	390	9.8	12	32



1 ALBERT SMALLS

CB | 6-1 | 202 | Jr.-R | 2L
Miramar, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS

• Credited with three solo stops and a pass break-up at Nebraska. Named NIU defensive player of the game vs. Eastern Illinois with two solo tackles and a pass break up. Made six tackles, including first career tackle for loss, vs. BC. Medical redshirt in 2016. Started the 2016 season opener at Wyoming (9-3) and recorded five tackles before suffering a season-ending injury. Played in every game his first two years. Third on NIU with 10 pass break ups in 2015.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	PBU	INT
2017	3/3	8	3	11	1.0	2	0
Career	32/14	53	23	76	2.0	16	3



34 CHRISTIAN HAGAN

K | 6-0 | 188 | Sr. | 3L
Omaha, Neb. | Westside HS

• Has hit all 10 of his PATs in 2017 to extend consecutive PAT streak to 54. Scored at least one point in 35 consecutive games and leads NIU in scoring with 19 points. Saw string of seven straight games with a made field goal broken at Nebraska. Made two of three field goals versus Boston College and one of three versus Eastern Illinois. As a junior, led NIU in scoring with 78 points on 45 PATs and 11 field goals. Ranks fifth on NIU's all-time kick scoring list and is ninth in overall scoring. A first team All-MAC selection in 2015

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB	PAT	FG	Lg	Pts
2017	3/0	16	1,001	62.6	3	1	10-10	3-7	32	19
Career	34/0	137	8,333	60.8	36	8	130-133	37-55	52	241



73 MAX SCHARPING

OT | 6-6 | 312 | Jr.-R | 2L
Green Bay, Wis. | Southwest HS

• First season at left tackle after two seasons on right side. Helped Jordan Huff to first 100-yard rushing game by NIU back this year vs. Nebraska. Line held BC without a sack. All-MAC selection in 2016. On the Outland Trophy Watch List. Named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District squad with a 3.99 GPA in kinesiology. Started 29 consecutive games. Honorable mention sophomore All-American by CampusInsiders. Selected as a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete. NIU led the nation in fewest sacks allowed with eight a year ago and ranked 16th nationally in rushing offense (239.8 avg.).



6 BOBBY JONES IV

LB | 6-0 | 220 | Sr.-R | 3L
Miami Gardens, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS

• Tied for the team lead in tackles with 33. Led NIU with 14 tackles, five solo, at Nebraska; Huskies held NU to 85 rushing yards and 17 points. Made a career high 16 tackles vs. BC, including 10 solo. Added two tackles for loss. Fifth on the team with 59 total tackles in eight games last season. Added 4.5 tackles for loss. Registered a season-high 15 stops versus San Diego State (9-17). Missed the last four games of 2016 due to injury.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	TO
2017	3/3	15	18	33	3.0	0.0	0
Career	39/13	92	67	159	12.0	3.5	1



57 KYLE PUGH

MLB | 5-11 | 218 | So.-R | 1L
Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS

• Tied for the team lead in tackles with 33 after recording his second double-digit tackle game of the year at Nebraska with 11 stops. In first career start, led NIU with 17 tackles, six solo, versus BC. Recorded first career interception. Came into the season without a career tackle. Posted five stops versus EIU. Appeared in last 10 games of 2016 as a backup middle linebacker and special teamer.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	INT
2017	3/3	13	20	33	0.0	0.0	1
Career	13/3	13	20	33	0.0	0.0	1



21 MARCUS JONES

TB | 5-8 | 202 | So.-R | 1L
Evergreen Park, Ill. | Brother Rice HS

• NIU's second-leading rusher has also caught two passes on the year. Scored on runs of one and four yards versus Eastern Illinois. Gained 63 yards on team-high 12 carries. Back after a medical redshirt season in 2016. Saw action at Wyoming (9-3) and USF (9-10) in 2016 before going down with injury. Appeared in 12 games as a true freshman in 2015. Had a 73-yard touchdown run at Miami (10-17).

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	3/1	24	114	4.8	2	23
Career	17/1	32	223	7.0	3	73

PLAYERS TO WATCH



12 JOSH CORCORAN

DE | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | 2L
Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville South HS

- Leapt high to snag his first career interception, stopping Nebraska's final drive and sealing the Huskie win. Totaled four tackles with a half tackle for loss in the game. Registered six tackles, one for loss, vs. Eastern Illinois. Made two tackles and broke up his first career pass vs. Boston College.

Has seen action in 28 of 29 games during his career. Ranked second on the team with seven tackles for loss in 2016. His three quarterback sacks tied for third on the team.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	3/3	5	7	12	1.5	0.0	2
Career	28/9	26	23	49	8.5	3.0	2



7 DANIEL SANTACATERINA

QB | 6-2 | 205 | So.-R | 1L
Geneva, Ill. | Geneva HS

- Improved to 3-0 as NIU's starting QB after the upset win at Nebraska. Directed game-winning fourth-quarter drive after NU had taken a 17-14 lead. Hit Christian Blake on a career-long 47-yard pass; completed two more passes to set up the score. Set career highs for completions, attempts and TD passes vs. Eastern Illinois. Threw TDs of 39, 18 and one yard.

Led NIU to win at Kent State in his first collegiate start in 2016. Also directed overtime comeback win over Eastern Michigan.

Year	G/GS	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2017	2/2	38-56-1	67.9	380	3	47
Career	5/3	56-94-3	59.6	741	4	74



23 JORDAN HUFF

TB | 5-11 | 224 | Sr.-R | 3L
Mobile, Ala. | St. Paul's Episcopal HS

- Recorded his fifth career 100-yard rushing game with 105 yards on 16 carries at Nebraska. Scored the game-winning touchdown from two yards out for his first TD of the year. Led NIU with 88 yards on 11 carries versus Eastern Illinois. NIU's leading rusher in 2017. Has two catches for 14 yards on the year. His 6.8 yards per carry average would rank first all-time at NIU with 300 carries. His 2,121 career all-purpose yards lead all 2017 Huskies. As a junior, ranked second on the team in rushing, caught 10 passes for 70 yards and averaged 24.1 yards on eight kickoff returns.

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Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	KOR	Yds.	Avg	Lg
2017	3/2	32	202	6.3	1	21	0	0	0.0	-
Career	40/5	238	1,629	6.8	17	87	16	393	24.6	66



72 JORDAN STECKLER

OG | 6-4 | 311 | So.-R | 1L
Two Rivers, Wis. | Two Rivers HS

- After starting seven games at right guard last year, starting at left guard in 2017. Line did not surrender a sack to potent BC defensive line. Helped lead the way to Jordan Huff's 105-yard rushing day at Nebraska. Huskies averaging 5.1 yards per play through three games. A 2016 MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete.



10 D.J. BROWN

WR | 5-9 | 188 | Jr. | 2L
N. Little Rock, Ark. | N. Little Rock HS

- NIU's leading receiver with 12 catches for 137 yards. Caught three passes for 18 yards at Nebraska. Had a career-high seven catches for 88 yards versus Eastern Illinois, including a career-long 41-yard grab. Posted his first career receiving TD on a 15-yard catch vs. Boston College.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg	TD	Lg
2017	3/2	12	137	11.4	1	41	3	14	4.7	0	7
Career	28/3	21	228	10.9	1	41	21	108	5.1	1	23

Finished the game with two catches for 31 yards.



15 SUTTON SMITH

DE | 6-0 | 225 | So.-R
Saint Charles, Mo. | Francis Howell HS

- Leads the country in tackles for loss with 9.5 after adding 3.5 TFLs with two sacks, a pass break-up and six tackles at Nebraska. Also ranks 12th nationally in quarterback sacks with three and has two pass break-ups. Caused and recovered a fumble, broke up a pass and totaled three tackles, one for loss, vs. Eastern Illinois. In first career start, recorded five tackles for losses of 23 yards, a sack and six tackles versus Boston College. Has equalled his 2016 tackle total with 15 on the year.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF/FR
2017	3/3	12	3	15	9.5	3.0	1/1
Career	15/3	18	12	30	11.5	4.0	1/1

College. Has equalled his 2016 tackle total with 15 on the year.



8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS

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Indianapolis, Ind. | Warren Central/Iowa Western

- Posted his first double-digit tackle game with 10 stops, a team-leading nine solo, at Nebraska. Ranks fourth on the team in tackles and is tied for team lead in solo stops. Picked off his first career pass versus Eastern Illinois and returned it 10 yards to set up a Huskie touchdown. Broke up a pass vs. Boston College. Collected All-American and all-conference honors at Iowa Western in 2016. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	PBU	INT
2017	3/3	15	5	20	0.0	1	1

GAME 1: BOSTON COLLEGE 23, NIU 20

September 1 | 8:30 p.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 16,421

NIU's last second drive came up short as the Huskies suffered a 23-20 setback to Boston College in the season opener at Huskie Stadium Friday night.

NIU (0-1) drove 53 yards in nine plays and 1:52 to set up a 39-yard field goal attempt by Christian Hagan, who had connected on threes from 32 and 21 yards out earlier in the game. The senior kicker's attempt bounced off the front of the crossbar and fell short.

NIU began its final drive on its own 20-yard line after Boston College took the lead on a 37-yard field by Colton Lichtenberg. Lichtenberg's field goal capped a 13-play, 46-yard drive on which the Eagles converted on a pair of fourth down plays.

The Huskie defense forced four three and outs, held Boston College to 367 yards, 164 on the ground, and forced one turnover. That turnover, an interception by linebacker Kyle Pugh in the first quarter, resulted in the first points of the game. Pugh also finished the game with a career- and game-high 17 tackles.

