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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)	L, 34-28
Sat., Oct. 7	KENT STATE* (<i>Homecoming</i>)	W, 24-3
Sat., Oct. 14	at Buffalo* (ESPN3)	W, 14-13
Sat., Oct. 21	at Bowling Green* (ESPN3)	W, 48-17
Thur., Oct. 26	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (CBSSN)	W, 30-27 (OT)
Thur., Nov. 2	at Toledo (ESPNU)*	L, 27-17
Thur., Nov. 9	BALL STATE (CBSSN)*	W, 63-17
Wed., Nov. 15	WESTERN MICHIGAN* (ESPN2)	W, 35-31
Fri., Nov. 24	at Central Michigan* (CBSSN/ESPNU/3)	L, 31-24
	<i>Quick Lane Bowl</i>	
Tues., Dec. 26	Duke (ESPN)	4:15 p.m.
	<i>Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.</i>	

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 - 4:15 PM CT
Detroit, Mich.
Ford Field (65,000)
RADIO



DUKE BLUE DEVILS

(6-6, 3-6 Atlantic Coast)

Head Coach: David Cutcliffe (58-67, 10th Season)

VS



NIU HUSKIES

(8-4, 6-2 Mid-American)

Head Coach: Rod Carey (44-23, Fifth Season)



HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years.....	44-23/5th
Career Record/Years.....	44-23/5th
Alma Mater/Year.....	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense.....	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
All-Time Record.....	579-487-51
2016 Record/MAC Record/Finish.....	5-7/5-3/3rd West
MAC Championship Appearances, Last.....	7, 2015
Bowl Appearances (Major College).....	12
All-Time Bowl Record.....	4-7
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
Sport Administrator.....	John Cheney
Ticket Information.....	815-753-PACK (7225)
Address.....	1525 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115

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NIU BOWL PRACTICE/MEDIA SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 18 - DeKalb

4 p.m. - Practice - Chessick Practice Center

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - DeKalb

12:25 p.m. - Practice - Chessick Practice Center

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - DeKalb

10:30 a.m. - Press Conference - Yordon Center

5:15 p.m. - Practice - Chessick Practice Center

Thursday, Dec. 21 - DeKalb

11:30 a.m. - Practice - Chessick Practice Center

Friday, Dec. 22 - DeKalb/Detroit

9 a.m. - NIU Buses Depart for Detroit

5 p.m. - NIU Arrives at Westin Book Cadillac Hotel

6-8 p.m. - Team Activity Fowling

Saturday, Dec. 23 - Detroit

8:30-10:30 a.m. - NIU Practice - Ford Field

5:30 p.m. - Welcome Dinner at the Henry Ford Museum

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Detroit

10:45-12:15 p.m. - NIU Practice - Ford Field

1:15 p.m. - NIU Arrives at Gleaners Food Distribution

Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Detroit

5:15 p.m. - Kickoff: Duke vs. NIU - Ford Field

NIU will practice at the Chessick Practice Center Monday through Thursday, Dec. 18-21. See above for practice times, which are tentative and subject to change. Please contact **Donna Turner** of NIU Athletics Communications prior to coming out to practice. Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews at the conclusion of practice.

NIU PLAYER AND COACH AVAILABILITY

NIU players and coaches are available for in-person and phone interviews through Sunday, Dec. 24 prior to the Quick Lane Bowl. In Detroit, phone availability times may be limited due to team schedule. In person, NIU practices will be open to media for video/photo opportunities for the first 15 minutes with coaches and players available for interviews following practice. Contact **Donna Turner** to arrange interviews with Huskie players or coaches. Please give advance notice for phone interviews. Players will also be available at the Fowling Warehouse, Henry Ford Museum and Food Distribution event. Contact NIU Athletics Communications or bowl personnel at those events to coordinate interviews.

NIU PRE-BOWL/SIGNING DAY PRESS CONFERENCE

NIU Head Coach Rod Carey and Huskie players will be available at a press conference in DeKalb on Wednesday, December 20 to discuss both NIU bowl preparations and Signing Day. The press conference will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held in the Yordon Center SAASS Classroom (first floor, same location as post-game press conferences).

INFORMATION CENTER, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS

Joe Summins will be traveling with the NIU women's basketball team to Puerto Rico from Dec. 18-22. To request photos and/or video of the Huskies and for player interviews, contact Donna Turner. Action shots from Huskie football game are available for use CollegePressBox.com has information on all MAC teams - releases, depth charts, league stats, photos and more. Media can contact NIU or the MAC for the login.

HUSKIE BITES

- The NIU Huskies make another postseason visit to Detroit's Ford Field, their first for a bowl game, when NIU and Duke meet for the first time, in the fourth Quick Lane Bowl.
- NIU is playing in a postseason bowl game for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons and the 10th time since 2006.
- The Huskies' are 3-4 in seven previous games in Ford Field - all for the MAC Championship - beginning in 2005 and then in six consecutive seasons from 2010-15.
- Entering bowl season, NIU ranks in the Top 25 nationally in six defensive statistical categories, including total defense (18th), rushing defense (11th), pass efficiency defense (25th) and third down conversion percentage defense (6th).
- Behind NCAA individual leader and consensus All-American Sutton Smith, NIU leads the nation in team tackles for loss (8.8/game) and ranks second nationally in sacks per game (3.4) with 41 on the year.
- Smith became just the second consensus All-American in NIU history, after running back LeShon Johnson, who was a unanimous All-American in 1993 after leading the nation in rushing and all-purpose yards.
- Smith leads the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) in quarterback sacks with 14 and in tackles for loss with 28.5. He broke the NIU school records in both categories and also set the school mark with two fumble return touchdowns in 2017.
- The Huskies are looking for their second "Boneyard" win of 2017, and 16th all-time, as NIU marks every win over what are now known as "Power 5" teams by adding a Huskie bone graphic to the wall in its locker room.
- MAC Freshman of the Year Marcus Childers makes his eighth career start at quarterback for the Huskies in the Quick Lane Bowl. The Adairsville, Ga. native took over under center for NIU early in the MAC opener versus Kent State and has thrown for 1,440 yards and 15 touchdowns while rushing for 454 yards and five scores on the season.
- NIU Head Coach Rod Carey owns a 44-23 record (.657 win percentage) in five plus seasons as the Huskies' head coach and ranks fourth all-time at NIU in wins, winning percentage and games coached. Carey made his head coaching debut with NIU in the 2013 Orange Bowl.
- Four Huskies earned first team All Mid-American Conference honors in 2017 with Smith, tight end Shane Wimann, offensive tackle Max Scharping and cornerback Shawun Lurry all receiving the honor in a
- With its trip to the Quick Lane Bowl, NIU looks for its first bowl win since the 2011 season when the Huskies defeated Arkansas State in the 2012 GoDaddy.com Bowl.

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BOWL GAME SPECIFICS

HUSKIES IN BOWLS: NIU will play in its 12th bowl game as a Division I FBS program and its 17th bowl all-time with this year's trip to the Quick Lane Bowl. The Huskies appeared in a MAC-record eight consecutive bowl games from 2008-15. NIU will be playing in its 11th bowl game in the last 14 seasons dating back to a 2004 appearance in the Silicon Valley Classic. NIU is 4-7 (FBS) and 5-11 overall in bowl games. The Huskies' modern bowl history began in 1983 at the California Bowl under head coach Bill Mallory.

MOTOR CITY REGULARS: The Huskies will be playing in Detroit's Ford Field for the seventh time in the last eight years and for the eighth time overall when they take the field against Duke in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl. NIU's previous seven trips to the venue were all for Mid-American Conference Championship games. NIU's first game at Ford Field was in 2005 when the Huskies faced Akron in the MAC Championship Game. The Huskies made six straight trips to the conference title game in Detroit from 2010-15.

FORD FIELD FAMILIARITY: NIU has played more games, seven, in Detroit's Ford Field than in any neutral site location. The Huskies have played three games at Soldier Field in Chicago and in San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium. The three games at Qualcomm Stadium were for the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl. NIU is 3-4 in the building and their last win at Ford Field came Dec. 5, 2014 when the Huskies defeated Bowling Green, 51-17.

LET'S GO BOWLING!: The NIU football program is playing in its ninth bowl game in 10 years. In its last bowl appearance, NIU suffered a 55-7 defeat to Boise State in the 2015 Poinsettia Bowl. NIU's last bowl victory came in the 2012 GoDaddy Bowl, where the Huskies defeated Arkansas State, 38-20, on January 8, 2012.

AGAINST THE ACC: The Huskies have played eight games versus teams that were members of the Atlantic Coast Conference at the time of the game and are 2-6 in those contests. NIU's ACC wins came versus Wake Forest, 42-41, in Huskie Stadium in 2002, and versus 15th-ranked Maryland, 20-13, in overtime in 2003 at home. NIU is 1-1 against Wake Forest and Maryland and has lost one meeting to ACC-members Florida State and N.C. State as well. Most recently, the Huskies are 0-2 versus Boston College after suffering a 23-20 setback to the Eagles in the 2017 season opener at Huskie Stadium, and losing a 17-14 game in Chestnut Hill in 2015.

NIU-ACC BOWL HISTORY: NIU's bowl match-up with Duke is its second all-time versus an opponent from the ACC and the first since the Huskies faced off against Florida State in the Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 2013. The Seminoles won that meeting, 31-10, after scoring a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns to break open a 17-10 game.

SERIES HISTORY: This is the first meeting between NIU and Duke on the football field. The Huskies and Blue Devils have met in three other sports. The most recent meeting between the two schools was Nov. 2, 2008 when Duke defeated NIU 3-1 in men's soccer. The schools also met in women's volleyball (Sept. 11, 2004) and women's basketball (Feb. 14, 1987), both Blue Devil wins.

ACC-IDENTAL MEETING: NIU's bowl game with Duke marks the first time in school history the Huskies will face two teams from the ACC in the same season. NIU took on Boston College at Huskie Stadium in the season opener.

DO I KNOW YOU: A pair of former high school teammates will face

BOWL EXPERIENCE

A total of 17 players on the 2017 NIU roster have played in at least one bowl game. Three Huskie seniors have played in two bowl games, while seven played in one. Safety Jackson Abresch, wide receiver Christian Blake, kicker Christian Hagan, linebacker Bobby Jones IV, cornerback Mayomi Olootu, cornerback Albert Smalls, and tight-end Shane Wimmann are the only Huskies left from the 2014 Boca Raton Bowl versus Marshall. NIU faced off against Boise State in the 2015 Poinsettia Bowl.

Hagan set a NIU bowl record with three made field goals in the 2014 Boca Raton bowl.

Out of the 17 that have played in a bowl game for the Huskies, 13 of them have played in only one bowl game, and only Hagan, Jones, Smalls, and Wimmann have two years of bowl experience.

Below are the stats in the bowl games for the Huskie veterans.

Receiving	Years	No.	Yds.	TD
Christian Blake, WR	Boca	1	15	0
Shane Wimmann, TE	Boca	0	0	0
	Poinsettia	0	0	0
Ty Harmston, TE	Poinsettia	0	0	0
Chad Beebe, WR	Poinsettia	0	0	0

Rushing	Years	No.	Yds.	TD
Marcus Jones, TB	Poinsettia	0	0	0

Defense	Years	UT-AT-Tol	QS-Yd	TFL-Yds	PBU-INT
Jackson Abresch, S	Boca	0-2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Mycial Allen, S	Poinsettia	5-0-5	0-0	0-0	27-1
DJ Brown, WR	Poinsettia	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
Josh Corcoran, DE	Poinsettia	2-0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Herlandez Corley, DT	Poinsettia	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
Jawuan Johnson, LB	Poinsettia	2-0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Bobby Jones IV, LB	Boca	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Poinsettia	3-1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0
Mayomi Olootu, CB	Boca	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Jimmy Russell, S	Poinsettia	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Alex Schwab, LB	Poinsettia	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
Albert Smalls, CB	Boca	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Poinsettia	1-1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0

Kicking	Years	FGA- FGM	PATA-PATM	Long
Christian Hagan	Boca	3-4	2-2	31
	Poinsettia	0-0	1-1	0

Others: Hayden Sak, LS (Poinsettia), Ryan Graham, QB (Poinsettia), Max Scharping, RT (Poinsettia)

NIU OPPONENTS UPCOMING GAMES

Boston College.....	Pinstripe Bowl vs. Iowa (Dec. 27)
Eastern Illinois.....	Final Record: 6-5
Nebraska	Final Record: 4-8
San Diego State	Armed Forces Bowl (Dec. 23)
Kent State	Final Record: 2-10
Buffalo	Final Record: 6-6
Bowling Green.....	Final Record: 2-10
E. Michigan	Final Record: 5-7
Toledo.....	Dollar General Bowl vs. Appalachian State (Dec. 23)
Ball State.....	Final Record: 2-10
W. Michigan	Final Record: 6-6
C. Michigan.....	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Wyoming (Dec. 22)

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NIU BONEYARD WINS

Year	Opponent	H/A	Score	Opp Rank
1983	Kansas	A	37-34	—
1988	Wisconsin	A	19-17	—
1989	Kansas State	A	37-20	—
1990	Kansas State	H	42-35	—
2002	Wake Forest	H	42-41	—
2003	Maryland	H	20-13	15
2003	Alabama	A	19-16	21
2003	Iowa State	H	24-16	—
2009	Purdue	A	28-20	—
2010	Minnesota	A	34-23	—
2012	Kansas	H	30-23	—
2013	Iowa	A	30-27	—
2013	Purdue	A	55-24	—
2014	Northwestern	A	23-15	—
2017	Nebraska	A	21-17	—

MAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Eight Huskies earned 10 MAC West Player of the Week honors in 2017 with Sutton Smith adding his third defensive honor versus Western Michigan. NIU has twice had two players honored in the same week. Overall, the Huskies' honors have been spread among the offense (twice), defense (five times) and special teams (three times).

Name	Pos.	Award	Week
Jawuan Johnson	LB	Defense	Nebraska (9-16)
Christian Blake	WR	Offense	San Diego State (9-30)
Matt Ference	P	Specialist	San Diego State (9-30)
Sutton Smith	DE	Defense	Kent State (10-7)
Bobby Jones	LB	Defense	Buffalo (10-14)
Christian Hagan	K	Specialist	Bowling Green (10-21)
Marcus Childers	QB	Offense	EMU (10-26)
Sutton Smith	DE	Defense	EMU (10-26)
Jackson Abresch	S	Specialist	Ball State (11-9)
Sutton Smith	DE	Defense	WMU (11-15)

NIU AT FORD FIELD

NIU has played seven games at Ford Field, all in the MAC Championship game. The Huskies are 3-4 in the Motor City facility. NIU played in six straight MAC Championship games in the venue from 2010-15, which tied Marshall for the record for most consecutive MAC Championship Game appearances.

2005 – Akron 31, NIU 30
 2010 – Miami (Ohio) 26, NIU 21
 2011 – NIU 23, Ohio 20
 2012 – NIU 44, Kent State 37 (2OT)
 2013 – Bowling Green 47, NIU 27
 2014 – NIU 51, Bowling Green 17
 2015 – Bowling Green 34, NIU 14

off against each other as Huskie defensive tackle Ben LeRoy and Blue Devil tight end Jake Marwede both attended Loyola Academy at the same time. LeRoy, who has started every game for the Huskies year, is a sophomore, while Marwede is redshirting this season. Both are also natives of the same hometown, Wilmette, Illinois.

HUSKIE HOMECOMING: The Huskies list three players on the 2017 roster from Detroit. Starting safety Mycial Allen and cornerback Jalen Embry prepped at Detroit's Martin Luther King High School, while freshman Rodney Hall is a graduate of Cass Tech in Detroit. Offensive lineman Ryan Roberts is a native of Northville (Northville HS), tight end Max Thrower is from Royal Oak (Shrine Catholic HS), and freshman Liam Sorgaham is from nearby Dearborn (Devine Child HS).

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, with the exception in 2016.

NOT LION: Former Huskie wide receiver Kenny Golladay was the third round pick of the Detroit Lions in the 2017 NFL Draft. The 6-4, 213-pound product of St. Rita played two years for the Huskies, and ranks in the top 10 in catches (160), receiving yards (2,285) and touchdown catches (18). In his rookie season with the Lions, he has played in nine games, starting three, and has tallied 22 receptions for 369 yards and two touchdowns.

AWARD WINNERS

ALL-MAC HUSKIES: The Huskies placed 10 players on the 2017 All-MAC Team, including four first teamers, two on offense, two on defense, one second team selection and five third-team honorees. NIU's 10 selections rank third among league schools as Ohio and Western Michigan each had 12. Left tackle Max Scharping is the only repeat performer on the first team All-MAC from 2016.

SPECIAL HUSKIES: In addition to the 10 All-MAC selections, two Huskies earned MAC Specialty Awards as Sutton Smith was named MAC Defensive Player of the Year and quarterback Marcus Childers was named MAC Freshman of the Year. Smith joins Larry English (2008) as the only NIU players to collect the defensive award, while Childers is the first MAC Freshman of the Year for NIU since the school rejoined the league in 1997. He is the third Huskie all-time to win the award. Quarterbacks Marshall Taylor (1985) and Pete Genatempo (1984) were the only previous NIU freshmen honored.

DEGREES IN HAND: The list of college graduates on the NIU roster now stands at 13 after five Huskies earned their degrees from NIU on December 17. Eleven players earned their degrees from NIU, while two others came to DeKalb as graduate transfers.

Jackson Abresch	S	Business Administration	NIU
Mycial Allen	S	General Studies	NIU
Chad Beebe	WR	Organizational/ Corporate Communications	NIU
Ty Harmston	TE	Biology	NIU
Jordan Huff	TB	Studio Art-Design & Media Arts	NIU
Bobby Jones IV	LB	Sociology	NIU
William Lee	DT	History	NIU
Josh Orne	P/K	Nursing	NIU
Max Scharping	LT	Kinesiology	NIU
Alex Schwab	LB	Finance	NIU
Shane Wimann	TE	Sociology	NIU
Jaden Huff	LB	Business Administration	St. Cloud State
Jonathan Parker	CB	Biology	Iowa

HEAD OF THE CLASS: NIU left tackle Max Scharping was named to the 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Football second team. Scharping, a junior

CONSENSUS

All-American

SMITH'S 2017 NUMBERS

GP	UA	A	Tot	TFL-Yds	QS-Yds	FR-Yds-TD	FF	PB
12	39	17	56	28.5-139	14.0-95	3-74-2	3	3

EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN: NIU defensive end Sutton Smith is NIU's second Consensus All-American as determined by the NCAA, joining NIU Athletics Hall of Famer LeShon Johnson, who was a unanimous selection in 1993. Smith is one of five defensive linemen on the 2017 Consensus All-America team. He and Johnson, a running back who led the NCAA in running and all-purpose yards in 1993, are the only NIU players to be named to either the first or second unit of all five teams used to determine consensus status.

AFCA*

Associated Press*

Football Writer's Association of America*

The Sporting News*

Walter Camp*

The All-American website

Bleacher Report

CBS Sports

PFF

Phil Steele

Sports Illustrated/SI.com

USA Today

Second Team

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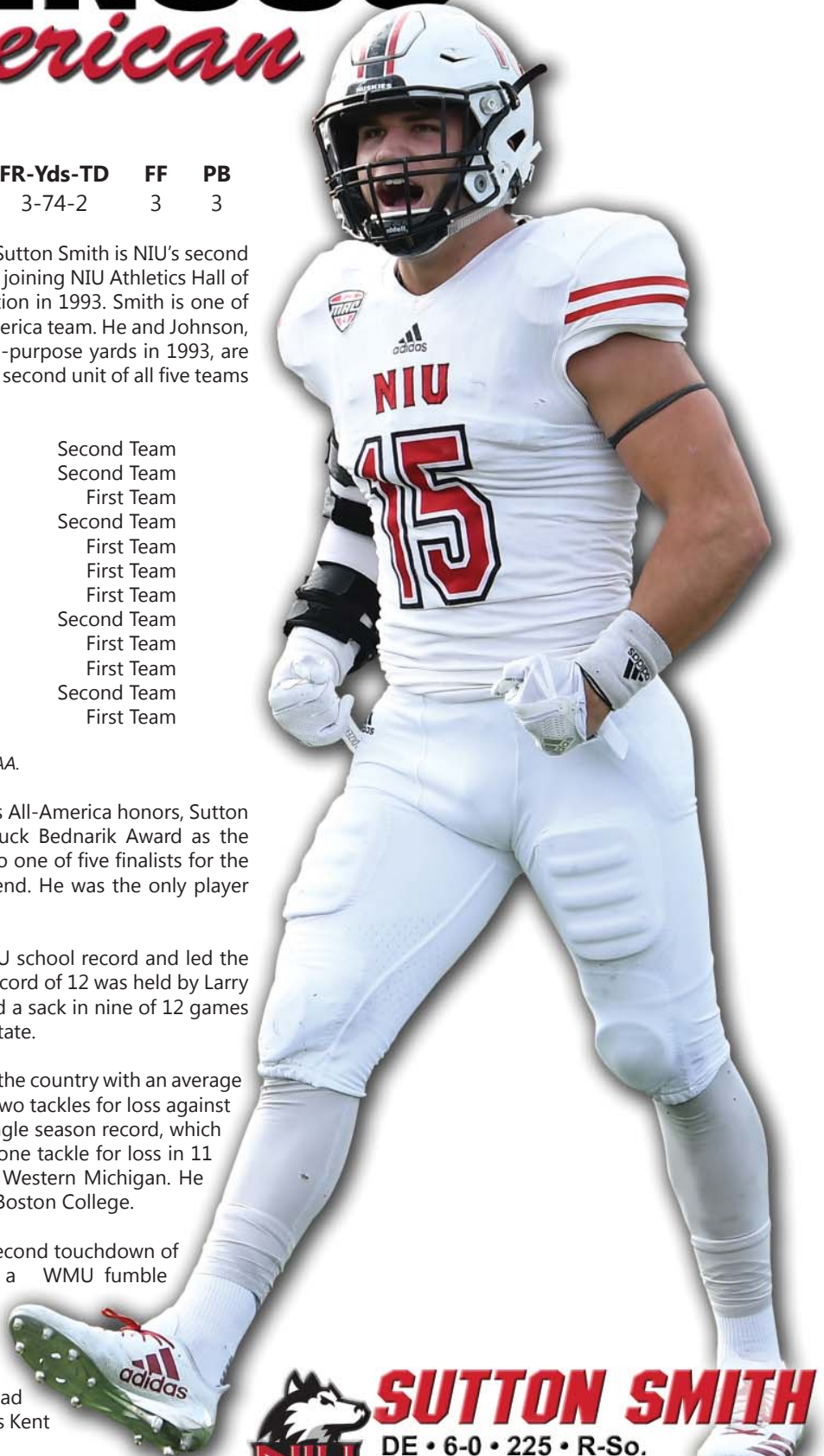
**Used to determine Consensus All-America status by the NCAA.*

SUTTON SEMIFINALIST: In addition to his numerous All-America honors, Sutton Smith was one of 18 semifinalists for the 2017 Chuck Bednarik Award as the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year. He was also one of five finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award as the nation's top defensive end. He was the only player from the MAC on the lists for both awards.

SUTTON ON THE SACK: Sutton Smith broke the NIU school record and led the nation with 14 sacks in 2017. NIU's previous school record of 12 was held by Larry English (2007) and Scott Kellar (1984). Smith recorded a sack in nine of 12 games in 2017, including a season high three against Kent State.

NATIONAL LEADER: Sophomore Sutton Smith leads the country with an average of 2.5 tackles for loss per game with 28.5 total. With two tackles for loss against Ball State on November 9, Smith broke the school single season record, which had stood at 20 since 1984. Smith recorded at least one tackle for loss in 11 games this year, including a career-high 5.5 against Western Michigan. He had five tackles for loss in the season opener versus Boston College.

SUTTON ON THE SCORE: Sutton Smith scored his second touchdown of the season on a fumble return when he scooped up a WMU fumble and sped 58 yards down the sideline, giving the Huskies a 21-14 lead in the second quarter. Smith's scoop and score was his second of the season, as he also scored on a 16-yard strip, steal and score at Bowling Green. Prior to that, the last time NIU had scored on a fumble return was on Nov. 18, 2008 versus Kent State.



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2017 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Blue Devils
30.2	Points/G	25.8
31 (17-24)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	33(19-24)
250	First Downs	272
384.3	Total Yards/G	378.1
187.2	Rush Yards/G	167.9
197.1	Pass Yards/G	210.1
24	Turnovers Lost	18
29:10	Time of Possession/G	30:48
41%	3rd Down Conversions	38%
45%	4th Down Conversions	62%
36.8	Net Punting Avg.	35.5
21.7	Kickoff Return Avg.	24.2
4.9	Punt Return Avg.	5.8
77-59.2	Penalties-Yards/G	60-42.6
(36-44) 82%	Red Zone Scores	(39-47) 83%
(28-44) 64%	Red Zone TDs	(22-47) 47%
20.8	Points Allowed/G	20.8
25 (11-14)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	30 (15-15)
194	First Downs Allowed	199
328.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	335.4
112.2	Rush Yards/G Allowed	160.6
215.8	Pass Yards/G Allowed	174.8
28%	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	34%
53%	4th Down Conv. Allowed	29%
21	Turnovers Gained	19

BY THE NUMBERS

- 9.5 Points per game differential for NIU opponents in 2017 compared to a year ago
- .284 Third down conversion percentage for NIU 2017 opponents, which would be a school record
- .657 Rod Carey's winning percentage as head coach
- 2 TDs scored by Jackson Abresch vs. Ball State on blocked punt returns, tying an NCAA record
- 7 Michigan natives - all from Detroit or Detroit area on the Huskies' 2017 roster.
- 19 Freshmen (8) and sophomores (11) playing major roles for NIU in 2017
- 28.5 Nation-leading tackles for loss total for NIU
- Consensus All-American DE Sutton Smith
- 32 Wins for the 2017 senior class (2014-17)
- 38 Consecutive starts for NIU junior Academic All-American offensive tackle Max Scharping
- 52 Career games played by defenders William Lee and Mycial Allen, most on the team
- 91 Straight PATs hit by kicker Christian Hagan
- 96 School record number of punts forced by NIU
- 106 School-record, and NCAA-leading, tackles for loss by NIU in 2017
- 1,117 Games played by NIU all-time

ON THE WATCH

Five 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
Sutton Smith, DE, So.-R.....	Bednarik Award
Shane Wimann, TE, Sr.-R	Mackey Award

SENIOR SALUTE

Seventeen NIU players will don the Cardinal and Black for the final time when NIU takes on Duke in the Quick Lane Bowl. Of the 17, 14 have played a major role in Huskie fortunes during their time at NIU. The senior class enters the bowl game with 32 career wins over the last four years, three bowl appearances (including 2017), two MAC Championship game appearances and one MAC title, in 2014. The group includes 10 defenders, five offensive players and two specialists.

NAME	POS	ARRIVED	GP/GS	HIGHLIGHTS
Jackson Abresch	S	2013	27/0	2 TDs off block punts; 2 INTs, 45 tackles
Myical Allen	S	2013	52/24	2-yr starter; 138 tackles; 6 INTs
Chad Beebe	WR	2013	44/13	1,566 all-purpose yds; rcvr; ret, holds
Christian Blake	WR	2014	46/21	80 catches, 944 yards, 11.8 avg., 6 TDs
Christian Hagan	K	2014	44/-	296 pts; 167-170 PATs; 43-64 FGs
Jordan Huff	TB	2013	46/10	6.5 rush avg; 2,167 rush yards, 20 TDs
Bobby Jones IV	LB	2014	48/22	2-yr starter; 223 tackles, 7.5 sacks
William Lee	DT	2013	52/28	durable NT, 82 tackles, 6 sacks, 8.5 TFL
Shawun Lurry	CB	2014	49/31	2015 All-American; 3-yr starter; 14 INTs; 33 PBUs; holds NIU INT return records
Mayomi Olootu	CB	2014	43/7	55 tackles, 11 PBUs, 4 INTs
Josh Orne	K	2013	30/-	back-up punter, kicker, holder; 57.3 KO avg., 119 KOs
Jonathan Parker	CB	2017	12/0	Grad transfer; 5 KOR, 4 tackles
Jimmy Russell	S	2014	10/0	Special teams contributor from DeKalb
Joe Sanders	DE	2016	23/6	34 tackles, 4.5 TFL in two seasons
Alex Schwab	LB	2014	36/6	85 tackles, 43 in 2017, 6.5 TFL
Kelly Weese	WR	2017	1/0	Grad transfer saw first action vs. Ball St.
Shane Wimann	TE	2013	51/31	TE TD record holder with 17; 65 catches 6305 yards; top blocker

who earned his undergraduate degree from NIU with a 3.99 GPA in kinesiology and is currently pursuing his master's in exercise physiology and fitness leadership, is the first Huskie football player selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® team since 2012 when a school record three players were honored. Scharping is the 13th NIU football student-athlete all-time to be named an Academic All-American by CoSIDA and the first Huskie offensive lineman since Jim Jacobson was a second team choice in 1976.