Hagan hit a 32-yard field with seven minutes left in the first quarter to end a seven-play, 45-yard scoring drive led by quarterback Ryan Graham, giving NIU a 3-0 lead.

Graham finished the day with 190 yards on 15-of-38 passing with two touchdowns and one interception. He added a game-high 99 yards on the ground on 12 carries, including a 60-yard scamper that set up his first touchdown pass of the game, a 15-yard strike to D.J. Brown. Senior Chad Beebe led the Huskies in receiving with six catches for 93 yards.

Trailing 10-3 to NIU, Boston College came back to take a 13-10 halftime lead with a 10-point outburst in the final 2:05 of the first half. First, Lichtenberg hit a 35-yard field goal to cap a 13-play, 63-yard drive. After the Huskies went three-and-out on offense, the Eagles got the ball back at the 50-yard line and scored in six plays on a five-yard Brown pass to Michael Walker.

The Eagles took a 10-point lead, 20-10, midway through the third quarter as Brown hit fullback Ray Marten from four yards out for the score.

On the ensuing drive, Graham caught a 13-yard pass from Christian Blake to help set up his second touchdown pass of the game. He hit tight end Shane Wimann with a seven-yard touchdown pass with 2:15 left in the third quarter. That score pulled NIU to within three, 20-17.

NIU tied the game, 20-20, with 14:18 left to play in the game when Hagan hit a 21-yard field goal attempt.

Three Huskies finished in double digits in tackles. In addition to Pugh's 17 stops, Bobby Jones IV and Jawuan Johnson finished with 16 and 10 tackles, respectively. Sutton Smith tallied six tackles, including five for loss.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Boston College	3	10	7	3	- 23
NIU	3	7	7	3	- 20

SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Hagan 32 FG, 1st 7:00 (7-45, 3:09)
- BC - Lichtenberg 42 FG, 1st 0:09 (8-34, 2:17)
- NIU - D. Brown 15 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:56 (2-75, 0:13)
- BC - Lichtenberg 35 FG, 2nd 2:05 (13-63, 4:27)
- BC - Walker 5 pass from A. Brown (Lichtenberg kick), 2nd 0:30 (6-50, 1:04)
- BC - Marten 4 pass from A. Brown (Lichtenberg kick), 3rd 7:48 (8-59, 2:57)
- NIU - Wimann 7 pass from Graham (Hagan kick), 3rd 2:15 (13-75, 5:28)
- NIU - Hagan 21 FG, 4th 14:18 (5-53, 1:47)
- BC - Lichtenberg 37 FG, 4th 2:13 (13-46, 5:04)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	BC	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	21 (11-8)	18 (5-10)	Rushing - BC: Hilliman 25-58, Smith, T. 6-55, Smith, J. 3-26, Dillon 5-20, Brown. 7-10, Glines 1-3, Team 3-(-24); NIU: Graham 12-99, Jones 11-48, Huff 5-9, Brown 2-7, Blake 2-6, Beebe 1-(-1), Team 1-(-1); Mister 1-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	50-148	35-164	Passing - BC: Brown 26-42-1, 191; NIU: Graham 15-38-1, 190; Blake 1-1-0, 13.
Passing Yards	191	203	Receiving - BC: Walker 8-50, White 6-76, Smith 3-18, Hilliman 3-1, Idrizi 2-17, Marten 2-7, Garrison 1-17, Callinan 1-5; NIU: Beebe 6-93, Wimann 4-37, Tears 3-29, Brown 2-31, Graham 1-13.
Passes (C-A-I)	26-42-1	16-39-1	Tackles - BC: Harris 10, Allen 9; NIU: Pugh 17, Jones 16, Johnson 10.
Plays-Total Yards	92-339	74-367	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yards	8-79	8-70	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-81	3-48	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-11	3-17	
3rd Down Conversions	9-24	2-15	
4th Down Conversions	2-2	1-2	
Punts-Average	9-38.7	8-40.9	
Possession Time	33:39	26:21	
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	2-15	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-4	

GAME 2: NIU 38, EASTERN ILLINOIS 10

September 9 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 16,722

The Northern Illinois University football team amassed 499 yards of total offense, while the defense held the Panthers to less than 200 yards as the Huskies claimed a 38-10 victory over Eastern Illinois at Huskie Stadium Saturday.

Quarterback Daniel Santacaterina led the Huskies on six scoring drives and threw for 252 yards and three touchdowns on 23-34 passing as NIU improved to 1-1 on the year.

After a three and out on the opening drive, the Huskie sophomore led NIU on a 10-play, 75-yard scoring drive on the Huskies' second possession. Santacaterina capped the drive by connecting with Spencer Tears, who made an incredible over-the-shoulder catch, on a 39-yard touchdown pass to give the Huskies a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

Eastern Illinois (1-1), responded with a 20-yard field goal by Nick Wilson, capitalizing on a muffed punt by the Huskies which gave the Panthers the ball on the NIU 29-yard line.

Following a three-and-out by the Huskies on their fourth possession, Mychal Allen intercepted Mitch Kimble on the EIU 28 and returned it 17 yards to set up the Huskies' second score of the game, a four-yard touchdown run by Marcus Jones, to extend NIU's advantage to 14-3 with 14:51 left in the half and spark a 24-point second quarter outburst by the Huskies.

Santacaterina hit Christian Blake for his second touchdown pass of the game on an 18-yard pass with 5:11 left in the half. A Mykelti Williams interception on EIU's ensuing possession gave the Huskies a short field as NIU took over at the Panther 30-yard line. Jones scored his second touchdown of the game five plays later on a one-yard run to give NIU a 28-3 lead with 3:05 left in the half.

Jones finished the day with 63 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 12 carries and had one reception for eight yards.

After NIU used its timeouts and forced another EIU punt, the Huskies executed the two-minute drill, driving 55 yards in six plays and 1:20. Christian Hagan hit a 20-yard field with under a minute left and the Huskies went into the break with a 31-3 advantage.

The Huskie defense was dominant in the first half, limiting the Panthers to 58 yards of total offense while forcing two turnovers, which the Huskie offense turned into two touchdowns.

Santacaterina and the Huskies added one more touchdown late in the third quarter when he found tight end Shane Wimann for a one-yard touchdown pass to give NIU a 38-3 lead.

Linebacker Jawuan Johnson quietly had a strong game for the Huskies, tallying seven tackles, including one-and-a-half tackles and a forced fumble. Antonio Jones-Davis led the way for NIU tallying a game-high eight tackles.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	7	- 10
NIU	7	24	7	0	- 38

SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Tears 39 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 7:57 (10-75, 3:25)
- EIU - Wilson 20 FG, 1st 2:51 (8-26, 3:48)
- NIU - M. Jones 4 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:51 (3-11, 0:37)
- NIU - Blake 18 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 2nd 5:11 (13-80, 5:30)
- NIU - M. Jones 1 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 3:05 (5-30, 1:58)
- NIU - Hagan 20 FG, 2nd 0:52 (6-55, 1:20)
- NIU - Wimann 1 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 3rd 1:34 (9-80, 1:48)
- EIU - Gilkey 1 run (Wilson kick), 4th 8:01 (11-57, 4:22)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	EIU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	16 (3-6)	26 (12-11)	Rushing - EIU: Johnson 11-24, Gilkey 8-20, McCullough 8-19, Turner 1-8, Columbus 3-5, Gooch 2-(-1), Team 2-(-2), Hollins 1-(-5), Kimble 9-(-8); NIU: Huff 11-88, Jones 12-63, Childers 5-28, Santacaterina 5-14, Mister 5-8, Blake 2-7, Brown 1-7, Milton 3-7, Harbison 2-5, Parker 1-3.
Rushes-Net Yards	45-60	47-230	Passing - EIU: Kimble 14-29-2, 127; Gilkey 0-3-0, 0; NIU: Santacaterina 23-34-1, 252; Childers 1-1-0, 17.
Passing Yards	127	269	Receiving - EIU: Hollins 4-29, Gooch 3-16, D. Turner 2-35, Welch 2-27, Johnson 2-5, J. Turner 1-15; NIU: Brown 7-88, Tears 4-61, Beebe 4-32, Blake 3-24, Wesley 2-30, Crawford 1-17, Huff 1-8, Jones 1-8 Wimann 1-1.
Passes (C-A-I)	14-32-2	24-35-1	Tackles - EIU: Horne 8, Dewberry 7; NIU: Jones-Davis 8, Johnson 7.
Plays-Total Yards	77-187	82-499	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2	
Penalties-Yards	8-75	15-194	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-79	3-68	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	3-1	
3rd Down Conversions	5-17	10-17	
4th Down Conversions	0-1	0-0	
Punts-Average	7-40.0	4-41.2	
Possession Time	30:24	29:36	
Sacks By-Yards	1-1	3-12	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	5-6	

GAME 3: NIU 21, NEBRASKA 17

September 16 | 11 a.m. (CT) | FS1
Lincoln, Nebraska | Memorial Stadium | 89,664

NIU continued its recent string of success versus Big Ten opponents with a fourth-quarter rally to defeat Nebraska, 21-17, at Memorial Stadium.

After NIU scored the first 14 points of the game on interception return touchdowns, Nebraska put 17 straight points on the board in the second half before NIU responded with a game-winning drive and two defensive stops in the final six minutes of the game.

After Nebraska took its only lead of the game with 11:14 to play on a one-yard dive by quarterback Tanner Lee at 17-14, the Huskie offense responded.

From the Huskie 25, quarterback Daniel Santacaterina came out firing, hitting Christian Blake with a 47-yard bomb to put NIU on the Nebraska 28. Two Jordan Huff runs netted another first down and a Santacaterina to Blake connection over the middle went to the two-yard line. Huff scored from there, putting the Huskies back on top to stay, 21-17.

Nebraska got two more chances with the ball, advancing to the NIU 33 on the first drive before the Huskie defense – as it had almost all day - stood strong. Nebraska got the ball again with 3:09 to play. On third and six from its 24, Sutton Smith sacked Lee for eight yards, forcing fourth and 14. Josh Corcoran ended all suspense when he intercepted Lee at the 24-yard line.

NIU's Shawun Lurry shocked and silenced the crowd early when he stepped in front of a Cornhusker pass at the 13-yard line and returned it 87 yards for a 7-0 Huskie lead at 11:24 of the first quarter. The Huskie defense forced Nebraska into three and outs on its next two possessions, and although the NIU offense was unable to get untracked, the Huskies had the field position advantage, forcing the Huskers to start on their one and seven yard lines.

NIU took a 14-0 lead with 1:13 to play in the quarter. On third-and-nine from its 21-yard line, Drequan Brown pressured Lee, and his pass was intercepted by Jawuan Johnson, who raced 25 yards for the Huskies' second touchdown.

The Huskie defense pressured Lee all day, totaling three sacks and nine tackles for loss, including four by Smith. Three Huskies totaled double figures in tackles with Bobby Jones (14), Kyle Pugh (11) and Mykelti Williams (10) a big part of a game defensive effort.

The Huskies shut out Nebraska in the first half with William Lee blocking the Huskers' field goal attempt from 37 yards out on the last play of the half.

Nebraska came back with 10 points in the third quarter. The Huskers scored their first touchdown by recovering a mis-handled punt that rolled back to the NIU two-yard line. Two plays later, Lee scored from four yards out.

NIU had drives of just three, three and four plays in the third quarter. Nebraska put together a 15-play, 71-yard drive before the Huskie defense forced a 36-yard field goal by Drew Brown.

Jordan Huff led the Huskie offense with 105 yards on 16 carries, while Blake caught five passes for 77 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	0	0	7	- 21
Nebraska	0	0	10	7	- 17

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Lurry 87 interception return (Hagan kick), 1st 11:24
NIU - Johnson 25 interception return (Hagan Kick), 1st 1:13
NEB - T. Lee 4 run (Brown kick), 3rd 8:05 (2-2, 0:48)
NEB - Brown 36 FG, 3rd 0:15 (15-71, 6:20)
NEB - T. Lee 1 run (Brown kick), 4th 11:14 (6-63, 2:14)
NIU - Huff 2 run (Brown kick), 4th 8:52 (6-75, 2:22)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	NEB	
First Downs (R-P)	13 (7-5)	18 (6-12)	Rushing - NIU: Huff 16-105, Childers 2-10, Jones 1-3, Blake 1-(-1), Santacaterina 7-(-9), TEAM 4-(-23)
Rushes-Net Yards	31-85	36-85	NEB: Wilbon 24-90, Ozigbo 2-8, McNitt 1-4, Spielman 2-1, Lee 7-(-18),
Passing Yards	128	299	Passing - NIU: Santacaterina 15-22-0, 128; Blake 0-1-0, 0 NEB: Lee 25-47-3, 299; .
Passes (C-A-I)	15-23-0	25-47-3	Receiving - NIU: Blake 5-77, Weley 3-29, Brown 3-18, Tears 2-(-3), Huff 1-6, Jones 1-1. NEB: Pierson-El 8-101, Morgan 6-94, Spielman 3-52, Wilbon 3-14, Lindsey 2-18, Hoppes 2-17, Reimers 1-3;
Plays-Total Yards	54-213	83-384	Tackles - NIU: B. Jones 14, Pugh 11 NEB: Gifford 8, Reed 5.
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0	
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-48	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-25	3-91	
Punt Returns-Yds	2-10	5-13	
3rd Down Conversions	3-13	6-19	
4th Down Conversions	0-0	2-4	
Punts-Average	8-46.4	6-47.3	
Possession Time	23:26	36:34	
Sacks By-Yards	3-24	2-14	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-5	

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	79	50
Points Per Game	26.3	16.7
Points Off Turnovers	31	10
FIRST DOWNS	57	55
Rushing	24	20
Passing	26	26
Penalty	7	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	479	293
Yards gained rushing	544	423
Yards lost rushing	65	130
Rushing Attempts	113	131
Average Per Rush	4.2	2.2
Average Per Game	159.7	97.7
TDs Rushing	3	3
PASSING YARDAGE	600	617
Comp-Att-Int	55-97-2	65-121-6
Average Per Pass	6.2	5.1
Average Per Catch	10.9	9.5
Average Per Game	200.0	205.7
TDs Passing	5	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	1079	910
Total Plays	210	252
Average Per Play	5.1	3.6
Average Per Game	359.7	303.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	7-141	12-251
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-8	6-24
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-148	2-14
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.1	20.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	1.0	4.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	24.7	7.0
FUMBLES-LOST	5-3	4-1
PENALTIES-Yards	26-289	21-202
Average Per Game	96.3	67.3
PUNTS-Yards	20-863	22-912
Average Per Punt	43.2	41.5
Net punt average	40.0	40.2
KICKOFFS-Yards	16-1001	13-798
Average Per Kick	62.6	61.4
Net kick average	42.2	39.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	26:28	33:32
3RD-DOWN Conversions	15/45	20/60
3rd-Down Pct	33%	33%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	4/7
4th-Down Pct	50%	57%
SACKS BY-Yards	8-51	3-15
MISC YARDS	0	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	10	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	3-7	5-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(10-12) 83%	(9-13) 69%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(7-12) 58%	(5-13) 38%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(10-10) 100%	(5-5) 100%
ATTENDANCE	33143	89664
Games/Avg Per Game	2/16572	1/89664
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NIU	24	31	14	10	79
Opponents	6	10	17	17	50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HUFF, Jordan	3	32	204	2	202	6.3	1	21	67.3
JONES, Marcus	3	24	125	11	114	4.8	2	23	38.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	12	99	0	99	8.2	0	60	99.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	2	7	38	0	38	5.4	0	6	19.0
BROWN, D.J.	3	3	14	0	14	4.7	0	7	4.7
BLAKE, Christian	3	5	14	2	12	2.4	0	8	4.0
MILTON, Dwayne	2	3	7	0	7	2.3	0	5	3.5
MISTER, Tommy	3	6	8	3	5	0.8	0	4	1.7
HARBISON, Tre	1	2	6	1	5	2.5	0	6	5.0
SANTACATERINA D	2	12	26	21	5	0.4	0	5	2.5
PARKER, Jonathan	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
BEEBE, Chad	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
TEAM	2	5	0	24	-24	-4.8	0	0	-12.0
Total...	3	113	544	65	479	4.2	3	60	159.7
Opponents...	3	131	423	130	293	2.2	3	25	97.7

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
SANTACATERINA D	2	138.96	38-56-1	67.9	380	3	47	190.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	93.58	15-38-1	39.5	190	2	46	190.0
BLAKE, Christian	3	104.60	1-2-0	50.0	13	0	13	4.3
CHILDERS, Marcus	2	242.80	1-1-0	100.0	17	0	17	8.5
Total...	3	121.55	55-97-2	56.7	600	5	47	200.0
Opponents...	3	92.09	65-121-6	53.7	617	2	36	205.7

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BROWN, D.J.	3	12	137	11.4	1	41	45.7
BEEBE, Chad	2	10	125	12.5	0	46	62.5
TEARS, Spencer	3	9	87	9.7	1	39	29.0
BLAKE, Christia	3	8	101	12.6	1	47	33.7
WESLEY, Jauan	3	5	59	11.8	0	23	19.7
WIMANN, Shane	3	5	38	7.6	2	19	12.7
HUFF, Jordan	3	2	14	7.0	0	8	4.7
JONES, Marcus	3	2	9	4.5	0	8	3.0
CRAWFORD, Danie	1	1	17	17.0	0	17	17.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
Total...	3	55	600	10.9	5	47	200.0
Opponents...	3	65	617	9.5	2	36	205.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
SANTACATERINA D	2	68	5	380	385	192.5
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	50	99	190	289	289.0
HUFF, Jordan	3	32	202	0	202	67.3
JONES, Marcus	3	24	114	0	114	38.0
CHILDERS, Marcus	2	8	38	17	55	27.5
BLAKE, Christia	3	7	12	13	25	8.3
BROWN, D.J.	3	3	14	0	14	4.7
MILTON, Dwayne	2	3	7	0	7	3.5
MISTER, Tommy	3	6	5	0	5	1.7
HARBISON, Tre	1	2	5	0	5	5.0
PARKER, Jonathan	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
BEEBE, Chad	2	1	-1	0	-1	-0.5
TEAM	2	5	-24	0	-24	-12.0
Total...	3	210	479	600	1079	359.7
Opponents...	3	252	293	617	910	303.3

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total...	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents...	0	0	0.0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BEEBE, Chad	6	18	3.0	0	10
EMBRY, Jalen	2	-10	-5.0	0	12
Total...	8	8	1.0	0	12
Opponents...	6	24	4.0	0	11