IT'S ALL ACADEMIC: NIU placed 12 players on the 2017 Academic All-MAC Team, led by four-time honoree Shane Wimann. The Huskie tight end is the second player in school history to be named Academic All-MAC four times, joining Chandler Harnish with that distinction. Offensive linemen Max Scharping and Luke Shively and kicker Christian Hagan were each three-time Academic All-MAC selections.

DEFENSE

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: The NIU defense has experienced quite a turnaround in 2017, allowing 123.5 fewer yards of total offense and nine-and-a-half fewer points a game this year than last season. The Huskies defense has also forced six more turnovers this year, with one more interception and four more fumble recoveries, scoring 50 more points off those turnovers in 2017. The Huskies' 250 points allowed this season are the fewest since 2008 when NIU allowed 234 points.

	2016	2017	Diff.
Average Points	30.3	20.8	-9.5
Points Allowed	364	250	-114
Rushing Yards/Game	200.8	112.2	-88.6
Passing Yards/Game	250.7	215.8	-34.9
Total Offense/Game	451.5	328.0	-123.5

THE DEFENSE DOES NOT REST: NIU leads the MAC and ranks 18th in the nation in total defense, allowing an average of 328.0 yards per game. Last year, the Huskies

finished the season ranked 98th nationally in total defense, allowing 451.5 yards a game, 128.8 more than the current number. NIU allowed a season-low 131 yards of total offense to Kent State (Oct. 7), the lowest total by an FBS team since Oct. 8, 2011 when the Golden Flashes gained just 64 yards.

TURNING OVER POINTS: The Huskies have converted 13 of the 21 turnovers forced on the season into 83 points. Last season, NIU tallied just 33 points off 15 turnovers. NIU has turned three fumble recoveries into touchdowns – either on the actual recovery itself, or subsequently by the offense. In addition to its three INT return touchdowns, the Huskies have come up with touchdowns on three drives after interceptions.

HUSKIE SEE HUSKIE DO: Nine different Huskie defenders have accounted for NIU's 15 interceptions this season. Linebacker Jawuan Johnson leads the way with five, while safety Mycial Allen and cornerback Shawun Lurry have two each. Linebackers Bobby Jones IV and Kyle Pugh, safeties Jackson Abresch, Mykelti Williams and Trayshon Foster and defensive end Josh Corcoran each intercepted one pass.

BALL-HAWKING BACKER: Linebacker Jawuan Johnson tied the school record for interception returns for a touchdown in a season and in a career with his second pick-six of the season and his team-leading fifth interception of the year at Central Michigan. Johnson returned his first interception for a touchdown in NIU's win at Nebraska. He is the first Huskie linebacker with at least five interceptions in a season since Rich Marks, who finished with six INTs in 1972, which are the most by a linebacker in school history. His five INTs are the most by a FBS linebacker this season.

SCORE (ANOTHER) ONE FOR THE DEFENSE: Jawuan Johnson's 37-yard interception return for a touchdown at Central Michigan was the Huskies' fifth defensive touchdown of the year, which is a school record. The Huskies rank third in the country and lead the MAC in defensive scores. NIU returned two fumbles for a touchdown, both by Sutton Smith – a 58-yard return against Western Michigan and a 16-yard at Bowling Green – and three interception returns for a score, two by Johnson and one by Shawun Lurry. Johnson and Lurry each had an INT for a TD in the Huskies' win at Nebraska.

AT A LOSS: As a team, the Huskies lead in the country in tackles for loss, averaging 8.8 per game. NIU recorded six tackles for loss in the regular season finale at Central Michigan to give the Huskies 106 on the year, breaking the previous school record of 104, set in 2008. NIU totaled a school-record 18 TFLs against Ball State, the most by any team in the FBS this year.

THREE OF A KIND: The Huskie defense currently has three different defenders with double digit tackles for loss. Sutton Smith leads the way with his school-record 28.5, Jawuan Johnson has 13.5, and Bobby Jones IV 11. The last time multiple NIU players finished the season in double digits in tackles for loss was when Alan Baxter (11.5), Sean Progar (10.5), Joe Windsor (10.5) and Tyrone Clark (10) did it in 2012.

MODEL OF EFFICIENCY: A key to the Huskies' defensive success in 2017 has been its ability to get off the field. NIU ranks sixth in the country and leads the MAC in third down conversion percentage defense as opponents are converting at just a 28.4 percent rate. The Huskies held San Diego State to a season-low 1-of-14 on third down conversions, Kent State to 2-of-16 and Buffalo to 2-for-14 on third down in consecutive games earlier this year.

PLAYING THE PERCENTAGES: The NIU defense's 28.4 third down conversion percentage defense (57-of-201) is the lowest in school history (records dating back to 1986). The previous low by a Huskie defense was 35 percent in 1994, when the Huskies held opponents to 55-of-158 on third down. Last season, NIU's opponents converted 38 percent (70-of-185) of their third down attempts.

GETTING OFF THE FIELD: The Huskie defense is tied for third in the country in defensive three-and-outs entering bowl season. Four times this season, NIU has

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ESPN TO TELEVIEW THE 2017 QUICK LANE BOWL

- The Quick Lane Bowl will air nationally on ESPN.
- The Huskies will appear on an over-the-air network for the sixth consecutive game and the ninth time this season, including five appearances on CBS Sports Network (Boston College, San Diego State, Eastern Michigan, Ball State, Central Michigan) and FS1 (Nebraska) along with ESPN2 (Western Michigan) and ESPNU (Toledo) appearances.
- Mike Couzens will handle play-by-play duties with Ray Bentley alongside as the color analyst and Allison Williams on the sidelines.
- The game is also available on WatchESPN (requires an active subscription from an affiliated provider).

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Network broadcast of the Quick Lane Bowl on December 26 begins at 3:30 p.m. CT, 45 minutes before kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb), AM 560 The Answer (Chicago) and SportsFan Radio AM 1330 (Rockford).
- 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 completes his 38th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 32nd consecutive season, while Andy Garcia wraps up his fifth season on the sidelines.

LISTEN TO NIU-DUKE ON SIRIUS XM RADIO

- The Huskie Sports Network broadcast of the Quick Lane Bowl will be available nationally on Sirius XM Radio. Listen on Sirius Channel 137 and XM Channel 202.

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recorded a season-best eight three-and-outs in a game – versus Central Michigan, Ball State, San Diego State and Kent State. NIU is averaging 6.1 three-and-outs a game. The Huskies have either forced teams to punt or forced a turnover in the first three plays of a drive in 67 of 165 drives by their opponents. The Huskies also tallied six three-and-outs versus Eastern Illinois, five at Nebraska and four versus both Western Michigan and Boston College.

Team (G)	Avg.	3 & Outs-Total Drives	Pct. of drives
1. Indiana (12)	6.50	78-177	44.1
2. Michigan (12)	6.25	75-146	51.4
3. NIU (12)	6.17	74-180	41.1
4. Texas A&M (12)	5.75	69-166	41.6
5. Clemson (12)	5.50	66-156	42.3

WORKING ON THE LINE: The young NIU defensive line, led by Sutton Smith, has accounted for 30 of NIU's 41 sacks, 59 of the Huskies' 106 tackles for loss and four of NIU's 20 forced turnovers. Ten different defensive linemen have recorded at least one sack this season with four of NIU's five sacks versus Western Michigan and six of seven versus Ball State made by linemen. Sophomores Ben LeRoy (DT) and Smith, and redshirt freshman Jack Heflin (DT), who came up with his first career tackle for loss versus WMU, are all first-time starters.

STOPPING THE RUN: NIU is giving up just 112.2 yards per game on the ground which ranks second in the MAC and 11th in the country. That number is the lowest allowed by a Huskie defense since 1963, when NIU gave up just 107.4 yards/game, and is the best rushing defense by NIU as an FBS program. NIU has held five opponents to less than 100 rushing yards, including Buffalo which gained only 39 yards, including just one net yard in the second half. The vaunted rushing attack of Western Michigan was limited to just 110 net yards on 44 carries with MAC leading rusher Jarvion Franklin gaining 115 yards and just 23 after the first quarter.

SACK STREAK: Ben LeRoy extended the NIU defense's sack streak to 22 games when he took down CMU quarterback Shane Morris in the second quarter. The Huskie team's sack streak dates back to the Huskies' Sept. 17, 2016 contest against San Diego State. The 2017 Huskies lead the MAC and rank third in the country with 3.45 sacks a game.

SACK ATTACK: Twice this season, NIU's defense has recorded seven sacks in a game, reaching the mark against both Ball State and Kent State. Seven sacks are the most recorded by a Huskie defense since Sept. 14, 2013 when NIU amassed a school-record nine sacks at Idaho.

SACK-SATIONAL DEFENSE: NIU's 41 sacks this season rank second all-time in school history. The school record for sacks in a season is 47 set in 2002. The Huskie defense tied the 2012 team with three sacks at Central Michigan.

SCORE ANY WHICH WAY YOU CAN: NIU's school-record seven non-offensive touchdowns is a school record. In addition to the three interception and two fumble returns for touchdowns, the Huskies have blocked two punts for touchdowns in 2017. The previous school record for non-offensive touchdowns was four when NIU returned four interceptions for touchdowns in 2001. NIU's three interception returns for touchdowns this season are the second most in school history.

OFFENSE

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Despite averaging 79.5 fewer yards a game this year, NIU is averaging almost as many points a game in 2017 (30.2) as they did a year ago. Last season, the Huskies averaged 463.8 yards and 30.5 a contest.

QUARTERBACK COMPARISON: Marcus Childers is the first redshirt freshman to start at least seven games at quarterback for NIU since Chandler Harnish in 2008 and to date, Childers has out-performed the Huskie great. While Harnish did leave his second start early due to injury, Childers has 16 more carries, thrown for more TDs and yards, and averages more passing yards a game. Harnish averaged just over a yard per carry than Childers and had a better passer efficiency rating, 139.17-122.48.

	RUSHING					PASSING				
	W-L	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	C-A-I	Yds.	TD	Yds/G	
Harnish (2008)	3-4	87	399	4	4.6	80-138-5	1178	7	168.3	
Childers (2017)	5-2	103	331	4	3.2	123-216-2	1309	12	187.0	

ALL MY CHILDERS: Marcus Childers became the first Huskie quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a game since Drew Hare threw four versus Murray State on Sept. 12, 2015 with his career-best four TDs versus Ball State. Childers connected with four different receivers in three quarters of work. Childers finished the game with 141 yards on 10-of-22 passing.

PLAYING LIKE A SENIOR: Senior tight end Shane Wimann became an offensive weapon in 2017 with at least one reception in 11 of NIU's 12 games this season. The Huskie tight end caught a career-high 30 passes for 283 yards en route to first team All-MAC honors in a year of career bests. The senior caught a career-high six passes for 37 yards at Toledo, tallied a career high 70 yards - on four catches - against Eastern Michigan with a career-long 50 yard grab in the contest.

TE FOR THE TD: Shane Wimann caught his team-leading seventh touchdown pass of the season on a four-yard shovel pass from Marcus Childers in the first quarter versus Ball State to set a new NIU record for most touchdown catches by a tight end in a season. Wimann broke his own record of six touchdown receptions set last year, while his 17 career scores are also a Huskie tight end record. Wimann is the only player on the current roster to have caught a touchdown pass from each of the last five NIU starting quarterbacks.

NO MORE TEARS: Wide receiver Spencer Tears leads NIU with 39 catches and 461 yards on the season. He posted three five-catch games on the year and recorded his first 100-yard receiving game when he tallied 105 yards on five receptions, including a touchdown, at San Diego State. The redshirt sophomore has four touchdown receptions on the year which ties him with Christian Blake for the most TD catches by a wide receiver.

FOUR OF A KIND: NIU has four players with 300 or more receiving yards in 2017. The last time NIU had that many players with as many receiving yards for the season was in 2011 when Martel Moore, Nathan Palmer, Perez Ashford and Da'Ron Brown hit the mark. Spencer Tears leads the way with 461 yards, while Chad Beebe is next with 417, followed closely by Christian Blake with 414. D.J. Brown rounds out the quartet with 342 yards. Tight end Shane Wimann needs just 17 yards to join the 300-yard club.

GOING DEEP: Six Huskie players have caught a pass of 50 yards or longer in 2017, another sign of the depth of the NIU receiving corps. Spencer Tears (81 yards), Chad Beebe (73), Jauan Wesley (70), D.J. Brown (69), Christian Blake (50) and Shane Wimann (50) all have at least one long reception, with Wesley's 70-yarder from Daniel Santacaterina versus Ball State the most recent.

ON THE BRINK: Sophomore tight end Mitchell Brinkman has made his presence felt with a pair of touchdown catches, including the game-winner from 26-yards out versus Western Michigan. Brinkman has just

four catches on the season, with two going for scores. The 26-yard reception was the longest of his career.

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING: Wide receiver Jauan Wesley caught his first career touchdown pass and blocked his first punt in NIU's 63-17 victory over Ball State. Wesley was on the receiving end of a 70-yard touchdown pass from Daniel Santacaterina in the fourth quarter. Two Cardinal possessions later, he blocked Morgan Hagee's punt in the end zone, which Jackson Abresch recovered for the score.

SPECIAL TEAMS

JUST FOR KICKS: NIU has forced a school-record 96 punts this season, surpassing the previous total of 76 set in 1976. Conversely, on their first punt of the Quick Lane Bowl, NIU will set the school record for most punts in a season. NIU's 81 punts this year currently are tied for the first with the 1969 team.

SPECIAL FORCES: NIU freshmen punter Matt Ference is averaging 41.2 yards a punt and has landed 28 punts inside the 20-yard line. Last season, NIU totaled only eight punts inside the 20 while averaging 38.1 yards per punt. The last Huskie punter to average more than 40 yards a punt was Tyler Wedel, who posted a 41.7-yard average in 2014.

PINNING THEM DEEP: Of NIU punter Matt Ference's 28 punts that have dropped inside the 20-yard line, 17 have landed on or inside the 10-yard line. Ference and the NIU punt team placed a season-high three punts on or inside the 10-yard line at Nebraska and at San Diego State. Back-up punter Josh Orne, called on to rugby punt on a windy night versus Western Michigan, saw one of his first two career punts drop inside the 10 as well.

BLOCK PARTY: The Huskies lead the nation in blocked kicks with six and are third in the country in blocked punts with four. NIU blocked at least one punt in three straight games with one each against Eastern Michigan and Toledo, and two versus Ball State, all by different players. NIU also blocked a field goal at Nebraska and another against Eastern Michigan. The school record for punt blocks in a season is six, set in 2010.

Player	Block Type	Opponent
William Lee	Field Goal	Nebraska
TEAM	Field Goal	Eastern Michigan
Mitchell Brinkman	Punt	Eastern Michigan
Jackson Abresch	Punt	Toledo
Trayshon Foster	Punt	Ball State
Jauan Wesley	Punt	Ball State

TWICE AS GOOD: NIU's two blocked punts against Ball State marked the first time NIU has blocked multiple punts in a game since Nov. 20, 2010 when they blocked three punts - coincidentally - at Ball State. N

IN THE NCAA RECORD BOOKS: Jackson Abresch scored a pair of touchdowns on NIU's two blocked punts versus Ball State to become just the third player in NCAA history to score twice off of blocked punts in the same game. Abresch joined Air Force's Frank Staine-Pyne (1997 vs. Hawaii) and Auburn's David Langner (1972 vs. Alabama) as the only FBS players to achieve the rare feat.

IN THE HUSKIE RECORD BOOKS: Abresch's first blocked punt return score in the Ball State game, which he returned 13 yards, was NIU's first touchdown off a blocked punt since Sept. 3, 2011 when Jimmie Ward returned one 14 yards against Army. Abresch tied Ward for career blocked punt returns for a touchdown when he recovered NIU's second blocked punt of the night in the end zone. He is also the first Huskie

to block a punt (vs. Toledo) and score a touchdown on a blocked punt since Ward in 2010.

CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN: Christian Hagan, who has hit 91 straight point-after attempts, including a season-high nine against Ball State, moved up to seventh on NIU's all-time scoring list with five PATs versus Western Michigan. The Huskie senior surpassed NIU great Jordan Lynch on the scoring list when he tallied six points at Central Michigan with three made extra points and a field goal. Hagan also moved past Chris Nendick to rank second on the Huskies' all-time list for career PATs made, although he is not within reach of all-time leader Mathew Sims (196). Hagan is fourth on NIU's list for most points kicking, tied for fourth in field goal attempts (64) and fifth in field goals made (43).

UTILITY PLAYER: Senior receiver Chad Beebe showcased another skill in his repertoire when the senior added kickoff return duties beginning in the Eastern Michigan game. Already serving as the team's punt return man and holder on PATs and field goals, Beebe's yards per game average of 46.3 on kickoffs leads NIU in 2017, he is averaging 24.8 yards on kickoff returns and 3.9 yards on 16 punt returns.

REVOLVING RETURNERS: Following in the footsteps of Aregeros Turner and Tommylee Lewis, a duo who rewrote the Huskie career kickoff return record book, NIU has used a revolving set of deep men on kickoff return in 2017. Receivers Christian Blake, Chad Beebe and D.J. Brown, running backs Jordan Huff and Jonathan Parker, and defensive back Jalen Embry have all taken a turn, with Beebe and Brown handling the assignment of late.

SEASON BESTS

COMEBACK ABILITY: NIU came back to win a game in the fourth quarter for the second time this season when the Huskies scored a touchdown with 6:20 to play and then ran out the clock with a final drive to defeat Western Michigan, 35-31. NIU led at the half, but fell behind 28-21 in the third quarter and again 31-28 in the final period. NIU's 30-27 overtime victory over Eastern Michigan was the first win for the Huskies this season when trailing heading into the fourth quarter as NIU came back from a 24-10 deficit to tie the game in regulation.

FINISHING THE JOB: With its 63-17 victory over Ball State, NIU has won 52 of 53 games when carrying a lead into the fourth quarter. The Huskies took a 49-17 lead into the final quarter of play against the Cardinals. The last NIU loss when leading after three quarters was a 31-24 setback to Toledo at Guaranteed Rate Field on Nov. 9, 2016. The Huskies led the Rockets, 21-17, after three quarters.

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

The list of NIU's former players currently on an active (or injured) rosters in either the NFL or CFL stands at seven in 2017. New Orleans Saints wide receiver Tommylee Lewis scored his first career touchdown in the second quarter of the Saints' 20-17 setback at Atlanta in Week 14. Lewis has 10 receptions for 116 in 12 games played this season.

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)

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DUKE FACTS



2016 Record	4-8
ACC Record/Finish	1-7/6th (Coastal)
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year)	David Cutcliffe (Alabama/1976)
Record at Duke/Years	58-67/10th
Career Record/Years	102-96/15th
Location	Durham, N.C.
Enrollment	6,485
Conference	Atlantic Coast
Colors	Duke Blue & White
Stadium	Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium
Surface/Capacity	Natural Grass /40,004
President	Vincent Price
Athletic Director	Dr. Kevin M. White
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2017 DUKE SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 2	North Carolina Central (ACC)	W, 60-7
Sat., Sept. 9	Northwestern (ESPNU)	W, 41-17
Sat., Sept. 16	Baylor (RSN)	W, 34-20
Sat., Sept. 23	at North Carolina (ESPNU)	W, 27-17
Fri., Sept. 29	Miami FL (ESPN)	L, 31-6
Sat., Oct. 7	at Virginia (ACC)	L, 28-21
Sat., Oct. 14	Florida State (ESPN2)	L, 17-10
Sat., Oct. 21	Pittsburgh (ACC)	L, 24-17
Sat., Oct. 28	at Virginia Tech (ACC)	L, 24-3
Sat., Nov. 11	at Army (CBSSN)	L, 21-16
Sat., Nov. 18	Georgia Tech (RSN)	W, 43-20
Sat., Nov. 25	at Wake Forest (RSN)	W, 31-23
Tues., Dec. 26	NIU	4:15 p.m.

*ACC Game; All Times Central

NIU-DUKE SERIES HISTORY

Overall First Meeting

WORKING OVERTIME: NIU improved to 7-4 in overtime games all-time with its 30-27 comeback win over Eastern Michigan on October 26 as the Huskies rallied for a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit. It is the Huskies' only overtime game of the season to date. Last year, NIU played in a school-record three overtime contests, including two triple OT games.

WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT?: NIU scored its fourth touchdown of the game against Bowling Green on a six-play, 95-yard scoring drive, culminating in a Marcus Childers to Chad Beebe 73-yard touchdown strike. It was the longest scoring drive of the season and the longest since the Huskies marched 96 yards for a touchdown in a 43-39 victory over Eastern Illinois on Sept. 21, 2013.

QUARTER-BLAKE: Christian Blake's 10-yard completion to Marcus Childers at Toledo was his second pass completion of the season and third of his career. He completed a pass to Ryan Graham in the season opener against Boston College and is 2-for-3 with 17 yards passing this season. Blake is the first Huskie wide receiver with two completions in a season since Britt Davis in 2005, who also went 2-for-3 passing.

FOUR FOR 100: D.J. Brown became the fourth Huskie receiver this season to record a 100-yard receiving game with 104 yards versus Eastern Michigan, joining Chad Beebe who tallied 124 yards at Bowling Green, and Christian Blake and Spencer Tears, who recorded 160 and 105 yards, respectively, at San Diego State. It's the first time in NIU's FBS history that four different Huskie receivers have tallied a 100-yard receiving game in the same season. In 2015, three different Huskies (Kenny Golladay, Tommylee Lewis and Jawaun Brescacin) each had 100-yard receiving games.

THREE FOR THREE: Marcus Childers became the third quarterback to start a game for NIU this season when he took the first snap at Buffalo and started every subsequent game. This season marked the third-straight year the Huskies started at least three different quarterbacks. In 2015, Drew Hare, Ryan Graham and Tommy Fiedler each started a game for the Huskies, while Hare, Graham, Anthony Maddie and Daniel Santacaterina all started at least one game for NIU in 2016. Graham (1 start) and Santacaterina (4) have the remainder of the starts this year.

GETTING THE POINT: The three points scored by Kent State were the fewest allowed by a Huskie defense in a MAC game since NIU shut out Massachusetts on Nov. 3, 2012. It's the fewest in a game overall since a 55-3 victory over Presbyterian on Aug. 28, 2014.

NO PASSING ZONE: Kent State's 29 yards passing were the fewest passing yards allowed by the Huskies since Sept. 26, 2015 when NIU held Boston College to 92 yards passing. Conversely, NIU's 64 passing yards versus Western Michigan was its lowest total since Dec. 23, 2015 when the Huskies threw for just 38 yards versus Boise State in the Poinsettia Bowl.

CONVERTING INTs INTO TDs: With his 87-yard interception return for a touchdown at Nebraska, 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.

MAKING HISTORY: The NIU defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns in a game 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 Jawaun Johnson followed suit with a 25-yard INT return score for a 14-0 NIU lead.

GRADUATION SUCCESS: The Huskie football program continues to rank among the MAC and FBS best with a Graduation Success Rate of 84 percent in the latest report issued by the NCAA in November. That mark is good for second in the MAC, one percentage point behind Miami (Ohio). NIU remains one of the FBS' top football programs in graduating its student-athletes as the 84 percent mark tied for 20th among all NCAA Division I FBS schools.



ROD CAREY

Fifth Season at NIU

44-23 Career & NIU Record

Indiana 1993

Now completing 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.

Carey's 44-23 record as NIU's head coach and .657 winning percentage rank the Midwest native among the best to ever lead the Huskies as he is fourth on NIU's all-time lists in wins, winning percentage and all-time NIU games coached.

Carey also is climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his overall win percentage puts him in the Top 10 in the league all-time. With a 32-8 record (.800) in MAC games, Carey is 20th all-time in league victories and needs one MAC win to tie his mentor, former Indiana, Miami (Ohio) and NIU coach Bill Mallory.

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

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.

In 2013, Carey led NIU to an undefeated regular season that included two wins over Big Ten teams – a 30-27 win over Iowa in the season opener and a 55-24 blowout victory at Purdue. Behind All-Americans Jordan Lynch and Jimmie Ward, the Huskies spent 12 weeks in the Top 25 rankings and coasted through the league slate to win the MAC West title and advance to the MAC Championship game for the fourth straight year.

Carey became the third NIU mentor to be named the MAC Coach of the Year, following in the footsteps of Mallory (1983) and Joe Novak (2002), and was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year Award. He became the first league coach to win two games over Big Ten Conference opponents in one season.

In 2017, Sutton Smith became the seventh NIU player to be named an All-American during Carey's tenure at NIU, and just the second consensus All-American in NIU history. More Huskies have been named All-Americans under Carey, including four first team players, than in any other era in school history.

Jordan Lynch's historic NIU career was capped by a third-place finish in the Heisman Trophy voting as he earned the highest finish ever by a Mid-American Conference player. Cornerback Shawun Lurry earned first team honors from the Football Writer's Association of America in 2015, while safety Jimmie Ward and Lynch were both first team selections in 20. In addition, Huskies won the Vern Smith Award, presented annually to the MAC MVP, in each of Carey's first three years.

Carey's connection to NIU goes through Mallory as the former Huskie mentor was Carey's collegiate coach at the University of Indiana. Given

CAREY'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season	Overall	MAC	Highlights
2012	0-1	NA	Named HC prior to Orange Bowl
2013	12-2	8-0	MAC West Champions, Poinsettia Bowl
2014	11-3	7-1	MAC Champions, Boca Raton Bowl
2015	8-6	6-2	MAC West Champions, Poinsettia Bowl
2016	5-7	5-3	
2017	8-4	6-2	Quick Lane Bowl
	44-23	32-8	5 Bowls, 3 MAC Championship Games

CAREY'S COACHING HISTORY

Dec. 2, 2012	Named Head Coach, NIU
Sept. 3, 2012	Offensive Line/Offensive Coordinator, NIU
2012	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator, NIU
2011	Offensive Line, NIU
2008-10	Offensive Line, North Dakota
2007	Offensive Line, Illinois State
2000-06	Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line, Wisconsin-Stout
1998-99	Graduate Assistant, Minnesota

that, he brought a healthy respect for NIU's history of success, and has worked to foster appreciation for the NIU tradition among the current Huskies and has made a special effort to connect with the football alumni.

Carey has continued to prioritize academic success; NIU has ranked among the Top 20 programs in the country in Graduation Success Rate in each of the last four seasons. His focus on player development off the field has included providing community service opportunities and bringing in guest speakers to address issues from leadership to social media usage to financial planning and more.

Carey joined the Huskies after three seasons coaching the offensive line at the University of North Dakota. His line paved the way for UND 1,000-yard rusher Josh Murray (1,146 yards) in 2008 and for the No. 2 running back in the Great West Conference a year later. North Dakota also passed for 2,000 yards in 2009. Five of Carey's offensive linemen earned GWC all-conference honors in his last three seasons.

Prior to going to North Dakota, Carey spent the 2007 season as the offensive line coach at Illinois State. His Redbird offensive line featured three players that received professional football opportunities.

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. His offensive units averaged nearly 400 yards per game during his seven seasons and set 14 records, including the all-time conference rushing record. He coached Blue Devils' offensive lineman Ben Knepper, one of the most decorated players ever at UW-Stout, to multiple All-American and all-conference honors. 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 the University of Minnesota (1998-99) where he helped the Gophers to their first bowl game in over a decade with a trip to the 1999 Sun Bowl. Prior to UM, he spent four seasons in the high school ranks at his alma mater, Wayzata (Minn.) High School, from 1994-97.