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2017 LONG PLAYS

NIU	No.	Long
	8	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Rushing	1	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Graham	1	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Passing	4	46, Graham to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
by Santacaterina	3	47, to Blake, vs. Nebraska, 9/16
by Graham	1	46, to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
to Beebe	1	46, from Graham vs. BC, 9/1
to Blake	1	47, from Santacaterina vs. Nebraska, 9/16
to Brown	1	41, from Santacaterina vs. EIU, 9/9
to Tears	1	39 TD, from Santacaterina vs. EIU, 9/9
Returns	3	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Blake	1	25 KOR vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Lurry	1	87 INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Johnson	1	25 INT vs. Nebraska 9/16
OPPONENT	8	50 KOR by Spielman, Nebraska 9/16
Rushing	1	25 by Wilbon, Nebraska, 9/16
Passing	3	36 by two players
Returns	4	50 KOR by Spielman, Nebraska, 9/16

* 25 Yards or Longer

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BLAKE, Christian	7	141	20.1	0	34
Total...	7	141	20.1	0	34
Opponents...	12	251	20.9	0	50

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WILLIAMS, Mykel	1	10	10.0	0	10
CORCORAN, Josh	1	9	9.0	0	9
PUGH, Kyle	1	0	0.0	0	0
JOHNSON, Jawuan	1	25	25.0	1	25
LURRY, Shawun	1	87	87.0	1	87
ALLEN, Mycial	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total...	6	148	24.7	2	87
Opponents...	2	14	7.0	0	14

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
HAGAN, Christian	16	1001	62.6	3	1			
Total...	16	1001	62.6	3	1	251	42.2	22
Opponents...	13	798	61.4	6	0	141	39.0	26

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
FERENCE, Matt	20	863	43.2	53	2	6	6	3	0
Total...	20	863	43.2	53	2	6	6	3	0
Opponents...	22	912	41.5	55	1	10	5	6	0

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
HAGAN, Christian	3-7	42.9	0-0	2-2	1-5	0-0	0-0	32	2

FG SEQUENCE	Northern Illinois	Opponents
Boston College	(32),(21),39	(42),(35),(37)
EIU	39,(20),30	(20),35
Nebraska	39	37,(36)
San Diego State		
Kent State		
Buffalo		
Bowling Green		
Eastern Michigan		
Toledo		
Ball State		
Western Michigan		
Central Michigan		

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
BLAKE, Christian	3	12	101	0	141	0	254	84.7
HUFF, Jordan	3	202	14	0	0	0	216	72.0
BROWN, D.J.	3	14	137	0	0	0	151	50.3
BEEBE, Chad	2	-1	125	18	0	0	142	71.0
JONES, Marcus	3	114	9	0	0	0	123	41.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	1	99	13	0	0	0	112	112.0
LURRY, Shawun	3	0	0	0	0	87	87	29.0
TEARS, Spencer	3	0	87	0	0	0	87	29.0
WESLEY, Jauan	3	0	59	0	0	0	59	19.7
WIMANN, Shane	3	0	38	0	0	0	38	12.7
CHILDERS, Marcus	2	38	0	0	0	0	38	19.0
JOHNSON, Jawuan	3	0	0	0	0	25	25	8.3
ALLEN, Mycial	3	0	0	0	0	17	17	5.7
CRAWFORD, Daniel	1	0	17	0	0	0	17	17.0
WILLIAMS, Mykel	3	0	0	0	0	10	10	3.3
CORCORAN, Josh	3	0	0	0	0	9	9	3.0
MILTON, Dwayne	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	3.5
MISTER, Tommy	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.7
HARBISON, Tre	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
SANTACATERINA D	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2.5
PARKER, Jonathan	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
EMBRY, Jalen	3	0	0	-10	0	0	-10	-3.3
TEAM	2	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-12.0
Total...	3	479	600	8	141	148	1376	458.7
Opponents...	3	293	617	24	251	14	1199	399.7

SCORING	TD	FGs	|----- PATs -----|					DXP	Saf	Pts.
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	0-0			
HAGAN, Christian	0	3-7	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	19	
WIMANN, Shane	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
JONES, Marcus	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
LURRY, Shawun	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
JOHNSON, Jawuan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
HUFF, Jordan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
BROWN, D.J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
TEARS, Spencer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
BLAKE, Christian	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total...	10	3-7	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	79	
Opponents...	5	5-7	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	50	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	|-----Tackles-----|				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|		|-Fumbles-|		Blkd		
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
57 PUGH, Kyle	3	13	20	33	.	.	1-0	1	2	.	.	.	.
6 JONES, Bobby	3	15	18	33	3.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 JOHNSON, Jawuan	3	14	12	26	5.5-7	.	1-25	.	.	.	1	.	.
8A WILLIAMS, Mykel	3	15	5	20	.	.	1-10	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 SMITH, Sutton	3	12	3	15	9.5-51	3.0-25	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
3A EMBRY, Jalen	3	9	4	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20 ALLEN, Mycial	3	7	5	12	1.0-1	.	1-17	3	2	.	.	.	.
12 CORCORAN, Josh	3	5	7	12	1.5-6	.	1-9	1	1	.	.	.	.
1 SMALLS, Albert	3	8	3	11	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
18 SCHWAB, Alex	3	4	7	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 JONES-DAVIS A	3	2	8	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 ABRESCH, Jackso	3	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 LEROY, Ben	3	3	4	7	1.5-10	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 LURRY, Shawun	3	2	3	5	.	.	1-87	2	.	.	.	.	.
90 LEE, William	3	2	3	5	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
11 FOSTER, Traysho	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9A SANDERS, Joe	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
53 WYNNE, Quintin	2	1	2	3	.	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 OLOOTU, Mayomi	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 HUFF, Jordan	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 HEFLIN, Jack	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 WEBSTER, Devin	3	1	2	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 BUIRGE, Adam	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 KRAMER, Weston	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73 SCHARPING, Max	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 MISTER, Tommy	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 BROWN, Drequan	3	1	.	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
37 MILTON, Dwayne	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 SAK, Hayden	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 BROWN, D.J.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 LORBECK, Matt	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total...	3	138	116	254	26-102	8-51	6-148	15	7	1-0	2	1	.
Opponents...	3	98	108	206	14.0-52	3-15	2-14	10	.	3-0	2	2	.

NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	Kent St.	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St.	WMU	CMU
Offense	Beebe	Jones/ Huff	Huff/ Blake									
Defense	Pugh	Smalls	Johnson/ Smith									
Def. Scout	Hall	Thrower	Nettles									
Special Teams	Jo. Huff/ Foster	Buirge	Ference									
Off. Scout	Kennedy	Cole	Kelly									
ST. Scout	Walker	Kennedy	Gibbons									

Selected by the Huskie coaching staff.

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	KSU	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball State	WMU	CMU
48	JONES-DAVIS A	3/-	X	X	X									
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	3/-	X	X	X									
20	ALLEN, Mycial	3/3	S	S	S									
82	BEEBE, Chad	2/2	WR	WR	-									
4	BLAKE, Christian	3/2	X	WR	WR									
89	BRINKMAN, Mitchell	3/2	TE	TE	X									
76	BROWN, Dale	2/-	X	X	-									
10	BROWN, D.J.	3/1	X	X	WR									
40	BROWN, Drequan	3/-	X	X	X									
29	BUIRGE, Adam	3/-	X	X	X									
1E	CHILDERS, Marcus	2/-	-	X	X									
12	CORCORAN, Josh	3/3	DE	DE	DE									
97	CORLEY, Herlandez	1/-	-	X	-									
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	1/-	-	X	-									
7A	SANTACATERINA D	2/2	-	QB	QB									
3D	DEVEAUX, Lance	2/-	X	X	-									
3A	EMBRY, Jalen	3/-	X	X	X									
36	ERENCE, Matt	3/-	X	X	X									
33	FISCHER, Aaron	3/-	X	X	X									
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	3/-	X	X	X									
85	GIBBONS, Ryan	1/-	X	-	-									
17	GRAHAM, Ryan	1/1	QB	-	-									
34	HAGAN, Christian	3/-	X	X	X									
5A	HARBISON, Tre	1/-	-	X	-									
84	HARMSTON, Ty	3/-	X	X	X									
71	HAWN, Isaac	3/1	X	X	RT									
98	HEFLIN, Jack	3/3	DT	DT	DT									
52	HLAVA, Jake	1/-	-	-	X									
23	HUFF, Jordan	3/2	X	TB	TB									
75	HUGHES, Vince	1/-	-	X	-									
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	3/3	LB	LB	LB									
6	JONES, Bobby	3/3	LB	LB	LB									
21	JONES, Marcus	3/1	TB	X	X									
55	KRAMER, Weston	3/-	X	X	X									
90	LEE, William	3/-	X	X	X									
99	LEROY, Ben	3/3	DT	DT	DT									
41	LORBECK, Matt	3/-	X	X	X									
19	LURRY, Shawun	3/3	CB	CB	CB									
37	MILTON, Dwayne	3/-	X	X	X									
26	MISTER, Tommy	3/-	X	X	X									
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	3/-	X	X	X									
61	OLSON, Benn	1/-	-	X	-									
25	ORNE, Josh	2/-	-	X	X									
8	PARCHMENT, Andrew	2/-	X	X	-									
2	PARKER, Jonathan	3/-	X	X	X									
58	PATTON, Brayden	1/-	-	X	-									
57	PUGH, Kyle	3/3	LB	LB	LB									
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	3/2	RG	RG	X									
32	RUSSEL, Jimmy	1/-	-	X	-									
59	SAK, Hayden	3/-	X	X	X									
9A	SANDERS, Joe	3/-	X	X	X									
73	SCHARPING, Max	3/3	LT	LT	LT									
18	SCHWAB, Alex	3/-	X	X	X									
64	SHIVELY, Luke	3/3	C	C	C									
1	SMALLS, Albert	3/3	CB	CB	CB									
15	SMITH, Sutton	3/3	DE	DE	DE									
24	SMITH, Trequan	1/-	X	-	-									
72	STECKLER, Jordan	3/3	LG	LG	LG									
14	TEARS, Spencer	3/2	WR	X	WR									
65	VELOZ, Nathan	3/3	RG	RG	RG									
54	WARNER, Austin	2/-	X	X	-									
94	WEBSTER, Devin	3/-	X	X	X									
9	WESLEY, Jauan	3/-	X	X	X									
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	3/3	S	S	S									
35	WIMANN, Shane	3/3	TE	TE	TE									
53	WYNNE, Quintin	3/-	X	X	X									

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing	-----Passing-----			Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Total	R-P-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Pl-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(9-1) NIU vs. Boston College	20 23	21 18	11-8-2 5-10-3	50-148, 0 35-164, 0	26-42-1 16-39-1	191 203	2 2	92-339 74-367	9-38.7 8-40.9	0-0 0-0	8-79 8-70	9-of-24 2-of-15	33:39 26:21
(9-9) NIU vs. Eastern Illinois	38 10	26 16	12-11-3 3-6-7	47-230, 2 45-60, 1	24-35-1 14-32-2	269 127	3 0	82-499 77-187	4-41.2 7-40.0	2-2 2-1	15-194 8-75	10-of-17 5-of-17	29:36 30:24
(9-16) NIU at Nebraska	21 17	13 18	7-5-1 6-12-0	31-85, 1 36-85, 2	15-23-0 25-47-3	128 299	0 0	54-213 83-384	8-46.4 6-47.3	3-1 2-0	3-25 5-48	3-of-13 6-of-19	23:26 36:34
(9-30) NIU at San Diego State													
(10-7) NIU vs. Kent State													
(10-14) NIU at Buffalo													
(10-21) NIU at Bowling Green													
(10-26) NIU vs. Eastern Michigan													
(11-2) NIU at Toledo													
(11-9) NIU vs. Ball State													
(11-15) NIU vs. Western Michigan													
(11-24) NIU at Central Michigan													

— NIU in the 2017 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Rushing Offense	159.7	73	7	Sacks	2.67	38	3
Passing Offense	200.0	90	10	Tackles for Loss	8.7	6	1
Passing Efficiency	121.55	100	9	Sacks Allowed	1.00	16	2
Total Offense	359.7	95	7	Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.67	27	4
Scoring Offense	26.3	87	6	Fewest Penalties/Game	8.67	111	8
Red Zone Offense	.833	69	4	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	96.33	124	11
Rushing Defense	97.7	19	1	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.333	100	9
Pass Efficiency Defense	92.09	8	2	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.333	48	4
Passing Yards Allowed	205.7	48	6	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.500	56	7
Completion Percentage	.567	85	7	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.571	75	8
Total Defense	303.3	26	1	Time of Possession	26:27	111	11
Scoring Defense	16.7	21	3	INDIVIDUAL (Top 50, Select)			Avg./No. NCAA MAC
Red Zone Defense	.692	20	2	Sutton Smith, Sacks	1.00	12	2
First Downs Offense	57	112	10	Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss	3.2	1	1
First Downs Defense	55	23	2	Jawuan Johnson, Tackles for Loss	1.8	13	3
Net Punting	39.95	44	6	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	1	14	2
Punt Returns	1.00	119	12	Jawuan Johnson, Forced Fumbles	0.33	49	7
Punt Return Defense	4.00	40	6	Sutton Smith, Forced Fumbles	0.33	49	7
Kickoff Returns	20.14	74	4	Bobby Jones, Total Tackles	11.0	9	2
Kickoff Return Defense	20.92	82	9	Kyle Pugh, Total Tackles	11.0	9	2
Turnover Margin	0.67	39	5	Jordan Huff, Rush Yards Per Carry	6.31	30	1
Turnovers Gained	7	41	6	Mycial Allen, Passes Defended/Game	1.3	29	5
Turnovers Lost	5	42	4	Matt Ference, Punting	43.2	39	5
Passes Intercepted	6	10	2				
Passes Had Intercepted	2	27	2				

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	BallSt	Toledo	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	DNP									
Blake, Christian	2-6-0	2-7-0	1-(1)-0									
Brown, D.J.	2-7-0	1-7-0	0-0-0									
Childers, Marcus	DNP	5-28-0	2-10-0									
Graham, Ryan	12-99-0	DNP	DNP									
Harbison, Tre	DNP	2-5-0	DNP									
Huff, Jordan	5-9-0	11-88-0	16-105-1									
Jones, Marcus	11-48-0	12-63-2	1-3-0									
Milton, Dwayne	0-0-0	3-7-0	0-0-0									
Mister, Tommy	1-(-3)-0	5-8-0	0-0-0									
Parker, Jonathan	0-0-0	1-3-0	0-0-0									
Santacaterina, Dan.	DNP	5-14-0	7-(-9)-0									

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	BallSt	Toledo	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	6-93-0	4-32-0	DNP									
Blake, Christian	0-0-0	3-24-1	5-77-0									
Brown, D.J.	2-31-1	7-88-0	3-18-0									
Crawford, Daniel	0-0-0	1-17-0	DNP									
Graham, Ryan	1-13-0	DNP	DNP									
Huff, Jordan	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-6-0									
Jones, Marcus	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-1-0									
Tears, Spencer	3-29-0	4-61-1	2-(-3)-0									
Wesley, Jauan	0-0-0	2-30-0	3-29-0									
Wimann, Shane	4-37-1	1-1-1	0-0-0									

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

Game	Graham	Santacaterina	Childers
Boston College	15-38-1, 190; 2	DNP	DNP
Eastern Illinois	DNP	23-34-1, 252; 3	1-1-0, 17; 0
Nebraska	DNP	15-22-0, 128; 0	0-0-0, 0; 0
San Diego State			
Kent State			
Buffalo			
Bowling Green			
Eastern Michigan			
Toledo			
Ball State			
Western Michigan			
Central Michigan			

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

Beebe	Embry
3-17, 10; 0	
3-1, 1; 0	
DNP	2-(-10), 12; 0

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

Game	Matt Ference
Boston College	8-40.9, 1; 51
Eastern Illinois	4-41.2, 2; 42
Nebraska	8-46.4, 3; 53
San Diego State	
Kent State	
Buffalo	
Bowling Green	
Eastern Michigan	
Toledo	
Ball State	
Western Michigan	
Central Michigan	

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

Christian Blake
3-48, 23; 0
3-68, 34; 0
1-25, 25; 0

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KSU	BUFF	BGSU	EMU	BSU	TOL	WMU	CMU
Abresch, Jackson	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0									
Allen, Mycial	2-3-5, PB	2-2-4, INT	3-0-3, TFL 2 PB									
Brown, Drequan	1-0-1, TFL, QS	0-0-0	0-0-0									
Buirge, Adam	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0									
Corcoran, Josh	1-1-2, PB	4-2-6, TFL	0-4-4, TFL INT									
Embry, Jalen	3-1-4	3-2-5, PB	3-1-4									
Foster, Trayshon	1-1-2	1-0-1	1-0-1									
Heflin, Jack	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1									
Johnson, Jawuan	7-3-10, 3TFL	3-4-7, FF 1.5 TFL	4-5-9, TFL INT, TD									
Jones, Bobby	10-6-16, 2TFL	0-3-3	5-9-14, TFL									
Jones-Davis, Antonio	2-0-2	0-8-8	0-0-0									
Kramer, Weston	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0									
Lee, William	0-1-1	2-1-3, QS	0-1-1 BLK									
LeRoy, Ben	0-1-1	0-3-3 .5 TFL	3-0-3, QS TFL									
Lorbeck, Matt	0-0-0	0-0-0, PB	0-1-1									
Lurry, Shawun	1-1-2	0-1-1, PB	1-1-2, INT TD, PB									
Olootu, Mayomi	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0									
Pugh, Kyle	6-11-17, INT	1-4-5	6-5-11, PB									
Sanders, Joe	2-0-2, PB	1-0-1	0-1-1									
Schwab, Alex	1-2-3	2-4-6	1-1-2									
Smalls, Albert	3-3-6, TFL	2-0-2, PB	3-0-3, PB									
Smith, Sutton	5-1-6, 5TFL, QS	3-0-3, PB TFL, FF, FR	4-2-6, 2QS 4 TFL, PB									
Smith, Trequan	0-0-0	DNP	DNP									
Webster, Devin	0-1-1	1-1-2, QS	0-0-0									
Williams, Mykelti	5-0-5, PB	1-4-5, INT	9-1-10									
Wynne, Quintin	0-0-0	1-2-3, QS	0-0-0									

**All tackles on special teams*

A HUSKIE TEAM

RECORDED A SHUTOUT – 63-0 vs. Massachusetts (11-3-12)

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 26 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS – 30 vs. Ball State (10-1-16)

HAD AT LEAST 35 FIRST DOWNS – 35 vs. Ball State (10-10-15)

HAD AT LEAST 40 FIRST DOWNS – 43 vs. Ball State (11-15-11)

SCORED 40 OR MORE POINTS – 45 vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 45 vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS – 59 vs. Ball State (10-10-15)