A three-year starter at center for Indiana during his collegiate playing days, Carey served as a team captain and won IU's Corby Davis Outstanding Offensive Player Award as a senior. He earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana in 1994.

Carey and his wife Tonya have two children, daughter Kenne-di and son Charlie.



KEVIN KANE

Defensive Coordinator | Safeties
Second Season at NIU (Sixth Overall)
Kansas 2006

Game Day Location: Press Box

**MIKE UREMOVICH**

Assistant Head Coach
Offensive Coord./Tight Ends & Fullback
Second Season at NIU (Third Overall)
Purdue 2000

Game Day Location: Sideline

**BRETT DIERSEN**

Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
Fifth Season at NIU
Huron (S.D.) 1998

Game Day Location: Sideline

**STEVE CRUTCHLEY**

Wide Receivers
First Season at NIU
Wisconsin-Eau Claire 1999

Game Day Location: Sideline

**JEFF KNOWLES**

Linebackers
First Season at NIU
Saint Francis (Illinois) 2000

Game Day Location: Sideline

**JORDAN LYNCH**

Running Backs
First Season at NIU
NIU 2013

Game Day Location: Sideline

**MELVIN RICE**

Cornerbacks
Second Season at NIU
NIU 2009

Game Day Location: Sideline

**CRAIG HARMON**

Quarterbacks
Fourth Season at NIU
Quincy 2002

Game Day Location: Press Box

**BRAD OHRT**

Director of Sports Performance
Seventh Season at NIU
Appalachian State 1994

Game Day Location: Sideline

**JOE TRIPODI**

Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Eighth Season at NIU
Northwestern 2006

Game Day Location: Sideline

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES & SUPPORT STAFF**

Graduate Assistants, Defense
Graduate Assistant, Offense
Graduate Assistant, Special Teams
Head Football Athletic Trainer
Head Football Equipment Manager

Alex Barr, Cameron Stingily
Sean Chase
Dan Sabock
Ben Kastler
Paige Shinberg

Senior Assoc. AD/Football Sports Administrator
Asst. Athletic Director, Football Operations
Director of Football Operations/Internal
Associate Director of Football Operations
Graduate Assistants, Football Operations

John Cheney
Matt Lipman
Dan Wolfe
Aaron Christner
Owen Cooper, Cody Tescher

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 Deveau 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)
22	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.)]
16	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)

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)
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)
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)

KEY: RS -- Redshirted. Sq -- Squad member. L -- Letterman. HS -- High School. WO -- Walk-on (new). TR -- Transfer. GTR -- Grad Transfer.

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)
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	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	Dwayne Milton	TB	5-8	175	Jr.-R	1L	Machesney Park, Ill. (Harlem)
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	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	220	Fr.-R	RS	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
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	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)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)

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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)
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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]
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)

KEY: RS -- Redshirted. Sq -- Squad member. L -- Letterman. HS -- High School. WO -- Walk-on (new), TR -- Transfer, GTR -- Grad Transfer.

DEPTH CHART (TENTATIVE)

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)
WR	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
AND	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)
AND	88	Daniel Crawford	6-1	245	So.-R	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
TB	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	204	So.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
OR	22	Tre Harbison	5-11	220	Fr.-R	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
QB	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	216	Fr.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
	11	Anthony Thompson	6-0	205	Fr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. 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)
	75	Vince Hughes	6-5	287	So.-R	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
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)
	76	Dale Brown	6-3	310	Jr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
RT	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	307	So.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	308	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)

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)
DT	99	Ben Leroy	6-2	280	So.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
	96	Marcus Kelly	6-3	274	So.-R	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
OR	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)
	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	285	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	94	Devin Webster	6-2	286	Jr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Ariz. Western)
DE	9	Joe Sanders	6-3	248	Sr.-R	LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange/Highland CC)
OR	41	Matt Lorbeck	6-3	235	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
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	18	Alex Schwab	6-1	230	Sr.-R	New Berlin, Wis. (W. Allis Hale/SEMO)
	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	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	30	Tifonte Hunt	5-9	176	Jr.	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
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)
	29	Adam Buirge	6-0	205	So.-R	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
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)
CB	1	Albert Smalls	6-0	200	Jr.-R	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
	5	Mayomi Olootu	5-8	183	Sr.	Allen, Texas (Allen)

SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
PK	34	Christian Hagan	6-1	193	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
KO	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	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
AND	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	188	Jr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	2	Jonathan Parker	5-8	185	Sr.-R	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers/Iowa)
PR	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	194	Jr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
HO	82	Chad Beebe	5-10	185	Sr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian)
	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
Mayomi Olootu	MAY-YO-mee
	uh-LOO-too
Josh Orne	rhymes with Corn
Hayden Sak	SACK
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

Coaching Staff

Brett Diersen	DEAR-sin
Joe Tripodi	tri-POE-dee
Mike Uremovich	yer-REM-uh-VICH



13 JACKSON ABRESCH

S | 6-1 | 205 | Sr.-R | 2L
Hartland, Wis. | Arrowhead HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2017	12/0	17	6	23	0.5	1	1
Career	26/0	31	14	45	0.5	2	3

• Named MAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Week and MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week after scoring two touchdowns on blocked punts against Ball State (11-9). Scooped up the first block and ran it 13 yards for a score, recovered the other in the end zone. Tied the NCAA record for touchdowns off blocked kicks in a game with two and was the first to do so since 1997. Recorded 23 total tackles, 17 solo and six assists. Made at least one tackle in 10 games. Secured his lone interception at Bowling Green (10-21) and returned for 14 yards. Also assisted in a tackle for loss in the game. Credited with a pass break-up at Central Michigan (11-24). Named to the Academic All-MAC team.



20 MYCIAL ALLEN

S | 5-11 | 203 | Sr.-R | 3L
Detroit, Mich. | King HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2017	12/12	32	13	45	3.0	2	5
Career	52/24	94	44	138	8.0	6	6

• Leader in the defensive backfield – and Detroit native – ranks fifth on the team in tackles. Tied for second on the team with five pass break-ups. Intercepted passes versus Eastern Illinois (9-9), which he returned for 17 yards, and Toledo (11-2). Recorded tackles for loss at Nebraska (9-16), versus Kent State and at Central Michigan (11-24). Recovered a fumble in the end zone at Toledo (11-2) to stop the Rockets from scoring. Made at least one tackle in 11 games, at least five tackles in five games and recorded a season-high eight tackles, seven solo, at Buffalo (10-14). Broke up two passes, recorded a tackle for loss and collected three solo tackles in win at Nebraska. Recorded pass break-ups versus Boston College (9-1), Kent State and CMU.



82 CHAD BEEBE

WR | 5-10 | 185 | Sr.-R | 3L
Aurora, Ill. | Aurora Christian HS

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	PR	Avg.	Lg	KR	Avg.	Lg
2017	9/5	28	417	14.9	1	73	16-62	3.9	13	12-297	24.8	49
Career	44/13	64	930	14.5	3	81	48-329	6.9	40	12-297	24.8	49

• His 14.9 yards per reception average led the team. Took over as the Huskies' kickoff return man versus Toledo and had a long return of 49 yards versus Western Michigan (11-15). NIU's leading punt returner with a long of 13 yards in the Buffalo (10-14) game. Scored his only touchdown this season on a 73-yard score in NIU's 48-17 win at Bowling Green (10-21). Second on the team with 775 all purpose yards averaging 86.1 yards per game. Recorded his first career 100-yard receiving day with six catches for 125 yards at Bowling Green. Missed the Nebraska, San Diego State and Kent State games due to injury. Caught six passes for 93 yards in the season opener versus Boston College (9-1) and had four catches versus both Eastern Illinois (9-9) and Toledo (11-2).



4 CHRISTIAN BLAKE

WR | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | 3L
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | Cardinal Gibbons HS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	12/11	38	414	10.9	4	50	14	61	4.4	0	14
Career	46/21	80	944	11.8	6	51	24	92	3.8	1	14

• Tied for second on team in catches and receiving touchdowns. Has a catch in each of the last 11 games. Rushed 14 times for 61 yards and is two-of-three passing for 23 yards. Caught his fourth TD pass on a 19-yard reception vs. Ball State (11-9). Completed his second pass of the season at Toledo (11-2), hitting QB Marcus Childers for 10 yards, and caught two passes for 16 yards. Made five catches for 77 yards at Nebraska (9-16). Caught career-high 12 passes for 153 yards with TDs of 34 and 10 yards at San Diego State (9-30). Earned MAC West Offensive Player honor for that game, which included a season-long 50-yard catch. Caught an 18-yard TD pass versus Eastern Illinois (9-9). Completed a 13-yard pass to QB Ryan Graham versus Boston College (9-1).



89 MITCHELL BRINKMAN

TE | 6-3 | 250 | So. | 1L
Council Bluffs, Iowa | Lewis Central HS

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	12/4	4	48	12.0	2	26
Career	20/7	5	51	10.2	2	26

• NIU's second tight end often played alongside starter Shane Wimann and made four starts. Caught four passes for 48 yards and two touchdowns with one catch in four different games. His 26-yard touchdown against Western Michigan was the game-winning score with 6:20 left on the clock in the fourth quarter. Made another touchdown grab with a five-yarder against Ball State in the Huskies' 63-17 win. Special teams stalwart blocked the punt with 3:07 to play that allowed NIU to come back and tie the Eastern Michigan (10-26) game and sent the game to overtime. Named to the Academic All-MAC team.



10 DJ BROWN

WR | 5-8 | 188 | Jr. | 2L

North Little Rock, Ark. | North Little Rock HS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	12/7	38	342	9.0	3	69	22	108	4.9	1	11
Career	37/8	47	433	9.2	3	69	40	202	5.1	2	23

• Tied for second on the team with 38 catches. Averaging 4.9 yards/rush with 22 carries, most by any NIU receiver. Scored his first rushing touchdown of 2017 on a six-yard run versus Ball State (11-9) to add to his three receiving scores. Matched his career-high with seven grabs versus EMU (10-26) and tallied his first 100-yard receiving game (104). Scored on a career-long 69-yard catch and run versus the Eagles. Totaled five receptions for 53 yards at Buffalo (10-14) and rushed nine times for 44 yards. Caught three passes for 18 yards at Nebraska (9-16). Made seven catches for 88 yards vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9), with a 41-yard grab. Scored on a 15-yard catch vs. Boston College (9-1).



76 DALE BROWN

OG/OT | 6-3 | 310 | Jr.- R | 2L

Lee's Summit, Mo. | Lee's Summit West HS

• Back-up at both right guard and left tackle saw most snaps at the right guard spot while spelling Nathan Veloz. Also a member of the PAT/field goal unit, saw action in all 12 games. After the Huskies ran for 248 yards against Western Michigan (11-15) on a windy, ball-control day at Huskie Stadium, the offensive line was named the team's Co-Offensive Player of the Week. Blocked for QB Marcus Childers as he rushed 27 times for 79 yards and a touchdown at Buffalo (10-14), as well as NIU ran a season-high 56 times for 338 yards against the Bulls. The Huskie offense accounted for 41 offensive TDs on the season with four games scoring 35 points or more



15 MARCUS CHILDERS

QB | 6-1 | 216 | Fr.- R | RS

Adairsville, Ga. | Adairsville HS

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2017	11/7	132	454	3.4	5	32	137-239-5	57.3	1,440	15	73

MAC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

• Selected the MAC Freshman of the Year by league coaches. Went 5-2 as NIU's starting QB, beginning at Buffalo (10-14). Led NIU to fourth-quarter/overtime comeback wins over Western Michigan (11-15) and Eastern Michigan (10-26). Versus WMU (11-15), hit TE Mitch Brinkman with a 26-yard go-ahead TD pass with 6:20 to play. Threw career-high four TD passes versus Ball State (11-9) with a career-long 32-yard run. Threw for career-high 278 yards versus EMU as NIU came back in the fourth quarter and won in OT. Threw three touchdown passes versus Kent State (10-7) and at Bowling Green (10-21) with a career long 73-yarder in the BG game. Ran 27 times for 79 yards at Buffalo (10-14). Scored rushing TDs vs. San Diego State, Buffalo, EMU, Toledo and WMU. Saw action in four games before taking over as starter and played most of Kent State game.



12 JOSH CORCORAN

DE | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | 2L

Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville South HS

ALL-MAC (3rd Team)

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	10/10	18	16	34	8.5	3.5	2
Career	36/16	39	32	71	15.5	6.5	2

• NIU starting defensive end was injured in the Ball State game and missed the rest of the season. Registered a solo sack, a tackle for loss and two stops at Toledo. Tied his season high with six stops versus Eastern Michigan with a tackle for loss. Tallied two tackles, one for loss, at Buffalo. Versus Kent State, added 1.5 sacks and two tackles for loss to total four stops. Snagged his first career interception to stop Nebraska's final drive and seal the Huskie upset win. Registered six tackles, one for loss, vs. Eastern Illinois. Made two tackles and broke up a pass versus Boston College.



37 LANCE DEVEAUX JR.

LB | 5-10 | 205 | So. | 1L

Pompano Beach, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2017	9/0	6	2	8	0.0	0	1
Career	18/2	23	11	34	1.0	0	3

• Tallied eight total tackles including six solo, as a back-up linebacker and special teams player. Made three total tackles at Bowling Green (10-21) and had a season-high four stops at Toledo (11-2). Also broke up a pass in the Toledo game. Recorded a season high four total tackles including three solo tackles, in his most significant action of the season at Toledo.



3 JALEN EMBRY

CB | 5-11 | 194 | Jr.-R | 1Sq
Detroit, Mich. | M.L. King HS/Iowa Central CC

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int	PBU
2017	12/0	19	1	20	2.0	1	1
Career	23/2	24	12	36	2.0	1	1

• Played in all 12 games this season at cornerback and on special teams. Made 30 total tackles, 24 solo. Twice recorded a season-high four solo tackles, against Eastern Michigan (10-26) and Ball State (11-9). Made five total tackles and broke up a pass versus Eastern Illinois (9-9). Tallied at least one tackle in 10 of 12 games with multiple stops eight times. Two of his tackles versus Ball State went for losses and he added a pass break-up. Posted four tackles, three solo, in both the Boston College and Nebraska games. Spent part of the season as NIU's punt returner and returned five punts on the season. Also returned a pair of kickoffs with a 22-yard return at San Diego State (9-30) and a 31-yard return at Bowling Green (10-21).



36 MATT FERENCE

P | 5-11 | 187 | Fr. | HS
St. Louis, Mo. | Lafayette HS

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2017	12/0	78	3,213	41.2	28	70

• True freshman punter averages 41.2 yards per punt on a school-record 78 punts in 2017. Has seen 28 of his 78 punts force opponents to start inside their 20-yard line, 21 have been fair caught and 12 have gone for 50 yards or more. Has had punts downed at or inside the 10-yard line 17 times. Hit season-long boot of 70 yards in the last game of the season at Central Michigan (11-24). Named MAC West Specialist of the Week vs. San Diego State (9-30) after helping the Huskies control field position with four of eight punts inside the 20. Punted for a season-high 46.4-yard average on eight kicks at Nebraska (9-16) and recorded seven games with a punting average of 40 yards or more.



11 TRAYSHON FOSTER

S | 5-11 | 202 | So.-R | 1L
Tuscaloosa, Ala. | Tuscaloosa Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int	PBU
2017	12/2	19	1	20	2.0	1	1
Career	23/2	34	12	46	2.0	1	1

• Played in all 12 games with two starts as NIU's starting nickel back in five defensive back sets. Of his 20 tackles on the year, 19 were solo stops. Made a season-high five tackles against Ball State (11-9). Blocked a punt which Jackson Abresch picked up and ran in for a touchdown in NIU's win over the Cardinals. Intercepted his first career pass, forced a fumble and recorded a pair of quarterback sacks at Bowling Green (10-21). Credited with three solo stops versus Kent State (10-7). Also a member of several NIU special teams units. An Academic All-MAC honoree in 2017.



34 CHRISTIAN HAGAN

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

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB	PAT	FG	Lg	Pts
2017	12/0	29	1,796	61.9	6	2	47-47	9-16	41	74
Career	44/0	150	9,128	60.9	39	9	167-170	43-64	52	296

• Has hit all 47 of his PATs in 2017 to extend consecutive PAT streak to 91, dating back to the 2016 season opener at Wyoming. Scored at least one point in 44 consecutive games and leads NIU in scoring with 74 points. Surrendered kickoff duties to Josh Orne midway through the season. Made both of his field goal attempts at Bowling Green (10-21) and hit two-of-three versus Boston College (9-1). Ranks fourth on NIU's all-time kick scoring list, is sixth in overall scoring and second in PATs made. His 47 PATs made without a miss this year are the second-most during an NIU kicker's perfect season. Named MAC West Co-Special Teams Player of the Week after the Bowling Green game with field goals of 29 and 32 yards and six PATs. Named to the Academic All-MAC team.



22 TRE HARBISON

TB | 5-11 | 220 | Fr.-R | RS
Shelby, N.C. | Crest HS/Virginia

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	9/0	42	231	5.5	2	22

• NIU's fourth-leading rusher averaged 5.5 per carry on 42 attempts as a redshirt freshman. Scored first career touchdown at Toledo (11-2) on a one-yard carry in the first quarter. Ran for season-high 57 yards on eight carries against the Rockets. Recorded season long 22-yard carry at Bowling Green (10-21). Caught two passes on the season with a 24-yard catch and run at Buffalo (10-14) and a 30-yard reception versus Ball State (11-9). Totaled a season-high 12 carries versus Ball State, gaining 52 yards. Also totaled 52 yards, on nine totes, with a 12-yard score, at Central Michigan (11-24). Qualified for the 2017 Academic All-MAC team.



71 ISAAC HAWN

OL | 6-6 | 308 | Fr. | HS
St. Charles, Ill. | St. Charles North HS

• True freshman shared the right tackle spot with Ryan Roberts throughout the 2017 season. Made first career start in the Huskies' 21-17 win over Nebraska (9-16) and started the next three games at right tackle. He and Roberts alternated series throughout the season. Became first true freshman to start on the offensive line for NIU since Jason Onyebugu in 2006. NIU offensive line earned the coaches Player of the Week honors for their performance against Western Michigan (11-15) as the Huskies ran for 248 yards in a cold-weather, grind-it-out win over the Broncos. The Huskies ran for a season-best 338 yards at Bowling Green (10-21) and totaled 577 yards of total offense. Helped lead the way to four 100-yard rushing games by NIU backs in 2017.



98 JACK HEFLIN

DT | 6-3 | 298 | Fr.- R | RS
Prophetstown, Ill. | Erie-Prophetstown HS

• Started every game at defensive tackle as a redshirt freshman. Recorded eight total tackles, six solo and two assists. Began the season with a tackle in three straight games versus Boston College (9-1), Eastern Illinois (9-9) and Nebraska (9-16). Made a tackle in four straight games beginning with the Eastern Michigan (10-26) game. Posted lone tackle for loss for four yards against Western Michigan (11-15). His work in the middle allowed NIU linebackers Bobby Jones IV and Jawuan Johnson to amass impressive tackle totals. Played an important part occupying blockers on the Huskie defense that is tied for second in the nation with 41 total sacks.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	12/12	6	2	8	1.0	0	0



7 JAWUAN JOHNSON

LB | 6-0 | 218 | Jr.-R | 2L
East St. Louis, Ill. | New Boston HS [Texas]

ALL-MAC (3rd Team)

• Intercepted his fifth pass of the year at CMU (11-24) and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown to record his second INT return TD. Has more interceptions than any linebacker in the country. Scored on a 25-yard INT return at Nebraska (9-16) and tallied nine stops with a TFL to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors. In addition to five INTs, has three forced fumbles and one recovered. Additional pickoffs came versus Ball State (11-9), Buffalo (10-14) and Kent State (10-7). Has three double-digit tackle games. Forced a fumble and tallied six stops at Toledo (11-2). Recorded six tackles with a sack, two TFLs and a pass break-up versus EMU (10-26). His 11 stops, 1.5 for loss, led NIU at Bowling Green (10-21); added a fumble recovery. Recorded a career high 12 stops at Kent State (10-7) with a sack and two TFLs. Made 10 stops with three tackles for loss versus Boston College (9-1).

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	Int
2017	12/12	53	33	86	13.5	3.0	3-1	5
Career	29/15	79	51	130	21.5	4.0	3-3	6



6 BOBBY JONES IV

LB | 5-10 | 220 | Sr.- R | 3L
Miami Gardens, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS

ALL-MAC (2nd Team)

• Second team All-MAC linebacker leads NIU in tackles with a career-best 97 on the season. Ranks second on the team in solo stops and sacks. Led NIU with 14 stops, five solo, at Nebraska (9-16). NIU's leading tackler versus Toledo (9 tackles), EMU (7), WMU (8) and CMU (9). Eight of his nine tackles at Central Michigan (11-24) were solo stops. Registered nine tackles, two for loss, with a sack, at Bowling Green (10-21). Named MAC West Player of the Week versus Buffalo (10-14) with two sacks and six tackles. Picked off his first career pass and had eight tackles, two for loss and a sack versus Kent State (10-7). Made a career-high 16 tackles vs. Boston College (9-1), including 10 solo and two for loss.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	Int
2017	12/12	53	44	97	11.0	4.0	0-0	1
Career	48/22	130	93	223	20.0	7.5	0-1	1



21 MARCUS JONES

TB | 5-8 | 204 | So.-R | 1L
Evergreen Park, Ill. | Brother Rice HS

• NIU's third-leading rusher has also caught 11 passes on the year. Scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime against Eastern Michigan (10-26) on a nine-yard run. Totaled 13 carries for 49 yards versus EMU. Posted a pair of touchdowns on runs of one and four yards versus Eastern Illinois (9-9). Caught five passes for 51 yards against Toledo and recorded a career-high 14 carries for a season-best 80 yards. Had double-digit carries in four games.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	11/3	82	347	4.2	3	29	11	74	6.7	0	18
Career	25/3	90	456	5.1	4	73	11	74	6.7	0	18



48 ANTONIO JONES- DAVIS

LB | 5-10 | 218 | So.-R | 1L

Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero Beach HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	Int
2017	11/0	30	12	42	2.0	1.0	0-0	0

• Finished tied for seventh on the team with 42 total tackles from his reserve middle linebacker spot. Also a member of several special teams units. Posted seven straight games with three or more total tackles. Made a season-high nine tackles, including seven solo stops, at Toledo (11-2). Credited with a tackle for loss in back-to-back games against Toledo and Ball State (11-9). Recorded a sack for seven yards versus Ball State (11-9) and made six solo tackles in the game. Tallied eight tackles, all assists, versus Eastern Illinois (9-9).



55 WESTON KRAMER

DT | 6-1 | 285 | Fr. | HS

Naperville, Ill. | Marmion Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	12/0	6	10	16	2.5	1.0	0

• Saw action in every game at defensive tackle as a true freshman with his playing time increasing throughout the season. Recorded 2.5 tackles for losses of 10 yards on the year. Tallied two or more tackles in five games. Posted a breakout game versus Ball State (11-9) with a season-high five tackles, his first career sack, and 1.5 tackles for losses of nine yards. Made three tackles with a tackle for loss versus Bowling Green (10-14). Had at least one stop in seven games on the season.



99 BEN LEROY

DT | 6-2 | 280 | So. | 1L

Wilmette, Ill. | Loyola Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	12/12	16	21	37	7.5	3.0	0
Career	20/12	20	23	43	7.5	3.0	0

• Started every game and led all interior linemen with a career-high 37 stops. Tallied a season high seven tackles with 2.5 for loss and a sack for six yards at Central Michigan (11-24). Recorded two solo and two assisted sacks for minus 20 yards, while his 7.5 tackles for loss ranked fifth on the team. Sacked Nebraska quarterback Tanner Lee for an eight yard loss in the Huskies' upset win (9-16). Finished strong with four tackles for loss and 15 tackles in the last three games of the season. Totaled five tackles, one-half for loss, versus Western Michigan (11-15). Made five stops with 1.5 for loss and half a sack at Buffalo (10-14).



5 MAYOMI OLOOTU JR.

CB | 5-8 | 189 | Sr. | 3L

Allen, Texas | Allen HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int.	PBU
2017	12/0	9	5	14	1.0	0	0
Career	43/7	40	15	55	2.0	4	11

• Tallied 14 total tackles, 10 solo, in a back-up role at cornerback and on special teams as member of the kickoff and punt coverage units. Made two or more tackles in four games. Recorded a season high four tackles vs. Kent State (10-7) and added a tackle for loss. Responsible for three stops versus Eastern Illinois (9-9) and Bowling Green (10-21).



25 JOSH ORNE

P/K | 6-0 | 230 | Sr.-R | 2L

Wales, Wis. | Kettle Moraine HS

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB
2017	11/0	38	2,253	59.3	13	2
Career	30/0	119	6,820	57.3	27	10

• Appeared in every game except the season opener versus Boston College (9-1). Took over kickoff duties beginning in the seventh game of the season versus Bowling Green (10-21). Averaged 59.3 yards on his 38 kickoffs with 13 touchbacks. Called on to punt on an extremely windy day versus Western Michigan (11-15) and punted twice for 54 yards, with one downed inside the WMU 20-yard line. Served as the Huskies' holder on placekicks through the first half of the year until Chad Beebe returned to the role.



56 RYAN ROBERTS

OL | 6-6 | 307 | So.-R | 1L
Northville, Mich. | Northville HS

• Started eight games for the Huskies at right tackle as a redshirt sophomore. Split time with freshman Isaac Hawn at the position most of the season. Coaches selected the offensive line as its Offensive Players of the Week for their performance against Western Michigan (11-15) when the Huskies ran for 248 yards and didn't allow a sack. Helped protect QB Marcus Childers as he threw for 278 yards against Eastern Michigan (10-26) in the Huskies' overtime win. The NIU offense averaged 4.2 yards per carry, 10.9 yards per catch and 384.3 offensive yards per game.



9 JOE SANDERS

DE | 6-3 | 248 | Sr.-R | 1L
LaGrange, Ga. | LaGrange HS/Highland CC

• Posted 18 total tackles, 10 solo, with 1.5 tackles for loss in his senior season. Took over as the starter at defensive end when Josh Corcoran went down with injury versus Ball State. Started the final two games of the season. Registered at least one tackle in 10 of NIU's 12 games and had two or more tackles in four games. Recorded his lone sack of the season for seven yards versus Ball State (11-9). Broke up three passes on the season, tops among NIU defensive linemen. Came through with a season-high five tackles and two pass breakups at Western Michigan (11-15). Added another pass breakup in the season opener versus Boston College (9-1) along with two solo tackles.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2017	12/2	10	8	18	1.5	1.0	3
Career	23/6	21	13	34	4.5	1.0	3



73 MAX SCHARPING

OT | 6-6 | 320 | Jr.-R | 2L
Green Bay, Wis. | Southwest HS

ALL-MAC (1st Team)
CoSIDA Academic All-American (2nd Team)

• Earned first team All-MAC honors for the second time in 2017. A second team CoSIDA Academic All-American. Started 38 consecutive games, every game of his career. Leader and top player on the Huskie offensive line. Played every meaningful snap. Led the way to Jordan Huff's team season and career best 185-yard rushing game vs. WMU. CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. On the Outland Trophy Watch List and was a Wuerffel Trophy nominee. Cleared the way for four 100-yard rushing games by NIU backs, including at Nebraska (9-16) and San Diego State (9-30). Huskies are averaging 384.3 yards per game with a season-best 577, including 388 rushing, at Bowling Green (10-21). Earned his undergraduate degree with a 3.99 GPA in kinesiology. Named to the Academic All-MAC for the third time.