SCORED 60 OR MORE POINTS – 63 at Massachusetts (11-2-13)

SCORED A SAFETY – vs. Eastern Michigan on Sean Progar tackle of QB in end zone (11-25-11)

GAINED 200 OR LESS YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 33 vs. Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl (12-23-15)

GAINED 500 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 511 vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

GAINED 600 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 653 at Ball State (10-1-16)

GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING – 85 at Nebraska (9-16-17)

GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 324 at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

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

THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 38 vs. Boise State, Poinsettia Bowl (12-23-15)

DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – vs. USF (9-10-16)

HAD A SUCCESSFUL ON-SIDE KICK – vs. Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl - Tyler Wedel kick/Jamaal Payton recovery (12-23-14)

HAD 40 MINUTES TIME OF POSSESSION – at Purdue, 41:40 (9-19-09)

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 85 yards at Nebraska (9-16-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 42 yards at Akron (10-20-12)

HELD OPPONENT TO NEGATIVE YARDS RUSHING – (-11) yards at Miami (10-24-09)

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 92 at Boston College (9-26-15)

HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 187 vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 127 vs. Presbyterian (8-28-14)

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 64 vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – 55-3 vs. Presbyterian (8-28-14)

WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME – W, 31-24, OT at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

A HUSKIE OPPONENT

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 36:34, Nebraska (9-16-17)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 93 yards, Deandre Reaves of Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl (12-23-14)

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 91 yards, LaVon Brazill of Ohio (11-21-09)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 68 yards, Cameron Lewis of Buffalo (11-11-15)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 60 yards, Dylan Boone of Murray State (9-12-15)

SCORED A SAFETY – Miami (10-17-15), on NIU kickoff returner stepping into end zone

BLOCKED A PUNT – Matt Milano of Boston College (9-26-15)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Ellis Hobbs (block) / LaMarcus Hicks (recovered ball in end zone) of Iowa State (9-18-04)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – Levi Watson of Eastern Illinois (9-9-17)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – Elijah Daniel of Murray State (9-12-15)

MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) – Andrew Haldeman of Western Michigan (11-28-14)

SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES – Navy 16, NIU 0 (11-25-08)

SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF – Eastern Michigan (11-16-16) - 1st

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 327, Zach Terrell of Western Michigan (10-8-16)

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – 450, Jimmy Garoppolo of Eastern Illinois (9-21-13)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 171, Ian Eriksen of Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

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

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – 85, George Bollas of Kent State (11-25-16)

TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS – 124, Devon Spalding and 105, Jahray Hayes of Central Michigan (10-15-16)

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 18, Tommy Shuler of Marshall, Boca Raton Bowl (12-23-14)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 101, De'Mornay Pierson-El of Nebraska (9-16-17)

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 204, Travis Shelton of Temple (10-21-06)

A HUSKIE PLAYER

RETURNED THE OPENING KICKOFF FOR A TD – Aregeros Turner (97 yards) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Aregeros Turner (97 yards) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Craig Rusch (60 yards) at Kent State (11-18-08)

SCORED A SAFETY – Sean Progar (tackled RB in end zone) vs. Eastern Michigan (11-25-11)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Shawun Lurry (87 yards), Jawuan Johnson (25 yards) at Nebraska (9-16-17)

A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS – Tommylee Lewis (17 yards to Jordan Lynch) vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26-13)

A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS - WR Christian Blake (13 yards to Ryan Graham) vs. Boston College (9-1-17)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Dechane Durante vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

BLOCKED TWO PUNTS IN A GAME – Jordan Delegal (2) at Ball State (11-20-10)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Jimmie Ward (block)/Courtney Stephen (14-yard return) vs. Army (9-3-11)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – William Lee at Nebraska (9-16-17)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – William Lee vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

CONVERTED A FAKE FG FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Mathew Sims (7-yard rush) vs. Central Michigan (9-29-12)

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

CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT – Nathan Palmer (pass from Chandler Harnish) at Central Michigan (10-1-11)

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Anthony Maddie (pass failed) vs. Western Illinois (9-24-16)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Drew Hare (329) at Wyoming (9-3-16)

PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (407) vs. Toledo (11-14-12)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Huff (105) at Nebraska (9-16-17)

RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (321) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-13) NCAA QB RECORD

RUSHED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Lynch (321) vs. Western Michigan (11-26-13) NCAA QB RECORD

HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – Ryan Graham (60) vs. Boston College (9-1-17)

HAD A RUSH OF 70 YARDS OR LONGER – Anthony Maddie (75) at Ball State (10-1-16)

HAD A RUSH OF 80 YARDS OR LONGER – Jordan Huff (87) vs. Western Michigan (11-18-15)

TWO PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS IN THE SAME GAME – Joel Bouagnon (153) and Anthony Maddie (160) at Ball State (10-1-16)

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – Kenny Golladay (14) vs. Toledo (11-9-16)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Kenny Golladay (149) vs. Toledo (11-9-16)

HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Kenny Golladay (213) vs. UNLV (9-5-15)

HAD AT LEAST 200 RUSHING AND 200 PASSING YARDS – Chandler Harnish (229 rushing/203 passing) vs. Western Michigan (10-15-11)

HAD AT LEAST 100 RUSHING AND 100 RECEIVING YARDS – Garrett Wolfe (171 rushing/114 receiving) at Ohio State (9-2-06)

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES – Kenny Golladay (2) at Ball State (10-1-16)

SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS – Jordan Huff (3 rushing) at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

HAD TWO OR MORE INTERCEPTIONS IN A GAME – Mayomi Olootu (2) vs. Buffalo (10-22-16)

QB RUSHED FOR 150 YARDS OR MORE – Anthony Maddie (160) at Ball State (10-1-16)

RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Anthony Maddie, 2 games (10-1 to 10-8-16)

RUSHED FOR 2 OR MORE TDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Joel Bouagnon vs. CMU (2), Ball State (2), Miami (3) - (10-3-15 to 10-17-15)

SCORED A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD IN A GAME – Aregeros Turner (1 rush, 1 receiving) vs. Central Michigan (10-15-16)

KICKED A FG OF 50 OR MORE YARDS – 52 yards, Christian Hagan vs. Toledo (11-3-15)

SCORED 15 OR MORE POINTS KICKING – 16, Mathew Sims (16) vs. Kent State (10-8-11)

KICKED FOUR OR MORE FIELD GOALS IN A GAME – Christian Hagan (4) at Toledo (11-3-15)

THREW FIVE OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME – Chandler Harnish (6) at Toledo (11-1-11)

CAUGHT THREE OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME – Nathan Palmer (3) at Toledo (11-1-11)

RUSHED FOR FOUR OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME – Joel Bouagnon (5) vs. Bowling Green (11-1-16)

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Ryan Graham (62 yards) to Juwan Brescacin vs. Ohio (11-24-15)

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (74-yard TD) to Aregeros Turner at Eastern Michigan (11-16-16)

COMPLETED AN 80-YARD PASS – Drew Hare (81-yard TD) to Chad Beebe at Massachusetts (11-2-13)

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 HIGHS & LOWS

NIU

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	38, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	20, vs. Boston College (9-1)
Points, Half	31 (1st), vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	7 - twice; last (2nd) at Nebraska (9-16)
Points, Quarter	24 (2nd), vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	0 - three times; last (3rd) at Nebraska (9-16)
First Downs	26, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	13, at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing Yards	230, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	85, at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing Attempts	47, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	31, at Nebraska (9-16)
Passing Yards	269, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	128, at Nebraska (9-16)
Pass Attempts	39, vs. Boston College (9-1)	23, at Nebraska (9-16)
Pass Completions	24, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	15, at Nebraska (9-16)
Total Offensive Plays	82, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	54, at Nebraska (9-16)
Total Offense Yards	499, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	213, at Nebraska (9-16)
Penalties	15, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	3, at Nebraska (9-16)
Turnovers	3, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	1 - twice; last at Nebraska (9-16)
Sacks (By Defense)	3 - twice; last at Nebraska (9-16)	2, vs. Boston College (9-1)
Time of Possession	29:36, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	23:26, at Nebraska (9-16)

OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	23, by Boston College (9-1)	10, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Points, Half	17 (2nd), by Nebraska (9-16)	0 (1st), by Nebraska (9-16)
Points, Quarter	10 - twice; last (2nd) by Nebraska (9-16)	0 - four times; last (2nd) by Nebraska (9-16)
First Downs	21, by Boston College (9-1)	16, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Rushing Yards	148, by Boston College (9-1)	60, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Rushing Attempts	50, by Boston College (9-1)	36, by Nebraska (9-16)
Passing Yards	299, by Nebraska (9-16)	127, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Pass Attempts	47, by Nebraska (9-16)	32, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Pass Completions	26, by Boston College (9-1)	14, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Total Offensive Plays	92, by Boston College (9-1)	77, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Total Offense Yards	384, by Nebraska (9-16)	187, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Penalties	8, by Eastern Illinois (9-9), Boston College (9-1)	5, by Nebraska (9-16)
Turnovers	3 - twice; last by Nebraska (9-16)	1, by Boston College (9-1)
Sacks (By Defense)	2, by Nebraska (9-16)	0, by Boston College (9-1)
Time of Possession	36:34, by Nebraska (9-16)	30:24, by Eastern Illinois (9-9)