18 ALEX SCHWAB

LB | 6-1 | 230 | Sr.-R | 2L
New Berlin, Wis. | W. Allis Hale HS/Southeast Missouri State

• Ranked sixth on the team with 43 total tackles while taking over as NIU's starting linebacker starting in game five versus Kent State (10-7) after injury to Kyle Pugh. Posted a season high seven total tackles twice -- versus Kent State (10-7) and Toledo (11-2). Recorded three or more tackles in eight games. Made a tackle for loss in back-to-back games against Ball State (11-9) and Western Michigan (11-15). Broke up a pass at Bowling Green (10-21). Collected his lone sack of the season versus Western Michigan (11-15) to go with three solo stops. Registered at least one tackle in every game.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	Int
2017	12/6	21	22	43	2.5	1.0	0-1	0
Career	36/6	43	42	85	6.5	2.0	0-2	0



64 LUKE SHIVELY

OL | 6-3 | 286 | Jr.-R | 2L
Tipton, Ind. | Tipton HS

• Started every game at center for the Huskies in 2017. Anchored the NIU rushing offense that ranked fourth in the MAC at 187.2 rushing yards per game and 4.2 yards per carry. The offensive line earned NIU Player of the Week honors for their performance against Western Michigan when the Huskies ran for 248 yards and didn't allow a sack. Helped lead the way to four 100-yard rushing games by Huskie backs. Expert snapper. Biochemistry major was named NIU Scholar Athlete of the Week following the Huskies win over Buffalo (10-14). Named to the Academic All-MAC team.



1 ALBERT SMALLS

CB | 6-0 | 200 | Sr.-R | 2L
Miramar, Fla. | Monsignor Pace HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2017	12/12	37	5	42	1.0	0	6
Career	41/23	82	25	107	2.0	3	20

• Tied for the team lead with six pass break-ups and ranked fifth on the team with 37 solo tackles while starting all 12 games in 2017. Registered at least two tackles in 11 of 12 games. Made a career-high nine tackles at Toledo (11-2) with seven solo and two assists to lead NIU. Duplicated his Nebraska (9-16) stats with three solo tackles and a pass break-up at San Diego State (9-30). Named NIU defensive player of the game vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) with two solo tackles and a pass break up. Recorded five solo tackles versus Eastern Michigan (10-26). Made six tackles, including his first career tackle for loss, vs. Boston College (9-1). Broke up two passes and made four solo stops at Central Michigan (11-24).



15 SUTTON SMITH

DE | 6-0 | 225 | So.-R | 1L
St. Charles, Mo. | Francis Howell HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2017	12/12	39	17	56	28.5	14.0	3-3	3
Career	24/12	45	26	71	30.5	15.0	3-3	3

• NIU's second all-time Consensus All-American was named to 11 different All-America teams, was a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award and named MAC Defensive Player of the Year. Broke the NIU records for sacks and tackles for loss in a season and scored twice on fumble returns. Leads the nation in sacks and tackles for loss and is fourth in fumble recoveries. More than half of 56 total tackles on the season have been for loss. Wrecked havoc at Nebraska (9-16) with 3.5 TFLs, two sacks, a pass break-up and six tackles. Tallied five tackles for minus 23 yards, a sack and six stops versus Boston College (9-1). Made 5.5 tackles for loss and scored his second fumble return TD of 2017 versus Western Michigan (11-15) with a 58-yard score. Earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors for the third time after previously earning the honor versus Eastern Michigan (10-26) and Kent State (10-7). Registered at least one TFL in 11 of 12 NIU games. Made three TFLs vs. Eastern Michigan with a sack, six stops. Scored on a strip, steal and 16-yard score at Bowling Green (10-21). Forced three fumbles (vs. EIU, Buffalo, BG). Made a career-high 10 stops to go with four TFLs and three sacks vs. Kent State.



72 JORDAN STECKLER

ALL-MAC (3rd Team)

OL | 6-5 | 313 | So.-R | 1L
Two Rivers, Wis. | Two Rivers HS

• A third team All-MAC selection by league coaches. One of NIU's most consistent linemen as starter at left guard. Helped lead the way for Jordan Huff's career-best 185 yard game vs. Western Michigan (11-15). NIU gained season-high 577 yards, including 388 rushing, at Bowling Green (10-21). Blocked for four 100-yard rushing games by Huskie backs, including at Nebraska (9-16) and San Diego State (9-30). NIU is averaging 384.3 yards of offense and 30.2 points per game in 2017. Played every meaningful snap on the season as he and Max Scharping do not rotate out. Named to the Academic All-MAC team.



14 SPENCER TEARS

WR | 6-0 | 191 | So.-R | 1L
Robbins, Ill. | H.L. Richards HS

ALL-MAC (3rd Team)

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
2017	12/10	39	461	11.8	4	81
Career	23/11	40	464	11.6	4	81

• Led NIU in catches (39) and receiving yards (461) during the regular season and tied for second in touchdown catches with four. Only Huskie to catch a pass in every game this year. Made three catches for 63 yards at Toledo (11-9). Grabbed four passes for 40 yards vs. EMU (10-26). Caught three passes for 42 yards with a 15-yard TD at Bowling Green (10-21). Totaled a career high five catches in three different games - San Diego State (9-30), Buffalo (10-14) and Central Michigan (11-24). Scored on a team season-long 81-yard pass vs. San Diego State and recorded his first 100-yard receiving game with 105 yards. Opened the scoring versus Kent State (10-7) and Eastern Illinois (9-9) with touchdown catches of 10 and 39 yards, respectively.



65 NATHAN VELOZ

OG | 6-4 | 306 | So.-R | 1L
Oak Creek, Wis. | Oak Creek HS

• Started every game at right guard in 2017, his first year as a starter. Helped power a Huskie rushing offense that ranked fourth in the MAC with 187.2 yards per game and 4.2 yards per carry. NIU offensive line earned the team's Offensive Player of the Week honors for their performance against Western Michigan (11-15) when the Huskies ran for 248 yards on a windy day that limited passing. Led the way to four 100-yard rushing games by NIU backs in 2017 and the Huskies gained 250 first downs. One of three Wisconsin natives on the starting offensive line.



9 JAUAN WESLEY

WR | 5-11 | 182 | Jr.-R | 1Sq

Markham, Ill. | Thornton Township HS/Iowa State

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2017	11/0	8	141	17.6	1	70

• Caught eight passes for 141 yards on the season with a career long 70-yard catch against Ball State (11-9) for a touchdown. Made first career catch against Eastern Illinois (9-9) for seven yards in the second quarter and followed up with a 23-yard catch for a first down to the one-yard line in the third. In the Huskies' 21-17 win at Nebraska (9-17), caught season-high three passes for 29 yards. Also had catches in the Kent State (10-7) and Central Michigan (11-24) games. Recorded four tackles as a part of the NIU special teams units with three solo and one assisted.



8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS

S | 5-11 | 205 | So.-R | JC

Indianapolis, Ind. | Notre Dame HS/Iowa Western CC

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2017	12/12	54	14	68	1.0	1	5

• First-year Huskie ranks third on the team in tackles and is first in solo stops with 54. Tied for team lead with eight tackles, seven solo, versus Western Michigan (11-15). Totaled five solo stops versus Ball State (11-9). Second on the team in pass break-ups with five after adding one at Toledo (11-2) to go with six tackles. Five of his six stops at Bowling Green (10-21) were solo. Made seven tackles, all solo, at Buffalo (10-14). Four of his five tackles versus Kent State (10-7) were solo. Made six tackles with a TFL at SDSU (9-30). Tallied a career-high 10 stops, nine solo, at Nebraska (9-16). Picked off a pass versus Eastern Illinois (9-9). Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.



35 SHANE WIMMANN

TE | 5-8 | 202 | Sr.-R | 3L

Wisconsin Dells, Wis. | Wisconsin Dells HS

ALL-MAC (1st Team)

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
2017	12/10	30	283	9.4	7	50
Career	52/31	65	635	9.8	17	50

• First team All-MAC tight end broke his own NIU record for TD catches by a tight end with seven to lead NIU. Broke the record on a four-yard grab versus Ball State (11-9). Led NIU with a career-high six catches (37 yards) at Toledo (11-2). Scored in four straight games (Kent State, Buffalo, BGSU, EMU). Career-long 50-yard catch versus EMU (10-26) set up critical score; made four receptions for career-high 70 yards. Also owns the NIU career record for scores by a tight end with 17. Scored on a 34-yard grab at Buffalo (10-14), and totaled four catches for 50 yards. Had a 25-yard TD versus Kent State (10-7) and four grabs for 53 yards. Caught TD passes vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) and Boston College (9-1) with four catches vs. BC. Has a catch in 11 of 12 games. Excellent blocker. NFF Scholar-Athlete Award semifinalist. On the John Mackey Watch List. Four-time member of the Academic All-MAC team.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Jackson Abresch, S	Sr.-R	27	-	Jack Heflin, DT	Fr.-R	12	12	Kyle Pugh, LB	So.-R	14	4
Mycial Allen, S	Sr.-R	52	24	Jake Hlava, DT	So.-R	4	-	Ryan Roberts, OL	So.-R	24	8
Chad Beebe, WR	Sr.-R	44	13	Jordan Huff, TB	Sr.-R	46	10	Jimmy Russell, S	Sr.-R	10	-
Christian Blake, WR	Sr.	46	21	Vince Hughes, OL	So.-R	3	-	Ezra Saffold, WR	Sr.	25	-
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	So.	20	7	Tifonte Hunt, CB	Jr.-R	17	-	Hayden Sak, LS	Jr.	36	-
Dale Brown, OL	Jr.-R	23	-	Daniel Isom, CB	So.	10	6	Joe Sanders, DE	Sr.-R	23	6
D.J. Brown, WR	Jr.	37	8	Jawuan Johnson, LB	Jr.-R	29	15	Daniel Santacaterina, QB	So.-R	9	5
Drequan Brown, DE	Jr.-R	12	-	Bobby Jones IV, LB	Sr.-R	48	22	Max Scharping, OL	Jr.-R	38	38
Adam Buirge, S	So.-R	21	-	Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.	25	3	Alex Schwab, LB	Sr.-R	36	6
Marcus Childers, QB	Fr.-R	11	7	Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	So.-R	20	-	Luke Shively, OL	Jr.-R	31	24
Josh Corcoran, DE	Jr.	36	16	Marcus Kelly, DT	So.-R	8	-	Albert Smalls, CB	Jr.-R	41	23
Herlandez Corley, DT	Jr.-R	12	-	Weston Kramer, DT	Fr.	12	-	Sutton Smith, LB	So.-R	24	12
Jaquis Covington, DB	So.-R	1	-	William Lee, DT	Sr.-R	52	28	Trequan Smith, S	So.-R	11	6
Daniel Crawford, TE	So.-R	22	2	Ben LeRoy, DT	So.	20	12	Jordan Steckler, OL	So.-R	24	20
Lance Deveau Jr., LB	So.	18	2	Corey Lersch, LB	Fr.-R	2	-	Spencer Tears, WR	So.-R	23	11
Jalen Embry, CB	Jr.-R	12	-	Matt Lorbeck, DE	Fr.	11	-	Anthony Thompson, QB	Fr.-R	1	-
Matt Ference, P	Fr.	12	-	Shawun Lurry, CB	Sr.	49	31	Maximilian Thrower, TE	Fr.-R	1	-
Aaron Fischer, FB	Jr.-R	17	-	Josh Mailloux, OL	So.-R	1	-	Maalik Todd, WR	Jr.-R	3	-
Trayshon Foster, S	So.-R	23	2	Dwayne Milton, TB	Jr.-R	20	-	Nathan Veloz, OL	So.-R	14	12
Ryan Graham, QB	Jr.-R	19	9	Tommy Mister, TB	Jr.-R	22	2	Austin Warner, OL	Fr.-R	3	-
Andrew Gregory, LB	Fr.-R	2	-	Mayomi Olootu, CB	Sr.	43	7	Devin Webster, DT	Jr.	10	-
Ezekiel Gueths, OL	Fr.-R	2	-	Benn Olson, OL	Fr.-R	3	-	Kelly Weese, WR	Sr.-R	1	-
Christian Hagan, K	Sr.	44	-	Josh Orne, K	Sr.-R	30	-	Jauan Wesley, WR	Jr.-R	12	-
Tre Harbison, RB	Fr.-R	9	-	Andrew Parchment, WR	Fr.-R	8	-	Mykelti Williams, S	So.-R	12	12
Ty Harmston, TE	Jr.-R	20	-	Jonathan Parker, TB	Sr.-R	12	-	Shane Wimmann, TE	Sr.-R	51	31
Isaac Hawn, OL	Fr.	12	4	Brayden Patton, OL	Fr.-R	3	-	Quintin Wynne, DL	So.-R	21	1

HONORS & AWARDS

15 Sutton Smith, DE, Sophomore

- Consensus All-American
- Walter Camp All-American (first team)
- FWAA All-American (first team)
- Associated Press All-American (second team)
- The Sporting News All-American (second team)
- AFCA All-American (second team)
- USA Today All-American (first team)
- Bleacher Report All-American (first team)
- PFF All-American (first team)
- The All-American All-American (first team)
- Phil Steele All-American (first team)
- Sports Illustrated/SI.com All-American (second team)
- CBS Sports All-American (second team)
- Ted Hendricks Award (finalist)
- Chuck Bednarik Award (semifinalist)
- MAC Defensive Player of the Year
- CFN MAC Defensive Player of the Year
- First Team All-MAC
- First Team All-MAC (PFF)
- First Team All-MAC (PS)
- First Team All-MAC (CFN)
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Kent State, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan)

73 Max Scharping, OT, Junior

- CoSIDA Academic All-American (second team)
- First Team All-MAC
- First Team All-MAC (PS)
- First Team All-MAC (CFN)
- First Team All-MAC (PFF)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 5
- Wuerffel Trophy

35 Shane Wimann, TE, Senior

- First Team All-MAC
- First Team All-MAC (PS)
- First Team All-MAC (CFN)
- Second Team All-MAC (PFF)
- National Football Foundation William V. Campbell Trophy (semifinalist)

19 Shawun Lurry, CB, Senior

- First Team All-MAC
- First Team All-MAC (PS)

15 Marcus Childers, QB, Freshman

- MAC Freshman of the Year
- MAC West Offensive Player of the Week (Eastern Michigan)

6 Bobby Jones IV, LB, Senior

- First Team All-MAC (PFF)
- Second Team All-MAC
- Second Team All-MAC (PS)
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Buffalo)

7 Jawuan Johnson, LB, Junior

- First Team All-MAC (PFF)
- Third Team All-MAC
- Third Team All-MAC (PS)
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Nebraska)

12 Josh Corcoran, DE, Junior

- Third Team All-MAC
- Third Team All-MAC (PS)

2017 ACADEMIC ALL-MAC TEAM

- 13 Jackson Abresch, S, Senior
- 89 Mitchell Brinkman, TE, Sophomore
- 11 Trayshon Foster, S, Sophomore
- 34 Christian Hagan, K, Senior
- 22 Tre Harbison, TB, Freshman (R)
- 84 Ty Harmson, TE, Junior
- 32 Jimmy Russell, S, Senior
- 59 Hayden Sak, LS, Junior
- 73 Max Scharping, OT, Junior
- 64 Luke Shively, C, Junior
- 72 Jordan Steckler, OG, Sophomore
- 35 Shane Wimann, TE, Senior

**23 Jordan Huff, TB, Senior**

- Second Team All-MAC (PS)
- Third Team All-MAC

72 Jordan Steckler, OG, Sophomore

- Second Team All-MAC (PS)
- Third Team All-MAC

14 Spencer Tears, WR, Sophomore

- Third Team All-MAC

13 Jackson Abresch, S, Senior

- MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week (Ball State)
- MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week (November 14)

4 Christian Blake, WR, Senior

- MAC West Offensive Player of the Week (San Diego State)

36 Matt Ference, P, Freshman

- MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week (San Diego State)

34 Christian Hagan, K, Senior

- MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week (Bowling Green)

NIU FOOTBALL 2017 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	362	250
Points Per Game	30.2	20.8
Points Off Turnovers	83	64
FIRST DOWNS	250	194
Rushing	121	70
Passing	107	103
Penalty	22	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	2247	1347
Yards gained rushing	2552	1810
Yards lost rushing	305	463
Rushing Attempts	529	474
Average Per Rush	4.2	2.8
Average Per Game	187.2	112.2
TDs Rushing	17	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2365	2589
Comp-Att-Int	216-377-11	215-387-15
Average Per Pass	6.3	6.7
Average Per Catch	10.9	12.0
Average Per Game	197.1	215.8
TDs Passing	24	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	4612	3936
Total Plays	906	861
Average Per Play	5.1	4.6
Average Per Game	384.3	328.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	33-717	44-885
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	30-148	17-126
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	15-284	11-157
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.7	20.1
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.9	7.4
INT RETURN AVERAGE	18.9	14.3
FUMBLES-LOST	22-13	14-6
PENALTIES-Yards	77-711	76-777
Average Per Game	59.2	64.8
PUNTS-Yards	81-3267	96-3741
Average Per Punt	40.3	39.0
Net punt average	36.8	35.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	67-4049	56-3456
Average Per Kick	60.4	61.7
Net kick average	40.1	38.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:10	30:50
3RD-DOWN Conversions	79/192	57/201
3rd-Down Pct	41%	28%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/11	8/15
4th-Down Pct	45%	53%
SACKS BY-Yards	41-252	24-166
MISC YARDS	0	4
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	48	28
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	9-16	18-26
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(36-44) 82%	(34-42) 81%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(28-44) 64%	(18-42) 43%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(47-47) 100%	(28-28) 100%
ATTENDANCE	67748	176085
Games/Avg Per Game	6/11291	6/29348
Neutral Site Games	0/0	

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
NIU	115	100	72	69	6	362
Opponents	51	64	78	54	3	250

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HUFF, Jordan	9	127	761	21	740	5.8	4	35	82.2
CHILDERS, Marcus	11	132	571	117	454	3.4	5	32	41.3
JONES, Marcus	11	82	376	29	347	4.2	3	29	31.5
HARBISON, Tre	9	42	234	3	231	5.5	2	22	25.7
MISTER, Tommy	10	35	176	9	167	4.8	1	30	16.7
GRAHAM, Ryan	2	14	122	0	122	8.7	0	60	61.0
BROWN, D.J.	12	22	108	0	108	4.9	1	11	9.0
MILTON, Dwayne	11	12	76	0	76	6.3	0	41	6.9
BLAKE, Christian	12	14	69	8	61	4.4	0	14	5.1
WESLEY, Jauan	11	4	10	5	5	1.2	1	9	0.5
PARKER, Jonathan	12	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.2
PARCHMENT, Andrew	9	2	5	4	1	0.5	0	5	0.1
THOMPSON, Anthony	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
BEEBE, Chad	9	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
TEARS, Spencer	12	3	5	8	-3	-1.0	0	5	-0.2
SANTACATERINA D	6	22	35	59	-24	-1.1	0	6	-4.0
TEAM	10	15	0	41	-41	-2.7	0	0	-4.1
Total.....	12	529	2552	305	2247	4.2	17	60	187.2
Opponents.....	12	474	1810	463	1347	2.8	11	54	112.2

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	11	124.46	137-239-5	57.3	1440	15	73	130.9
SANTACATERINA D	6	139.08	62-97-5	63.9	712	7	81	118.7
GRAHAM, Ryan	2	93.58	15-38-1	39.5	190	2	46	95.0
BLAKE, Christian	12	131.07	2-3-0	66.7	23	0	13	1.9
Total.....	12	125.16	216-377-11	57.3	2365	24	81	197.1
Opponents.....	12	115.94	215-387-15	55.6	2589	14	89	215.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
TEARS, Spencer	12	39	461	11.8	4	81	38.4
BLAKE, Christian	12	38	414	10.9	4	50	34.5
BROWN, D.J.	12	38	342	9.0	3	69	28.5
WIMANN, Shane	12	30	283	9.4	7	50	23.6
BEEBE, Chad	9	28	417	14.9	1	73	46.3
JONES, Marcus	11	11	74	6.7	0	18	6.7
WESLEY, Jauan	11	8	141	17.6	1	70	12.8
HUFF, Jordan	9	7	43	6.1	2	24	4.8
CRAWFORD, Daniel	10	5	48	9.6	0	17	4.8
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	12	4	48	12.0	2	26	4.0
MISTER, Tommy	10	3	11	3.7	0	6	1.1
HARBISON, Tre	9	2	54	27.0	0	30	6.0
GRAHAM, Ryan	2	1	13	13.0	0	13	6.5
CHILDERS, Marcus	11	1	10	10.0	0	10	0.9
PARCHMENT, Andrew	9	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.7
Total.....	12	216	2365	10.9	24	81	197.1
Opponents.....	12	215	2589	12.0	14	89	215.8

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	11	371	454	1440	1894	172.2
HUFF, Jordan	9	127	740	0	740	82.2
SANTACATERINA D	6	119	-24	712	688	114.7
JONES, Marcus	11	82	347	0	347	31.5
GRAHAM, Ryan	2	52	122	190	312	156.0
HARBISON, Tre	9	42	231	0	231	25.7
MISTER, Tommy	10	35	167	0	167	16.7
BROWN, D.J.	12	22	108	0	108	9.0
BLAKE, Christian	12	17	61	23	84	7.0
MILTON, Dwayne	11	12	76	0	76	6.9
WESLEY, Jauan	11	4	5	0	5	0.5
PARKER, Jonathan	12	1	3	0	3	0.2
THOMPSON, Anthony	1	1	1	0	1	1.0
PARCHMENT, Andrew	9	2	1	0	1	0.1
BEEBE, Chad	9	1	-1	0	-1	-0.1
TEARS, Spencer	12	3	-3	0	-3	-0.2
TEAM	10	15	-41	0	-41	-4.1
Total.....	12	906	2247	2365	4612	384.3
Opponents.....	12	861	1347	2589	3936	328.0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	78	3213	41.2	70	8	21	28	12	1
ORNE, Josh	2	54	27.0	27	0	0	1	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	81	3267	40.3	70	8	21	29	12	1
Opponents.....	96	3741	39.0	74	8	27	22	17	4

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2017 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	39	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Rushing	8	60, Graham vs. BC, 9/1
Graham	1	60, vs. BC, 9/1
Childers	3	32, vs. Ball St., 11/9
Jones	1	29, at Toledo, 11/2
Milton	1	30 TD, at BG, 10/21
Mister	1	41, at BG, 10/21
Huff	1	31 TD, vs. WMU, 11/15
Passing	17	81 TD, Santacaterina to Tears vs. SDSU, 9/30
by Santacaterina	6	81 TD, to Tears, vs. SDSU, 9/30
by Graham	1	46, to Beebe vs. BC, 9/1
by Childers	10	73 TD to Beebe at BG, 10/21
to Beebe	4	73 TD, from Childers at BG, 10/21
to Blake	2	47, from Santacaterina vs. Nebraska, 9/16
to Brown	3	69 TD, from Childers vs. EMU, 10/26
to Harbison	1	30 vs. Ball State, 11/9
to Tears	3	81 TD, from Santacaterina at SDSU, 9/30
to Wesley	1	70 TD from Santacaterina vs. Ball St., 11/9
to Wimann	3	50, from Childers vs. EMU, 10/26
to Brinkman	1	26, from Childers vs. WMU, 11/15
Returns	14	87, Lurry INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Beebe	5	49 KOR vs. WMU, 11/15
Blake	2	25 KOR twice
Brown	1	29 KOR vs. EMU/10/26
Embry	1	31 KOR at BG, 10/21
Lurry	2	87 INT TD vs. Nebraska, 9/16
Johnson	2	37 INT TD vs. CMU, 11/24
Smith	1	58 fumble return TD vs. WMU, 11/15
OPPONENT	44	96 KOR TD by Washington, SDSU 9/30
Rushing	10	54 TD by Ward, CMU, 11/24
Passing	20	89 Woodside to Johnson, Toledo, 11/2
Returns	14	96 KOR TD by Washington, SDSU, 9/30

* 25 Yards or Longer

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
ORNE, Josh	38	2253	59.3	13	2			
HAGAN, Christian	29	1796	61.9	6	2			
Total.....	67	4049	60.4	19	4	885	40.1	24
Opponents.....	56	3456	61.7	23	0	717	38.6	26

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
SMITH, Sutton	2	74	37.0	2	58
Total.....	2	74	37.0	2	58
Opponents.....	1	38	38.0	0	38

FIELD GOALS FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
HAGAN, Christian	9-16	56.2	0-0	6-6	2-6	1-4	0-0	41 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	-	(38),(21)
Kent State	(41)	(18)
Buffalo	43,44	(23),(22),34
Bowling Green	(29),(32)	(34),52
Eastern Michigan	(25)	50,36,(34),42,(35)
Toledo	(25),47	(23),(34)
Ball State	-	(21)
Western Michigan	-	44,(28)
Central Michigan	(23)	(23)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JOHNSON, Jawuan	5	85	17.0	2	37
ALLEN, Mycial	2	18	9.0	0	17
LURRY, Shawun	2	145	72.5	1	87
CORCORAN, Josh	1	9	9.0	0	9
PUGH, Kyle	1	0	0.0	0	0
ABRESCH, Jackson	1	14	14.0	0	14
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	1	10	10.0	0	10
JONES, Bobby	1	2	2.0	0	2
FOSTER, Trayshon	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	15	284	18.9	3	87
Opponents.....	11	157	14.3	1	83

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	PATs Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
HAGAN, Christian	0	9-16	47-47	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	74
WIMANN, Shane	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
HUFF, Jordan	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
CHILDERS, Marcus	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
BROWN, D.J.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
BLAKE, Christian	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
TEARS, Spencer	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
JONES, Marcus	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
HARBISON, Tre	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
JOHNSON, Jawuan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
ABRESCH, Jackson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
WESLEY, Jauan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SMITH, Sutton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
MISTER, Tommy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
LURRY, Shawun	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BEEBE, Chad	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	48	9-16	47-47	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	362
Opponents.....	28	18-26	28-28	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	250

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BEEBE, Chad	12	297	24.8	0	49
BLAKE, Christian	9	174	19.3	0	34
PARKER, Jonathan	5	108	21.6	0	24
BROWN, D.J.	3	62	20.7	0	29
EMBRY, Jalen	2	53	26.5	0	31
FISCHER, Aaron	1	0	0.0	0	0
HUFF, Jordan	1	23	23.0	0	23
Total.....	33	717	21.7	0	49
Opponents.....	44	885	20.1	1	96

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BEEBE, Chad	16	62	3.9	0	13
EMBRY, Jalen	5	5	1.0	0	12
LURRY, Shawun	4	22	5.5	0	13
FOSTER, Trayshon	2	10	5.0	0	0
ABRESCH, Jackson	1	28	28.0	2	13
WESLEY, Jauan	1	20	20.0	0	11
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total.....	30	148	4.9	2	13
Opponents.....	17	126	7.4	1	18

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
HUFF, Jordan	9	740	43	0	23	0	806	89.6
BEEBE, Chad	9	-1	417	62	297	0	775	86.1
BLAKE, Christian	12	61	414	0	174	0	649	54.1
BROWN, D.J.	12	108	342	0	62	0	512	42.7
CHILDERS, Marcus	11	454	10	0	0	0	464	42.2
TEARS, Spencer	12	-3	461	0	0	0	458	38.2
JONES, Marcus	11	347	74	0	0	0	421	38.3
HARBISON, Tre	9	231	54	0	0	0	285	31.7
WIMANN, Shane	12	0	283	0	0	0	283	23.6
MISTER, Tommy	10	167	11	0	0	0	178	17.8
LURRY, Shawun	12	0	0	22	0	145	167	13.9
WESLEY, Jauan	11	5	141	20	0	0	166	15.1
GRAHAM, Ryan	2	122	13	0	0	0	135	67.5
PARKER, Jonathan	12	3	0	0	108	0	111	9.2
JOHNSON, Jawuan	12	0	0	0	0	85	85	7.1
MILTON, Dwayne	11	76	0	0	0	0	76	6.9
EMBRY, Jalen	12	0	0	5	53	0	58	4.8
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	12	0	48	1	0	0	49	4.1
CRAWFORD, Daniel	10	0	48	0	0	0	48	4.8
ABRESCH, Jackson	12	0	0	28	0	14	42	3.5
ALLEN, Mycial	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
FOSTER, Trayshon	12	0	0	10	0	1	11	0.9
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
CORCORAN, Josh	10	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.9
PARCHMENT, Andrew	9	1	6	0	0	0	7	0.8
JONES, Bobby	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
THOMPSON, Anthony	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
SANTACATERINA D	6	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-4.0
TEAM	10	-41	0	0	0	0	-41	-4.1
Total.....	12	2247	2365	148	717	284	5761	480.1
Opponents.....	12	1347	2589	126	885	157	5104	425.3

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		-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		-Fumbles-		Blkd		
		GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
6	JONES, Bobby	12	53	44	97	11.0-37	4.0-22	1-2	.	1	.	.	.	.
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	12	53	33	86	13.5-43	3.0-17	5-85	2	2	1-0	3	.	.
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	12	54	14	68	1.0-3	.	1-10	5	.	.	.	.	.
15	SMITH, Sutton	12	39	17	56	28.5-139	14.0-95	.	3	6	3-74	3	.	.
20	ALLEN, Mycial	12	32	13	45	3.0-10	.	2-18	5	2	1-0	.	.	.
18	SCHWAB, Alex	12	21	22	43	2.5-6	1.0-3	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
48	JONES-DAVIS A	11	30	12	42	2.0-9	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	SMALLS, Albert	12	37	5	42	1.0-1	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
99	LEROY, Ben	12	16	21	37	7.5-32	3.0-20	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
57	PUGH, Kyle	4	15	20	35	1.0-2	.	1-0	1	2	.	.	.	.
12	CORCORAN, Josh	10	18	16	34	8.5-34	3.5-19	1-9	1	2	.	.	.	.
3	EMBRY, Jalen	12	24	6	30	2.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	12	17	6	23	0.5-2	.	1-14	1	.	.	.	1	.
19	LURRY, Shawun	12	13	8	21	4.5-8	.	2-145	6	.	.	.	.	.
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	12	19	1	20	2.0-14	2.0-14	1-1	1	.	.	1	1	.
90	LEE, William	12	8	11	19	3.5-19	2.5-17	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
9A	SANDERS, Joe	12	10	8	18	1.5-8	1.0-7	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	12	6	10	16	2.5-10	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	12	9	5	14	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	BUIRGE, Adam	12	10	2	12	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	WYNNE, Quintin	9	2	6	8	.	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	DEVEAUX, Lance	9	6	2	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	HEFLIN, Jack	12	6	2	8	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	WEBSTER, Devin	10	3	4	7	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	LERSCH, Corey	2	3	3	6	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	MISTER, Tommy	10	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	WESLEY, Jauan	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
2	PARKER, Jonathan	12	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	BROWN, Drequan	11	3	1	4	3.0-13	2.0-10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
23	HUFF, Jordan	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	BROWN, D.J.	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	MILTON, Dwayne	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	CORLEY, Herlandez	2	2	.	2	2.0-9	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	LORBECK, Matt	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
32	RUSSELL, Jimmy	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	TODD, Maalik	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	GREGORY, Andrew	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	SANTACATERINA D	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	KELLY, Marcus	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	SAK, Hayden	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	TEARS, Spencer	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	HARBISON, Tre	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	SCHARPING, Max	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	PARCHMENT, Andrew	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	WEESE, Kelly	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	JONES, Marcus	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	BRINKMAN, Mitch	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
TM	TEAM	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....		12	537	304	841	106-418	41-252	15-284	40	20	6-74	7	6	.
Opponents.....		12	514	380	894	64.0-270	24-166	11-157	29	12	13-38	16	3	.

NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	BC	EIU	Nebraska	SDSU	Kent St.	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St.	WMU	CMU
Offense	Beebe	Jones/ Jo. Huff	Jo. Huff/ Blake	Jo. Huff/ Blake	Wimann	Brown	Beebe/ Mister	Childers/ Wimann	Jones	Childers	Huff	O-line
Defense	Pugh	Smalls	Johnson/ Smith	Johnson/ Jones	Smith	Jones IV	Foster	Smith	None`	Embry	Smith	
Def. Scout	Hall	Thrower	Nettles	Fischer	Rowell	Gay	Robinson	Hall	Webster	Nettles	Thrower	
Special Teams	Jo. Huff/ Foster	Buirge	Ference	Lurry	Schwab	Mister	Hagan	Brinkman	Abresch	Abresch		
Off. Scout	Kennedy	Cole	Kelly	Dassow	Ja. Huff	Gibbons	Nwachukwu	Walker	Kelly	Weaver	Schneider	
ST. Scout	Walker	Kennedy	Gibbons	Weese	Covington	Cole	Nettles	Kennedy	McKie	Walker	Covington	

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	11/-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	ABRESCH, Jackson	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	ALLEN, Mycial	12/12	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
82	BEEBE, Chad	9/5	WR	WR	-	-	-	X	WR	X	X	WR	WR	X
4	BLAKE, Christian	12/11	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
89	BRINKMAN, Mitchell	12/4	TE	TE	X	X	X	X	X	X	TE	X	X	TE
76	BROWN, Dale	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	BROWN, D.J.	11/7	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	X	X	WR	X
40	BROWN, Drequan	10/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X
29	BUIRGE, Adam	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	CHILDERS, Marcus	11/7	-	X	X	X	X	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB
12	CORCORAN, Josh	10/10	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	-	-
97	CORLEY, Herlandez	2/-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
38	COVINGTON, Jaqu	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
88	CRAWFORD, Daniel	10/1	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	TE	X	X	X	X
7	SANTACATERINA D	6/4	-	QB	QB	QB	QB	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
37	DEVEAUX, Lance	9/-	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
3A	EMBRY, Jalen	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36	ERENCE, Matt	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
33	FISCHER, Aaron	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	12/2	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X	X	S	X	X
17	GRAHAM, Ryan	2/1	QB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
4A	GREGORY, Andrew	2/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
63	GUETHS, Ezekiel	2/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
34	HAGAN, Christian	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	HARBISON, Tre	9/-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
84	HARMSTON, Ty	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
71	HAWN, Isaac	10/4	X	X	RT	RT	RT	RT	X	X	-	X	X	-
98	HEFLIN, Jack	12/12	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT
52	HLAVA, Jake	4/-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
23	HUFF, Jordan	9/7	X	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	-	-	-	X	TB	TB
75	HUGHES, Vince	3/-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
7	JOHNSON, Jawuan	12/12	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB
6	JONES, Bobby	12/12	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB
21	JONES, Marcus	11/3	TB	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	TB	TB	X	X
96	KELLY, Marcus	3/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
55	KRAMER, Weston	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
90	LEE, William	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
99	LEROY, Ben	12/12	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT
44	LERSCH, Corey	2/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
41	LORBECK, Matt	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	LURRY, Shawun	12/12	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB
78	MAILLOUX, Josh	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
37	MILTON, Dwayne	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X
26	MISTER, Tommy	10/2	X	X	X	X	X	X	TB	TB	X	X	-	-
5	OLOOTU, Mayomi	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
61	OLSON, Benn	3/-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
25	ORNE, Josh	11/-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	PARCHMENT, Andrew	9/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-
2	PARKER, Jonathaw	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
58	PATTON, Brayden	3/-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
57	PUGH, Kyle	4/4	LB	LB	LB	LB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	12/8	RT	RT	X	X	X	X	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT
32	RUSSELL, Jimmy	5/-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-
59	SAK, Hayden	12/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	SANDERS, Joe	12/2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	DE	DE
73	SCHARPING, Max	12/12	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT
18	SCHWAB, Alex	12/6	X	X	X	X	X	LB	LB	LB	LB	X	LB	LB
64	SHIVELY, Luke	12/12	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
1	SMALLS, Albert	12/12	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB
15	SMITH, Sutton	12/12	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
24	SMITH, Trequan	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	SORAGHAN, Liam	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
72	STECKLER, Jordan	12/12	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
14	TEARS, Spencer	12/10	WR	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	X	WR
11	THOMPSON, Anthony	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
87	THROWER, Max	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
27	TODD, Maalik	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
65	VELOZ, Nathan	12/12	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
54	WARNER, Austin	3/-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
94	WEBSTER, Devin	10/-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X
80	WEESE, Kelly	1/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
9	WESLEY, Jauan	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	12/12	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
35	WIMANN, Shane	12/10	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	X	X	TE	TE	TE	TE
53	WYNNE, Quintin	9/-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	-

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

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Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. Pl-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
		Total	R-P-Pen		C-A-I	Yds	TD						
(9-1) NIU vs. Boston College	20	18	5-10-3	35-164, 0	16-39-1	203	2	74-367	8-40.9	0-0	8-70	2-of-15	26:21
	23	21	11-8-2	50-148, 0	26-42-1	191	2	92-339	9-38.7	0-0	8-79	9-of-24	33:39
(9-9) NIU vs. Eastern Illinois	38	26	12-11-3	47-230, 2	24-35-1	269	3	82-499	4-41.2	2-2	15-194	10-of-17	29:36
	10	16	3-6-7	45-60, 1	14-32-2	127	0	77-187	7-40.0	2-1	8-75	5-of-17	30:24
(9-16) NIU at Nebraska	21	13	7-5-1	31-85, 1	15-23-0	128	0	54-213	8-46.4	3-1	3-25	3-of-13	23:26
	17	18	6-12-0	36-85, 2	25-47-3	299	0	83-384	6-47.3	2-0	5-48	6-of-19	36:34
(9-30) NIU at San Diego State	28	22	9-11-3	45-155, 1	23-38-3	262	3	83-417	8-36.4	1-1	4-42	8-of-17	34:27
	34	10	3-6-1	36-127, 0	10-20-0	136	2	56-263	10-39.9	0-0	10-126	1-of-14	25:33
(10-7) NIU vs. Kent State	24	15	9-6-0	50-152, 0	13-22-2	114	3	72-266	8-39.0	1-1	7-59	5-of-17	30:00
	3	9	7-1-1	43-102, 0	6-17-3	29	0	60-131	9-45.8	2-1	5-43	2-of-16	30:00
(10-14) NIU at Buffalo	14	28	15-11-2	56-217, 1	20-31-0	224	1	87-441	7-44.4	4-2	3-35	7-of-17	32:23
	13	15	2-11-2	27-39, 0	21-34-1	344	1	61-383	9-42.2	1-0	8-77	2-of-14	27:37
(10-21) NIU at Bowling Green	48	29	16-13-0	55-338, 2	21-34-0	239	3	89-577	3-36.7	2-1	6-39	13-of-21	34:48
	17	18	9-8-1	44-192, 1	13-23-3	175	1	67-367	3-42.7	2-2	6-53	5-of-12	25:12
(10-26) NIU - OT vs. Eastern Michigan	30	18	6-10-2	36-114, 2	23-40-0	278	2	76-392	11-39.0	4-1	9-72	3-of-16	28:31
	27	15	2-11-2	33-96, 0	23-45-0	307	2	78-403	10-37.8	0-0	6-69	5-of-20	31:29
(11-2) NIU at Toledo	17	25	11-12-2	40-185, 2	24-44-2	245	0	84-430	5-44.0	0-0	7-45	8-of-17	28:06
	27	23	7-14-2	40-166, 3	23-31-0	361	0	71-527	6-31.8	2-1	4-35	4-of-13	31:54
(11-9) NIU vs. Ball State	63	20	9-9-2	45-222, 2	11-24-0	211	5	69-433	4-39.0	1-1	1-5	9-of-14	23:59
	17	16	7-9-0	43-83, 1	19-30-1	162	1	73-245	11-27.3	0-0	4-50	6-of-18	36:01
(11-15) NIU vs. Western Michigan	35	17	13-2-2	49-248, 3	6-11-0	64	1	60-312	5-27.2	3-3	7-65	7-of-12	26:58
	31	17	9-7-1	44-110, 2	15-27-0	211	2	71-321	6-37.0	2-1	3-35	8-of-17	33:02
(11-24) NIU at Central Michigan	24	19	9-8-2	40-137, 1	20-36-2	128	1	76-265	10-43.9	1-0	7-60	5-of-17	31:24
	31	16	4-10-2	33-139, 1	20-39-1	247	3	72-386	10-41.9	1-0	9-87	4-of-17	28:36

— NIU in the 2017 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	384.3	89	8	Tackles for Loss	8.8	1	1
Rushing Offense	187.3	40	4	Sacks Allowed	2.08	70	8
Passing Offense	197.1	89	8	Tackles for Loss Allowed	5.33	41	5
Passing Efficiency	125.16	86	8	Blocked Kicks	6	1	1
Completion Percentage	.573	82	5	Blocked Punts	4	3	1
Scoring Offense	30.2	49	4	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.42	84	7
First Downs Offense	250	63	4	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	59.25	92	6
Red Zone Offense	.818	84	7	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.411	58	3
Total Defense	328.0	18	1	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.284	6	1
Rushing Defense	112.3	11	2	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.455	83	8
Pass Efficiency Defense	115.94	25	2	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.533	78	8
Passing Yards Allowed	215.8	56	7	Time of Possession	29:09	84	9
Scoring Defense	20.8	26	1				
Red Zone Defense	.810	47	5	INDIVIDUAL (Top 55, Select)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
First Downs Defense	194	13	1	Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss	2.4	1	1
Net Punting	36.80	91	8	Sutton Smith, Sacks	1.17	3	2
Punt Returns	4.93	108	10	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	3	4	2
Punt Return Defense	7.41	69	8	Sutton Smith, Forced Fumbles	0.25	29	6
Kickoff Returns	21.73	47	2	Jawuan Johnson, Forced Fumbles	0.25	29	6
Kickoff Return Defense	20.11	54	8	Jawuan Johnson, Interceptions/Game	0.4	9	3
Turnover Margin	-0.25	87	8	Jawuan Johnson, Total Interceptions	5	8	2
Turnovers Gained	21	35	5	Chad Beebe, Kickoff Returns	24.8	28	2
Turnovers Lost	24	114	10	Chad Beebe, Punt Returns	3.9	45	3
Passes Intercepted	15	18	3	Shane Wimann, Receiving TDs	7	51	7
Passes Had Intercepted	11	75	5	Jackson Abresch, Punt Return TDs	2	2	1
Sacks	3.42	2	1	Jordan Huff, Rush Yards/Carry	5.83	36	3

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RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Blake, Christian	2-6-0	2-7-0	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	2-(-3)-0	1-14-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-15-0	3-16-0	0-0-0
Brown, D.J.	2-7-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	1-10-0	9-44-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	4-19-1	0-0-0	2-13-0
Childers, Marcus	DNP	5-28-0	2-10-0	5-20-1	17-65-0	27-79-1	19-73-0	16-54-1	15-49-1	4-20-0	10-43-1	12-13-0
Graham, Ryan	12-99-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-23-0	DNP	DNP
Harbison, Tre	DNP	2-5-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-10-0	5-36-0	0-0-0	8-57-1	12-52-0	4-19-0	9-52-1
Huff, Jordan	5-9-0	11-88-0	16-105-1	25-148-0	18-58-0	10-42-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-57-1	25-185-2	11-48-0
Jones, Marcus	11-48-0	12-63-2	1-3-0	5-16-0	6-20-0	DNP	5-37-0	13-49-1	14-80-0	7-29-0	4-(-9)-0	4-11-0
Milton, Dwayne	0-0-0	3-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-62-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Mister, Tommy	1-(-3)-0	5-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-5-0	6-30-0	17-115-1	4-12-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Parchment, Andrew	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-4)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-5-0	DNP	DNP
Parker, Jonathan	0-0-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Santacaterina, Daniel	DNP	5-14-0	7-(-9)-0	5-(-28)-0	3-(-1)-0	DNP	1-(-1)-0	DNP	DNP	1-1-0	DNP	DNP
Tears, Spencer	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-3)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Wesley, Jauan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-9-1	1-1-0	0-0-0	2-(-5)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KentSt	Buffalo	BGSU	EMU	Toledo	Ball St	WMU	CMU
Beebe, Chad	6-93-0	4-32-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-27-0	6-124-1	2-20-0	4-58-0	3-36-0	1-1-0	1-26-0
Blake, Christian	0-0-0	3-24-1	5-77-0	12-153-2	2-7-0	1-18-0	3-17-0	3-39-0	2-16-0	2-27-1	1-10-0	4-26-0
Brinkman, Mitchell	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-5-1	1-26-1	0-0-0
Brown, D.J.	2-31-1	7-88-0	3-18-0	4-(-3)-0	1-9-0	5-53-0	3-23-0	7-104-1	3-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-9-1
Crawford, Daniel	0-0-0	1-17-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	2-15-0
Graham, Ryan	1-13-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Harbison, Tre	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	1-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-30-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Huff, Jordan	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-6-0	1-4-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-24-1	0-0-0	2-(-1)-0
Jones, Marcus	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-16-0	1-(-2)-0	5-51-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Mister, Tommy	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Parchment, Andrew	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-6-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Tears, Spencer	3-29-0	4-61-1	2-(-3)-0	5-105-1	3-25-1	5-31-0	3-42-1	4-40-0	3-63-0	1-15-0	1-12-0	5-41-0
Wesley, Jauan	0-0-0	2-30-0	3-29-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-70-1	0-0-0	1-7-0
Wimann, Shane	4-37-1	1-1-1	0-0-0	1-3-0	4-53-1	4-50-1	3-11-1	4-70-1	6-37-0	1-4-1	1-12-0	1-5-0

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	DNP	23-37-3, 262; 3	0-1-0, 0; 0
Kent State	DNP	0-1-1, 0; 0	13-21-1, 114; 3
Buffalo	DNP	DNP	20-31-0, 224; 1
Bowling Green	DNP	0-1-0, 0; 0	21-33-0, 239; 3
Eastern Michigan	DNP	DNP	23-40-0, 278; 2
Toledo	DNP	DNP	24-43-2, 235; 0
Ball State	0-0-0	1-2-0, 70; 1	10-22-0, 141; 4
Western Michigan	DNP	DNP	6-11-0, 64; 1
Central Michigan	DNP	DNP	20-36-2, 128; 1

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

Beebe	Embry	Lurry
3-17, 10; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-1, 1; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
DNP	2-(-10), 12; 0	0-0, 0; 0
DNP	1-7, 7; 0	2-25, 13; 0
DNP	2-8, 8; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-23, 13; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
2-7, 4; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
1-4, 4; 0	0-0, 0; 0	2-(-3), 0; 0
1-1, 1; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-9, 8; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 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	8-36.4, 4; 56
Kent State	8-39.0, 2; 56
Buffalo	7-44.4, 2; 50
Bowling Green	3-36.7, 1; 42
Eastern Michigan	10-42.9, 4; 53
Toledo	5-44.0, 2; 49
Ball State	4-39.0, 3; 53
Western Michigan	3-27.3, 0; 39
Central Michigan	10-43.9, 4; 70

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

Blake	Embry	Brown	Parker	Beebe
3-48, 23; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
3-68, 34; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
1-25, 25; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	DNP
0-0, 0; 0	1-22, 22; 0	0-0, 0; 0	2-38, 21; 0	DNP
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	DNP
2-33, 25; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	1-24, 24; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	1-31, 31; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	1-29, 29; 0	2-46, 24; 0	0-0, 0; 0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	3-70, 34; 0
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0-0, 0; 0	0-0, 0; 0	1-24, 24; 0	0-0, 0; 0	1-21, 21; 0

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DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	BC	EIU	NEB	SDSU	KSU	BUFF	BGSU	EMU	TOL	BSU	WMU	CMU
Abresch, Jackson	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0 .5TFL	1-0-1	1-3-4, INT	2-0-2	1-0-1, BLK	1-0-1, 2TD	1-0-1	4-0-4, PB
Allen, Mycial	2-3-5, PB	2-2-4, INT 2 PB	3-0-3, TFL	3-1-4 TFL	2-0-2, PB	7-1-8	1-0-1, INT	4-1-5	3-4-7, FR	0-0-0	1-0-1	4-1-5, PB TFL
Brinkman, Mitchell*	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1, BLK	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Brown, Drequan	1-0-1, TFL, QS	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1, TFL	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1, QS TFL	0-0-0	0-0-0
Buirge, Adam	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-1-7, 1.5 TFL	0-0-0	1-0-1
Corcoran, Josh	1-1-2, PB	4-2-6, TFL	0-4-4, TFL INT	2-2-4	0-4-4 1.5QS, 2TFL	2-0-2, TFL	0-1-1	5-1-6, TFL	1-1-2, QS TFL	3-0-3, QS 2TFL	DNP	DNP
Deveaux, Lance	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	3-1-4, PB	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
Embry, Jalen	3-1-4	3-2-5, PB	3-1-4	2-1-3	0-0-0	2-0-2	1-1-2, PB	4-0-4	0-0-0	4-0-4 2TFL	1-0-1	1-0-1
Foster, Trayshon	1-1-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	3-0-3	2-0-2	3-0-3, INT 2 TFL, 2QS, FF	2-0-2	0-0-0	5-0-5, PB BLK	0-0-0	1-0-1
Gregory, Andrew	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Heflin, Jack	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1, TFL	0-0-0
Johnson, Jawuan	7-3-10, 3TFL 1.5 TFL	3-4-7, FF INT, TD	4-5-9, TFL	3-2-5, PB 2TFL, INT	5-7-12, QS INT	1-0-1 1.5TFL	6-5-11, FR QS, TFL	5-1-6, PB TFL	4-2-6, FF 0.5 TFL, INT	3-3-6	6-1-7	6-0-6, TFL INT, TD, FF
Jones, Bobby	10-6-16, 2TFL	0-3-3	5-9-14, TFL	5-2-7, TFL	2-6-8, QS 2TFL, INT	4-2-6 2QS, 2TFL	4-5-9, QS 2TFL	5-2-7, TFL	4-5-9	1-0-1	5-3-8	8-1-9
Jones-Davis, Antonio	2-0-2	0-8-8	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	3-0-3	2-1-3	4-0-4	7-2-9, TFL	6-0-6, QS TFL	4-0-4	2-1-3
Kelly, Marcus	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0
Kramer, Weston	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-3, TFL	0-1-1	0-0-0	2-3-5, QS 1.5 TFL	1-1-2	0-2-2
Lee, William	0-1-1	2-1-3, QS	0-1-1 BLK	2-1-3, TFL	0-1-1 .5QS, .5TFL	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-3-4	0-0-0	2-0-2, QS TFL	1-1-2
Lersch, Corey	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1-3	DNP	DNP	1-2-3 0.5 TFL	DNP	DNP
LeRoy, Ben	0-1-1	0-3-3 .5 TFL	3-0-3, QS TFL	0-0-0	1-2-3, .5TFL	2-3-5 .5QS, 1.5TFL	0-2-2	2-0-2	1-2-3	1-2-3 TFL	2-3-5, .5QS 0.5TFL	4-3-7, QS 2.5 TFL
Lorbeck, Matt	0-0-0	0-0-0, PB	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Lurry, Shawun	1-1-2	0-1-1, PB	1-1-2, INT TD, PB	3-0-3, PB 2TFL	0-1-1, INT .5 TFL	1-0-1	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-2-3, TFL	3-0-3 TFL, PB	0-1-1	2-0-2 2PB
Mister, Tommy*	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Olootu, Mayomi	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-1-1	2-2-4, TFL	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0
Pugh, Kyle	6-11-17, INT	1-4-5	6-5-11, PB	2-0-2, TFL	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Sanders, Joe	2-0-2, PB	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-2-2	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	2-1-3 QS, TFL	4-1-5, 2PB	0-1-1 .5 TFL
Schwab, Alex	1-2-3	2-4-6	1-1-2	2-0-2	1-6-7, FR .5TFL	3-1-4	3-0-3, PB	2-0-2	1-6-7	1-2-3 TFL	3-0-3, QS TFL	1-0-1
Smalls, Albert	3-3-6, TFL	2-0-2, PB	3-0-3, PB	3-0-3, PB	2-0-2	3-0-3	0-0-0	5-0-5	7-2-9	3-0-3	2-0-2	4-0-4 2PB
Smith, Sutton	5-1-6, 5TFL QS	3-0-3, PB TFL, FF, FR	4-2-6, 2QS 4 TFL, PB	3-0-3, TFL QS	4-6-10 3QS, 4TFL	2-2-4, FF 1.5QS & TFL	2-2-4, FF TFL, FR-TD	5-1-6, PB 3TFL, QS	0-2-2	3-0-3, QS 2 TFL	5-1-6, FR-TD 2.5QS, 5.5TFL	3-0-3, QS TFL
Smith, Trequan	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Webster, Devin	0-1-1	1-1-2, QS	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-1-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Williams, Mykelti	5-0-5, PB	1-4-5, INT	9-1-10	3-3-6, TFL	4-1-5, PB	7-0-7, PB	5-1-6, PB	3-0-3	3-3-6, PBU	5-0-5	7-1-8	2-0-2
Wynne, Quintin	0-0-0	1-2-3, QS	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-2-3	0-0-0	DNP	DNP

*All tackles on special teams

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RUSHING

	Season	Career
<u>23 Jordan Huff, TB</u>		
Carries	25 (2x) (SDSU, 9-30; WMU, 11-15)	25 (SDSU, 9-30-17; WMU, 11-15-17)
Yards	185 (WMU, 11-15)	185 (WMU, 11-15-17)
Touchdowns	2 (WMU, 11-15)	3 (EMU, 11-16-16)
Long	35 (BSU, 11-9)	87 (WMU, 11-18-15)
<u>15 Marcus Childers, QB</u>		
Carries	27 (Buffalo, 10-14)	27 (Buffalo, 10-14-17)
Yards	79 (Buffalo, 10-14)	79 (Buffalo, 10-14-17)
Touchdowns	1(5x) (last: WMU, 11-15)	1(5x) (last: WMU, 11-15-17)
Long	32 (BSU, 11-9)	32 (BSU, 11-9-17)
<u>21 Marcus Jones, TB</u>		
Carries	14 (Toledo, 11-2)	14 (Toledo, 11-2-17)
Yards	80 (Toledo, 11-2)	80 (Toledo, 11-2-17)
Touchdowns	2 (EIU, 9-9)	2 (EIU, 9-9-17)
Long	29 (Toledo, 11-2)	73 (Miami, 10-17-15)
<u>26 Tommy Mister, TB</u>		
Carries	17 (BGSU, 10-21)	17 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Yards	115 (BGSU, 10-21)	115 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	1 (BGSU, 10-21)	1 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Long	30 (BGSU, 10-21)	30 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
<u>17 Ryan Graham, QB</u>		
Carries	12 (BC, 9-1)	18 (Buffalo, 11-11-15)
Yards	99 (BC, 9-1)	99 (BC, 9-1-17)
Touchdowns	0	0
Long	60 (BC, 9-1)	60 (BC, 9-1-17)
<u>10 D.J. Brown, WR</u>		
Carries	9 (Buffalo 10-14)	10 (Murray St, 9-12-15)
Yards	44 (Buffalo 10-14)	55 (Murray St, 9-12-15)
Touchdowns	1 (BSU 11-9)	1 (EMU, 10-24-15; BSU 11-9-15)
Long	11 (Buffalo, 10-14)	23 (Murray St, 9-12-15)
<u>16 Dwayne Milton, TB</u>		
Carries	6 (BGSU, 10-21)	6 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Yards	62 (BGSU, 10-21)	62 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	0	0
Long	41 (BGSU, 10-21)	41 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
<u>22 Tre Harbison, TB</u>		
Carries	12 (BSU, 11-9)	12 (Toledo, 11-9-17)
Yards	57 (Toledo, 11-2)	57 (Toledo, 11-2-17)
Touchdowns	1 (Toledo 11-2; CMU 11-24)	1 (Toledo 11-2-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Long	22 (BGSU, 10-21)	22 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
<u>4 Christian Blake, WR</u>		
Carries	3 (WMU, 11-15)	3(2x) (last: WMU, 11-15-17)
Yards	16 (WMU, 11-15)	19 (SDSU, 9-17-16)
Touchdowns	0	1 (WMU, 9-17-16)
Long	14 (Buffalo, 10-14)	14 (Buffalo, 10-14-17)
<u>9 Jauan Wesley, WR</u>		
Carries	2 (BSU, 11-9)	1 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Yards	9 (BGSU, 10-21)	9 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	1 (BGSU, 10-21)	1 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Long	9 (BGSU, 10-21)	9 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
<u>14 Spencer Tears, WR</u>		
Carries	2 (SDSU, 9-30)	2 (SDSU, 9-30-17)
Yards	0	0
Touchdowns	0	0
Long	5 (SDSU, 9-30)	5 (SDSU, 9-30-17)

PASSING

	Season	Career
<u>15 Marcus Childers, QB</u>		
Attempts	43 (Toledo 11-2)	43 (Toledo, 11-2-17)
Completions	23 (EMU, 10-26; Toledo, 11-2)	23 (EMU, 10-26-17; Toledo 11-2-17)
Comp %	64.5 (Buffalo, 10-14)	64.5 (Buffalo, 10-14-17)
Yards	278 (EMU, 10-26)	278 (EMU, 10-26-17)
Long	73 (BGSU, 10-21)	73 (BGSU, 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	4, (BSU, 11-9)	4, (BSU, 11-9)
Interceptions	2 (Toledo, 11-2; CMU 11-24)	1 (Toledo, 11-2-17; CMU 11-24-17)
<u>7 Daniel Santacaterina, QB</u>		
Attempts	37 (SDSU, 9-30)	37 (SDSU, 9-30-17)
Completions	23(2x) (EIU 9-9; SDSU 9-30)	23(2x) (EIU 9-9-17; SDSU 9-30-17)
Comp %	68.2 (Nebraska, 9-16)	68.2 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Yards	262 (SDSU, 9-30)	262 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Long	81 (SDSU, 9-30)	81 (SDSU, 9-30)
Touchdowns	3(2x), (EIU 9-9; SDSU 9-30)	3(2x), (EIU 9-9-17; SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions	3 (SDSU 9-30)	3 (SDSU 9-30-17)
<u>17 Ryan Graham, QB</u>		
Attempts	38 (BC, 9-1)	43 (Toledo, 11-9-16)
Completions	15 (BC, 9-1)	24 (Toledo, 11-9-16)
Comp %	39.5 (BC, 9-1)	66.7 (WIU, 9-24-16)
Yards	190 (BC, 9-1)	227 (Toledo, 11-9-16)
Long	46 (BC, 9-1)	68 (Buffalo, 11-11-15)
Touchdowns	2 (BC, 9-1)	3 (Toledo, 11-9-16)
Interceptions	1 (BC, 9-1)	1 (BC, 9-1-17)

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DEFENSE

	Season Highs	Career Highs
13 Jackson Abresch, S		
Total Tackles	4 (3x) (BC 9-1; BGSU 10-21; CMU 11-24)	4 (4x) (KSU 11-25-16; BC 9-1-17; BGSU 10-21-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (SDSU 9-30)	0.5 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions	1 (BGSU 10-7)	1 (2x) (BGSU 11-1-16; BGSU 10-7-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (CMU 11-24)	1 (3x) (Buffalo 10-22-16; KSU 11-25-16; CMU 11-24-17)
20 Mycial Allen, S		
Total Tackles	8 (Buffalo, 10-14)	13 (Wyoming, 9-3-16)
Tackles for Loss	1 (3x) (SDSU 9-30; Nebraska 9-16; CMU 11-24)	1 (7x) (last: CMU 11-24-17)
Interceptions	1 (2x) (EIU 9-9; BGSU 10-7)	1 (6x) (last: BG 10-7-17)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (EIU 9-9)	2 (EIU 9-9-17)
40 Drequan Brown, DE		
Total Tackles	1 (4x) (BC 9-1; SDSU 9-30; KSU 10-7; BSU 11-9)	1 (4x) (BC 9-1-17; SDSU 9-30-17; KSU 10-7-17; BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (3x) (BC 9-1; SDSU 9-30; BSU 11-9)	1 (3x) (BC 9-1-17; SDSU 9-30-17; BSU 11-9-17)
Sacks	1 (2x) (BC 9-1; BSU 11-9)	1 (2x) (BC 9-1-17; BSU 11-9-17)
29 Adam Buirge, S		
Total Tackles	7 (BSU 11-9)	7 (BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (BSU 11-9)	1.5 (BSU 11-9-17)
12 Josh Corcoran, DE		
Total Tackles	6 (EIU 9-9; EMU 10-26)	8 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Tackles for Loss	2 (KSU 10-7; BSU 11-9)	2.5 (BSU 10-1-16)
Sacks	1.5 (KSU 10-7)	2 (BSU 10-1-16)
Interceptions	1 (Nebraska 9-16)	1 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (BC 9-1)	1 (BC 9-1-17)
37 Lance Deveaux, Jr., LB		
Total Tackles	4 (Toledo 11-2)	9 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Tackles for Loss	--	1 (KSU 11-25-16)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Toledo 11-2)	1 (3x) (Buffalo 10-22-16; KSU 11-25-16; Toledo, 11-2-17)
3 Jalen Embry, CB		
Total Tackles	5 (EIU 9-9)	5 (EIU 9-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	2 (BSU 11-9)	2 (BSU 11-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (EIU 9-9; BGSU 10-21)	1 (EIU 9-9; BG 10-21-17)
11 Trayshon Foster, S		
Total Tackles	5 (BSU 11-9)	5 (2x) (Wyoming 9-3-16; BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	2 (BGSU 10-21)	2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Sacks	2 (BGSU 10-21)	2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Interceptions	1 (BGSU 10-21)	1 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (BSU 11-9)	1 (BSU 11-9-17)
98 Jack Heflin, DT		
Total Tackles	1 (8x) (last: WMU 11-15)	1 (8x), (last: WMU 11-15-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (WMU 11-15)	1 (WMU 11-15-17)
99 Ben LeRoy, DT		
Total Tackles	7 (CMU 11-24)	7 (CMU 11-24-17)
Tackles for Loss	2.5 (CMU 11-24)	2.5 (CMU 11-24-17)
Sacks	1(2x) (Nebraska 9-16; CMU 11-24)	1(2x) (Nebraska 9-16-17; CMU 11-24-17)

	Season Highs	Career Highs
48 Antonio Jones-Davis, LB		
Total Tackles	9 (Toledo 11-2)	9 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Toledo 11-2; BSU 11-9)	1 (3x) (WMU 10-8-16; Toledo 11-2-17; BSU 11-9-17)
Sacks	1 (BSU 11-9)	1 (BSU 11-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	--	1 (Buffalo 10-22-16)
7 Jawuan Johnson, LB		
Total Tackles	12 (KSU 10-7)	12 (KSU 10-7-17)
Tackles for Loss	3 (BC 9-1)	4 (Wyoming 9-3-16)
Sacks	1 (3x) (KSU 10-7; BGSU 10-21; CMU 11-24)	1 (4x) (UNLV 9-5-15; KSU 10-7-17; BGSU 10-21-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Interceptions	1 (5x) (last: CMU 11-24)	1 (5x) (last: CMU 11-24-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (2x) (SDSU 9-30; EMU 10-26)	1 (2x) (SDSU 9-30-17; EMU 10-26-17)
6 Bobby Jones IV, LB		
Total Tackles	16 (BC 9-1)	16 (BC 9-1-17)
Tackles for Loss	2 (4x) (BC 9-1; KSU 10-7; Buffalo 10-14; BGSU 10-21)	2 (6x), (last: BGSU 10-21-17)
Sacks	2 (Buffalo 10-14)	2 (Buffalo 10-14-17)
Interceptions	1 (KSU 10-7)	1 (KSU 10-7-17)
Pass Break-Ups	--	1 (Murray St. 9-12-15)
55 Weston Kramer, DT		
Total Tackles	5 (BSU 11-9)	5 (BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (BSU 11-9)	1.5 (BSU 11-9-17)
Sacks	1 (BSU 11-9)	1 (BSU 11-9-17)
44 Corey Lersch, LB		
Total Tackles	3(2x), (BG 10-21; BSU 11-9)	3 (2x), (BGSU 10-21-17; BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss	.5 (BSU 11-9)	.5 (BSU 11-9-17)
41 Matt Lorbeck, DE		
Total Tackles	1 (2x) (Nebraska 9-16; BSU 11-9)	1 (2x) (Nebraska 9-16-17; BSU 11-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (EIU, 10-26)	1 (EIU, 10-26-17)
19 Shawun Lurry, CB		
Total Tackles	3 (3x) (SDSU 9-30; Toledo 11-2, BSU, 11-9)	8 (2x) (Buffalo 11-11-15; BSU 10-1-16)
Tackles for Loss	2 (SDSU 9-30)	2 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions	1 (2x) (Nebraska 9-16; KSU 10-7)	2 (Ohio St. 9-19-15)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (CMU 11-24)	4 (EMU 11-16-16)
5 Mayomi Olootu, CB		
Total Tackles	4 (KSU 10-7)	4 (5x) (last: KSU 10-7-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (KSU 10-7)	1 (KSU 10-7-17)
Interceptions	--	2 (Buffalo 10-22-16)
Pass Break-Ups	--	2 (BSU 10-1-16)
57 Kyle Pugh, LB		
Total Tackles	17 (BC 9-1)	17 (BC 9-1-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (SDSU 9-30)	1 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions	1 (BC 9-1)	1 (BC 9-1-17)
Pass-Break-Ups	1 (Nebraska 9-16)	1 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
9 Joe Sanders, DE		
Total Tackles	5 (WMU 11-15)	5 (2x) (USF 9-10-16; WMU 11-15-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (BSU 11-9)	1(3x) (WIU 9-24-16; USF 9-10-16; BSU 11-9-17)
Sacks	1 (BSU 11-9)	1 (BSU 11-9)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (WMU 11-15)	2 (WMU 11-15)

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DEFENSE (continued)

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>18 Alex Schwab, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	7 (2x), (KSU 10-7; Toledo 11-2)	14 (EMU 11-16-16)
Tackles for Loss	1 (2x), (BSU 11-9; WMU 11-15)	2 (KSU 11-25-16)
Sacks	1 (WMU 11-15) WMU 11-15-17)	1 (2x) (KSU 11-25-16;
Pass Break-Ups	1 (BGSU 10-21)	1 (BGSU 10-21-17)
<u>1 Albert Smalls, CB</u>		
Total Tackles	9 (Toledo 11-2)	9 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (BC 9-1)	1(3x), (SDSU 9-17-16; WMU 10-8-16; BC 9-1-17)
Sacks	--	1 (WMU 10-8-16)
Interceptions	--	1(3x), (Presbyterian 8-28-14; WMU 11-28-14 WMU 11-18-15)
Pass-Break-Ups	2 (CMU 11-24)	2 (CMU 11-24-17)
<u>94 Devin Webster, DT</u>		
Total Tackles	2(2x), (EIU 9-9; Buffalo 10-14)	2(2x), (EIU 9-9-17; Buffalo 10-14-17)
Sacks	1 (EIU 9-9-17)	1, (EIU 9-9-17)

RECEIVING

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>4 Christian Blake, WR</u>		
Catches	12 (SDSU 9-30)	12 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Yards	153 (SDSU 9-30)	153 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Touchdowns	2 (SDSU 9-30)	2 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Long	50 (SDSU 9-30)	51 (Wyoming 9-3-16)
<u>14 Spencer Tears, WR</u>		
Catches	5 (SDSU 9-30; Buffalo 10-14; CMU 11-24)	5 (SDSU 9-30-17; Buffalo 10-14-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Yards	105 (SDSU 9-30)	105 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Touchdowns	1 (4x), (EIU 9-9; SDSU 9-30; Kent St, 10-7; BGSU 10-21)	1 (4x), (EIU 9-9-17; SDSU 9-30-17; Kent St 10-7-17; BGSU 10-21-17)
Long	81 (SDSU 9-30)	81 (SDSU 9-30-17)
<u>10 D.J. Brown, WR</u>		
Catches	7(2x), (EIU 9-9; EMU 10-26)	7(2x) (EIU 9-9-17; EMU 10-26-17)
Yards	104 (EMU 10-26)	104 (EMU 10-26-17)
Touchdowns	1(3x), (BC 9-1; EMU 10-26; CMU 11-24)	1(3x), (BC 9-1-17, EMU 10-26-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Long	69 (EMU 10-26)	69 (EMU 10-26-17)
<u>82 Chad Beebe, WR</u>		
Catches	6 (BGSU 10-21)	6 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Yards	124 (BGSU 10-21)	124 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	1 (BGSU 10-21)	1(3x), (BGSU 10-21-17; Ohio 11-18-14; UMass 11-2-13)
Long	73 (BGSU 10-21)	81 (UMass 11-2-13)
<u>35 Shane Wimann, TE</u>		
Catches	6 (Toledo 11-2)	6 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Yards	70 (EMU 10-26)	70 (EMU 10-26-17)
Touchdowns	1 (7x) (last: BSU 11-9)	2 (Murray State 9-12-15)
Long	50 (EMU 10-26)	50 (EMU 10-26-17)
<u>9 Jauan Wesley, WR</u>		
Catches	3 (Nebraska 9-16)	3 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Yards	70 (BSU 11-9)	70 (BSU 11-9-17)
Touchdowns	1, (BSU 11-9)	1, (BSU 11-9-17)
Long	70 (BSU 11-9)	70 (BSU 11-9-17)

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>15 Sutton Smith, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	10 (KSU 10-7)	10 (KSU 10-7-17)
Tackles for Loss	5.5 (WMU 11-15)	5.5 (WMU 11-15-17)
Sacks	3 (KSU 10-7)	3 (KSU 10-7-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1(3x), (EIU 9-9; Nebraska 9-16; EMU 10-26)	1(3x), (EIU 9-9-17; Nebraska 9-16-17; EMU 10-26-17)
<u>8 Mykelti Williams, S</u>		
Total Tackles	10 (Nebraska 9-16)	10 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (SDSU 9-30)	1 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions	1 (EIU 9-9)	1 (EIU 9-9-17)
Pass-Break-Ups	1(5x), (last: Toledo, 11-2)	1 (5x) (last: Toledo 11-2-17)
<u>53 Quintin Wynne, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	3(2x) (EIU 9-9; Toledo 11-2)	3(2x), (CMU 10-15-16; EMU, 10-26-16)
Tackles for Loss	--	1 (CMU 10-15-16)
Sacks	1, (EIU, 9-9)	1(2x), (Toledo 11-9-16; EIU 9-9-17)

If category is missing, player has no stats in that category.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>21 Marcus Jones, TB</u>		
Catches	5 (Toledo 11-2)	5 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Yards	51 (Toledo 11-2)	51 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Long	18 (Toledo 11-2)	18 (Toledo 11-2)
<u>23 Jordan Huff, TB</u>		
Catches	1 (5x), (last: BSU 11-9)	4 (USF 9-10-16)
Yards	24 (BSU 11-9)	39 (SDSU 9-17-16)
Touchdowns	1 (Kent St 10-7)	1 (Kent St 10-7)
Long	24 (BSU 11-9)	30 (SDSU 9-17-16)
<u>26 Tommy Mister, TB</u>		
Catches	2 (EMU 10-26)	2 (EMU 10-26-17)
Yards	7 (EMU 10-26)	13 (Kent St. 11-25-16)
Long	6 (EMU 10-26)	13 (Kent St. 11-25-16)
<u>88 Daniel Crawford, TE</u>		
Catches	2 (CMU 11-24)	2 (CMU 11-24-17)
Yards	17 (EIU 9-9)	17 (EIU 9-9-17; WMU 11-15-17)
Long	17 (EIU 9-9)	17 (EIU 9-9-17)
<u>89 Mitchell Brinkman, TE</u>		
Catches	1(4x), (Buffalo 10-14; Kent St. 10-3; BSU 11-9; WMU 11-15)	1(5x), (CMU 10-15-16; Kent St. 10-3-17; Buffalo 10-14-17; BSU 11-9; WMU 11-15)
Yards	26 (WMU 11-15)	26 (WMU 11-15-17)
Touchdowns	1(2x) (BSU 11-9; WMU 11-15)	1(2x) (BSU 11-9-17; WMU 11-15-17)
Long	26 (WMU 11-15)	26 (WMU 11-15-17)
<u>22 Tre Harbison, TB</u>		
Catches	1(2x), (Buffalo 10-14; BSU 11-9)	1 (Buffalo 10-14-17) BSU 11-9-17)
Yards	30 (BSU 11-9)	30 (BSU 11-9-17)
Long	30 (BSU 11-9)	30 (BSU 11-9-17)

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	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	63, vs. Ball State (11-9)	14, at Buffalo (10-14)
Points, Half	35 (1st), vs. Ball State (11-9)	0 (2nd), at Buffalo (10-14)
Points, Quarter	24 (2nd), vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	0 - 11x; last (3rd) vs. CMU (11-24)
First Downs	29, at Bowling Green (10-21)	13, at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing Yards	338, at Bowling Green (10-21)	85, at Nebraska (9-16)
Rushing Attempts	56, at Buffalo (10-14)	31, at Nebraska (9-16)
Passing Yards	278, vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26)	64, vs. WMU (11-15)
Pass Attempts	44, at Toledo (11-2)	11, vs. WMU (11-15)
Pass Completions	24, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 24, at Toledo (11-2)	6, vs. WMU (11-15)
Total Offensive Plays	89, at Bowling Green (10-21)	54, at Nebraska (9-16)
Total Offense Yards	577, at Bowling Green (10-21)	213, at Nebraska (9-16)
Penalties	15, vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9)	1, vs. Ball State (11-9)
Turnovers	4, vs. San Diego State (9-30)	1 - 5x; last vs. Ball State (11-9)
Sacks (By Defense)	7, vs. Kent State (10-7) 7, vs. Ball State (11-9)	1, vs. San Diego State (9-30), at Toledo (11-2)
Time of Possession	34:48, at Bowling Green (10-21)	23:26, at Nebraska (9-16)

OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	34, by San Diego State (9-30)	3, by Kent State (10-7)
Points, Half	31 (1st), by San Diego State (9-30) 31 (2nd), by Central Michigan (11-24)	0 - 4x; last (1st) by CMU (11-24)
Points, Quarter	17 (2nd), by San Diego State (9-30) 17 (3rd) by Central Michigan (11-24)	0 - 13x; last (4th) by Ball State (11-9)
First Downs	23, by Toledo (11-2)	9, by Kent State (10-7)
Rushing Yards	192, by Bowling Green (10-21)	39, by Buffalo (10-14)
Rushing Attempts	50, by Boston College (9-1)	27, by Buffalo (10-14)
Passing Yards	361, by Toledo (11-2)	29, by Kent State (10-7)
Pass Attempts	47, by Nebraska (9-16)	17, by Kent State (10-7)
Pass Completions	26, by Boston College (9-1)	6, by Kent State (10-7)
Total Offensive Plays	92, by Boston College (9-1)	56, by San Diego State (9-30)
Total Offense Yards	527, by Toledo (11-2)	131, by Kent State (10-7)
Penalties	10, by San Diego State (9-30)	3, by Western Michigan (11-15)
Turnovers	5, by Bowling Green (10-21)	0, by San Diego State (9-30) 0, by Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Sacks (By Defense)	4, by San Diego State (9-30)	0, by Boston College (9-1), by Western Michigan (11-15)
Time of Possession	36:34, by Nebraska (9-16)	25:23, by Bowling Green (10-21)

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Rushing Attempts:	29, Marcus Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
Rushing Yards:	185, Jordan Huff vs. WMU (11-15)
Rushing TDs:	2, Marcus Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 2, Jordan Huff vs. Western Michigan (11-15)
Long TD Run:	35 yards, Jordan Huff vs. Ball St. (11-9)
Non-Scoring Run:	60 yards, Ryan Graham vs. Boston College (9-1)
Passes Attempted:	43, Childers at Toledo (11-2)
Passes Completed:	23, Daniel Santacaterina vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) and at San Diego St. (9-30); Marcus Childers vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26) and at Toledo (11-2)
Passes Had Intercepted:	3, Santacaterina at San Diego St. (9-30)
Completion Percentage:	.682, Santacaterina at Nebraska (9-16)
Passing Yards:	278, Childers vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26)
TD Passes:	4, Marcus Childers vs. Ball St. (11-9)
Long TD Pass:	81, Santacaterina to Tears at San Diego St. (9-30)
Non-Scoring Pass:	50, Santacaterina to Blake at San Diego St. (9-30) 50, Childers to Wimann vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Receptions:	12, Christian Blake at San Diego St. (9-30)
Reception Yards:	153, Blake at San Diego St. (9-30)
Receiving TDs:	2, Blake at San Diego St. (9-30)
Punt Returns:	3, (4x) Chad Beebe, last at CMU (11-24)
Punt Return Yards:	25, Shawun Lurry at San Diego St. (9-30)
Punt Return, Long:	14, Trayshon Foster (block) vs. Ball St. (11-9)
Punt Return, TD:	13 yards, Jackson Abresch (block) vs. Ball St. (11-9)
Kickoff Returns:	4, Chad Beebe vs. Ball State (11-9); vs. WMU (11-15)
Kickoff Return Yards:	111, Beebe vs. WMU (11-15)
Kickoff Return, Long:	49, Beebe vs. WMU (11-15)
Kickoff Return, TD:	N/A
Total Plays:	60, Childers at WMU (11-15)
Total Offensive Yards:	332, Childers vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26)
All-Purpose Attempts:	27, Huff at San Diego St. (9-30); 27, Childers at Buffalo (10-14)
All-Purpose Yards:	185, Huff vs. Western Michigan (11-15)
Points:	12, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 12, Blake at San Diego St. (9-30) 12, Huff vs. Western Michigan (11-15)
Touchdowns:	2, Jones vs. Eastern Illinois (9-9) 2, Blake at San Diego St. (9-30) 12, Huff vs. Western Michigan (11-15)
Points Kicking:	12, Christian Hagan at Bowling Green (10-21)
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), 2, Hagan at Bowling Green (10-21)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	47, Hagan at Toledo (11-2)
Longest Field Goal Made:	41, Hagan vs. Kent St. (10-7)
Punts:	10, Matt Ference vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26); Ference at Central Michigan (11-24)
Best Punting Average:	46.4, Ference at Nebraska (9-16)
Longest Punt:	70 yds, Ference at Central Michigan (11-24)
Tackles:	17, Kyle Pugh vs. Boston College (9-1)
Sacks:	3, Sutton Smith vs. Kent St. (10-7)
Interceptions:	1, multiple times
Long Interception Return:	87, Shawun Lurry (TD) at Nebraska (9-16)
Interception Return, TD:	87 yds, Shawun Lurry at Nebraska (9-16) 25 yds, Jawuan Johnson at Nebraska (9-16) 37 yds, Jawuan Johnson at CMU (11-24)
Fumbles Forced:	1, six times
Fumbles Recovered:	1, six times
Fumble Return:	58 yds, Sutton Smith (TD) vs. W. Michigan (11-15)

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	29, Terry Swanson, Toledo (11-2)
Rushing Yards:	159, Jonathan Ward, Central Michigan (11-24)
Long TD Run:	54 yds, Jonathan Ward, Central Michigan (11-24)
Non-Scoring Run:	52 yds, Jonathan Ward, Central Michigan (11-24)
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:	.742 (23-31), Logan Woodside, Toledo (11-2)
Passing Yards:	361, Logan Woodside, Toledo (11-2)
TD Passes:	3, Shane Morris, Central Michigan (11-24)
Long TD Pass:	68, Roback to Bailey, Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Non-Scoring Pass:	89 yards, Woodside to Johnson, Toledo (11-2)
Receptions:	10, Diontae Johnson, Toledo (11-2)
Reception Yards:	166, Diontae Johnson, Toledo (11-2)
Punt Returns:	5, De'Mornay Pierson-El, Nebraska (9-16)
Punt Return Yards:	21, Blake Banham, Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Punt Return, Long:	27, Mathew Sexton, Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Punt Return, TD:	N/A
Kickoff Returns:	5, Malik Dunner, Ball State (11-9)
Kickoff Return Yards:	116, Malik Dunner, Ball State (11-9)
Kickoff Return, Long:	96, Juwan Washington, San Diego St. (9-30)
Kickoff Return, TD:	96, Juwan Washington, San Diego St. (9-30)
Total Plays:	54, Tanner Lee, Nebraska (9-16)
Total Offensive Yards:	378, Logan Woodside, Toledo (11-2)
All-Purpose Attempts:	30, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30) 30, Terry Swanson, Toledo (11-2)
All-Purpose Yards:	225, Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (9-30)
Points:	18, Terry Swanson, Toledo (11-2)
Touchdowns:	3, Terry Swanson, Toledo (11-2)
Points Kicking:	12, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
Field Goals Attempted:	5, Paulie Fricano, Eastern Michigan (10-26)
Field Goals Made:	3, Colton Lichtenberg, Boston College (9-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	52, James Suder, Bowling Green (10-21)
Longest Field Goal Made:	42, Colton Lichtenberg, BC (9-1)
Punts:	10, Brandon Heicklen, San Diego State (9-30) 10, Jack Sheldon, Central Michigan (11-24)
Best Punting Average:	47.3, Caleb Lightbourn, Nebraska (9-16)
Longest Punt:	74, Derek Adams, Kent State (10-7)
Tackles:	19, Khalil Hodge, Buffalo (10-14)
Sacks:	3.0, Jay Henderson, San Diego State (9-30)
Interceptions:	2, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30) 2, Trevon Mathis, Toledo (11-2)
INT Return, Long:	83 yds, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30)
INT Return, TD:	83 yds, Tariq Thompson, San Diego State (9-30)
Fumble Return:	N/A

A HUSKIE TEAM

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

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 25 at Toledo (11-2-17)

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 – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

SCORED 60 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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 – 577 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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 – 338 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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

THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS – 64 vs. Western Michigan (11-15-17)

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 – 83 yards vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 39 yards at Buffalo (10-14-17)

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

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING – 29 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)

HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE – 131 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)

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

HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN – 24-3 vs. Kent State (10-7-17)

WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME – W, 30-27, OT vs. Eastern Michigan (10-26-17)

A HUSKIE OPPONENT

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 36:01, Ball State (11-9-17)

RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 96 yards, Juwan Washington of San Diego State (9-30-17)

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 83 yards, Tariq Thompson of San Diego State (9-30-17)

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 – Mathew Sexton of Eastern Michigan (10-26-17)

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Mathew Sexton (block) / Jaron Johnson (recovered ball in end zone) of Eastern Michigan (10-26-17)

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 – 2nd, Buffalo (10-14-17)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 361, Logan Woodside of Toledo (11-2-17)

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

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – 159, Jonathan Ward of Central Michigan (11-24-17)

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 – 10, Diontae Johnson of Toledo (11-2-17)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 166, Diontae Johnson and 102, Jordan Fisher of Toledo (11-2-17)

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 (NOT BLOCKED) – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Jawuan Johnson (37 yards) at Central Michigan (11-24-17)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Sutton Smith (58 yards) vs. Western Michigan (11-15-17)

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

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 (10 yards to Marcus Childers) at Toledo (11-2-17)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Trayshon Foster, and Jauan Wesley vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Trayshon Foster (block)/Jackson Abresch (13-yd return) AND Jauan Wesley (block)/Abresch (recovered in end zone) vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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)

THREW FOUR OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME - Marcus Childers (4) vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Marcus Childers (69 yards) to D.J. Brown (10-26-17)

COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (70 yards) to Jauan Wesley (11-9-17)

COMPLETED AN 80-YARD PASS – Daniel Santacaterina (81 yards) to Spencer Tears (9-30-17)

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Jordan Huff (185) vs. Western Michigan (11-15-17)

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

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

RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Jordan Huff, 2 games (9-16 and 9-30-17)

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

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

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

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

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – Christian Blake (13) vs. San Diego State (9-30-17)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – Chad Beebe (124) at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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

CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME – Christian Blake (2) vs. San Diego State (9-30-17)

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

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

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

SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME – 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)

SCORED A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD IN A GAME – Jordan Huff (1 rush, 1 receiving) vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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)

ON THE SEASON CHARTS

SINGLE SEASON PATS MADE

5.	Christian Hagan	2015	54
6.	Chris Nendick	2004	52
7.	Chris Nendick	2005	50
8.	Christian Hagan	2017	47
9.	Christian Hagan	2016	45

SINGLE SEASON PATS ATTEMPTED

5.	Christian Hagan	2015	54
6.	Chris Nendick	2004	52
7.	Chris Nendick	2005	50
8.	Christian Hagan	2017	47
9.	Christian Hagan	2016	46

SINGLE SEASON PAT PERCENTAGE

1.	Chris Nendick	2005	50-50	1.000
	Christian Hagan	2017	47-47	1.000
	Kent Baker	1999	35-35	1.000

Six additional at 1.000 with less attempts.