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 SUPERLATIVES

NIU

Rushing Attempts:	16, Jordan Huff at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing Yards:	105, Huff at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing TDs:	2, Marcus Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Long TD Run:	4 yards, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Non-Scoring Run:	60 yards, Ryan Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
Passes Attempted:	38, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
Passes Completed:	23, Daniel Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1) 1, Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Completion Percentage:	.682, Santacaterina at Nebraska (9-16)
Passing Yards:	252, Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
TD Passes:	3, Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Long TD Pass:	39, Santacaterina to Spencer vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Non-Scoring Pass:	47, Santacaterina to Blake at Nebraska (9-16)
Receptions:	7, D.J. Brown vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Reception Yards:	93, Chad Beebe vs. Boston College (9-1)
Receiving TDs:	1, by four players five times
Punt Returns:	3, Beebe vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Beebe vs. Boston College (9-1)
Punt Return Yards:	17, Beebe vs. Boston College (9-1)
Punt Return, Long:	12, Embry at Nebraska (9-16)
Punt Return, TD:	N/A
Kickoff Returns:	3, Christian Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Blake vs. Boston College (9-1)
Kickoff Return Yards:	68, Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Kickoff Return, Long:	34, Blake vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Kickoff Return, TD:	N/A
Total Plays:	50, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
Total Offensive Yards:	289, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
All-Purpose Attempts:	17, Huff at Nebraska (9-16)
All-Purpose Yards:	112, Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
Points:	12, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Touchdowns:	2, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Points Kicking:	8, Christian Hagan vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 8, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
Field Goals Attempted:	3, Hagan vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 3, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
Field Goals Made:	2, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	39, Hagan vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 39, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1) 39, Hagan at Nebraska (9-16)
Longest Field Goal Made:	22, Hagan vs. Boston College (9-1)
Punts:	8, Matt Ference vs. Boston College (9-1) 8, Matt Ference at Nebraska (9-16)
Best Punting Average:	46.4, Ference at Nebraska (9-16)
Longest Punt:	53, Ference at Nebraska (9-16)
Tackles:	17, Kyle Pugh vs. Boston College (9-1)
Sacks:	2, Sutton Smith at Nebraska (9-16)
Interceptions:	1, by 6 players
Long Interception Return:	87, Shawun Lurry at Nebraska (9-16)
Interception Return, TD:	87 yds, Shawun Lurry at Nebraska (9-16) 25, Jawuan Johnson at Nebraska (9-16)
Fumbles Forced:	1, Jawuan Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 1, Sutton Smith vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Fumbles Recovered:	1, Sutton Smith vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Fumble Return:	N/A

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	25, Jon Hilliman, Boston College (9-1)
Rushing Yards:	90, Mikale Wilbon, Nebraska (9-16)
Long TD Run:	4 yards, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Non-Scoring Run:	25, Mikale Wilbon, Nebraska (9-16)
Passes Attempted:	47, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Passes Completed:	26, Anthony Brown, Boston College (9-1)
Passes Had Intercepted:	3, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Completion Percentage:	.619 (26-42), Anthony Brown, BC (9-1)
Passing Yards:	299, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
TD Passes:	2, Anthony Brown, Boston College (9-1)
Long TD Pass:	5, Brown to Michael Walker, Boston College (9-1)
Non-Scoring Pass:	36, Lee to Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16) 36, Lee to JD Spielman, Nebraska (9-16)
Receptions:	8, Michael Walker, Boston College (9-1) 8, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
Reception Yards:	101, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
Punt Returns:	5, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
Punt Return Yards:	13, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
Punt Return, Long:	11, Michael Walker, Boston College (9-1)
Punt Return, TD:	N/A
Kickoff Returns:	3, Ben Glines, Boston College (9-1) 3, Tray Mitchell, Eastern Illinois (9-9)
Kickoff Return Yards:	74, JD Spielman, Nebraska (9-16)
Kickoff Return, Long:	50, JD Spielman, Nebraska (9-16)
Kickoff Return, TD:	N/A
Total Plays:	54, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Total Offensive Yards:	281, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
All-Purpose Attempts:	28, Jon Hilliman, Boston College (9-1)
All-Purpose Yards:	104, Kobay White, Boston College (9-1) 104, Mikale Wilbon, Nebraska (9-16)
Points:	12, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Touchdowns:	2, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Points Kicking:	12, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
Field Goals Attempted:	3, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
Field Goals Made:	3, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	42, Colton Lichtenberg, BC (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Made:	42, Colton Lichtenberg, BC (9-1)
Punts:	9, Mike Knoll, Boston College (9-1)
Best Punting Average:	47.3, Caleb Lightbourn, Nebraska (9-16)
Longest Punt:	55, Caleb Lightbourn, Nebraska (9-16)
Tackles:	10, Will Harris, Boston College (9/1)
Sacks:	0.5, by 6 players
Interceptions:	1, Lukas Denis, Boston College (9/1) 1, Joe Caputo, Eastern Illinois (9/9)
Interception Return:	14, Joe Caputo, Eastern Illinois (9/9)
Interception Return, TD:	N/A
Fumble Return:	N/A

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
13	Jackson Abresch	S	6-1	205	Sr.-R	2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
20	Mycial Allen	S	5-11	203	Sr.-R	3L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
31	Jacob Ballain	K	5-11	183	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Whiteland)
82	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	185	Sr.-R	3L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
4	Christian Blake	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	3L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	So.	1L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
76	Dale Brown	OL	6-3	310	Jr.-R	2L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-1	225	Jr.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	So.-R	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	216	Fr.-R	RS	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
97	Herlandez Corley	DT	6-2	285	Jr.-R	2L	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
38	Jaquis Covington	CB	5-9	160	So.-R	WO	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-1	245	So.-R	1L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	HS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	194	Jr.-R	1Sq	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
33	Aaron Fischer	FB	5-11	239	Jr.-R	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
11	Trayshon Foster	S	5-11	202	So.-R	1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
17	Ryan Graham	QB	6-2	210	Jr.-R	2L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	221	Fr.-R	RS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	302	Fr.-R	RS	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
34	Christian Hagan	K	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
5	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-3	256	Jr.-R	2L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	308	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	298	Fr.-R	RS	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
52	Jake Hlava	DE	6-2	245	So.-R	2Sq	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
16	Jaden Huff	LB	5-9	190	Sr.	GTR	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud State)
23	Jordan Huff	TB	5-10	218	Sr.-R	3L	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
75	Vince Hughes	OL	6-5	287	So.-R	2Sq	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
30	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	176	Jr.-R	2L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
39	Daniel Isom	CB	5-10	170	So.	1L	St. Louis, Missouri (St. Louis University)
7	Jawuan Johnson	LB	6-0	218	Jr.-R	2L	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
6	Bobby Jones IV	LB	5-10	220	Sr.-R	3L	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	204	So.-R	1L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-10	218	So.-R	1L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	So.-R	1L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
47	Michael Kennedy	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	285	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
50	Vinny Labus	LS	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
90	William Lee	DT	6-0	300	Sr.-R	3L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-2	280	So.	1L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
44	Corey Lersch	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-R	RS	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
19	Shawun Lurry	CB	5-8	170	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
78	Josh Mailloux	OL	6-5	285	So.-R	1Sq	Mount Prospect, Ill. (Hersey)
49	Jaylen McKie	DB	5-7	160	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.. [Waukegan (Ill.)]
37	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
26	Tommy Mister	TB	6-0	212	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
30	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.	HS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
93	Justin Nwachukwu	DT	6-0	290	Jr.	JC	Raleigh, N.C (Heritage/Butler CC)
5	Mayomi Olootu, Jr.	CB	5-8	183	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	293	Fr.-R	RS	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
25	Josh Orne	P/K	6-0	230	Sr.-R	2L	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
8	Andrew Parchment	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-R	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
2	Jonathan Parker	TB	5-8	185	Sr.-R	GTR	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-4	305	Fr.-R	RS	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	230	So.-R	1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	307	So.-R	1L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
83	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	209	Fr.	HS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
81	Jordan Robinson	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fl. (Norland)
22	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
32	Jimmy Russell	S	5-10	200	Sr.-R	3Sq	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
3	Ezra Saffold	WR	5-7	169	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
9	Joe Sanders	DE	6-3	248	Sr.-R	1L	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
7	Daniel Santacaterina	QB	6-2	205	So.-R	1L	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Jr.-R	2L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	297	So.-R	2Sq	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
91	Connor Schneider	DE	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
18	Alex Schwab	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-R	2L	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	286	Jr.-R	2L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-0	200	Jr.-R	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-0	225	So.-R	1L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	193	So.-R	1L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-6	238	Fr.	HS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	313	So.-R	1L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
92	A.J. Taylor	DE	6-0	278	So.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-0	191	So.-R	1L	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
21	Dillon Thomas	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
11	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	Fr.-R	RS	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
27	Maalik Todd	WR	5-6	160	Jr.-R.	1L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-4	306	So.-R	1L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
55	Danny Walker	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-3	284	Fr.-R	RS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
62	Michael Warren	DE	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Butler, N.J. (Butler)
43	Owen Weaver	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Wilmington, Ill. (Wilmington HS)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	286	Jr.	JC	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
80	Kelly Weese	WR	6-2	191	Sr.-R	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay/College of DuPage)
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Jr.-R	1Sq	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	205	So.-R	JC	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)
35	Shane Wimann	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-R	3L	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
53	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	So.-R	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-0	200	Jr.-R	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
2	Jonathan Parker	TB	5-8	185	Sr.-R	GTR	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
3	Ezra Saffold	WR	5-7	169	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	194	Jr.-R	1Sq	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
4	Christian Blake	WR	6-1	180	Sr.	3L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
5	Mayomi Olootu, Jr.	CB	5-8	183	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
5	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
6	Bobby Jones IV	LB	5-10	220	Sr.-R	3L	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
7	Daniel Santacaterina	QB	6-2	205	So.-R	1L	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
7	Jawuan Johnson	LB	6-0	218	Jr.-R	2L	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
8	Andrew Parchment	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-R	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	205	So.-R	JC	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Jr.-R	1Sq	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
9	Joe Sanders	DE	6-3	248	Sr.-R	1L	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	188	Jr.	2L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
11	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
11	Trayshon Foster	S	5-11	202	So.-R	1L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
13	Jackson Abresch	S	6-1	205	Sr.-R	2L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-0	191	So.-R	1L	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	216	Fr.-R	RS	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-0	225	So.-R	1L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
16	Jaden Huff	LB	5-9	190	Sr.	GTR	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud State)
17	Ryan Graham	QB	6-2	210	Jr.-R	2L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
18	Alex Schwab	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-R	2L	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
19	Shawun Lurry	CB	5-8	170	Sr.	3L	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
20	Mycial Allen	S	5-11	203	Sr.-R	3L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
21	Dillon Thomas	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	204	So.-R	1L	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
22	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
23	Jordan Huff	TB	5-10	218	Sr.-R	3L	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	193	So.-R	1L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
25	Josh Orne	P/K	6-0	230	Sr.-R	2L	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
26	Tommy Mister	TB	6-0	212	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)
27	Maalik Todd	WR	5-6	160	Jr.-R.	1L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	So.-R	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
30	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.	HS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
30	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	176	Jr.-R	2L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
31	Jacob Ballain	K	5-11	183	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Whiteland)
32	Jimmy Russell	S	5-10	200	Sr.-R	3Sq	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
33	Aaron Fischer	FB	5-11	239	Jr.-R	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
34	Christian Hagan	K	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
35	Shane Wimann	TE	6-4	250	Sr.-R	3L	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
37	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
38	Jaquis Covington	CB	5-9	160	So.-R	WO	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
39	Daniel Isom	CB	5-10	170	So.	1L	St. Louis, Missouri (St. Louis University)
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-1	225	Jr.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	221	Fr.-R	RS	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-6	238	Fr.	HS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
43	Owen Weaver	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Wilmington, Ill. (Wilmington HS)
44	Corey Lersch	LB	6-2	230	Fr.-R	RS	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)