SINGLE SEASON PUNTING AVERAGE

4.	Mike Kent	1985	41.70
5.	Tyler Wedel	2014	41.66
6.	Todd Van Keppel	1982	41.3
7.	Matt Ference	2017	41.2
8.	Tom Wittum	1970	40.8

ON THE CAREER CHARTS

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

1.	Dan Meyer	1964-66	16
2.	Al Eck	1958-60	15
	Vince Thompson	1999-2002	15
4.	Shawun Lurry	2014-17	14
	Chris Blake	1971-73	14
	Randee Drew	2000-03	14

CAREER PASS BREAK-UPS

1.	Randee Drew	2000-03	38
2.	Rashaan Melvin	2009-12	35
3.	Paris Logan	2012-15	33
	Shawun Lurry	2014-17	33

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

1.	Larry English	2004-08	31.5
2.	Cary Caliendo	1987-90	31
6.	C.J. Rose	1992-95	19
7.	Larry Williams	1999-02	16
	Brian Atkinson	2001-04	16
	Alan Baxter	2009-12	16
10.	Sutton Smith	2016-	15

CAREER SCORING

1.	Steve Azar	2000-03	370
2.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	364
3.	Garrett Wolfe	2004-06	344
4.	Chris Nendick	2004-07	332
5.	Chad Spann	2007-10	300
6.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	296

CAREER POINTS (KICKING)

1.	Steve Azar	2000-03	370
2.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	358
3.	Chris Nendick	2004-07	332
4.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	296

CAREER PATS MADE

1.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	196
2.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	167

CAREER PATS ATTEMPTED

1.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	203
2.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	170

CAREER PAT PERCENTAGE

1.	Kent Baker	1996-99	1.000
	Bob Forester	1984-85	1.000
3.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	.982

CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	Steve Azar	2000-03	73
3.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	54
4.	John Ivanic	1987-90	46
5.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	43

CAREER FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1.	Steve Azar	2000-03	92
2.	Chris Nendick	2004-07	79
	Mathew Sims	2010-13	79
4.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	64

CAREER FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1.	Steve Azar	2000-03	.793
7.	Brian Clark	1995-98	.689
8.	Mathew Sims	2010-13	.684
9.	Christian Hagan	2014-17	.672

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

13.	Thomas Hammock	1999-2002	2,432
14.	John LaLonde	1968-70	2,227
15.	Darryl Richardson	1982-85	2,191
16.	Jordan Huff	2014-17	2,167

CAREER RUSHING YARDS PER CARRY

1.	Jordan Lynch	2009-13	6.56
2.	Jordan Huff	2014-17	6.51
3.	Garrett Wolfe	2004-06	6.40

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

5.	Al Eck	1958-60	19
	Hugh Rohrschneider	1960-63	19
	Da'Ron Brown	2011-14	19
8.	Kenny Golladay	2015-16	18
	Dan Sheldon	2001-04	18
10.	Shane Wimann	2014-17	17
	Gary Stearns	1960-63	17

CAREER PUNT RETURNS

4.	Dan Sheldon	2001-04	57
5.	Mike Pinckney	1979-80	49
	Steve Rodgers	1989-93	49
	Justin McCareins	1997-2000	49
8.	Chad Beebe	2013-17	48

CAREER PUNT RETURN YARDS

7.	Mike Pinckney	1979-80	360
8.	Tommy Davis	2009-11	331
9.	Chad Beebe	2013-17	329
	Steve Rodgers	1989-93	329

RECORDS BROKEN/TIED

CAREER INT RETURN YARDS

1.	Shawun Lurry	2014-17	448
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CAREER YARDS PER INT RETURN

1.	Shawun Lurry	2014-17	32.0
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CAREER INTERCEPTIONS RETURNS FOR TD

1.	Shawun Lurry	2014-17	2
	Jawuan Johnson	2015-	2
	Vince Thompson	1999-2002	2
	Lionel Hickenbottom	2001-04	2
	Dave Petway	1977-80	2

SINGLE SEASON TACKLES FOR LOSS

1.	Sutton Smith	2017	28.5
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SINGLE SEASON QUARTERBACK SACKS

1.	Sutton Smith	2017	14.0
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SINGLE SEASON INT RETURNS FOR TD

1.	Jawuan Johnson	2015-	2
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FUMBLES RETURNED FOR A TD - SEASON

1.	Sutton Smith	2017	2
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FUMBLES RETURNED FOR A TD - CAREER

1.	Sutton Smith	2016-	2
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CAREER TDS BY A TIGHT END

1.	Shane Wimann	2014-17	17
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SINGLE SEASON TDS BY A TIGHT END

1.	Shane Wimann	2017	7
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SINGLE SEASON PUNTS - TIED

1.	Matt Ference	2017	78
	Tom Wittum	1969	78

SINGLE SEASON PUNTING YARDS

1.	Matt Ference	2017	3,213
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ON THE TEAM CHARTS

	No.	Rank
Most Punts by Opponent	96	1st
Most Defensive Touchdowns	5	1st
Most Tackles For Loss	106	1st
Most Quarterback Sacks	41	2nd
Rushing Defense (Yards/G)	112.2	2nd
Most Punts	81	TIED
Most Punting Yards	3,267	2nd
Punting Average	40.3	7th
Pass Attempts	377	10th
Passing Touchdowns	24	7th
Most Total Offense Plays	906	8th

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)
Rushes-Net Yards	50-148	35-164
Passing Yards	191	203
Passes (C-A-I)	26-42-1	16-39-1
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
Rushing - BC: Hillman 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).		
Passing - BC: Brown 26-42-1, 191; NIU: Graham 15-38-1, 190; Blake 1-1-0, 13.		
Receiving - BC: Walker 8-50, White 6-76, Smith 3-18, Hillman 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.		
Tackles - BC: Harris 10, Allen 9; NIU: Pugh 17, Jones 16, Johnson 10.		

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)
Rushes-Net Yards	45-60	47-230
Passing Yards	127	269
Passes (C-A-I)	14-32-2	24-35-1
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
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.		
Passing - EIU: Kimble 14-29-2, 127; Gilkey 0-3-0, 0; NIU: Santacaterina 23-34-1, 252; Childers 1-1-0, 17.		
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.		
Tackles - EIU: Horne 8, Dewberry 7; NIU: Jones-Davis 8, Johnson 7.		

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 for 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)
Rushes-Net Yards	31-85	36-85
Passing Yards	128	299
Passes (C-A-I)	15-23-0	25-47-3
Plays-Total Yards	54-213	83-384
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
Rushing - NIU: Huff 16-105, Childers 2-10, Jones 1-3, Blake 1-(-1), Santacaterina 7-(-9), TEAM 4-(-23) NEB: Wilbon 24-90, Ozigbo 2-8, McNitt 1-4, Spielman 2-1, Lee 7-(-18),		
Passing - NIU: Santacaterina 15-22-0, 128; Blake 0-1-0, 0 NEB: Lee 25-47-3, 299.		
Receiving - NIU: Blake 5-77, Wesley 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;		
Tackles - NIU: B. Jones 14, Pugh 11 NEB: Gifford 8, Reed 5.		

GAME 4: #19 SAN DIEGO STATE 34, NIU 28

September 30 | 9:30 p.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network
San Diego, California | SDCCU Stadium | 35,717

A valiant second-half comeback by the NIU Huskies fell short against 19th-ranked San Diego State Aztecs as NIU dropped a 34-28 decision at SDCCU Stadium in San Diego Saturday night.

Senior Christian Blake caught 12 passes for 153 yards, Spencer Tears had 105 yards on five catches, tailback Jordan Huff ran for 148 yards on 25 carries and quarterback Daniel Santacaterina completed 23-of-37 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns to lead a Huskie offense that outgained SDSU 417-263. Defensively, NIU held San Diego State to just three points in the second half and allowed them to convert only one of 14 third downs.

However, four turnovers, including three INTs, doomed NIU's upset chances.

Down 31-17 at half, NIU scored on its second offensive play of the second half when Santacaterina hit Tears for an 81-yard touchdown.

Three possessions later, Santacaterina went deep again, this time to Blake, for 50 yards to the SDSU 10-yard line. Three plays later, Marcus Childers ran in from one-yard out and NIU was back within three points of the Aztecs at 31-28.

San Diego State put together its only extended drive of the second half to score a 21-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. NIU's William Lee tackled SDSU's Rashaad Penny for a two-yard loss from the two-yard line on third down.

The Huskies twice started drives in SDSU territory in the fourth quarter. NIU's best chance for a game-winning score came when they advanced from the Aztecs 45 to the 20. On first and 10 from the 20, Santacaterina's pass at the goal line was intercepted by SDSU's Kelly Kameron.

The game began ominously for the Huskies when SDSU's Juwan Washington returned the opening kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 Aztecs' lead.

NIU responded when Santacaterina hit Blake for 34 yards and a touchdown. Hagan's PAT tied the score 7-7 with 11:49 still to play in the first quarter.

San Diego State took advantage of a Huskie fumble to secure its second touchdown. One play after the recovery at the NIU 33, SDSU quarterback Christian Chapman hit Penny with a 33-yard touchdown pass for a 14-7 Aztecs' lead.

The Huskies responded, this time with a 13-play, 77-yard drive. Forty-four of those yards came on Santacaterina to Blake connections, including the 10-yard touchdown pass as NIU tied the score at 14 with 4:18 to play in the first quarter.

San Diego State exploded for 17 points in the second quarter to take a 31-14 halftime lead. The first score came on an 83-yard interception return by Tariq Thompson. San Diego State then marched 66 yards on seven plays in 3:45 to take a 28-14 lead on a Chapman to Kahale Warring eight-yard touchdown pass.

The Aztecs tacked on a 38-yard field goal before the end of the half.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	0	14	0	- 28
San Diego State	14	17	0	3	- 34

SCORING SUMMARY

SDS - Washington 96 kickoff return (Baron kick), 1st 14:47
NIU - Blake 34 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 11:49 (7-73, 2:53)
SDS - Penny 33 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 1st 9:55 (1-33, 0:05)
NIU - Blake 10 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 1st 4:18 (13-77, 5:31)
SDS - Thompson 83 interception return (Baron kick), 2nd 9:00
SDS - Warring 8 pass from Chapman (Baron kick), 2nd 2:12 (7-66, 3:45)
SDS - Baron 38 FG, 2nd 0:07 (7-32, 0:42)
NIU - Tears 81 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 3rd 14:17 (2-82, 0:37)
NIU - Childers 1 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 5:39 (4-60, 1:36)
SDS - Baron 21 FG, 4th 14:15 (8-64, 4:01)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	SDSU
First Downs (R-P)	23 (9-11)	10 (3-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	46-160	36-127
Passing Yards	269	136
Passes (C-A-I)	24-40-3	10-20-0
Plays-Total Yards	86-429	56-263
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-42	10-126
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-83	4-182
Punt Returns-Yds	3-32	1-3
3rd Down Conversions	8-17	1-14
4th Down Conversions	0-0	1-1
Punts-Average	8-36.4	10-39.9
Possession Time	34:27	25:33
Sacks By-Yards	1-6	4-30
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	2-2
Rushing - NIU: Huff 25-148, Childers 5-20, Jones 5-16, Tears 3-5, Brown 1-4, TEAM 1-(-1), Parchment 1-(-4), Santacaterina 5-(-28) SDSU: Penny 25-107, Washington 4-19, Chapman 4-7, TEAM 3-(-6).		
Passing - NIU: Santacaterina 24-39-3, 269; Childers 0-1-0, 0 SDSU: Chapman 10-19-0, 136; Team 0-1-0, 0.		
Receiving - NIU: Blake 13-160, Tears 5-105, Brown 4-(-3), Huff 1-4, Wimann 1-3 SDSU: Warring 3-39, Penny 2-32, Truxton 2-28, Wells, 1-23, Andrews 1-11, Collins 1-3.		
Tackles - NIU: B. Jones 7, Williams 6; SDSU: Baldwin 11, Kelly 9.		

GAME 5: NIU 24, KENT STATE 3

October 7 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 11,398

On a rainy, windy day at Huskie Stadium, the Huskies relied on a dominating defensive performance to earn a 24-3 Mid-American Conference victory over Kent State.

The Huskies allowed the Golden Flashes to earn just 131 yards in the game, 102 rushing and 29 passing, while giving up only nine first downs. Kent State converted just two-of-16 first downs a week after NIU held San Diego State to just one-of-14 conversions.

Shawun Lurry, Jawuan Johnson and Bobby Jones IV intercepted passes in the game. Johnson led the Huskies with 12 tackles, two for loss, while Sutton Smith had a career high 10 tackles with three sacks and four tackles for loss.

The Huskies totaled seven sacks, the most by an NIU defense since the 2013 season.

Neither team started well offensively as the game started with four punts. NIU then inserted redshirt freshman quarterback Marcus Childers, who directed a 12-play, 80-yard drive to give the Huskies all the points they would need in the game. Childers ran for 42 yards on the drive, including a 28-yard rush, and hit Spencer Tears with a 10-yard touchdown pass, the first of his Huskie career. Christian Hagan's PAT gave NIU a 7-0 lead with two minutes to play in the first quarter.

Kent State scored its only points with a 10-play, 89-yard drive, culminating in a Shane Hynes 18-yard field goal. The Golden Flashes had first and goal from the seven yard line but fell inches short on a third and two play, forcing KSU into the field goal try.

Lurry's interception set up the Huskies' second touchdown and came after Kent State recovered a pooched kickoff at the NIU 19. On third and goal from the 17, KSU quarterback Dustin Crum was pressured and Lurry stepped in front of his pass and returned it 45 yards, setting up the Huskies in Kent State territory.

With 3:55 to play in the half, NIU drove to the Kent 25 and from there, Childers hit tight end Shane Wimann who scored his 13th career touchdown. The Huskies led 14-3 at halftime.

A turnover also led to NIU's third touchdown when Matt Ference's punt was muffed by the Kent State returner and recovered by the Huskies' Alex Schwab at the Kent State 11-yard line. Three plays later, Childers hit Huff with a two-yard touchdown pass to extend NIU's lead to 21-3 with 10:34 to play in the third quarter.

Hagan added a 41-yard field goal with 4:48 left in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

Childers, who came on to relieve starter Daniel Santacaterina, completed 13-of-21 passes for 114 yards and three touchdowns while netting 65 yards rushing on 17 carries to lead the Huskies' rushing attack. Wimann caught four passes for 53 yards to lead all receivers. Jordan Huff ran 18 times for 58 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Kent State	0	3	0	0	3
NIU	7	7	10	0	24

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Tears 10 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 2:00 (12-80, 5:35)
KSU - Hynes 18 FG, 1st 6:33 (10-89, 4:42)
NIU - Wimann 25 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 1:01 (8-48, 2:54)
NIU - Huff 2 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 3rd 10:34 (2-11, 0:32)
NIU - Hagan 41 FG, 3rd 4:48 (4-8, 1:04)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	KSU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	9 (7-1)	15 (9-6)	<u>Rushing</u> - KSU: Crum 15-77, Rankin 12-33, Matthews 8-15, Gamble 1-3, James 1-(-3), Price 2-(-7), Bollas 4-(-16); NIU: Childers 17-65, Huff 18-58, Jones 6-20, Brown 1-10, Mister 2-5, Santacaterina 3-(-1), Team 1-(-2), Blake 2-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	43-102	50-152	<u>Passing</u> - KSU: Bollas 4-13-2, 14; Crum 2-4-1, 15; NIU: Childers 13-21-1, 114; Santacaterina 0-1-1, 0.
Passing Yards	29	114	<u>Receiving</u> - KSU: Harrell 2-10, Rankin 2-8, Carrigan 1-7, Price 1-4; NIU: Wimann 4-53, Tears 3-25, Blake 2-7, Brinkman 1-13, Brown 1-9, Wesley 1-5, Huff 1-2.
Passes (C-A-I)	6-17-3	13-22-2	<u>Tackles</u> - KSU: J. Jones 14, Lawrence-Burke 7; NIU: Johnson 12, Smith 10.
Plays-Total Yards	60-131	72-266	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	5-43	7-59	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-26	0-0	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-2	2-8	
3rd Down Conversions	2-16	5-17	
4th Down Conversions	0-2	1-1	
Punts-Average	9-45.8	8-39.0	
Possession Time	30:00	30:00	
Sacks By-Yards	3-27	7-37	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-3	

GAME 6: NIU 14, BUFFALO 13

October 14 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3
Buffalo, N.Y. | UB Stadium | 12,784

NIU scored touchdowns on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter, and Buffalo recorded 13 first-half points to complete the scoring for the game as NIU claimed a win while scoring 14 points or less for the first time since 1988.

The Huskie defense came up big, stopping six Buffalo drives in the second half, including one inside the NIU 20 as the Bulls missed a 34-yard field goal. Linebacker Jawuan Johnson stopped another drive with his third interception of the season and the rest was just hard-nosed, tough-against-the-run defense.

Buffalo finished the game with 39 yards rushing and netted just one yard in the second half. The Bulls, who lost their starting quarterback just before halftime, gained 113 yards passing in the second half after totaling 229 in the first. NIU defenders totaled four sacks and held Buffalo to just two conversions on 14 third-down tries.

Redshirt freshman Marcus Childers made his first career start at quarterback for NIU and completed 20-of-31 passes for 224 yards, despite missing on his first five passes of the game. He hit Shane Wimann with a 34-yard touchdown pass and did not throw an interception. Childers also led the Huskies in rushing with 79 yards on 27 carries and a 10-yard score.

In seven offensive possessions in the second half, NIU totaled 14 first downs and 247 yards. The Huskies missed two field goals, saw one second half possession end on a fumble, and closed out the game in victory formation on Buffalo's 16-yard line.

NIU scored on its first two possessions of the second quarter for its only points of the game and a 14-3 Huskie lead. Childers led the Huskies on a 12-play, 75-yard drive with D.J. Brown accounting for 26 yards rushing and receiving. Childers hit Christian Blake for 18 yards to the Buffalo 10-yard line and ran in from there for NIU's first score.

After the Huskie defense forced a three-and-out, NIU got the ball back on its 37-yard line and drove 63 yards in five plays to take a 14-3 lead with 10:09 to play in the half. Childers hit Spencer Tears for two of his five catches on the day, and then found Shane Wimann down the sideline for a 34-yard touchdown. Wimann finished the day with four catches for 50 yards.

Buffalo responded with a its lone touchdown of the day as quarterback Drew Anderson hit Emmanuel Reed from 21 yards out. The PAT made it 14-10 NIU with 8:14 to play in the half.

A Huskie fumble set up Buffalo's next field goal, and the final points of the game. NIU drove from its nine to the 40 where Tommy Mister's fumble was recovered by Cameron Lewis. The Bulls then drove 33 yards where once again the Huskie defense stood strong, forcing a 22-yard field goal by Adam Mitcheson.

Buffalo scored the only points of the first quarter on a 23-yard field goal by Mitcheson. From its own 40, UB used a 21-yard completion and a late hit penalty on NIU to advance to the Huskie 24-yard line. Buffalo's drive stalled at the NIU six when two runs gained only six yards, forcing the field goal.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	14	0	0	14
Buffalo	3	10	0	0	13

SCORING SUMMARY

UB - Mitcheson 23 FG, 1st 2:47 (7-54, 2:27)
NIU - Childers 10 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 14:00 (12-75, 3:42)
NIU - Wimann 34 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 10:09 (5-65, 1:54)
UB - Reed 21 pass from Anderson (Mitcheson kick), 2nd 8:14 (4-81, 1:50)
UB - Mitcheson 22 FG, 2nd 2:51 (8-33, 2:55)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	UB	
First Downs (R-P)	28 (15-11)	15 (2-11)	<u>Rushing</u> - NIU: Childers 27-79, D.J. Brown 9-44, Huff 10-42, Mister 6-30, Blake 1-14, Harbison 2-10, TEAM 1-(-22); UB: Reed 15-37, D. Anderson 2-9, T. Anderson 5-9, Johnson 1-0, VanTrease 4-(-16).
Rushes-Net Yards	56-217	27-39	<u>Passing</u> - NIU: Childers 20-31-0, 224; UB: D. Anderson 13-18-0, 191; VanTrease 8-16-1, 153.
Passing Yards	224	344	<u>Receiving</u> - NIU: Brown 5-53, Tears 5-31, Wimann 4-50, Beebe 1-27, Harbison 1-24, Blake 1-18, Crawford 1-13, Brinkman 1-4, Mister 1-4. UB: A. Johnson 7-140, Reed 4-72, Martinez 3-36, Nunn 2-51, Osborn 2-33, Mabry 2-7, Lefebvre 1-5.
Passes (C-A-I)	20-31-0	21-34-1	<u>Tackles</u> - NIU: Allen 8, Williams 7; UB: Hodge 19, Collier 10.
Plays-Total Yards	87-441	61-383	
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	3-35	8-77	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-57	3-52	
Punt Returns-Yds	3-23	1-13	
3rd Down Conversions	7-17	2-14	
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-0	
Punts-Average	7-44.4	9-42.2	
Possession Time	32:23	27:37	
Sacks By-Yards	4-29	2-17	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	3-4	

GAME 7: NIU 48, BOWLING GREEN 17

October 21 | 1 p.m. (CT) | ESPN3
Bowling Green, Ohio | Doyt Perry Stadium | 12,092

NIU put together its most complete performance of the year to defeat Bowling Green 48-17 Saturday at Doyt Perry Stadium in Bowling Green.

The Huskies moved within one win of bowl eligibility and NIU has now won 23 of its last 24 regular season meetings with MAC East Division opponents.

In his second career start, Marcus Childers accounted for 312 yards of total offense, passing for career high 239 yards on 21-of-33 passing and rushing for 73 yards on 19 carries. Childers threw three touchdown passes, including a career-long 73-yard scoring pass to Chad Beebe, and was not intercepted.

Beebe caught six passes for 124 yards to record the first 100-yard receiving game of his career while Tommy Mister ran for 115 yards on 17 carries for his first 100-yard rushing game, to lead a 338-yard rushing attack by NIU.

The Huskies took advantage of five turnovers by Bowling Green with interceptions by Trayshon Foster, Jackson Abresch and Mycial Allen, a fumble recovery by Jawuan Johnson caused by a Foster sack, and a strip, steal and score by sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith.

Foster earned his first career interception, Abresch his first of the year and second of his career and Mycial Allen his second of the season as NIU is now just one INT away from its 2016 season total of 14. Smith's score, which came as he pulled the ball away from Bowling Green running back Andrew Clair and ran 16 yards to the end zone, was the third by the Huskie defense in 2017.

Offensively, NIU totaled a season-high 577 yards on 89 plays, including a season-best 338 rushing yards and 29 total first downs.

Mister started the scoring for NIU with a 30-yard touchdown run, the first of his NIU career. The Huskies' other rushing score came at the very end of the game as receiver Jauan Wesley went in from nine yards out on the jet sweep as the second team offense played most of the fourth quarter.

In between the rushing touchdowns, Childers threw first half scoring passes of eight, 15, and 73 yards to tight end Shane Wimann, receiver Spencer Tears and Beebe, respectively. NIU took a 31-7 halftime lead when Huskie kicker Christian Hagan made a 29-yard field goal as time expired in the first half as he went two-for-two on field goals for the day.

Bowling Green became just the second NIU opponent to score a first quarter touchdown when they got on the board on an 11-yard pass from James Morgan to Quintin Morris. By the time they scored again – on a 34-yard field goal by James Suder, NIU had put 27 points on the board. The Falcons' final touchdown came versus the Huskie back-ups.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	17	10	7	- 48
Bowling Green	7	0	3	7	- 17

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Mister 30 run (Hagan kick), 1st 11:47 (8-75, 3:13)
NIU - Wimann 8 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 3:33 (8-70, 3:21)
BG - Morris 11 pass from Morgan (Suder kick), 1st 0:38 (9-77, 2:50)
NIU - Tears 15 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 7:33 (9-47, 3:15)
NIU - Beebe 73 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 2:19 (6-95, 2:42)
NIU - Hagan 29 FG, 2nd 0:00 (9-48, 1:17)
NIU - Smith 16 fumble recovery (Hagan kick), 3rd 11:55
NIU - Hagan 32 FG, 3rd 6:20 (9-54, 4:09)
BG - Suder 34 FG, 3rd 2:04 (12-58, 4:16)
BG - Loy 2 run (Suder kick), 4th 4:54 (10-67, 4:42)
NIU - Wesley 9 run (Hagan kick), 4th 0:50 (8-75, 4:04)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	BG
First Downs (R-P)	29 (16-13).....18 (9-8)	Rushing - NIU: Mister 17-115, Childers 19-73, Milton 6-62, Jones 5-37, Harbison 5-36, Wesley 1-9, Blake 1-7, Santacaterina 1-(-1); BG: Clair 15-108, Loy 11-29, Denley 3-19, Cleveland 5-14, Wilson 4-10, Stephens 3-9, Morgan 2-3, Skattebo 1-0.
Rushes-Net Yards	55-338.....44-192	Passing - NIU: Childers 21-33-0, 239; Santacaterina 0-1-0, 0; BG: Morgan 7-12-2, 71; Loy 6-11-1, 104.
Passing Yards	239.....175	Receiving - NIU: Beebe 6-124, Tears 3-42, Brown 3-23, Blake 3-17, Wimann 3-11, Jones 2-16, Parchment 1-6. BG: Pough 4-20, Miller 3-49, Guyton 2-51, Wilcox 2-15, Norris 1-29, Morris 1-11.
Passes (C-A-I)	21-34-0.....13-23-3	Tackles - NIU: Johnson 11, Jones 9; BG: Locke 10, Garth 10, Harris 10.
Plays-Total Yards	89-577.....67-367	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1.....2-2	
Penalties-Yards	6-39.....6-53	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-31.....3-64	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	13-21.....5-12	
4th Down Conversions	1-3.....1-2	
Punts-Average	3-36.7.....3-42.7	
Possession Time	34:48.....25:12	
Sacks By-Yards	3-18.....2-9	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	5-5.....3-3	

GAME 8: NIU 30, EASTERN MICHIGAN 27 (OT)

October 26 | 6 p.m. (CT) | CBSSN
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 8,872

Trailing Eastern Michigan by two touchdowns with less than a quarter to play, NIU staged a furious comeback to claim a 30-27 overtime victory over the Eagles at Huskie Stadium Thursday night.

Tailback Marcus Jones scored on a nine-yard touchdown run to give the Huskies the win, after the NIU defense held EMU to a 35-yard field goal on its overtime possession.

Eastern Michigan took a 24-10 lead with 13:31 to play in regulation on a trick play as receiver Isaac Holder caught a lateral and hit tight end Bryce Kemp for a 45-yard touchdown.

Two possessions later, the Huskies cut the lead to seven, sparked by a 50-yard completion from Marcus Childers to tight end Shane Wimann to start the drive. Wimann also ended the drive with a five-yard touchdown catch. After Christian Hagan's PAT, Eastern Michigan led just 24-17.

The Huskie defense forced back-to-back three-and-outs when NIU was also unable to put together a drive on its next possession. With 3:12 to play, NIU's Mitchell Brinkman partially blocked an EMU punt, which was returned by Jauan Wesley to the EMU 10-yard line. Two plays later, Childers ran in from 10 yards out to tie the game at 24 with 2:57 to play.

In the final three minutes, Eastern Michigan drove to the NIU 25-yard line, but kicker Paulie Fricano's attempt from 42 yards out missed wide left.

The Huskie defense forced Eastern Michigan into three consecutive three-and-outs in the fourth quarter and the Eagles gained just 93 yards on the ground in the game. Huskie defensive end Sutton Smith recorded three of NIU's seven tackles for loss to tie the school single season record for TFLs with 20.

Wimann finished with four catches for a career high 70 yards, while DJ. Brown led NIU with seven catches for 104 yards. In his third career start, Childers completed 23-of-40 passes for 278 yards and two touchdowns.

After a scoreless first quarter, NIU opened the scoring as Childers hit Brown with a 15-yard pass and the speedster out-ran the defense for a 69-yard touchdown with 12:52 to play in the half.

The lead was short-lived though, as Eastern Michigan responded one play later as quarterback Brogan Roback connected with Sergio Bailey for 68 yards to tie the score at seven at the 12:37 mark.

After a trade of punts, NIU began its next drive from its own 20, but could advance no more than seven yards. The Eagles blocked the punt into the end zone, where Jaron Johnson recovered for a special teams touchdown. Eastern Michigan took a 14-7 lead into halftime.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	1OT	Total
Eastern Michigan	0	14	3	7	3	- 27
NIU	0	7	3	14	6	- 30

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Brown 69 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 12:52 (3-91, 0:58)
EMU - Bailey 68 pass from Roback (Fricano kick), 2nd 12:37 (1-68, 0:10)
EMU - Johnson 0 blocked punt return (Fricano kick), 2nd 4:39
NIU - Hagan 25 FG, 3rd 11:14 (10-64, 3:36)
EMU - Fricano 34 FG, 3rd 5:49 (6-30, 1:53)
EMU - Kemp 45 pass from Holder (Fricano kick), 4th 13:31 (1-45, 0:08)
NIU - Wimann 5 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 4th 7:31 (7-74, 2:01)
NIU - Childers 10 run (Hagan kick), 4th 2:57 (2-10, 0:10)
EMU - Fricano 35 FG, OT (4-8, 0:00)
NIU - Jones 9 run, OT (3-25, 0:00)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	EMU	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	15 (2-11).....18 (6-10)	Rushing - EMU: Eriksen 18-81, Banham 7-14, Vann 6-14, Roback 2-(-13); NIU: Childers 16-54, Jones 13-49, Mister 4-12, Wesley 1-1, Brown 1-1, Tears 1-(-3).
Rushes-Net Yards	33-96.....36-114	Passing - EMU: Roback 22-44-0, 262; Holder 1-1-0, 45; NIU: Childers 23-40-0, 278.
Passing Yards	307.....278	Receiving - EMU: Niupalau 4-57, Bailey 3-94, Buschman 3-19, Banham 3-17, Porter 2-39, Eriksen 2-0, Kemp 1-45, Holder 1-18, Sexton 1-13, Johnson 1-9, Vann 1-(-2), Daughterty 1-(-2); NIU: Brown 7-104, Wimann 4-70, Tears 4-40, Blake 3-39, Beebe 2-20, Mister 2-7, Jones 1-(-2).
Passes (C-A-I)	23-45-0.....23-40-0	Tackles - EMU: Beck 7, Williams 6; NIU: Jones 7, Corcoran 6, Smith 6.
Plays-Total Yards	78-403.....76-392	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....4-1	
Penalties-Yards	6-69.....9-72	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-61.....3-75	
Punt Returns-Yds	4-48.....3-19	
3rd Down Conversions	5-20.....3-16	
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....0-1	
Punts-Average	10-37.8.....11-39.0	
Possession Time	31:29.....28:31	
Sacks By-Yards	2-21.....2-13	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-3.....4-4	

GAME 9: TOLEDO 27, NIU 17

November 2 | 5 p.m. (CT) | ESPNU
Toledo, Ohio | Glass Bowl | 12,092

Toledo's Terry Swanson scored two of his three rushing touchdowns in the third quarter as Toledo came back from a 14-10 deficit to defeat the Huskies, 27-17, Thursday night at the Glass Bowl.

NIU totaled 430 yards, including 185 on the ground, and converted on 8-of-17 third downs. Toledo averaged 7.4 yards per play, and totaled 527 yards.

Swanson gained 116 yards on 29 carries to account for all but 50 of Toledo's 166 rushing yards. Quarterback Logan Woodside completed 23-of-31 passes for 361 yards but did not have a touchdown pass. Diontae Johnson caught 10 passes for 166 yards and Jordan Fisher added six catches for 102 yards.

After Swanson scored his third touchdown on a one-yard run with 4:02 to play in the third quarter to give Toledo a 24-14 lead, the Huskies had a chance to cut the lead to three when Jackson Abresch blocked a Bailey Flint punt, giving NIU the ball on the UT 10-yard line. But the Huskies gained just three yards and settled for a Christian Hagan 25-yard field goal to close the gap to 24-17.

Toledo extended the lead back to 10 on its next drive, going 57 yards in 11 plays before Jameson Vest made a 34-yard field goal with 8:58 to play.

The Huskies moved the ball into Toledo territory on its next two possessions, but Childers' fourth-down pass was intercepted on the first drive and Hagan missed from 47 yards out on the second.

On the night, Childers completed 23-of-43 passes for 235 yards with two interceptions and ran for 49 yards on 15 carries with a touchdown. Marcus Jones led the Huskies with 80 yards rushing on 14 carries while Tre Harbison had eight carries for 15 yards and his first career score. Shane Wimann caught a career high six passes for 37 yards.

The Rockets took advantage of Childers' first interception, which came with NIU driving inside the Toledo 40-yard line with six minutes to play in the second quarter. UT drove to the NIU six-yard line before Woodside was tackled for loss on third and goal by Jawuan Johnson, forcing Toledo into a Vest 23-yard field goal that sent Toledo into halftime with a 10-7 lead.

The teams played to a 7-7 tie in the first quarter. Toledo took the opening kickoff and drove 81 yards in eight plays and 2:53 with Swanson scoring on a four-yard rush.

NIU tied the game in the final three minutes of the first period with a 70-yard drive that included a Christian Blake TO Childers completion for a third down conversion. Harbison used a second effort to score from one yard out for his first career touchdown.

In the second quarter, Toledo they went from their one to the NIU 10 on an 89-yard pass completion. One play later, Woodside fumbled into the end zone and the ball was recovered by Mychal Allen to thwart a scoring opportunity.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	0	7	3	- 17
Toledo	7	3	14	3	- 27

SCORING SUMMARY

UT - Swanson 4 run (Vest kick), 1st 12:07 (8-81, 2:53)
NIU - Harbison 1 run (Hagan kick), 1st 2:39 (12-70, 3:46)
UT - Vest 23 FG, 2nd 1:04 (12-61, 4:59)
NIU - Childers 1 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 13:23 (7-80, 1:33)
UT - Swanson 13 run (Vest kick), 3rd 8:55 (9-75, 4:28)
UT - Swanson 1 run (Vest kick), 3rd 4:02 (7-59, 2:50)
NIU - Hagan 25 FG, 4th 14:09 (4-3, 1:27)
UT - Vest 34 FG, 4th 8:58 (11-57, 5:07)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NIU .....UT	Rushing - NIU: Jones 14-80, Harbison 8-57, Childers 15-49, Brown 1-3, Team 2-(-4); UT: Swanson 29-116, Thompkins 2-29, Woodside 7-17, Johnson 1-4, Seymour 1-0.
First Downs (R-P) 25 (11-12).....23 (7-14)	Passing - NIU: Childers 23-43-2, 235; Blake 1-1-0, 10; UT: Woodside 23-31-0, 361.
Rushes-Net Yards 40-185.....40-166	Receiving - NIU: Wimann 6-37, Jones 5-51, Beebe 4-58, Tears 3-63, Brown 3-10, Blake 2-16, Childers 1-10, UT: D. Johnson 10-166, Fisher 6-102, McKinley-Lewis 2-25, Richards 1-31, Rosi 1-24, J. Johnson 1-8, Swanson 1-3, Phillips 1-2.
Passing Yards 245.....361	Tackles - NIU: Jones-Davis 9, Jones 9, Smalls 9; UT: Locke 10, Garth 10, Harris 10.
Passes (C-A-I) 24-44-2.....23-31-0	
Plays-Total Yards 84-430.....71-527	
Fumbles-Lost 0-0.....2-1	
Penalties-Yards 7-45.....4-35	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 3-70.....3-61	
Punt Returns-Yds 1-15.....1-17	
3rd Down Conversions 8-17.....4-13	
4th Down Conversions 1-2.....1-1	
Punts-Average 5-44.0.....6-31.8	
Possession Time 28:06.....31:54	
Sacks By-Yards 1-4.....2-11	
Red Zone Scores-Chances 3-3.....5-6	

GAME 10: NIU 63, BALL STATE 17

November 9 | 6 p.m. (CT) | CBSSN
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 6,603

NIU scored 63 points, including two touchdowns by senior Jackson Abresch on blocked punt returns, and the Huskie defense broke the school record for tackles for loss in a game with 18 as NIU retained the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the ninth consecutive year with a 63-17 victory over Ball State Thursday night at Huskie Stadium.

The Huskie defense held Ball State to 83 rushing yards thanks in large part to the school-record 18 tackles for loss compiled by 14 different players, including seven quarterback sacks by seven different Huskies. NIU's total is the highest in a single game by an FBS team this year.

Defensive end Sutton Smith's two TFLs gave him the individual school record for tackles for loss in a season with 22, breaking the tie with Scott Kellar (1984). Linebacker Jawuan Johnson added to his team lead with his fourth interception of the season.

The Huskies forced 11 Ball State punts with the Huskies breaking through to block two in the game, both of which were recovered for touchdowns by senior Jackson Abresch. Leading 14-7 after Jordan Huff scored on a 24-yard pass from Marcus Childers, Abresch picked up Trayshon Foster's block at the 13 and returned it for a 21-7 Huskie lead.

Abresch's second touchdown capped the scoring for NIU when he recovered Jauan Wesley's punt block in the back of the end zone.

NIU quarterback Marcus Childers completed 10-of-22 passes for 141 yards and a career high four touchdowns before giving way to back-up Daniel Santacaterina in the third quarter with NIU holding a 49-14 Huskie lead.

Santacaterina completed just one pass in two throws - he hit Jauan Wesley with a 70-yard touchdown, as Huskie quarterbacks combined for a season-high five touchdown passes. NIU totaled 433 yards on just 69 plays to average 6.3 yards per play and converted nine-of-14 third downs.

Senior running back Jordan Huff, back in the line-up after missing three games due to injury, made his presence felt with a pair of touchdowns as he put NIU ahead to stay with a 24-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter, then added a 35-yard rushing TD in the third quarter.

Tight end Shane Wimann opened the scoring for NIU when he took a four-yard shovel pass from Childers into the end zone for his seventh touchdown of the season, breaking the NIU school record for most touchdown receptions by a tight end in a season.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Ball State	7	0	10	0	- 17
NIU	21	14	14	14	- 63

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Wimann 4 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 8:53 (12-55, 3:56)
BSU - Miller 23 pass from Plitt (Hagee kick), 1st 5:57 (7-66, 2:52)
NIU - Huff 24 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 2:51 (7-80, 3:00)
NIU - Abresch 13 blocked punt return (Hagan kick), 1st 00:35
NIU - Brown 6 run (Hagan kick), 2nd 10:51 (8-61, 2:38)
NIU - Brinkman 5 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 2nd 8:02 (3-41, 1:11)
BSU - Dunner 4 run (Hagee kick), 3rd 8:53 (11-89, 5:15)
NIU - Blake 19 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 3rd 5:20 (10-71, 3:27)
NIU - Huff 35 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 4:40 (1-35, 0:08)
BSU - Hagee 21 FG, 3rd 0:18 (4-2, 1:30)
NIU - Wesley 70 pass from Santacaterina (Hagan kick), 4th 9:52 (3-73, 1:33)
NIU - Abresch 0 blocked punt return (Hagan kick), 4th 4:18

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

BSU .....NIU	Rushing - BSU: Huntley 22-70, Hurt 7-28, Dunner 5-26, Milas 3-(-12), Plitt 6-(-29); NIU: Huff 6-57, Harbison 12-52, Jones 7-29, Graham 2-23, Childers 4-20, Brown 4-19, Blake 2-15, Milton 3-7, Parchment 1-5, Santacaterina 1-1, Team 1-(-1), Wesley 2-(-5).
First Downs (R-P) 16 (7-9).....20 (9-9)	Passing - BSU: Milas 10-16-1, 73; Plitt 9-14-0, 89; NIU: Childers 10-22-0, 141; Santacaterina 1-2-0, 70.
Rushes-Net Yards 43-83.....45-222	Receiving - BSU: Hall 8-48, Newton 6-80, Miller 2-28, Endsley 1-9, Huntley 1-(-1), Reece 1-(-2); NIU: Beebe 3-36, Blake 2-27, Wesley 1-70, Harbison 1-30, Huff 1-24, Tears 1-15, Brinkman 1-5, Wimann 1-4.
Passing Yards 162.....211	Tackles - BSU: White 8, Martin 6; NIU: Buirge 6, Jones-Davis 6, Johnson 6.
Passes (C-A-I) 19-30-1.....11-24-0	
Plays-Total Yards 73-245.....69-433	
Fumbles-Lost 0-0.....1-1	
Penalties-Yards 4-50.....1-5	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 9-158.....4-95	
Punt Returns-Yds 0-0.....5-37	
3rd Down Conversions 6-18.....9-14	
4th Down Conversions 0-0.....0-1	
Punts-Average 11-27.3.....4-39.0	
Possession Time 36:01.....23:59	
Sacks By-Yards 2-14.....7-46	
Red Zone Scores-Chances 2-2.....4-4	

GAME 11: NIU 35, WESTERN MICHIGAN 31

November 15 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 7,732

Tailback Jordan Huff ran for 185 yards on 25 carries and defensive end Sutton Smith broke the NIU single season record for quarterback sacks and scored on a 58-yard fumble return, as NIU came back from a fourth-quarter deficit to claim a 35-31 victory over Western Michigan Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium.

Three of Western Michigan's four touchdowns came on short drives after NIU miscues gave WMU the ball inside the Huskie 25-yard line, on two muffed punts and a fumble. A 20-mile-per-hour sustained wind limited the passing game and affected special teams – both kicking and returns – on both sides.

Huff ran for a 31-yard touchdown on NIU's first offensive play, and was unstoppable in the fourth quarter with nine carries for 74 yards during the Huskies' comeback and game-sealing final drive. His 185 yards were a career-high for the senior on Senior Night at Huskie Stadium.

Western Michigan took a 28-21 lead with 1:36 to play in the third quarter after recovering a Huskie fumble at the 24 yard line. Tight end Donnie Ernsberger scored on a 13-yard pass from quarterback Reece Goddard as WMU took its first lead of the game.

The Huskies responded immediately as Huff picked up yardage in chunks of 24 and 17 yards before scoring on a 14-yard run to tie the score at 28 with 13:57 to play. WMU drove to the Huskies' 11 on its ensuing possession, aided by a 68-yard completion to Tyron Arnett. The Broncos could advance no further, though, as the defense held WMU to a 28-yard field goal.

NIU then drove 67 yards in 10 plays for the game-winning score. Huff picked up 20 yards on four carries, and quarterback Marcus Childers hit Shane Wimann for 12 yards to convert on third and seven to extend the drive. Childers hit tight end Mitchell Brinkman for the 26-yard touchdown.

The NIU defense came up with a big three-and-out, forcing the Broncos to punt. The Huskies got the ball back with 5:21 to play and ran out the clock with a final long drive.

Smith was part of a NIU defensive effort that helped bottle up MAC leading rusher Jarvion Franklin through most of the game, holding Franklin to just 23 yards in the final three quarters after he started the game with 92 yards on 14 runs in the first period. A week after breaking the school record for tackles for loss in a season, Smith recorded 2.5 sacks to break the NIU mark for season quarterback sacks.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Western Michigan	7	7	14	3	17
NIU	14	7	0	14	63

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Huff 31 Run (Hagan kick), 1st 12:41 (1-31, 0:08)
WMU - Watson 7 pass from Goddard (Grant kick), 1st 4:18 (4-63, 1:46)
NIU - Childers 1 run (Hagan kick), 1st 2:34 (6-43, 1:35)
WMU - Franklin 2 run (Grant kick), 2nd 12:04 (6-16, 2:56)
NIU - Smith 58 fumble recovery (Hagan kick), 2nd 6:22
WMU - Goddard 7 run (Grant kick), 3rd 3:06 (3-12, 1:24)
WMU - Ernsberger 13 pass from Goddard (Grant kick), 3rd 1:36 (3-24, 1:15)
NIU - Huff 14 run (Hagan kick), 4th 14:04 (5-70, 2:32)
WMU - Grant 28 FG, 4th 10:37 (8-84, 3:20)
NIU - Brinkman 26 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 4th 6:20 (10-67, 4:12)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	WMU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	17 (9-7).....	17 (13-2)	Rushing - WMU: Franklin 27-115,
Rushes-Net Yards	44-110.....	49-248	Eskridge 1-9, Davie 2-2, Goddard
Passing Yards	211.....	64	14-(-16); NIU: Huff 25-185, Childers
Passes (C-A-I)	15-27-0.....	6-11-0	10-43, Harbison 4-19, Blake 3-16,
Plays-Total Yards	71-321.....	60-312	Team 3-(-6), Jones 4-(-9).
Fumbles-Lost	2-1.....	3-3	Passing - WMU: Goddard 15-27-0, 211;
Penalties-Yards	3-35.....	7-65	NIU: Childers 6-11-0, 64.
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-13.....	5-120	Receiving - WMU: Watson 5-53,
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....	2-(-3)	Ernsberger 5-48, Arnett 3-93, Curtis
3rd Down Conversions	8-17.....	7-12	1-12, Davie 1-5; NIU: Brinkman 1-26,
4th Down Conversions	0-1.....	0-0	Wimann 1-12, Tears 1-12, Blake 1-10,
Punts-Average	6-37.0.....	5-27.2	Crawford 1-3, Beebe 1-1.
Possession Time	33:02.....	26:58	Tackles - WMU: Spillane 9, Brown 9;
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....	5-25	NIU: Williams 8, Jones 8.
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-2.....	4-4	

GAME 12: CENTRAL MICHIGAN 31, NIU 24

November 24 | 11 a.m. (CT) | CBS Sports Network
Mount Pleasant, Michigan | Kelly/Shorts Stadium | 8,744

It was a tale of two halves on Black Friday as NIU's defense dominated the first half en route to a 17-0 halftime lead, before Central Michigan scored 24 unanswered points in the second half and went on to win 31-24.

The first half belonged to the NIU defense, beginning on the very first series when linebacker Jawuan Johnson intercepted Shane Morris' third-down pass attempt and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 Huskie lead less than one minute into the game.

On nine possessions in the first half, NIU forced five three-and-outs, eight punts, scored on Johnson's interception return and allowed just four CMU first downs. Central Michigan totaled only 35 yards on 32 plays in the first half, thanks in large part to a 31-yard loss on a sack and fumble at the end of the first quarter. CMU did not convert any of its nine third downs in the half and picked up just one first down in the first quarter.

On its third possession, NIU took a 14-0 lead with a nine-play, 41-yard drive. Quarterback Marcus Childers, who finished the game completing 20-of-36 passes for 128 yards, hit D.J. Brown for a four-yard score.

NIU twice drove inside the CMU 15-yard line in the second quarter, but managed just a 23-yard field goal by Christian Hagan with 7:07 left in the half.

Central Michigan capitalized on a series of big plays to tie the game in the third quarter. On its first possession, CMU quarterback Shane Morris hit Mark Chapman across the middle and he avoided tacklers for a 56-yard score.

After another three-and-out, Jonathan Ward escaped for a 52-yard run to the NIU five, where the Huskie defense forced a 23-yard field goal by Michael Armstrong. The lead stood at 17-10 at the 9:52 mark of the third quarter.

Childers was intercepted to halt NIU's next possession and CMU embarked on a 15-play, 69-yard, 6:14 drive. Morris hit Ward for four yards for the game-tying score as momentum shifted to the Chippewas in the third quarter.

CMU carried the momentum into the fourth quarter, taking a 24-17 lead on its next possession with Ward scoring on a 54-yard run.

The Huskies came back to tie the game at 24 with 3:03 to play on the strength of its rushing. Childers and freshman Tre Harbison carried the load with Harbison getting the final 12 yards for the touchdown.

On CMU's next drive, NIU appeared to have the Chippewas' stalled on fourth and four from the NIU 29-yard line with 1:32 to play. However, Morris hit Corey Willis over the shoulder with the game-winner.

NIU's attempt to send the game to overtime reached the CMU 24-yard line on a 26-yard catch by Chad Beebe. Two plays later, Childers was hit as he threw and his final pass was intercepted at the goal line, sealing the CMU victory.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	14	3	0	7	24
Central Michigan	0	0	17	14	31

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Johnson 37 interception return (Hagan kick), 1st 14:08
NIU - Brown 4 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 1st 1:59 (9-41, 3:20)
NIU - Hagan 23 FG, 2nd 7:13 (9-62, 4:02)
CMU - Chapman 56 pass from Morris (Armstrong kick), 3rd 12:06 (5-67, 2:07)
CMU - Armstrong 23 FG, 3rd 9:52 (5-52, 1:20)
CMU - Ward 4 pass from Morris (Armstrong kick), 3rd 1:19 (15-69, 6:14)
CMU - Ward 54 run (Armstrong kick), 4th 12:35 (4-69, 1:38)
NIU - Harbison 12 run (Hagan kick), 4th 3:03 (9-64, 3:12)
CMU - Willis 29 pass from Morris (Armstrong kick), 4th 1:32 (5-75, 1:31)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	CMU	
First Downs (R-P)	19 (9-8).....	16 (4-10)	Rushing - NIU: Harbison 9-52, Huff
Rushes-Net Yards	40-137.....	33-139	11-48, Brown 2-13, Childers 12-
Passing Yards	128.....	247	13, Jones 4-11, Thompson 1-1,
Passes (C-A-I)	20-36-2.....	20-39-1	Team 1-(-1); CMU: Ward 21-159,
Plays-Total Yards	76-265.....	72-386	Chapman 1-13, Ross 2-5, Poljan
Fumbles-Lost	1-0.....	1-0	2-0, Team 1- (-1), Morris 6-(-37).
Penalties-Yards	7-60.....	9-87	Passing - NIU: Childers 20-36-2, 128;
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-45.....	1-17	CMU: Morris 19-37-1, 247; Poljan
Punt Returns-Yds	3-9.....	3-19	1-2-0, 0.
3rd Down Conversions	5-17.....	4-17	Receiving - NIU: Tears 5-41, Blake
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....	1-1	4-26, Brown 3-9, Crawford 2-15,
Punts-Average	10-43.9.....	10-41.9	Huff 2-(-1), Beebe 1-26, Wesley
Possession Time	31:24.....	28:36	1-7, Wimann 1-5 Jones 1-0.
Sacks By-Yards	3-23.....	3-20	CMU: Conklin 6-67, Cooper 5-58,
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-4.....	2-2	Chapman 3-74, Willis 3-38, Poljan
			1-6, Ward 1-4, Gwilly 1-0.
			Tackles - NIU: Jones 9, Leroy 7; CMU:
			Cox 10, Coleman 7.

NIU ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

All-Time Bowl Record: 5-11 (.313)

FBS Bowl Record: 4-7 (.364)

Bowl	Date	Opponent	City - Stadium	W/L	Score
1946 Turkey Bowl	Nov. 28	Evansville	Evansville, Ind. - Bosse Field	L	7-19
1947 Refrigerator Bowl	Nov. 29	Evansville	Evansville, Ind. - Bosse Field	L	0-20
1962 Mineral Water Bowl	Nov. 24	Adams State	Excelsior Springs, Mo. - Roosevelt Field	L	20-23
1963 Mineral Water Bowl	Nov. 30	Missouri State	Excelsior Springs, Mo. - Roosevelt Field	W	21-14
1965 Mineral Water Bowl	Nov. 27	North Dakota	Excelsior Springs, Mo. - Roosevelt Field	L	20-37
*1983 California Bowl	Dec. 17	Cal State Fullerton	Fresno, Calif. - Bulldog Stadium	W	20-13
*2004 Silicon Valley Classic	Dec. 30	Troy	San Jose, Calif. - Spartan Stadium	W	34-21
*2006 Poinsettia Bowl	Dec. 19	TCU	San Diego, Calif. - Qualcomm Stadium	L	7-37
*2008 Independence Bowl	Dec. 28	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La. - Independence Stadium	L	10-17
*2010 International Bowl	Jan. 3	South Florida	Toronto, Canada - Rogers Centre	L	3-27
*2010 Humanitarian Bowl	Dec. 18	Fresno State	Boise, Idaho - Bronco Stadium	W	40-17
*2012 GoDaddy.com Bowl	Jan. 8	Arkansas State	Mobile, Ala. - Ladd Peebles Stadium	W	38-20
*2013 Discover Orange Bowl	Jan. 1	Florida State	Miami Gardens, Fla. - Sun Life Stadium	L	10-31
*2013 Poinsettia Bowl	Dec. 26	Utah State	San Diego, Calif. - Qualcomm Stadium	L	14-21
*2014 Boca Raton Bowl	Dec. 23	Marshall	Boca Raton, Fla. - FAU Stadium	L	23-52
*2015 Poinsettia Bowl	Dec. 23	Boise State	San Diego, Calif. - Qualcomm Stadium	L	7-55

*Division I Football Bowl Subdivision game

NIU BOWL RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushing

Carries:	23, A.J. Harris vs. Troy (2004)
	23, Jordan Lynch vs. Florida State (2013)
Yards:	120, A.J. Harris vs. Troy (2004)

Passing

Attempts:	41, George Bork vs. Missouri State (1963)
	41, Jordan Lynch vs. Florida State (2013)
Completions:	27, George Bork vs. Missouri State (1963)
Touchdowns:	3, George Bork, twice (1962 and 1963)
Yards:	300, Chandler Harnish vs. Fresno State (2010)

Receiving

Receptions:	9, Hugh Rohrschneider vs. Missouri State (1963)
Yards:	224, Martel Moore vs. Arkansas State (2012)
Touchdowns:	1, 12 times

Scoring

Touchdowns:	2, Chandler Harnish vs. Fresno State (2010)
	2, Chad Spann vs. Fresno State (2010)
	2, Josh Haldi vs. Troy (2004)
Points:	2, Darryl Richardson vs. Cal State-Fullerton (1983)
	12, Chandler Harnish vs. Fresno State (2010)
	12, Chad Spann vs. Fresno State (2010)
	12, Josh Haldi vs. Troy (2004)
	12, Darryl Richardson vs. Cal State-Fullerton (1983)
PATs:	5, Mathew Sims vs. Arkansas State (2012)

Field Goals

Longest Made FG:	51, Mike Cklamovski vs. Fresno State (2010)
Most FG:	3, Christian Hagan vs. Marshall (2014)

Defense

Most Tackles:	16, Brian Atkinson vs. Troy (2004)
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NOTE: Individual statistics for 1946 and 1947 games unavailable.

TEAM RECORDS

Total Offense

Most Yards:	503, vs. Fresno State (2010)
Fewest Yards:	33, vs. Boise State (2015)
Most Touchdowns:	5, vs. Fresno State (2010)

Rushing

Most Attempts:	53, vs. Cal State Fullerton (1983)
Fewest Attempts:	18, vs. Missouri State (1963)
Most Yards:	253, vs. Cal State Fullerton (1983)
Fewest Yards:	-20, vs. TCU (2006)

Passing

Most Attempts:	42, vs. Missouri State (1963)
	42, vs. Arkansas State (2012)
Fewest Attempts:	18, vs. Cal State Fullerton (1983)
Most Completions:	27, vs. Missouri State (1963)
Fewest Completions:	6, vs. TCU (2006)
Most Yards:	342, vs. Arkansas State (2012)
Fewest Yards:	38, vs. Boise State (2015)

Punting

Most Punts:	9, vs. TCU (2006)
	9, vs. Boise State (2015)
Fewest Punts:	2, vs. Fresno State (2010)
Highest Average:	42.1, vs. Florida State (2013)
Lowest Average:	32.6, vs. Troy (2004)

First Downs

Most First Downs:	25, vs. Marshall (2014)
Fewest First Downs:	5, vs. TCU (2006)
Most First Downs Rushing:	11, vs. Cal State Fullerton (1983)
	11 vs. Marshall (2014)
Fewest First Downs Rushing:	0, vs. TCU (2006)
Most First Downs Passing:	14, vs. Missouri State (1963)
	14, vs. Fresno State (2010)
Fewest First Downs Passing:	2, vs. TCU (2006)