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NUMERICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
47	Michael Kennedy	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-10	218	So.-R	1L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
49	Jaylen McKie	DB	5-7	160	Fr.	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.. [Waukegan (Ill.)]
50	Vinny Labus	LS	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
52	Jake Hlava	DE	6-2	245	So.-R	2Sq	Batavia, Ill. (Batavia)
53	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	So.-R	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-3	284	Fr.-R	RS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	285	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
55	Danny Walker	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	307	So.-R	1L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	230	So.-R	1L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-4	305	Fr.-R	RS	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	297	So.-R	2Sq	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	293	Fr.-R	RS	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Michael Warren	DE	6-0	212	Fr.	HS	Butler, N.J. (Butler)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	302	Fr.-R	RS	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	286	Jr.-R	2L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-4	306	So.-R	1L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	308	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	313	So.-R	1L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Jr.-R	2L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	HS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
75	Vince Hughes	OL	6-5	287	So.-R	2Sq	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
76	Dale Brown	OL	6-3	310	Jr.-R	2L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	HS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
78	Josh Mailloux	OL	6-5	285	So.-R	1Sq	Mount Prospect, Ill. (Hersey)
80	Kelly Weese	WR	6-2	191	Sr.-R	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay/College of DuPage)
81	Jordan Robinson	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fl. (Norland)
82	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	185	Sr.-R	3L	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
83	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	209	Fr.	HS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-3	256	Jr.-R	2L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	Fr.-R	RS	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-1	245	So.-R	1L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	So.	1L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
90	William Lee	DT	6-0	300	Sr.-R	3L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
91	Connor Schneider	DE	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
92	A.J. Taylor	DE	6-0	278	So.-R	TR	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
93	Justin Nwachukwu	DT	6-0	290	Jr.	JC	Raleigh, N.C (Heritage/Butler CC)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	286	Jr.	JC	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	So.-R	1L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
97	Herlandez Corley	DT	6-2	285	Jr.-R	2L	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	298	Fr.-R	RS	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-2	280	So.	1L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

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OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
WR	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
AND	14	Spencer Tears	6-0	191	So.-R	Robbins, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
	8	Andrew Parchment	6-2	175	Fr.-R	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
WR	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	188	Jr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
	9	Jauan Wesley	5-11	182	Jr.-R	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
TE	35	Shane Wimann	6-4	250	Sr.-R	Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (Wisconsin Dells)
	89	Mitchell Brinkman	6-3	250	So.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
	84	Ty Harmston	6-3	256	Jr.-R	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
OR	88	Daniel Crawford	6-1	245	So.-R	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
TB	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
OR	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	204	So.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
	26	Tommy Mister	6-0	212	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita/Indiana)
QB	7	Daniel Santacaterina	6-2	205	So.-R	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	216	Fr.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
	11	Anthony Thompson	6-0	205	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
LT	73	Max Scharping	6-6	320	Jr.-R	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
	76	Dale Brown	6-3	310	Jr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
LG	72	Jordan Steckler	6-5	313	So.-R	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
	54	Austin Warner	6-3	284	Fr.-R	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
C	64	Luke Shively	6-3	286	Jr.-R	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	293	Fr.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
RG	65	Nathan Veloz	6-4	306	So.-R	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
	58	Brayden Patton	6-4	305	Fr.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
RT	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	308	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
OR	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	307	So.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)

DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous)
DE	15	Sutton Smith	6-0	225	So.-R	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
	40	Drequan Brown	6-1	225	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence CC)
OR	41	Matt Lorbeck	6-3	235	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
DT	99	Ben Leroy	6-2	280	So.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
	90	William Lee	6-0	300	Sr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech)
	97	Herlandez Corley	6-2	285	Jr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)
DT	98	Jack Heflin	6-3	298	Fr.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
	94	Devin Webster	6-2	286	Jr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Ariz. Western)
	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	285	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
DE	12	Josh Corcoran	6-3	250	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
	9	Joe Sanders	6-3	248	Sr.-R	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
	53	Quintin Wynne	6-1	240	So.-R	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
OLB	6	Bobby Jones IV	5-10	220	Sr.-R	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
	18	Alex Schwab	6-1	230	Sr.-R	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
MLB	57	Kyle Pugh	6-0	230	So.-R	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	48	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-10	218	So.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
OLB	7	Jawuan Johnson	6-0	218	Jr.-R	East St. Louis, Ill. (New Boston [Texas])
	37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	5-10	205	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
CB	19	Shawun Lurry	5-8	170	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
	5	Mayomi Olootu	5-8	183	Sr.	Allen, Texas (Allen)
S	8	Mykelti Williams	5-11	205	So.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western)
	11	Trayshon Foster	5-11	202	So.-R	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
S	20	Mycial Allen	5-11	203	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
	13	Jackson Abresch	6-1	205	Sr.-R	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
OR	29	Adam Buirge	6-0	205	So.-R	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
CB	1	Albert Smalls	6-0	200	Jr.-R	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)

SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
K	34	Christian Hagan	6-1	193	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	187	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)
LS	59	Hayden Sak	6-2	254	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
	50	Vinny Labus	6-1	230	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
KR	4	Christian Blake	6-1	180	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
AND	23	Jordan Huff	5-10	218	Sr.-R	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
PR	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	19	Shawun Lurry	5-8	170	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. (W.T. Dwyer)
HO	25	Josh Orne	6-0	230	Sr.-R	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)

— PRONUNCIATIONS —

Name	Pronunciation
Jackson Abresch	Obb-RESH
Mycial Allen	My-KALE
Jacob Ballain	Buh-LANE
Chad Beebe	B-B
Drequan Brown	DRAY-kwon
Adam Buirge	BURJ
Marcus Childers	CHILL-ders
Calvin Dassow	DASS-oh
Lance DeVeaux	duh-VOE
Jalen Embry	JAY-lin
Matt Ference	FARE-ents
Ezekiel Gueths	uh-ZEEK-ee-ul GEETS
Christian Hagan	HAY-gin (hard g)
Tre Harbison	TRAY
Isaac Hawn	rhymes with Yawn
Jake Hlava	LA-vuh
Tifonte Hunt	Tih-FON-TAY
Daniel Isom	ICE-sum
Jawuan Johnson	Juh-WAHN
Ben LeRoy	LEE-roy
Corey Lersch	Lersh
Shawun Lurry	Sha-WAHN LURR-ee
Josh Mailloux	MAY-loo
Jaylen McKie	Muh-KEY
Justin Nwachukwu	wuh-CHOO-koo
Mayomi Olootu	MAY-YO-mee
	uh-LOO-too
Josh Orne	rhymes with Corn
Jordan Rowell	rhymes with Towel
Hayden Sak	SACK
Daniel Santacaterina	
	san-tuh-CAT-err-EEN-uh
Alex Schlee	SHLAY
Luke Shively	SHIVE-lee
Trequan Smith	TRAY-qwon
Liam Soraghan	Lee-UM SORE-uh-HAN
Spencer Tears	TEERS
Maalik Todd	Muh-LEEK
Nathan Veloz	vell-OHS
Jauan Wesley	Juh-WAHN
Mykelti Williams	muh-KELL-tee
Shane Wimann	WHY-men
Quintin Wynne	WIN

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